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Mystery caller scares students

◆ He could tell New Sorority residents what they were wearing

BY CHRISTA RITCHIE AND TONYA ROOT

New Sorority Hall residents said they have been receiving harassing phone calls from an unidentified male during the semester and are scared every time the phone rings.

Campus police Capt. Richard Kirby said one report of a harassing phone call from New Sorority Hall has been filed with campus police. But that is all he knew about the incidents, he said.

Elizabethtown freshman Terri Thomas, a desk clerk at the dorm.

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Middleman out, money here faster

BY KARIN LOWE

Students can get their financial aid faster now that Western is switching to a direct loan program.

The Board of Regents voted Friday that starting July 1, Western will join the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program.

Direct lending eliminates banks, guarantee agencies and servicers, cutting the time it takes to process applications in half, said Marilyn Clark, assistant director of Financial Aid.

"It cuts out the middleman and deals directly with the university," said James Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration.

From start to finish, it's possible to process the applications in a three-week period. It used to take six weeks, Clark said.

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'We'll take our beating and go home.'

—Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barmore



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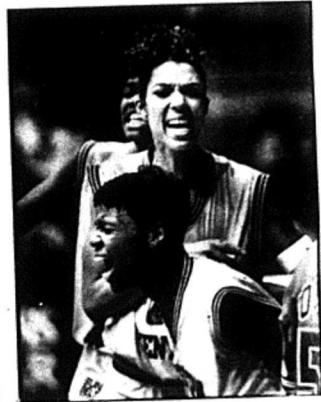


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Senior guard Veronica Cook (top) and senior forward Gwen Doyle react to a referee's call in the last five minutes of the Lady Toppers 79-71 win over No. 4 Louisiana Tech on Sunday. The game had the second largest crowd ever, 8,214, for a Lady Tops game.

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QUAKE: 'We shouldn't forget the people'

BY SHERRY I. WILSON

Last week's earthquake in Japan created national concern for the city of Kobe. Nightly news broadcasts showed men, women and children trying to survive among the collapsed buildings and crumbled houses.

The faces on TV meant nothing unless you knew someone living near that area, said Bowling Green Mayor Johnny Webb. The city council held a special meeting yesterday to discuss ways to help the residents of Kawanishi, Bowling Green's sister city.

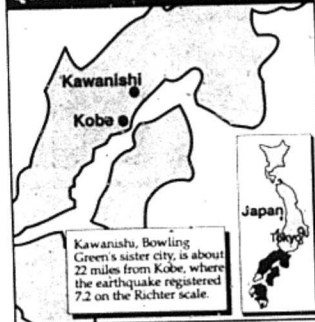
About 60 people attended the meeting. Ayako Hisatsune, a junior from Kawanishi, Japan, said two of her aunts died in the earthquake in Kobe but her family in Kawanishi is safe.

"I couldn't get a hold of my mother for a few days," she said. "Communication was not great, but now you can get through."

Webb became concerned because Kawanishi is 22 miles from Kobe, the city hit hardest by last Tuesday's earthquake. Nearly 5,000 people were killed.

In the last five years, some Bowling Green residents have become friends with the people of Kawanishi because the cities have

Quake shakes sister city



merged businesses and ideas. Several Japanese businesses have located here, bringing senior executives and political officials to Bowling Green at times, Webb said.

Bowling Green residents want to send help to Kawanishi, he said, but first he had to convince the Kawanishi residents.

"The Japanese, of all the people I've met, are probably the most proud," he said. "After they saw the severity of the earthquake, they just kind of opened up."

Letters have been faxed back and forth between the cities since the earthquake. Kawanishi has reported one death so far and dozens of destroyed houses, Webb said. The gas supply has stopped and water has become scarce.

Webb said Bowling Green will send city funds and donations to the International Red Cross in the Kobe and Kawanishi areas, but the biggest form of support will be from letters and cards.

There also are Japanese in Bowling Green who need support, said Donna Cheshire, Western's international programs and projects assistant director.

"We shouldn't forget the people from Kobe and Kawanishi," she said. "We should also focus on the people here in Bowling Green."

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'Not a bulletin board'

◆ If you place signs in certain areas on campus, you now can be fined under a little-known Western policy.

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Gripe, gripe, gripe

◆ Got a burned-out light bulb? Or a parking problem? Here's where to air your complaints on campus.

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'This is nuts'

◆ Ron Mercer stole the spotlight in Louisville this weekend, but Western signee Rob Williams didn't mind.

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◆ **Just a second**

Trash fire in PFT may be arson

Pearce-Ford Tower residents had to evacuate at about 4 a.m. Sunday after trash left on a stove on the 23rd floor caught fire, according to a police report.

Damage to the stove top and light fixtures above the stove is estimated at \$100, the report said.

Campus police officer Audrey Spies said arson is suspected. Someone probably put trash on the burners, turned them on and left, she said.

◆ **Campus line**

A support group for nontraditional students meets from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays in Potter Hall, Room 310. For more information, contact Patti Collins at 745-3159.

Residence Hall Association meets at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Downing University Center, Room 341. For more information, contact Leslie Kriss at 745-3073.

College Republicans meets at 6 tonight in DUC, Room 308. For more information, contact Joshua Nelson at 745-3085.

LDSSA/Institute meets Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. in DUC, Room 309, and from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Cave Mill Road. For more information, contact Jim and Desi Taylor at 781-0827 or Stephanie Wiles at 745-3113.

Christian Student Fellowship meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays across from South Hall on Normal Drive. For more information, contact Patricia Jones at 745-3924.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sponsors a motivational/study skills workshop, "Getting in the Swing," at 7:30 tonight in Tate Page Hall, Room 127.

Christian Student Fellowship has its FOCUS meeting at 7:43 p.m. Tuesdays across from South Hall on Normal Drive. For more information, contact Patricia Jones at 745-3924.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets at 7:59 p.m. Tuesdays in Tate Page Auditorium. For more information, contact Greg Schuntz at 758-9496.

Campus Ministries International meets at 8 tonight in DUC, Room 230. For more information, contact Lori Dennis at 745-3224.

Circle K International meets at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in DUC, Room 308. For more information, contact Kim Anderson at 745-3113, Suzie Wick at 745-3538 or Jewell Peach at 782-7811.

Data Processing Management Association for CIS majors and minors meets at 3:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in Grise Hall, Room 341. For more information, contact Cathy Taylor at 781-4794.

Alpha Phi Omega will have an interest meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow in DUC, Room 341. For more information, contact James Meece at 842-6283.

Mountaineering/Outdoor Adventure Club meets at 7 p.m. tomorrow in DUC, Room 341. For more information, contact Trevor Duncan at 745-4248.

College Patriots meets at 7 p.m. Thursday in DUC, Room 341. For more information, contact Barry Bright at 796-8044.



James Glover II/Herald

Down in front: Students watch "The Mask" in DUC Theater on Friday. The theater will have a free screening of "Before Sunrise," starring Ethan Hawke, tonight at 7:30.

◆ **For the record/crime reports**

Reports

◆ Daniel Eric Adams, Pearce Ford Tower, reported two bowling balls, valued at \$300, a bowling bag, valued at \$40, a pair of men's bowling shoes, valued at \$50, and two baseball caps, valued at \$30, stolen from his car Jan. 10 or 11 in Egypt lot.

◆ Myrtis LySandra Bowles, Potter Hall, reported a coin purse, valued at \$2.50, stolen from a Grise Hall restroom Friday. It contained \$2, a Big Red Card, a credit card, and an

unknown amount of change.

◆ Mary Beth Compton, College Street, reported that three or four white males harassed her and her husband Sunday in the hallway leading to her front door. She reported the men were screaming and yelling profanities for no reason.

◆ Grandville Deaton, Barnes-Campbell, reported his checkbook, valued at \$10, stolen from his room sometime Thursday or Friday.

◆ Christopher Ryan Ridener, Poland Hall, reported a gold

necklace, valued at \$100, stolen from his room sometime between Thursday and Sunday.

◆ William Robert Adams, Poland Hall, reported a telephone, valued at \$30, and an answering machine, valued at \$50, stolen from his room sometime between Friday and Sunday.

◆ Jeremy Keith Clemons, Poland Hall, reported a calculator, valued at \$100, stolen from his room sometime between Friday and Sunday.

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LOAN: No more long lines, but some concerns

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There are no differences between the current Stafford Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program as far as eligibility, academic progress, interest rates and the amount students are able to borrow, Clark said.

"Direct lending will be a less-confusing process for the students," she said.

In the past, Clark said, Western received about 5,000 loan checks at the beginning of each semester. The checks had to be entered by hand into the computer system. They were then carried to the business office, where students signed for them.

With the direct loan program,

she said loan checks will be deposited directly into student accounts, and if money is left over after tuition and outstanding debts to Western, the student will receive a residual check.

"One of the intents of the government is to simplify the loan program and streamline it for the students, and that is what direct lending does," Clark said.

About 40 percent of Western students finance their education through student loans, Ramsey said.

Christian Loftus, a sophomore from Spokane, Wash., said direct lending is a good idea if there aren't any problems with the program.

"But when the university tries to simplify things, they always

seem to get worse," Loftus said.

Congress supports direct lending

A bill before Congress proposes to cap the direct loan volume by limiting the loan volume to about 40 percent of the average amount spent on Stafford Loans during an academic year, or loan volume.

The remaining 60 percent of the loan volume will be used by universities participating in the Stafford Loan program, if the Student Loan Evaluation and Stability Act passes.

Both programs will be evaluated through 1998 to see if they should be kept.

Londa Wolanin, chief operating officer of the Kentucky

Higher Education Assistance Authority, said KHEAA has concerns about the long-term benefits of the direct lending program.

"We have some concerns about institutions that move into a program that is not fully tested," Wolanin said.

The United States Department of Education started the direct loan program two years ago. Only 100 schools were accepted in the first year. For the year starting 1995-96, 1,480 have been accepted.

Clark said that by participating in the program in the second year, most of the start-up costs will be absorbed by the Department of Education.

She said the Department of Education is providing \$10 per

application, which is an estimated \$45,000 to \$55,000.

The money will be used to purchase new computer equipment and cover printing and postage costs.

The Stafford Loan program is Western's largest financial aid program. Last year, the university processed more than \$11 million in loans and expects to do \$13 million this year.

John Holder, assistant director of Financial Aid, said there is a minor concern that some students who had previous loans with lenders will want to continue that relationship.

Holder said students will not be eligible for the old loan program but that old loans can be consolidated.

JAPAN: Collections taken for sister city

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Hisatsune said the response from students, faculty and Bowling Green residents has made being away from her family during the earthquake more comforting.

"I really appreciate the concern to the city," Hisatsune said.

Employees at Bando Manufacturing of America, Inc., on Pioneer Drive, are taking up a collection for Kawanishi, where the main headquarters is located, said Jim Blankenship, senior vice president.

"We lost our main headquarters, but we have been able to relocate to a temporary head-

quarters," he said. "Most of our facilities there were not destroyed."

Bando will match the money the employees raise. Blankenship said.

"The home office said the best thing we could do was to send donations," he said.

The loss of property in Japan is not the same as in America, Webb said. Citizens there are only allowed to insure buildings, businesses and houses for up to 25 percent of the actual worth.

The effects of the Japanese losses will be greatly felt as they look to restart their lives and rebuild their homes, Webb said.

CALLER: 'I feel so insecure'

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said she heard last week that residents were receiving harassing phone calls.

One resident said she called to report a harassing phone call around 2 a.m. last weekend, but campus police told her she needed to come to the station to report it, or to report it in the morning. She said she was too afraid to walk to the station to report it.

Thomas said no one contacted her to report a harassing call while she was at the front desk, but campus police left brochures and a phone log for dorm desk clerks to record harassing calls received by the residents.

During a telephone interview with Thomas, someone came up in the background and told her not to give out any more informa-

tion about the incidents. Thomas immediately hung up the phone.

Dave Parrott, Residence Life director, would not comment on the incidents.

Howard Bailey, dean of Student Life, said he had not heard of the incidents.

A New Sorority Hall resident assistant said she has received three phone calls that were very sexual in nature in the past two weeks.

She said the caller has hit all the floors and most of the rooms.

The front door is locked at all times and male guests and deliveries are not allowed to enter the building, the RA said.

Residents have to go to New Coed Hall to get their guests and deliveries.

"I feel so insecure. I don't want to walk the 20 feet to the

other dorm," a resident said.

Another resident who has received numerous calls said the caller has given her detailed descriptions of her outside activities. She does not want to identify herself for safety reasons.

"I've always considered this a safe, little town," she said.

The RA said harassing calls at the dorm will get first priority from campus police.

"In my experience, I have never known a caller on the phone who makes sexual comments to generally be a real threat," Kirby said.

Kirby said one thing students can do is to immediately hang up the phone if a phone caller is harassing.

"The telephone is a tool that a twisted mind can use against the student," he said.



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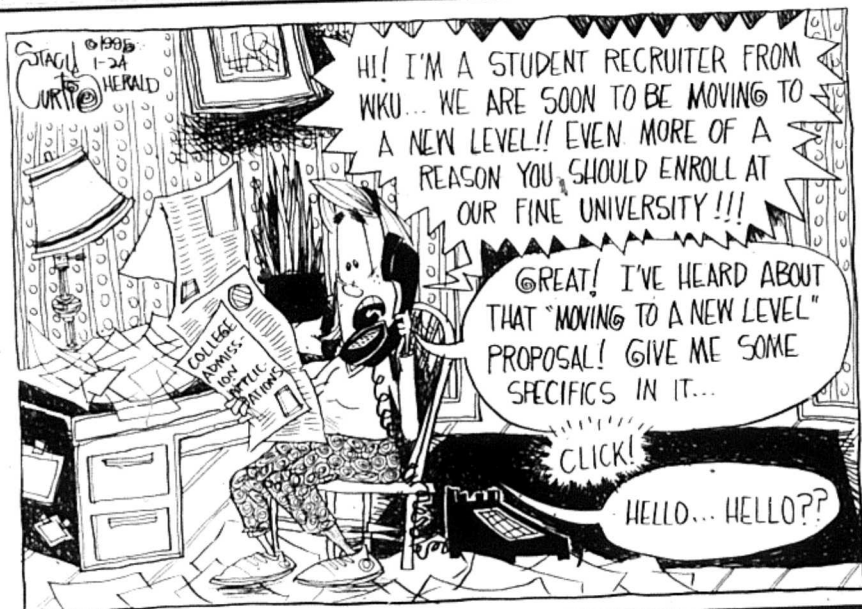
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◆ Your view/letters

Western a good place

In the event that I am not allowed to continue attending Western, I have enjoyed the experience. College was a big question for me. I didn't have the confidence to even try for so many years. After my freshman year, I realized that my fear of the unknown was unfounded. I can do this! I can do anything I put my mind to. All I need is to use the energy spent on talking myself out of trying something new, to talk myself into it. Yes, it works. I proved it to myself. I'm sure everyone can too!

I had a life before college, but it was incomplete and full of doubt. I've gained worlds of growth and strength through the confidence of achievements in these 15 months. I can only hope that everyone here has the same worthy experiences. Whatever the future holds, it will be greatly enhanced due to the direct result of what Western has done for me!

For all of my friends and those who see me nearly every day, for the smiles, waves and friendly greetings, I want to say thanks! Thanks a lot for the cheerful encouragement, the warm hugs and all of the little things that didn't seem to amount to much at the time. But they build up, and I feel your sincerity.

I understand that knowledge is priceless. However, if knowledge of books is all that you learn, you are missing the greatest part of college! Interaction, emotions and understanding people, what they do, how they think and why they FEEL the way they do. Knowledge can come from any source — a book, a person, experiences, etc.

Some parting advice — don't settle for the first thing that comes along, don't lose track of your goals and try to find yourself, and that you can make a difference!

In the event that I am not allowed to continue attending Western... it's been real! GOOD BYE ALL.

With love,
John W. Taylor
Balltown sophomore

Homosexuals shouldn't be discriminated against

President Thomas Meredith should be ashamed. He refuses to recognize sexual orientation along with race, gender, national origin, handicap or veteran status. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever not to include sexual orientation in Western's non-discrimination policy.

It is obvious to many people that in the so-called free United States and throughout most of the world, there is rampant homophobia — ranging from double standards on public display of affection (heterosexuals are allowed to hold hands, cuddle, kiss, etc., but homosexuals are not), to violence or threats of violence against homosexuals simply for being themselves. It makes perfectly good sense to officially recognize homosexuals as just as an important, legally protected group as, say, women, blacks, Asians, etc.

Many other, enlightened culturally and socially diverse colleges and universities recognize homosexuals as a legitimate group. Meredith and Western should also.

Mark L. Gentile
Bowling Green alumnus

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◆ Our view/editorial

Keep students informed on changes

Ring, Ring, Ring.
(A prospective Western student answers the phone.)

"Hi, I'm a student recruiter calling from Western Kentucky University, and I want to talk with you about some exciting things going on at Western in the next few years.

"Western President Thomas Meredith has said the university will be 'Moving to a New Level.'

"Well, uh, no, I think the campus will still be on the Hill. I mean, like, we couldn't be the Hilltoppers anymore. But that's a good question; maybe that is what he means, but I don't have any specifics.

"It says here that Meredith wants to raise the intellectual atmosphere on campus. Hey, I could get into that. I

probably should go to the library more than once a semester. It could be like a 'Dead Poets Society' kind of thing. And maybe it would be cool to go to class on Fridays.

"Study abroad?

"Yeah, um, here it is. It says here, that it's encouraged, but I, uh, don't know any specifics. Just think, maybe you could go to Europe and Dr. Meredith could come to visit you. I think Western pays for you. Yeah, a trip to Europe for free, I guess. Definitely do that.

"You want to know more about the New Level thing?

"Hmmm, let's see if there's any more here...um yeah, here it says you'll have to do volunteer work to graduate.

"Yep, that's what it says, volunteer work. Well, I wish someone had asked me. I

mean, who has time for that?

"What kind of volunteer work? I don't know, uh, like I said, there aren't any specifics. I'm guessing you could volunteer for one of the psychology department's experiments. Probably something like that.

"Any more questions?

"Well, it's been nice speaking with you, and I hope you decide to come to Western.

"And don't let this 'Moving to a New Level' thing scare you. No one really knows much about it. But Dr. Meredith has said it's really going to be great for Western and that he's going to have a forum and discuss specifics with the faculty in the next week or so.

"Well, I don't know if you can sign up to go to the forum. He didn't mention anything about students."

◆ PEOPLE POLL: Would you recommend Western to a prospective student?

"Yes, you'll get as good of an education here as you will anywhere else."



—Leon Vincent,
Facilities Management
architect

"Yes, I would definitely recommend Western to any graduating senior. I think that it has several strong programs."



—Chris Roberts,
Paducah senior

"I would recommend Western to a graduating senior. Even though Western has its flaws, I do believe it is a good school to get your education."



—Traci Oglesby,
Louisville sophomore

"Even though it's a large campus, it's a very friendly campus and it's easy to get to know a lot of people."



—NixB Klिंगenfus,
Crestwood freshman

Painted Fences



Major overhaul of tax system the best solution

Am I the only person who's noticed that college tuition is going up? Every year we pay more for our education. And thanks to the tax-cutting hysteria sweeping the nation, it will probably just keep going up.

The Republicans took over Congress last November with a promise to cut taxes for the rich, no matter what. And even though only one in five people voted for this pro-wealthy policy, politicians from Washington, D.C., to Frankfort have jumped on the tax-cutting bandwagon. Kentucky's Senate, backed by the governor, wants to cut at least three taxes, including those on inheritance, intangible property and private pensions.

Has it occurred to any of these people that simply slashing taxes won't fix problems like the rising cost of higher education?

One person who is talking some sense is President Thomas Meredith. In a memo sent just before Christmas, Meredith alerted faculty and staff of the impending cuts.

"From past experience, we know that a decline in revenue means cuts in state appropriations," Meredith wrote. And that means cuts for education. Meredith included a copy of an editori-

al in The Courier-Journal and encouraged faculty and staff to contact their legislators concerning the matter.

The editorial, which Meredith said describes his position, calls for "real tax reform," a major overhaul of the state's tax system that will deal with all of its inequities and won't hurt vital state programs, like colleges and universities.

I talked with Meredith about the memo recently, and he was careful to say that he supports some of the tax cuts proposed.

So do I. Kentucky's inheritance tax seems especially heavy-handed. But the state legislature's plan to eliminate the inheritance tax is altogether silly and would cost us \$76 million in yearly revenues. Republican gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy made a better proposal, which would exempt estates up to \$600,000. This would give relief to people inheriting homes and family farms, while still making the wealthiest pay their part.

But tinkering with the system this way won't help much, as Meredith pointed out. During the late 1970s and early 1980s, when many states had small budget surpluses, some went on tax-cut-

ting binges. These cuts caused higher deficits and meager budgets for education.

"We've been through that once already," Meredith said. "What we need to do is look at the entire tax structure."

Unfortunately, neither Meredith nor The Courier-Journal gave

and middle class, who barely get by to begin with.

In 1952, corporations contributed 31 percent of federal revenues. By 1988, their share had fallen to 13 percent. And between the mid-1970s and 1989, taxes paid by people earning \$500,000 to \$1 million per year fell 45 percent. Meanwhile, between 1980 and 1985, taxes paid by the poorest 20 percent of Americans increased by 26 percent.

The results are shocking. Between 1980 and 1990, the wealth of the richest 0.5 percent of Americans doubled to \$4.4 trillion. Seventy percent of the wealth created in the 1980s went to the richest 1 percent of Americans. By 1992, the richest 9 percent owned nearly 50 percent of the nation's wealth. Meanwhile, over the last 20 years, average weekly incomes for working people fell by 14.3 percent while their taxes went up.

This and similar evidence comes from statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, Congressional Budget Office and Department of Labor, and has been reported by a wide range of sources, including the media-watchdog group Fairness and

Accuracy in Reporting. Economist Paul Krugman in "The Age of Diminished Expectations," former Wall Street executive David Driver in "Defending the Left," and even (and perhaps most forcefully) by Republican analyst Kevin Phillips in "The Politics of Rich and Poor."

What this means is that leaders of both political parties have collaborated with the rich to make the wealthy pay less. And the results have been a loss of economic power for the poor and middle class, and strapped government budgets.

Tax reform is simple. First, don't cut taxes at all until vital services like education and health care are fully funded. Don't cut taxes on the rich. Raise them. And don't cut taxes for the middle class or poor until you've found a way to pay for them, though tax hikes on the wealthy or by cutting nonessential spending.

The Republican Congress' Contract for America calls for cutting \$9 billion from student financial aid. If Congress does this and the states cut taxes too, guess who's going to suffer?

Here's a hint: it won't be the rich.

Gary Houchens
Commentary



any specifics about what a good tax overhaul would look like. But the solutions are simple if we have the courage to tell the truth.

Kentucky suffers from the same tax problem as the United States as a whole, though everybody in power is afraid to talk about it. The big secret is that over the last 30 years or so, especially during the 1980s, the tax burden has been steadily shifted away from the rich, who have more to give, and onto the poor

♦ Your view/Letters to the Editor

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Gay alumni shouldn't donate money to Western

As an alumna of Western, I am appalled that it doesn't see fit to have an all-inclusive non-discrimination policy.

Perhaps alumni who are gay or who have friends who are should refuse to pledge money next time Western calls for their annual fund-raiser.

Julia Wilson
New York alumna

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♦ Your view/Editor's Hotline

Cutting public broadcasting won't hurt children

I'm calling in response to the comment in the Editor's Hotline on the Thursday, Jan. 12 paper regarding cuts in government programs. I agree that we should cut certain programs, but I don't think that you can actually say that cutting public television is going to hurt the children of the future because I never heard of anyone getting hurt by "Sesame Street" or Big Bird.

Coach's race shouldn't outweigh his record

I'm responding to the Karen Brown article on Jan. 10, 1995. I think her statements where she supports Ron Cooper are based solely on his race and mentions nothing of his college background, where his record as a college coach is not very spectacular.

The man will have trouble coaching a team already down, such as Louisville. I don't believe that that is a very fair or racially just statement, basing that someone should be hired solely because they are a black head coach.

Granted, black head coaches have won a lot of games, such as the head coach at Grambling. But you don't hire somebody solely because of their race or color, you hire them because of their ability.

Reviewer should get facts straight

I was very annoyed with Stacy Williams' review of the book, "Congo," by Michael Critchton. In it, he states that the book was a recent publication, when in fact the book was first published in 1978.

From now on, if he's going to review a book and slam it as hard as he did in the "Congo," he should at least get his facts straight.

He states in it that the book was written directly for a screenplay, when in fact after 17 years they have just now decided to release it.

From now on, Mr. Williams should at least be fair in his statements how that Critchton is writing books directly for movies.

Editor's note: Stacy Williams is female.

Speaker used 'tired argument'

I'm calling to comment on the celebration program for Dr. Martin Luther King held Monday night at Van Meter. I was appalled to hear the keynote speaker, Dr. Felix Williams of Lexington, Ky., raise up the age-

old slag of victimization against white people keeping down the black man, refusing to accept any black leadership, even today.

It appalls me to think he's using this tired argument to support further division of the races when the cynicism of our age is obviously responsible for most of the remarks he made.

Since the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, white people have acknowledged their shortsightedness, and that's what affirmative action is all about, that's what AFDC is all about and other social aid.

Western should recruit more females and minorities

I agree with the views placed on Page 5 (Herald, Tuesday, Jan. 10) that the university should recruit more active females and minority faculty and students and staff.

People Poll response draws fire

My comment is in regard to the Jan. 12 People Poll question about Martin Luther King's message, and I'd just like to comment about Brent Duncan's response. He said it depends on who you are, but Martin Luther King was not only talking to black people, he talked on gender discrimination, religious discrimination. I think he just had a very narrow-minded comment.

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Blood shortage brings plea

◆ In the Bowling Green area, supplies of AB-negative and O-positive are low

BY KENDALL CLINTON

If you are at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and are healthy, you could help save someone's life by giving blood.

Cherie Taylor, executive director of the Bowling Green Red Cross, said there are shortages locally of AB-negative and O-positive blood.

Last week, an extra blood drive was held to make up for the low supply of B-positive blood.

"During the holidays it goes down because people are busier and don't take time to donate," Taylor said.

Donors aren't paid for their blood.

Taylor said that by not paying people for their blood, the Red Cross is able to keep costs for the hospitals down.

She also attributed the low supply to an increase in accidents this time of year, which increases hospitals' demands for blood.

Some Western students volunteer their time to maintain the blood supply.

Georgetown senior Dan Feigel tries to donate blood twice a year. He said he thinks it's selfish for people not to donate blood.

"It's not going to hurt me to give and it's going to help someone else," Feigel said.

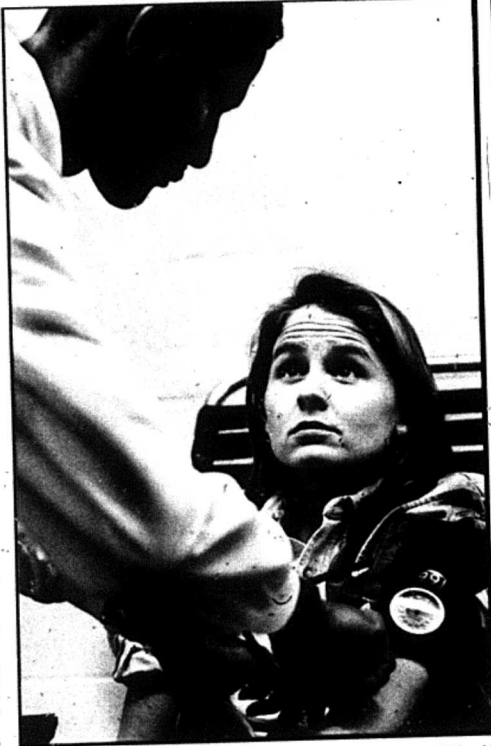
Taylor said people can donate even if they have had the flu or a flu shot recently.

After someone donates, their blood is tested for diseases. If anything shows up, the donor is notified.

"A big misconception about giving blood is that you can get AIDS," Taylor said.

However, Taylor said all the needles are individually wrapped and disposed of after each use.

If the blood is disease free, it is used at area hospitals. Occasionally, if blood supplies in other areas are low, local



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Blood drive technician Gerald Batey of Nashville checks Mills Funk's blood pressure before drawing blood Friday afternoon. Funk is a regular donor at the Bowling Green Red Cross.

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DECISION TIME

New policy helps students 'C' way to better grades

BY JULIE GRUNDY

Students who think a C is a low grade have a chance to change it.

The Board of Regents on Friday approved an amendment to Western's course repetition policy that will allow undergraduate students to repeat a maximum of 18 hours or six courses, whichever comes first. Six of those hours, or two courses, can replace a C or above.

The policy will take effect next semester.

Western's current policy allows students to repeat a maximum of 24 hours, or eight courses, in which a D or F was earned. C and above courses were not allowed to be repeated prior to the amendment.

Students already enrolled in Western are still allowed to retake 24 hours of classes, but only six may be C or above classes.

Students entering in the fall or after must follow the new policy. Students are responsible for notifying the Registrar's office when they repeat a course.

Robert Haynes, vice president for Academic Affairs, said he at first was concerned over the changes, fearing they would make things too easy for students. And after all, he said, a C is not all that bad.

"We have a very liberal policy as it stands now," Haynes said, "and we were a little concerned with making it even more liberal."

In order to clarify the policy and eliminate that concern, Haynes said, another section was added to the amendment. If a course is repeated, only the second grade will be counted when computing the grade-point average.

If a course is repeated a second time, the second and third grades will be used to determine the GPA.

The grade received for each attempt at a class will continue to appear on a student's transcript, Haynes said.

"This policy only wipes out the bad grade in the sense of your graduating GPA," he said. "The original grade still is on your transcript and employers will know how many times it took you to get that final grade."

Last year, the Student Government Association presented the original proposal to the Academic Council, asking for students to be allowed to retake 24 hours of courses.

Although that proposal was modified along the way, SGA President Rob Evans, who also serves as student regent, considered the approval a victory.

"This is something we looked at long and hard and really felt students would benefit from," he told the board. "And we looked at it from the point that students will work harder going into a class the first time because however they do in there will still be on their record."

"And if they want to give a C class another try, they have that option," he said. "It can't hurt anything."



Robert Haynes



Todd Strubing/Herald

Regent Burns E. Mercer and others listen as property that is being considered for lease by the university was discussed by University Attorney Deborah Wilkins.

Refund policy 'makes things a little easier on everyone'

◆ U.S. Department of Education recommendations prompted the Board of Regents to make the change

BY JULIE GRUNDY

Western's refund policy is getting a little stricter. Getting money back isn't guaranteed.

As it stands now, students at Western can get part of their money back if they withdraw from classes or go from a full-time to part-time status as late as the ninth week.

Cecile Garmon, assistant vice president for Finance and Administration, said Western's current policy is more flexible than many other schools, which don't grant tuition refunds after the fourth week of classes.

On Friday, the Board of Regents voted for a policy that won't grant any refunds after the eighth week. It will take effect next semester.

Last fall, a little more than \$195,000 was refunded to 923 non-financial aid students who either withdrew or changed from full-time to part-time status.

Requirements by the U.S. Department of Education have made the changes necessary, Garmon said.

Belinda Higginbotham, supervisor of the cashier's billings and receivables office, said, "It's something that has to be done."

"And we're hoping it will make

things a little easier on everyone," she said. "It should help put an end to any questions students have about Western's refund policy because we have to do what we're told by the U.S. Department of Education. Maybe that will be a little easier to understand."

The current policy has caused some confusion between students, faculty and the Registrar's Office because students can receive a partial refund after the eighth week, but can't withdraw at that time without a grade.

"It's hard to explain something like that, especially to students," Higginbotham said. "Now we shouldn't have to worry about it."

Among the federal guidelines in Appendix A, the document given to universities by the Department of Education, are recommendations for developing a "fair" refund policy.

In trying to comply with those recommendations, Western modified its policy — which Higginbotham said benefits students.

In the past, the \$100 deposit required for preregistration was non-refundable. The new policy calls for either \$100 or 5 percent of the total tuition — whichever is the lesser amount — to be refunded. For a full-time, in-state student paying \$900.50 a semester at Western, that's \$45 back.

"It's a good deal for students," Higginbotham said, "much better than what they're getting now."

"It's a good deal for students, much better than what they're getting now."

— Belinda Higginbotham
billings and receivables

After 75 years of ties to Western, Gerard receives recognition

BY JENNIFER PROVANO

In 1919, when Theresa Gerard was four-year-old, she pulled open the curtains in Van Meter Auditorium for a presentation. Now, at 80, an auditorium has been named after her.

On Friday, the Board of Regents voted to rename the Garrett Auditorium the Theresa W. Gerard Auditorium.

"President Meredith called me the day before," she said, "and I thought, 'Well, what does President Meredith want to talk to me about?'"

Gerard said she was surprised and a little embarrassed when he told her on Thursday that he was recommending to the Board that the auditorium be named after her.

"I've never had anything named after me," she said, "except one of my students named her pig Theresa."

Scott Taylor, Gerard's supervisor and director of Student Activities and Organizations, said naming the auditorium for

keep their focus while working at Western.

"She epitomizes all the workers at Western who are dedicated to the students," he said.

The first time Gerard came to Western's campus was in 1919 when her father enrolled.

She lived in Bowling Green until she graduated from Western in 1936 with a bachelor's degree in biology and a teaching certificate.

Gerard spent about three years teaching in a few Kentucky towns before mar-

rying Paul Gerard, also a Western graduate.

In about 1942, Theresa began working in personnel for General Electric in Bowling Green.



"I've never had anything named after me, except one of my students named her pig Theresa."

— Theresa Gerard
Garrett Center worker

when Paul was a senior (at Western)," she said, "I was supposed to wait until he was out of school, but I just didn't."

GRANT: People were abusing it

◆ Prospective students can no longer use legal guardians to get alumni grants

BY EPHA GOOD

The Board of Regents voted Friday to exclude legal guardians from the list of alumni whose children are eligible for an easily-abused grant.

"The grant provides the opportunity to qualify nonresident students for in-state tuition prices," University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said. "The policy was set up to encourage alumni who move far away from Kentucky to encourage their children to go to school at Western."

It was offered to "any qualified nonresident student whose parent, stepparent, legal guardian or grandparent holds an associate, baccalaureate, master's or specialist degree or has completed a certified program from the university."

Western pays the difference in out-of-state tuition for those students that qualify. In-state tuition is \$900.50 a semester for full-time undergraduate students and \$2,480.50 for nonresidents. Western pays the \$1,580 difference to the state.

Under the revised policy, students must provide proof of their relationship to the alumni. A year ago, admissions counselors started getting copies of court orders showing someone had been appointed as legal guardian of a student without parent responsibility.

"People were abusing it," Wilkins said.

Students would get in touch with someone they knew who was an alumni and go to District Court and pay the \$15 filing fee. A form is filled out and the judge would review it, she said.

"Because the policy read the way it did, they were given the grant," she said.

In order to qualify, freshmen must have a composite ACT score of 20 or better or a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 unweighted scale. Transfer students must have 24 hours with a 2.2 cumulative college GPA.

"Even if it was just four or five students a year, you multiply that by four or five more the next year and it equals several thousand dollars," said Debi Gray, Admissions associate director.

That was in 1970, and Gerard has spent the last 24 years working at the front desk in Garrett, except for three years when she worked in Downing University Center.

"I like to work," she said. "My husband passed away in January 1983. I'd rather work than stay at home."

Carl Janson, a sophomore from Oslo, Norway, has worked for Gerard for about three months and said he admires her for being 80 years old and still working hard.

"She is always positive," he said. "She is just really nice."

Gerard said she has met many Western employees during her 24 years of work.

"I have a favorite president, and I have a favorite president's wife," she said, laughing. "But I'm not going to say their names because a lot of them are still alive."

Gerard said she has no plans to retire. "I just want to keep on working."



Chris Stanford/Herald

"The structure of the body is like the structure of a building or house," said Bowling Green chiropractor Thomas Crevar. "If you throw off the structure the function is compromised ... You have to keep yourself balanced and keep excess stress off any one area."

Two straps safer than one?

By ROB WEBER

The way you wear your backpack could affect the way you walk in the future.

Wearing a backpack on one shoulder could cause health problems, said Lucy Ritter, interim director of Student Health Service.

"I've noticed students doing that, and I've often thought they're setting themselves up for problems," Ritter said.

Most students carry backpacks on one shoulder because it's easier to slip the bag on and off, said Independence sophomore Trevor Duncan.

Muscles and ligaments can be damaged by regularly wearing a backpack over one shoulder, Bowling Green chiropractor Thomas Crevar said.

Crevar said the weight of a backpack, if concentrated to one area of the body, may affect the symmetry of a person's structure.

"The structure of the body is like the structure of a building or house," Crevar said. "If you throw off the structure, the function is compromised ... You have to keep yourself balanced and keep excess stress off any one area."

Wearing a backpack over one shoulder could cause the muscles of one shoulder to be stronger, Crevar said.

"If the muscles are stronger on one side of the body, they will be weak on the other side," Crevar said. "That may predispose someone to an event-

ual injury."

Although a student may feel slight muscle fatigue or tenderness immediately after carrying a heavy backpack over one shoulder, it may be years before more serious health problems surface, said Bowling Green chiropractor Abdul Ghayoumi.

"If you wear a backpack on one shoulder, one of the first things caused is an imbalance of weight distribution," he said.

Muscle and ligament damage can be prevented if a backpack is used the way it was designed to be used, Ghayoumi said.

But if someone finds that wearing a backpack with both straps is uncomfortable, the bag should be carried by hand, switching hands every five minutes, he said.

Bowling Green junior Thomas Barnes said he hadn't heard that wearing a backpack on one shoulder could cause health problems, but he usually switches his backpack from shoulder to shoulder every 200 to 300 yards to keep his shoulder from getting worn out.

Nicholas Church, a senior from Monterey, Calif., said he usually carries his backpack on one shoulder, but he will put the backpack on both if the backpack has five or six books.

"It used to be sort of uncool to wear it with the straps around both shoulders, but it seems this semester more people are doing it," Church said.

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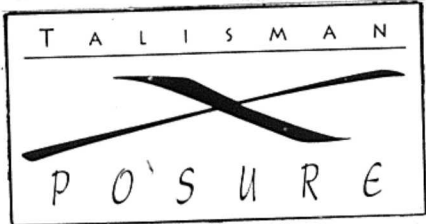
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Advertisers may get a real charge from fliers

By KIM LAMASTUS

The phone booth outside Bates-Runner was cluttered with notices, including a poster that someone put up wanting a roommate. This is illegal, according to a little-known Western policy that allows violators to be charged for cleaning up handbills.

Western's handbill policy says all fliers and other notices must be placed on bulletin boards.

There is one exception to the rule, said Howard Bailey, dean of Student Life.

Notices from Western such as policy information or official letters can be placed on windows of a building where the subject matter is relative, Bailey said.

He said he notifies individuals, organizations and businesses who improperly post fliers, and if they aren't removed, the person may lose money.

Bailey said President Thomas Meredith asked Jerry Wilder, vice president for Student Affairs, to start a clean-up program. Wilder then asked Bailey to pull together people around

campus to start something of that nature.

"We discovered a few years ago that the campus was being trashed, and I wanted to do something about it," Meredith said.

The handbill policy, issued in September by Bailey, states that Facilities Management will charge an hourly rate for cleaning up the rubbish and that the handbill owners will be sent a bill for the clean-up.

Bailey said the policy was designed to help keep the campus clean and penalize those who trash it.

University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said that charging for the clean-up is legal because it is stated in the policy.

"Although it would hold up in court, we wouldn't take it that far because of the court costs," she

said. "If we pursued it at all, I would just file a small claims case."

Kemble Johnson, Facilities Management administrator, said Western hasn't tried to collect fees this year because fliers haven't been a problem.

"We've tried in the past to collect funds for clean-up but haven't

been successful," he said.

Bailey said the policy was designed to keep a good campus image.

"Many individuals or organizations distribute fliers and put

up material that are in poor taste," he said. "It trashes the campus and gives it a bad image."

Others put handbills on buildings, trees and trash cans with materials that damage the property, Bailey said. Materials such as tape and staple guns can ruin varnish or paint.

Gary Simpson, owner of Gary's The Only Alternative, has recently recruited people to put up fliers advertising the Comedy Caravan featured at his bar.

Although some fliers were posted in illegal places, Simpson said he hasn't heard from university officials.

He said he agrees with the policy.

"I think fliers stapled to doors look tacky, and I don't want mine there," Simpson said.

Scott Spear, a senior from Tell City, Ind., said he was very

Careful when putting up fliers advertising the audio drama "Ebon Storms." He said he has no idea how the fliers got on every light post by Wetherby Administration Building and Garrett Center.

"Myself and another person put them up on bulletin boards," he said.

According to the policy, custodians are allowed to remove any improperly posted handbills anywhere on campus, said building services attendant Treva Houk.

"We were told to tear anything not on a bulletin board down," she said.

Bailey said anyone, not just custodians, can take down improper fliers.

"The campus is not a bulletin board in itself," he said. "It deserves the same respect as your own home."

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◆ **Speaker talked about how his devotion to Jesus Christ changed his life**

By Darryn Simmons

What would it take for someone to abandon a job worth millions?

For Adolph Coors IV, it took a life full of tragedy, which led to a "special relationship" with Jesus Christ.

Coors shared his story with a crowd of more than 100 people at Grise Hall on Thursday night. The event was sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

Coors said he had planned on becoming the president of the Coors Brewing Company, but he left after he accepted Jesus Christ into his life.

Then, Coors became an investment advisor. He is now strictly a public speaker.

Coors told the audience his life story which included the violent murder of his father, his mother's bout with alcohol, and his own near-fatal car accident.

The murder of his father was especially hard for Coors.

Adolph Coors III was killed on his way to work by a convicted murderer who had escaped from prison.

His father's death devastated his family and drove them to handling the pain in different ways.

Coors' mother resorted to alcohol to handle the pain while he isolated himself from others.

"I didn't let people get close to me so that I wouldn't be hurt again," Coors said.

Coors received a break from tragedy and isolation with the birth of his son, Adolph Coors V.

However tragedy struck again when Coors was involved in a car accident that almost killed him.

"Half of my body was sticking out the front of the windshield," Coors said. "It took the better part of two years to fully recover from the accident."

Life changed after accident

After recovering from the accident, Coors said his life was changed when two friends introduced him and his wife to

the words of Jesus Christ.

Coors spread those words to his audience Thursday night as he tried to prevent them from making the same mistakes he did.

"I made the mistake of putting all my faith and trust in my father, Adolph Coors III," he said. "All your faith and trust should be put in a special relationship with Jesus Christ."

His relationship with Jesus Christ made him realize that all his material accomplishments didn't mean much.

"What profit is there when you gain the whole world, but lose your soul?" Coors said.

Coors also told the audience that he wanted everyone to leave the auditorium a little different than they came in. Some people in the audience seemed to have done just that.

"He motivated me to take my focus off of material things and

focus more on my relationship with Jesus," Owensboro graduate student Rob Evans said.

"He made me want to share his message with others," said Kim Olson, a freshman from Kokomo, Ind.

Others wanted to accept Christ into their lives after Coors' speech.

"His story made me want to thank God and to give total control of my life over to Him," said Hickman freshman Clifton Franks.

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Drawbridge story touched student

Coors told stories not only about his life but also about others' lives.

One story was about a drawbridge operator who sacrificed his son to save the lives of 400 people on a train.

Coors said a drawbridge

operator took his son to work with him because his son wanted to know what he did for a living.

The operator and his son were sitting together on the edge of the bridge talking when a train whistle blew in the distance.

While the operator ran to lower the bridge, the son panicked and fell in between the bridge's gears.

The operator was left to choose between saving his son's life or lowering the bridge to let the train pass through.

The operator chose to lower the bridge, saving the lives of everyone on the train, but it cost him the life of his only son.

"The story about the drawbridge operator made me realize the sacrifice he made to save the people on the train is the same sacrifice God made for all of us," Olson said.

Coors ended his speech with a challenge for everyone.

"I want everyone to look into their hearts, see what motivates them and ask themselves, 'so what?'" he said. "Then I want them to ask themselves, 'now what?'"

Empty space in Wetherby up for grabs

By Karin Lowe

Empty space in Wetherby Administration Building may soon house some offices, but President Thomas Meredith said filling the space is not a priority right now.

"We're doing just fine in the space we're in now," Meredith said.

Relocating doesn't need to be rushed, he said.

University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said the administration is going to try to centralize the vice presidents' offices in Wetherby.

"People recognized that it might be more efficient to have everyone centralized," she said.

Wilkins said it would be nice to be able to walk across the hall rather than across campus because many things require input from the four main areas of administration.

Before resigning last summer, former Executive Assistant Jim Heck was responsible for evaluating space requests and determining where people would best perform their jobs.

Heck collected requests from the vice presidents about the space, but Meredith said the requests will have to be updated because they are several months old.

"Just about everyone is interested in the space," said Garth Wicker, research assistant for Institutional Research.

About 1,800 square feet, including two storage rooms, remain vacant.

Wilkins said she expects the empty office space to be renovated.

"Probably one of the first considerations is the amount of funds needed to undertake renovation," Wilkins said.

In October, Meredith said he asked the Board of Regents for \$100,000 to make changes and redo phone lines.


But he said the money won't go far.

Meredith said once the decisions are made about who goes where, University Architect Paul Morgan will decide how the space would meet needs best.

Morgan said he will start renovating as soon as he gets the word from Meredith.

Meredith said he hoped offices would be assigned to the remaining space this semester.

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Gripping students can see results with persistence

By STACY WILLIAMS

Students have problems. Problems with professors. Problems with parking tickets. Problems with campus mail, roommates and dorms.

What can make these problems difficult is that some students do not know who to contact for help.

Student-Professor Relations

The Western Catalog outlines the procedure for resolving a problem with a faculty member. If students feel they were unjustly treated or deserve a better grade, they can file a complaint with the department head. A meeting between the student, professor and department head will follow.

If the complaint is not resolved, it goes to the college complaint committee and the University Academic Complaint Committee. The committees are made up of faculty and students appointed by the college deans and Student Government Association. The final decision is made by the University Complaint Committee.

"I have served for two years, and I think that only one complaint has went all the way to the University Complaint Committee in about five years," said

Brandon Rucker, SGA treasurer and a Business College Academic Complaint Committee alternate.

"Usually the complaints are resolved after the first meeting between the student and professor because the majority of students and faculty are reasonable," the Bedford junior said.

The process is fair because it allows students to appeal decisions if they aren't satisfied with the results, he said.

"If students have a problem, they should refer to the catalog and contact SGA because we are the only outlet the student has to the administration," Rucker said.

Students can get a Western Catalog in the Office of Admissions or at the Academic Advising Center.

Parking Complaints

Parking tickets get a lot of complaints from students. Serena Rombach, a freshman from Medina, Ohio, said her first souvenir from Western was a yellow slip.

"I got a parking ticket the first day," she said. "I didn't feel like I deserved it because it was my first day, but I paid it."

Students have an alternative to paying their ticket, said Lt. Paul Joiner, the supervisor of traffic and records for campus police.

"If students have a problem with a ticket, if they think it was unfair, the first thing for them to do is to come in and talk to the director," Joiner said. "If the problem isn't resolved, then they talk to me."

The final decision in a parking complaint is made by the Parking Complaint Committee. The complaint must be submitted

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Housing Office	4359
SGA	4354
Campus Police	2548
Academic Services	4241
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ted in writing to the eight-person committee, which meets about once a semester.

"The committee is made up of faculty and students that are appointed by the president," Joiner said. "Public safety does not have any representatives on the committee because we want to make it fair."

Campus Mail

Some students who live on campus have problems with their mail because of incorrect

addresses, said Johnalma Barnett, College Heights post office postal services supervisor.

"Every dorm has a different ZIP code and address," Barnett said. "Students need to make sure that their address is right. Most of the time that's the problem."

If the address is correct and the letter still hasn't been received, Barnett said students should check with the desk clerks in their dorm.

"A lot of time, the mail is simply put in the wrong box," she said.

If the lost letter still doesn't turn up, students should contact the Bowling Green post office on 11th Street.

"We do inter-office mail only," Barnett said. "We have no control of the students' mail. The downtown post office does."

The Dorm

Tompkinsville senior Kim Starbes said that a fire in Pearce-Ford Tower last semester has caused her problems.

"Our kitchen caught fire in

the middle of last semester," Starbes said. "To my knowledge, there hasn't been any effort to fix it. The kitchen is locked, so we can't even wash dishes. We either have to do it in the bathroom or go down to two floors."

"If they can't fix the stove, I at least wish they would open the door so we can wash dishes."

Starbes said she wrote down the problem on door evaluations, but she hasn't seen any results.

Brian Kuster, assistant director of Residence Life, said that Starbes' next step should be to talk with the resident assistant of her floor.

"If the problem is with another resident or something else, like seeing roaches, 99 percent of the time the resident's problem can be resolved by talking to the RA," Kuster said. "If that doesn't help, the resident should talk with the hall director."

Kuster said that residents should contact Residence Life or the Housing Office if a problem is not resolved after meeting with the hall director.

Students, faculty recruit potential students

By KRISTINA GOETZ

Students had the opportunity to call home last night, but they weren't calling relatives or friends.

They were calling prospective students in Western's annual recruitment Phon-A-Thon, which started Sunday and ends tomorrow.

Participants started calling students from their high schools and primarily stayed within their city or surrounding counties. Then they moved on to schools in other counties.

"It is our hope that they will remember some of our students," Admissions Counselor Carla Wuertzer said.

The event has been going on for more than 10 years, and this year more than 150 students are participating, she said.

"We contact students who have an interest in Western," Wuertzer said. "They have sent their scores but not their application. Some of them have some questions before they send it."

In the past, recruiters called only those who had sent their ACT scores to Western. But now they are calling prospective students who also took the SAT.

Last year, Western students called 2,039 high school students. Wuertzer said the number is usually higher. The lower count was due to the snow storm last January when Western dismissed classes for five days. This year they plan to call 4,262 students during the four nights.

Members of fraternities and sororities, along with student representatives from the Admissions office, plan to help. This was the first year faculty members were invited to participate.

Elizabethtown senior Kenny May, a Spirit Master, phoned prospective students last night from a school where he is doing his student teaching.

"Since I know them they are more receptive to talk to me," he said. "They seem to be more personable to me. They ask me about my involvement on campus."

Wuertzer said this is helpful to prospective students.

"Generally they have a lot of questions about scholarship applications and financial aid, what to include etc.," she said.

They also have questions about dorms, she said.

Lexington junior Rhoda Cantor has been a student representative since her freshman

year, and this is her second year as a caller for the recruitment Phon-A-Thon.

There are some basic ques-

"I think it's a pretty personal touch. It makes a person feel more comfortable. . ."

— Sharon Whitlock
physical education instructor

tions that students always ask concerning tuition and housing, she said. But there are also many

other questions prospective students have about Western.

"Some people ask about fraternities and sororities and whether classes are hard or not. I think they like getting the phone call. That one phone call might be the deciding factor about going to Western," Cantor said.

Wuertzer said every caller will receive a gift certificate.

Participants went through a training session Tuesday and Wednesday to learn procedure and to freshen their telephone skills.

Sharon Whitlock, physical education instructor, said she volunteered as a way to help Western and prospective students.

"I think it's a pretty personal touch. It makes a person feel more comfortable coming into a different environment."

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RA SHORTAGE: 'There just are not many benefits'

BY JANEAN DAVIDSON

While resident assistants are a crucial part of dorm life, finding them is becoming harder.

"Students are not as willing to work for minimum wage," said Brian Kuster, assistant director of Residence Life.

Kuster said there were seven openings across campus and applications were accepted until Jan. 20.

RAs receive \$4.25 an hour for 15 hours a week. Students with experience also receive RA benefit money. Kuster said RAs receive \$50 toward their housing if they have worked a semester.

"The more experience the student has, the more money

they will receive," Kuster said. "The amount of money available changes, depending on the amount of returning RAs."

Indianapolis sophomore Veronica Elbert has been an RA at Bemis Lawrence for a semester. She said there are advantages and disadvantages.

"We get a private room," Elbert said, "but we still have to pay for it."

RA's have no say as to where they are placed and have to pay the regular double occupancy rate for a single room. If an RA lives in a non-airconditioned dorm, they pay \$633. If they are placed in the New Sorority Hall, they pay \$725.

Many RAs feel the job is a

good way to meet people. But the RA shortage is still there.

"We get a private room, but we still have to pay for it."

**— Veronica Elbert
Indianapolis sophomore**

Many RAs have felt the shortage. In Pearce-Ford Tower, 14 people cover 25 floors. Several RAs are in charge of two floors.

"There just are not many benefits," Elbert said.

Hudson sophomore Henry Pile agreed. Pile, an RA in PFT, said Western's RAs should receive benefits similar to other universities.

"UK RAs get their rooms and meals paid for," he said.

The work load is the biggest complaint of RAs. Pile said RAs have to do more work than they are paid to do, such as housing paperwork at the beginning and end of each semester.

In November of last semester, SGA endorsed a proposal by the Association of Resident Assistants to increase RA benefits and decrease the housing work load. The proposal included free housing, 10 meals a

week, and reduced work demands from housing.

Brian Mueller, ARA president, said they have not heard from housing about their proposal.

"We are meeting with them in two or three weeks," Mueller said. Despite the disadvantages, many RAs continue to return to their positions each semester.

"I feel like I am doing my part," Pile said.

"My door is always open," said Benton sophomore Lydia Anderson, an RA in PFT.

Students interested in becoming an RA can pick up an application from their hall director.

"It is a fulfilling experience, and I encourage people to do it," Pile said.

New security phone, shuttle stop, trees lead SGA's 'to do' list

BY MELISSA GAGLIARDI

Giving out red towels, installing another security phone on campus and recycling are a few things that will keep Student Government Association busy this semester.

SGA will have another campus cleanup project in addition to cleaning other areas as it helps Marriott with a recycling program, said Treasurer Brandon Rucker, a Bedford junior.

◆ The Memorial Tree program, proposed last semester, will get underway. SGA plans to erect a monument honoring faculty, staff and students who died between 1907 and 1993. Anyone who died after 1993 will have a tree planted on campus in their memory.

◆ SGA also hopes to install another shuttle stop, which will cost \$6,000. They already have \$4,500 left from last year's budget for the project. Rucker said the

location of the stop hasn't been determined.

◆ SGA would like to install another security phone on campus this semester, but it has not been budgeted, said Vice President Tara Higdon, a Slaughters junior. The phones cost about \$2,000 each. Eventually, SGA would like to have 15 on campus, and the Board of Regents is supposed to install two phones for every

phone SGA does, she said.

◆ One student will have the chance to be "President For a Day" in February. Tickets for a drawing will be sold for 25 cents each, and the winner will spend the day in President Thomas Meredith's office while Meredith goes to their classes. This is the fifth year SGA has sponsored the event.

◆ Others may choose to be "Coach For a Game." Contestants will participate in a shooting con-

test, and the winner spends a game on Western's bench next to men's basketball coach Matt Kileullen when the Hilltoppers play Texas Pan American on Feb. 9.

◆ Rucker said SGA will give away 500 red towels at basketball games. Half will be handed out at a Lady Topper game, and the rest will be distributed at a men's game. There also will be the chance for three students to win \$100 in food.

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The grant is part of a \$1 million grant, from the U.S. Department of Education.

The grant is designed to help increase the number of minority teachers and to encourage them to teach in this part of the state, said Chris Wagner, Educational Leadership associate professor.

The grant will also fund career awareness programs and teacher clubs in eight surrounding school districts.

The school districts that benefit from the grant are Bowling Green Independent, Warren County, Owensboro, Henderson, Hopkins County, Christian County, Russellville and Franklin-Simpson.

Educational leadership is a graduate studies program that offers degrees designed to prepare school leaders for working with elementary and secondary schools.



Craig Allen/Herald

His goal: Charles Johnson waits for his wife, who was sweeping Diddle Arena after the Lady Toppers upset then-No. 4 Louisiana Tech 79-71 on Sunday. The game drew the second-largest women's crowd ever at Diddle for a Lady Topper game. The largest crowd was 12,951 against Old Dominion on Feb. 23, 1986.

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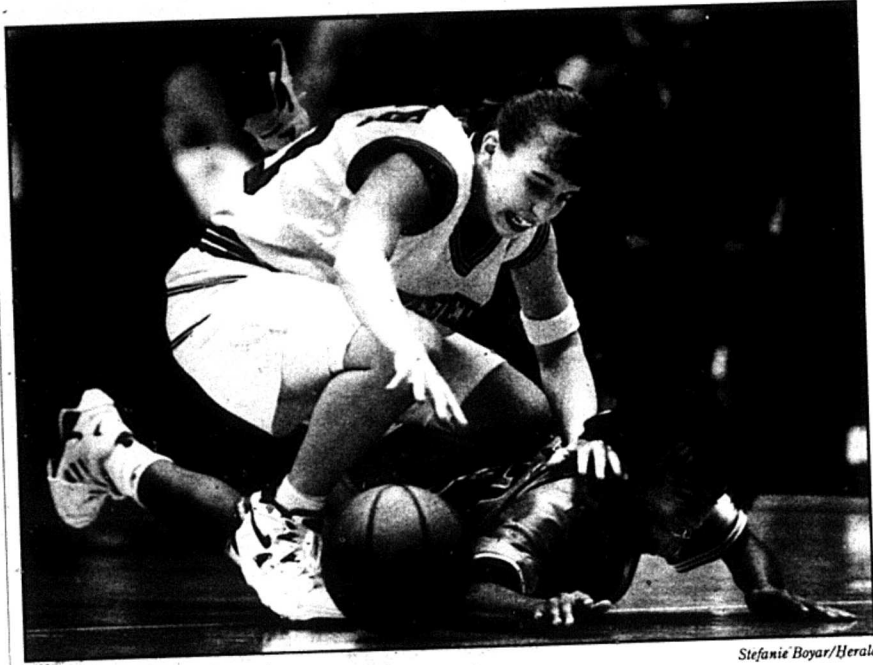
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Junior guard Dawn Warner battles with Kendra Neal of Louisiana Tech for possession during Sunday's game. The Lady Toppers defeated the Lady Techsters 79-71. Western improved its overall record to 15-0 and gained sole possession of first place in the Sun Belt Conference with a 5-0 record. Western jumped from ninth to sixth and Tech slipped from fourth to eighth in this week's Associated Press poll.

Big crowd a big factor in eight-point win

BY DAN HIEB

The entire bench stood up, most wearing smiles of anticipation, while the others watched the time tick away on the scoreboard.

With seven seconds left, Louisiana Tech relaxed its defense. The smiles got broader on Western's bench as the horn sounded and the whole team raced onto the floor.

Western Kentucky, 79. Louisiana Tech, 71.

"It was really exciting," said Laurie Townsend, the freshman guard who dribbled the last seven seconds off the clock. "We knew we'd won. Our lead was too big for them, so the fourth-

ranked team in the country gave up. It was an amazing feeling."

The Lady Toppers' win over their then-fourth-ranked conference rivals (14-3) on Sunday removed any remaining doubts about whether then-ninth-ranked Western (15-0) belonged in the Top 10.

"What I saw today was a great basketball team," Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barnore said. "Western Kentucky looked like a Top 10 team, and I know we're a Top 10 team. I challenge anyone to find 10 teams better than these two in the country."

Western started the game with a fury, building a quick 12-5 lead before

Louisiana Tech came to life, going on a 11-3 run to take the lead.

The Lady Toppers and Louisiana Tech traded baskets until Tech took the lead with 8:17 left in the first half. Western trailed for more than 20 minutes before taking back the lead with 7:41 left in the game.

"I told the team at halftime that we couldn't win as individuals, and I thought that in the first half we played an awful lot like individuals," Coach Paul Sanderford said. "I told them that if we played together we could beat anybody and that it would

SEE CROWD, PAGE 19

BY DAN HIEB

The first thing Lori Abell thought about when she learned her left index finger was broken was Louisiana Tech.

"I wasn't going to sit that game out," she said.

Abell, a senior center from Louisville, broke her finger Jan. 14 against Southwestern Louisiana. The team doctor told her she would be out for two weeks.

But she played 18 minutes Sunday, contributing seven rebounds, four points and a rush of adrenaline for the Lady Toppers in their 79-71 upset of the then-fourth-ranked Lady Techsters.

"My adrenaline was going," Abell said. "Coach (Paul) Sanderford told me in the first half that I was too psyched up. I needed to settle down. I just wanted to get in there and get everybody pumped up."

That wasn't a problem as several Lady Toppers played through injuries while others played at full speed for almost the entire game. "Our whole team showed a lot of heart," assistant coach David Graves said. "Gwen Doyle played 38 minutes. Our leading scorer and rebounder, Tara Cosby, had a bad day offensively, but she had seven rebounds at halftime and the girl she was guarding only got four rebounds and no points. Lori Abell came in and took up the slack. Veronica Cook played 35 minutes. She turned her ankle but sucked it up and played hard. I think it really showed how much we wanted the game."

Another Lady Topper who played through an injury was freshman guard Laurie Townsend, who broke a rib in the Southwestern Louisiana game.

"She went in as a freshman and she wasn't scared," Graves said. "She had three assists and no turnovers in 10 minutes. Even with her broken rib, she was diving out-of-bounds for loose balls."

"My adrenaline was so high, I didn't really care whether it hurt or not," Townsend said. Even the players who didn't take the floor shared in the team's enthusiasm.

"We cheered hard and tried to give them an energy boost," freshman forward ShaRhonda Allen said. "I had a ball. I don't care how much playing time I get as long as we get a 'W.' I feel like I gave it my all even though I didn't get it. I cheered my butt off."

The entire crowd of 8,214 was cheering its

butt off when the final horn sounded. "It was one of the greatest games I've ever played in," Abell said. "I've never played in front of a crowd that big in my life. It'll be one that I'll look back on and remember. A lot of us feel like we've gotten our revenge. It's great. We won."

Swimmers deny revenge, remain undefeated

◆ Swim team is 10-0 after wins over Wright State and Xavier

BY PATRICK BERNARDY

While revenge was on the minds of its opponent, staying unbeaten was on the minds of Western's swim team Saturday. After a tough meet, the Hilltoppers won out.

"We knew that they would come in here fired up," Coach Bill Powell said about Wright State. "But we knew if we swam well, we would win."

In their first home meet since Nov. 11, Western (10-0) won the meet 134-107, while also posting another victory over Xavier (Ohio) 120-97, at the Preston Health and Activities Center pool.

"The guys really wanted this meet," Powell said. "It was just a great win for us."

The big question for Powell going in was how to keep the revenge-minded Raiders from doing to Western what the Toppers had done to them a year ago.

Western's upset in Dayton, Ohio, had Wright State wanting to return the favor.

"Defeating this team was not

easy," Powell said. "If not for some of our kids really stepping up, it might have been different."

Powell said his team's depth would be a major factor, but he wasn't sure if it would be enough against the Raiders' strong sprinters.

"There's no question that our depth paid off," he said. "We just kept piling up those points."

Junior Brent Branstetter said Powell told the team Friday what events the team had to win, and that they had to believe in themselves.

"He told us that if we did certain things, we'd win," Branstetter said. "But there were a few sur-

prises that really helped us along." Wins in the 1000-, 500- and 50-yard freestyles early in the meet set the tone.

"Those first three individual events really got us going," Powell said. "I felt like going in that we might not win any of them."

Western began by taking second in the 400 medley relay, which Powell said was mandatory.

"The first relay was really important," he said. "I knew we wouldn't have much chance of taking first, but we needed second."

The medley relay was followed by sophomores Scott Cummings' win in the 1000 free, Mike

Liggett's win in the 200 free and senior Joel Wiehebrink's win in the 50 free.

"We won so many races that we didn't expect to win," Powell said. "We could have lost just as easily."

Other first-place finishers for Western were Cummings in the 200 butterfly, freshman Eric Carter in the 200 backstroke and the freestyle relay team of Liggett, Branstetter, Wiehebrink, and junior Sean Porter.

The Toppers will return to action Feb. 4, hosting Georgia Tech and Arkansas-Little Rock

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Hilltopper Sports Calendar

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◆ Intramural racquetball-league coaches' meeting, 3:30 p.m., Preston Center.

Tomorrow

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Thursday

◆ Men's basketball hosts Jacksonville, 7 p.m., Diddle Arena.

Friday

◆ Men's tennis at Eastern Kentucky, noon.

Glass sidelined; Tops get two wins

◆ Track and field news

Western's teams finish third, fifth

BY MICHAEL SCOTT

It could have been much worse.

That was the news Greg Glass received after undergoing a magnetic resonance imaging test on his left knee yesterday morning.

Last Friday night Glass was guarding junior forward Chris Robinson in a scrimmage as the Hilltoppers prepared for Saturday night's game against Southwestern Louisiana.

"I planted my foot and my knee twisted," Glass said. "I didn't trip or fall down. It just twisted."

Team trainer Eric Oliver said the injury was a sprained lateral collateral ligament and that Glass would miss at least two weeks. After that, his progress will be monitored day-to-day.

Glass said the injury was extremely painful.

"The first thing I thought about was my ACL (anterior cruciate ligament)," he said. "When I found out it wasn't, that helped ease the pain."

The senior forward said he expects to begin rehabilitation tomorrow, which will involve moving his leg to help strengthen the muscles.

"Conditioning-wise, it will affect me a lot," he said. "It's frustrating. I want to be out there. I'll just try to give all the support I can from the bench."

Aside from the injury to Glass, the road trip last week was a good one for the Hilltoppers. Western (11-2, 7-1 Sun Belt), came home with two conference wins.

In Saturday night's game, the Toppers beat Southwestern

Louisiana 87-82 in Lafayette, La. Senior center Darius Hall scored 20 points and had nine rebounds to lead the Toppers.

Robinson added 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Associate head coach Glynn Cyprien said it was a good win, although it was not a typical Western victory.

"I don't think we played terrible against USL, but having 25 turnovers is not the way we play basketball," he said. "We played great defense. When we needed to shut them down, we did."

Glass, who greeted the Western starters on the court while on crutches, said the game was big for the Toppers.

"It was a very intense game," he said. "I wanted to be out there real bad. But I knew our guys would pull it out."

Last Thursday, the Toppers defeated Louisiana Tech 68-49 in Ruston, La., making nine of 16 three-point attempts. Jackson paced Western with 15 points.

"We came out and played well," Cyprien said. "Deon had a big night. He had some key rebounds and hit some big buckets."

Glass said there are a lot of games left to play, but the veteran team has the potential to do something special.

"It's been a real fun season," he said. "We hang around each other after school, after practice. It tends to develop special bonds. We've got friends outside of basketball, of course, but we're around each other 15 hours a day."

"I feel this could be the best team I've played on."

BY KEVIN KELLY

Heading into Sunday's meet at Arkansas State, track and field coach Curtiss Long felt uncertain on how his team would do.

At the end of the meet, Long was still unsure where his team is headed but felt "they performed well above expectation."

After a six-hour road trip, Western's men's team finished in third place with 95 points, and the women's team finished fifth (43), against top competition in the Sun Belt Conference.

The men's meet was won by the University of Mississippi with 160 points, followed by Sun Belt rival Arkansas State (159). Arkansas-Little Rock (11) finished fourth.

On the women's side, Southern Illinois took first place with 124 points followed

by Arkansas-Little Rock (88), Arkansas St. (82), the University of Mississippi (58), Western, the Olympic Reserve (30), and Tennessee-Martin (2).

Leading the charge for the men was junior Jason Neuss, who won the high jump event with a leap of 6-8, tying his personal best.

"I felt pretty good," Neuss said. "I tried 6-10 but made a couple of mental mistakes."

Senior Euglio Barandarian finished second in the shot put, and freshman Oded Fellah leaped to a third-place finish in both the long and triple jumps.

Freshman sensation Iain Don-Wauchope placed second in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8 minutes, 30.84 seconds, while junior Bobby Wells finished fourth in the mile run at 4:32.05.

"The distance runners did very well, as well as the sprinters," Neuss said.

The women's team followed suit by forcing other Sun Belt teams to take notice.

Senior Catherine Hancock pulled double duty running the mile in 5:15.19 and anchoring the distance medley relay team, gaining second place in both events.

Sophomore Christina Brown helped herself to an impressive second-place finish with a 10:30.09 in the 3,000-meter run.

Senior Michelle Harris overcame three bad jumps to advance to the finals and finish third in the long jump.

"The meet was hard but not bad," Harris said. "I was hoping it would be a little tighter. It helped us find some mistakes and how to improve on them."

Neuss said that this meet showed promise for the future.

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Future Topper shows Mercer isn't only talent at Oak Hill

LOUISVILLE — As the door to the tiny locker room opened, the media horde of about 20 people and countless fans rushed in to see him.

He was the reason that just about all of the estimated 5,000 people showed up in Broadbent Arena on Friday

nately "Ron Mercer Night" in Broadbent Arena.

But as the door to the locker room opened and the pack rushed in, one Oak Hill player rushed out.

"Man, I gotta get out of here," the kid said. "This is nuts."

That kid was Rob Williams, the 5'10" point-guard for Oak Hill who has signed to play for Western next year.

There weren't thousands of fans cheering him on, and there weren't five television cameras and 20 other journalists hovering around him with pens and pads.

But as soon as Warrior coach Steve Smith finished praising Mercer as one of the best he has seen at tradition-rich Oak Hill, he offered equal praise for his point guard.

"He's the glue of this team," Smith said. "He's not as hyped up as some of the other kids we've had, but he's solid as a rock. He shows up every night, and he knows when he makes a mistake. If a guy isn't playing well, he's the first one on his back."

Some of those kids Smith saw at Oak Hill were current Portland Trail Blazer point guard Rod Strickland, North Carolina point guard Jeff McInnis and Virginia point guard Corey Alexander.

If Friday night was any clue, Williams could join former sub-six-foot point guards Bobby Jones and Mark Bell as Western crowd favorites.

No, Williams didn't wow the crowd with thunderous dunks and behind-the-back moves like Mercer. And yes, he struggled in the first half, missing all three of his shots and turning the ball over five times compared to only two assists.

"I was really upset with Rob in the first half," Smith said. "He was trying to make a lot of long passes to Ron for alley-oops. He just wanted to try and make Ron look good for the fans."

The second half was a different story. With his team only up by five at halftime, Williams was the spark in a 26-8 Oak Hill run that put the game away. He scored eight points, including two three-pointers, and dished out three assists.

"He did a great job in the third quarter of pushing, pushing, pushing," Smith said. "We needed Rob to push the ball up the court and he did."

Williams finished the night shooting four-of-10 from the field with 10 points, six assists and seven turnovers.

Smith said Williams is a much better shooter than he showed on Friday.

"When he gets his feet set and gets balanced, he's as good of a shooter as we have on this team," Smith said. "He's a very good defender as well. His only weakness is that he's small, but his quickness will cause problems for everyone."

Williams, who constantly licks his palms as a habit during the game and has a tattoo of a basketball on his left shoulder, chose Western over Xavier (Ohio), Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh and Tennessee. He said Topper coach Matt Kilcullen was the difference.

"I chose Western because Coach Kilcullen made me feel comfortable," Williams said. "Everyone else sent assistant coaches to recruit me, but Coach Kilcullen came and recruited me himself."

Smith said several college coaches have contacted him since Williams signed with Western, upset that Smith let him sign during the early signing period.

"Coaches from Wisconsin, Nebraska, DePaul and several other places have come up and asked me, 'Why did you let him sign early?'" Smith said. "But he really liked Western and he really liked Coach Kilcullen."

It's way too early to tell what kind of contribution Williams might make at Western next year, but with seven seniors graduating this year, he should have a decent opportunity for playing time. However, Williams knows that going from Oak Hill to Western will be a big step.

"I will have a lot to learn — being a freshman and coming right out of high school," he said. "I can bring a lot of quickness, but as far as physical strength, I might hurt the team. I'll just have to gain some strength and experience, and I hope to come in and contribute any way I can to the team."



Jason Frakes

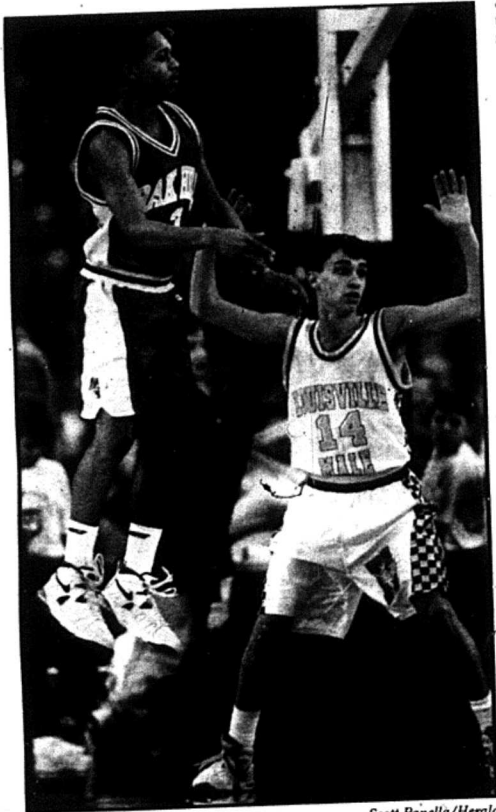
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night to watch No. 1 Oak Hill (Va.) Academy's 74-62 win over Louisville Male.

He was the reason that more than half of the University of Kentucky's basketball team and about 3,000 Wildcat fans, clad in blue, showed up.

Oh, to be Ron Mercer, the most sought-after high school prospect in the land. Wildcat fans had come to see the person that they hope will play his college basketball in Lexington instead of at Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Miami (Fla.) or Arkansas.

Yes, Friday night was defi-



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Rob Williams, a senior point guard at Oak Hill (Va.) Academy, has signed to play at Western beginning next fall. Williams scored ten points as his team defeated Louisville Male 74-62.

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Horn named Player of the Week

Senior guard Darrin Horn has been named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week. Horn received the honor by averaging 14 points and four assists, while shooting 71.4 percent from the field, including 7 of 8 from the three-point line.

Horn leads the Sun Belt in three-point field goal percentage, hitting 54.8 percent. Junior point guard Michael Fralich is close behind his teammate at 47.8 percent.

"I was surprised, because I really didn't put up any big numbers last week," Horn said. "We're winning right now, so that's all that matters."

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take all of us doing our jobs together. I was really proud of our kids for not quitting. We made the plays we needed to and we executed offensively very, very well."

At the beginning of the second half, it looked like the game might get away from the Lady Toppers. Louisiana Tech started with an 8-2 run that left Western trailing by 11 points and had nearly managed to quiet a boisterous crowd of 8,214 in Middle Arena.

Senior forward Ida Bowen stopped the slide by nailing a three. Junior guard Dawn Warner then stole a pass from Tech guard Kendra Neal, which led to a lay up by senior forward Gwen Doyle. Western fought back to within one point before Tech went on an 8-0 run to stretch the lead back to nine at 61-52.

"We made a great run in the second half and Louisiana Tech answered with a run of their own," Sanderford said. "That's the mark of a great basketball team."

Energized by an enthusiastic crowd, Western countered with another run of its own, reeling off 11 straight points to take the lead for the first time since 8:24 in the first half, 62-61.

"We let the game slip away, but we let it slip away to a great team," Barmore said.

Doyle, who took advantage of several openings on the baseline, scored a game-high 31 points. She also topped all players with 11 rebounds and dished out three assists.

Senior guard Veronica Cook added a career-high 24 points, including critical baskets when her team needed them.

"The key to us winning was that we played together," senior center Lori Abell said. "It's been a while since we've beaten them. We looked at their tapes, and we had a lot of confidence. We knew we could beat them."

The Lady Toppers committed just eight turnovers to Tech's 14. "We really took care of the ball. That's why we won the game."

Western also outrebounded the Lady 44-39. "I really compliment Western Kentucky," Barmore said. "They had a great basketball atmosphere. The energy of the crowd, even when the team was down, really brought them up."

Western didn't let the crowd down either, and the players' center court celebration flowed into the locker room where Sanderford danced with several of the players amid cheers of, "We're No. 1."

"We have two great teams in the Sun Belt this year," he said. "Either one of us, if we get a break and we get this thing going, could end up in Minneapolis in April."

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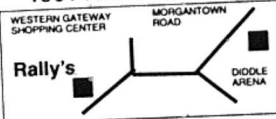


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