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James Glover II/Herald

Leap of faith: Oded Fella, a freshman from Israel, practices long jumps at Felix Field. "The definition of a long jumper is a person who, all

of their lives, is trying to fly, but always they find their butts in the sand," he said. The Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championships are this weekend.

Health insurance may cost Western \$1 million

BY JULIE GRUNDY

Western's health insurance program will have some major pains if things work out the way President Thomas Meredith expects.

As part of a health care reform plan adopted by Kentucky's 1994 General Assembly, state universities will be required to participate in a state

health insurance alliance beginning in January 1996.

State legislators decided on the plan after learning that more than 484,000 Kentucky residents have no health insurance. The program is designed to offer equal coverage to all state employees as well as providing easier access to health care.

When it comes to its effect on universities, however, the idea is

making some Western administrators a little queasy.

"Our current program is very, very competitive," Meredith said. "The proposal, as it stands now, is going to make it hard, if not impossible, to offer our employees the coverage they're used to for the cost they're used to."

No exact figures have been mentioned regarding how much

the new insurance alliance will cost every state university employee. Universities expect to hear more detailed information by April.

Western now provides single coverage for all full-time employees, amounting to \$117 per month per employee. Employees must pay for additional family members. Rates are negotiable each year.

If things go as expected, the cost may rise to \$178 per month per employee — an additional \$1 million to Western's annual budget. Meredith said the budget is already restricted by past budget cuts and growing expenses and that the increase may be more than Western's budget can handle.

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Mandatory community service?

◆ *The New Level proposal, which goes before the Board of Regents this week, also looks at Friday classes*

BY KARIN LOWE

After more than a year of tinkering, the "Moving To A New Level" proposal may be approved Friday morning by the Board of Regents.

Part of President Thomas Meredith's proposal deals with class attendance on Fridays. It also suggests a student requirement for community service.

Regents will meet at 9:30 Friday in the Regents Room in Wetherby Administration Building.

According to the proposal, faculty complain that students do not attend class on Friday and if they do, they come unprepared.

"The problem can only be solved by each individual faculty member," Meredith said. "I think it's critical that it be solved."

"History professor Richard Weigel said requiring students to be in class on Fridays should be something left to individual teachers to decide because some are more liberal than others."

Joan Krenzin, sociology and anthropology professor, said it is her responsibility to make every class so important that students feel compelled to be there.

"The student who misses my class on Friday ought to suffer some consequences, not because I grade him on attendance but because he will have missed something of importance," Krenzin said.

Morgantown senior Brian Tarrance said he dis-

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REPAIRS: 1973 law first told campus to change

BY JIM HANNAN

After two legislative acts and 22 years, Western still isn't in compliance with laws that would make campus accessible to all persons.

With the deadline for the Americans with Disabilities Act already past, campus officials say Western is millions of dollars

and years away from complete compliance. But Western has no

money to complete many changes that were required more than 20 years ago, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Section 504 said federally

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AN UPHILL BATTLE

Tickets, please

Ashley and Andrea Webster-Johnson may run in the 1996 Olympics. But here's how mere mortals can get to Atlanta.

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"As I walked away from the burning house and the broken lives, I could hear and smell something..."

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Play ball ... really

No replacement players here! Western's baseball team has its first game tomorrow on the road.

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◆ Campus line

Persons interested in participating in the Alpha Phi Alpha Oratorical Contest should contact Raymond Brown at 745-2516.

The Women's Alliance presents Joan Martin, recipient of the 1994 Women's Alliance Award for Outstanding Contribution to Women, at 11:45 today in Garrett Center, Room 100. For more information, contact Barbara Kacer at 745-4430 or Joyce Rasdall at 745-4099.

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

Minority Student Support Services hosts a representative from the University of Kentucky's MBA program to discuss graduate school fellowships for black students from 1-2:30 today in Potter Hall, Room 425. For more information, contact Phyllis Gatewood at 745-5066.

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

LDSSA/institute meets from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays in DUC, Room 308. For more information, contact Desi Taylor at 781-0827 or Julia Morgan at 796-2096.

Christian Student Fellowship has its FOCUS meetings at 7 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 Hall Auditorium. For more information, contact Eric Myers at 745-2995.

Phi Beta Lambda business organization meets at 8 tonight in DUC, Room 305. For more information, contact Daryl Payne or Adria Lucas at 842-4954.

Alpha Kappa Alpha holds its Sister to Sister program at 8 tonight in West Hall Cellar. For more information, contact Christa Bell at 745-6662.

Circle K International meets at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in DUC, Room 349. For more information, contact Kim Anderson at 745-3113 or Jewell Peach or Kris Ochenski at 782-7811.

College Patriots meets at 7 p.m. on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays in DUC, Room 341. For more information, contact Barry Bright at 796-8044.

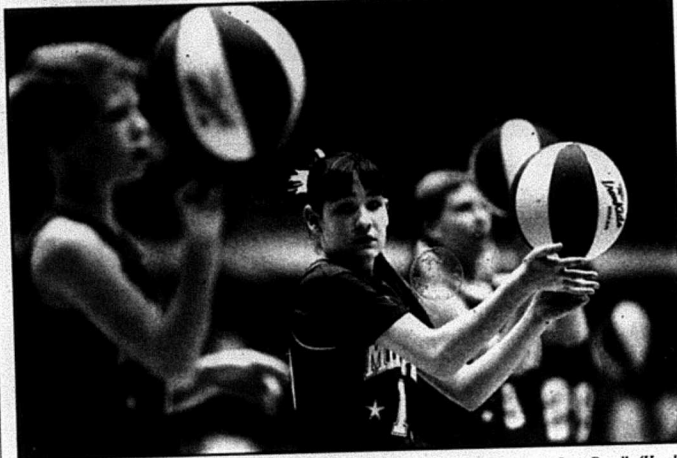
Habitat for Humanity meets at 4:30 p.m. Thursdays in DUC, Room 349. For more information, contact Deana Cronch at 745-3229.

Alpha Phi Alpha hosts an informational session at 8 p.m. Thursday in DUC, Room 340. For more information, contact Glen Townsend at 842-3915 or Terrence Moore at 745-3846.

◆ Clearing the air

A story in Thursday's Herald should have said a shotgun found in John Taylor's room was not loaded.

A story in Thursday's Herald should have said the power loss in the middle of campus occurred last Tuesday night.



Scott Panella/Herald

Eye on the ball: Eleven-year-old Amy Dietz of Louisville watches another Mini-Pro team member during the halftime show of the men's basketball game Saturday. Dietz, a first-year member of the youth basketball team, said "spinning is the hardest."

◆ For the record/crime reports

Reports

◆ Elisabeth Margaret Curtis-Howe, Cherry Hall, reported an electronic pointer, valued at \$200, stolen from a classroom Feb. 8.

◆ Mistianna Lee Holcomb, New Coed Hall, reported someone put two dents and numerous scratches on the trunk of her car while it was parked in Pearce-Ford lot Feb. 10. Estimated damages are \$200.

◆ Eve Ellen McCann, Hardinsburg, reported someone punctured a tire, valued at \$65, while her car was parked in Page lot on Feb. 10.

◆ Angela Aaron Hixson, Columbia, reported someone punctured the sidewall of one of her tires when her car was parked in Page lot on Feb. 10. Estimated damages are \$65.

◆ Matthew Howard Kragh, Park Street, reported someone

slashed his right rear tire with a sharp object when his car was parked in Page lot on Feb. 10 or 11. Estimated damages are \$40.

◆ Sean Baxter Trimble, Rodes-Harlin, reported his driver's side mirror was broken off and the driver's side door was dented when he parked his car on Big Red Way by the Kentucky Museum on Feb. 11. Estimated damages are \$200.

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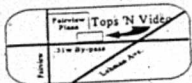
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ADA: New legislation brought about changes

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funded institutions like universities couldn't discriminate on the basis of disability. But it took ADA — which says that even if they don't receive federal funding they can't discriminate — for Western to renew its efforts to make campus accessible.

Plan formed in 1993

President George Bush signed ADA in July 1990. Two years later, Western developed a transition plan that explained how the university would make structural and policy changes to ensure full compliance. Western also converted an

administrative assistant in Student Life, Huda Melky, to ADA coordinator.

In July 1993, Western completed a self-evaluation. Recommendations in that self-evaluation had to be completed last month for Western to be in compliance.

An ADA committee, with Melky as chairwoman, met after ADA became law but was disbanded after the self-evaluation was completed and forwarded to the Council on Higher Education in 1993.

The self-evaluation process was similar to the one used by Western five years after the passage of Section 504. In 1978, the evaluation was four

pages. In 1993, it was more than 200.

In the spring of 1980, seven years after Section 504 became law, a task force was appointed to study the physical barriers on campus.

The committee recommended the elimination of all barriers on campus sidewalks, drives and buildings. And inside barriers were to be removed from four dorms. The total cost of the project was \$412,000.

Phase two of the project, which included improving elevators, was supposed to begin once the first repairs were finished.

But Western didn't start making the needed changes until

federal funds for the changes were depleted.

University Architect Paul Morgan said only about \$150,000 has been spent to make campus more accessible since ADA passed.

Under new estimates made after ADA, Morgan said needed renovations will cost about \$6 million, including dorms.

Western is planning to spend part of \$1 million from the state to make parking lots, sidewalks, ramps and handrails comply with ADA. All are areas Western said it would change almost 15 years ago.

Five presidents after Section 504, Western is still trying to make its sidewalks

and buildings accessible.

People accommodated on case-by-case basis

Even though Western lacks the money to make campus completely accessible for persons with disabilities, they can be accommodated on a case-by-case basis, Melky said.

Melky said each time someone with a disability has felt discriminated against and has brought the problem to her attention, a resolution has been worked out.

"Any time a student asks for reasonable accommodations ... we act immediately," Melky said.

HEALTH: Western preparing for the worst

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"It's not amounting to a very pretty situation," he said. "Maybe when it's all over, the cost won't jump so much; but we have to prepare for the very worst and that's what scares us."

The budget committee is already at work cutting costs for the next fiscal year. Meredith said the increase in health insurance costs will have to be figured into that budget plan.

Benefits coordinator Rick Shreve said Western's current plan is "almost as ideal as it can get."

For years, Western has offered employees three options through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The differences among the three involve deductible, premium and maximum out-of-pocket expenses. Most employees have stuck with Blue Cross

and Blue Shield over the years. Shreve said, "because that's what they're used to and they know they can trust it."

Two years ago, another health insurance plan became available to Western employees.

HealthWise of Kentucky is a state employee group carrier that has received a lot of interest from newer employees, Shreve said, and now accounts for almost one-third of Western's business.

"It pays sooner and it pays better," he said. "But you don't

have the choice in doctors or hospitals that you do with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. They provide a list for you and you must go by that. Some people feel restricted by that; others prefer it."

"But you don't have the choice in doctors or hospitals that you do with Blue Cross and Blue Shield."

— Rick Shreve
benefits coordinator

that they provide has allowed us to be competitive and demand more of what our employees need from the com-

panies," Shreve said. "What we are going to lose under the state's plan is our ability to get companies to do what we want and need."

"They're going to be answering the guys in Frankfort now, not the individual schools."

Shreve said he hasn't heard any complaints from faculty or staff members yet, "because there's nothing to react to at this point. It's just a wait and see game that depends on who the state gives the bid to."

Shreve said he guesses Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be one of four carriers provided by the state.

"As soon as we get concrete information, we're going to start having open meetings with faculty and staff concerning the plan design," he said. "Until then, we don't know much of anything but to fear what may happen."

♦ Crime reports

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Arrests

♦ Carla Elaine Boone, Nashville, was arrested and charged Feb. 5 with first offense driving under the influence. She was released the same day from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$500 cash bond.

♦ Ronald Paul Salutsky, Center Street, was arrested and charged Feb. 7 with alcohol intoxication in a public place. He was released the next day from Warren County Regional Jail a \$86.50 cash bond.

♦ Dawn Elisabeth Fenimore, New Sorority Hall, was arrested and charged Feb. 9 with a probable cause first offense driving under the influence. She was released the next day from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$500 unsecured bond.

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♦ Our view/editorial

'Any third party' means the public

The question isn't whether John Taylor was guilty. He said he was, and he was expelled.

The question is this — if a person asks for an open hearing, why shouldn't they get one?

John Taylor wanted an open hearing. He sent out an invitation to the entire campus through fliers and through a classified ad in the Herald: "Disciplinary Hearing for John W. Taylor. Friday, 3 p.m. 4th floor Potter Hall. Thank you for Your Support."

Twenty people showed up, but only Taylor and one friend were allowed into the hearing to state his case against charges of gun possession and drug possession.

The rules for Western's disciplinary hearings are vague, at best, on this point: "The student(s) may be accompanied at the hearing by a member of the faculty, fellow student or any third

party if so desired."

Can't "any third party" mean the public? It certainly can.

State Open Meetings laws say a student's disciplinary hearing is closed — unless it restricts that student's right to a public hearing if requested.

And regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Education last month say that although disciplinary records are subject to being closed to the public, that "does not prevent an institution from opening disciplinary proceedings to the public."

University Attorney Deborah Wilkins did not learn of this until the week after Taylor's hearing.

And Howard Bailey, who as the dean of Student Life oversees the disciplinary process, said Taylor didn't request an open hearing properly anyway. Apparently, Taylor should have put his

request in writing and given it to Wilkins.

Oh. So Taylor didn't read Western's rules on disciplinary hearings correctly, right?

Wrong. Nowhere in those rules does it describe such a process. How would Taylor know?

"That's something to give some thought to," Bailey said of the situation.

This needs more than thought. Western must clearly offer this option — in writing — to any student who will have a disciplinary hearing.

Until it does, Western is doing what state law says it shouldn't — restricting a person's right to a public hearing if requested.

Obviously, that's not right. We should speak up and pressure Western into making the change now.

But don't bother to do it with fliers or classified ads, right?

♦ Our view/editorial

KSU officials wrong, period

Welcome to Kentucky State, where we like our newspaper to be a kinder, gentler one.

Last week was not fun for the KSU administration. The news came out that the school newspaper adviser had been ordered to submit the paper for review before publication, then the phone lines to top KSU offices sizzled.

The administration had disciplined Laura Cullen, adviser of The Thorobred News, for refusing the order in January. Cullen also had been ordered to publish more positive news.

Cullen went ahead and published the paper again Thursday without prior review.

The chairman of the school's board of regents, William Parker, has said he will look into the matter.

KSU attorney Reginald Thomas said the school "takes the position that this is a university newspaper, paid for by taxpayers' money. She (Cullen) is an employee of the university and the equipment is supplied by the university. Therefore, we have a right to govern the publication."

That gives chills to anyone who respects the First Amendment.

By the way, the administration also has refused to distribute the 1993-94 yearbook. A memo to Cullen from Vice President for Student Affairs Betty Gibson says that's for things such as the quality of photos and "confusing layouts of class pictures."

♦ Your view/letters

Friendship ties many together

This is in response to Jeff Polly's article (Herald, Feb. 9), "Where's White History month?"

Friendship is a bond that ties many together. A friend of my friend is a friend of mine. The bond that ties many together gives us feelings of things mutually in common. Although, we all are individuals in our group, we each bring something to give in exchange for a feeling of belonging and personal satisfaction. A friend of mine once told me "Friendship is love."

I agree. One can't truly know friendship without love. To give love we must know how to love. It starts with loving yourself. If you can love yourself, you can love others. This is the basis for a firm foundation in friendship.

Let your circle grow and expand. Love others all over this land. Do not let color, sexual orientation, gender or age come in your way.

Love all, everywhere.

Sheila Faith Taulbee
junior from Garden City, Mich.

♦ PEOPLE POLL: Should disciplinary hearings be public if the student requests it?

"It should be private, since all those others are private for crimes. It should be a secret among the disciplinary committee and student."



—Inam Ul Haque,
graduate student
from Pakistan

"Well, if he requested it then they would know what they're getting in to. They're letting the public know of the disciplinary hearings."



—Kendra Baugh,
Bowling Green senior

"Yes, I don't see any problem. It's their right if they want people to know what's going on. If they don't, they shouldn't have to tell people about it."



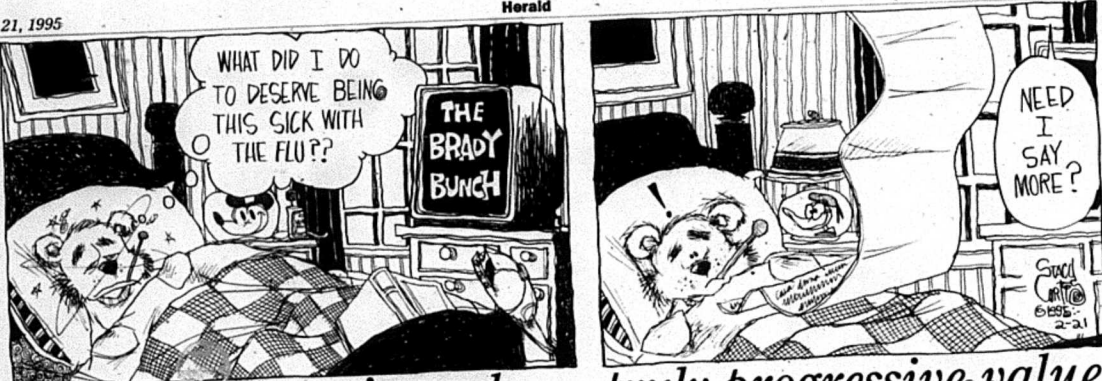
—Brent Howell,
Hardinsburg senior

"I don't think so. I just think they should be confidential. That way other people can't take up for you and lie and say you didn't do it."



—Mandy Jamal,
McDaniels freshman

Painted Fences



NEW PARTY: Americans have truly progressive values

Are American college students a bunch of apathetic dropouts when it comes to politics? Or are they justifiably disgusted with politics as usual?

A recent study of college freshmen found fewer students than ever are interested or involved in politics. UCLA has been conducting the survey annually for 29 years. A record low of 32 percent of the students polled last year said that "keepin' up with politics" was an important goal in their lives. Asked whether they frequently discuss politics, only 16 percent said yes. This, too, was an all-time low.

At first, these results made me furious. I stomped around for a couple of days grumbling about how apathetic people are getting and how the world will go to hell for sure if even young people give up.

But after I cooled down, the survey made a lot more sense. Why should anyone expect young people to care about politics? There is very little going on in city hall, in Frankfort or in Washington, to give us any hope, very little for us to believe in.

The United States government is dominated by the rich and powerful and seeks to protect those interests. The highly secretive GOP Political Action Committee, which has given over \$7 million to Newt Gingrich and other Republicans, is supported by some of the wealthiest people in America. But the Democrats aren't much better. They are beholden to many of the same folks who fund Gingrich: Maybe that's why they never make any proposals that would dramatically shift power back to the middle class.

The two major parties occupy almost the same ideological space, despite their rhetoric. What we need is a third party, and I'm not talking about Ross Perot. We need a party that is what the Democrats claim to be: a party of working people. What we need is the New Party.

I had the honor of attending one of the first national meetings of the New Party (NP) in 1992. The New Party is a coalition of everyday people, educators, factory workers, union members, environmental activists and others who want to create a viable

third party that can challenge the Democrats and Republicans on a national level within the next 20 years or so. Its models are the New Democratic Party of Canada and the social democratic parties of Europe.

The New Party believes that most Americans have truly pro-

gressive values. Most folks want to have more power at work, support public education, and help people who will take responsibility for themselves. They want strong environmental, health and safety regulations. And they don't mind paying taxes when the money is spent wisely. They want a strong, aggressive govern-

ment as long as it responds to their needs. The New Party wants to work for these values. Over the last two years, over 3,500 people across the country have joined the organization. There are strong NP bases in Wisconsin, Montana and Arkansas, and New Party candidates have won 39 of the 59 races they've participated in — not a bad record for just over two years of organizing.

The NP strategy is simple and has two parts. First, the New Party intends to organize locally and not waste time on major races until it can win one. In the meantime, members will bring a progressive agenda to neighborhoods and communities, acting as an advocacy organization in non-election years and a political party when the race is on. Having a strong local base will make it different from the Democrats, Republicans and all other third parties.

Secondly, when it's not practical to participate in an election, the NP plans to use a tactic called fusion. This is an old practice used in New York and other states that has brought success to

third parties in the past. Basically, it would let the New Party endorse one of the candidates from the major parties but still keep a line on the ballot.

Say Western President Tom Meredith is a Democrat who gets the NP endorsement. When you go vote, his name will appear twice on the ballot, once under the Democrats and once under the New Party. Then the NP campaign will be getting people to vote for Meredith as a New Party candidate instead of as a Democrat. This lets him know exactly how strong the progressive vote is, and that it can't be ignored.

As it grows in strength, the New Party will be able to participate in larger races. And NP candidates don't even have to win every race to have real political power. If it can control 20 percent of the vote in any election, the New Party will have the leverage to make real political demands.

It may just be that young people need to believe in democracy again. You can reach the New Party at 227 West 40th St. Suite 1303, New York, NY 10018. (212) 302-5053.



Gary Houchens
Commentary

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♦ Your view/Editor's Hotline

Blacks given too many special privileges

I would like to speak on behalf of every white person who is sick of special privileges being given to minorities. I read every issue of the Herald and I'm constantly plagued by articles of hotline callers aimed toward minorities.

The U.S. Constitution states that all men are created equal. If this is true, why are there so many advantages of being a minority?

Why is there a separate student minority services here on campus? How can there be such a thing as a United Negro College Fund, when 50 years ago if a white man would have started such thing, he would be racist? Why are there complaints of too few African Americans on our coaching staffs when 85 percent of all

the athletes across the United States are black? Can whites protest the fact 10 out of 12 basketball players are African American? No, that would be racist. Can whites have a college fund of program excluding blacks? Of course not, that would be racist. I'm sick of it and I want everyone who agrees with me to call in and support the integrity of the United States Constitution. Thank you.

General ed exams 'a very terrible idea'

I'm calling to comment about the article in today's edition of the Herald (Feb. 9) about this wanting to test people for the comprehensive general education exams. I think it is a very terrible idea because when you think about it, you have taken those classes anyway and if you pass the class then you evidently did enough to where you know everything, what you can pass. It's just an awful lot of extra work for students.

While I was frantically studying for an exam last Sunday night, it happened. A single fire engine streaked by, its sirens shattering the silence. My friend raised her head, looked at me and uttered a single word.

"Story." Being a journalism student, I knew what she meant — a fire engine, lights flashing, usually means a fire. And a fire usually means a story.

Our hopes of getting an acceptable grade in U.S. History hastily abandoned, we piled in her car and followed the engine.

As we pulled up, I gasped. The roof of the house was engulfed in flames. Firefighters armed with hoses surrounded the building, shooting streams of water inside. I shook the goose bumps from my body, pulled the notepad out of my pocket and got to work.

At first, I didn't make much progress. The firefighters wouldn't talk — they were busy taking care of the fire. The neighbors wouldn't talk — they were busy watching the flames. Just as I was about to give up talking to bystanders, I met Carl and Dawn Mann.

Carl, 18, and Dawn, 17, had been married for four months and had only been living on their own for two weeks. They once called the apartment house, now blazing fiercely before us, their home.

The Manns were the first people to report the fire. After seeing it, they split up — Carl woke Sadie Strait, a tenant still in the building, while Dawn called the fire department.

After waking Miss Sadie, Carl ran upstairs to their apartment to see what he could do.

When he emerged from the building, all he had was a few CDs in one hand and his tax returns in the other. Everything else — the television, CD player, Dawn's great-grandmother's furniture — was destroyed.

I found Miss Sadie wrapped in a shaggy pink afghan in an apartment behind the burning house. Her blue eyes were wide with confusion and shock, her silver hair was frazzled.

Miss Sadie lived in that building for almost 45 years. It was in that house where she spent when her son, still in high school, died. This was where she mourned when her husband died years later. This is where Miss Sadie stayed. This was her home.

The fire blazed on. As she was escorted away, I noticed all Miss Sadie had was a

no job. I've got no money. I've got nothing."

Dawn began to cry. He held her closer.

I didn't belong there. I lowered my pen and notepad, thanked them for their time and walked away. I looked back and saw Carl stroking his wife's hair as the tears etched trails down her face. One phrase echoed in my mind as I saw the two share their grief.

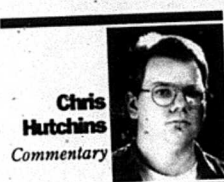
What will they do? I knew the answer wouldn't come tonight — Dawn's sobs, Carl's forced, uneasy jokes and the bewildered look in Miss Sadie's eyes told me that much. The answer for these people would come after hours, perhaps days of sorrow.

What would it be? Would that answer be some trite blue-blooded American philosophy like, "Keep on living." "Never give up, or 'Start over'?" Would the words that we tell children learning to ride bicycles really apply to these people's lives? I made a grim conclusion that night — as that frustrated me then and enrages me now.

I don't know. I don't know what next week, next month or next year will hold for these people. I don't know how they will pick up the burnt, tattered rags that were once their lives and continue. I don't know how they will be able to look into their future's dark eyes and go on.

As I walked away from the burning house and the broken lives, I could hear and smell something. It was everywhere — hanging in the air, clinging to my clothes, clinging to the firefighters. It was the thing that robbed these men and women of their lives, their happiness, their hope. I turned around once more to look at the destruction. Loss had won.

The fire blazed on. Editor's note: Chris Hutchins is a freshman journalism major from Louisville.



Chris Hutchins
Commentary

metal walking cane and a flimsy grocery bag filled with brown vials of medication. The rest of her possessions were gone.

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The fire blazed on. As Carl held his wife, we squinted through a downwind patch of smoke.

"We were just trying to live a married life," Carl said. "But now, I don't know what to do. I've got

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NEW LEVEL: Plan will encourage Friday attendance, public service

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agrees with requiring students to be in class.

"I believe students should be in class, but it should be their choice," Tarrance said. "Most students in college are adults and should be able to make adult decisions."

One way to get students to attend class on Friday is to make it something other than a regurgitation of the textbook, Krenzin said. Most of all, the class should be made worthwhile, then the serious students will attend, she said.

It's not necessarily a good idea to simply say all students must be here on Fridays, Weigel said.

The real problem at Western is that students still are oriented to their homes and not to the campus, he said.

"This is very different from many other campuses across the country where students actually love being on campus because that's where the center of their society is," Weigel said. "Students need to realize there's more to offer here than they seem to think."

Students on campus seven days a week

Meredith said being on campus seven days a week would help increase attendance on Fridays. This is one of the proposals in New Level.

"An individual grows by

managing their life seven days a week, not for four-and-a-half and going home," Meredith said.

"Part of what we ought to be about is encouraging that growth, that's why the paper calls for encouraging students to be here seven days a week."

When students are here seven days a week, they have a chance to be in the library and work on assignments that might be left here when they leave on the weekends, he said.

There are lots of opportunities to continue to grow, to meet new people and to be involved in additional campus experiences that students are just not going to have if they go home, Meredith said.

Most students agree that encouraging students to stay on campus is a good idea.

"I think it would make a better campus," Owensboro sophomore Kristin Easton said.

Louisville sophomore Angela Breslin said it's a good idea, but people need more of a reason to stay on campus.

She suggested keeping the food courts open and scheduling activities on the weekends. "It's basically closed on the weekends, there's not much to do," Breslin said.

Unpaid public service suggested

Another part of the proposal

calls for students to complete unpaid public service to be eligible for graduation.

"The whole purpose of this is to help develop an attitude of helping others without expecting a reward," Meredith said.

It is not meant to be a big, laborious, bureaucratic deal, he said.

It is unknown at this time how many hours will be required.

"I expect a big part of this to be an honor system," he said.

People could even complete the requirement by doing service work in their hometown, Meredith said.

The volunteer service work requirement would show up on students' transcripts, he said.

Meredith said he has received very positive feedback from students about this proposed requirement.

Louisville freshman Toby Vogt said the idea sounds good to her.

"That way students would get involved in the community," Vogt said.

"It would probably look good on a resume when trying to get a job, too."

Sororities and fraternities already have to do public service work.

"It shouldn't be a problem for us because we're doing it anyway," said Owensboro sophomore Heather Cavitt.

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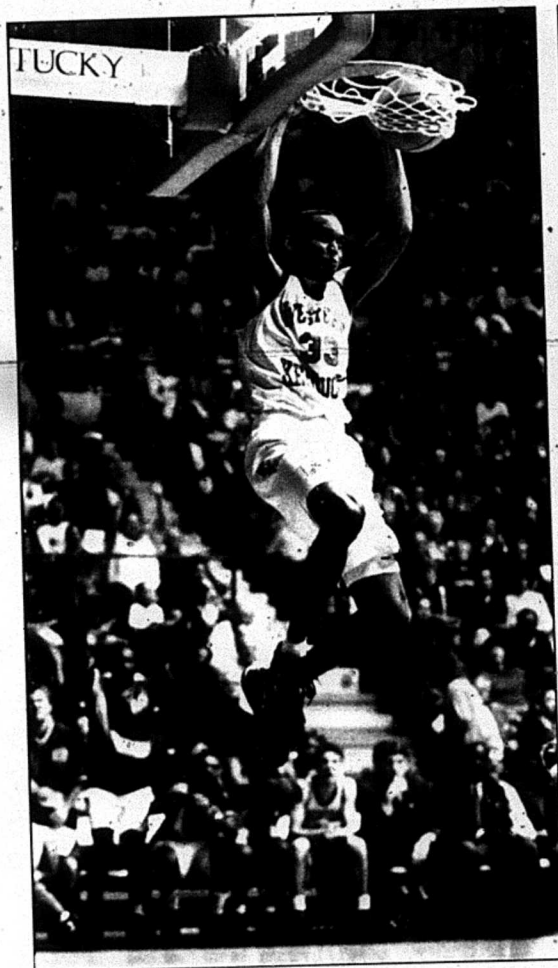
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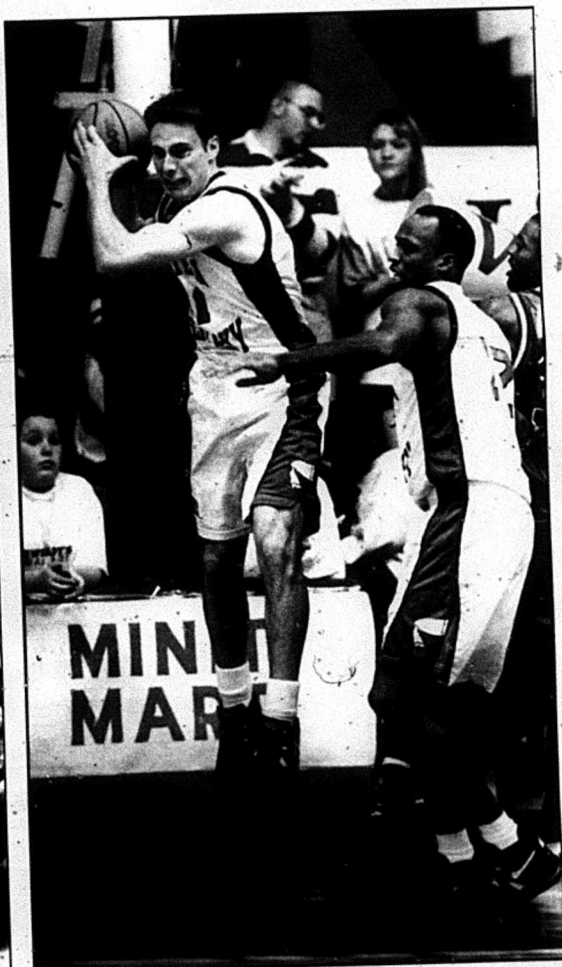
*Darrin Horn and Chris Robinson
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Junior forward Chris Robinson reacts near the end of the Hilltoppers' 93-78 victory over South Alabama.



Robinson, last week's Sun Belt Player of the Week, scored 40 points and grabbed 13 rebounds against South Alabama in Diddle Arena Saturday. Former Topper Clem Haskins holds the Western scoring record with 55.



Darrin Horn became the 32nd Topper in history to reach the 1,000-point career total, with 17 points Saturday. He follows Robinson, who reached the milestone in Western's 67-59 win over New Orleans on Feb. 13.

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Jammin' with java: Louisville freshman Matt Provano and Dave Blizzard, a sophomore from Snowhill, Md., play "Snow Hill" for about 100 people at Friday night's third Coffee House, which is run by full-time faculty and staff members at the Faculty House. Blizzard wrote the song two weeks ago, and it was the first time they had performed in front of a big group. The next Coffee House is scheduled for sometime in March.

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SGA to use partnership to help students get jobs

By MELISSA GAGLIARDI

In order to get more jobs for Western students, the Student Government Association passed "Helping Us Help You," a proposal to develop a partnership between SGA and the businesses of Bowling Green.

Scott Sively, a junior from Hendersonville, Tenn., said the partnership would be an incentive for local businesses to hire Western students.

Businesses would be recognized twice a year by ads in the Herald and a sign would be placed in Downing University Center for the business that most supports Western.

SGA Treasurer Brandon Rucker said he thinks it's a good idea, but one point of con-

cern that hasn't really been addressed is the quality of the employment and the pay.

He said the program doesn't have a way to look at how well the students are being treated.

"Are they in a coal mine getting black lung?" said Rucker, a Bedford junior. "If implemented, we'd focus more on quality than quantity."

SGA will be using the Chamber of Commerce mailing list to reach businesses, and the Chamber will also help identify businesses most supportive of the program, he said.

The bill says support will be judged by the percentage of Western students employed.

Other plans SGA has in store this month include a "Coming Home" activity, which is similar

to Homecoming, except males will participate, said SGA President Rob Evans, an Owensboro senior. Organizations will be able to sponsor candidates, and students can vote in DUC.

The winner will be recognized Feb. 25 at half time of the men's basketball game against Tennessee State.

Also, students will have a chance to become Western's President for a Day on Feb. 23. Tickets are on sale today in DUC for 25 cents or five for a dollar.

Evans said past winners have had ice cream parties in the president's office and student parking amnesty day. This year's winner will be drawn at tonight's SGA meeting.

Organizational aid deadline extended

By MELISSA GAGLIARDI

The Student Government Association extended the deadline for organizational aid applications to tomorrow after about eight groups met Friday's deadline.

SGA decides which groups deserve the money, and some may receive more aid than others, said Bedford junior Brandon Rucker, SGA treasurer. Each semester, \$2,250 is distributed.

About 14 groups are expected to apply. About 11 applications have been received.

Last year Habitat for Humanity was awarded the most money, \$275.

Psychology instructor Patty

Randolph, the faculty advisor of Habitat for Humanity and the Psychology Club, said the aid has been helpful.

"In general, organizational aid has made all the difference in the organizations I advise from the average to being superior."

She said the hours that would have been used to hold bake sales can be spent serving the community.

Randolph said the Psychology Club, which received \$150, used money from organizational aid to bring a nationally known speaker, Ronald Holmes, to Western last semester to speak about serial killers.

Last year Habitat for Humanity used the money it was granted as

seed money to raise \$4,000. That money was used to buy land on which the group built a house for a low-income family.

This semester the group plans to use the money to build a mobile hut to create awareness for the group on campus.

SGA checks spending

Rucker said all expenditures by organizations are expected to be verified.

If SGA doesn't think an organization has been using the aid correctly, it may be asked to document its expenditures, Rucker said.

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Virtual reality games let people spend money in 3-D

By SHANNON J. LEONARD

At Xybermaxx, a new store in the Greenwood Mall, you can experience the "virtual thrill" of being chased by angry, gun-toting, green-haired robots, and hordes of slimy, green sewer creatures — all for \$5.

Xybermaxx, a virtual reality arcade owned by Jennifer and Timothy Brown, opened Feb. 9, and Jennifer Brown said business is better than she expected.

"I thought it was going to be slow," she said.

The Browns have not advertised Xybermaxx, but mall customers have stopped in to see what was going on, she said. Most have stayed to play "Zone Hunter," the virtual reality game available at the arcade.

The game can be played by one or two people, and others can watch the action on two television monitors. Players step onto one of two circular platforms, or pods, and circular, padded rails are lowered around them.

Inside the pods are the computer mechanisms for the game's operation and a built-in tracking system that senses the players' movements. The tracking system adjusts to what the player sees on the screen to increase realism. Each player wears a headset or visette that fits over the eyes and around the head. The visette contains the viewing screen and earphones.

A hand-held joystick controls the player's forward movements and gun firing.

"There is no set time limit or life limit," Jennifer Brown said.

She said time is added as players complete different zones during the course of the game. The average game lasts from six to seven minutes, she said, but she has seen more experienced players play for 30 to 40 minutes.

Horse Cave senior Becky Haskins tried out "Zone Hunter" and played the game for about two minutes while her friends watched her progress on the monitors.

Jennifer Brown acted as a cheerleader and coach during the game, shouting, "Use your gun! Use your gun! Shoot that green pod!"

Haskins said "Zone Hunter" was "weird, but it was fun. I felt like I was lost in a strange world — it almost scared me when those little men jumped out of the sewage."

Jennifer Brown said that when she and her husband decided to open a virtual reality arcade, they spent time researching different games, and chose "Zone Hunter," which is made by a company called Virtuality.

"From the research we've done, they've got the best out," she said.

Timothy Brown is from Glasgow so the couple decided that Bowling Green was the ideal place to open the arcade, partly because of the attraction virtual reality games tend to have with college students, Jennifer Brown said.

"The object is for people to come in here and have a good time," she said.

Monday is "family night" at



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Gerick Sommerville, left, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., with friend Matt Cook, from White House, Tenn., play "Zone Hunter," a virtual reality video game. The game, which costs \$5, has been in Greenwood Mall since Thursday. "It was worth the price," Sommerville said.

Xybermaxx. A parent can play "Zone Hunter" with a child age 14 or under for \$7. The Browns plan to have special group playing rates that might include fraternity or sorority nights at Xybermaxx.

After playing "Zone Hunter," a first-time player receives a special "passport" that gets stamped after each additional play. Stamps can also be collected by bringing people in to play the game. After a passport is

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Foundation's ethics code 'very basic stuff'

By JULIE GRUNDY

For Robert Rutledge, passing a code of ethics for the WKU Foundation's leaders was just a formality. But it's a decision he's glad they made.

"It's something we already were doing anyway," said Rutledge, vice president for Institutional Advancement. "The important thing is that it's now down in print."

Western created the foundation in 1993 in an effort to reorganize its fund-raising projects after several state budget cuts.

According to the foundation's mission statement, the organization is to "raise funds, receive, hold, invest and administer assets, and to make expenditures to or for the benefit of the University."

President Thomas Meredith has described the foundation as "a necessity for any university striving to do well" on limited resources from the state.

Because the foundation operates on funds from private individuals, many of whom wish to remain anonymous, there will always be people who are skeptical of what the organization does, Rutledge said.

"And that's why we're hoping this will help," he said. "This puts it in simple terms just what we are expected to do as members of this foundation. We're dedicated to upholding our responsibilities in this matter."

The safeguards

Because the foundation is a non-profit charitable and civic improvement corporation, its operations are regulated by federal and state laws.

The code of ethics adopted last month will serve as a checklist, Rutledge said, letting foundation representatives know up front that:

- Any potential conflict of interest must be reported immediately. Any active participation with an organization whose interests compete with those of the foundation will not be tolerated.

- Any transactions over \$5,000 will be disclosed and reviewed by the Board of Trustees before the transaction actually is made.

- It is recommended that no foundation representative accept any personal gifts, benefits or services. Many times,

however, receiving small, token items is considered understandable.

If the gift happens to exceed \$50, however, it is considered to have more than token value. According to the code, each situation will be dealt with on an individual basis.

- Those foundation officers and employees who are compensated, except those specified as part-time, should not engage in outside employment. If such a situation does arise, the outside employment "should be disclosed in writing in the same manner as a conflict of interest."

"It's all very basic stuff for a code of ethics," Rutledge said. "This is the minimum we expect from our foundation representatives. We've got a good group, though, and I'm confident they'll all go above the call of duty when it comes to helping Western."

Regents working on ethics

Western's Board of Regents has considered passing a similar code of ethics in an effort to avoid any conflicts of interest,

not that any have arisen so far, Meredith said.

Faculty Regent Ray Mendel brought the idea up at a meeting last fall.

Since then, however, Meredith said there has been little time to look into the idea, "but it's something I'm sure we all want and will make time for when we can."

Western is no different than other state universities that have discussed the idea but not acted upon it.

Frank Julian, a faculty regent at Murray State University, said its board brought up the idea as recently as two meetings ago.

"But we're about like everyone else," Julian said. "We already feel like we're doing the right thing and though we want a code of ethics in written form, there just isn't enough time during the school year to do it. Maybe this summer."

That's typical, said Carol Brubaker, assistant director of programs with the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

"For the most part, colleges probably are acting according to a code of ethics, whether they have one in place or not," she

said. "We're just here to offer advice and help for when they decide to put it in writing."

'It never hurts'

Many of the association's recommendations are simple, Brubaker said, including supporting the president and enhancing the university's public image.

Other recommendations call for special attention regarding potential conflicts of interest and possible litigation.

"It's basically common sense stuff that all boards need to know and most do," she said. "But it never hurts to have a guide to go by."

Richard Freed, a faculty regent at Eastern Kentucky University, said there never have been any questions regarding a code of ethics with Eastern's board.

"But it's something we might want to look into at some time," he said.

"As a university representative or leader, though, you need to handle each situation as it evolves and a written plan can't always be followed word for word."



Black History Month

Jewelry, art give taste of black culture

By SHERRY I. WILSON

African-American cultural items that can't be bought in Bowling Green were on sale yesterday during Vendor Day in Downing University Center lobby.

Prints of "A Tribute to Buffalo Soldiers," "Mack's Barbershop," and Moses hung on displays next to modern prints of a black church scene and a jazz saxophonist.

"It's a chance to show our community not only our history but our art and heritage," said Gerald Spates, Minority Student Support Services assistant director.

Vendors sold African-American art, greeting cards, craft works, jewelry and clothing. Vendor Day was sponsored by Minority Student Support Services as part of Black History Month Activities.

Cincinnati senior Mondo Watts said he didn't know what he would buy, but he did like the print of Moses.

"You don't see that type of art around," he said. Students could buy the prints for a cheaper price without frames.

The average price of the framed prints was between \$35 and \$150, said Prentis Turange of Nashville's Arts and Images.

"We made an effort to come down here so that the students here have a chance to buy their cultural things," he said. "I think that's one of the reasons their minority student development contacted us. We feel that this is a program that students will appreciate."

Specialized black fraternity and sorority prints and posters were also for sale.

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Graduates running toward Olympic goal

◆ Two former track team members are training in Arizona

By KENDALL CLINTON

Ashley and Andrea Webster-Johnson's lives revolve around running. It's what brought Ashley to America and ultimately what brought the couple together.

"If I hadn't married Ashley, I wouldn't be running, there's no doubt about that," Andrea said.

Ashley, a native of King Williams Town in the eastern Cape of South Africa, came to Western in 1980 on a track scholarship.

He said that he knew by the time he was 12 years old that he wanted to be a serious runner.

"It was the only thing I was good at," he said. "People started to notice me."

Within a few years he was running some of the country's fastest times in the 800- and 1,500-meter events in his division.

Scholarship offers began to arrive, and he chose Western. Andrea also had an early passion for running. "I became very serious when I was 13," she said.

She ran track and cross-country for five years, earned 10 letters and set standing school records in the 800- and 1,600-meter events.

Meanwhile, Ashley was busy setting records at Western. He holds the school record in the 1,500-meter event, ran the first indoor sub-four minute mile in Kentucky and also held the school record for the 1,000 yards.

Ashley stayed in Bowling Green after graduation and began his professional running career.

Andrea came to Western in 1984 and the two met through friends on the track team.

They started dating during

her sophomore year and were married in June 1988 after she graduated.

Marrying Ashley had a great influence on Andrea. Meeting other professional runners through Ashley made her realize that they were just normal people with a special gift and that she could run on their level, she said.

Both of them ended up running with sponsorships from Nike and have recently switched to the ASICS company.

Even after graduating, Andrea kept ties to Western, managing the Student Telephone Service for four and a half years.

But a little less than a year

"You're dang good if you even get to try out for the team."

— Andrea Webster-Johnson
Western graduate

ago, they decided that their best career opportunity would be to move to Arizona.

"Most of the good track meets are on the west coast," Andrea said.

She also said Arizona has better facilities and training conditions.

Good training conditions are very important too, since both of them are going to make an attempt at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

To try out for the Olympic team, runners have to run a qualifying standard to run in the trials.

"You're dang good if you even

get to try out for the team," Andrea said.

Ashley has already run a qualifying standard allowing him to try out for the Olympic marathon, but he has another event he wants to qualify in.

"I have more experience in the 10,000 meters on the track," Ashley said.

He's already decided that he would choose the 10,000 meters over the marathon if he makes it in both events.

Andrea hopes to try out for the 1,500-meter event but hasn't run a qualifying standard yet.

They both credit a lot of their success to their coach, Robert Vaughn, who has coached many former Olympians.

"He's really turned Andrea's running around from night to day and he's done the same for me," Ashley said.

Vaughn said Ashley's working his way to the top.

"He has to be in really good condition to compete against the top people and he has the talent to do it," Vaughn said.

"Andrea is still progressing," he said. "She hasn't reached the top level, she's reached national class, but she hasn't reached the top 10 status."

But Andrea doesn't believe a ranking means everything. She said that running in the Olympic trials is a one-time shot and only the top three finishers make the team, not the top three ranked.

"You've got to get to the meet, not injured, in good shape and ready to run," she said. "If you're injured on that day, you'd better forget it."

Neither of the two has decided when they'll retire from running.

"The woman who was ranked number one in the world in my event this year happens to be 42 years old," Andrea said. "I could see myself doing it until my late 30's easily."

Olympic bound? Plan now

By KENDALL CLINTON

It's over a year away, but you should start planning now if you want to attend the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

The two big items that need to be considered are tickets and lodging.

Those wanting to purchase tickets will be looking at prices ranging from \$8 to \$250 per event and from \$200 to \$600 for opening and closing ceremonies. Specific event prices are not yet available.

Ticket sales, which begin May 1, will be conducted by selected retail outlets across the nation, which have not yet been named.

If there is an excessive request for tickets for a competition, between May 1 and June 30, organizers will distribute those seats through a "FairTix" lottery. People receiving seats will be notified sometime this fall.

All tickets will be delivered to customers in mid-1996. Information about tickets is available at 1-404-744-1996.

Getting tickets is only half of the challenge, though. Once you have those, you'll need a place to stay.

Dusty Rhoades, executive vice president of Private Housing 1996, Inc., said that hotels in Atlanta have already been taken by sponsors and national and international Olympic committees.

Olympic officials and sponsors get first priority on all the rooms, with leftover rooms available to ticket holders.

But one alternative is RSVP GRITS (Great Reservations in the South), which is a bed and

breakfast reservation company representing about 40 establishments.

"What I have available starts at \$100 a night, including breakfast," said Marty Barnes, RSVP GRITS coordinator.

Additional information on RSVP GRITS can be obtained by calling 1-800-823-7787 or 1-404-843-3933.

For those who can't find or afford a room, camping out is a good alternative.

The Georgia Parks and Recreation Department maintains 59 camping facilities around the state, all with water and electrical service.

Campgrounds are cheaper than hotels, with prices starting at \$10 a night. Prices will vary depending on location and available sites.

The nearest campgrounds are 45 minutes from Atlanta, which is closer than some of the hotels that will be housing Olympic fans.

Radcliff sophomore Heather Lowe said she would camp out if she were going to the Olympics.

"For one, it would be an adventure, going to the Olympics," she said. "And then camping out would just make it that much more fun."

She said the money she would save could be used for T-shirts and souvenirs.

Information on campsites and other accommodations can be found by calling 1-800-VISIT-GEORGIA and asking for "Georgia on My Mind," a free state travel guide.

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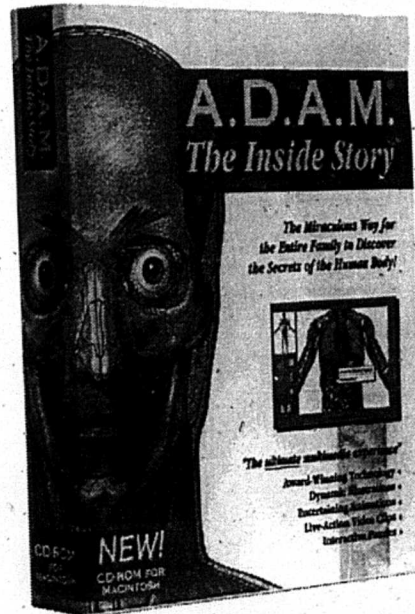
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PEEPING TOMS: 'Guys are going to be guys'

BY MELISSA GAGLIARDI

Louisville sophomore Laura Kilgore and some friends were hanging out in the hall on the eighth floor of Bemis Lawrence Hall when something caught her eye.

A group of guys in Barnes-Campbell were shining flashlights at them from the sixth floor.

Kilgore flashed the hall lights to signal out her phone number. Two minutes later, the guys called.

She said the group decided to go out one night, and she has been dating one of the guys ever since. That was the second week of classes in August 1993.

Because some of the dorms on campus are so close, communicating with people in other buildings can be easy. Kilgore said it was really easy to see into the whole side of her dorm.

"Every time I looked out, there were guys staring out the windows," Kilgore said. "I know for a fact a couple of guys over there have binoculars."

She said she kept her blinds pulled most of the time because she didn't want them looking at her.

"I can see where it would make someone uncomfortable," she said.

Public safety officer Audrey Spies said there's no law against looking out your own window. She said students need to take precautions and close their blinds.

"You can look if you want," she said. But it hasn't been much of a problem, and Peeping Toms only surface occasionally, she said.

Housing director Kit Tolbert said that because of the way some of the dorms are positioned, Peeping Toms can be a problem. She said she hadn't heard of any complaints, but

that it would be a police matter. Tolbert said if someone was having a problem with a Peeping Tom, the victim could contact the hall director to find out which room the person was in.

"I'd handle it the way I would if I found there was someone looking in around my house," Tolbert said.

The valley, where Gilbert, McCormack and Rodes-Harlin are located, used to be all female so peeping was never an issue there, she said. But Tolbert said she could understand how problems might develop there now that Gilbert and Rodes-Harlin are coed.

"They are closer in proximity than other buildings on campus."

Edmonton sophomore Tina Reece lives in Rodes-Harlin and said she can see into other people's windows and is sure they can see into hers. She said she sometimes changes clothes without thinking about pulling the blinds first.

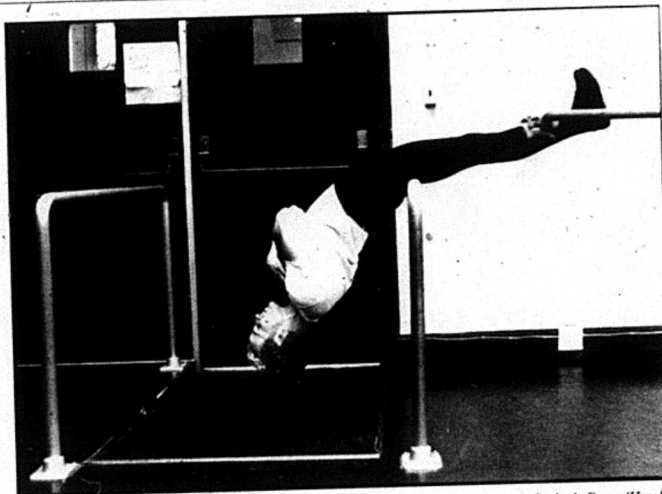
"Who would just sit there and look out the window?" she said. "It's against the law."

Reece said if someone is caught looking into people's rooms, they should be penalized and have to do community service.

Elizabethtown sophomore Roy Hays said a few guys in Gilbert often watch a girl in McCormack. He said they were reported by the R.A. but the situation was blown out of proportion. He said they shouldn't have gotten in trouble for it.

Hays said the group goes to the end of the hall to smoke, where they can see into her room. He said she must know they're watching and just doesn't care.

"Guys are going to be guys," he said.



Stefanie Boyar/Herald

Back breaker: John Jordan, a junior from Franklin, Tenn., stretches during dance practice last week for the spring program in Gordon Wilson Hall.

♦ Movie review

'Hoop Dreams' is 1994's finest

BY CARA ANNA

Here's the movie that should have won Best Picture.

The Belcourt Twin theater in Nashville is the first in this area to show "Hoop Dreams."

It's a three-hour documentary of two high school basketball players in Chicago. The story begins with the players as freshmen and ends with the two at separate colleges, still pursuing their dreams of the NBA.

We at Western had the chance to see one of those players. Arthur Agee now is a starting senior for

Sun Belt Conference rival Arkansas State.

Funny, but Arthur's performance that night slipped right through my mind. He was just another player.

"Hoop Dreams" changed that. It showed me things I wish I could witness as a reporter — speeches in the locker room and the coach's office, places where players live, recruiting visits, blue-chip camp seminars.

The whole movie is like watching a game. You urge shots to go in during the game scenes, but you also wince when one of the

boys falls with an injury in front of the country's top college coaches.

You feel skeptical as you watch Marquette coach Kevin O'Neill, now at Tennessee, sell his program to one of the players.

And you shudder a little when nationally known recruiting "guru" Bob Gibbons admits exactly what his job is — serving up "professional meat" for teams.

By the end of "Hoop Dreams," the two players can't be wrapped up in Gibbons' neat package. You've seen too much.

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Hall governments offer students voice, pool tables

By KRISTINA GOETZ

Twenty-four hour visitation, a new pool table and a vacuum cleaner. These are all things that students who live in dorms want. Hall government is one way to get the things they want.

Kelli Peck, Central Hall director, said these kinds of organizations are important to students because they give them a voice. But not all hall governments are the same.

"Each residence hall has been able to define their own hall government within a definitive parameter," she said. "Some hall governments are just social while others are more legislative."

Peck said the hall government is as successful as its members make it. Some are very successful and others are not.

Several hall governments are planning activities within the next few weeks.

Members of Keen Hall government are discussing a gambling casino night to raise money

for a new pool table.

"We would sell refreshments to the participants and use the money to buy a pool table for the hall. Nothing is final yet," said Louisville freshman Brandon Goben, president of Keen Hall government.

Members of Central Hall are working on a bigger project. During a recent hall government meeting students discussed the idea of 24-hour visitation.

Paducah senior Kristen Anderson, Central Hall government president, said this project started last semester and has been discussed with Dave Parrott, director of Residence Life.

"Dave Parrott talked to us about the possibility. If we could show the administration a large enough percentage of residents who wanted it, we would have a better chance," she said.

The 24-hour visitation idea is still in its preliminary stages. However, students plan to continue discussing it.

Hall governments don't just

work within their dorms though. Brian Kuster, Residence Life assistant director, said every dorm has a representative who attends the meetings of the Residence Hall Association.

This group meets every Tuesday in Downing University Center to plan activities on campus. One project RHA is working on is a fund-raiser to erect a monument somewhere on campus, with Western's creed on it, Kuster said.

Kuster said most hall governments organize fund-raisers to purchase things students want for their dorms such as coffee and ice machines.

"Other hall governments have bought vacuum cleaners for students to check out at the front desk," he said.

Peck said the success of any hall government depends on its leadership and participation.

"Each meeting is open and anyone who comes has a vote. It can be a very successful program if enough students participate," she said.

RHA, dorms updating constitutions

By KIM LAMASTUS

The Residence Hall Association is changing its constitution to make communication between it and hall governments run smoothly.

"It's really more like updating and being more specific than rewriting it," said Rex Kendall, RHA co-advisor.

Shorty Hayes, Legislative Affairs Committee president, said the main change is the impeachment process of the hall government president.

"One hall president came to us saying that she was impeached, but neither she nor we knew anything about it until it was over," he said. "After the change, RHA will have to be informed about the impeachment."

Another change requires

executive council members to have at least a 2.0 grade-point average, Hayes said. Before, only hall presidents had to meet the requirement.

Kendall said the constitution is being changed because the number of residents has increased.

"Since we are the voice of the residents, we really need to reflect their changing views," he said.

The changes will point out the exact powers of RHA, he said.

The constitution hasn't officially been rewritten, Hayes said. "Before the changes are made, we will meet with the hall presidents and see if they have any suggestions or comments."

Kendall said RHA doesn't know when changes will be voted on by the LAC.

Under the new constitution, each hall with an active government will have its own constitution. Kendall said.

McCormack Hall will meet at 9 p.m. Sunday to discuss its constitution.

"We really don't know what is going into it," said Nashville freshman Allyson Wood, McCormack government president.

"We all need to have a constitution because each dorm is different and have their own ideas," said Wood, a Nashville freshman. Eddyville senior Mike Keeney, assistant hall director at McCormack, also favors separate constitutions.

"RHA wants each hall to be successful on its own," Keeney said.

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Sports

Jackson's double-double leads Western

By MICHAEL SCOTT

On a night when most of his teammates struggled in the first half, senior forward Deon Jackson was well on his way to a career game.

Jackson scored 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the first half as Western overcame a 17-point first-half deficit to win 83-71 at Oral Roberts.

"We've got a lot of good players on this team," Jackson said. "I just felt we had to bang in there and do a little rebounding ourselves."

Jackson finished with 17 points and a career-high 19 rebounds.

With about 12 minutes to play in the first half, Western trailed Oral Roberts 27-10, prompting Coach Matt Kilcullen to call timeout.



Deon Jackson

"We just said, 'Don't lose our composure,'" Kilcullen said. "There's still a long way to play."

The Toppers (20-3, 15-1 in the Sun Belt) came out after the timeout, went on a 16-0 run and pulled to within one point, 27-26. But the Golden Eagles (10-14) came right back with a 10-0 run and led the Toppers 39-35 at halftime.

The Eagles were led by freshman guard Tim Gill, who scored 24 points. Forward Rocky Walls chipped in 16 points.

Jackson, who broke his previ-

ous career high of 12 rebounds set in last year's 87-55 win over Oral Roberts, said the team came out stronger in the second half.

"We definitely came out more focused," Jackson said. "We couldn't rush our shots against the triangle-and-two. But we have to put two good halves together, or someone is going to get us."

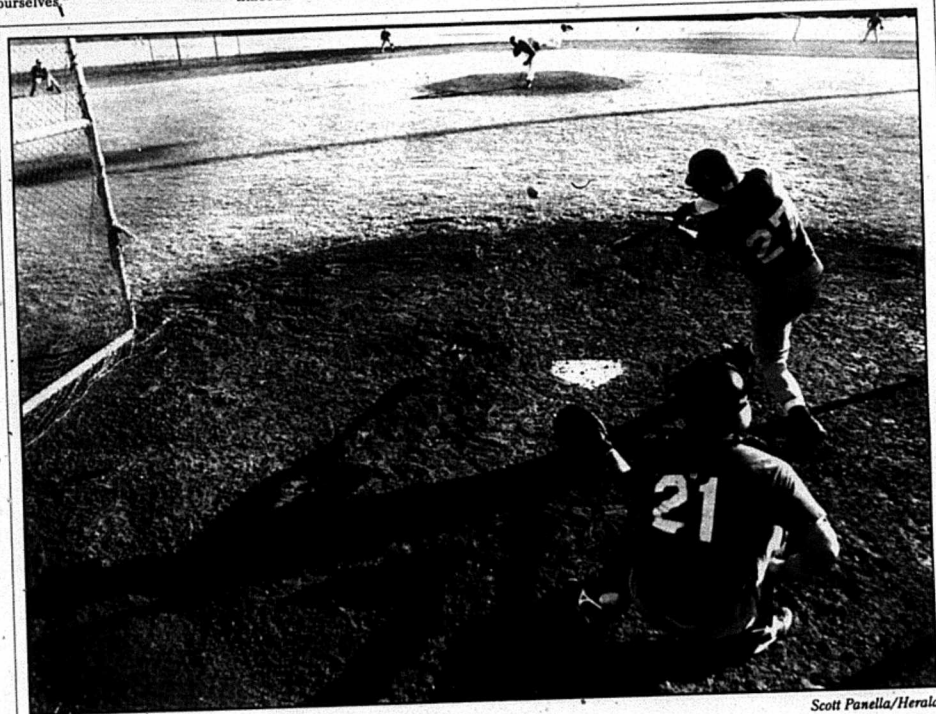
The Toppers came out strong in the second half and led 62-49 with just under 11 minutes to play. Kilcullen said the Eagles tried to take the Toppers out of

their game by switching zone defenses.

"Defensively, we picked it up in the second half," Kilcullen said. "Down the stretch, defensively, we got them. When their shooters are on the bench you go with the zone, and when they came into the game, we went back to man."

Oral Roberts refused to go away, however. With four minutes to play, the Eagles cut the Topper lead to six. But on Western's next possession, junior

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Scott Panella/Herald

Sophomore infielder Josh Patton takes a cut while junior catcher Eric Metzger watches from behind the plate during practice at Nick Denes Field on Saturday. The Toppers have been picked to finish seventh in the Sun Belt Conference.

'Overlooked' Tops ready for opener

◆ Western's first game is tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Southeast Missouri State

By ERIC S. VICKREY

After a disappointing season last year in which it did not qualify for the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, Western's baseball team is looking to rebound this season and surprise the conference's coaches.

The Toppers (22-27 last year) were picked to finish seventh out of the Sun Belt's 10 teams in the preseason coaches' poll but are hoping to prove the coaches wrong.

"It makes us feel they don't think we are good enough," said Carlos Atkins, a junior

college transfer and center fielder. "We have to go out and be better than that." Senior catcher James Davis said he feels the ranking can only help the Toppers later in the season.

"People are going to overlook us down the stretch," he said. "They will come in thinking we aren't a good team, but then we will show them how we can really play."

The Toppers open the season tomorrow at Southeast Missouri State at 1 p.m. Western is returning some seasoned veterans and has added several junior college transfers to give the team some depth they have lacked in the past.

Although there are several new players, Davis said team chemistry hasn't been a problem.

"We are more in synch this year than any

time since I have been here," Davis said. "Everyone has a feel for everyone else. If we get some good W's early, it will help us in the long run."

The Toppers have a tough schedule this season and will face five preseason top 40 teams in South Alabama, Lamar, Jacksonville, Oklahoma State and Rice. Western also will face Southeastern Conference foes Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

The squad had its first outdoor practice last weekend after a grueling month and a half of practices in the old Kroger building on Nashville Road.

"It could hurt us early in the season," Davis said. "Most other teams should be reaching their peak about a month earlier

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Coach unhappy after big victory

By DAN HIEB

Coach Paul Sanderford was not happy with what he saw Sunday afternoon in Diddle Arena. Sanderford said the Lady Toppers (20-3) gave an uninspired performance, sleep-walking through most of their 85-63 win over New Orleans (10-13).

"I'm not pleased with anything about today except it's a W," Sanderford said. "We made freshman mistakes. We didn't handle the

◆ The Lady

Toppers

ran their

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Sunday.

press very well. We looked like a rag-tag basketball team until the last six minutes of the game."

Sloppy play dominated the first half, as Western fell behind 19-8 before fighting its way back to a 35-30 halftime advantage.

After an official timeout with 15:14 left in the first half, the Lady Toppers played bad enough for Sanderford to call for another timeout just 47 seconds later.

Western then came out and continued to struggle, prompting Sanderford to toss his game program onto the sideline after calling another timeout with 12:10 left in the half.

"I told the kids at halftime that it looked like before the game I'd taken a van and gone to the east side of Bowling Green and picked up two people, gone to the west side and picked up two and to the south side and picked up two; to the north side and picked up two and, on top of that, they didn't like each other. And they've never practiced together and never practiced together," Sanderford said.

The Lady Toppers finally got

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Catcher

First base

Second base

Third base

"Patton is obviously a strong

— **Joel Murrie**
baseball coach

offensive player," Murrie said. "He has worked very hard and does a good job defensively. He swings the bat from the left side which is a real plus. Last season as a freshman, Josh was one of the best hitters in the entire league."

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Pitchers

"There are a lot of question marks here but only in terms of experience," Murrie said. "Andy and Greg have got the experi-

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COACH: Abell gets 12 points off bench

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going in the second part of the second half.

Freshman guard Laurie Townsend was among the players who couldn't pull it together until the final minutes.

"Laurie Townsend stunk up the gym for the first 30 minutes," Sanderford said. "She made freshman mistakes that you can't make in crunch-time situations. I thought she played good down the stretch, but the first 35 minutes she was sleep-walking just like everybody else."

Senior forward Gwen Doyle led all scorers with 24 points, while junior guard Dawn Warner added 14 and senior center Lori Abell came off the bench to toss in 12 points. Townsend led the team with six assists.

New Orleans relaxed its defense midway through the second half after getting into deep foul trouble. While the only player to foul out for New Orleans was starting guard Dafi Maziur, three other starters finished the game with four fouls. Western took advantage of the relaxed defense to build the deceptively lop-sided final margin of 22 points.

"I was pleased with our performance, because I thought our kids gave their all," New Orleans coach Joey Favalaro said. "We don't have the depth to even come close to

Western, but we were trying to push them as long as we could."

Sanderford, on the other hand, wasn't as pleased.

"I could see Lamar written all over that ballgame from the start, in our mental approach and the way we were half a step slow reacting to what should have been done," he said.

Western has five more days before its next game against Arkansas State at 2:30 in Diddle Arena on Sunday. While the Lady Toppers got yesterday and today off from practice, the next five days probably won't be nearly as relaxing.

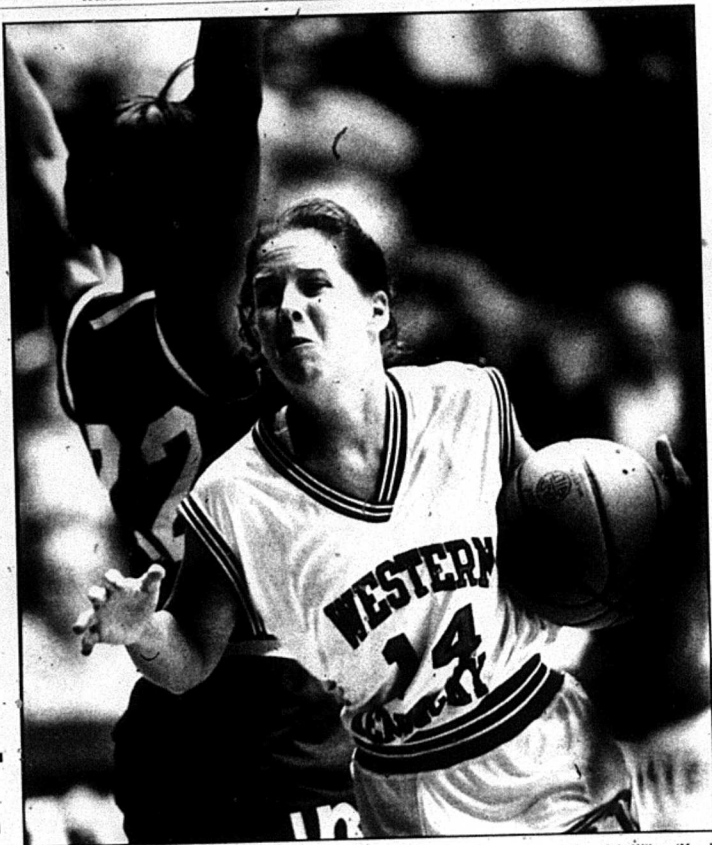
"We're 20-3, but we've got to get a heck of a lot better if we're going to beat good teams," Sanderford said. "They better bring their running shoes on Wednesday."

The win gave Sanderford his twentieth 20-win season in 21 years of coaching.

"This is the hardest I've ever worked for a 20th win, he said. "I don't know if I coached well, but this was as hard as I've ever coached to get us through a ball game. We were searching for a lineup the whole game. I didn't feel comfortable with any of them until late."

The Lady Toppers' 19th win of the season came Thursday at South Alabama.

Western beat the Lady Jaguars 91-55.



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Freshman Laurie Townsend drives around a defender on Sunday during the Lady Toppers' 85-63 win over New Orleans. The victory gave Coach Paul Sanderford his twentieth 20-win season in 21 years of coaching. He said his team will have to get better if it expects to beat good teams down the stretch. Western is 20-3, 9-2 in the Sun Belt.

♦ Sports brief

Swim team wins 52-14 over Union

The Hilltoppers (15-1) ended their regular season with a 52-14 win over Union College on Sunday in the Preston Health and Activities Center.

Coach Bill Powell said the meet was basically to allow Union to qualify some swimmers for its NAA national meet and to let Western divers try out different dives before Western's next meet, the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships in Cleveland, March 1-4.

"It really let us relax and get into the right mind before Easterns," sophomore Brandon Ungetheim said.

Powell said the meet gave Western the chance to let some swimmers compete in events they don't normally swim in. "We learned a lot in this meet," he said. "We had three walk-ons who won two meets each."

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guard Michael Fralix quieted the Eagles' fans with a three-point shot from the top of the key.

"Michael hit a key three-point shot for us," Kilcullen said. "They were trying to take us out of our rhythm with the zones. But against teams that play a lot of zones, Michael will play well."

Jackson led five Toppers in double figures against the Eagles. Junior forward Chris Robinson had 16 points and nine rebounds, and Fralix added 16 points.

Kilcullen said he was disappointed with the play of his bench in the game. Senior guard Jeff Rogers, with 11 points, was the only non-starter who scored.

"I thought our bench should have played better tonight," Kilcullen said. "It's tough, playing three games in five days. But anyone on the court needs to know where they are."

Robinson scores 40

Saturday afternoon in Diddle Arena, the Toppers beat South Alabama 93-78. Robinson led the Toppers with 40 points and 13 rebounds.

Darrin Horn's free throw with four seconds in the game was the 1,000th point of his career, making him the 32nd Topper to reach the mark.

The win came two days after the Toppers' 70-68 come-from-behind win at Arkansas Little Rock Thursday night. Robinson, who had 17 points in the game, was named this week's Sun Belt Player of the Week.

Western (83)

Jackson 6-10 0-1 17, Robinson 6-14 2-5 16, Hall 4-7 1-7 9, Fralix 4-10 3-6 16, Horn 3-5 2-4 14, Rogers 5-10 0-1 11, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Flowers 0-0 0-0 0, Thornton 0-0 0-2 0, Holley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-56 20-39 83.

Oral Roberts (71)

Walls 6-12 0-0 16, Crenshaw 2-5 1-3 8, Hanna 3-5 0-0 6, McClellan 3-4 0-0 11, Gill 8-18 4-6 24, Sorett 0-0 0-0, Kruse 1-4 1-1 4, Thomson 0-0 0-0 0, Abbage 0-2 0-2 0, Young 1-2 0-2 2. Totals 24-52 17-23 71.

Halftime: Oral Roberts 39, Western 35. 3-point goals: Western 7-17 (Jackson 0-1, Robinson 2-5, Fralix 3-6, Horn 2-4, Rogers 0-1), Oral Roberts 6-12 (Crenshaw 1-3, Gill 4-6, Kruse 1-1, Abbage 0-2). Rebounds: Western 45 (Jackson 19), Oral Roberts 28 (Walls 8). Assists: Western 17 (Horn, Rogers 4), Oral Roberts 16 (McClellan 6).

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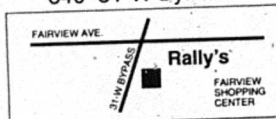
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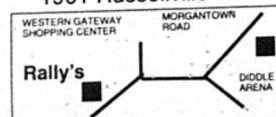


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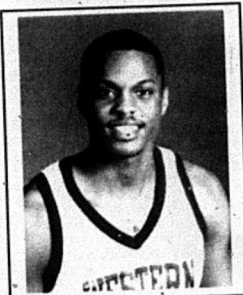


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