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Admission may require 20 ACT

By Karin Lowe

Three options for admissions standards in the "Moving to a New Level" proposal were outlined by President Thomas Meredith during an open forum Friday.

About 150 faculty and staff members and a few students attended the session in Downing University Center.

"One of the steps of 'Moving to a New Level' is trying to raise the quality of those entering our institution, particularly those entering our degree programs," Meredith said.

Along with the required pre-college curriculum, Western now requires students to have a score of 17 on the ACT or a 2.2 grade point average. New Level proposes to increase those standards.

"I don't think we can get where we need to go if we don't do this," Meredith said.

The average ACT score for first-time freshmen in fall 1994 was 21.22.

Meredith presented three options Friday regarding admissions standards.

even
higher
learning?
Moving to a
New Level

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With no volunteers, escort service stalls

By Melissa Gagliardi

Students have been walking alone in the dark this semester because the Student Escort Service has been long on volunteers.

"Right now, as far as I know we don't have any showing up," said campus police officer Audrey Spies.

Spies said officers have tried to help as much as possible, but they have to serve crime matters first.

"Their safety is a priority. But sometimes we can't get to them at all," she said.

Spies said this is the first year no one has shown up. "I don't know what it would take to get volunteers."

Campus police has run ads in the newspaper, on televi-

SEE VOLUNTEER, PAGE 3



'They think this school is so special'

It was a day of slime, science and sign language. Western is hosting a series of "Super Saturday Seminars" for about 700 gifted children in the first through sixth grades. Story, page 10

Above, Joshua Berry, 11, talks after class with "World of Caves" teacher Jon Jasper while Hart Carwell, 9, and Heidi Vanzant, 10, hit each other with caving posters. The final two Saturday classes will be spent exploring local caves.

At right, Rowland Crafton, 6, enjoys a cup of soap and water in the Bubble Room.

photos by Mike Sweeney



OBSTACLE: 'There's only so much you can do with the Hill'

More than five years after President George Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act into law, Western is still making changes to comply.

The Herald will examine the situation in this and the next two issues. Our project found:

◆ An estimated 550 people on campus have a disability, and 195 of them have asked Western for help.

◆ Jan. 26 was the deadline for Western to meet ADA requirements, but with little money to provide services or make physical changes to the Hill, the university is try-

ing to meet needs on a case-by-case basis.

◆ Western has received \$1 million from the state to help bring campus into compliance with ADA

guidelines, but the university architect says it will take an estimated \$3 million

total. Only two buildings on campus, the Preston Health and Activities Center and Potter Hall, are in complete compliance.

◆ During January's Board of Regents meeting, the university attorney said Western's ADA office was the least funded of any at the eight state universities.

Western
—AND—
ADA
AN UPHILL BATTLE

◆ Four students with disabilities explain. See portraits, page 7; related story, page 6

By Melissa Gagliardi

Madisonville senior Sean Ligon was born with cerebral palsy, and although there is nothing physically wrong with his body, his brain doesn't know how to tell his legs to move.

The print journalism major said he has a mild case, which mostly affects his balance.

"I think I was lucky."

Luck has a role in other parts of Ligon's life as well. "If I can get a parking place, everything is okay."

Without a car, Ligon said he wouldn't be able to make it around campus.

Ligon walks with the help of crutches, and he drives from building to building on campus. Once his car broke down and he had to walk down the Hill. "I never want to do that again in my life."

Often, Ligon parks in "no park-

ing" places and yellow zones because all of the handicap spots are taken. He's never had a ticket. "If I had to park in a handicap place every time, I'd be in trouble."

Getting inside buildings to his classes also can be troublesome because the doors are heavy and there are no automatic doors. Ligon said he attended the University of Louisville for two years before coming to Western and there were automatic doors on most buildings.

Also, because Gordon Wilson Hall doesn't have an elevator, most of Ligon's journalism classes have had to be moved. If a building is not accessible, Western is required to move classes for him, Ligon said.

'I crawled to my car'

Denise Maples, a junior from Littleton, Colo., has had similar problems at Western. "It was a stupid idea to put a college campus on a hill."

Maples said Western was founded during a time that people with disabilities were not in mind. "They're trying now to make it as

accessible as they can, but there's only so much you can do with the Hill."

Maples has spina bifida, a spinal problem that limits motor activity, and she can't walk without crutches.

She works as a night clerk in Central Hall and sometimes gets off work at 7 a.m. Once there was an ice storm and she couldn't walk to her car that morning. She called campus police for an escort, but since it was light out, they refused to help.

"I crawled on my hands and my knees to my car."

Maples said she has to be extra cautious to prevent accidents.

"If I fall and break a wrist, that's more than an inconvenience to me. That's missing six to eight weeks of class. I'd have to withdraw from school."

Bias exists, some say

Morgantown sophomore Kimberly Shain has been blind since she was 14 because of a rare disease which caused her retinas to detach.

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'A slave mentality'

Improving the black race means improving each other, a Kentucky State professor told students.

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Romance is in the air

"Dear snookums, you light up my life... signed, your stud muffin."

Love illness, page 9

Pop goes the record

Pop Thornton set a school record with eight blocks in last night's win over second-place New Orleans.

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◆ Campus line

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.

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 Jason Wray at 782-3948.

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.

I.A.B.C. sponsors a seminar on events coordinating, planning and marketing at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the fine arts center, Room 146. For more information, contact Mike Melchior at 796-8849.

American College of Healthcare Executives Student Association meets at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Garrett Center, Theresa W. Gerard Auditorium. For more information, contact David Collet at 745-2454.

Amazing Tones of Joy sponsors a revival at 6 p.m. tomorrow and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Baptist Student Center. For more information, contact Melissa Neal at 745-2725.

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

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at 8 p.m. Thursdays in West Hall Cellar. For more information, contact Richard Brannin at 745-5101.

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

Epilepsy Support Group meets at 8 p.m. Sundays in DUC stairwell. For more information, contact Jennifer Jones at 745-4165.

Students Right to Life meets at 5:15 p.m. Mondays in DUC, Room 230. For more information, contact Mike Scott at 781-2220.

Lambda Society, a gay and lesbian support group, meets at 6 p.m. Mondays. For more information, contact Larry Brown at 796-8062.

Black Student Fellowship sponsors a lecture at 7 p.m. Monday in the Baptist Student Center. For more information, contact A. Lona Spaulding at 745-3321.

◆ Clearing the air

A story in Thursday's Herald said money raised from Residence Hall Association's Black History quilt will all go to Minority Student Support Services. Half of the money will go to RHA.

A story in Thursday's Herald incorrectly identified Campus Police officer Audrey Spies. Also, the accompanying map should have said that a common place for accidents on campus is the left turn from 15th Avenue onto Big Red Way.



Craig Allen/Herald

Fancy footwork: Mike D. Sindelar practices flips on his skateboard Sunday afternoon near Garrett Center. He came from Franklin with his friend Jason Hester to skate at Western. The two are Franklin-Simpson High School students and describe themselves as "intermediate posers" when it comes to skating.

◆ For the record/crime reports

Reports

◆ Mickey Hugh Melton, Greenville, reported someone used his credit card and charged \$307.37 worth of merchandise on the account Jan. 17.

◆ Gretchen Bradshaw Niva, Cherry Hall, reported a wallet/checkbook, valued at \$15; \$86 in cash; three credit cards and a driver's license stolen from her office Feb. 1.

◆ Juliann Michelle Glas,

South Hall, reported someone punctured a tire, valued at \$65, while her car was parked in Page lot Friday.

◆ Eva Michelle Estep, Franklin, reported someone punctured two tires, valued at \$170, while her car was parked in Page lot Friday.

Arrests

◆ Edward Eugene LeBlanc, Clearwater, Fla., was arrested

and charged Feb. 4 with second-degree criminal trespassing for trying to sell magazines in dorms. He was released Feb. 6 from Warren County Regional Jail on a per court order.

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ACT: Tougher standards, transitional college possible

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Option one, the original plan, involves raising the ACT and GPA requirements over a three-year period. Every year the ACT would rise one point and the GPA would rise by a tenth of a point. For example, if started next year, the requirements in 1998 would be a 20 ACT or a 2.5 GPA.

There was talk that a university college or transitional college could be created as a transition situation for those who didn't meet the new standards, Meredith said.

The feedback was that the increase was too quick and needed to be slowed down, he said.

Option two proposes that students would not have to meet increased admission standards to come into the institution, but to come into degree programs, Meredith said.

The requirements would be determined for each major.

If students can't meet the requirements for their major upon graduation from high school, they could enter the institution on the basic standard of 17 or 2.2 and be placed in the "transitional college."

"It is simply a place where people would be housed while they are trying to get to a permanent place, with lots of advising and support," Meredith said.

According to the proposal, students could transfer into their desired majors after completing no less than 24 hours with the GPA required by their major. Students who do not meet the requirements within 30 hours would have to transfer to the community college to remain associated with Western.

"The concept is this — that degree

programs at Western would be stepped up," Meredith said. "They too would move to the next level in terms of demands and requirements."

"For your own benefit, students, we're not going to let you get into that fast moving stream until we're sure you're prepared to do so," he said.

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— Thomas Meredith
president

Option three spreads the increase in requirements out over a longer period of time. For full admission, it proposes raising the ACT requirements one point and the GPA one tenth of a point every two years until the year 2000.

With this option, students could still be admitted with a 17 or 2.2 into the transitional college, but must meet certain other requirements, which are unknown at this time.

"We don't want to throw you away but we've got to find something to do to make sure that you are up to snuff," Meredith said.

Students would have to earn their

way out of this status by proving themselves with college work, he said.

Attention focused on the admissions standards because a number of faculty and staff expressed concerns that the original plan may not be the best one, Meredith said.

He said another reason is because of information distributed last fall by the Council on Higher Education said counties in this part of the state have the fewest number of people involved in higher education.

"That sent a strong message to me that we need to make sure that whatever we did we kept the door open on access," he said. "There's always a struggling debate between quality and access."

Meredith takes vote

Meredith asked the people present to vote on the options by raising their hands. The majority chose the second option.

History Professor Fred Murphy preferred option two.

"I liked it better because it's more gradual," he said.

There would be confusion with each department setting their own standards especially since some students change majors, he said.

"Some majors could even end up being considered second class majors," he said.

Pam Herriford, assistant athletics director, said she still had questions about the transitional college.

Larry Caillouet, communications and broadcasting associate professor, said he likes the idea of a transitional college.

Western divorces community college

By Karin Lowe

At the open forum held Friday dealing with "Moving To A New Level," President Thomas Meredith said the divorce is now complete between Western's Community College and the university.

Because of different standards, community college classes are not mixed with university classes, he said.

In the past, a certain number of seats were assigned in university classes to the community college students, because there weren't enough students in the community college to make up full classes, said Jerry Boles, community college director.

Now, there are enough people enrolled in the community college to have individual classes, he said.

New Level proposes to move the community college to the Institute for Economic Development and Public Service, on Nashville Road. Details are still being worked out.

"The community college needs to be turned loose," Meredith said. "It needs to have the ability to become what it can become."

There would definitely be an increase in enrollment if the community college moved, Boles said.

Primarily because of access, the evening programs and the two-year degree programs would probably double in size, he said.

"It would do a tremendous boom to our evening program especially," Boles said.

Most evening classes are now held in four rooms of Grise Hall, he said. Day classes are held in the same rooms plus any other available rooms in various departments, he said.

VOLUNTEER: Campus police have had to escort students at night

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sion and on the radio and have posted leaflets, on bulletin boards. But they have received little response. Spies said people don't volunteer because there is no pay.

Sturgis senior Beth Truman said the problem could be eliminated if student escorts were offered incentives such as free

food or parking on campus.

"It doesn't have to be a big deal, just something," she said.

Truman said Western could offer volunteers something they could appreciate such as a banquet, automatic membership to the Hillraisers, or a break on the student activity fee.

"Or have Marriott give them a sub and a drink for every three hours while they're work-

ing," she said.

Adrienne Nobles, a freshman from Hermitage, Tenn., said that having police officers run the escort service is "adding another log to the fire" because they have so much to do already.

Nobles said it's not safe to

walk on campus alone. If someone called for an escort but none were available, Western's reputation could be hurt if something happened to that student, she said.

Spies said campus police receive a lot of calls for escorts.

In December the police answered 216 escort calls and almost 800 calls altogether last semester.

Anyone wanting information about volunteering as an escort can contact campus police at 745-2548 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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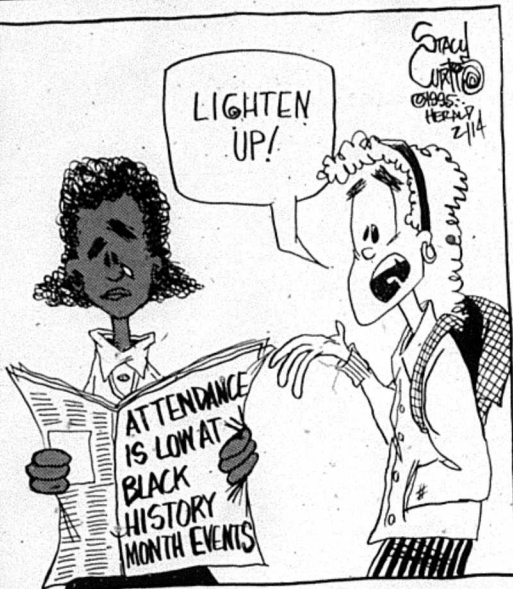
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Opinion

MINORITY ENROLLMENT IS THE LOWEST IT HAS BEEN IN THREE YEARS AT WESTERN.



♦ Our view/editorial

Programs outstanding; support lacking

It's February and it's Black History Month. Minority Student Support Services has coordinated an abundance of activities with campus organizations.

But unlike every other year, care was taken so events wouldn't conflict so more people could attend everything.

There has been a seminar on Greek desegregation among black and white fraternities and sororities. Programs have been held on topics such as religion and diversity. And the University Center Board paid about \$2,200 for Diane Dixon to perform a one-woman drama.

These programs have been consistently outstanding, but attendance has been consistently inconsistent. For example, the Dixon performance drew 20 people, and only five were students. About 12 students attended Thursday's Black History

and Religion Seminar. But the play "Passage to the Civil Rights Movement" drew almost 200 people Feb. 2.

Minority Student Support Services Director Phyllis Gatewood said she doesn't understand why some events would have such low turnout — there's an open invitation to everyone.

This is a time to educate and enlighten oneself. Isn't that what college is all about? And these programs aren't just for blacks, they are a learning experience for everyone, Gatewood said.

Minority enrollment is the lowest it's been in three years at Western. Could it be because some don't feel comfortable here?

Participation in and acceptance of these programs by all sorts of people are steps toward making minorities comfortable.

There are still two weeks of Black History Month left.

There's time. Here are some suggestions for increasing attendance:

♦ Some faculty members require students, or at least give them extra credit, to attend plays and other performances. Why not Black History Month programs?

♦ The Herald publishes dates and times of the activities and is covering several of them so people know what is going on.

♦ As Gatewood said, word of mouth is always an effective way to reach people. Announce the events in class, or ask your professor to announce it.

♦ Blacks could invite whites to these programs, if some whites are worried about feeling out of place.

In fact, feeling out of place might be a good learning experience. Maybe it would compare to what some of the 817 minorities on this campus feel.

♦ Your view/letters

"Painted Fences" indecent, immoral

I thought the "Painted Fences" in the Feb. 7 Herald was indecent, concerning the bear buying a condom for Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is more than having sex. After I thought about this a while, I realized that the one who writes the "Painted Fences" must have an immoral mind.

This "Painted Fences" did, however, illustrate what's wrong with our country. People are too sex-minded. I noted teaching youth to use a condom. Youth ought to be taught to wait until marriage. I feel a warning sign should be put on every condom machine like, "Abstinence is the best policy if you are concerned about your life."

Maybe that warning is teaching morality and considered a "no-no," but if immorality can be taught by saying "as long as you use a condom, it's all right to sin," shouldn't the other side be presented? A one-sided university is a disgrace and a threat to its very purpose.

Woody Rees
Owensboro junior

Natcher, Kafoglis deserve buildings

I am responding to the letter of a couple weeks ago (Herald, Feb. 2) about naming the new building for the late Congressman William Natcher. I agree. Natcher well deserves the recognition. He truly cared about his people in Bowling Green.

Another man who has the same caring dedication is state Sen. Nick Kafoglis. At Thanksgiving time, last November, I sent a packet of information to the senator, regarding the lack of prosecution against an individual for the repetitious raping for 11 months of my mentally retarded sister.

There were many documents, two grand jury transcripts, two letters to the Commonwealth prosecutor, two evaluations, a two-page police report, three incident reports, newspaper reports, one complaint and one letter requesting special prosecution.

Kafoglis took the time during his own family holidays to review the material I sent to him and called me a week later to express his concern and sympathy.

The senator wrote to Attorney General Chris Gorman and asked him to carefully review the material I sent to him as well. Sen. Kafoglis went a step further and called me again, two weeks later, to inform me that the information sent to the Attorney General never arrived. I sent another one out.

Kafoglis cares about the people of Kentucky. He took the time for someone he's never met, during his own short holiday season. Kentucky has been blessed with both Natcher and Kafoglis. Let's not make it a posthumous dedication this time, but recognize Kafoglis now, for what he really is — a trusted leader.

Cathy Pippin
Bowling Green junior

Race unimportant, celebrate diversity

This is in response to Jef Polly, who wrote in concerning his curiosity as to why there is no White History Month. I am also a "white" person, but I prefer to be called Stacey. If the question of ethnicity comes up, then I will say I am collectively American. Not many Americans, with generations rooted in the United States, can honestly say they are of just one ethnic group.

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♦ PEOPLE POLL: What areas on campus need better lighting?

"I would say around the library and fine arts building because that's the places I come in the dark."



—Sharon Epley,
Auburn senior

"I don't know, I'm not around campus to know a lot. But most areas seem well-lit. Maybe around the girls' dorms."



—Dan Richardson,
Bowling Green freshman

"I think over there beside Grise as you're on your way to the library. I think they could use more there because we cut through there."



—Jessica Staten,
Glasgow freshman

"Underneath the library from the back parking lot. It's really scary walking through there."



—Jennifer Lynch,
Louisville senior

Painted Fences

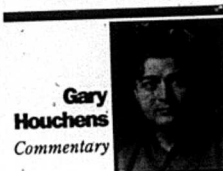


People share same basic values, few differences

In fact, it was during the 1992 presidential election that Holly and I got to know each other. We were both student workers in the English department, and we spent many afternoons in heated arguments about the candidates and issues. We spent ridiculous

In his best-selling book, "The Road Less Traveled" (if you haven't read this, go out and buy it now), psychiatrist M. Scott Peck defines love as "the will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth." Peck defines spiritual as a person's

This is not your typical Valentine's Day kind of love, but it's not as far out as it sounds. What Peck means is that love must involve doing something, and I'm not talking about holding hands



Gary Houchens
Commentary

All that may sound easy, but it sure wasn't for me. I can be a bull-headed, narrow-minded per-

The most surprising thing was finding we didn't really have that many differences. When we stopped arguing and started sharing, Holly and I discovered we really have the same basic values. And the things that separated us before turned out to be differences of perspective, experience, personal style or just misunderstandings. The important things — the way we relate to other people and what we want

People can learn a lot from each other, no matter how far apart they seem to be, whether they are dating or debating on the floor of Congress. But they have to love each other first. And as silly as that sounds, I believe it

♦ **Your view**/*Letters to the Editor*

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Think back to all the history classes you have ever had. How many women did you learn about who weren't given in reference to their husbands? Now ask how many African-Americans you became familiar with. For that matter, did

What you need to ask yourself is, why are you so threatened by people who are different from you? Fear comes from ignorance, so maybe you should take some courses in Intercultural Studies. While you're at it, take some courses in Women's Studies too, you might enjoy them. Of course there is an unspoken prerequisite to these classes—an open mind.

Stacey Simpson
Louisville sophomore

A student's guide to drinking

Although drinking slacks off a bit during the sophomore and junior years, it picks up again during the last year of college. Drinking is essential to the college senior who is paranoid about graduating and moving into the real world. Without plenty of alcohol, the senior year would be unbearable.

Although drinking is a valuable part of the college experience, there are several rules and guidelines that will enhance your four or five years of drunkenness.

What to drink

If you live on campus, the standard issue dorm refrigerator can hold about two cases of beer, and the freezer is just big enough to house your peppermint schnapps. Try to avoid buying bottled beer. First, although bottled beer tastes better than canned beer, it's too damn expensive. Use the

Where to yack

Yacking has nothing to do with the large, stocky, shaggy-haired wild ox of the Tibetan highlands, the yak. "Yack" is a verb, and means "to puke one's insides out."

It is not good manners to yack in church, class, a police car, courtroom or your girlfriend's lap.

**Alex
Rose**

Commentary



"Every authority on etiquette discusses how to put things into your stomach, but very few discuss how to get them back out in a hurry," O'Rourke said. "Actually, there is no way to making vomiting courteous. You have to do the next best thing, which is to vomit in such a way that the story you tell about it later will be amusing.... It's always good manners to provide entertainment."

Drinking and dating

The proper thing to do in the event that your woman is drunk is to hit Murray's in an attempt to sober her up. Buy her a cheeseburger and fries, and encourage her to drink at least five cups of coffee. After she's sober, make sure you stop by a convenient store on the way home for a pack of cigarettes.

The benefits of drinking

"If you are young and you drink a great deal it will spoil your health, slow your mind, make you fat—in other words, turn you into an adult," O'Rourke said. "Also, if you want to get one of those great red, beefy, impressive-looking faces that politicians and corporation presidents have, you had better start drinking early and stick with it."

Editor's note: Alex Rose is a senior psychology/public relations major from Nashville.

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ADA strives for equality at Western, in nation

By Karin Lowe

The Americans with Disabilities Act is considered the "emancipation proclamation" for people with disabilities, and it effects at least 550 people on Western's campus.

Jan. 26 marked the deadline for meeting the ADA requirements set three years ago.

The ADA, put into effect in January 1992, says people with disabilities will have the same opportunities as others in employment, public accommodations and services, transportation and telecommunications.

"The beauty of ADA ... is that you cannot discriminate because of disability," said Jane Jarrow, executive director of the Association on Higher Learning and Disability, based in Ohio.

Students with disabilities can call Western's Office of Disability



Huda Melky

Services at 745-5004 if they need note takers, note-taking materials, transcribers, interpreters or library research assistants.

Students also can get assistance if they need an accessible classroom or parking accommodations. One student asked the university for accommodation in 1992. The student was hearing impaired and needed a note taker, said Huda Melky, Western's ADA coordinator.

Now, 195 people, mainly students, have asked for accommodation, she said.

"I feel like a lot of the population will come forward and ask for accommodation because they will have more faith in the program and see others happy with it," Melky said.

Others have asked the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation state office for assistance but haven't disclosed their disabilities to Western, she said.

"If someone needs accommodation, we will find a way, one way or another, to accommodate their needs," Melky said. "We have the support from Dr. Meredith — not because it's the law, but because it's the right thing to do."

In 1992, Western evaluated

itself to see what it needed to do to make campus more accessible.

Next, Western had to write a progress report telling how it would eliminate problems found in the evaluation, Melky said.

To be in total compliance with

cooperative, said Sharon Fields, ADA special advisor to Gov. Brereton Jones.

Every semester, a consultant comes to educate the faculty, deans and administration about ADA, Melky said.

Last February, Fields spoke at three sessions at Western.

"The majority that attended the sessions seemed interested and asked good questions," Fields said. "I keep hearing statements that ADA is too costly. People come to that conclusion without finding out what costs will be."

People seem to think accommodation is going to be expensive, but the average cost of accommodation according to the Job Accommodations Network is \$250, she said.

The accommodations range from making alterations at work sites to providing modifications to computer equipment to make them accessible, Fields said.

The ADA opens the door and provides businesses with a whole new population of customers, she said.

"People with disabilities have to do all the same things everyone else does," Fields said.

In January, the Board of Regents approved hiring a full-

time secretary for the ADA office. "As far as positions and staffing, we are bare-boned," said Deborah Wilkins, university attorney.

Western is the least-funded ADA office of the eight state universities in Kentucky as far as staffing and salary, she said.

"But, we're doing a good job," Wilkins said.

United States sets example with ADA

ADA is the result of legislation that started in the 1970s. President George Bush signed the bill in 1990, and regulations implementing ADA were issued two years later.

Jarrow said everyone is taking a cue from the United States.

"ADA is one of the few places where the United States is way ahead of the rest of the world, in human rights in general and certainly in disability rights," Jarrow said.

She said no country has done as much as the United States to make people aware that those with disabilities are people first.

"We've done a lot, and I feel we're in good shape," Melky said.

Western —AND— ADA AN UPHILL BATTLE

ADA, universities want to meet the deadlines set forth in those reports, Fields said.

Those deadlines varied from one institution to another. If it took more than a year to complete changes, the changes made each year before Jan. 26, 1995 had to be identified in the report.

Every time Western has a new program or policy, it has to be checked to make sure it doesn't discriminate against people with disabilities, Fields said.

Western has been very

Freshman RA's in coed dorms

By Kim Lamastus

Some returning resident assistants are angry about freshmen and new RA's being picked over them for positions in coed halls.

Ekron senior Phil Madrid was upset about freshmen being assigned to coed dorms when returning RAs, such as himself, were turned down.

"I was upset at first, but then I realized that experience doesn't necessarily lead to quality," he said. "I know some other RAs were upset at the time, but when it's your job you can't really say anything."

It is unclear how many freshmen are RAs on campus. David Parrott, director of Residence Life, said a freshman RA in a coed dorm is possible but unlikely — and there are none currently.

But just last week, a freshman became an RA in a coed dorm: Residence Life hired Louisville freshman Billy Scaggs to fill an open RA position in Gilbert Hall.

"I don't see a problem with freshmen RAs in a coed if they have the qualifications," he said.

Scaggs said Residence Life didn't tell him why he was hired, they simply said it was an honor to be a RA in a coed dorm.

"I haven't had anyone complain to me about the situation so far," he said.

Elizabethtown freshman Brandon Goodin is an RA in New Coed Hall, but declined to answer questions. New Coed

Director Jim Dier also refused an interview.

Brian Kuster, assistant director of Residence Life, said that it would have taken an exception, such as age, maturity or a shortage of RAs before a freshman would be assigned to a coed dorm.

"Upper classman usually get their preference, but we do have a few freshmen RAs in a couple of the coed buildings," he said.

There is a new visitation policy this semester which allows RAs in single sex halls who are eligible to live in a coed hall to have 24-hour visitation, he said. Kuster said he believes the new policy, passed by President Thomas Meredith, will help the shortage.

Elizabethtown junior Karen Kist said she doesn't believe the placing of RAs has anything to do with the current shortage.

"I've heard people joking about freshmen being in the New Coed Hall, but I haven't heard anyone really upset about it," she said.

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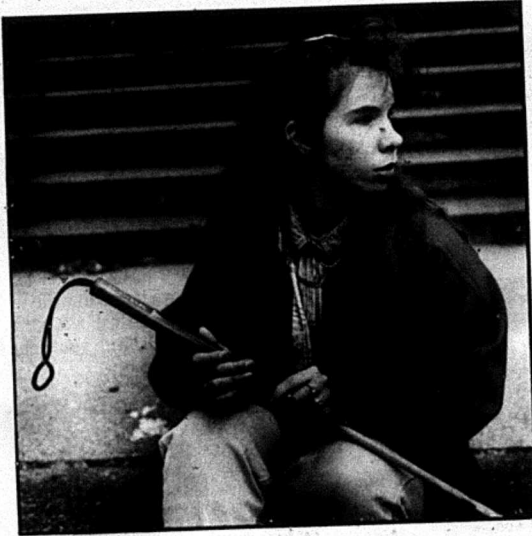
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"My biggest gripe is with the steps behind McLean Hall. I often get turned around on them, and I have fallen on them once already."

—MORGANTOWN SOPHOMORE KIM SHAIN



"If I fall and break a wrist, that's more than an inconvenience to me. That's missing six to eight weeks of class. I'd have to withdraw from school."

—DENISE MAPLES, A JUNIOR FROM LITTLETON, COLO.

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Each semester, an orientation and mobility instructor helps Shain learn routes to and from her classes, and she finds her way around with a cane. She said her first semester at Western was hard because of all of the steps, and the steps outside her dorm in McLean Hall are a "disaster."

She said there needs to be rails on all of the stairways. "I fell once, when it wouldn't have happened had there been a rail there."

Shain started Students Helping Students to raise awareness about people with disabilities last semester. She said she wants to change some of the stereotypes people have and wants to help make campus more accessible. She said Western needs more ramps, elevators and rails, and that the Big Red Shuttle and library need to be made accessible.

But the worst problem Shain has had was when a teacher told her he would not make any special allowances for her. "I've encountered ignorance before, but this was blatant discrimination."

"When you have a disability, every day is a struggle.... When you find someone educated at a university level to discriminate against you, it really breaks your determination and spirit."

But overall, she said professors "have been better than I could even hope."

They put syllabi on computer disks which she can listen to, and some tests are given orally or on computer disks.

WESTERN NEEDS MORE THAN RAMPS

Bowling Green freshman Matt Davis uses a wheelchair to get around campus and was happy to see new ramps put in, but he said Western could use more.

Davis has spina bifida and can walk with crutches, but he uses the wheelchair most of the time. He relies on elevators and said if they're not working, he can't get to class. Once he was in a class on the third floor of Cherry Hall when the elevator broke down. Several people had to help him back to the ground floor step by step.

Some restrooms are not accessible to him, and he said there is no plan of escape for him if there is a fire.

But he said Western is great about keeping the wrong people from parking in handicap spots, and his professors have been helpful.

"It just takes time getting things done," he said. "ADA hasn't really been pushed."



"It just takes time getting things done. ADA hasn't really been pushed."

—BOWLING GREEN FRESHMAN MATT DAVIS

Photos by Chris Stanford



Teak Phillips/Herald

Be my Valentine: Elizabethtown senior Shai Levya hugs Scott Bush, of Bowling Green, early Friday morning at Murray's on 31-W Bypass. The two had been at the Sawmill, where Bush is a bouncer.

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Miles away. Thinking
of you. Have a great
day. I love you!
Blondi

Jane,
I love you every
second of every day.
Please be my
Valentine.

Love,
Rob

Kellie Evans,
I love you. Happy
Valentine's Day. Your
Snuggle Bear Always.

Brian Arnett

Michael,
You're so special to
me. I will always love
you! Happy Valentine's
Day.

Love,
Your Girlfriend

Thad,
Thanks for making
Oct. 28, 1994 one of
the best days of my
life. I love you
sweetheart!

Love,
Marianna

Aynsley,
I love you with all my
heart. Thank you for
putting up with me.

Matt

Laverne,
Give me any chance,
I'll take it.
Give me any rule, I'll
break it.

I'm gonna make your
dreams come true.

Love,
Squigy

Elaine,
You are the kind of
woman that makes life
worth living. I will love
you forever.

Love,
Keith

Spud,
Our five years
together have been
wonderful. Can't wait
to spend forever with
you.

Love,
Julie

Rob,
My Valentine, you
are the greatest!

Love,
Any

Ronald,
Remember the
softball tournament?
Remember our
vacations? Remember
Katie? Remember....I
love you.

Michelle

CMV, a.k.a. Phi Delta
Theta #439
Man-o-Man, I'm so
glad he's mine.
As each day goes by
I love him more
and more
hurry home tonight
honey
I'm gonna make ya
roar!

Bubba Bo-Bob Amy,
Thanks for being the
wonderfully honest
person you are.

Your Buddy

Hey...Hey!...Hey!
Looking forward dirt
muffin to post March
bliss, punctuated by
the occasional little
brown dog. BLADONZI

Meg,
Thanks for your help.
I hope all goes well
with you. Keep
Smiling.

Your Mentor

Al,
Bourbon and
handcuffs?

To the Heartbreakers
and Romancers,
gentlemen and gigos
of Pi Kappa Alpha.
Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,
Julie

Rick,
My "My Wonderful"
Happy Valentine's Day
sweetheart.

I love you!
Julie

My Jenny & My Rachie
Taboo, "Dad", The
Babies, Center Street,
Milk, New Years and
JBP. The ties that
bring us closer, I love
you guys!

To my love,
May our love for each
other continue to grow-
no matter where our
future brings us.

Love always,
Your little rose

Jason,
There's just one thing
I need to know to
soothe my troubled
mind. Will you be--for
now and ever--My one
true Valentine?

Sandy

Angela,
"I'm Down on Bended
Knee"

Chad
P.S. Sex on the beach
and whiskey sour.
mmm-good.

Happy Valentine's Day
Pretty Eyes. I like you
even more than PIZZA!
Honest! How 'bout
those Mets?

Chad,
I love you very much.
You mean the world to
me.

Love,
Blondy

Lil Love,
Like the Energizer
Bunny, we just keep
going and going.
Love,
Swell Guy

Kelly,
Happy Valentine's
Day to my best friend
and the love of my life.
Kristie

Matt,
When I say I love you,
I mean it forever. When
we are done with this
lifetime, I will search
the heavens for your
soul to be with you.

I ♥ you!
Ayns

Eddie,
Thanks for being an
understanding, loving
and caring person. I'll
never forget all the
great times we've had,
especially Hop-town.

♥Guess Who?

Jason,
I love you and the last
two years. Together,
always and forever!

Love,
Molly

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We have been with
you for a long time and
we still feel that you
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Love,
Harmon & Raquel
XQ EK

Lori,
I'm glad to have the
chance to be by your
side forever. Happy V-
Day!

Shorty

Ben,
I love you because
you're honest & sexy.
You look so good in
your jeans. But most
of all the way you've
shown me you love me
the four great years
we've been together.
Our love will last
forever. Can't wait till
you get home. I love
you Benjie Harris.
Forever & always.
Venita

Clint,
F.C.P.I.U.

♥ Bump.

Crisp pin-light Night...
The enchantress did I
meet
revolving through my
soul
Those eyes and I did
greet.

Muses resounding in
my mind
of Paradise by
enchanted light
Thunderous pounding
syncopation
to my dizzying swaying
delight

Dark sweet blind
encampment
I palated the sweetest
flesh
Today now and forever
more...
our souls shall be
enmeshed.

Happy Valentine's
Leigh,
Eric

Lori,
Ti Amo. Bunches and
Bunches.
Gary

Happy
Valentine's
Day!



Saturday classes at Western a 'big deal' for kids

By AMANDA DAVIS

On Saturday, many Western students pack their suitcases and lug them to the car for a weekend at home. Other students — elementary school age — are making their own movies, writing their own plays and learning dance routines.

The "Super Saturday Seminars" were created to provide opportunities for gifted children, first through sixth graders, and to allow them to meet other gifted students in the area. The five sessions cost \$60.

"It continually amazes me that

children love to learn so much," seminar coordinator Mary Evans said.

Students travel from all over Kentucky to spend two hours listening to instruction on things such as film production, dance, science, sign language and law. Professors, students, graduates and community figures teach the classes, which are held on campus and in the community.

In the chemistry class, entitled "Chemistry and You," students made silly putty, slime and glue.

"We intended the classes to be very hands-on with someone there to watch who has expertise,"

Evans said. "Students must dress ready to get messy."

The program was created four years ago, and since the first year, both the attendance and the classes have nearly doubled. Currently, 700 students are enrolled in the 44 classes.

The students must be nominated by a teacher, counselor or principal and must show high interest or achievement in that particular area, Evans said.

"We turned away 100-plus students this year," said Richard Roberts, a teacher education professor who helps oversee the seminars. "It was a first-come, first-

serve basis."

Nancy Keser, whose granddaughter Rachel is in "Dance, Move, and Have Fun," said children love coming to Western for the classes. Keser was knitting as she watched Rachel jump, stretch and move around the wooden dance floor in Smith Stadium.

"To come to Western is a big deal," Keser said. "They think this school is so special."

Bowling Green senior Bruce Poteet is the instructor for "Dance, Move, and Have Fun."

He teaches movement and music to the students.

"It is an introduction to gifted

children who would not otherwise take one on their own," Poteet said.

The courses are not graded. Poteet bases what he will teach the next session on how well his students are doing.

The last session on Feb. 25 is an open house for parents to see what their children have learned.

Most students enjoy the sessions, although Rachel Keser, a first grader at William H. Natcher Elementary School, complained about being a little sore at the end of the dance class.

"My heels are hurting," she said. "They always do."

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always perseveres.
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I Corinthians 13: 4-8, NIV



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Adam and Eve were black, visiting professor explains

By SHERRY I. WILSON

Students went back to the beginning of history Thursday night to study black people and their role in today's society.

Beginning with Adam and Eve, Kentucky State University professor Mikel Robertson explained the black man's beginning.

Black people started on this earth at the same time as white people, he said.

Today's people are descendants of black people, he said — Adam and Eve were black.

About 12 students attended the Black History and Religion Seminar sponsored by the Black Student Fellowship at the Baptist Student Center.

The seminar was part of Western's Black History Month activities.

Black Student Fellowship wanted to include God in Black History Month and the historical evolution of black people in the Bible, Morganfield senior Lona Spaulding said.

"During Black History Month, usually at Western, God is left out in some way," she said. "We try to put more of God as the head of history instead of slavery."

Some students come to Western knowing only that black history includes slave trading, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil Rights movement. There is more to black history than what began in America, Spaulding said.

She said education is the only way to get the message out.

"Since the Bible is the beginning, I think we need to go back to the beginning," she said.

During the seminar, Robertson spoke about the evolution of black people through time and how Western students are a part of that evolution.

The Bible explains black people's role in the formation of countries and nations. The black race wasn't always inferior and

under another race.

But some black people still have not taken advantage of all that they can do with their lives, Robertson said.

"Why is it we are always the ones to feel inferior and that we are the last ones to get on the bus?" he said.

Also during the seminar, the group made a circle by joining hands, said a prayer and read scripture from the Bible. They sang "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" and "What a Mighty God We Serve."

Yemi Alapo, a graduate student from Ogbomoso, Nigeria, said the seminar's focus should open the eyes of some students during a month usually set aside for discussion of famous leaders.

"Personally, I think the program will make Christian African-Americans recognize their place as children of God," she said. "And to know that God has called every race for a purpose."

This week's activities

◆ Zeta Phi Beta sorority sponsors a Black History Quizathon today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Downing University Center lobby.

◆ Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity sponsors a black history forum, "Speak Easy" at 8 p.m. tomorrow in DUC Room 305.

◆ Jak Njoku, modern language and intercultural studies assistant professor, presents An African Heritage Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at State Street Baptist Church.



isn't today, he said.

Improving the black race means improving each other, he said. Students should try to succeed by doing their homework, dressing their best, studying for tests, and most importantly, graduating from college.

"You carry a slave mentality. Why?" Robertson said. "Why do you think you cannot graduate from college and do as good or better than white people?"

"You carry a slave mentality."

There are still some whites that never forgot they were once the masters of black slaves, just as some blacks have never forgotten they were once underneath another race, he said. Today, anyone can make something of themselves. No race is

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Twisted: Western swim team member Eric Carter gets some help stretching Friday from older brother Chris before the Ball State swim meet at Preston Center pool. Chris, who attends the University of Kentucky, came to Western to support his brother.

Computers aren't for games in labs

By Mike Rogers

Computer game playing has been banned in all Academic Computing and Resource Services laboratories.

Julius Sloan, Academic Computing and Resource Services director, said he made the decision to ban playing computer games in the labs because of repeated complaints from students who were unable to use the computers for educational purposes.

Initially, signs were posted in the labs warning students not to play games if others needed to use

the computers, Sloan said.

After the warnings failed and he got more complaints, Sloan said he decided to ban games completely.

"The game playing activities were getting out of hand," Sloan said. "We are responsible for the students' educational use of the computers, not their entertainment."

Corbin freshman Donald Whittle said he understands why games have been banned but thinks some labs should be kept open for those who want to play games.

"If some students can't afford

computers or computer games and like to play them in the labs, then they should be allowed to but not at the expense of those who have work to do," he said.

Nashville senior Amy Dablow said the biggest problem is when students can't use the computers because many game players network on one game from different computers.

"I think banning game playing is a good idea," she said. "I've seen a lot of students not be able to use the computers because of gaming."

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New fixtures shedding added light on campus

By TONYA ROOT

Lexington sophomore Angie Luppy said campus is better lit than in the past and she thinks brighter is better.

"It makes me feel more safe knowing they are spending more money to make us more safe," she said.

Thirty-six new, brighter light fixtures have been added to campus.

The fixtures sit on top of poles. Facilities Management Administrator Kemble Johnson said Western's outdoor lighting was outdated and inefficient until the changes. Light fixtures near Pearce-Ford Tower, the fine arts center and Keen, Poland, McLean, and South halls have been replaced.

Charlie Wolfram, electrical engineer, said the fixtures cost about \$150 each and the cost of conversion bulbs for the new fixtures is about \$3,000. He said the new lights are brighter and use

less energy.

Facilities management employees are installing the fixtures at night and some haven't been installed yet, Wolfram said. He said the lights will cost about \$9,000 when they are all installed.

Wolfram said the new fixtures and bulbs will cut costs in the long run because the old bulbs had to be replaced three times a year. He expects the new light fixtures' bulbs to be replaced once a year.

"We have a fairly good light program and we are updating it," he said. "You can stand in the middle of Virginia Garrett Avenue and it looks like daylight at 2 in the morning."

Campus Police officer Audrey Spies said the university is trying to prevent crime by installing new light fixtures and emergency phones.

"We want to prevent an increase from occurring," she said. "We are trying to bring Western into the 20th century."

With as many students as Western has, the crime rate is considerably low, she said.

Thefts fluctuate from time to time, but with more education and reporting, the rate can be lowered, she said.

"We do encourage people to report it even if it is minor," she said.

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Sports

Tough week behind women

By DAN HIER

Coach Paul Sanderford said last week was going to be tough for the Lady Toppers — facing Auburn last Wednesday and Louisiana Tech last Friday.

How right he was. The Lady Toppers (18-3) lost both games, tripling their season total for losses in the space of three days and dropping out of the top 10 for the first time since Jan. 16.

Western dropped to 13th in this week's Associated Press Top 25.

"Every team goes through its ups and downs," Sanderford said. "We didn't get our first loss until the end of January. We've had that slump and our goal right now is to be the best we can be by March 8."

The Lady Toppers shot just 30.6 percent against the Lady Techsters, while Tech burned the nets for 57.4 percent.

"We just didn't execute," senior guard Veronica Cook said. "We're going to work on our offenses and our defenses. We need to play more as a team."

Despite Western's poor shooting and Louisiana Tech's hot hands, the Lady Toppers kept the game close, losing 63-72.

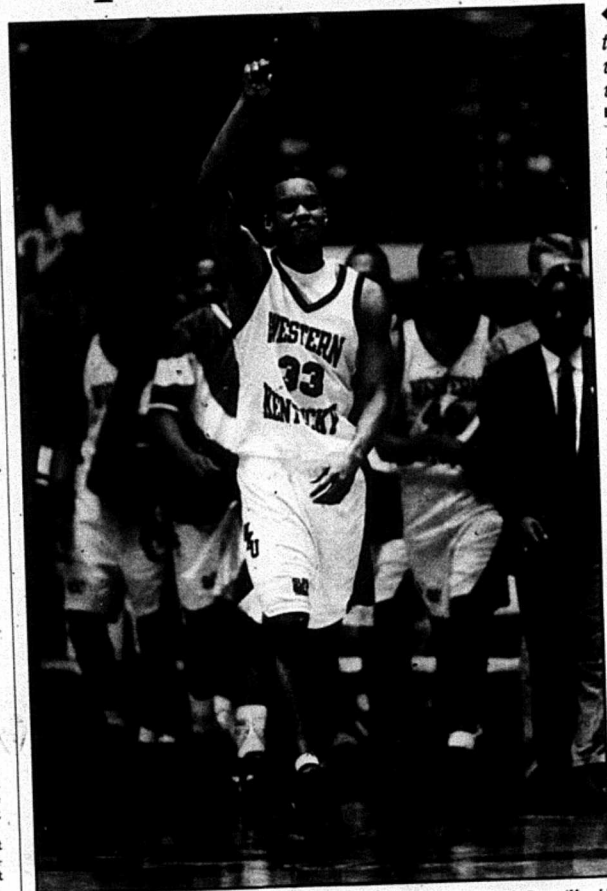
"I thought we played extremely hard," Sanderford said. "We battled back and we were in position to win at the end of the basketball game. We just didn't execute... down the stretch."

In addition to the loss at Louisiana Tech, the Lady Toppers coughed up a 19-point home-court lead on Wednesday, losing to Auburn 66-64.

The losses have probably wiped away any chance Western had of getting a top 16 seed in

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Pop's swats lead Tops to win



Stefanie Boyar/Herald

Junior forward Chris Robinson, who scored the 1,000th point of his career last night, heads to the locker room after Western's 67-59 win over New Orleans.

◆ Isadore "Pop" Thornton broke the school record for blocked shots with eight in last night's 67-59 win over New Orleans

By MICHAEL SCOTT

From the beginning of the season, Coach Matt Killeullen said he has stressed team play. And in each game, a player has come to the forefront and provided the team with a big boost.

Last night in Diddle Arena, "Pop" Thornton was the spark, coming off the bench to block a school-record eight shots, as the Toppers beat New Orleans 67-59.

Thornton said he had no idea he was close to the record.

"It's something I know I have to do," he said, "so I just feel that it's my part, my role to block shots."

The win clinched at least a tie for the Sun Belt Conference regular-season title.

Privateers Coach "Fic" Price was impressed with both Thornton and the Toppers.

"It was about like we were playing against a seven-footer," he said of Thornton, who is 6 feet 7 inches. "I think Western Kentucky University played a very solid basketball game. They've been doing it all season."

Price said one of the big keys to the Toppers win was the play of junior forward Chris Robinson down the stretch.

Robinson led the Toppers (17-3, 13-1 in the Sun Belt) with 23 points and nine rebounds. Midway through the second half, Robinson stole a pass near the top of the three-point arc and drove downcourt for a dunk, scoring his 1,000th career point.

Robinson said he had not played well the last couple of games.

"I've been coming in lately and shooting extra shots," he said. "Tonight I felt good getting the ball. I just felt like I could take over the game."

Senior guard Jimmie Smith led the Privateers with 16 points and four assists. He said Thornton was intimidating in the middle.

"We figured we had to come out and play hard," he said. "Coach said to punch it inside, but we just couldn't make big plays on the inside."

Junior forward Jermaine Spivey added 15 points for the Privateers.

The Toppers took an 11-point lead with 8:55 to play in the first half. But the visitors outscored Western 14-9 through the rest of the period to cut the halftime margin to 38-32.

When the Privateers (14-10, 8-5) cut the Top-

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Adams commits to men's team; Farris visits

By MICHAEL SCOTT

Melvin Adams grew up in a very religious family.

Though his mother was a standout high school player, he was discouraged by his parents from playing basketball.

"They thought it would take up too much of my time," Adams said. "I go to church a lot. But when I was in the 10th grade and could drive, I started playing."

Now a senior at Baldwin High School in Milledgeville, Ga., the 6-7, 230-pound forward/center averages 24 points, nine rebounds and seven assists a game. Last week he made a verbal commitment to play at Western.

"I like the whole situation there," Adams said. "The pro-

gram is steadily growing and that's what made me commit."

Baldwin coach James Lunsford said Adams' late start in basketball has been an advantage.

"A lot of coaches didn't have a chance to stand him under the basket," Lunsford said. "He can handle the ball and shoot from three-point range."

Western will lose seven seniors from this year's team, including five frontcourt players.

"That was another big thing," Adams said. "I wanted to come in and play."

Lunsford said Adams scored a 927 on the SAT, which is well above the required 700 to play in the NCAA, and that Adams will test again to try to do even better.

Lunsford said going to college is something he stresses to all of his players.

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"A lot of coaches are calling — Big East coaches, SEC coaches. He was overlooked."

— James Lunsford
Baldwin High coach

"We tell our kids that basketball is only going to get you so far," he said. "It's an instrument

to get to school."

Because Adams started playing later than most, he didn't receive much recruiting attention early on, Lunsford said.

"He's really gathering attention now," Lunsford said. "A lot of coaches are calling — Big East coaches, SEC coaches. He was overlooked."

Lunsford said Adams chose Western over Auburn, Florida State and Iowa State.

Adams said he will sign a national letter of intent to go to Western April 13. Western coaches are prohibited from speaking about any recruits until the school receives a letter of intent.

Farris visits Western

At Western's 63-50 win over

Louisiana Tech Saturday night, one spectator stood head-and-shoulders above the rest.

Ravon Farris, a 6-7, 215-pound senior from Mount Pleasant High School in Mount Pleasant, N.C., attended the game while making an official visit to Western.

Farris said Western was the first school he's visited, but he will visit Tennessee this week end.

Mount Pleasant Coach Andy Poplin said Farris can be as good a player as he wants.

"He's a dominate player," Poplin said. "He can step out and shoot a 15- to 17-footer. When he gets out and runs the break, he outruns all the players his size."

Poplin said Farris averages

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◆ On Deck

Hilltopper Sports Calendar

Thursday

◆ Women's basketball at South Alabama, 7 p.m.

Saturday

◆ Men's basketball hosts South Alabama, 4 p.m., Diddle Arena.

Sunday

◆ Women's basketball hosts New Orleans, 2:30 p.m., Diddle Arena.

Monday

◆ Men's basketball at Oral Roberts, 7:35 p.m.

Swim team recovers after first loss of season

By ERIC S. VICKREY

After suffering their first loss of the season Friday at home against Ball State, the Toppers regrouped for a come-from-behind victory against Xavier (3-11) and Evansville (2-6) Saturday at Evansville.

The Toppers improved to 14-1 for the season with one meet remaining before heading into the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships in Cleveland, March 1-4.

The Toppers got off to a slow start and trailed Xavier by 14 points going into the one-meter dive.

"At the beginning we didn't take them that seriously," freshman Brandon Ungethem said. "Then we were behind before we knew it."

Topper coach Bill Powell said the slow start had more to do with the team's minds than with the Ball State meet the night before.

"We just weren't ready to swim," he said. "We weren't ready on the bus or in the locker room and we came out light."

Freshman Adam Heeg sparked the team with a heated pep talk to help turn things around.

"Adam got up and really laid in on the guys," Powell said.

Powell accepted part of the responsibility for the weak beginning.

"I tried to swim the guys in some off events to give them a chance to do some different things, but it just didn't work for us, and we had to go back to the starting line-up," he said.

It was the third time this season the Toppers have defeated Xavier.

"It is usually tough to beat the same team three times in a season," Powell said. "You hear about teams winning the first two and getting complacent in the third and losing."

Western divers Matt Kragh and Mitch Mills captured first and second in both the one-meter and three-meter events to cushion Western's victory.

"The divers dove really well," sophomore Steve Stock said. "They got their heads back together after Ball State. That was a tough loss for them."

Tops lose to Ball State

Western dropped its first meet of the season when visiting

Ball State (9-2) defeated the Toppers 131.5-111.5.

The loss continued Ball State's dominance over Western, extending its record to 8-0 against the Toppers. The Cardinals were the only team to defeat the Toppers last season.

After the one-meter dive, Western was down by 25 points (62-47) and seemed out of the meet. Heads were already bowed and the fire just wasn't there.

Diving coach Mark Hardaway said last year's upset of Ball State may have motivated the Cardinals.

"You know they had to come out hard because we came so close to them last year," he said.

But the Toppers mounted a comeback and pulled to within four points (86-82) during the next four events.

"We knew it would be closely contested," Cardinal coach Bob Thomas said. "Some of my swimmers didn't come through for us and their sprinters did a great job."

But four points was as close as the Toppers would come. After the three-meter dive, Ball State led 114-92. Western outscored Ball State in the final three events, but could not overcome the 22-point deficit.

"This could be good for us," Powell said. "It shows us we are not unbeatable. After we beat Ohio University we knew Ball State would be looking hard at us."

Western will face Union College in their final home meet Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. in the Preston Center.



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Freshman diver Joe Hutchinson competes during Friday's meet against Ball State at the Preston Health and Activities Center. The Cardinals handed Western its first loss of the season by a score of 131.5-111.5.

The men's and women's basketball teams get back into action Thursday. The men will travel to Arkansas-Little Rock and the women will be at South Alabama. Get previews of the two games in **Herald Sports** on Thursday.

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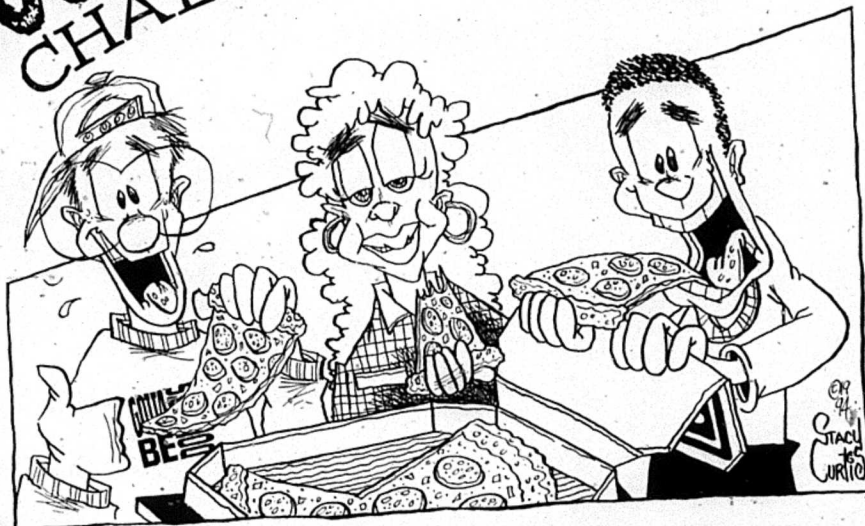
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One-shoed, Don-Wauchope still finishes third

By Kevin Kelly

Iain Don-Wauchope hobbled around the track trying to kick off a shoe that was half on.

The freshman ran 600 meters of the mile race with one shoe, but placed third in 4 minutes, 24.08 seconds at Saturday's Middle Tennessee State meet.

Southeast Missouri State won both the men's and women's meets, while both of Western's teams finished fourth.

The MTSU meet was the final indoor meet before the Sun Belt

Conference Indoor Championships, Feb. 25-26 at Arkansas State.

At MTSU, the women's team was led by seniors Catherine Hancock, Michelle Harris and Christina Brown.

Hancock finished first in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10 minutes, 21.26 seconds.

"I think a lot of people raced well," Hancock said. "We're looking pretty good going into the conference."

Harris placed second in the

triple jump (36 feet, 3 inches), and third in the long jump (17 feet, 7.75 inches).

Brown, one of the team's most consistent runners, finished second in the mile (5:10.24).

Freshman Abby Swartz finished third in the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches).

"As a team this year we should score more points," Hancock said. "We have more depth than in the past."

An unprecedented seven freshmen competed for the

Hilltopper men, four of whom improved in their events.

"Running so many freshmen often leads to inconsistency," Coach Curtiss Long said. "But they're doing quite well."

Marc Simmons, one of those freshmen, came on strong finishing second in the men's 200 meters (22.21).

"We were tired of running at MTSU but overall we kind of surprised ourselves," Simmons said.

"Faces started changing during the meet once we found out that

we could be successful."

Oded Fellah finished fourth in the long jump at 23 feet, 2 inches. Jeremy Croft ran in the 55-meter dash, the 200 and the long jump.

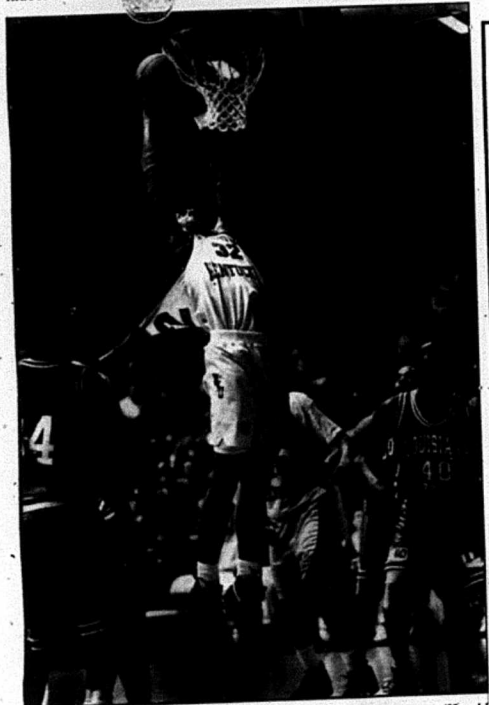
Simmons feels that with two weeks of practice before the conference championships the team will have the chance to heal, get pumped up and improve.

"None of these meets count when the gun is fired in two weeks at the conference championships," Long said.

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Louisiana Tech's James Johnson fouls Western's Darius Hall during the first half of the Hilltoppers' 63-50 victory Saturday night in Diddle Arena. Hall tied his career high with 14 rebounds.

SWATS: Robinson scores 1,000th point

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per lead to two points early in the second half, Kilcullen said he told the team to pass the ball more and get better shots.

A Robinson three-pointer with 11:08 to play put the Toppers ahead 52-43, and the Privateers could get no closer than seven points: the rest of the way.

Price said another key for the Toppers was their defensive effort at the end of the game.

"We thought we were prepared for the press," he said. "They made two or three big steals in crunch time. That's the mark of a real solid team."

Kilcullen said his team played smart defense.

"We played, in stretches, good defense in the second half," Kilcullen said. "We got good rotations and good weak side help."

Kilcullen said the rotations led to Thornton's record effort.

Senior forward Deon Jackson said Thornton came out working hard.

"He came up and told me, 'Deon, just put your hands up; I'm coming to get it,'" Jackson said. "He always comes out and plays hard."

Senior guard Darrin Horn chipped in 17 points and had five

assists. The tri-captain said the Toppers are getting ready for the stretch run.

"Tonight was a good step," Horn said. "We came out and the effort was real good, with emotion."

Western still undefeated at home

The Toppers entered last night's game having won the first two games of its three-game homestand.

Western defeated Louisiana Tech 63-50 Saturday night and Texas-Pan American 65-48 on Thursday. The Toppers are 9-0 at home this season.

New Orleans (59)

Spivey 6-14 0-15, McDonald 4-9 2-3 10, Douglas 3-13 2-4 8, Garriss 4-10 0-1 9, Smith 5-12 4-4 16, Chavis 0-1 0-0 0, Meyer 0-0 1-4 1, Garner 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Seigle 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 22-62 9-16 59.

Western (67)

Jackson 1-2 3-5, Robinson 10-16 1-3 23, Hall 1-4 0-0 2, Fralich 2-8 0-1 5, Horn 8-14 0-0 17, Rogers 2-8 3-5 7, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Flowers 2-3 0-1 4, Thornton 2-5 0-1 4. Totals 28-60 7-14 67.



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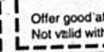


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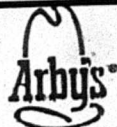


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TOUGH: Lady Tops try to heal injuries, slump

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the NCAA tournament, Sanderford said.

"We've got to make a statement over the next five ballgames that we've put it back together," he said. "We're trying to get in the tournament now."

One of the things that has been hurting the Lady Toppers is injuries.

Senior forward Ida Bowen missed the Auburn game because of a shoulder injury that occurred last week in practice. She played 15 minutes against Louisiana Tech despite not being able to lift her left arm above her shoulder. She had arthroscopic surgery yesterday and will be out seven to 10 days.

"We missed Ida Bowen against Auburn," Sanderford said. "There's a kid who is probably our smartest player on the floor. She's a senior; she knows how to play."

"We have a lot of injuries and we could use that for an excuse, but a good team finds a way to win anyway. We have to refocus on roles and each player accepting their role on this basketball team

and helping it to be the best that it can be."

In addition to Bowen, freshman Laurie Townsend is playing at less than 100 percent because of a bronchial infection.

For Western to be the best it can be, it must stop letting other teams set the tempo, Sanderford said.

"When other teams set the tempo, it makes it very difficult. You don't get any easy baskets," he said. "We've got to do a better job of creating tempo with our defense."

Inside scoring has also been a problem for the Lady Toppers recently.

"Tara (Cosby) and Lori (Abell) have been struggling," Sanderford said. "We're getting very little scoring from the post. We need to get that scoring back. We're used to getting about 25 points from those two people and we've only been getting 12 or 15."

"It's crunch time now. We set two goals every season. One is to win 20 games, the other is to win the Sun Belt championship to get to the NCAA tournament. Both of those goals are still ahead of us."

FARRIS: Recruit takes first visit to Western

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about 25 points and 20 rebounds a game. He said Farris is a presence on defense as well.

"He will contest just about everything that comes inside," Poplin said.

Other schools Farris said he's been contacted by include Georgia

Tech, Wake Forest, Virginia, Virginia Tech and South Carolina.

With the commitment of Adams, the Toppers still have two scholarships open for next season.

Point guard Rob Williams of Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., and shooting guard Joe Harney of Covington Holy Cross committed to Western in November.

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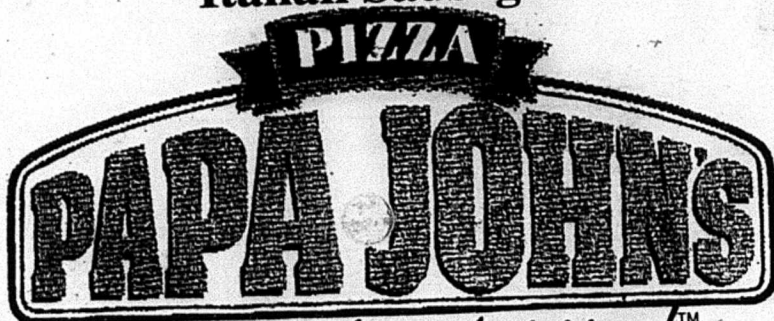
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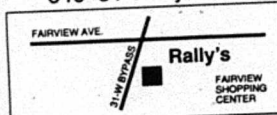
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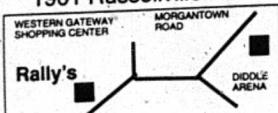


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