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## Herald

Western Kentucky University ♦ Bowling Green, Kentucky

## SPORTS

Lori Cummings  
returns to the  
court after one-  
year absence.

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losing  
our RELIGION

Story by Mikki Olmsted ♦ Photo illustration by Mandy Lunn

**S**hereika Green still believes in God. In fact, she said she prays all the time.

But the senior from Colstrip, Mont., hasn't been to a church service in more than three years.

"Before I came to college, when I was at home, I went to church regularly," said the non-active member of the Church of Christ.

Green started attending church services in Bowling Green at the beginning of her freshman year, but eventually stopped going because her college lifestyle conflicted with the church's teachings.

And she isn't alone.

Studies suggest that more and more Baby Busters, the buzzword for the generation of 18- to 32-year-olds, are electing not to attend church services regularly for a variety of reasons.

The Barna Research Group, founded by George Barna, religious sociologist and author of "Baby Busters — The Disillusioned Generation," has documented a trend among 18- to 32-year-olds that has some ministers talking.

According to a January 1996 random survey by Barna, 43 percent of adults said they had attended a church service in the last week. Of that number, 33 percent of Baby Busters said they go to church regularly, reported Jill Kinnaman, office manager for the group.

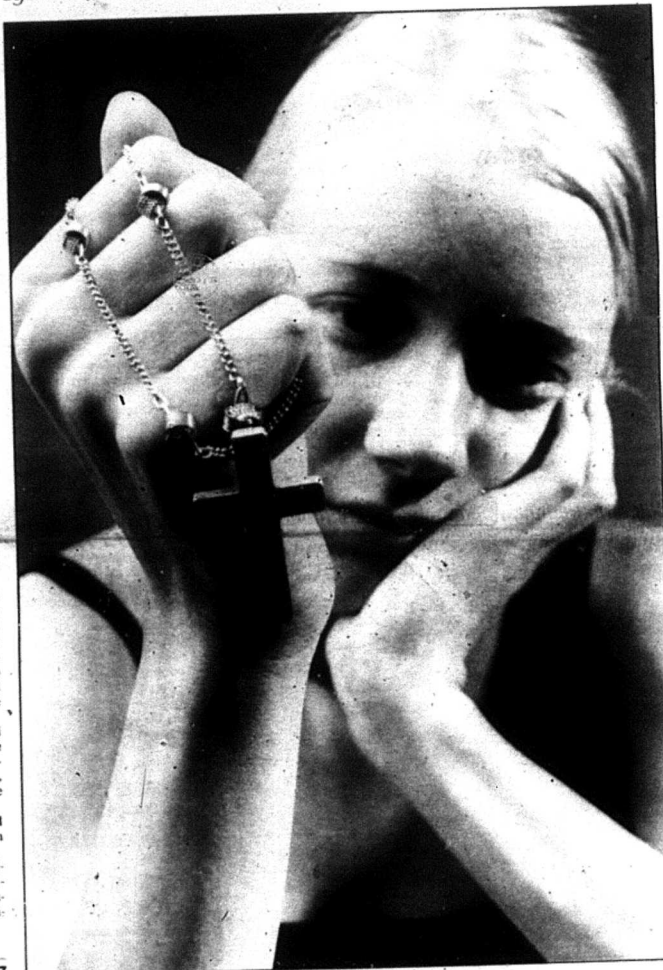
Yet Lee Elias, a founder and campus minister of the Collegiate Christian Living non-denominational association on campus, said he wasn't surprised by the statistics.

"I know there's a problem, and if there wasn't a problem, what am I doing up here?" he said.

Elias, who has worked on 48 college campuses for 26 years, estimated that about 1,000 Western students are active in Christian organizations or activities.

He blames low self-esteem and

As college students hit campus, two-thirds leave church at home.



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Card  
offers  
driver  
deals

BY CHARLIE LANTIER

Designated drivers at Western will get free soft drinks and special discounts at restaurants if SGA Vice President Leigh Ann Sears has her way.

Sears, a Mayfield senior, said she'll be working with the Student Government Association's campus improvements committee on a bill which would organize the production and distribution of "designated driver cards."

The card, when presented at participating businesses, would score various deals for the designated driver, including free soft drinks and half-price appetizers.

"We talked to some businesses about this last year, but we ran out of time," Sears said.

Sears said those restaurants included O'Charley's, Applebee's, Andrews, Hops, Chi Chi's and Baker Street Cafe.

The idea came from a similar SGA program at the University of Kentucky, Sears said.

UK student government President Melanie Cruz said her organization began the project two years ago and had no problem finding businesses to participate.

Julie Street, a junior from Grandview, Ind., said the card could help relations between Bowling Green and Western.

"I would use it," she said. "Students would like it and appreciate having it."

SGA President Keith Coffman, a Russellville senior, said funding for the program will come from the SGA budget but they don't have an estimate for printing the cards yet.

Coffman said the purpose of the cards is similar to the Provide-A-Ride program, which began offering students a ride home from area bars last semester.

Sears said she anticipates less need for Provide-A-Ride once students start using the card.

"If it puts Provide-A-Ride out of business, that's fine with us," she said. "As long as people are using one of them."

Two more presidential candidates visit Hill  
Hammond emphasizes technology

BY SHANNON BACK

Edward Hammond says he has an attribute that sets him years ahead of the other three presidential candidates.

"He's already a university president. If you were going to have heart surgery, you would want a physician that has done the procedure before," said Hammond, who has been president of Fort Hays University in Hays, Kan. for 10 years.

"It's the same with a university. Western needs a president with experience."

So why does he want to switch schools?  
"It's simple. I'm committed to setting a university aside from the rest," he said, yesterday at the faculty forum. "Kentucky is committed to that and Kansas is not."

When Gov. Paul Patton revised the community college system, I saw he was

serious. That's when I knew I wanted to come to Kentucky."

Hammond said he wants Western to reach as far north as Indianapolis and as far south as Birmingham, Ala. His strategy? Technology.

All dorms at Fort Hays have had computer labs since 1988 and all faculty members have had computers since 1989, Hammond said.

He also noted that 900 students completing degrees at Fort Hays will never step foot on the campus. That's because those students are taking courses through distance learning.

Fort Hays is considerably smaller than Western, and therefore Hammond said the two campuses won't have the same results to his plans. But that is pre-

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## Ransdell wants more involvement

BY SHANNON BACK

Tuesday was a sort of homecoming for Gary Ransdell. The Western graduate and former Western administrator returned to some of his favorite spots on campus and reunited with friends and former colleagues.

"I've looked forward to returning home," he said. "I left for a purpose and now is the time to apply that purpose."

Ransdell said his purpose is to sculpt the place he still calls home into the "university of excellence" he said it could be.

He was the second presidential candidate to visit campus this week. The search committee has narrowed the search to four finalists. This week they began touring campus, trying to convince faculty and staff they have what it takes to be Western's next leader.

Ransdell, a former plan, and Ransdell's revolves around students. His motto: "Students don't care how much you know unless they know how much you care."

Ransdell is currently the vice president of Administration and Advancement at Clemson University.





He said his experience there combined with his knowledge of Western makes him the best candidate for president.

"I worked primarily with recruitment at Western for a long time and that caused me to learn every aspect of this university," he said. "I feel like I'm an insider at Western."

Throughout the day, Ransdell highlighted four main points he plans to make if he is the next president.

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## Herald forecast

			
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
85° high	64° low	93° high	65° low
93° high	66° low	92° high	65° low

### ♦ Just a sec

#### Police set checkpoints

The Bowling Green Police Department will have sobriety checks this Labor Day weekend to curb drinking and driving. Check points will be set up on Cemetery Road near Kereciakes Park, Morgantown Road near Potter Street, University Boulevard near Old Morgantown Road, Louisville Road near Old Porter Pike, 31-W Bypass near Fairview, Scottsville Road near Bryant Way, Campbell Lane near Industrial Drive, and College Street near 10th Street. The checkpoints will be up from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. tomorrow and Saturday and from 3-7 p.m. Sunday.

#### Scholars program session today

Robert Danziger, director of the honors program and a chemistry professor at Southampton College, will answer students' questions about the Fulbright scholarship program from 3-5 p.m. today at the Faculty House. He will meet with those who plan to guide students through the application process from 1-3 p.m. in Garrett Center, Executive Room. Applications for the scholarship are usually made during a student's senior year and are due in late September. The scholarship program supports graduate study and research in participating foreign countries.

#### Emergency poles functioning

The emergency lights and poles are running again after a couple weeks of installation and repair this summer. Facilities Management checked, repaired and OK'd nine newly-installed poles over the break. Rae Stevens, director of telephone communications, said all the poles should work except the one between the fine arts center and Schneider Hall, which is waiting on a circuit pack.



Jonathan Kirshner/Herald

**Splish Splash:** Louisville freshman Jennifer Belcher, left, and Leitchfield sophomore Janet Thompson took the plunge at the Big Red Bash yesterday after someone nailed the bull's eye on their dunking booth. "I wish I could've done it," said Thompson's roommate, Dawn Freeman, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn. The bash was on DUC south lawn to welcome back students, faculty and staff, but the mascot sure didn't help when it mugged a passing student. "Big Red jacked my hat and threw it on the ground," Lexington freshman Adam Nielsen said. "But I hold no ill will toward Big Red." Big Red had no comment.

### ♦ For the record/crime reports

#### Reports

♦ Carlos Demetrius Bennett, West Hall, reported Aug. 21 the driver side window of his car, valued at \$150, broken while parked in Diddle lot.

♦ Megan Diebold Monohan, Zacharias Hall, reported Saturday the passenger window of her car, valued at \$85, and the passenger door handle, valued at

\$30, broken and nine tapes, valued at \$18, and a book bag, valued at \$12, stolen from her car while parked in Russellville Road lot, along with vehicle registration, title and insurance card.

♦ Michael Patrick Crowe, 1 Big Red Way, reported Saturday he was harassed while checking a noise complaint in West. He reported five people in a room were drinking alcohol and one of

them lifted and moved him out of the room.

#### Charges

♦ Timothy Ryan Knaul, 3227 Springhallow Ave. Apt. D, was charged Saturday with theft under \$300 for stealing five textbooks from the University Bookstore. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$100 cash bond.

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# Seidler gives philosophy a global perspective

BY EMILY BAKER

To Michael Seidler, research writing is a natural outcome of his studies.

"Research is like taking part in a conversation that spans the centuries, and you want to be a part of it," the philosophy and religion associate professor said. "As Descartes said, it is 'interacting with the best minds.' It makes me feel connected, and I get a deep sense of satisfaction out of it."

Alan Anderson, philosophy and religion department head, described Seidler as a "genuine international scholar who is in this country."

Born in Germany, Seidler, recipient of the 1997 University and Potter College Awards for Research/Creativity, came to the United States as a child and grew up in Chicago.

Even though he played soccer and hockey in high school, Seidler always liked academics more.

"I have always been attracted to books and knowledge of all kinds," he said. "In high school, I took Chinese for three years and memorized 'Oedipus' in Greek for a play we put on before we graduated."

His language facility continues to be an important part of his research. Anderson said, Seidler's knowledge of languages includes German, French, Italian, Latin and ancient Greek.

Seidler spent time studying abroad in Athens, Greece, while doing undergraduate work at Xavier University in Ohio.

"All of these experiences fed my love of learning," he said.

After completing his doctorate in philosophy at St. Louis University, Seidler embarked on his journey in higher education.



Michael Seidler

"Teaching was sort of a natural anticipation," he said. "It gives you the opportunity to keep on learning. Really, it's a requirement."

"Teaching is a way to make a living and do what I like to do," Seidler said. "It has been satisfying. I wouldn't trade it for anything. There is no other occupation that you can spend time talking to people about things that really matter."

This respect for and appreciation of students prompted Seidler to develop a World Wide Web site two and a half years ago that provides students with easy access to assignments, exam questions, syllabi and research database links.

"I try to make it as easy as I can for students to research philosophy," Seidler said.

His students appreciate his knowledge and use of the Internet.

"He has a very broad knowledge of different areas and his research is very extensively done," said Evansville senior Ryan Boyer. "His wide understanding of many subjects is helpful to me because it helps me get a broader understanding of the thought patterns of the time."

"One can tell by being in his classes that he strives to be on the cutting edge of research with his use of the Internet. His web site helped me to complete assignments."

Constantine senior Shannon Elliott agreed.

"Seidler is well-organized and presents both sides of issues. His web site was very helpful when writing a paper for his class."

Seidler admits that there are some challenges to teaching college students about ethics and philosophy.

"It is difficult trying to explain a complex idea to people who may

not be ready to grasp it and trying to convince someone of the importance of a question which they don't have the resources to understand," he said.

Yet he has found a way to overcome these challenges.

"I scramble and try different approaches to determine where they are and then start from there," he said. "You need some place to begin. Once you have that, you can go anywhere. That's the skill of a philosopher — to be able to start anywhere and go where you want to take your students."

Feedback and interaction are critical in determining starting points, Seidler said.

"When I get them close to my understanding, they can engage in conversations about my class," he said. "When I actually succeed in stimulating thought, students can fight back using my own weapons against me and challenge me the way I challenge them."

## Western taking lead in planning state's virtual university

BY JOHN STAMPER

It is a university that would be nowhere but everywhere. There would be a faculty, but students would rarely — if ever — talk to them face to face. There will be no classrooms — at least not ones with desks and chalkboards.

It is called the Commonwealth Virtual University, and Western administrators are taking a lead role in making the concept a reality.

The virtual university is the brainchild of former Western President Thomas Meredith and was included in Gov. Paul Patton's Postsecondary Education Improvement Act, said Charles Anderson, vice

president for Information Technology.

"It is a collaborative effort between all the state's universities to deliver courses and degrees using distance-learning technology," he said.

Anderson and interim President Barbara Burch are developing a preliminary draft plan for the university, which would use the Internet, interactive television, satellite broadcasting and other technologies to teach students.

Burch said a preliminary plan for the university will probably be released to all the state's universities and community colleges next week.

In the plan, Anderson said

students would select one of the nine existing state universities as their home institution, where they would register, be advised and eventually graduate.

But their classes might be taught by professors from any of Kentucky's public — and maybe private — universities, Anderson said.

Burch said this type of cooperation would help Kentucky's higher education system "get their act together and draw on each others' strengths."

However, those types of details are still subject to change since the newly formed Council on Postsecondary Education is responsible for overseeing creation of the university.

Early on, there was some support for setting up the Commonwealth Virtual University as another separate university, Burch said.

Other challenges facing the virtual university include providing student services, developing courses, interaction between students and professors and ensuring quality of classes.

Anderson said preparing materials for an Internet-based class requires more than just research.

"It's not a matter of preparing a lecture," he said. "It's very labor-intensive."

He said faculty would have the opportunity to discuss the virtual universities on campus

this semester.

Faculty would continue to have responsibility for course development and course proposals, Anderson said.

To ensure quality, Burch said not all degree programs can be taught using distance learning.

"I don't think every field can be effectively delivered by technology at this point and time," she said. "But that doesn't mean some portions of it can't."

Using distance learning for certain courses will help serve non-traditional and place-bound students, Anderson said.

"It's for those who can't go 45 or 60 minutes away to get a degree," he said.

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# Opinion



## New towing policy good for students

### Burch's decision makes campus more user-friendly

Imagine coming back to your car and it's not there. You know exactly where you parked, but your car is gone. What happened? Was it stolen? Carried away by little green men? After your heart races, you realize that it wasn't stolen at all — it was towed.

Many students don't have to imagine this. They've lived it. But it won't happen this semester, at least not as often, thanks to interim President Barbara Burch.

Burch decided not to renew the university's exclusive contract with Basham's Wrecker Service, which should ease the minds of every student with a car.

Basham's old contract gave the towing company free reign to police the reserved parking lots. They could tow at will without having to answer to anyone.

Now the decision to tow is left to campus police. The reserved spaces will be monitored like every other lot: police will ticket cars first and then opt to call a tow service.

Basham's will now have to share its job with four other towing services on a revolving basis.

Though Burch has only been in the position for a short time, she already has done a great service for students, something that should have been done a long time ago. She put an end to the arrogance of power Basham's wielded over campus.

Before, there was no way for students to know what happened to their missing automobiles. Now they can at least get an answer from campus police and stop worrying about prowlers.

After receiving several complaints about Basham's, Burch said she found it "very bothersome to see the tow trucks prowling campus." It's good to know that there is someone in the president's office, even if only for a temporary basis, who is listening to students' concerns.

Obviously, students shouldn't be allowed to park in a reserved spot whenever they feel like it. But at the same time, a non-university towing service shouldn't have absolute power over a campus parking lot.

The reserved spaces open up at 5 p.m., but with no supervision, who would ever know if Basham's was snatching cars at 6 p.m.?

For that matter, would it be such a crime for a commuting student with a night class at 5:15 p.m. to show up on campus at 4:55 p.m. and get a decent spot without worrying about being the next victim of Basham's vicious cycle?

Western doesn't get a dime from the cars that are towed, but a towing service can make a huge profit for every car it grabs. Basham's had a monopoly over all the reserved spaces, so like all good entrepreneurs they wanted to line their pockets with as much money as they could.

Sorry guys, not any more.

This new policy still requires students to respect reserved spots. But at the same time, it requires respectability of those who are there to enforce it.

- **The issue:** Interim President Barbara Burch didn't renew the university's contract with Basham's Wrecker Service.
- **Our view:** Burch should be commended for listening to student concerns and providing some control over the towing policy.

### People poll

◆ What do you think of the new towing policy?



"I like it. They can actually get people parking wrong instead of making their own rules."

**Bryan Boone,**  
Bowling Green  
sophomore



"It's great, because it's university parking and the university should have control of university parking."

**Lisa Simmons,**  
Radcliff graduate  
student



"I'm all for it. I got my car towed before."

**Lamont Hart,**  
Radcliff senior



"That might slow down getting towed. It's about time they regulated it. When they get tight for money, cars start disappearing."

**Darren Head,**  
Franklin senior



"That's good since it's on Western's property."

**Lisa Spear,**  
Glasgow senior

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# Forum

## Field of candidates shows no diversity

Somebody call CNN. Western has perfected cloning.

And we're not talking sheep. Let those kilt-wearing pantywaists in Scotland waste their time with farm animals. This is America, and this is Western. We cut to the chase.

We clone humans. Four of them, to be exact.

Didn't you hear about it? Well, I guess you didn't see the photographs of James Ramsey, Gary Ransdell, Ed Hammond, and Eugene Payne, the four finalists for Western's recently-vacated presidency.

At least those had better be clones because otherwise there isn't any explanation for why they all look exactly alike. Unless, of course, the search committee expects us to believe that among the nearly 268 mil-

lion people in the United States, there isn't a single person qualified to even be in the running who isn't a middle-aged white male.

Not a single woman? Not a single black? Not a mix of colors? And please spare us the presumption that this is some liberal tirade in support of quotas and against the competitive hiring process.

I want to see the best person filling the post regardless of color, creed, gender or sexual orientation. If the best person for the job is a male WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant for the unlettered), then so be it, and more power to him. I want to see the cream rise to the top.

But as someone who considers himself part of that category,

I just don't happen to believe that cream is by definition white and male. And this is from someone who is mostly white and completely male.

For all we know, the selection committee in its wisdom considered and rejected any number of non-white, non-middle-aged non-males. It could've happened.

But given the history of gender and race discrimination, I doubt it.

The uniformity of their final selections makes me doubt it even more. One of those four may be far and away the best candidate to lead Western into the

21st century. I certainly hope so because the university needs that kind of leadership.

Do we ever.

But I find it disturbing that our university, which is striving to look beyond the traditional sources of educational wisdom represented by DWEMs (Dead White European Males) and attempting to embrace the large L, are g e l y.

Ignored wisdom of women and people of color, would be unable to even find a candidate for president that, except for breathing, would be DWEMs themselves.

This is not to imply that the university should hire the first female Hispanic lesbian that comes along, but surely the selection committee could find one person, just one among all the people suitable for the job, that would be both a woman or an ethnic minority or something and also qualified to make the short list.

If they didn't look hard enough to find just one, then they didn't look hard enough to find the best candidate in the first place.

If they don't, then the university — and ultimately the students — will suffer.

In Jake's World, colorblind is a compliment, not a handicap.

Editor's note: Jake Howard is a senior photojournalism and biology double major from Pineville.

**Jake Howard**  
Commentary



## Beanie Babies craze stuffed with stupidity

Maybe it's just me. Or maybe it's some cruel joke that age is playing on my inner child.

The truth of the matter is, I don't understand the adult craze for beanie babies. In my quest for an answer, I found myself at the mall.

This week mall vendors have zillions of these "cute" toys for sale.

After pushing my way through a crowd of beanie lovers, I found myself staring at the little animals.

"I guess they're cute," I said. But this statement was replaced by disgust and my signature frown when I saw the price tag.

I'm a college student. Translation: I am dirt poor. Therefore, there is no way that I would waste \$35 on a toy that would be soon forgotten among the mountains of my others.

Being as thrifty as I am, I have come up with a solution. Hell,

for \$35 I could buy seeds, grow the beans, and sew my own bundle of cuteness. But, also being the extremely lazy American that I am, I'll settle for the generic version of the babies for a whopping \$4.

It's just that simple. By buying the fakes I'll be able to jump on the cuteness bandwagon and still

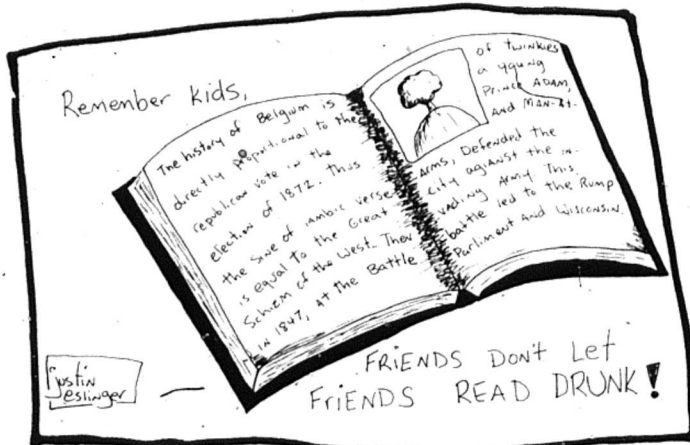
have a little dough left for those oh-so-long Thursday nights.

OK, I admit it. They are cute. But because I'm an original baby girl, I seriously doubt that my shelves will be adorned with bean bags in the shape of animals any time soon.

As for those of you who are beanie baby freaks, sit down and count how much money you have tied up in toys. Don't you feel dumb?

Editor's note: Scheri Elaine Smith is a sophomore print journalism major from Radcliff.

**Scheri Elaine Smith**  
Commentary



## Semester brings changes; students should get involved

Returning students, welcome back. It's that time of year once again. Incoming freshmen and transfer students, welcome to Western. Your stay at Western will be some of the best times of your life. A lot of changes have taken place over the summer, and more changes are still to come.

Dining Services underwent a huge transformation when Aramark arrived on campus this summer.

This is great for the students. Now we have new and improved restaurants to choose from when eating on campus. McDonald's, Chick-fil-A and Freshens Yogurt found new homes on the hill; and along with the revamped Topper Cafe, have added more diversity for our hunger.

The Lady Toppers have a new, enthusiastic coaching staff headed up by Steve Small, who promises that the Lady Toppers will win every game that they don't lose.

Hilltopper football got a new look this summer thanks to Jim Harbaugh and Fila.

The Toppers' first home football game is Sept. 6 vs. in-state rival Murray State University at 7 p.m. Don't miss it.

On a more serious note, the Board of Regents is currently interviewing four finalists for president of Western.

The position was vacated earlier this year when former President Thomas Meredith took the position as chancellor of the University of

Alabama system. As student regent, I need your feedback in this area. Part of the interview process has given the opportunity for students, during the student group session, to meet the candidates and ask them anything they wanted.

Unfortunately, because of time conflicts and/or lack of interest, not very many students have participated in the student sessions.

On a side note, I want to personally thank those students who did attend the sessions. Now I need the rest of you to let me know what qualities and characteristics you want the next president to have. I also need to know what student-related issues the new president needs to address. Please let me know by calling me down at the Student Government Association office at 745-4354 or e-mail me at [coffmk@wku.edu](mailto:coffmk@wku.edu).

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You can make a difference. Editor's Note: Keith Coffman is a senior marketing major from Russellville. He is also the SGA president and student regent.

**Keith Coffman**  
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## New class may ease transition

BY MOLLY HARPER

How to make a classroom full of freshmen flinch: tell them they have to sing the school fight song for a grade.

"Oh man, I thought he was kidding," Cleveland freshman Casey Carmichael said when asked if he knew the words.

Singing is just part of the new freshman seminar class, a component of former President Thomas Meredith's "Moving to a New Level" program. The course is designed to assist students in the transition from high school to the university level.

"In any transition, a number of students experience difficulty," said

Kyle Wallace, director of Academic Advisement and Retention. "The freshman seminar has been used for years (at other colleges) to make the transition easier."

This is the second semester the course has been taught at Western. According to Wallace, 33 percent of the freshmen that start college here don't return for their second year. This is average compared to college retention rates across the country.

The aim of this course is to get students involved in campus life by homesickness and boredom don't send them packing after their first semester.

Some class activities include attending a home football game, interviewing an expert in the student's chosen profession and joining a school club or activity. Time management, study skills and career planning will also be emphasized.

Teaching a program that's still in the experimental stage doesn't seem to have faculty worried.

"I'm going to try to make it fun, build community, provide information about the university and its programs and services," said history Professor Carol Crowe-Carraco.

Crowe-Carraco said many freshmen leave after their first year at any school because they fail to connect with other students, faculty or the university. She said she hopes this course becomes a fixture of Western's curriculum.

"I have two eighth graders, and they're going to be here someday," she said. "I want someone to take an interest in them."

Students' responses to the seminar varied from vacant stares and shrugs to appreciation.

"In some ways, it's a waste of time," Bloomfield freshman Jennifer Waldrige said. "But I've discovered it's a huge adjustment moving here, and you need help in some areas."

Waldrige said she feels she has adjusted well to campus life; she only feels homesick when she calls home. Her one complaint is the sea of red tape she has to deal with on a daily basis.

"Everything is done electronically, through computers," she said. "I feel like I never deal with a human being."

Carmichael hasn't experienced any homesickness during his first week.

"It's a nice, laid-back campus," he said. "It's a lot more comfortable than I thought it was going to be."

As long as he doesn't have to learn the fight song

## DUC to get new roof

BY MATT HATCHERSON

Most likely, the scent of tar will coat the air around Downing University Center next spring.

Facilities Management officials have approved and funded a \$225,000 roof for DUC. But now those same officials say they must secure additional money from the university's reserve fund before the shingles fly.

"It looks like we need about \$65,000 more to do the job," Facilities Management Director Mark Struss said.

Struss' department will ask the Board of Regents to tap the auxiliary reserve fund in October to complete the roof by March or April 1998, a year and a half after the regents approved the first roof proposal.

Struss said design engineers decided DUC's roof required more drains than their original blueprint considered. He also said the difficulty staging the project around the crowded student center would hike costs.

Western's regents approved the original repair plans in October 1996.

Struss said it's crucial that his department renovates the roof as soon as possible to avoid the kinds of leaks that damaged and closed classrooms in Cherry Hall after part of its roof collapsed in February 1996.

The roof on DUC was the same kind of roof that failed at Cherry," Struss said.

Tro-cal, the roofing material used on Cherry Hall and DUC, includes a single-ply sheet of

plastic that waterproofs the building, but "it has a tendency to brittle and crack with age," Struss said.

DUC will get the same roof as Cherry Hall, a bitumen-membrane design that has a longer lifespan, Struss said.

Western's student center is under its original roof, finished in 1970. It's experienced some leaks since, said Jerry Johnson, DUC night operations manager.

"Two or three years ago, we got into some bad leaks on the fourth floor up by the bowling alley," he said. "That's the only bad leaking I recall."

The roof project is among several in Facilities Management's Deferred Maintenance Plan, a list of major improvement projects that need funding, including new roofs for Grise and West halls.

Unlike the Grise and West proposals, the DUC project is mostly funded. And Struss expects to get the extra funding.

"Normally, when we're dealing with allocations from auxiliary reserve, there's not much of a problem," Struss said.

"If we get the additional funding, then we will proceed with the final stages in design."

He said bidding for the roofing firm should begin in October and wrap up by February.

"Timing is everything on these jobs, and we don't always get it done when we'd like it to happen," Struss said. "But we'll proceed whenever it is practical."

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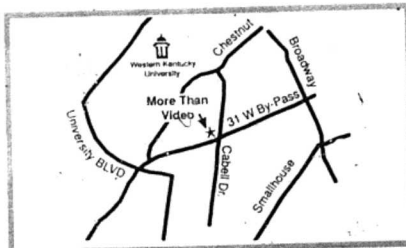
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# RELIGION: Work, school may sabotage spirituality

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depression among the factors that turn this generation away from church. Elias also recognizes that the college experience can distract students from their religious base.

Although several campus ministries reach out to students with free events, bible study sessions and open worship services, people are instead attracted to other college activities, especially freshmen, he said.

Lucas junior Will Lambert said he quit going to church because of his work schedule. He typically uses Sundays to work or to sleep late.

"I have opened up to new ideas," he said, "but I haven't lost my original faith."

However, a theory among some theologians is that college students actually have lost their faith because of the influence of higher education.

"I can tell you that higher education does have an impact on students..." said Donald McCrabb, executive director of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association under the National Conference of Catholic Bishops located at the University of Dayton in Ohio. "Generally, there is some movement that

takes place during the college years."

What causes it? Experts say students are introduced to non-traditional ideas, like agnosticism, while in college. Those ideas may disturb their religious backgrounds.

Thomas Weakley, director of Campus Crusade for Christ, attributes some of the non-church student population to their poor religious backgrounds in general. If students were raised in a church and actively participated in it at home, it's likely they'll continue to be active in some sort of religious organization on campus, he said.

But if a students' parents did not introduce religion to them, the students will be more open to non-traditional beliefs.

"When I was a student at Western, there were more students who had Christian heritages," Weakley said.

The student anti-war movement in the '60s and '70s changed students' views on Christianity, according to Weakley. Those students became the parents of today's generation.

An example: Glasgow sophomore Michael Cash.

"I've never gone to church," he said. "My parents went to church themselves in college,

and then they took another direction."

Cash, a self-proclaimed naturalist, said his parents, Western students in the 1970s, didn't teach him or his sister about Christianity.

But are all students really running away from religion?

The Rev. John Little, director of the Catholic Newman Center and pastor of the St. Thomas Aquinas Church, doesn't think so.

"There's a general misconception that it's not cool to go to church," he said, stressing that

most people are involved in religious activities somehow.

In fact, Alexander W. Astin, a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles, published a study in January 1996 that backs up Little's theory. Among the incoming freshmen class of 1995, 80 percent reported attending a religious service in the past year.

Perhaps Baby Busters' religion is a characteristic of the generation.

The Rev. Scott Hopkins said the trend has to do with the age

of students and being away from home.

"They just kind of get out there, branch out and experience things themselves," the Wesley Foundation campus minister said.

But in the meantime, Green said she may return to church later in life, especially after graduation.

"I guess this is the age when you have to struggle through this," she said. "And find out what your relationship with God is."

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# Candidates impress students, faculty

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE, MATTIAC  
KAREN AND MOLLY HARPER

Being a physics major, Casey Watson is concerned about modern technology.

Being a presidential candidate, so is Edward Hammond, which explains why Watson was impressed with him during yesterday's student forum.

"He seems very committed to keeping pace with technology," said the senior from Floyd Knobs, Ind. "That's a crucial issue. If we don't keep up, we'll be left in the dust."

On Tuesday, candidate Gary Ransdell emphasized his fund-raising capabilities, to the delight of Bart White, a communication and broadcasting professor.

"I think his strength would lie in recruiting corporate dollars into the budget," he said.

White referred to Ransdell's success at Clemson University in soliciting private money for use by the university. Ransdell currently serves as vice president for Administration and Advancement,

where he headed Clemson's extensive fund-raising campaigns.

"I think his past experience and success shows he would be able to have a strong interpersonal relationship with the community at large," White said.

Like Watson, history Professor Richard Salisbury was happy with Hammond.

"He was a very capable individual," Salisbury said. "He played a major leadership role in the move to the information age at Fort Hays."

"(He) made me think that our pool of candidates was more impressive than I thought it would be, to be honest."

Among the 16 students that showed up for Tuesday's Ransdell forum, relations with students was among the leading topics.

"I liked what he said about interacting with students and having an open home," Louisville senior Sara Haswell said. "Nobody wants a president behind closed doors."

Madisonville junior Eric Evans agreed. "He seemed very personal,

and I liked what he said about restoring the campus."

Though his financial success at Clemson is a strength, Science Catalog Librarian Rose Davis said it is Ransdell's vision for Western that makes him a strong candidate.

"In his closing remarks he showed that he has a good understanding of what's expected of a president on and off campus," Davis said.

White said Ransdell is a strong candidate for the presidential position, but like all candidates, has drawbacks.

"Some may question his comments on academic freedom and his position on faculty speaking out outside their disciplines," White said, adding that Ransdell was not able to fully elaborate on that position.

Frankfort junior Brian Hackensmith was impressed that Ransdell covered all the issues important to students.

"He seemed to have very high expectations, and that is exactly what this place needs — someone with high expectations," he said.

## HAMMOND: Experience counts

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cisely why he wants to come. "Western is much bigger and it has a good environment for this," he explained. "The faculty here is committed to teaching and that's exciting."

"If we can merge that high-tech emphasis with technology, we will be more effective and attractive than any other institution."

Music Professor Dwight Pounds said two things — Hammond's experience and his technology plan — put faculty at ease during yesterday's forum.

"He has very good insight on where technology is today and where it should be at Western," Pounds said. "Hammond would thrust us and join us into the 21st century."

Students said they were

amazed by Hammond's "four year guarantee."

Under the plan, if a student chooses a four-year degree program during their freshman year and stays with that major, the university would pay for the fifth year if one was needed.

If students change their degree plan or drop courses, the contract does not apply.

For the past two years Fort Hays has offered a four-year guarantee and currently 95 percent of its students are working on four-year degrees.

Hammond ended his faculty interview by leaving one picture in the minds of his audience.

"I'm the best candidate because I have the experience it takes to do all of the things we've talked about today," he said. "I've got 10 years of doing it well. That's what I bring to the table."

### Up Next

Insurance executive Eugene Payne, the last finalist for Western's next president, will interview Wednesday.

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Sue Miller, left, reunites with Julie Ransdell after not seeing her for several years. Almost 20 years ago, Miller worked in the Alumni Affairs office at Western for Ransdell's husband, Gary, who spoke to students Tuesday afternoon. Gary Ransdell is the second candidate to interview for university president.

## RANSELL: Mission needs refining

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During the student forum he stressed increasing student involvement with the administration and volunteering.

"I would like to make it a part of the curriculum because this would be a great way to solve problems in our society," he told the 16 students. "Also I want everyone to know that the president's house would always be open."

One of Ransdell's top priorities is to work with the Board of Regents to devise a new mission statement for Western. He said it is "generic" and doesn't reflect Western.

Many faculty members expressed concerns about privatization. Ransdell has a plan for tackling the problem.

He was in charge of dealing with privatization at Clemson University and said he has a formula to help determine if it is necessary.

First, he asks if it will improve the financial capacity and improve the quality of service. He said if privatization affects the culture and takes away something that is meaningful to the campus, then it's never a good idea.

Debby Gabbard, who plans to ask every candidate his views on

privatization, said she was impressed with Ransdell's answer.

"A lot of faculty members are afraid that their jobs aren't safe and so I think it's important we know where our president stands," said the office coordinator for the dean of libraries and the Kentucky Museum.

Another problem Ransdell plans to tackle is maintenance. He wants to improve campus buildings and ensure every dorm is air-conditioned.

"The campus isn't in as good a condition as I remember it being," he said. "I would give it a good score, but that's not good enough."



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## Internet job hunting can be easy

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

Katie Shaw went into Barnes & Noble bookstore Tuesday night looking for a wedding book. She left knowing how to conduct a job search via the Internet.

Shaw's learning experience came from a seminar conducted at the store by Becky Bennett, a career preparation specialist at Western's Career Services Center.

"I saw the sign when I walked in the door and decided I'd stick around," the senior from Parsons, Tenn., said.

Bennett explained to Shaw and a handful of others the step-by-step process of accessing the job market online.

There are a lot of sites offering career and employment information," Bennett said. Some of these sites include America's Job Bank ([www.ajb.dni.us](http://www.ajb.dni.us)), which is a listing provided by the U.S. Employment Service, and Bennett's favorite, the Monster Board ([www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)).

"Monster Board is a well-known site and lots of employers use it," she said, adding that more than 7,000 employers list openings on the site. Monster Board has other resources for job-seekers,

including a job search agent that will seek out all new vacancies in a given area of interest. The site also provides how-to's for interviews and Internet resumes.

"A resume for on-line has a different format than a paper resume," Bennett explained. "You can type up the resume using a word processing format, but it must be converted to ASCII format before it is placed on the Internet."

Though addresses are always included on paper resumes, Bennett discourages placing a home address on an Internet resume. She does, however, suggest placing a phone number as well as an e-mail address on the resume.

If you leave a resume for an employer through the Internet, chances are they will contact you through the Internet, too," Bennett explained.

Other Internet sites, such as Career Path ([careerspath.com](http://careerspath.com)), provide listings of newspaper want ads. Though these sites can be helpful for searching the job market in metropolitan areas, most smaller newspapers do not list their want ads on-line, Bennett said. Bennett also suggests con-

tacting the sites of potential employers for job listings. "You can usually leave your resume at these sites, just like if you walked into the company," she added.

Internet search engines InfoSeek and Yahoo can help job-seekers find company or career-related sites on the Internet. Other useful resources are list-serves, Bennett said.

"One of the most effective ways of finding a job is simply through word of mouth," she said. "List-serves are like going to the corner store and talking to folks."

List-serves are sites where a group of people with similar interests communicate through e-mail. Bennett said people using list-serves are usually very helpful and often will place job vacancies at these sites first.

The Career Services home page ([www.wku.edu/CareerServ/welcome-career.htm](http://www.wku.edu/CareerServ/welcome-career.htm)) is linked to several of the employment information sites Bennett discussed at the seminar. It is also accessible through Western's home page ([www.wku.edu](http://www.wku.edu)). For more information on Internet job-hunting or any other career-related information, contact the Career Services Center at 745-2691.

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## Xerox set to take over printing office

BY JENNIFER L. POULLOS

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"There was a lack of satisfaction with the old company, and in the past the university did not have the resources or the technology to change this," said William Carter, director of purchasing for Western.

Before privatization, the university controlled printing services.

Although there will be a one-half cent increase in the cost for users of the copy center, Carter promises significant improvements in customer satisfaction, overall quality and efficiency. Prices for the print shop will remain steady.

The copy center is used mainly for smaller jobs like handouts. The print shop offers more of a variety, including access to color copies, sorting and stapling jobs and other finishing services.

"The print shop does whatever you need to do," Carter said. Government Department Head John Parker said the change won't

affect operations that much.

"I thought we got good service from the last company, so hopefully we can continue to get good service from this new one," he said.

Jessica Bex, a marketing executive with Xerox Business Services, described some of the benefits that Xerox will be offering to Western.

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I know you might be poor and obsessed with nutrition, but return to those carnivorous tendencies and forgo that usual soy-burger-based diet. Read on and settle down for some high quality meat and suds.

#### Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon

2425 Scottsville Rd. ♦ Steers: 3 Beers: 5

Dead last on my list for the dining experience. One thing Texans do know is beef. The same can be said for my fourth choice, Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon. With their serious selection of steaks to choose from, it was obvious this is THE steak-lover's restaurant.

Too bad the service was lousy. The guy seemed preoccupied and unexperienced, causing long waits for drinks and food.

**My experience:** Forget the service for a moment. The New York Strip was the choice of the night, and a fine choice it was. Seared and grilled magnificently, this steak was one of the best I had. Its tenderness allowed every bit of flavor to be enjoyed.

The Beck's Dark was cold and the baked potato grand, rounding out the meal.

The tab and tip was high: \$25. Work on that service, people.

#### Montana Grille

1750 Scottsville Rd. ♦ Steers: 3 1/2 Beers: 5

This was next to last on my list. The rustic atmosphere was well-suited to the theme of the restaurant — reminiscent of a mountain lodge, complete with mega moose head.

The beer selection was ample and covered most all domestic and imported beers. Even a choosy beer drinker could find a beer to his liking on this list. The house specialty steak was the Twin Peaks Bourbon Filet. The steak is grilled, then smothered in a rich bourbon-based sauce.

**My experience:** Served with a baked potato, a

house salad and Newcastle Ale, the meal was well-rounded and superb.

The steak was delicious and tender, but I felt the bourbon sauce was intrusive, smothering the steak's flavor. A true meat-eater should make a different choice to get true flavor.

While the food quality and atmosphere were outstanding, the prices were a bit high. Service was excellent. Beer, food and tip: \$25.

#### Mariah's

801 State St. ♦ Steers: 4 1/2 Beers: 5

This was my second-favorite visit and probably the most upscale restaurant. It had a very calm and pleasant atmosphere that was quite different from the typical sports bar.

While the beer selection at Mariah's covered almost any brew conceivable — domestic and import — the same can't be said for their selection of steaks. Their menu contained a mere four offerings, but they covered the popular choices well. From Fillet Mignon to New York Strip, a meat lover should have no problem finding an acceptable steak in this narrow field.

**My experience:** I chose the New York Strip and a Killian's Red, which proved to be an excellent

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Review by Kelley Lynn

# 'Jane' fails after boot camp

BY DAN HIES

Demi Moore. That's about all that was good about "G.I. Jane."

After a string of movies whose basic plot lines were, "Look, she's about to take her shirt off," Moore proved that behind the Tupperware there is a real actress.

She plays Lt. Jordan O'Neill, a smart, tough Navy officer who is offered the chance to join the Navy SEALs by a U.S. Senator (Anne Bancroft) bent on earning some political brownie points.

O'Neill, of course, decides to tackle the challenge. But once she arrives at school, she faces not only rigorous training, but also the task of winning the approval of her male peers.

The movie's depiction of SEAL training is striking. Sixty percent of the troops quit — opting to ring a big bell in the center of the facility, admitting defeat. The stark, brutal inhumanity of the exercises also serves to illustrate the almost superhuman drive and stubbornness of the soldiers.

But the movie does less to illustrate the way that same stubbornness distances the men from Moore.

Therein lies one of the movie's biggest weaknesses. Moore spends all of about 15 minutes convincing her gender-specific buddies that she can hack it. In the worst Hollywood fashion, the men's opinions shift like a fart in the wind. Of course, by removing that barrier, the movie's main dramatic tension is cut away.

Moore doesn't get off totally scott free, though. The SEALs' head instructor, Chief Master Sgt. John Urganyle (Viggo Mortensen), is determined to chase Moore from the program. Problem is, there's a weird, I-torture-you-because-I-love-you/I-hate-you-but-I-appreciate-the-hell-you're-putting-me-through kind of thing going on between the two characters. Whatever you call it, the relationship's dualism only serves to cheapen the film's mood.

Despite the movie's many deficiencies, the ending man-

aged to trump all other bad parts. Check out the originality of this plot twist: The newly trained SEALs are unexpectedly needed to complete a mission — they're the only ones around. Gee, sounds like a bad "Top Gun" clone. Except it isn't. It's a bad "Iron Eagle" clone.

The ending also showcases the movie's contrived morality plays. Example: early in the film, Master Sgt. Butt-head says women are deficient because they wouldn't be able to pull an injured soldier to safety.

Guess what "G.I. Jane" does in the movie's dying moments? Guess who for?

Complimenting the movie's bad script is equally nasty cinematography. The director, Ridley Scott of "Alien" fame, wasted most of the action scenes bouncing between focal lengths, never allowing much detail to creep into a shot.

Finally, what should have been a serious drama spent large chunks of time trying to coordinate its action to a Top 40 soundtrack.

Considering the grueling nature of watching "G.I. Jane," if I hadn't been reviewing it, I probably would have rung the bell about half way through.

## Grade: C-

"G.I. Jane"  
Military drama starring  
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## STEERS: Town's best steak, beer spots

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choice. The steak was melt-in-your-mouth tender and masterfully grilled to perfection.

Washed down by a cold Killian's, the steak was divine. After a pleasant dining experience (including excellent service), my bill arrived. It came to \$20, including tip.

### Hops Grill & Bar/Microbrewery

2945 Scottsville Rd.

Steers: 5 Beers: 4 1/2

Although Montana Grille was good and Mariah's was better, this place has it all. Listen up: this is the best steak house in Bowling Green. And the signs are (literally) all there — with a name like Hops, it has to have good beer — and the sign advertising the great Brewmaster Steak didn't lie.

The place is trendy and brews its own beer. With one quick glance at the menu, I knew this place was made for beef and brew maniacs. The ample number of steaks made deciding difficult, so I opted for the famed Brewmaster. Guided by the advice of my server, I also opted for the Golden Hammer beer.

**My Experience:** When the steak arrived, it was a generously portioned prime cut grilled to tender perfection, with a tasty loaded potato on the side. Flanked by a well-portioned house salad and augmented by the cold Golden Hammer, this dining experience was truly memorable.

The subs I had were full, rich and truly delightful for a beer lover. But their beer selection was restricted to only house brews — it could easily scare off a not-so-adventurous drinker.

The price for dinner was another pleasant surprise. I enjoyed two beers and a full meal for \$21, tip included.

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## Show comes to campus

By REBECCA LENZ

Imagine: a live game show right here at Western, offering students \$500 — or life-long embarrassment.

The University Center Board is hosting "The Real Deal Crazy Comedy Game Show" at 7 tonight in Nike Glass in the Downing University Center.

According to Scott Taylor, all people have to do is show up to be a member of the audience. Participants will be picked to compete for money — \$500, that is.

"It appears to be a cross between 'Let's Make a Deal' and 'Truth or Consequences,'" the Student Activities director said.

Students will be asked trivia questions. If they get them wrong, they have to do something crazy. Students will also

get a chance to spin a wheel for money. Here comes the "Let's Make a Deal" homage: they can keep the amount they have or take a chance and go on for bigger bucks.

Expect the unexpected, said Bennie Beach, Student Activities coordinator.

"Students will get up and make complete fools out of themselves," he said.

So who's responsible for the entertainment and potential embarrassment? The Smith Agency, a talent agency that goes from college campus to campus, putting on the show.

Students should enjoy "The Real Deal," Beach said. After all, they can cut loose and possibly go home with some money.

"Folks tend to like these kind of programs," he said. "That's why we continue to do them."

By SCHERI ELAINE SMITH

OK, college has its perks — education and enlightenment being two. But entertainment is another story — it's around, but it's usually not free. Barnes & Noble is changing that this weekend.

The bookstore, located at 1680 Campbell Lane, will showcase two local folk singers Saturday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Susan Morris and Artie Johnson will perform a concert of original songs, called "Just Us."

"We're going to do some old acoustic songs," vocalist Morris said. "Artie is a wonderful songwriter."

Folks may recognize Morris — she's worked in the Admissions office at Western's Community College since 1990. Johnson, who moonlights as a house painter,

**"We still breathe, walk, talk and hurt. No matter what ... it's still the same story."**

— Artie Johnson  
folk musician

plays the guitar.

What can people expect? Songs about people, Johnson said.

"I'm 45 years old," he said. "But I was born and so was everybody else. We still breathe, walk, talk and hurt. No matter what the age, it's still the same story."

Morris agreed. Folk music has something for everyone — students may be fans and not know it. Most definitely, college stu-

dents will like it," she said. "A lot of music that was popular in my time is being redone by the artists of today."

And Saturday's just the beginning. Cheryl Kirby-Stokes, assistant manager at the bookstore, said Barnes & Noble will be providing free entertainment like poetry readings throughout the year.

"We are here to serve the community and be a source of broadening horizons," she said. "We want to expose people to information they may not have otherwise been exposed to."

The music isn't the only thing Saturday night's performance has going for it. "It's such a nice atmosphere," Morris said. "The main thing is that it's free, it's in a non-alcoholic place and they have all those great books."

## Experts give tips to avoid 'dorm war'

By SCHERI ELAINE SMITH

Oh, does Nicole Laster know the horrors of a difficult roommate. Last year, she had to keep an eye on her food. She had to disown out the love squeals of her roommate. And she couldn't take much more. But before things could get too difficult.

"She moved out — thank God," the Russellville junior said. "It was really bad because I would come in to eat and I'd go for something and she had eaten it. We just weren't compatible."

Miscommunication. Not getting along. Roommate hell. Whatever people choose to call it, it's something new college students may face their first time in a dorm. But before coming to blows over the television volume, there is hope for the war-torn dorm room. Just ask Brian Kuster, assistant director of Residence Life.

Resident assistants and the folks at Residence Life may be able to help salvage a roommate relationship. Believe it or not, "we are here for them," Kuster said.

Here's some advice:  
♦ **Communicate.** Although the rooms are small and tempers can flare, communication can prevent conflict, said McLean Hall Director Peggy Haaf.

"When people come to me with roommate problems, the first step I take is to send them back to each other," she said. "It's not my conflict, so I encourage them to talk about it first."

It doesn't mean people have

to be best friends, just open to each other's feelings, Kuster said.

"No one's perfect," he said. "Be open to your own faults."  
♦ **Compromise.** Learning how to give and take is a vital element in dorm life.

"Talk with each other and discuss the issues," Kuster said. "Be flexible."

Dorm directors, RAs and the office of Residence Life can help, too. As a tool for communication, students can make rules through a Roommate Lifestyle Agreement, which can be obtained through an RA.

"It's like a contract where the two roommates and an RA sit down and discuss some ground rules to help them live together," Kuster explained. "We try to (draw up contracts) at the beginning of the year."

♦ **Use resources.** Ask anyone in Residence Life: RAs and hall directors are there to help make dorm life easier.

"I'm a great resource," said Haaf, who has been associated with Residence Life for more than a year. The office has information available on how to cope with dorm life and what can be done in the case of a problem — contact them at 745-2037.

Basically, think about the future before declaring dorm war, Haaf said.

"When you graduate, who knows? That person could be your supervisor or work in the same cubicle as you," she said. "Students need to understand that we live in a society where employers are looking for people who can work together."

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## Slow time in the small town tonight

Although I personally can't remember most of last weekend, I heard about some pretty cool parties going on — including one shindig that took two houses to throw. Keep up the good work, guys.

So what's the fun forecast for this weekend? Bleak. It looks like we're exiled in Dullsville this weekend... and that's why I am endorsing a grand exodus to whatever town or city you are originally from. Go home. See the folks. Don't stick around. You'll die of Boring Green Syndrome.

But if you're going to be a member of the few, the proud, the "I can't split because I live two states over" club, here are a few SuperPicks. Never fear — next weekend's going to be lively.

### Pick of the weekend

It ain't in this town. It's in Nashville. It's blues music. It's free. And it's happening tonight, so gather some friends and hit the road ASAP.

From 5 to 10 p.m. at Riverfront Park, "Dancin' in the District" will be happening. Regional blues talent Jimmy Hall and the Prisoners of Love, The Nationals and The Mojo Men as well as Paul Thorn and Without Ruth will be performing. Don't worry about sustenance — food, drink and beer vendors will be around to take care of the nutrition conditions.

If you like blues with witty lyrics, solid rhythm sections and mean harmonica players, this could be the spot to settle down. And if you enjoy folks playing harp to the blues, this is definitely the



### WEEKEND SUPERPICKS

Chris Hutchins

place (The Nationals do that).

Monday news: To commemorate Labor Day — the celebration honoring America's work force — Bryan Adams, a Canadian, will be performing at the park at 5 p.m. That's free, too.

Here's how to get there: Take I-65 south to Nashville. Take exit 84. Turn left onto Shelby Avenue. Stay on Shelby (go over the river); you can park at the Nashville Arena's lot, at the left. From the lot, walk left to Broadway, then make a right onto Broadway. Go down to the park.

Have a good time havin' the blues.

### Other happenings

◆ Sticking around campus tonight? Forget about it. Cure for the common bore: go see my buddies, K.C. Armstrong, Mike Napier and the rest of the Hilltopper football team eat dirt with Tennessee Martin at 7 tonight. It's a two-hour drive to Martin, Tenn., but it's worth it. Hey, would you rather see some classmates butt heads than

watch another "Suddenly Susan" rerun? Go and watch us win.

◆ Finally, the band/bar scene. Gary's Bar & Grill at 1354 Adams St. — Tonight: Poor Skeleton; tomorrow: Soul Food; Saturday: Envy Estate. Vic's Sports Bar at 423 Park Row — Tonight: Bey Smith and the Band; tomorrow: Ernie Small Blues Band; Saturday: Ernie Small Blues Band, Lost River. Baker Street Cafe at 1265 College St. — Tonight: Junk Box; tomorrow: Moss Browne; Saturday: Tommy Womack and the Geniuses.

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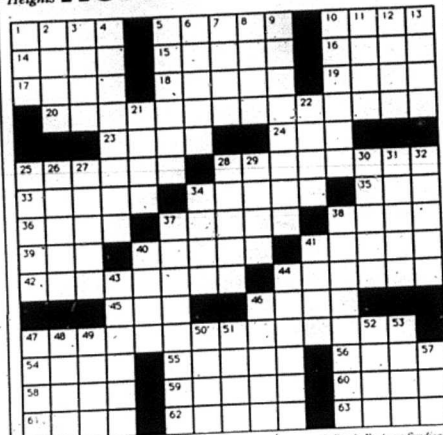
The agriculture department sponsors their annual kickoff supper at 6 today at the Agricultural Exposition Center. The Block and Bridle Club, Horticulture Club and equestrian team will meet after dinner. Information: contact the department at 745-3151.

College Republicans meet at 6 today in Downing University Center, Room 308. Information: contact Theresa Criss at 745-4206. Outdoor Adventure Club meets at 8:15 Tuesday in DUC, Room 349. Information: contact Joni Johnson at 745-2508.

Jewish Student Organization meets at 2 p.m. Wednesday in DUC, Room 230. Information: contact Mike Fassler at 846-1223.

Intramural flag football captains meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Preston Health and Activities Center, upstairs lobby. Information: contact Rebecca Shepherd at 745-6000.

## College Heights Herald Crossword



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### Across

1. Mountaineer's milieu
5. Portion
10. Word with corner or bloomer
14. Chimney sweep's coating
15. Star of TV's Alice
16. Open
17. Room for señor
18. Substitute products
19. Hari
20. City in the 2nd-largest state
23. 3 to 3, 4 to 4, and 5 to 5
24. Reagan or Howard
25. Beauty
28. Pares
33. Ram
34. Actor James and family
35. Afr. nation
36. Reagan and Clinton, once: abbr.
37. Clerical title
38. Half of a Hawaiian fish?
39. Resident: suff.
40. Mixed
41. In \_\_\_ of; supporting
42. Merchant
44. Least loony
45. Bertinelli, for short
46. Decorate with jewels
47. North Dakota's neighbor
54. Intestinal sections
55. Steam
56. Stratagem
58. Twinkler
59. Get hitched privately
60. Notion
61. Duke of Wellington or Earl of Liverpool
62. Roller coasters
63. In good order

### Down

1. Pack animal
2. Bakery purchase
3. Game played with mallets
4. Alarms
5. More sluggish

6. Rings of light
7. Allego
8. Noisy disturbance
9. Hold as sacred
10. Grieve
11. Cleanser
12. "See ya!"
13. Times
21. Uncles José and Carlos
22. Tricycle riders
25. Beeper
26. Moved up
27. Fasten
28. Shoreline stroller
29. Arduous
30. Go
31. Group characteristics
32. Piece of clothing
34. Full box
37. Type of sweater
38. Orange
40. Decree
41. Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Marble*
43. Bird's home
44. Steady looks
46. Extent
47. Atomizer's emission
48. Voice
49. Approach
50. Island east of Java
51. Like peas in \_\_\_
52. Urbanite on a ranch
53. Bewildered
57. \_\_\_ one's words; retract a statement

Answer to last week's puzzle:



### WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

#### Greenwood 6

Excess Baggage — 2, 4:25, 7:15, 9:30  
Event Horizon — 2, 4, 7:30, 9:30  
George of the Jungle — 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20  
Leave It to Beaver — 2:30, 4:30, 7:30  
Picture Perfect — 9:20  
Conspiracy Theory — 1:45, 4:25, 7:15

9:45

Air Force One — 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

#### Plaza 6

Kull the Conqueror — 2, 4, 6, 8, 10  
Hoodlum — 2, 4:45, 7:20, 10  
G.I. Jane — 2, 4:30, 7:30  
Mimic — 4:30, 9:20  
Copland — 2, 7  
Men in Black — 2:15, 4:25, 7:15

9:20

Money Talks — 2:30, 4:35, 7:35, 9:45

#### Martin Twin Theatre

Speed 2 — 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30  
Con Air — 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

#### DUC Theatre

Double Team — 7

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# Sports

## Football begins season tonight

BY TRAVIS MAYO

The day Western football players have been waiting for since Nov. 9, 1996 has finally arrived.

Tonight's season opener at Tennessee-Martin has been highly anticipated by the Hilltoppers, and senior punter/backup quarterback K.C. Armstrong couldn't be more pleased.

"It's exciting because the day just sits there and it looks so far away, and then it jumps out at you and now the waiting is over — the time is now," he said.

Senior wide receiver Joey Stockton said he is looking forward to getting a pulse back in the Hilltoppers and will also like playing against someone that is not a teammate.

"It seems like a lot of people are dragging, due to all of the practicing we've been doing, so we need this game to get our heart beating and get the adrenaline going," he said. "And finally, a chance to hit somebody else."

Stockton will hit the field as "The Sporting News" I-AA Independent preseason offensive player of the year, but he said he feels nervous about this game.

Maybe it's because of a lack of knowledge about UT-Martin.

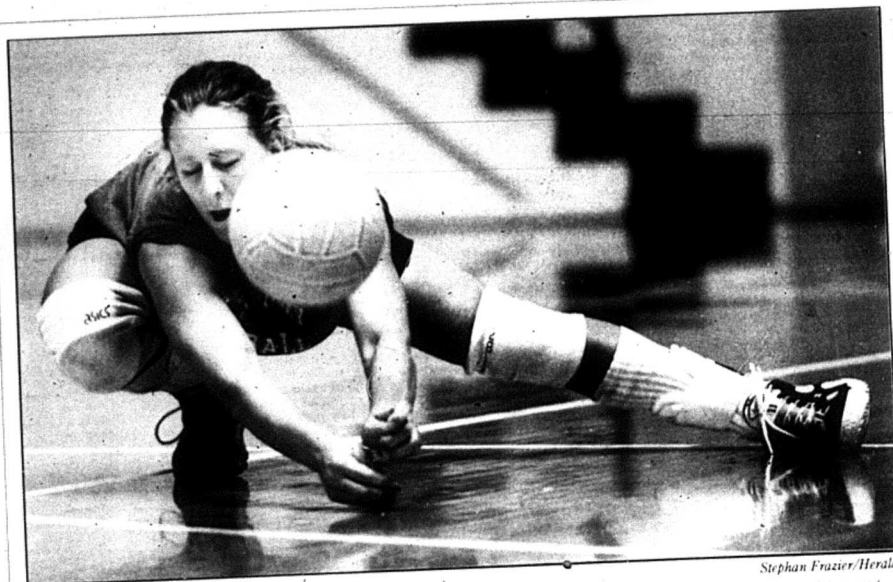
"We don't know diddly about them, and that's the scariest thing in the world," Stockton said.

The Skyhawks will begin the 1997 season with a new coaching staff and many new faces on the field. About 50 of the players in summer camp were first-year players on the UT-Martin roster, and Western coach Jack Harbaugh said the team added several junior college transfers.

"Not knowing much about them is a real concern for us," Harbaugh said.

Harbaugh is familiar with UT-Martin's new head coach, Jim Marshall.

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Stephan Frazier/Herald

At Tuesday's practice, Lori Cummings, a senior left side hitter, digs a ball. Cummings is back on the court after an injury and academic problems that kept her out of the lineup the past two seasons.

## Cummings returns to Tops' court after one-year hiatus

BY CHRIS ARRELL

People see her on the floor, they know it. The fire in those icy blue eyes withers the opposition when she points to the other side.

Lori Cummings is in her senior season with the Hilltopper volleyball program, and she's pumped.

"Seeing the team now, I think we can get a (Sun Belt Conference) title," Cummings said. "Every year you say that, but this is the year to do it. It's the only year left."

The 5-8 outside hitter sat out last year because of an academic mixup. She was three hours short of being eligible for last season. To make matters worse, she didn't find out she was ineligible until the eleventh hour.

"I'm pretty nervous right now," Cummings said. "Last year they told me I couldn't play the day before the first game. If it did happen again, I don't know what I would do."

Though it's not likely that Cummings will have to endure another season on the sidelines, Coach Travis Hudson said her experience on the Hill has been unique.

"She's been on the top and bottom," Hudson said. "There haven't been many people in our program that could've survived the kinds of things she's been through. She's a tough kid."

A knee injury ended Cummings 1993 season and the resulting surgery made her a redshirt in 1994.

"We were in Miami (of Ohio)," Cummings said. "About the fifth play of the

game I got set outside — way outside I kept going for it. My body landed awkward, on one leg and I blew it out."

Hudson points to the one essence of Cummings that allows her to keep going. No, it's not batteries, but it is a quality on the inside.

"She's a tough kid," said Hudson. "I think the need to compete is what fuels her and is what has made her make it through all of it."

Her teammates agree with Hudson. "Lori is a power player," said senior setter Kristi Chandler. "Her strength is in her desire. That's what makes her good."

Speaking of making it, despite the mishaps and all of that time on the sidelines, Cummings has already left a mark

SEE CUMMINGS, PAGE 18

## Answering machines are coach's best friends

Notes on the back of some empty sheet of paper that says "Plans for Detrex Field."

♦ Lori Cummings deserves what will happen to her tomorrow.

She deserves to step foot on the Memorial Coliseum floor at the University of Kentucky. To go even further, she deserves to have about 20 kills, 20 digs and 20 aces. She deserves to leap high and smash a game-winning kill.

You see, the thing about Cummings is she lives "happily," but just can't get anybody to give her the "ever after." Her story is this: four years at Western, only two of which were spent playing her game — volleyball.

A knee injury her sophomore year forced her to redshirt. Last season, she lost a year because she was three credit hours short of being eligible, something she never knew until a day before

the season was to begin.

No one can imagine how hard it was for her to suffer through watching her teammates play just knowing she could contribute.

But the energetic, spirited, trash-talking, odds-defying senior left side hitter returns to the team.

Lori, you're getting what you deserve. One final chance to end on a positive note. A chance to put an end to unfortunate circumstances and finally shine.

I can't think of anyone who deserves this opportunity more.

♦ I've got these spiffy Fila shoes, but I'm wondering if wearing them means I'm showing favoritism toward the football team. Can't have that as a journalist.

This new contract has me confused.

♦ So, who's your favorite Lady Topper volleyball player? Beaver



PLAYGROUND NOTES

Jerry Brewer

en Hill? (Pronounced "heaven with a B," Hudson says.) Tina Nikolaou? Andria Humpert? Christie Turnage? Jamie Ritterskamp?

An intimidating task, pronouncing these names.

"In recruiting them, on calls you just ask for them by using first names only (Beaven excluded)," Hudson said. "Or you hope to get the answering machine to

hear how they pronounce their names."

♦ The University of Louisville volleyball team had to forfeit all of its games last season because of NCAA violations, including its win over Western.

It's not official yet, but that 18-17 record the Tops had last season will soon be 19-16.

"I told our players if we could get another forfeit, I'd have my first 20-win season," Hudson said.

♦ Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Jr. is the latest member of the Western men's basketball team. No high expectations at all. None whatsoever.

♦ Western football coach Jack Harbaugh gave Jim Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration/president honey-bee, an endorsement at the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation luncheon last week.

"We need to hire this man as

our president," Harbaugh exclaimed. "We need one of our own. Hire this man right here."

♦ Ramsey smiled. Is there anyone who believes he's not going to be our ninth president?

♦ I'm wondering which was the bigger story this year — Thomas Meredith leaving his presidency at Western or Paul Sanderford leaving the women's basketball throne after 15 seasons.

I mean, this is Paul Sanderford we're talking about. He won 365 games. Has Western won 365 of anything else the past 15 years?

♦ Western's football team has had great success in the preseason and offseason, and now there's only one thing to say about having a winning season — Just Do It!

Oops, that's Nike. Sorry. There I go again.

## CUMMINGS: Fiery competitor makes return for Toppers

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at Western. Her career total of 60 service aces places her third all-time here in that category. She is also ranked ninth in all-time kills per game, averaging 2.0.

Hudson plans for Cummings to play two roles on this season's squad. The first is on defense. The other is a little more abstract.

"Lori is a very emotional person (on the court)," Hudson said. "It's going to be very important for this team that she stay positive and be a leader because she's the kind of person people watch before they decide what their reaction is."

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—Travis Hudson  
volleyball coach

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Hudson won't have to worry. The emotion is still there, and it appears to be focused.

"I can't stand to lose," Cummings said. "Talking trash pumps me up. When they block me, it pumps me up more. You have to have a loser to be a winner."

A tiger on the floor, Cummings becomes a tabby cat off it.

"She's a fun person to be around," Hudson said. "As far as her personal life, she is pretty quiet. You have a lot of people who rely on their parents or boyfriend. Lori relies on herself."

## FOOTBALL: Tops to face Skyhawks

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Both are from the same hometown of Crestline, Ohio, and are former neighbors. But Marshall inherits a team that finished dead last in the Ohio Valley Conference last year with an overall record of 1-10.

Harbaugh brings a team that is ranked 10th in the Sports Network I-AA preseason poll — a team that finished 7-4 last season, just short of the playoffs.

The playoffs are the goal for this Hilltopper team, starting with tonight's game.

"We're looking for big things to happen, but we have to take it one game at a time," senior fullback LaTravis Powell said. "But we want it."

Harbaugh said the special teams' play is important to completing a winning equation.

His players feel the same way.

"Special teams is very important because you have an opportunity to make a big play in a very short amount of time," Armstrong said.

### Countdown to Kickoff

Western vs UT-Martin

When: 7 tonight

Where: Skyhawk Stadium at UT-Martin, Martin, Tenn.

To come out of the season opener with a win, attacking right out of the tunnel, will be the game plan.

"If we do strike quick, it will take a lot of confidence out of them and give us some in return," senior quarterback Willie Taggart said.

The same theory rings true on the defensive side.

"It's very important to set the tone first, because we don't want them to get any momentum, and it's all about momentum," junior linebacker Trac Hackett said.

"Once they get momentum, they're going to think that they can play with us and beat us."

Every player giving their all is Powell's philosophy.

"We're going to come out and just play hard-nosed football and hit hard," he said. "We play blood and guts football, and that's the only way to play the game."

In Powell's mind, timidity has no place on the football field.

"We have to run hard. We can't be timid," he said. "We just have to stick it in there and go and the line will take it from there."

Stockton said he will be keeping an eye on positions other than his at UT-Martin.

"I'm looking to see how the defense holds out and how the offensive line does because they have a lot of new faces," he said. "If both those work out, it should be a fairly easy game."

And when the Toppers hit the field at 7 p.m., Hackett will have something to say to his teammates.

"I'll say, 'Remember, what are we aiming for — the playoffs — and it starts right here,'" he said.

And what follows will be history.

## ♦ Volleyball news

## Western in tourney

BY CHRIS ABRELL

Western's volleyball team opens its season this weekend at the Kentucky State Challenge in Lexington.

"It's a great opening tournament for us," Western coach Travis Hudson said. "We should be competitive in every match."

The Hilltoppers face Eastern Kentucky University at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow. Eastern defeated Western in their last meeting, 3-1. A big, offense-minded team, Eastern has one of the most talented players in the tournament.

(Senior) middle hitter Amy Merron is a fantastic athlete," Hudson said. "She's where we have to start. If we do a good job containing her, then I think we'll be in the match with a chance to win it."

Saturday at 11 a.m. Western meets Kentucky, a team it last beat in 1990. The most balanced team in the tournament, according to Hudson, UK is also physically the biggest squad on Western's schedule.

Senior middle hitter Jamie Ritterskamp said the match with UK will be competitive.

"We went five games with them last year," she said. "We'll be up for it."

Hudson's players said they feel they are ready to face the Wildcats.

"After yesterday's practice,

we know we will win," sophomore setter Jenni Miller said. "UK will be the hardest team to beat, but we will win the tournament."

Miller said the Toppers' hard work in practice is paying off. "Our defense is up," she said. "We've worked on it a lot this week and it's showed."

Western will round out the day with a 5:30 p.m. match against Morehead State University. Quickness and defense are Morehead's strengths.

"They are very scrappy," Hudson said. "That's the kind of team that gave us problems last year. When those rallies go long, you start seeing breakdowns."

Ritterskamp said the team has been anticipating the start of the season.

"Everyone is excited about this weekend," she said. "Everything is coming together. I feel like we can compete every outing."

The game plan for the Hilltoppers this weekend is consistency. A new playing style will greet Western in every match.

"Your goal in the tournaments before conference is get the kinks worked out," Hudson said. "We're going to have some growing pains, but it's time to get started and we're tired of looking at each other."



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# Co-rec football a new sport

◆ The deadline for flag football rosters is Tuesday

BY SARAH RAMSEY

Imagine standing across the line of scrimmage from the professor who falls everyone or being kept from sacking the quarterback because of a female blocker. It's a dream, right?

Welcome to co-rec flag football, one of the new sports to hit the intramural and sports clubs this fall.

Co-rec football will follow the same rules as regular flag football. The only difference is the composition of the team. Teams will contain women and men who are full- and part-time students, faculty and staff.

Co-rec football will also receive the same opportunity to go to New Orleans to compete for the flag football national championship as the other divisions.

According to Intramural Director Mark Williams, the philosophy behind co-rec sports is if the men can recruit the women the women can see how far intramural activities are and hopefully participate in other intramural activities.

All divisions of intramural football rosters are due Tuesday at the Intramural Office in Preston Health and Activities Center.

Other co-rec sports include wiffleball, volleyball and badminton. Softball will be added in the spring if Detres Field is complete.

Another new event this fall will be the Pitch & Hit Home Run Derby, a wiffleball-type tournament, which will be scheduled as soon as the Intramural Office receives the equipment.

For those unsure of the rules of any sport or want general information, video tapes are available in the intramural and sports club office. There is also a video on football tactics.

For individuals wanting to join a team, there is a free agent book at the front desk of the Preston Center that will help any participants find a perfect team.

Individuals interested in roller hockey, boxing, weightlifting, fast-pitch softball and ultimate frisbee should contact the sports club office.

The latest intramural information can also be obtained by calling the Intramural Infoline at 745-6060.

## ◆ Sports brief

### Runner takes NCAA award

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Former cross country runner Christina Brown was named Kentucky's NCAA Woman of the Year on Tuesday by the NCAA.

Brown is one of 51 state winners, including the District of Columbia, who excelled in athletics, academics and community leadership.

Brown is a GTE Academic All-American from Owenton. She has a 3.975 grade-point average with majors in psychology and recreation. She was also named Western's Female Athlete of the Year twice.

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# Tops to face Crusaders in season opener

By GEORGE ROBINSON

Western's soccer team knows how to end a season with a win.

It might have been the pre-season and only one game, but they came away with a 2-0 exhibition win against Alabama-Huntsville on Sunday.

Tomorrow starts the beginning of a new season — one that counts.

The Toppers open against Valparaiso at 1 p.m. in Indianapolis.

The Crusaders are coming off a season similar to the Toppers in that Valparaiso has experience, but Valparaiso had more postseason success than Western.

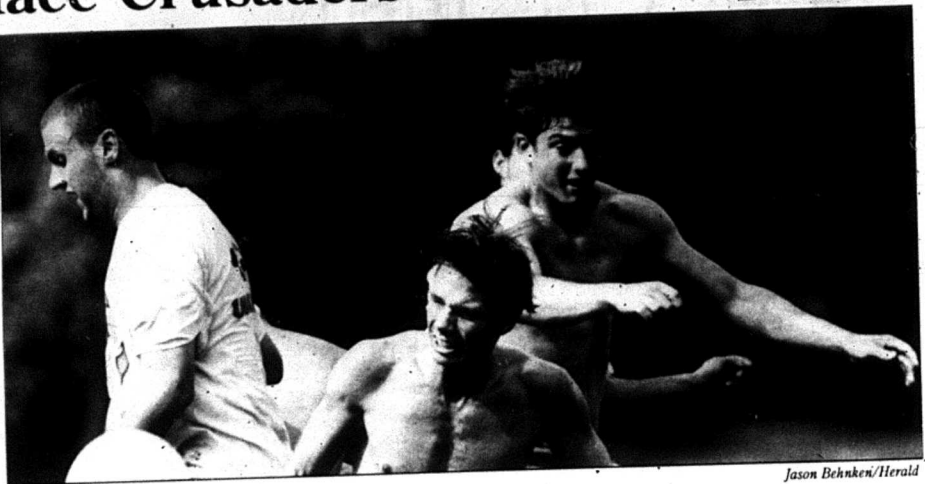
Valparaiso won the Mid-Continent Conference with a record of 6-13-3. Five of those wins came in conference, but this season they return seven starters including junior goalkeeper Aaron Rhane.

Rhane recorded 196 saves last season, including four shutouts, earning first-team all-conference honors.

Western senior forwards Mark Robson and Tom Morgan, who will assume the role of carrying a heavy load of the scoring duties, will face Rhane and a tough team, Western coach David Holmes said.

"I don't know too much more about Valparaiso," he said. "What we're trying to do is get focused on our game and trying to improve on what we're doing." Valparaiso is also returning starting seniors Tony Dalsanto and Matt Komeyer.

Dalsanto returns after leading the Crusaders in points with 10 goals and an assist. He finished the season as the most valuable player in the confer-



Jason Behnken/Herald

Freshmen defender Chris Lloyd, midfielder Henrik Edsenius and forward Steven Brown, left to right, battle for the ball during yesterday's practice at Creason Field. The Hilltoppers take on Valparaiso at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

ence tournament.

Both Morgan and Robson are moving up Western's all-time goals scored list. Robson needs two to move into a tie for fourth place with former Topper Brian Lewis. Morgan also needs two goals to move him into seventh.

The teams resume their series playing at Butler University in Indianapolis instead of the original site at Smith Stadium.

"We beat them two years ago 4-0," Holmes said. "Last year we left Valparaiso with a loss (3-0)

and with a bad taste in our mouth."

The construction of new grass at Smith Stadium was the reason for the change of venue, but next year Valparaiso will come to Western, Holmes said.

For two Toppers, the five-hour trip away from home field will, in contrast, be a homecoming.

Senior midfielder Steve Robinson is a native of Carmel, Ind., and senior defensiveman Greg Sparks' grandparents live in Indianapolis.

"It's always nice to hear some-

one call your name instead of Western as a team," Sparks said. "This game is put into a higher perspective for me."

For Sparks, more than just his grandparents will lend their voices in cheer.

"I've got in-laws and everybody coming out," he said. "It'll increase the butterflies, but I rather have pressure so I can play at a high level."

The Tops are anxious to get the season going as they are eager to officially put to rest the questions about last sea-

son's troubles.

"These guys have been truly driven this season," Holmes said. "They're enthusiastic and we're all waiting to see how we'll stack up with a good opponent."

Holmes and his staff do have some concerns that could make a difference in the game, particularly the second half.

"Our fitness level is below par so far," Holmes said. "We need more time to condition, but unfortunately we don't have time to waste because the season is here."

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