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SPORTS

Hilltoppers fall to No. 7 after first loss of season.

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Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Teacher gets new thesis deadline

♦ Anthropology instructor feared losing her job because she did not finish her dissertation on time

BY SHANNON BACK

Valerie Haskins has until Feb. 20 to convince the university to let her continue teaching anthropology at Western.

Haskins, a modern languages and intercultural studies instructor, was told Sept. 23 that her contract was not renewed because she failed to finish her dissertation by Western's Aug. 15 deadline. Haskins has taught at Western since August 1990.

Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs, granted Haskins a Feb. 20 extension to complete her dissertation for her Ph.D. from Washington University.

Burch said she granted the extension because Washington University granted an extension. "It was clear she could not meet the Aug. 15 deadline," Burch said. "But we had to make sure with her university that she would be able to complete her dissertation soon."

David Lee, dean of Potter College, said the decision to extend Haskins' deadline was greatly effected by a student demonstration at 8 o'clock the morning Haskins was notified. "Everyone was impressed with the students and how important they thought it was to keep (Haskins) at Western," Lee said.

Mitch Warren, one of the 11 students who demonstrated, said he is satisfied with the new decision.

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Kurt Fattic/Herald

At the Mall on Saturday in Washington, D.C., Louisville senior David Apple, left, and Elizabethtown senior Andrew Schory worship with fellow Christians during the Promise Keepers' "Stand in the Gap" rally.



Kurt Fattic/Herald

Elizabethtown senior Andrew Schory sings praises during the rally. He and Apple rode to the event with a group from several Elizabethtown churches. "It renewed a lot of feelings I had about my own life," Schory said, "and I remembered some of the things I had to work on in my relationships with other people and with God."

Searching for the PROMISED LAND

Amid museums and monuments, they gathered. Between on-lookers and protesters, they prayed. Surrounded by Jumbos and loud speakers, they stood in the gap that separates black and white, rich and poor. Hundreds of thousands of Christian men, calling themselves the Promise Keepers, gathered on the Mall in Washington, D.C. on Saturday for "Stand in the Gap," a celebration of their unity and a prayer service for their country.

"It's about becoming a Christian man, respecting others and respecting God," Louisville senior David Apple said. "It's not about a big political agenda. It's about trying to love God and in

turn, love others.

Apple and Elizabethtown senior Andrew Schory rode the 500 miles to the nation's capital to participate in the rally.

The Promise Keepers, founded in 1990 by former University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney, is dedicated to making Christian men more responsible to themselves and their families. "Stand in the Gap" had that kind of impact on Schory and Apple.

"Just to see all the people out there who believe in Jesus and have faith enough to come from all over the nation," Apple said, "it's a big reality check."

— Kurt Fattic

Infant dies of injuries

BY BRIAN MAINS

Richard L. Figgs may be facing charges of wanton murder after his son, 4-month-old Evan Figgs, died at 5:30 Friday night at home.

"We are looking to press the wanton murder charges," said officer Nick Stevens of the Kentucky State Police. "What I suspect is the grand jury meets on Wednesday, and they (the Commonwealth's Attorney's office) may represent" the case.

Evan died at the Bowling Green home of his mother, Sally Hastings, a communication and broadcasting assistant professor. He had been taken off life support at Vanderbilt Hospital on Sept. 30, said Warren County Coroner Dwayne Lawrence.

"The baby was taken to Louisville to the state medical examiner on Saturday," to have an autopsy performed, he said.

The body was returned to Bowling Green the same day.

Lawrence said they are still waiting on the final autopsy report.

Evan Figgs was taken from Columbia Greenview Regional Hospital to Vanderbilt on Sept. 22 with severe head injuries and broken bones, and was placed on life support.

Richard Figgs has been in the Warren County Regional Jail on charges of first degree assault for alleged child abuse since Sept. 23. He is still being held on a \$100,000 cash bond and was indicted on the charge Thursday by the grand jury.

A special memorial service for Evan will be held Thursday at Bowling Green Christian Church on Smallhouse Road, with times to be announced.

The family has requested that all donations be made to the Bowling Green Public Library in Evan's name.

Victory in 10k Classic bittersweet for champion

BY JERRY BREWER

A champion sat on a concrete slab Saturday morning, sweat streaming down his forehead.

Charles Mulinga hunched over, rested his elbows on his thighs and locked his hands together, squeezing them tightly.

He closed his eyes. He sighed.

His body was weary from a masterful performance 10 minutes earlier.

His heart was weary from the death of his brother three weeks ago.

The man who smoked the field at the 18th annual Bowling

Green 10k Classic and won by 150 meters wasn't feeling so hot. He broke the tape with a time of 28:59, but did so minus raising his hands to the sky.

His smile was suppressed. His eyes were darkened by a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses.

His acceptance speech after being declared the city's new long-distance king went like

this: "Thanks everyone for coming and cheering. Bye."

Perhaps winning doesn't mean as much to Mulinga after his recent loss. His thoughts often drift back to his older brother, Mike, these days.

♦ More than 4,000 runners raced in the 18th annual Bowling Green 10k Classic on Saturday.
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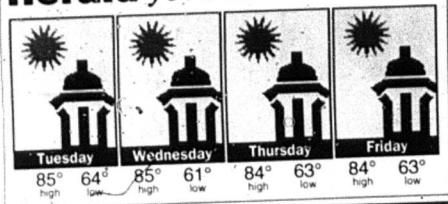
"I loved him," Mulinga said. "The doctors don't even know the cause of his death. All I know is that he went to the hospital for stomach problems and died a few days later. Since he's not around, it's going to be tough for me now. He was a good man."

Mulinga did not attend his brother's funeral because the cost of airfare was too much. The last time he saw Mike was four years ago. While Charles chose to come to the United States to run, Mike stayed at home and took care of their mother in Lusaka, Zambia, in southern Africa.

Mulinga became an NCAA Division II national champion.

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Herald forecast



♦ Just a sec

Building demolition next week

Three buildings north of Cherry Hall on 15th Street that were for family student housing are scheduled to be razed beginning Saturday. The demolition will continue for three to five days. Parking alongside the buildings will be closed until the demolition is finished, but the parking lot behind the buildings will only be closed Saturday. Parallel spaces along 15th Street will be closed, but no handicapped or reserved parking will be effected.

Environment club to meet

Free the Planet, an environmental club, will meet at 8 p.m. Oct. 15, in Garrett Center, Room 100. The club was organized last semester to promote environmental awareness in the community. The club is working to improve recycling on campus and help prevent pollution caused by hog farms in Kentucky. Anyone is welcome to attend. Information: contact Amanda Stivers at 745-6665.

Haunted house wants volunteers

The Warren County Parks and Recreation Department is looking for students to be ghouls and ghosts on its Trail of Terror to be held in the Griffin Park Amphitheater. Volunteers are needed to play characters, help with set-up and clean-up, and work with costuming and makeup. The haunted house will be Oct. 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31.

For more information, call Lynne Carey at 842-5302.

♦ Clearing the air

A graphic in Thursday's Herald should have said the average salary for male associate professors is \$45,354.

An editorial in Thursday's Herald should have said the New Rock radio station is 91.7 WWHR.



Christine DeLesso/Herald

Boot scoot: Country music sensation Tracy Lawrence kicked off the 10K Classic on Thursday night when he performed in Diddle Arena.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Charges

♦ Adam Wesley Sears, North Hall, was charged Wednesday with DUI under the age of 21 after being stopped at the intersection of Big Red Way and University Boulevard. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$500 unsecured bond.

♦ Malcolm Howard Tabor, 205 Joy Drive, was charged Thursday with DUI under the age of 21 after he crossed the double yellow line on College Street. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$500 unsecured bond.

day on a \$500 unsecured bond. ♦ Bryan Dean Robbins, 1362 Paek St., was charged Friday with alcoholic intoxication first offense and drinking an alcoholic beverage in a public place after fleeing from the police on Normal Drive. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$250 unsecured bond.

Reports

♦ Campus police reported Oct. 1 the passenger side window, valued at \$150, of a car belonging to Christopher R. Ridener, Rodes-Harlin, broken

while parked in Kentucky Street lot. Ridener reported a cd player, valued at \$300, and one cd, valued at \$15, stolen from the vehicle.

♦ Sonya J. Copeland, McCormack Hall, reported Thursday receiving threatening phone calls Wednesday night.

♦ Cynthia N. Feese, Bates-Runner, reported Wednesday someone had tampered with her campus mail.

♦ Cecely N. Harwell, Schneider Hall, reported Friday two lovers, valued at \$350, broken off her car while parked in the parking structure.

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Herald

Western part-time faculty pay below average

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

Second-class citizens. That is how David Keeling, chairman of the Faculty Senate fiscal affairs committee, said the university is treating its part-time faculty.

Keeling is spearheading a senate project to research the salaries and benefits of part-time faculty at Western and other universities. He then plans to use this information in making some recommendations to Western administrators.

At present, Western ranks its part-time faculty on four levels based on education and experience, and Keeling said all ranks are underappreciated.

"In 1992, ranks three and four received a \$100 increase in pay,

but ranks one and two didn't get anything," he said. "It's been close to 15 years since they've even been given a basic cost of living increase."

Lea Jacobson, a part-time English instructor in her third semester at Western, said she and fellow part-timers would appreciate a raise "at least equal to our counterparts elsewhere."

In an Academic Affairs study on part-time salaries around the state in the fall of 1996, Western's faculty in grade one received \$378 below the average Kentucky part-time salary for each three-hour course. The most significant difference in the average Kentucky pay and Western's was for grade-four. These faculty, who hold a doctorate and have a minimum of seven

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— David Keeling
chairman of Faculty Senate
fiscal affairs committee

years teaching experience or other special qualifications, received \$545 less than the Kentucky average for each three-hour course.

"Even if pay is below average,

the main reason most part-time faculty teach is because they want to," Jacobson said. "They are willing to make the monetary sacrifice to do what they love. But there is the possibility that the low pay here could deter the university from attracting good teachers."

"The problems with part-time pay at Western has not gone unnoticed by the administration."

"It's recognized that our part-time faculty salary schedule is low, and it needs to be improved," said John Petersen, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

Petersen said part-time salaries are actively being discussed and increased pay will be a consideration at the next budget meeting.

It comes down to competition for budget dollars for part-time

pay and the many other important demands of the university," he said.

However, Keeling said that's not a good enough excuse for the below average salaries.

"Some part-time faculty may cover a full-time load, but they have less pay, no benefits and no health insurance," Keeling said. "It's embarrassing."

There are many other low scale benefits part-time faculty are entitled to but don't get, such as access to phones and computers.

Sometimes two to six people will share one office, so faculty can't discuss problems with students in private," he said. This all amounts to a lesser educational experience for the student, he added.

Five-year students becoming the norm at Western

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

Lexington junior Bryan Clay is already planning for an extra semester of classes before he graduates.

"It doesn't seem like you can graduate on time anymore unless you take at least 18 hours a semester and summer school," he said.

According to the accountability report from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Clay may be right.

The report lists the average number of semesters it takes for a student to complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree at Western as 10.8, or more than five years.

"The nationwide time for completion has been inching up," Academic Advising Center Director Kyle Wallace said.

Wallace said there are a number of factors influencing the amount of time it takes to complete a degree.

"A lot of programs are highly competitive for admissions, and some students are keeping fewer hours to maintain spectacular records," he said.

Biology Department Head Blaine Ferrell said some people switch majors, but people can't do that very easily. He said the department is trying to make changes to help students complete their degrees in four years.

"That's why we've started having students in freshman seminar fill out a degree program form," he said, adding that these forms used to be completed only by juniors and seniors.

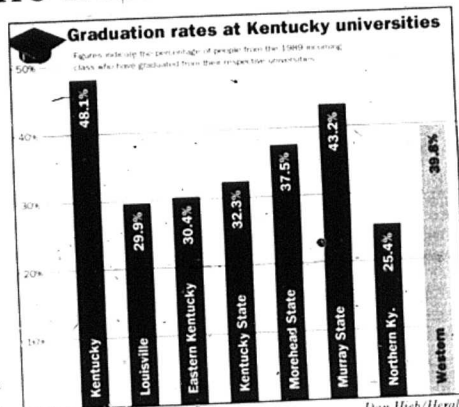
The report also compares the graduation and persistence rates of Western to other Kentucky public institutions over a six-year period. Western had the third highest percentage of graduates in 1996 behind Murray State University and Kentucky. However, 23.4 percent of the class was still either enrolled in Western or had transferred to another institution at the

end of six years.

"We're aware of the hurdles that have been there for students and efforts are being made to help students make informed decisions about their major," Wallace said.

These include the new statewide joint education effort to ease the transfer of students from one Kentucky university to another and the addition of freshman seminar.

Wallace said the first two years of a student's university career are the most important in determining if — and when — a student will graduate. The 1993 American Association of State Colleges and Universities Retention Survey stated that of those Western students who completed at least 60 hours in the first two years, 85 percent went on to earn bachelor's degrees. This number was 10 percent higher than the national average, and Wallace pointed out that we do a really good job with graduation rates if we teach them in the first two years.





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Opinion

Nursing department should stick by agreement

Are the student representatives on the nursing advisory committee just figureheads?

The nursing department seems to think so.

That department didn't let any of the four student representatives (one from each class), or any other nursing student, have a voice in what the department's new grading scale would be.

When students seeking a bachelor's degree in nursing returned this year, they found that the department's grading

• The issue: The grading scale for all nursing students has been made more difficult.

• Our view: The nursing department should live up to their agreement with the students.

scale, previously on a 10-point system, has been raised, where anything below 77 percent would be a failure.

Under the new scale, 91-100 is an A, 84-

90 is a B and 77-83 is a C.

This would force the students seeking a bachelor's to meet the same standards as those seeking an associate's degree, according to Glasgow junior Jennifer Hamilton.

An associate's degree takes only two years and 64 hours, while a bachelor's takes four years with 131 credit hours.

The change isn't a bad idea, since they both take the same licensing exam.

But those already in the program deserve the right to know what they're getting into.

Nursing interim Department Head Kay Carr said the new scale will help students be better prepared for the National Counseling Licensing Exam for Registered Nurses.

But the pass rate from last May was 97 percent, so what's the big emergency?

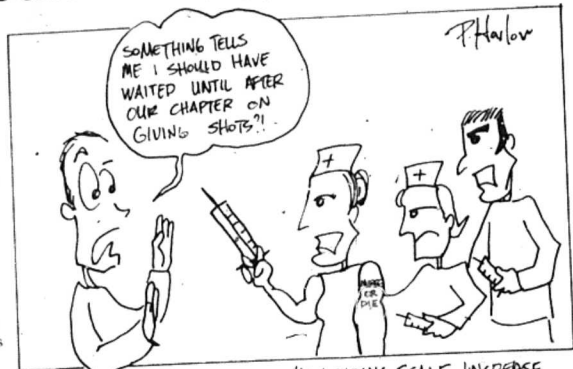
The nursing department handbook says the purpose of the advisory committee is to "provide input into policies and decisions which impact student welfare."

They were certainly left in the dark on this decision, which definitely impacts student welfare.

The new scale means the average B student could now be a C student, while the average C student must struggle to even pass.

If major decisions can be made in the nursing department without consulting students first, then it could easily set a precedent for every academic department on campus.

When nursing majors signed and dated the "Department of Nursing Handbook," they were given information on the dress code, attendance pol-



WHEN NOT TO MENTION THE GRADING SCALE INCREASE...

icy and the grading scale, which they agreed to adhere to.

"We see that as a contract that's been broken," Hamilton said.

Apparently, the nursing department felt it was OK to break the agreement.

The Student Government Association passed a resolution last week requesting a grandfather clause.

This would mean the grading scale would only affect incoming students.

Martin Houston, dean of Ogden College, said there should be a such a clause.

"You should have a grandfather clause when you make a change to give students a certain amount of time to go through the program," he said.

This is how almost everything is done.

Whenever the Board of Regents passes anything it rarely goes into effect until the following semester.

Houston has said he would consider the SGA resolution. Carr should do the same.

The least the department could do is live up to its end of the deal.

♦ Letters to the editor

Native American burial grounds need protection

I am a Native American. I am Cherokee.

There are disgraceful acts taking place around the county that are tearing the hearts from all Native Americans.

These acts are the desecration of our sacred burial grounds.

We are engaged in battle at this time in Nashville, where a large burial ground is being destroyed to build a Wal Mart Supercenter and a Lowe's store. Also, the city is digging up ancestors and their villages from the 13th century to build a library and are planning to build Interstate 840 through several burial sites.

These aren't just one Indian Nation.

but of several.

We fight for all nations, for we are of one blood — Indian blood.

All we are asking these corporations and governments to do is to build around the burial sites, but they refuse to even consider this.

The purpose of this letter is not to ask for money. We need your support. We ask you to think of these things and ask your self if you would fight if it were your ancestors.

If the answer is yes, will you please write with us in our rallies and protests at these areas?

This is all we are asking of you. We are pleading with the Native American students and all other students, their families and the teachers at Western to help us get the laws changed and to have the courage to look within yourself

and the courage to stand up and be counted.

We had to stand helplessly by, watching with broken, bleeding hearts as they removed three of our ancestors' graves in one grave they found what were two babies.

The other graves also held small children. If you think it is painful to place a loved one in the hands of God, we pray that you never have to stand by and watch those loved ones as we are constantly having to do.

Even the non Native Americans that were watching could not contain their tears. The spirits are not to be disturbed at any cost.

They know that they have 32 more burial sites to be removed unless we can get help and show them that enough is enough. With the help of readers, we may

be able to stop these deeds forever.

If they can do this to our own sacred burial grounds, just think. Yours can, and probably will, be next.

We, the people of all races, are of only one race — the human race. So please join us, and we will be there when your time comes to help in your fight.

For in our hearts, we know that it will come. To desecrate any burial ground, whether it be Native American, white, American, black American or whatever, is a disgrace.

It shows no respect to our ancestors, nor any respect to us — the ones that are here to protect them. Our time is fast running out to save our ancestors' burial grounds. The future of our country is in the hands of young people.

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People poll

♦ What are Western's best programs?



"Photojournalism. It's an awesome program."

Barbara Townsend,
Henderson junior



"Broadcasting, definitely. Its only weakness is its radio."

Brandon Stapp,
White Plains junior



"Maybe the sciences, maybe English. Liberal arts and science."

Leigh Meredith,
Bowling Green junior



"My major is sociology, and compared with my old college, it is much better."

Shota Maeda,
junior from Tokyo, Japan



"I'd probably have to say journalism and music."

Hannah Thurman,
Franklin sophomore

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Forum

IRS oversteps bounds; time for flat tax

When was the last time you looked at your paycheck stub? Did you notice how much of it was given to your favorite uncle, Sam?

Most of us working people have become complacent about our taxes. We don't even look at how much money is taken in taxes.

Instead, we just work, pay our bills and get excited about how much money we're getting back. To hear some people tell it, you'd think they'd won the lottery.

Surprise, but actually that money is just the amount the government took from your pocket, spent as it wished, then decided to return to you with no accumulated interest. Sweet deal, huh. Then there are those who are told that it is necessary to pay even more, and some of these folks were the feature of a very interesting Senate hearing last week.

The stories of abuse of power by the Internal Revenue Service

were sickening. It has been said time and again that two things in life are certain — death and taxes.

In light of the recent Senate hearings, some would suggest the former is more peaceful than the latter.

Anger among the senators at the futile attempt by the current IRS Director, Michael Dolan to apologize for the actions taken by his agency was very obvious.

It was startling, but not really surprising. Priests, businessmen, housewives and others had been hounded for years over mistakes made by the IRS. Some had filed bankruptcy, some had lost everything, some were suing, but they were all mad.

Both former and present employees of the IRS told about targeting neighbors, enemies, former lovers and anybody you can imagine.

The lack of integrity from the IRS was overwhelming.

These people were ordinary citizens like you and me, yet they went awry because they were entrusted with some authority.

The upper management

picked and chose people to be "randomly" audited. Think about it — how hard would it be to nail someone when there are more than 7,000 pages to the current tax code? These IRS employees (some of these still with the agency) could find a way to catch you in some mistakes you didn't even

know about.

There is little or no hope for the IRS. These Senate hearings proved beyond all shadow of doubt what we've known for years. The IRS is too big for its britches. No one can completely understand the complex tax code as it is.

The folks in Washington, D.C. should call the IRS's bluff, scrap the current tax code to replace it with a flat tax.

Publisher Steve Forbes made it an issue in his bid for the presidency and was on to something.

By lowering taxes, we would have more money to spend, invest, save, squander or just whatever.

Spending more money will create more jobs.

If you knew you were going to have \$2,000 more this year than you did last year, wouldn't you be more likely to buy the things you wish you could buy but can't because you're barely

getting by anyway?

Suppose you've been watching the stock market boom and decide to buy some stocks with your extra money. That means there is more capital for a company to invest in a new plant which creates more jobs.

Or suppose you're the opposite and decide to put your money in a bank where it's safe. The bank will use your money to invest in a house for the Smiths. That means that a construction company is getting more work and again creating more jobs.

If you're still leery about the flat tax, then consider this. The first one hour and 53 minutes you work each day go to pay for federal taxes.

A flat tax is the only hope for the common taxpayer like you and me.

Editor's note: Scott Foster is a junior government major from Somerset.

Scott Foster
Commentary



Whatever happened to fun in flag football

When I first came to Western I was really concerned about what I was going to do for extra-curricular activities.

However, I soon learned that there was plenty to get involved in. Among them was Central Hall government, the Student Government Association and the Optimists Club.

Doing programs with hall government and SGA on every possible subject you could ever imagine

and doing various community projects with the optimist were all very interesting.

Things like that are truly fun for me, but that still wasn't what I was looking for.

I needed something that involved a little action, a little excitement, something to truly devote both my time, and physical and mental energy to.

I soon found that what I was looking for was a sport, something athletic, especially since I had devoted most of my school life (third grade through my senior year) to some kind of sport. I had heard several people talk about flag football.

Practices were a blast, and games were too. Everyone was smiling and laughing with the coaches encouraging us 100 percent of the way.

We weren't the best team in the league, but we knew how to have fun. We won a few games, we lost quite a few games, but there again, for most of the season we had fun.

I used football as a way to relieve stress.

Practices and games were a time to leave everything of the day (homework, job and other problems) behind and just concentrate on the task at hand — catching the ball, pulling the flags and cheering on the team. It was generally tons of fun. So what happened that

made me decide not to play this year?

Most of the fun factor was taken away.

The national tournament in New Orleans was mentioned and at that point everything became win, win, win. Granted, I like to win just as well as the next person, but not to the extent that the fun is taken out of the game.

Instead of a stress-reliever, it became a cause of stress. Instead of winning more

games with the new philosophy, we lost more.

We didn't play as well as a team. Everything changed.

I ended last season — thinking I'd give it another shot this year, thinking almost everything this year deserves a second chance.

I practiced three or four times with the team, mostly new faces.

That just has to make you wonder where everyone else went.

Why did they leave? Did they leave for the same reason I'd thought about — not giving it a second chance?

Instead of learning from last year's mistakes and starting over with a fun philosophy, it was still the nose-to-the-grindstone win philosophy.

What's up with that? Would I suggest flag football to anyone out there?

If you're in everything to win, yes.

If you want to have some fun, maybe.

It depends on your outlook on life and if you're really in it for the fun. Internals are a great thing for students as long as you realize what you're getting into before we start.

Just be careful what you choose to do and which team you choose to play for.

Editor's note: Angella Hawkins is a junior computer information systems major from Clarkson.

Angella Hawkins
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Religion should stay out of public policy

Misty Scott says in Thursday's Herald that this country was founded by Christian people for the purpose of being a God-fearing nation. She writes that we live in a country that persecutes the same values that we fought to protect 200 years ago.

Hey Misty — Crack open a history book.

First of all, racism has been around this country for a long time, and the last I checked the founding fathers weren't kicking in the doors to fight the institution of slavery and the rights of

the Native Americans.

Homophobia? I think more than a few didn't bother to pick up the soap when they dropped it in the Constitutional Convention's locker room.

Violence? We are a nation because a few folks thought that King George III should leave us alone, so we kicked his butt.

As far as corrupt politics, the

alone other religions. What happens when your denomination or your religion isn't sitting on the school board, Ms. Scott?

When public institutions tell me how to express my faith, the founding fathers roll over in their graves.

Ever heard of Puritan New England?

What about the burning of witches at the stake?

This country was founded so that we would not be told by government what to believe.

I'm a Christian and I think that makes this country beautiful. The National Endowment for the Arts spends millions of our dollars for pornographic art. Yes it sucks. But I endure that one piece of art so that thousands can create something positive.

The Constitution has been working for a long time. So has the Bible.

I agree with you, Ms. Scott — we need to speak up and do something to make this world a better place. Throughout the history of mankind, more wars have been fought following a religious standard than for any other reason. Perhaps our founding fathers were considering that. We are respectable — not because we are God-fearing, but because we have the right to fear whatever God we choose.

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founding fathers were a cunning bunch. More than a few had knives lodged in their backs while they were honing their own.

I am a patriotic American who pledges allegiance to the flag and have taken an oath to defend the right fought for by those great men. That is the reason I disagree with your arguments.

Public educators shouldn't be able to express their opinion within a set curriculum. I was told by a trusted professor that there are more than 600 Christian denominations in this country, let

Faculty tenure review shot down

By JOHN STAMPER

A General Assembly subcommittee effectively killed a senator's proposal to mandate post-tenure review of faculty at state universities Thursday.

The committee took the advice of Faculty Senate President Arvin Vos and other faculty leaders from across the state and will not recommend Lexington Republican Sen. Tim Philpot's bill, which required a review of tenured faculty who received two sub-par

◆ Senator asked for tenured faculty who received below-standard evaluations to be reviewed.

annual reports.

"Below-standard evaluations of a faculty member may provide cause for revocation of the tenure of the faculty member," the bill stated.

In 1986, 355 professors, associate professors and assistant professors had tenure at Western. A little more than 99 percent of Western professors have tenure.

With tenure, educators can only be fired for incompetence, neglect of or refusal to perform duties, or immoral conduct, according to the faculty handbook.

"We're already putting in place a process that will do what they want to do and do it better," said Vos, a philosophy and religion professor.

To complement annual reviews of faculty that are already done, Vos said the uni-

versity is looking at a review system that would focus more on career development of faculty.

"Each faculty member needs to have a plan of what their contributions will be to their department over the next three to five years," he said.

He said this system would be adequate to eliminate those professors who have tenure but don't produce the amount or quality of work they should.

"The consensus is that the institutions themselves are better at doing that," Vos said.

History Professor Marion Lucas said politicians should not intervene with faculty's tenure.

"It's not needed, and it's silly," he said. "Tenure protects quality faculty who might have a disagreement with administration or somebody downtown or in the community."

CLASSIC: Brother's death mars champion's victory

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made the 1995 Zambian World Championship team and the 1996 Olympics.

His career was on the upside. It turned upside down three weeks ago. Mulunga heard the news just before he was to race in the Great Race 10k in Pittsburgh. Almost in tears, he crossed the finish line in sixth place.

Saturday, he wanted to get back on the winning side. He never trailed here as he ran through the streets of the city and campus. As he rounded the last turn at Virginia Garrett Avenue onto Big Red Way, he was alone.

He beat second-place finisher James Bungei of Kenya by 40 seconds.

"He whipped us pretty good today," said Kenya's John Kariuki, who placed third. "He ran like he was on a mission."

Kim Pawalek, of Jacksonville, Fla., won the women's race in 34:48. Former Western standouts Breeda Dennehy and Michelle Murphy Scott, who is now an assistant coach or Western's cross country team, placed third and fourth, respectively.

"I was feeling tired before the race and I really didn't have an idea of what the field was like," Pawalek said. "So I just tried to use the hills to my advantage. On the hills, I was able to distance myself from everyone else."

But this was Mulunga's day. Thousands lined Big Red Way and applauded as Mulunga headed toward the finish as a white, blue and green streak.

For his efforts, Mulunga also won \$2,000. He says he'll fly to Zambia the first week in November.

"When someone tells you that someone has died and you haven't seen it, it doesn't really sink in," said Mulunga, who now lives in Romeville, Ill. "I know Mike's gone, but I have to see it for myself. Then I can move on and concentrate on running."

Around noon, Mulunga held up his silver plate at the awards ceremony as a crowd of about 10,000 gave him a standing ovation.

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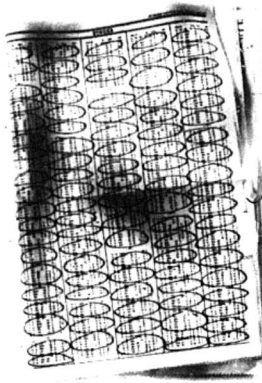
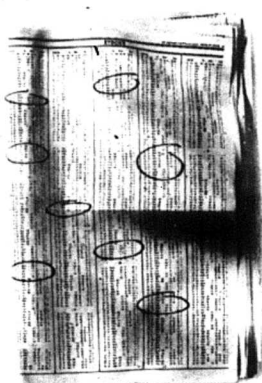
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10k winner Charles Mulinga gets some help removing the time tag from his sneaker after the race Saturday. Runners' times were recorded by an electronic chip as they crossed the finish line.



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CROSSING the Line



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Runners poured from the starting line on University Boulevard on Saturday morning, signaling the start of the carnival-like Bowling Green 10k Classic. The festivities began with the Children's Classic on Sept. 28 and continued through Saturday evening. Runners, walkers and rollerbladers came from all over the area to participate in the 10k events.



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Above: Bowling Green senior Matt Davis prepares for the beginning of the 10k wheelchair race Saturday in front of Jones-Jagers Hall. The event was his first wheelchair competition.

Right: At the finish line of the 10K Classic, 12-year-old Jimmy Clark greets his father, Steve Clark. Jimmy finished first in the 1-12 age group while his father finished in 23rd place in his division. The Clarks are from Clarksville, Tenn.



photo by Barry Westerman

Dorm roof to be fixed next summer

BY MATT BATCHELOR

Schneider Hall will have a new roof next year, the first of several planned roofing projects across campus.

The \$155,000 project will be sent to Frankfort for bidding at the end of the month. Facilities Management Director Mark Struss said Roofing should begin after graduation in May 1998 and be finished no later than August.

It would be done before school started in the fall, anyway," Struss said.

The current roof was added at least 25 years ago because it contains asbestos and the cancer-causing material was banned at that time. Every trace of asbestos must be destroyed along with the roof.

The best we could determine was that it is an excess of

25 years old, maybe as old as 40 years," Struss said.

Because the project will take place during the summer break, Struss said students living there won't be affected.

The last hilltop dorm has a history of uses. Finished in 1929, Schneider was originally called West Hall, one of the first large female dorms on campus at the time.

During World War II, Air Force Troops were stationed there. Its history as a female dorm ended in 1984 when declining women's enrollment shut down the dorm. Rooms were rented out as a conference center and office space that year.

It reopened as a coed dorm in fall 1987 and now houses 97 students.

Facilities Management is awaiting funding to put roofs on Grise and Potter halls, which were roofed with a material similar to that which failed on Cherry Hall.

That roof collapsed in February 1996, causing severe water damage on the building's third floor that hasn't been fully repaired.

◆ Schneider

Hall's roof

contains

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ing material.

DEADLINE: Professor's contract extended

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It's the least they can do for someone that's giving so much of herself to the student body," the Owensboro sophomore said.

I've seen professors lose their jobs before, but this is the first time I've seen students rise up for their professor. It shows what a special teacher she is."

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— Mitch Warren
Owensboro sophomore

Haskins said she was aware of the deadline, but has not had time to complete her dissertation. Her earlier request to extend the deadline to December was denied. She said she'd have no problem finishing it by February.

"If it had just been that I was teaching, I would not have asked for an appeal," she said. "But I'm running a large project for the university and that's taking up most of my time."

Michael Blair, a senior from Connorsville, Ind., said the anthropology program would not be complete without Haskins.

"There isn't anyone we could find that would be better or as qualified as she is," he said. "She makes you work really hard in a class. She knows what you can do and tries to make you get the most out of class."

It's unusual for Potter College to grant a thesis extension after two years, Burch said. Normally, faculty members are only given a short time to complete the work after they are hired.

"Some good has come from this," Burch said. "She has a time line with her university, and at the same time she put us in a position where we didn't have to cancel her contract."

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♦ **Movie review****'L.A. Confidential' Oscar-bound**

BY DAN HIEB

Hollywood cop movie. Ingredients: sex, money, violence, corruption, good cops, bad cops. Toss together on cellophane film. Generously sprinkle with bullets and gore.

Voilà! It's "L.A. Confidential."

It may sound trite, but hey, sometimes the old recipes are the best.

"L.A. Confidential" is spectacular. The movie pays tribute to the style and glamour of old-time Hollywood without becoming awash in cheesy sentiment. Instead, this movie is more like "Reservoir Dogs" meets "American

Movie Classics." "L.A. Confidential" is mostly about police corruption, but it also examines the sordid underbelly of Hollywood glamour. While the film makes occasional references to L.A. as a virtual heaven on Earth, the reality is more akin to Babylon.

"L.A. Confidential" is about the way cops respond to their strange environment.

As always, there is a mystery to

solve — six people were gunned down at the Night Owl, a local greasy-spoon restaurant.

Three young black men are brought in for the crime, but upon closer examination the case seems much deeper than a simple botched robbery attempt.

In the process of investigating the crime, three suspecting policemen discover a drug plot, a movie star look-alike prostitution ring and apparent corruption in their ranks. The story centers around the activities of three police men — Jack Vincennes (Kevin Spacey), Bud White (Russell Crowe) and Ed Exley (Guy Pearce).

The characters couldn't be more different.

Vincennes is a Hollywood player. He takes money to set up publicity-stirring celebrity drug busts. He consults on a cop show called "Badge of Honor." He hobnobs with the stars and wallows with the gossipers.

White is full of rage — mainly channeled toward women-beaters, but also directed at the criminal element in general. He believes

that justice is sometimes best administered with broken ribs and scared crooks. He is eventually caught up in a romance with Lynn Brackett, a Veronica Lake look-alike hooker played by Kim Basinger.

Exley is a career-oriented, everything-by-the-book cop who enters the movie believing criminals should be handled with an even head. He leaves with a much grittier attitude. He is also a political beast, trying to live up to his father's legend as a cop.

James Cromwell and Danny DeVito also have roles in the film.

"L.A. Confidential" makes you care about its characters and at the same time serves up intrigue and some of the best action sequences I've seen in years (the shoot-outs are spectacular). All performances are good — especially Crowe's interpretation of Bud White, which is my early pick for an Oscar nomination. It's also nice to see Basinger in a good role again, finally (I don't have to think Vicki Vale from "Batman" every time I see her face anymore).

In the end, yes — "L.A. Confidential" has many of the same ingredients as most Hollywood cop films — but it's far from the cookie-cutter sameness of most.

Grade: A

"L.A. Confidential," a cop mystery thriller starring Russell Crowe, Guy Pearce and Kevin Spacey. Rated R for violence, brief nudity and language.

♦ **Fall Break hours**

Fall Break starts Thursday, and many campus services will be running shortened hours.

Just a reminder: Next week's Friday classes will be Tuesday-Thursday classes.

Campus restaurants

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Garrett Subway closes at 2:30 p.m.

All other outlets close at 7 p.m.

Thursday-Friday
Garrett Subway 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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English pulls paper supply

BY MELISSA FELKINS

Attention students — the printer is out of paper. Sorry for the inconvenience.

That's the new sign on the door of the writing centers in Cherry Hall, rooms 123 and 127.

"I will probably put out a memo to ask students to bring their own paper," English Department Head Mary Pitts said. "We will make it go into effect Monday, Oct. 13."

The English department can no longer afford to supply paper for the lab and keep up with technology at the same time.

"Students are getting the most up-to-date, state-of-the-art technology to apply to their writing," Pitts said. "Bringing paper is a very small price to pay."

The writing center is different from other labs because the English department is responsible for part of its upkeep.

"We worked on how it would be managed and decided they would be responsible for staffing and operational cost, and Academic Computing would be responsible for the capital hardware," Academic Computing Director Jay Sloan said.

Many students are concerned with why there was a shortage of paper in the first place.

"The problem originates with certain English classes that require multiple copies of stories to be brought in," said Elizabethtown senior Michelle Smith, a lab employee. "Those students should be required to bring their own paper, and teachers should inform them of that."

The writing center has expanded this year and made it possible for every writing class to meet in the lab, according to Pitts.

"With two rooms being used as classrooms, we're using so much paper we run out every two to three days," Pitts said.

Some students are asking why the paper wasn't taken care of at the beginning of the year.

"I find it very unusual that other labs are organized and funded enough to order enough paper for the whole year," said Bowling Green graduate student Janay Crabtree, an employee in the center.

Pitts said the English department expected the problem, but didn't expect these expenses.

The question boils down to whether students would rather have the technology or the paper.

"We are very fortunate to have this kind of equipment," Pitts said. "Many schools already have a requirement for computer literacy. We don't have that requirement, but we're already ahead of that game."

Planetarium to present fall program

HERALD STAFF REPORT

A Hardin Planetarium fall program, "Tour of the Solar System," will begin next week. The program is a tour of the planets, constellations and objects of interest in the fall sky.

It starts at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. On Oct. 14 and 16, the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. It's free.

Doors will open 15 minutes before show time, and no one will be admitted after the lecture begins. Information: contact the physics and astronomy department at 745-4044.

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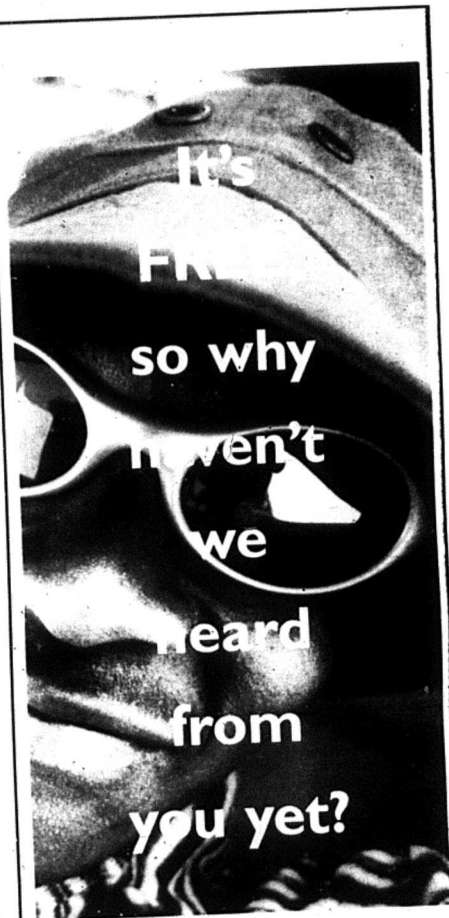
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Louisville hosting play festival

By REBECCA LENZ

Fall Break is coming up and there is a lot more to do besides just go home. Take a road trip to the MeX Theatre at the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville to see a 10-minute play festival and a one-act play titled "The Road to Hell is Paved."

The Pleiades Theater Company in Louisville produced the festival. The 10-minute plays are about and were written by women. According to Emily Gnadinger, coordinator of the "Stars of the Future New Play Festival," they are intended to present themes that are relevant to women in today's world.

Gnadinger said she is very excited because this is a new venture for the 3-year-old company.

Any person really will enjoy the production," she said. "It's issues women deal with, but I think it would be of interest to any age — and women in particular.

All of the playwrights are from the Louisville area. Gnadinger said the "The Road to Hell is Paved," by Joanne Gower Wilkerson, should captivate the audience. It's about three women in prison who have individual stories to tell. They react to violence in their lives as they share their experiences.

Wilkerson's play deals with drug problems, too. She came up with the idea for the play while working at the Aware Coalition, an anti-drug substance abuse work center.

"I deal in substance abuse issues and the aftermath of them, so it seemed like the natural thing to do," she said.

Five 10-minute plays to be performed

But the one-act play isn't the only thing that's going to be captivating. Gnadinger said. All five of the 10-minute plays are

One is called "Bagelmania" by Audrey Russell. It is about a tourist in New York City's Central Park who hooks up

with a stranger and engages in dialogue.

"That one's kind of fun," Gnadinger said.

Everyone can relate to the plays on some level, Wilkerson said, because everyone has a mother, sister or daughter.

"I hope we get a lot of men to come," she said.

Gnadinger said this festival is paving the road for future playwrights and more festivals. Eventually, the Pleiades company wants to get playwrights from all over.

"We hope this initiative will continue over the years. We'd like to expand eventually," she said. "But these are world premieres, so we're really excited."

Evening performances Friday

and Saturday are at 8. The Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students, senior citizens and the disabled. Tickets can be ordered through the Kentucky Center for the Arts Box Office at (502) 584-7777.

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Sports

Soccer's offense shines in win

BY GEORGE ROBINSON

Western soccer coach David Holmes sat quietly, looking rather stoic. He sat, as many soccer coaches do, on the back rest of his team's bench watching as the Hilltoppers proceeded to have their finest offensive performance of the season.

Western (3-7, 0-2 in the Missouri Valley Conference) handed Alabama A & M (3-7) their second consecutive loss, 6-4, Friday at Smith Stadium.

Just 15 feet away from Holmes stood his opposite. Bulldogs coach Salah Yousif's demeanor was that of a restless man. Pacing back and forth, Yousif continuously bargained his team and the officials with a verbal assault.

"Those men with those flags and that umpire, they didn't help us at all," Yousif said. "Sure we didn't play well, but nobody did, including the officials."

It wasn't the officials who had the Bulldogs on a short leash, but an aggressive, active Hilltopper team that quickly took advantage of A&M.

"We wanted to press them from the start," Holmes said. "We had some success with that early, so we continued it throughout the game."

Holmes wasn't cemented to the bench, however, as time and time again he stood shouting instructions to his team to no avail.

"When I say something, they usually don't hear me because the field's so big," Holmes said. "I just keep on shouting."

The Toppers didn't need to hear much as they jumped out to a 2-0 lead after senior forward Mark Robison and freshman defender Scott Gardner's first half goals.

Alabama A&M was able to gain a little momentum, scoring a goal with 2:18 left in the first half.

In the second, both teams opened the flood gates offensively and closed the door defensively. A&M, still riding that first half momentum, tied the score 2-2 with Bulldog junior defender Asrat Gessie sticking in a goal after Western senior goalie



Jason Clark/Herald

Saturday night at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala., junior linebacker Brandon Egan clutches his jersey in the locker room after the football team's loss to Alabama-Birmingham. This was Western's first loss, 20-16.

Tops unbeaten no longer

BY TRAVIS MAYO

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — There was the thought of an undefeated football season on the Hill. It vanished at Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday. UAB (3-3) handed Western (5-1) its first loss of the season Saturday, 20-16, dropping the Tops to No. 7. The thought of a win over its only Division I-A opponent of 1997 is also history.

But when the final horn sounded at Legion Field in Birmingham, Western players knew they had a chance to win and that's what hurt the most.

"That was the worst kind of loss — when you have a close game you should win and have a chance to win and don't win," senior quarterback Willie Taggart said.

With just more than eight minutes remaining, Taggart led his team onto the field with one last chance to get the ball into the end zone. The chance came after a UAB fumble.

Western had been forced to punt, trailing 20-16, and UAB sophomore running back Lucious Foster was on the receiving end. Foster, who rushed 25 times for 158 yards, was greeted at his own 35 yard line by Western junior linebacker Bernie Adams. The hit caused a fumble, recovered by senior wingback Jade Gummer.

It was a play the Tops saw as a turning point when it happened. It was a play that wouldn't materialize.

"I thought that was the game," Western coach Jack Harbaugh said of the fumble. "It looked to me like there were two teams battling back and forth and whoever made the first mistake could be critical. And they made the first mistake, deep in their own end, but we just weren't able to capitalize."

Taggart saw the chance slip

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Toppers vow they won't fall like past Western examples

BY TRAVIS MAYO

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — There's a big difference between winning and losing and the faces of Western football players expressed that difference.

The usual happy faces were replaced by looks of frustration after the Hilltoppers' first loss of the season against Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday. The team usually stays on the field after time has expired, but on this night they quietly rushed to the locker room. The confines of the visitors to Legion Field were also quiet except for the whispers of reporters asking questions.

While Western lost its run for an undefeated season, the

players haven't lost their focus on the goal of 1997.

Junior cornerback Delvecho Walls made that clear. Sitting with a towel draped over his head, he was still focused.

"We can't let this one loss get us down," Walls said. "We have four more games left."

And then he said what would be repeated the rest of Saturday night.

"Our goal wasn't to go undefeated," Walls said. "Our goal was to go to the playoffs, so that's what we're trying to do."

While Walls had three kick off returns for 101 yards, he wasn't happy with the game.

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Volleyball opens Sun Belt with 'moral victories'

BY CHRIS ABRELL

In its first weekend of conference action, Western volleyball split, defeating Texas-Pan American and losing to Lamar, bringing its record to 7-13.

"We're 1-1 in conference and 2-0 in moral victories," Coach Travis Hudson said. "I think this is the best this team has looked since we lost Lori (Cummings)."

On Saturday, Western broke the Lady Broncos (10-8) in four games, 13-7, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8, marking the first time Western has scored back-to-back wins since its home tournament.

Senior middle hitter Jamie Ritterskamp had a game-high 22

kills and hit .227. Senior outside hitter Alexa Hartley added 12 kills and a team-high .320 hitting percentage.

"I really feel like we had a lull in game two and allowed them to get some confidence," Hudson said. "Our players have a tendency to relax when they get ahead but we were able to push through to the end."

In the match Sunday with Lamar, the Cardinals (9-11) did some pushing of their own, out-hitting Western 232 to 195.

Lamar stopped Western twice at game point for comeback wins. In game four, it won them the match.

"This team does not have that

next gear when it gets to the end of a game," Hudson said. "Had we played to 14, we would have been out of here with a victory today."

Ritterskamp pounded home 20 kills for the third consecutive match and recorded a team-high .315 percentage. Three other Lady Toppers reached double figures in kills. Senior outside hitter Erika DeWald had a career-high 10, Hartley added 11 and freshman Andria Humpert had 17.

"(Western) definitely fought hard and I think they deserved to win," Lamar coach Jim Barnes said. "We gutted it out. I told (the team) ... we've got to come up

with some kind of scrappiness, and we found a way."

Western to face Evansville and Lamar

The Lady Toppers' two games this week pit them against the Evansville Aces on the road at 7 p.m. tonight and Sun Belt foe Arkansas State at 2 p.m. Friday in Bowling Green.

Former Western coach Mark Hardaway leads the Aces against a senior class that he recruited and Hudson, his old assistant.

"Evansville (9-10) is a very good team in the middle and pretty good offensively," Hudson said. "We haven't blocked the ball very well and slowed people

down. That concerns me."

Western is 9-10 with the Aces after their last meeting, a 3-0 Evansville win.

Against Arkansas State, Western is 1-13, facing a 10-game losing streak. But, for the 9-7 Lady Indians, streaks aren't holding. Lamar broke ASU's 54-match regular-season Sun Belt winning streak before its match with Western. Hudson said that after playing Lamar closely, he felt Arkansas State was within reach.

"Is Arkansas State a team we can play with?" Hudson said. "Sure it is, but it isn't going to matter who we go up against if we don't learn to finish things."



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During Friday night's soccer match at Smith Stadium, freshman midfielder Chris Lloyd plays the ball over Alabama A&M freshman forward Shamari Hollingsworth. The Hilltoppers won the match 6-4, bringing their record to 3-7. Western will return to conference play when they face Wright State at 1 p.m. Sunday at Raider Field in Dayton, Ohio.

Win: Tops beat A&M

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Andrew Cecil tripped over two Bulldog attackers. Fifteen seconds later, freshman midfielder Steve Brown connected to put Western up for good at 3-2.

"We've been coming down the middle of the field trying to score," Brown said. "Today we concentrated on working the flanks and my teammates are gaining confidence in me to score."

Confidence in the offense seemed to wane prior to the A&M game as the defense has had its ups and downs — this game was no exception defensively.

Just after A&M tied the score 2-2, the Bulldogs were on the attack again 25 yards out from the net. Western senior defender Greg Sparks came up with a key defensive stop, stealing the ball and pushing it upfield for what ultimately was Brown's first goal.

"It's always a plus when you get good defense," Sparks said. "Coach kept telling us to stay in position to make something happen and we did."

That was the upside to the defense. The downside came with the two goals that A&M scored before the game was over. "I wasn't pleased with the defense down the stretch," Holmes said. "That's something we need to work on."

One minute passed before Brown answered Ledet's goal with his second score of the game. Ledet scored the last goal with eight minutes left.

"I wouldn't take anything away from Western's victory," Yousif said. "But we gave up some cheap goals and made some serious errors. Oh yeah, the officials were poor too."

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Runners facing trials on, off track

BY JENNY CHRISTIAN

In a meet that promises to be much tougher than previous ones, Western's men's cross country team will put its undefeated record on the line Saturday.

In the NCAA Pre-Meet at Greenville, S.C., Western's men will compete with 30 of the best teams in the country. Western is ranked No. 28 in the pool.

"We consider it an honor to get in the seeded section for both squads," Coach Curtiss Long said. "It's a tribute to the program."

Included in the meet is Stanford, the defending NCAA champion for both men and women.

Although Western is the only Sun Belt Conference team at the preparatory meet, they will face a rematch with Tennessee-Chattanooga, seeded above Western at No. 22 in the meet.

The Tops defeated the Mocs at Chattanooga, sweeping the top three spots in their first meet of the season.

Leading Western in the regular season, freshman Duncan Shangase will be a strong influence on the Topper's performance. Senior Nick Allwell should also prove to be a determining factor on Western's finish.

"This is a course Nick has had prior success on," Long said. "He's beginning to round into shape and he's making excellent progress."

Women's news

Plagued by illness and injury, Western's women have overcome one obstacle after another, and the pattern continues as the Lady Tops head to the NCAA Pre-Meet on Saturday.

Sophomore Claire Gibbons has been diagnosed with bronchitis and will not travel to South Carolina with the squad. Taking Gibbons' spot on the traveling squad is sophomore Colleen Guy. Assistant coach Michelle Scott said without Gibbons running, "it's hard to tell" how the team will do.

Scott said she hopes to have Gibbons back by the Sun Belt Championships in McAllen, Texas. The meet is four weeks from Saturday.

Sophomore Patricia Dorgan has recovered from an ankle sprain received last week while running on the track and will be looked upon to lead the Hilltoppers in Saturday's meet.

Another injured runner, sophomore Evelyn Corona, is struggling with a recurring hamstring problem. Despite this obstacle, Corona will be running Saturday.

Seeded No. 27 in the meet, Western's squad hopes to use this meet to prepare and gain experience, Scott said.

Traveling to what Long called the "best meet in the United States next to the NCAA Championships," Western's cross country teams are ready for the challenge. Like in their previous meets they are looking to build camaraderie.

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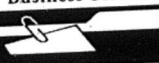
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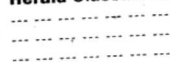
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Tops: Loss stings

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away when he threw an interception on third down. Two minutes after the turnover, two minutes after the turnover, one he forced that it was in the heat of the moment and we needed a touchdown there," Taggart said.

It was that kind of night for Western. Taggart finished with 108 yards rushing on 18 attempts and completed 7 of 17 passes for 56 yards, but just couldn't find the end zone. Western's only touchdown came on the opening drive of the game, when Gummer caught a 10-yard pass that put Western on top 7-0.

After Taggart's interception, the Blazers let time tick away and secured the win. And while they said the team gained some respect by playing a Division I-A opponent close, the Blazers didn't want a close game. This team wanted a win.

"I don't think anybody on this team is really interested in moral

victories," Gummer said. "We came down here for the victory that counts and that's to go away (undefeated)."

Harbaugh said he felt the same way. He added that the credit has to go to UAB for forcing Western to kick field goals instead of score touchdowns. Harbaugh also said against a team like the Blazers, any score is needed.

"Touchdowns would have been nice, but we just couldn't get them and that's what it came down to," he said.

UAB coach Watson Brown called Western a top Division I-AA squad after the game. He said his team was "just as lucky as they can be."

Western wasn't so lucky and Taggart knew it.

Sitting in the locker room, he repeated time after time what he felt should have been the outcome.

"We should have won this game."

Vow: Season not over

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"I should have come up with one of those balls," Walls said. "They touched my hands. I should have caught them."

Senior quarterback Willie Taggart was also second guessing what happened in the game, but said this team will not slump.

"I don't think the leaders of this team are going to let the same thing that happened last year happen this year," he said. "We know what we're capable of doing and we know we're a good team, and we can go out and accomplish the goals we set at the beginning of the season."

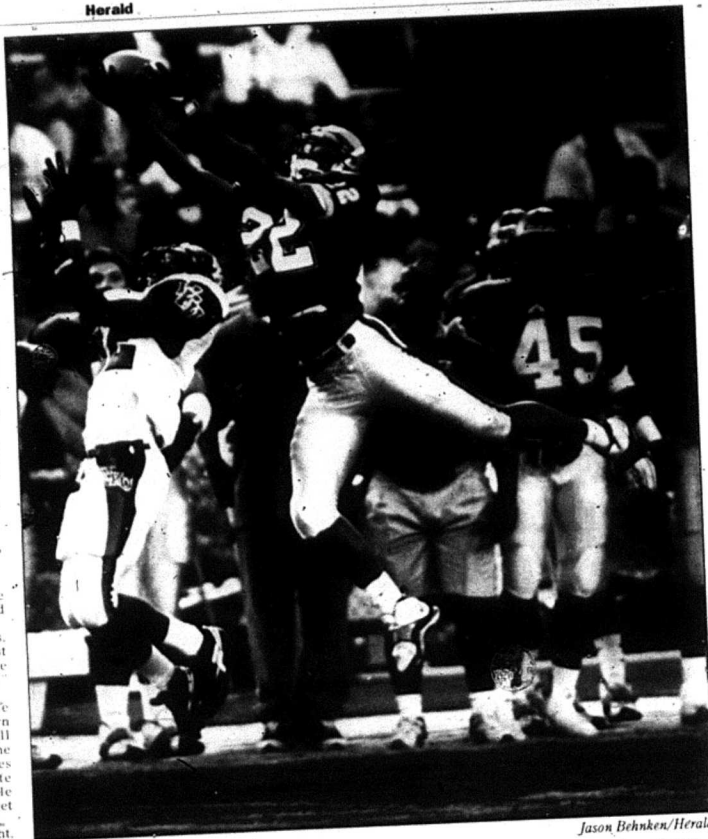
Sophomore linebacker Bernie Adams led the way on defense

with 11 tackles and a sack in the losing effort. He said they played tough against UAB.

It was disappointing for us, but we feel we can win the rest of our games on the schedule and still go to the playoffs," Adams said.

The field was empty and the stands were clear, but Western coach Jack Harbaugh was still getting his point across after the loss, saying the next four games will determine his team's fate for 1997, not Saturday's game. He also told his team to soon forget about its night in Birmingham.

"You'll probably hurt tonight, but come practice on Tuesday, you've got to let it go and get ready for New Haven," he said.



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