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Western Kentucky University ♦ Bowling Green, Kentucky

Ransdell shuffles top jobs

By JOHN STAMPER

President Gary Ransdell played Chutes and Ladders with Western's administration Thursday, shuffling leaders into positions in a new power structure.

The reorganization reduces the number of people reporting directly to the president from nine to seven, but will not reduce administrative costs, Ransdell said. "This design is not intended to save money, rather, it is to get an effective structure in place," he said.

Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs, will become provost and vice president for Academic Affairs under the plan, which makes her second in command on the Hill. She will maintain her duties as chief academic officer, and Charles Anderson, vice president for Information Technology, will report to her instead of Ransdell.

"Dr. Ransdell wanted Information Technology partnered more closely with the academic units," Anderson said. "I don't think it's any reflection on the job we were doing."

Student financial aid will also move from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs.

Fred Hensley, vice president for Institutional Advancement, will become executive assistant to the president for Public Affairs and Governmental Relations. He will be Western's official connection to Frankfort and the General Assembly.

"It's important for us to bring some regularity to our communication efforts with the legislators," Hensley said. He will also oversee university publications, university relations and marketing.

A search will be conducted for a vice president for Development and Alumni Affairs, who will replace the position left by Hensley. Ransdell said he expects the search to go much smoother than the last, which ended in the promotion of Frankfort, who was the director of University Relations.

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Rick Seibelli/Herald

Larry Yadon arrived at the Salvation Army shelter in Bowling Green last week after being robbed of his money and truck in Blytheville, Ark.

On a cold winter's night

Hundreds of homeless adults and children find shelter at Red Shield Lodge

The time: Saturday night, 8:45 p.m. The place: Red Shield Lodge, Salvation Army shelter, 401 Main St. It's across the railroad tracks in a world completely different from campus.

There are no feel-good Western pride banners here. No students, either. There isn't a Christmas tree, a wreath or a manger scene. In fact, there isn't any hint of the holiday season in the building.

In the small eating area between the kitchen and the lobby/living room of the shelter, three men sit around a long table with metal folding chairs.

The scruffy men with red noses and spotted cheeks, dressed in flannel shirts layered over hooded sweatshirts, blue jeans and worn baseball caps lean over warmed-up plates of baked beans and barbecue chicken.

Besides recovering from a 10 a.m. to 8

p.m. familiar fund-raising, bell-ringing shift in front of K-Mart in 30-degree weather, the men have one thing in common. They know what homelessness means — personally.

Larry Yadon of Blackhawk, Colo., are two of the temporary residents at the Red Shield Lodge. The shelter is open every day. From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. each night, men, women and children can register to stay at the shelter. Bedtime is at 10 p.m. and wake-up is at 6 a.m. Everyone is shuffled out the door an hour later. The routing begins again when it is reopened at night.

Rules for guests at the shelter are easy. Everyone has a chore to do, like sweeping the floor or taking out the trash. They have designated smoke breaks and television time, but they said they adapt. After all, it's the only place available for people who

don't have anywhere else to sleep in Bowling Green. It's a place some will be spending their holiday this year. It's a place for people "down on their luck," as one guest says.

An example: Yadon spent his first week homeless after he was mugged in Blytheville, Ark., the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. He was outside a Days Inn motel around 5:45 p.m. when he was attacked by a group of men. They stole his life savings and his pickup truck, leaving him with little else.

"When I got up 50 miles down the road, all I could see was my taillights going down the road," Yadon said as he pulled his shirts down to expose a scabbed gash inches from his neck, a reminder of the incident. "I've got my health and my life, but 8 1/2 months of

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Story by Mikki Olmsted

University receives negative critique

♦ The Board of Regents paid a consulting team \$100,000 to review Western's strengths, weaknesses

By SHANNON BACK

Western's Institutional Review is summed up in the first few lines of its executive summary — "Western Kentucky is a good university essentially trapped in time and therefore unable to change significantly."

But the report lists 57 recommendations and said if these things are done, "Western can become the premier university in Kentucky and among the best in the land."

The board hired James Fisher, president emeritus of the Council for Advancement & Support of Education and a consultant for boards of presidents, last April to organize the review, which cost about \$100,000. Fisher and a four-member consulting team spent four months interviewing faculty, staff, students, board members and businessmen.

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Ransdell, consultant had prior discussions

By SHANNON BACK

James Fisher, who headed Western's \$100,000 Institutional Review, claimed in the first line of the review's introduction that he and the four-member team that conducted the review had no "present or past association with Western Kentucky University."

However, Fisher, who is a good friend of new president Gary Ransdell, was hired last spring to negotiate the president's contract for an additional \$100,000.

"I guess technically that statement isn't true," University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said.

Fisher and Ransdell say they met in 1978 and became friends when Ransdell was associate director of Alumni Affairs at Western. Ransdell said he has consulted with Fisher about most professional decisions, but when he realized he was a

finalist for Western's presidency, he told Fisher it would be "inappropriate" to continue discussions.

When Ransdell was named president Sept. 13, Student Regent Keith Coffman said that Ransdell was chosen because "he knew more about Western than the regents do. He really did his homework." But did Ransdell have a tutor? (Ransdell) didn't get any information from me about Western that could have helped him get the presidency," Fisher said.

Fisher said he didn't think negotiating the president's contract constituted a present association with Western. "You can read it any way you want to," he said. "It certainly in spirit is true. In content, it depends on how you interpret it."

Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs, said if Ransdell stopped having conversations with

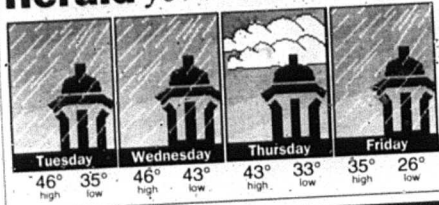
Fisher when he became a finalist, then he "used good judgment." But she said no one knows the extent of their conversations.

"I would expect a consultant to not engage in conversations that may have cast wrong light or expressions of concern," she said. "If the consultant didn't ascribe to that behavior, then it was inappropriate."

Regent Burnis Mercer said after the board hired Fisher to conduct the review, it learned he also consulted with boards on presidential contracts. He said it never occurred to the board that it could have been a conflict of interest.

"Maybe it was unfortunate we hired the same person to do the contract — I just don't know," Mercer said. "I would be awfully surprised if there were any talks between (Ransdell) and (Fisher) concerning Western."

Herald forecast



♦ Crime stoppers

At 10 p.m. Oct. 5, a man car-jacked a pizza delivery car near Poland Hall. At knife point, the delivery driver was forced to drive to Warren Central High School where he was robbed. If you have information about this crime, call Crime Stoppers at 781-CLUE. You could receive up to a \$1,000 reward. Crime doesn't pay. Crime Stoppers needs you.

♦ Clearing the air

The I-AA football bracket printed in the Nov. 25 Herald was inaccurate. Had the Toppers won their match-up with Eastern Washington, they would have faced Youngstown State.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Charges

♦ Betty Ann Werner, 329 Timothy Way, was charged Saturday with DUI and disregarding a traffic signal when she was spotted going the wrong way into McLean Drive. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$500 unsecured bond.

♦ Stephen Andrew Cash, 1438 Chestnut St., was charged Sunday with DUI under the age of 21 on Big Red Way. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

♦ Kristin Joy Firkins,

McCormack Hall, was charged Thursday with three counts of forgery. She was released from Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$1,000 cash bond.

Reports

♦ Heather A. Millay, Rodes-Harlin, reported Nov. 24 receiving harassing phone calls and e-mail.

♦ Bridget K. Trame, South Hall, reported Nov. 24 three checks stolen from her desk drawer. A total of \$58.18 was cashed from her account.

♦ Shannon M. Saszik, 1401

South Lee St., reported Nov. 26 her bike, valued at \$1,000, and a bike lock, valued at \$10, stolen while parked on a bike rack out-

side Tate Page Hall.

♦ Melissa G. Felkins, McLean Hall, reported Nov. 26 a cassette player, valued at \$75, sunglasses, valued at \$100, a tape, valued at \$10, and a compact disc adapter, valued at \$20, stolen from her car while parked in the parking structure.

♦ Douglas V. Wiles, 224 White Cotton Drive, reported Nov. 26 the dashboard and lock, valued at \$150, of his vehicle broken while parked in the Helm-Cravens Library service drive.

♦ Melanie A. Zaher, 108 Hill Ridge Court, reported Nov. 26 her driver's license and social security card stolen from her vehicle while parked in the library's service drive.

♦ John B. White, Science and Technology Hall, reported Tuesday his wallet, valued at \$30, stolen from his office.

♦ Matt Gregory, Poland Hall, reported Tuesday a door knob, valued at \$50, stolen from a dorm room.

♦ Galen E. Currington, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Wednesday the paint on his car, valued at \$150, scratched while parked in Bemis lot.

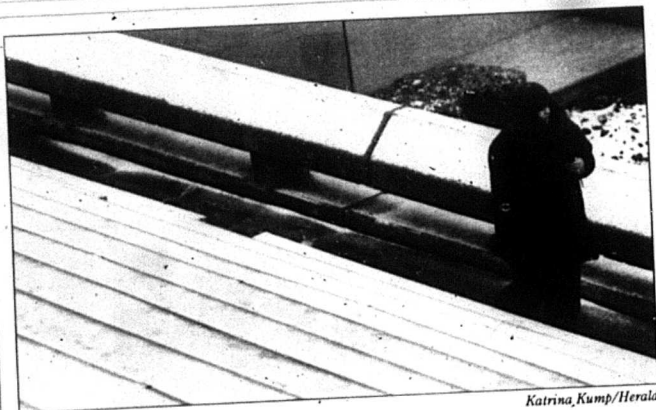
♦ Robyn K. Larson, Bates-Runner, reported Wednesday camera equipment, valued at \$2,301, stolen from her car when it was parked in the 30-minute lot.

♦ Gregg A. Rich, Poland, reported Wednesday his television, compact disc player and videocassette recorder, valued at \$435, stolen from his dorm room during a fire alarm.

♦ Dale W. Adkins, Poland, reported Wednesday a CD case and 24 CDs, valued at \$354, stolen from his dorm room during a fire alarm.

♦ Donna R. Dun, 424 Conrad Court, reported Friday \$285 stolen from her purse in Jones-Jagers Hall.

♦ Sandra K. Hollabaugh, New Sorority Hall, reported Friday someone had been using her driver's license to get into clubs and buy alcohol.



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Winter chill: Louisville freshman Dominique Ashby bundled up before walking by the fine arts center and the snow that accumulated on campus yesterday.

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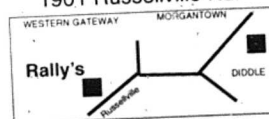
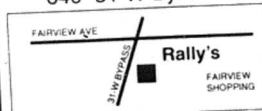
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Physics institute project to help keep air clean

By LEIGH ANN MOORE

If it works, it may save millions of dollars for coal plants worldwide and lead to cleaner air. And it is being built in part by faculty and students of Western.

The Western Applied Physics Institute is in the process of completing a prototype that analyzes the elements of coal via nuclear electronics, a project being funded through the U.S. Department of Energy. The Institute has received a \$930,000 grant for completion of the project.

"It's a device we make here with our own design and own equipment," said George Vourvopoulos, physics and astronomy professor and leader of the project.

Vourvopoulos said plans for the project developed after the 1990 Clean Air Act, which states that coal plants must take steps to decrease sulfur dioxide emis-

sions. One of the ways coal plants are doing this is through blending coal from different mines, he said. The varying elements of different coal types can be manipulated to reduce sulfur emissions.

"It's like having a pot of water on the stove," Vourvopoulos said. "If it starts to boil and you don't want it to, you can add a cup of cold water to reduce the temperature."

"As the coal goes through the chute, we can measure the elements and then by equation can determine if adjustments need to be made, right there on the spot." Currently, plants measure coal elements by removing samples and taking them to a lab for analysis. The nuclear on-line analysis will save them time and money.

Two Western students and five other people, some Western graduates, are employed by the institute to work on the project.

"It has taken four years of

intensive research to develop, and both Western and high school students have been an integral part of that," Vourvopoulos said.

A tractor trailer, expected to arrive in the next two weeks, will house the prototype and equipment. Most of the parts have been built and are waiting to be assembled inside the trailer once it arrives. Vourvopoulos said it will then be taken to the university farm to be tested.

"We hope we will be very successful with the prototype and can go towards marketing it," he said, adding that it would probably have a price tag of more than \$300,000 each on the market. The institute has already found support through two industrial partners, one of which is a French firm which makes several of the electronics used in the project.

"Within a year, we should know about the marketability of it," Vourvopoulos said.

Five programs remain on list

By JOHN STAMPER

Western has narrowed its list of possible programs of distinction to five.

Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs, briefed the Board of Regents on a draft proposal which named five areas of distinction Thursday at the board's retreat in Rough River Dam State Park.

The final list is the following:

- A broad program area that includes journalism, broadcasting, forensics, public radio and other communication and information technology areas.
- A broad program area that

includes applied science research centers like the Applied Physics Institute, Kentucky Climate Center, Biotechnology Laboratory, recombinant genetics and professional preparation programs.

- A teacher education program that includes the gifted education program, the Head Start program and other areas of child education.
- A masters in folk studies.
- A masters in industrial/organizational psychology.

A program of distinction must be able to achieve national prominence and will be eligible for \$1.4 million in state funds, which must be matched by the university.

Burch said the board would probably approve three programs of distinction. She also said the current proposals would change before final approval.

"I don't think what we will have in the end will have the number and scope of areas that are in the draft now," Burch said. "We would dilute ourselves."

She said Western was including three broad areas as programs of distinction to help ensure that Western could match state funds.

"If you have several pieces under the umbrella, you're gambling that you can come up with some match in at least one area," she said.

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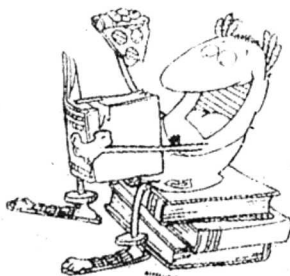
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Opinion

Deck the Hill with Christmas gifts

Western has been given a lot this semester. Some of it good; some of it bad; some we'll just have to wait and see.

We were given a new president, a new women's basketball coach, a winning football team and another accident on University Boulevard, just to name a few.

- **The issue:** It's Christmas time.
- **Our view:** 'Tis the season to hand out some gifts to those who need them.

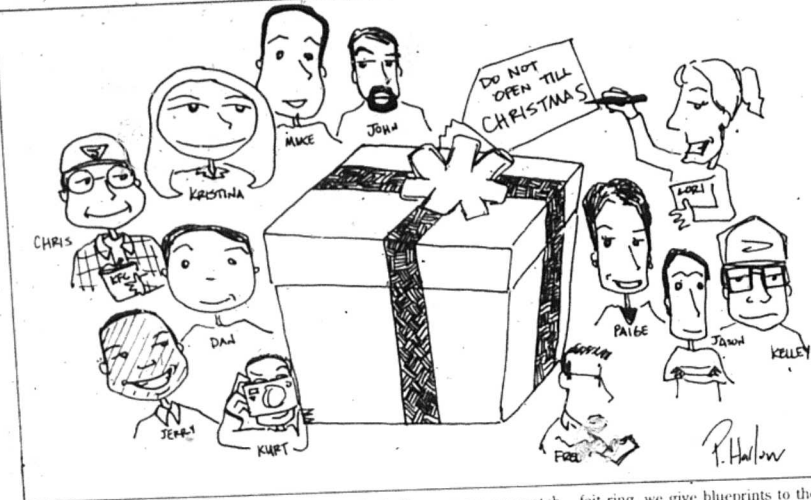
So it's only right that having been given so much news to report this semester that we at the Herald give something to those who are deserving of it.

◆ The Board of Regents, for bringing tidings of secrets and lies to the presidential search, get a copy of the Kentucky Revised Statutes so they'll know the state's open meeting laws.

◆ To Keith "Skywalker" Coffman we give a light saber so he can direct traffic on University Boulevard. The Russellville senior and SGA president has been pushing for a solution to the safety problem on the road, but state officials seem to be dragging their feet.

◆ Here we go waffling along ... Wait, that's not how that song goes, but it would be the appropriate carol for City Commissioners Dianne Howerton and Joe Denning who get a waffle iron for their waffling policies. The two commissioners initially were in support of adopting the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and even voted for it on the first reading. However, on the day of the final vote, they buckled under political pressure after receiving some nasty phone calls from landlords.

◆ To Aramark food service we give some jalapeno peppers and Tabasco sauce. You really impressed us at the beginning of the semester, but now it seems like you've hit arut. Maybe this



will help you spice up the menu a little for the new year.

◆ The Student Government Association gets a copy of its own constitution and a roll book to go along with it. We've always assumed the group had these lying around somewhere, but apparently not since some members have been absent numerous times, far surpassing the three absences the constitution allows.

◆ Jim Harbaugh and the "New Look" Hilltoppers may also be in the giving spirit. So to ease their shopping load a little, we'll give them a talking parrot to say "I told you so" to the finance committee, who only five and a half years ago wanted to do away with the football team, which made it to the playoffs finishing with a 10-2 record.

◆ The Lady Toppers get a rematch against their former Coach Paul Sanderford and the University of Nebraska.

◆ The volleyball and soccer teams, who haven't had very merry seasons, get a new contract with Fila. Hey, it worked for the football team.

◆ To Federal Judge Joseph Hood, who tried to overturn a U.S. Supreme Court decision by ruling that university administrators could censor student publications, we give a copy of the Bill of Rights (see first entry).

◆ Former campus police officer Christopher Cobb gets a calling card for Christmas. Now he'll have a way to make those 1-900 calls without charging them to the university.

◆ To the alleged Poland Hall counter-

feit ring, we give blueprints to the new design for the \$50 bill.

◆ Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs, gets a plaque of recognition for being the best female president in Western's history. Of course, she was the only female president in Western's history when she served as interim president from June to November, but she did a tremendous job and deserves much more than a pat on the back.

◆ President Gary Ransdell gets a successful first year at the helm of Western and freedom from criticism to do his job as he feels is right. (Our instruction booklet will be in the mail, nudge, nudge.)

◆ To the students, faculty and staff at Western, we give peace of mind for five long weeks. So until then, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

◆ Letter to the editor

Editorial misrepresents WKU Foundation

The editorial "Foundation should open records to public" in the Nov. 20 edition followed two news articles printed in the Nov. 6 and Nov. 18 issues concerning WKU Foundation-related activities that were the result of extensive personal meetings with

Herald reporters. The two news articles were, for the most part, accurate but did contain minor inaccuracies and misinterpretations along with biased, reporter-selected references to the president's discretionary account. Both stories made reference to investment policies, expenditure of Foundation funds, operating policies and procedures and total giving reports. Based

on three previous stories, the editorial on Nov. 20 and the accompanying editorial cartoon contain innuendo and accusations that are clearly inaccurate.

The following items are offered for your future clarification:

1. Complete IRS Form 990's were furnished to the Herald on Oct. 7. Information from these documents has been used in

previous Herald stories.

2. Transfers from Western to the WKU foundation in November 1994, include no public funds have ever been, or may lawfully be, transferred to the WKU Foundation.

3. The Foundation houses no public

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People poll

◆ What do you want for Christmas?



"I need money because I'm broke."
Amy Carron,
Glasgow sophomore



"A great job. I'm graduating."
Nate Sizemore,
Baxter senior



"\$500 to pay off my bills."
Adria Wheatley,
Lewistown sophomore



"Nothing. The Lord has given me everything I need."
Melissa Humos,
Taylorsville senior



"A lot of CDs. I like R & B and most everything except country and jazz."
Steven Graham,
Guthrie sophomore

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Forum

Reflections of life on Hill not that bad

I first visited Western the Friday before my senior year of high school began. Unfortunately, it was also the Friday that dorms opened for the fall 1991 semester, so I was introduced to Western's parking problem long before I decided to come here.

Although the parking situation is as bad now as it was then (if not worse), I've seen many improvements that the more recent students may take for granted.

No, this isn't one of those "I walked seven miles uphill both ways to class every day" commentaries. This is one of those "Gee, I didn't remember it being that bad" commentaries.

As my parents and I toured the campus on that dreadfully hot August afternoon, our tour

guide showed us the piles of dirt that a year later would be called New Coed Hall (now Zacharias Hall), New Sorority Hall and the Preston Health and Activities Center.

After the tour, we ate at the Downing University Center cafeteria. Its name has since been changed to the Marquis Club and as now known as Topper Cafe.

However, the food is still the same now as it was then — cold. I lived in Keen Hall my first year at Western. Those were the days before Western decided that men's dorms should have

partitions in the shower room, not just a room with six shower heads.

But that's not the only change in the dorms. In August 1993, I was among the first male residents of Rhodes-Harlin, which at that time had just switched from being a women's dorm to a coed dorm.

Since I've been at Western, Gilbert Hall has also changed from all women to coed, Poland Hall from coed to all men, and Pearce-Ford Tower from all men to coed. Before that change, PFT was the worst dorm on campus and Keen was some

what respectable.

I also recall watching "Star Trek: The Next Generation" every night despite not being a Star Trek fan — something you had to do if you were going to watch television after 11 p.m. because WBKO 13 was the only channel you could get in the dorms. Because of that, I've learned to enjoy that show and still watch it despite the introduction of cable television into the dorms.

I also remember driving down Center Street from downtown all the way out past Keen Hall. Now, without making a turn, you can drive on Center Street, Big Red Way and Russellville Road. Talk about confusing to those who don't know.

I also recall January 1994, especially the week of no school. Five inches of snow on top of five inches of ice is no fun, particularly for professors and commuters who have to drive up the hill.

I recall the debate whether to kill the football program. Now, five and a half years after its near death experience, the program looks very much alive after this year's playoff run.

Several months ago a commentary on this page said we should leave this place better than when we got here. After I shake President Gary Ransdell's hand a week from today, I know that will be true for me.

Editor's note: Russ Stapleton is a graduate student in computer science from Louisville.

Russ Stapleton
Commentary



♦ Letters to the editor

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4. The duties of the Executive Director of the Foundation are not "the major job" of the vice president for Institutional Advancement. The job also carries the responsibility for the university's fund raising, alumni relations and external affairs initiatives.

5. The Board of Regents has directed the WKU Foundation to be the repository of all private gifts to the university.

7. The WKU Foundation is accountable for its activities to the 16-member WKU Foundation Board of Trustees, and to more than 10,000 current donors.

8. The Herald has previously been furnished with financial information regarding total giving to the foundation.

As executive director, I again reaffirm the Foundation's commitment to an open-door policy.

It is regrettable that the Herald chose to include insinuations and inaccuracies in its editorial and cartoon that clearly do not reflect past Herald references to information that has previously been provided or could have been obtained by request.

Fred Hensley
vice president for Institutional Advancement and executive director of the WKU Foundation.
Editor's note: Hensley has told Herald reporters on several occasions that individual accounts information is not open record. No specific expenditure information has ever been provided to the Herald.

Life more valuable than donations

Ms. Ruth E.G. Loaicano, an "apathetic alumna," sounds like she cares more about publicizing her potential donations than the good of Western students. In the Nov. 25 issue of the Herald, she wrote that the idea of a skywalk over University Boulevard is a "ridiculous" one.

Ms. Loaicano, have you ever been to University Boulevard, or have you ever crossed it between 1 and 5 p.m.?

Based on your opinion, evidently not. Since 1992, six people have been hit. The issue has only recently been resurrected because of the latest casualties. The severity of injuries may vary, but the fact is those people should have never been hit. Speed bumps are not a feasible

solution for such a busy road like University Boulevard, and crossing guards cannot possibly be there all the time to help us "kiddies" get across. Reducing the speed limit won't permanently stop the problem because of the topography and police can't stay there 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Do you believe the mayor and our own Student Government Association president, are ignorant about the situation? Think again.

Ms. Loaicano, you pointed out how "expensive" and "time consuming" a skywalk would be. Current estimates for a skywalk are \$500,000. Not too long ago the estimates were \$250,000. As the delay for a skywalk continues, the problem remains and time and money are wasted.

If you want to discuss costs, how much would the cost be if someone is killed while crossing that street? What about the unfortunate people who have been hit? What about our lost time and money? I guess you believe those of us who were hit were not smart enough to look both ways, or that we were hit by idiot drivers. Guess again.

To all government officials working to get a skywalk, thanks. To the "apathetic alumna" Ms. Loaicano and everyone who thinks a skywalk is a ridiculous idea, as far as I'm concerned, you all can keep every penny of your money, no matter how much that is.

Jonathan McCay
Bowling Green senior

Parking lots lack instruction

Recently I parked in Diddle lot. Upon returning to my car, I found that I had been issued a parking violation ticket.

I checked both the front and rear entrance to the lot. At the rear entrance the only reference were numerous signs relating to various parking limitations. However, only on the exit lane was there a small sign noting that parking was by permit only. This sign made no reference to visitor parking. Upon checking the front entrance, there were no signs indicating that parking was by permit only. While I can understand that parking is a problem, the lack of parking instruction does not make a visitor feel welcome on your campus.

James R. Kinsier
Bowling Green



True meaning of Christmas lost in materialism, greed

Christmas — it is traditionally known as the season of joy and giving. Recently though, it seems as if Christmas has become nothing more than a shopping rat race to see who can obtain the most material possessions. In fact, one lady took the term deck, from the

about her memories of Christmas. She and her family seemed to grasp the true meaning of Christmas. They couldn't afford to spend much, but they were always thrilled on Christmas morning to find such simple gifts as oranges and peppermints in their stockings.

They viewed Christmas Day as a time to share love and recognize the blessings that were bestowed upon them. Her memories are the ghosts of Christmas past and are a far cry from the way we

view Christmas today.

I cannot help but wonder how Christmas became such a time of greed. When did we come to the point when someone would inflict bodily harm on a fellow human being over a plastic doll?

Let's take a moment to reflect

on the reason why we celebrate Christmas in the first place. Christmas is the birthday of our Lord's only Son, Jesus Christ. The Lord sent his only Son to save us. He offered us the most precious gift of them all — life. We offer others presents on Christmas to symbolize God's gift to mankind.

We need to realize that a gift does not always have to be a material item. In fact, the best presents of all are those that come from the heart.

As Christmas approaches, I ask that each and every one of us look at the occasion in a different light this year. Instead of worrying about receiving that new compact disc player or sweater, give some thing of yourself. Do not let your self get caught up in the material aspect of Christmas. Show compassion for those less fortunate and enjoy the time that you have with your loved ones because we never know what each new day will bring.

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Gospel concert to celebrate history

By STEPHANIE SIRIA

Gospel music, Motown motions and slices of history are coming home for a reunion during the "Gospel Spirituals Along the Barren" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday night at the Warren East High School auditorium.

For two nights, performances and lectures will revisit the golden era of gospel music in Bowling Green and discuss its effects on the black community in Warren County.

Hayden Roberts, co-producer of the event, said Bowling Green was a hot spot for many famous black musicians.

People like B.B. King and others would stop by here between shows they did for Louisville and Nashville audiences.

Roberts said, "They'd come into churches or do a night performance during the week."

Featured in the shows will be television and recording group John Edmonds' Gospel Truth. Edmonds, a native of Bowling Green, said the show is gospel in name but broader in appeal.

"The music we sing is gospel but people from all backgrounds and tastes can appreciate it," the 32-year-old said. "In our performance, we try to be as animated as possible so there's a larger interest."

For Edmonds and the crew, that means singing not only gospel music but some Motown hits and Broadway tunes. They'll also be adding motions to the songs.

"If we say in the song that we walk, we'll walk," he said. "If we say look we look, and so on. It's similar to the style of The Temptations."

A special guest of the evening is Willis Ward. Ward, sole sur-

vivor of the gospel group The Famous Ward Singers, said reminiscing about this period of music reminds her of when she first began singing with her sister at age 11.

"I started out in churches with my sister, then with my mother at age 14," the 74-year-old said in an phone interview Friday. "I never thought I'd last as long as I did."

In one of three scheduled lecture segments, she hopes to get that feeling across when she speaks on her book "How I Got Over," a narrative on the history of black singers, both gospel and otherwise, in the United States.

Ward, who sang with The Famous Ward Singers from 1935 to 1972 and performed with

stars like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington, said she sees gospel music as a way to receive spiritual help when in trouble.

"It's the kind of music that makes you feel great when you sing it," she said.

Edmonds said the main goal of his group's performances will be to revive the music that was alive once upon a time.

"This music is esthetically and historically pleasing to both the minds and ears," he said. "The songs are universal from city to city and across all economic barriers."

Roberts agrees.

"There's been a push recently to create more racial diversity within Western and the community," he said. "This is a good chance to get a broader perspective and for people to learn about cultures outside of their own."

Tickets for the shows can be purchased at the door. They are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

◆ If you go

What: "Gospel According to Bowling Green: Spirituals Along the Barren"

When: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Where: Warren East High School auditorium

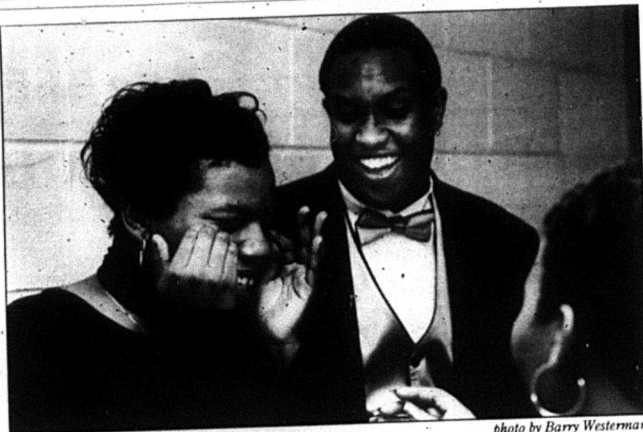


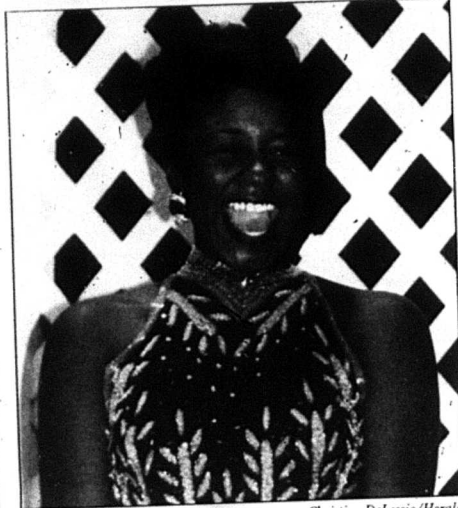
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Tears of joy:

After the talent portion of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity's Black and Gold Beauty Pageant,

Louisville senior John Mark Eberhardt comforts Louisville senior Dawn Williams. Williams was relieved that she remembered all the poem.

Left: Le'Keia Gilliam, a freshman from Lebanon, Tenn., was named Miss Black and Gold on Thursday. Gilliam also won in the competition for best evening gown.



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'Tis the season for theft

By BRIAN MAINS

It's time to head 'em up and move 'em out. A month of egg nog-drinking, Christmas light-blinking relaxation lays ahead for most college students.

But before the books are sold and the car is packed, Bowling Green and campus police have a few recommendations for students living off campus.

"What I would suggest is taking valuables home," said Robert Cron, crime prevention officer for the Bowling Green Police Department.

Cron and other officers said an unfortunate fact of the holiday season is that homes can turn into bargain bins for thieves looking for quick holiday presents — especially if the homes are going to be sitting empty for a month.

"The very fact that you're away from home is an open invitation," said Allen Polk, crime prevention

officer for campus police.

Though there are no sure-fire methods for students to keep thieves out of their homes when away, area police said there are a few precautions to be taken in hopes of preventing such an incident.

The first rule that officers Cron and Polk recommend is to pack up anything that could be found in a pawn shop or easily sold.

That includes videocassette recorders, televisions, computers and jewelry, Polk said. If that is not possible, Cron said the least students can do is take stock of what is in their apartments.

"Take down make, model and serial numbers," Cron said. "Mark things with your driver's license number."

Cron said the more information available on stolen objects, the easier those objects are to find.

Polk and Cron also said having good locks and having the place

look like it's lived in, even when it's not, are two other deterrents.

"House sitters are great," Polk said. "(They) at least give the appearance of someone being there."

Having them switch different lights in the rooms of the house, collecting newspapers and watching the mail may deter a thief from trying to break into a home.

But if no one can be there and trusted enough to do these things, there are a few other options.

Cron said students can have their mail stopped or forwarded for a period of time by going down to the post office and filling out a form.

Polk also recommended purchasing a cheap house light timer from any hardware store.

In the end though, Cron said students who live off campus have added stress to go home with, whereas students who live in dorms do not.



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By KELLEY LYNN

As the large snowflakes drifted silently past the window of his Louisville home, comedian Lawrence Thomas reflected on his time spent in Bowling Green.

"It was always fun when it snowed when I was down there," he said.

And with that the seriousness was gone. The energy started to flow as the 1965 Western graduate turned stand-up comedian began to talk about his upcoming shows at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve at the Greenwood Executive Inn on Executive Way.

"If (students) have been cooped up with their dysfunctional family

over the holidays, they can forget it," he said. "They can come out to the show and lose themselves in silliness."



Lawrence Thomas

Thomas' show doesn't have a theme, but he covers subjects like a shotgun — all over the place with as much energy as possible. He also said he tries to keep his show to a PG rating, but sometimes he might deserve an R.

Excited about the news of the show, communications and broadcasting Professor Bart White fondly remembers his time as Thomas' instructor and friend.

"He was the epitome of the average student," he said. "But it doesn't surprise me a bit that he's a success."

His professional career began after he met Jeff Foxworthy of red neck fame while working at a comedy club in Nashville. Foxworthy told Thomas he needed to go on the road with his act or he would regret it his whole life.

"He had just won Comic of the Year. And if he said so, that's pretty good advice," Thomas said of Foxworthy.

Since then, Thomas has taken his self-promotion all the way to national attention with appearances on HBO, Showtime and Comedy Central. He hasn't regretted a minute of it.

My last day of real work was in May of '90," he said. "If I can avoid working for the rest of my life, I'll keep doing it."

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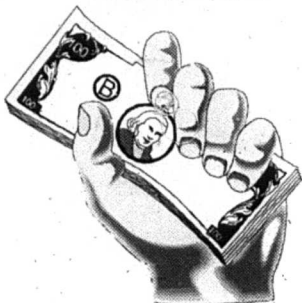
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NIGHT: Weather, not holidays, dictate shelter use

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my life just got thrown out of my window."

The 37-year-old pipe fitter requested relief from his job and relocation from the area the next day. Yadon then started hitchhiking to Bowling Green to be near his friends until he healed.

"I really don't have any family to speak of," Yadon said, pausing briefly, then starting again. "Friends mean more to me than a roof over my head. I believe I made the right decision."

It was a decision of survival. According to Salvation Army guidelines, homeless guests can stay up to 30 days at the same shelter, but can't return for six months from their departure date.

This night, Saturday, is Day 28 for Moore. He doesn't know where he's going to live when his time is up, but he isn't worried.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Moore, 75, fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He's a former rodeo clown. He usually works with gyms on carnival midways selling game chances, like "Eight balls for a \$1 Step Right Up."

He said he's just passing through.

Moore left the carnival to care for his daughter, a drug addict. He brought her to Bowling Green after a stay in Columbus, Ohio. Moore's waiting for her to recover.

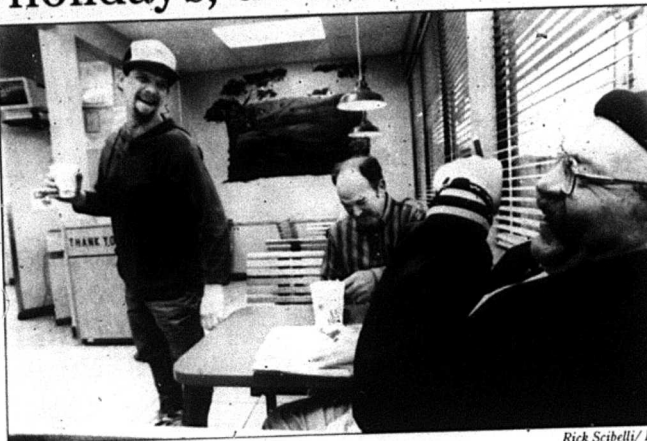
According to shelter officials, other clients have similar stories. Case Manager Ann Herrington, a social worker, said 322 people, including children, have stayed at the shelter so far this year. The clients must find work within five days of checking into the shelter, but she said the transients move on quickly.

This night, only four men stayed in the 15-bedroom men's section. The women's section, comprised of six beds and a bathroom, was empty.

Herrington said the weather, not the holidays, determines how many people will spend the night in the shelter. Christmas is the last thing on their minds.

"It's not a big thing to them," Herrington said. "It's staying warm, getting a good night's sleep and a full belly before getting on the road."

Sitting in the lobby/living room of the Red Shield Lodge, Yadon said he doesn't know what his first Christmas in a shelter will be like. For him, Dec. 25 is a long way away from now.



Rick Scibelli/Herald

Larry Yadon, Charles Green and Jim Weaver, left to right, must leave the Red Shield Lodge by 7 a.m. every day. Most mornings are spent sipping coffee and sharing jokes at the BP Service Station on 31-W Bypass. The men make and save money by ringing bells around town for The Salvation Army.

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JOB: Finance position eliminated

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"I know a lot of people," Ransdell said of possible candidates. "We're not going to be able to pay what a lot of institutions pay at this level, but I think we can get what we need."

Whoever fills the position will be the executive director of the WKU Foundation and will assume responsibility for the fund-raising activities of the College Heights Foundation and the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation. The replacement will also oversee the Alumni Association and Alumni Relations.

"We have a lot of the structure in place. Now it's time for someone to take it and make it work," Hensley said of the university's private fund-raising effort.

Ransdell shared his plan with the Board of Regents on Thursday during their retreat at Rough River Dam State Park and made final changes to it over the weekend. The restructuring does not require board approval and will take effect Jan. 1, 1998.

Ransdell also confirmed speculation that the position of vice president for Finance and Administration will be eliminated. State Budget Director Jim Ramsey left the position after being passed over in the presidential search earlier this year.

"To come back with another vice president, I've got to come up with new resources," said Ransdell, who explained that Ramsey will be keeping his salary when he returns to Western during the summer in an academic position.

To fill the void, Ann Mead, Budget and Management Information director, will become the university's chief financial officer. She will oversee university budgeting and planning, accounting, and purchasing. Mead has been at the university for three years.

Meanwhile, John Osborne, assistant vice president for Finance and Administration, will become the assistant vice president for Student Affairs. Osborne will still manage areas like housing, food services, the bookstore and several other auxiliary services.

Ransdell said he moved Osborne into the office of Student Affairs to emphasize that services like housing and the bookstore must always consider the needs of students first.

The offices of Equal Opportunity, Human Resources and Environmental Health and Safety will report to University Attorney Deborah Wilkins. The internal audit reports to Wilkins and the regent.

Ransdell also plans to name a Board of Visitors in the spring, which will be an advisory council to the president made up of area leaders in business, politics and academia.

Crossword

Answer to Wednesday's puzzle

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New club provides support for Jewish students

By KELLEY LYNN

Every other Tuesday, a small group of students meet for lunch to talk about their day and to make plans for the upcoming holidays.

The students aren't talking about Christmas. They're talking about Hanukkah. They are members of the Jewish Student Organization that was started this year.

"It's a place where I can be with people of the same faith, like a little support network here at

Western," said club member Christopher Duben, a senior from Castaic, Calif.

The club consists of 10 members who either heard about the organization by seeing fliers earlier this semester or had checked the appropriate religious preference box on their admission applications. It's something many students don't do, making it difficult for organizers to find.

"It's an optional part of the application, and people who skip it we don't know about," said

Jennifer Frockt, a Louisville sophomore and the club's president. "We don't know how many people might be roaming around campus looking for something we've started."

One of the club's main activities is helping students who cannot get home for the holidays find families in town to share the holiday services with, since there is no synagogue in Bowling Green.

The club's adviser, Mike Carini, said the lack of a temple isn't a problem for students, though. The physics and astronomy assistant

professor said the ones who really want to go to worship will go to Nashville or Louisville.

But going out of town to worship isn't always feasible, club members say. Former Western student and club founder Mike Fessler constructed a Sukkah, or outdoor hut, for people to celebrate a fall harvest holiday. Sukkot. Group members also have taken turns hosting worship services in their homes.

The group does not collect dues and welcomes anyone to attend its meetings.

"Even if someone is just curious or has a question about Judaism, I'll be happy to talk to somebody," Frockt said.

On Dec. 14, Frockt will be speaking to several people while giving a presentation before the Bowling Green Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship.

The group has lunch meetings at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month in Downing University Center, Room 226.

For more information, call Frockt at 745-3006 or visit the club Web site at www2.wku.edu/~JSO.

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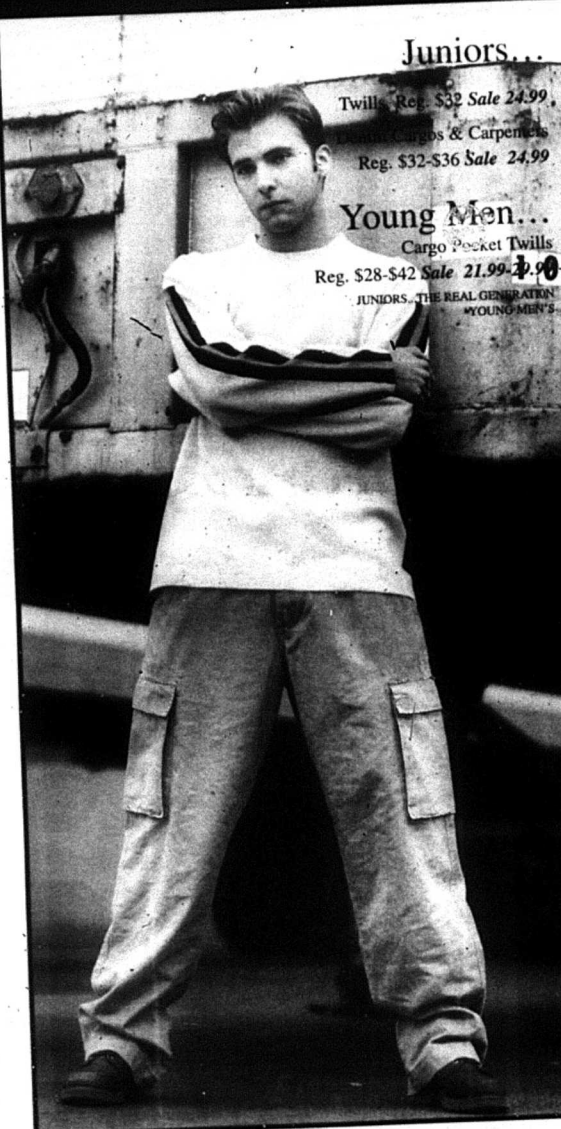
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Seniors give freshmen some college advice

BY SCHERI ELAINE SMITH

The fifth-year senior, the misbehaving sophomore and the incoming freshman all know it's true — coming to college can be a scary transition.

As the second-semester freshmen on campus know, with little to go on, a lot of freshmen may become stressed with the prospect of college. But the psychology department may hold the key to comfortable transition from high school to college.

Psychology Professor Joseph Cangemi, along with alumna Rachel Swing, had 80 seniors come to the rescue in the March 1996 issue of *The Journal of Instructional Psychology*.

"What we did was ask some seniors to tell us what they would advise freshmen," Cangemi said. "They have had experiences here — some good, some bad. We wanted to know what (seniors) would advise to the younger ones so that they might profit from them."

Cangemi, who has been a professor at Western for 29 years, said such a survey is an impor-

tant project.

"Students come here and have the opportunity to develop good habits and bad ones," he said. "Coming to college is like a blank slate — you don't know what to expect."

And it is that blank slate that Cangemi hopes can be outlined with the senior advice he compiled.

So what's the advice? Simple — keep the dreams alive, but keep a level head, too. Cangemi compiled the responses into different categories. Here is a sample of some of the advice seniors gave him last year. The advice was given anonymously.

♦ "A university is not all work, develop a plan for your life while at your school. Have a balance in your plan: a time for study, a time for work, a time for fun and a time for rest."

♦ "Do one of two things and you will get at least a letter grade of C: Read the book or go to class."

♦ "Take an occupational test from Career Services at the college or university when you first get there in order to get a good

idea in what you might want to major. It will save you a lot of heartache in the end."

♦ "Get to know your professors, especially get to know your professors in the area of your major. Ask them questions. Don't

"It would've been nice to know beforehand how life was at Western."

— Anthony Flatt
Lexington freshman

be afraid of them. They are here for you."

♦ "Knowing the right professor to take for difficult classes is very important."

♦ "Do not get into a love relationship right away, after all, you just got there."

♦ "Plan to have four good years as opposed to one great year."

♦ "Be yourself. College and university life is a growth experi-

ence. Become more independent in your thinking. Learn to stand up for your beliefs. Do not follow the crowd when it is not in your best interest."

♦ "Get involved in the Greek system. Even so, remember grades are important."

♦ "Think carefully about going Greek, because the Greek system is not for everyone."

♦ "Do not walk in the university's parking structure alone — especially at night."

Cangemi said that students giving other students advice is far more powerful than professor to student advice.

"Listening to a professor might not do it," he said. "Freshmen would listen more to people their age."

"I could talk about it in my classes, but it wouldn't be as effective," he said.

Trenton senior Tom Harris agrees. The advice could be helpful to the younger students, he said. "I know it would've helped me," Harris said. "I didn't know anything about college. I even missed registering for classes

because I didn't even know it was going on."

Lexington freshman Anthony Flatt could've used the advice this semester.

"I think it could've helped, it's been a very interesting semester," he said. "It would've been nice to know beforehand how life was at Western."

Flatt, who said he came from a small high school of about 500 students, said coming to a huge public university was different.

"I guess I'm a typical freshman," he said. "I'm lost."

Cangemi said the most important advice to remember involves the future.

♦ Be careful of the friends you choose.

♦ Develop good habits.

♦ Rely on studying and learn how to do it right.

♦ Get to know your professors.

♦ Write your goals down.

What's vital is that students take advantage of this advice, Cangemi said. "The whole idea was to help. We just want the freshmen to avoid as many pitfalls as possible."

Grads to find job market promising

BY JENNIFER ENGLERT

For those graduating in a few days, the future couldn't look better, according to experts and recruiters.

Economics Professor Bill Parsons is optimistic about the upcoming job market for these seniors.

"The job market is very good and will be for some time, especially for those in business-related majors and minors," he said.

Last month, seniors had an opportunity to scope out possible available jobs at a business college job fair held at the Institute for Economic Development. Thirty-eight companies were represented and more than 400 students attended, and that good turnout bodes well for those who will begin the job hunt in 1998.

Camping World, a Bowling Green company that came to the fair, has positions open for college graduates, particularly marketing majors. Camping World recruiter Amanda Turner said though it is hard to predict when positions will become available, she does have two open now. One is for a marketing list analyst and the other is for a scheduling analyst.

The soaring economy is not only creating jobs all around the United States, but in Bowling Green as well. A wealth of jobs exist already and many more will be created, Parsons attributes the success of the local economy to the central location of the city and the university.

"The local economy is buoyant," he said.

Jim Huggens of Coldwell Banker said students are able to get jobs with his company right out of college, but they will need training. Huggens said he believes that students will benefit from a wide range of opportunities after graduation.

"It seems to me that there are all kinds of opportunities for students out there," he said. "Unemployment is low and the future looks promising."

Munfordville senior Jonathan Shoylders said he is hopeful about his future career in secondary education.

"I am optimistic about the job market," he said. "The economy is good, and I don't think that I will have a problem finding a job."

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Regents shocked by harshness of review

BY SHANNON BACK

FALLS OF ROUGH — The Board of Regents' reaction last Thursday to its first independent Institutional Review can be summed up in one word: stunned. "I was really surprised by the report's ideas," Student Regent Keith Coffman said. "Some of it brings up some good points and some is off the collar."

At the board's annual retreat at Rough River Dam State Park, Chairwoman Peggy Loafman assigned a three-member committee to discuss the review's 57 recommendations and prepare an action plan to be presented to the board in January.

"By the January meeting we should have outlined recommendations that can be addressed both short term and long-term and determine if the suggestions are pertinent for our university," President Gary Ransdell said. "I'm encouraged and pleased for the road map this review provides."

The board hired James Fisher, president emeritus of the Council for Advancement & Support of Education and a consultant for boards of presidents, last April to organize the review. Fisher and a four-member consulting team spent four months interviewing faculty, staff, board members and businessmen.

Most regents received Fisher's report last Wednesday and many had not finished reading the 109-page document before the two-day meeting began Thursday morning. The board had allotted an hour to discuss the review, but within 30 minutes it had assigned a committee to study it, told the committee what it expected and set a timeline for improvements.

"I don't want this board to get too excited about the highs and lows of this report," Ransdell said. "I want the regents to deal with it and not get too upset. Many of the points are valid and will help shape our culture."

Blunt is the word most regents used to describe the reviewer's suggestions.

The report suggested "eliminating" the position of secretary to the board, a job currently held by Liz Esters. It also recommended increasing the number of regents from 11 to 15 and eliminating the positions of elected board members — faculty, staff and student regents. University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said these two recommendations will probably never be adopted by the board.

"As far as (Liz Esters' secretary) position goes, that isn't her only title, also the staff assistant to the president," she said. "So if the report means to eliminate the secretary position, we can't. We need it. If it means not having one person doing only the secretary responsibilities we already have that."

"Every university Board of Regents in Kentucky has the same type structure we do with faculty, staff and student regents. In order to change it, it would have to be recommended by the Kentucky Legislature. In my opinion, that will never happen."

Faculty Regent Ray Mendel said he expected the report to suggest eliminating his position and doesn't feel threatened.

"When we hired him, we knew he had this bias," he said. "It's not going to happen."

Mendel said many of the report's points are ones he's been addressing for years as faculty regent. He said he agrees with the report that faculty are underpaid, administrators are overpaid and the university is "bogged down" by too much administration.

Jerry Wilder, vice president for Student Affairs, said the report didn't live up to his expectations.

"I was very disappointed that it didn't address student areas like financial aid, health services, academic advising and support services," he said. "We didn't get much help."

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Regent Howard Gray said the team did exactly what it was asked to do and, although the board didn't agree with the whole report, it should use it to make changes.

"The framework is here," he said. "If we don't do something about it, then it's our own fault."

According to the report, Western pays administrators too much and faculty too little. Faculty members expressed concerns that administrative salaries are above national averages, or at least above benchmark institutions.

But faculty salaries at Western are somewhat less than the salaries paid by many of its competitors, the report said. The report said "it's not reasonable to expect Western to occupy a spot in the top quartile of similar universities nationally if its faculty salaries are in the lower half of those institutions." It recommends developing an early retirement

program to "replenish aging faculty with new blood."

The review suggests reorganizing the administrative structure, saying "there is too much administration at Western."

Before President Gary Ransdell came to Western in November, there were nine administrators reporting directly to the president. Many faculty members told the team there is an unnecessary vice presidency and having three assistant vice presidents for Academic Affairs is too many.

There are too many staff in the offices of Finance and Administration and in Student Affairs, the report said. It suggests that Ransdell reduce the number of administrators who report directly to him. It also favors appointing outsiders to "provide leavening to the current stable of executive level officers" and appoint a new financial officer.

The report suggests making two years of a foreign language a

requirement and developing a computer literacy class requirement. It also said, "Western must come to grips with the fact that its investments in technology must be ongoing and continuous rather than a one-shot expenditure."

The team suggests combining the departments of industrial technology and engineering technology. It is based on the fact that out of 50,903 credit hours taught in the Ogden College, only 6.6 percent were taught in those two departments. The report also suggests eliminating graduate programs with less than five graduates a year.

The report also suggests combining the College Heights, WKU and Hilltopper Athletic Foundations. It said problems arise because the chief fund-raising foundation — the College Heights Foundation — is the only one directly connected to the university. The report said this "tends to create confusion and competition."

Admission standards may rise

BY SHANNON BACK

FALLS OF ROUGH — Many Western students may not have been accepted to the university if they had waited a few years to apply.

At its annual retreat last Friday, the Board of Regents discussed ways to make Western the prominent university in Kentucky. The first step it agreed to is making the students distinguished — and increasing admission standards.

"Are you comfortable turning someone down who has an ACT score of 23 and is in the middle of their class in Logan County?" President Gary Ransdell asked the board.

The board said it wanted to be both prominent and accessible to everyone. It discussed funneling students who don't live up to the university's expectations through Western's Community College, a system that mirrors the suggestions made in the Institutional Review. At its January meeting

the board will discuss changing the name of the Bowling Green Community College and increasing its connection with Western.

"We're creating an institution I may not have been able to get into in 1969," Ransdell said. "If we officially change the community college name to Western Kentucky University Community College, then folks may feel better about not getting in to Western."

Talks of admission standards and the community college were sparked by Ransdell's proposal for new vision and mission statements. The board agreed to call Western a "prominent university" in those statements, it had to attract prominent students.

"We can't have one without the other," Faculty Regent Ray Mendel said.

Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs, said the university must improve before it starts shutting students out. She said if it increases standards now, "we'll have a lot of

empty classrooms. "Even with the standards we have now, we have students come in and still aren't successful."

Ransdell said he will draft new vision and mission statements and the board will vote on them at the January meeting.

"If we're good and lucky, that will be a brief discussion and we'll move on," he said.

The board also discussed what to do with the Western XXI Plan and the Moving to a New Level plan, both written by former President Thomas Meredith.

Most regents said they liked the documents when they were first written, but that they were out of date. The board decided to revise and blend the two into a more modern document that addresses points made in recent legislative bills. Ransdell said he expects to have the new document ready by late April.

"I want one document," he said. "It should chart where we want to go, how to get there and when we want to get there."

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Sports

Western falls in overtime

BY JERRY BREWER

Jaye Barnes hunched over the Diddle Arena interview room's podium, beads of sweat resting on her forehead and she gasped for breath.

"You'll have to excuse me, I'm sick," the flu-plagued junior forward softly said.

But between the struggle to catch her breath, between the feelings of fatigue, Barnes smiled. It was one of those smiles that a player gives after she has proved somebody wrong, after she has defied the odds.

Last night, Kentucky (2-4) bopped into Diddle Arena, this place where it hadn't won since 1991, and slipped past No. 14 Western 66-64 in overtime. Add in last season's 79-73 win in Lexington, and the Lady Kats have twice stunned the Lady Toppers in a rivalry that Western had owned in recent years.

"Any time you beat a ranked team as good as Western Kentucky is, that's got to be a confidence boost," Kentucky coach Bernadette Mattox said. "Hopefully, we'll continue to come together. The experience will help our team in the long run."

Barnes led the Lady Kats with 22 points and 10 rebounds despite her illness. She had been sick all week, but last night she showed a little toughness.

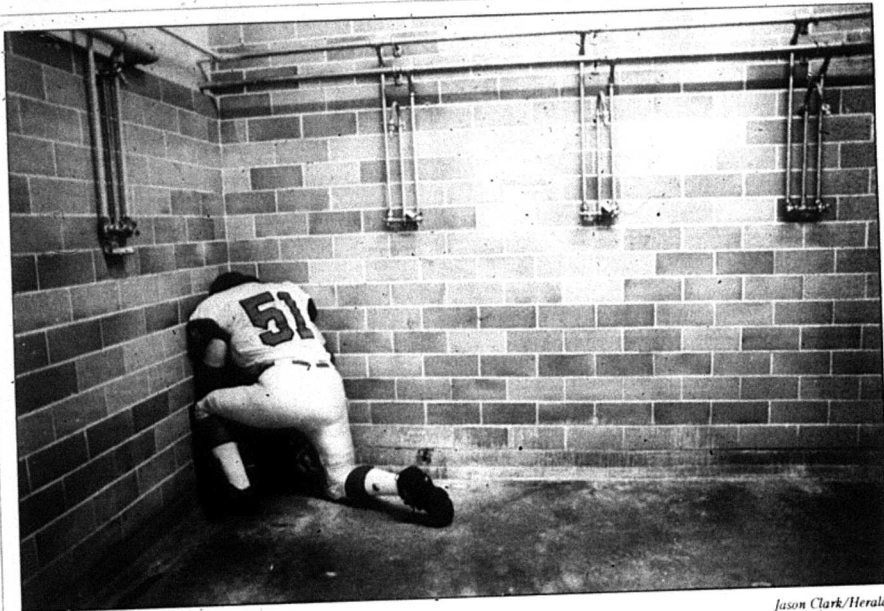
"It was a big game," she said. "I just sucked it up."

For a while though, it looked as if the Lady Toppers were going to sneak away with the win. Behind the aggressive defense of junior guard Katashia Witcher, who finished with five steals, and the inside presence of senior center Leslie Johnson and senior forward Danielle McCulley, the Lady Toppers traded baskets down the stretch with Kentucky, which held its biggest lead at 45-40 with 9:36 remaining in regulation.

Johnson, who scored a game-high 28 points, hit an 18-footer from the baseline with two seconds remaining to tie the game at 60. It was overtime, and Western appeared to have the momentum.

But Barnes sucked it up. Her teammates followed suit. After scoring the first basket in overtime, Barnes fouled out with 3:29 remaining. Their only consistent

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Jason Clark/Herald

Western senior tackle Andy Hape finds a quiet spot in the locker room before Western's last game of the season in Spokane, Wash. Western lost to third-ranked Eastern Washington, 38-21.

THE DREAM IS OVER

Eastern Washington ended Western's playoff run Saturday

BY TRAVIS MAYO

SPOKANE, Wash. — Western football players slowly filed off the field and up a concrete ramp Saturday, holding their helmets — their championship dreams dashed away.

The silent entrance into the Topper locker room came after the Division I-AA Playoffs quarterfinals 38-21 loss to Eastern Washington. The Hilltoppers (10-2) said the loss doesn't add up to a negative.

"We came here across the country and played a tough team," senior quarterback

Willie Taggart said. "They were just a better team."

Eastern Washington (12-1) was the better team Saturday. Division I-AA's best offense tallied 405 total yards, including 278 yards on the ground. Two Eagle tail backs also had big games. Junior Mike MacKenzie ran for 165 yards and two touchdowns, including an 89-yard dash in the fourth quarter that put the game away. Senior Rex Prosscott rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns.

"The No. 1 determinant of our success is that we were able to run the ball against a defense that lines up against the run every day in practice," Eastern Washington coach Mike Kramer said.

Kramer's defense also held Western's nation leading rushing attack to 173 yards. Western did have its chances. Taggart, who completed four of 12 passes for 136

yards and two touchdowns, found senior wingback Jade Gummer wide open in the corner of the end zone seconds before halftime. Western headed into the locker room trailing 24-14.

The score remained the same until the fourth quarter, when the fifth seeded Toppers saw their best chance slip away.

Senior fullback Latravis Powell rushed for a team high 64 yards. He would have liked to have run for 65.

Powell took a snap from Taggart on fourth down and one, only to be stopped short of the EWU goal line. The goal line stand stopped Western from cutting Eastern Washington's lead to three points. Kramer said his team had to win the game at that point.

The run that wasn't enough will linger

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Duquesne uses second-half run to bury Toppers

BY GEORGE ROBINSON

Sombody was supposed to pay for the 33-point loss that Western suffered under the sword of the Xavier Musketeers last Saturday in Diddle Arena.

The Toppers were set to take that aggression out on Duquesne, a team below the .500 line.

Instead Duquesne used an 18-2 run in the second half to put the Toppers away 74-64 in Pittsburgh last night, spoiling Topper junior guard Monty Latimer's homecoming.

Western (2-3) built a 50-41 lead with 16:25 left to play in the game when the Dukes stormed back with freshman guard Shawn Tann's two three-pointers and senior guard Mike James' layup to cut the lead to 50-49.

Senior forward Nick Bosnic

gave Duquesne (3-4) the lead 51-50 with a wide-open layup with 11:10 left. The Dukes built a lead of their own, 59-52, until

Latimer's two free throws cut into the run.

"We just allowed them to get too many easy layups," Western coach Matt Kilcullen said.

"We forgot the principles of defense

by not guarding the three and leaving people open inside."

Western senior forward Steven Bides brought the Toppers back with a tip-in of junior center Maurice Strong's free throw, a block of Duquesne

"We forgot the principles of defense by not guarding the three and leaving people open inside."

— Matt Kilcullen
Western coach

strike.

Dukes senior forward Kevin Price hit a spinning jumper to give his team a 67-63 lead with 2:51 remaining, and the Toppers never caught up.

"You have to expect big runs

when you play on your home court," Harney said. "You just have to stop the run and counter with one of your own. We didn't do that."

The first half saw Western coming out aggressive with the intentions of sending a message to the Dukes after the disappointing loss to No. 9 Xavier.

The Toppers jumped out to a 10-4 lead with a Bides' jumper at 15:10 in the first half and eventually was up 20-13 with 9:27 left.

The Dukes kept it close as James drained a three and hit two free throws to cut the lead 23-21. Latimer knocked down three three-pointers on his way to a game-high 21 points. Western led 35-32 at the half.

It was the free throws, however, that proved to be costly as Western shot 50 percent (11-22)

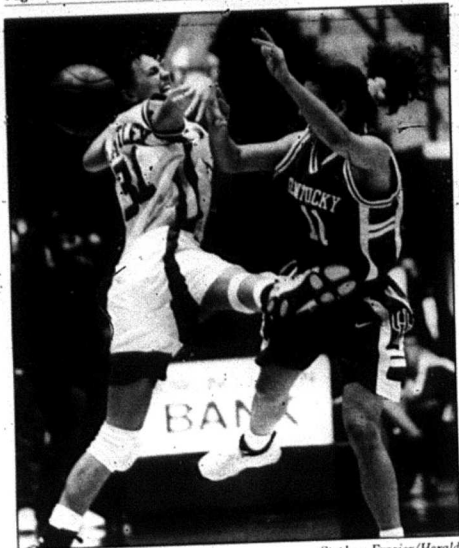
from the line to Duquesne's 60 percent (21-35). Strong missed his last five free throws, with the last two coming at 1:47 left in the game and Western down 69-63.

"You can't expect big things when you shoot that percentage from the line," Kilcullen said. "We had costly turnovers down the stretch, too many bad shots and too many threes."

"We worked together for 36 minutes, but in those last four we just shut down."

Bides and Harney kept pace with Latimer, as Harney had 14 points and Bides added 13 points and nine rebounds. The guards combined to be 9-19 from three-point land.

Price handled the Toppers with 19 points and 14 rebounds as the Dukes put four other players in double-figure scoring.



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Western junior forward Kristi Hartley and Kentucky junior guard Tiffany Wait collided in last night's game at Diddle Arena.

FALLS: Lady Tops lose

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offensive threat was gone. It was freshman guard Laura Meadows' turn.

Western's defense was swarming. The shot clock was winding down. Meadows hit an open three-pointer at the top of the key.

Western never recovered. The Lady Toppers missed a couple of layups in the closing seconds to give the win to Kentucky.

The Lady Toppers' starting backcourt of senior guard Laurie Townsend and sophomore guard Jaime Walz accounted for zero points on 0-for-9 shooting. In fact, if Johnson and McCulley, who scored 21 points, are taken away, Western shot only 3-of-25 from the

field.

"We have got to have other players step up and consistently step up," Johnson said. "We've got too many games ahead of us to get into this rut of Danielle-Leslie, Danielle-Leslie."

After the game, Western (8-2), which saw its six-game win streak come to an end, refused to panic. The players will correct mistakes but won't dwell on the past, Western coach Steve Small said.

"You can look at missed free throws," Small said. "You can look at missed layups. But I told the girls that this game is over. We'll never get it back. It's nothing to hang our heads about all week. We don't like to lose, but this basketball team will bounce back."

BY JERRY BREWER

For a team that — in the words of its own coach — has no identity, the Western women's basketball team is making a pretty good name for itself.

The Lady Toppers (8-2), ranked 14th in this week's Associated Press poll, are off to their best start since the 1994-1995 season, when they began 15-0. Take away that season, and Western is playing better than it has since 1990-1991.

But Coach Steve Small, though appreciative of his team's early effort, knows the Lady Toppers have a lot of improving to do before March, when the Lady Toppers hope to be causing havoc in the NCAA Tournament.

"We're finding ways to win, coming from behind, doing whatever it takes," Small said. "The most rewarding part is that the players are doing it themselves. What is happening is that the players are becoming confident. If things get tough, their minds will go back to these times. They know how to win."

Still, Small looks at the stat

sheet and sees things he doesn't like. The Lady Toppers aren't rebounding the way he expected them to, outrebounding opponents by only six rebounds a game. Last season, Western ranked fourth in the nation in rebounding margin, grabbing 11 more rebounds than the opposition.

Despite forcing 20 turnovers a game, the Lady Toppers are averaging 17 themselves. And their newly implemented aggressive, pressing style of defense has given up an average of 72 points per game, a stat the Lady Toppers would also like to improve on.

"We're searching for an identity right now, something we can call our trademark," Small said. "Right now, we're a bunch of no-names."

With all the miles logged in this early part of the season, Western is happy to have won so many games thus far. The players credit the wins to their scrappiness and the fact that they've played with no fear.

"That's part of winning," junior guard Katashia Witcher

said. "You've got to be willing to do anything it takes to win. I'm not scared of anybody. I think our team's not scared of anybody."

"We've seemed wild in some games, but that's because we've had to learn each other. I expect the second half to be much smoother."

Western will take some time off for finals this week. Its next game is against Miami of Ohio at 7 p.m. Saturday in Diddle Arena.

Johnson honored as Sun Belt's best

On the strength of a career-high 34 points and 10 rebounds by senior center Leslie Johnson, Western edged Oregon (32) 92-90 on Friday night. Johnson, who had 18 points and 15 rebounds in a win over Indiana earlier in the week, was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week yesterday.

Senior forward Danielle McCulley scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Western, and junior forward Shea Lunsford added 15 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.



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Swimmers set four records

By CHRIS ABRELL

At the fourth annual Miami of Ohio Invitational last weekend, Western set four new school records, three of them by freshmen.

The Hilltoppers (6-2) finished sixth in a pool of 12 competitors. By far the most impressive performance of the weekend came from freshman Andrew Priest.

Priest's time of 58.09 in the 100-meter breaststroke earned him seventh place. In the 200-meter breaststroke, Priest finished third and set a new Western record (2:01.94), an honor previously held by junior Pete Carey.

"I talked to him after the meet," Priest said. "I told him that I thought he would be the one up there. I'm not any different than the rest of the guys in the pool."

Priest's mark in the 200-meter breaststroke set him apart from the majority, qualifying him for the U.S. National Championships and a possible run in the NCAA Championships.

"There is a lot of swimming left to be done," Priest said. "Hopefully I can secure my spot in the Top 25 at (the National Independents) Conference (championships)."

At ninth place, the Lady Toppers (5-3) had less success than their male counterparts.

"Our girls were a little intimidated," Coach Bill Powell said. "We were somewhat out-matched, but we had some good individual performances."

Freshman Char Janes etched her name in the Lady Topper record books twice for her swims in the 200-meter backstroke (2:22.05) and 100 butterfly (1:00.69), two of four events in which she was the top finisher for Western.

The upper class wouldn't be completely silenced. Junior Travis Mandigo was the first Hilltopper finisher in three events, including a 49.63 leg in the 100-meter butterfly for fourth place, marking a new school record and the first time since the days of world record-holder Steve Crocker that the 50-second barrier has been broken at Western.

"Travis had an outstanding meet," Powell said. "Every time he got in the pool he swam a lifetime best. He really made his mark."

Since tournaments don't count in regular season records, Powell said the Miami tournament served as an individual training ground and helped him gauge his team's progress.

"I feel really good about this weekend," Powell said. "Some of our swims were disappointing because of taking off for Thanksgiving break, but we still feel pretty good about where we are."

Football's future optimistic

By TRAVIS MAYO

SPOKANE, Wash. — Willie Taggart sat on Western's sideline bench, face in his hands as the clock dwindled during Saturday's 38-21 playoff loss to Eastern Washington. Moments later, the senior quarterback walked off the field, a memorable season over and a 1998 season on the horizon.

After an exchanging of emotional hugs between coaches and players, the Hilltoppers held their heads high, reflecting on possibly one of the greatest football seasons in school history.

While upset that they had lost to the Eagles (12-1) in the quarterfinals, the Tops (10-2) had no regrets. Senior linebacker Ron Kelly just wanted people to respect Western football. He wouldn't dwell on the loss.

"I'm going to hold my head up high," Kelly said. "We had a hell of a season. It was a hell of a run, and I'm going to remember this for the rest of my life."

Just as the Hilltoppers had said all season long, the ride doesn't stop now. After Saturday's defeat in the Pacific Northwest, Western began thinking about 1998.

Taggart said he would return for another year of football. He has to graduate by August to get back a year he lost as a Proposition 48 freshman. Senior wing back Jade Gummer, who scored two touchdowns Saturday, said he'll decide over the holidays whether to use his final year of eligibility. He redshirted his freshman year.

"We were wanting to go a little further with it, but we strived as hard as we could and it just didn't happen for us," Gummer said. "That's the great thing about a 1998 season — you get an opportunity to do it all again."

Western coach Jack Harbaugh was also optimistic. In a quiet locker room after the game, he told his team to remember three things. Harbaugh told seniors who wore a Western uniform for the last time that they had distinguished themselves well. Second, he told players to walk out with their heads high and jaws locked because it was a great season.

And then, Harbaugh called the day a beginning.

"It's the beginning of the 1998 season," he said. "We have a taste of what it's all about, and we like that taste."

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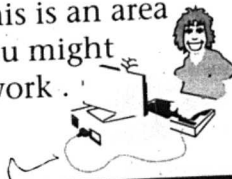
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During Western's 90-63 loss to Xavier on Saturday night at Diddle Arena, freshman guard Nashon McPherson struggles to steal the ball from Xavier junior guard Gary Lumpkin.

◆ Sports news

Board hires consultant for review

The Board of Regents recently hired a consultant to conduct an independent review of the athletics department.

The consultant, Fred Obeir of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, will begin the review in January.

Barbara Burch, vice president for Academic Affairs,

said the review is expected to be finished in late April.

Burch said the board decided to launch the review because of questions raised every year about the amount of money budgeted for athletics. Burch said the review won't influence the budget much this year, but it will be used at the board's April meeting to plan the next year's budget.

Six Hilltoppers collect awards

Six Western football players were named to the Division I-AA All-Independent teams last Tuesday.

Junior offensive lineman Patrick Goodman was named to the All-Independent offense, first team. Goodman was also recently selected to the GTC/College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District team for District IV for his 3.64 grade-point average.

Senior Joey Stockton also made the first offensive team for his work on kick returns.

Making the second offensive team were seniors, offensive lineman Andy Hape and quarterback Willie Taggart.

On the defensive side, junior defensive tackle Bryan Heyward earned a spot on the first defense team. Senior linebacker Ron Kelly was named to the second team.

Hilltoppers fall to Xavier; Bulldogs rematch up next

By GEORGE ROBINSON

A flicker of hope filled a packed Diddle Arena on Saturday.

A minuscule of what its arose for a short time as the Hilltoppers took on their second Top-10 opponent of the early basketball season.

That tiny twinkle lasted for only 42 seconds as No. 9 Xavier (3-0) gave Western (2-2) a tie for its worst loss in Diddle Arena history, 90-63.

Western jumped out to a 5-0 lead as senior forward Steven Bides blocked a shot by Xavier junior forward Darnell Williams. Western junior guard Joe Harney drained a three and Bides hit two foul shots.

Then it was all Musketeers from there. For 10 minutes and 20 seconds, Xavier didn't allow the Toppers to knock down another shot as Xavier went on a 23-0 run.

Western junior center Maurice Strong ended the drought with a layup with 9:02 to play in the first half.

For the half, the Toppers shot just 31 percent as they fell

behind 49-26.

"They showed why they're a Top-10 team," Western coach Matt Kilcullen said. "They completely manhandled us in every phase of the game. They just took us apart."

Again, the flicker of hope shined as Topper fans were ready for a second-half comeback reminiscent of the Kansas game.

"Yeah, we talked about that at the half," Xavier coach Skip Prosser said. "We didn't want them to get back up for this game, so we had to match their intensity with our own."

Bides and Harney started to come back with back-to-back three-pointers, but Musketeer freshman guard Alvin Brown hit a three of his own to give Xavier a 32-32 lead.

The Toppers battled throughout, with junior guard Monty Latimer closing the gap 54-36 with a three with 15:36 to play.

Western couldn't come any closer as Xavier slowly extended its lead, tying the margin of victory with the loss to Louisiana Tech on Feb. 15 last season.

"Give (Xavier) credit — they have a real athletic team," junior forward Melvin Adams said. "We got caught up in a rush and they just picked up the pace."

"We didn't want them to get back up for this game, so we had to match their intensity with our own."

— Skip Prosser
Xavier coach

Upcoming games

While most students will be spending the Christmas Break at home, the Hilltoppers will be continuing their schedule, which includes a rematch with Mississippi Valley State, this time in Diddle Arena, on Dec. 18 and a game against in-state rival Murray State at home Dec. 21.

Western will be entertained by a conference foe Dec. 27 as it takes on Lamar before returning home to take on another Top-25 opponent, Clemson, on Dec. 30.

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Shooting time passed just a quick

enough for me to bag the first duck, a green-winged teal whose iridescent plumage was a pleasant change from the drab appearance of the day.

The shooting was good — the camaraderie even better as the day progressed. Ducks were everywhere and we loved it.

The hunt was on a wildlife management area outside of Madisonville, where a local attorney and fellow hunter of mine knew well. The attorney provided us with transportation to and from the slough via four-wheeler and blessed us with his dry, rough-cut humor as we hunted.

The game plan was simple and can be followed easily by anyone.

♦ Set out few decoys in sloughs because the added bulk

of extra decoys is unnecessary.

♦ Call hard and fast on public land to get the ducks down fast before surrounding parties shoot at the birds.

♦ If the ducks are close, shoot, but don't get greedy and wait for a better opportunity.

♦ Use a wading stick to balance yourself because a fall can ruin your hunt, as well as injure yourself.

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This is the last column for a while, so save your stories over Christmas Break and get back with me.

On a different note, I have heard both negative and positive feedback on my column and am anxious to hear more.

If you would like to comment on any of my columns or if you would like to provide column ideas, you can e-mail me at conkije@wku.edu.

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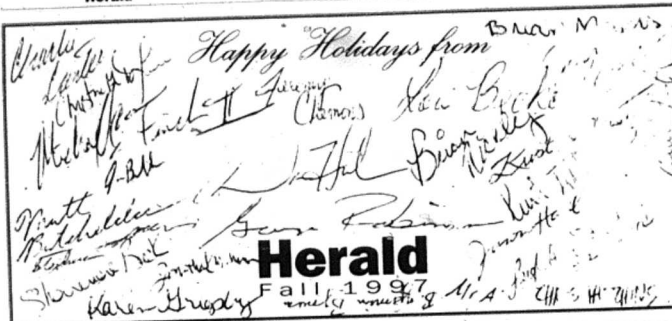
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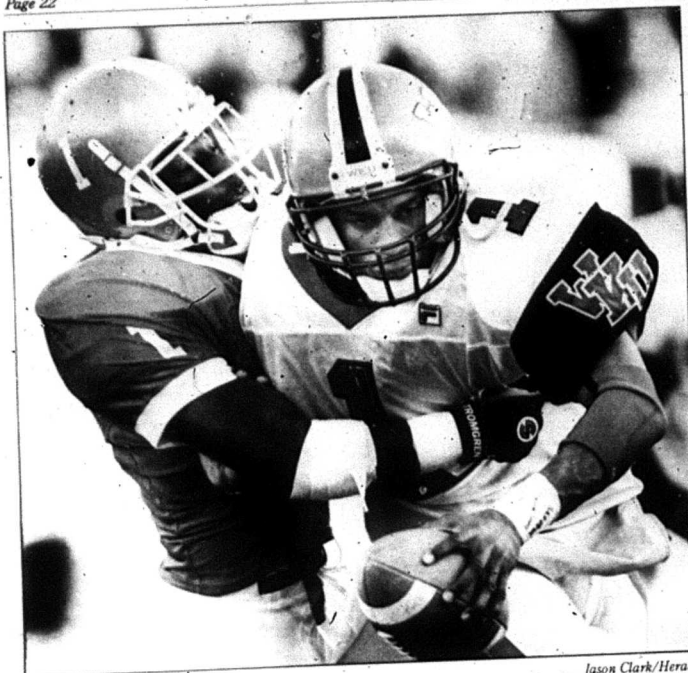
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Western senior quarterback Willie Taggart tries to get away from Eastern Washington sophomore cornerback LeVar McClary during Western's last game of the season in Spokane, Wash.

DREAM: Western's playoff run ends

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in Powell's mind.

"It's going to haunt me for a little while and stick with me for a while, but eventually I better put it in the back of my mind," he said. "I should have punched it in."

The third-seeded Eagles scored soon after on MacKenzie's 89-yard run. Western answered with a 70-yard strike to senior wide receiver,

Joey Stockton from Taggart, pulling the Tops back within 10. But the clock became the Tops' enemy and Western saw its season end.

Western coach Jack Harbaugh said the season is nothing to be sad about.

"I don't see this at all as anything but a celebration," he said. "They fought hard today. It was just 2,000-plus miles from home, playing a team that on this par-

ticular day was better. Play tomorrow, maybe the results would be different."

Harbaugh said he'll be rooting for EWU to win the championship. Powell is already looking forward to watching Western as an alumnus in 1998.

"A lot of people are going to remember this team, but I think more will remember next year's team," Powell said. "They're going to win it all."

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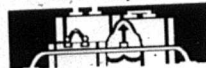
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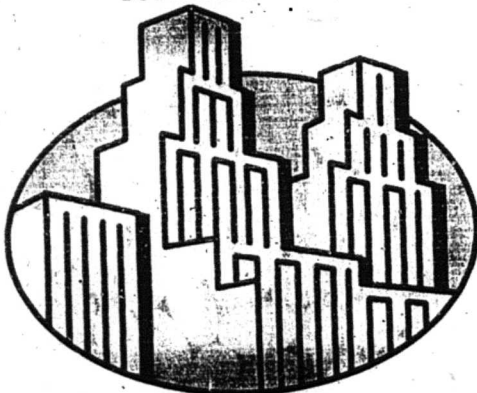
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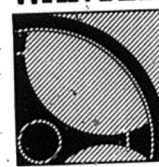
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