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DIVERSIONS

Rough night? Here's some tips to avoid a hangover.

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Lady Toppers play at Maine tonight.

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Barry Westerman/Herald

"Relaxed energy is better than jittery energy," said Wilson Whitehead, a Bowling Green yoga instructor. During his Tuesday evening class, Whitehead demonstrates the twist in Garrett Center.

winding down

Yoga, tai chi class offers relaxation

BY JOHN DARR

Thursday-night partying is arguably the preferred method of relaxation for a majority of Western students, but the Preston Health and Activities Center is offering low-cost instructional classes to help all students and faculty find an alternative.

Able to have a semester-long student feeling like a million yen, Wilson Whitehead brings karma to the Hill with his knowledge of yoga and tai chi, ancient techniques of relaxation. All you have to do is call.

"Before class begins, the

students bring in their day with them," the Bowling Green instructor said. "By the time we leave, it is a calmed atmosphere."

Whitehead said the very process of the two practices encourages relaxation, with the difference between the two being the way they conserve energy.

"Tai chi is a martial art that moves in a calm and attentive manner, but yoga works to make the body more flexible and balanced, which lowers the heart rate."

The class attendance usually meets the mandatory six for the class to be held.

Louisville junior Kevin Hibbitt, was likely one of the faces in the Preston Center on Tuesday for the first yoga class.

Hibbitt said he was hooked quickly and now attends all the classes he can.

"It's shown me a whole new space to generate from," Hibbitt said. "Yoga is my therapy. I am much more centered and sane."

Techniques like yoga and tai chi can be very therapeutic, Counseling Services Director Richard Greer said.

"There is a lot of research to prove that relaxation techniques are beneficial," he said. "Stress can be motivat-

ing, but too much will wear you out."

Wearing out is something that hits Western students toward the end of the semester, but these techniques can actually help with finals.

"A lot of stress diminishes the capacity to think," Sharon Mutter, a psychology associate professor, said. "Techniques can be carried out of a relaxation class to help students who have a lot of on and off stress."

Western students aren't the only ones who benefit from the classes.

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Woman crossing Normal hit by car

BY MATT BATCHELOR

Bowling Green resident Deanna Thompson, 34, was struck by a car Tuesday while attempting to cross Normal Street at the University Boulevard intersection.

According to the police report, Thompson was in the crosswalk when a tan Honda Accord, driven by Bowling Green sophomore Mark Smith, knocked her to the ground. He was turning right onto University Boulevard.

Thompson, who is not a Western student, is in stable condition at Columbia Greenview Regional Hospital. X-rays show her left leg was fractured due to a blow to the leg, according to the report.

Bowling Green resident Billy Greer was in the crosswalk ahead of Thompson when she was hit.

"We started crossing the street," he said. "The guy was parked there. He was getting ready to cross. She was still in front of it. She fell down like she was hurt ... She was hopping around like she was hurt."

Witness Connie Laffin's car was alongside Smith's when Thompson was hit. She was turning left onto University Boulevard.

"He couldn't have hit her very hard," Laffin said. "She was standing quite awhile after being hit."

But at least one witness said Greer and Thompson put themselves in danger.

Bowling Green resident Daetta Turner told police Greer and Thompson were "horsing around, playing" before "the female stumbled back into the front driver's side fender" of Smith's car.

Greer and Thompson deny "playing" in the crosswalk. Smith said he didn't hit Thompson at all.

SEE WOMAN, PAGE 3

RADON: University planning to solve problem

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE AND SHANNON BACK

Western has released the radon test results and is now preparing an action plan to remedy the problem.

Every ground floor on campus has been tested, and the university is working with a national radon expert to determine the cost of fixing the high-level rooms, University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said.

The university's plan splits the results into three levels. Western is planning a 12-month testing schedule for rooms with levels between 4 pCi/l and 20 pCi/l. Of the 1,786 rooms tested, 310 are in this category. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends taking action if levels are more than 4 pCi/l. For levels more than 20, the

EPA recommends treating the problem as soon as possible. Jack Hughes, a training and technical coordinator for the Southern Regional Radon Training Center, said it could be as simple as improving the ventilation system. But sometimes, he said, it can cost thousands of dollars.

According to the results, 56 of Western's rooms fall between 20 and 166.7.

"We recognize there is a problem, and we're trying to do the best we can to fix it," Wilkins said.

Charlotte Reeder, environmental health and safety coordinator, is working with the national EPA to estimate the cost of fixing problem areas.

"She needs to tell us now, so we can set it aside in the university budget," Wilkins said.

If the price is too much for the university to pay by itself, a request will be made to the state for the funding, Wilkins said.

"We recognize there is a problem, and we're trying to do the best we can to fix it."

— Deborah Wilkins
University Attorney

In the meantime, the university is planning a public forum to answer student and faculty concerns. Paul Wagner, a radon expert from the EPA's regional office in Atlanta, will answer questions at the Feb. 5 forum.

"There are a lot of unknowns about radon, and we don't know all the answers," Wilkins said. "We felt like we needed someone from the outside to come in and answer the questions that we can't," she said.

Cox's Creek senior Jennifer Mayer, a Zacharias Hall resident, said the forum is something she thinks every student needs to attend.

"I think it's part of the university's responsibility to us as residents to inform us more about radon and let us know what they are doing to fix the problem," she said.

Mayer said she does not want to move out of her room, which is one of 19 rooms in Zacharias that tested between 4 and 20.

"But if it's a threat to my health, I don't want to stay here," she said.

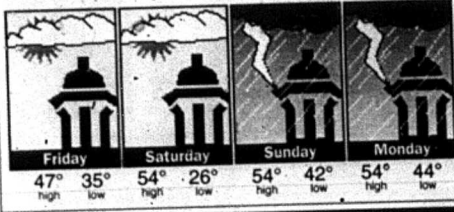
Chemistry Professor Earl Pearson said he doubts that anyone is in danger from even the highest radon levels on campus. However, he said the level of radon concentration can add to a person's long-term, low-dose exposure to radioactivity, which can then possibly lead to cancer.

"The radon tests are an indication that something should be done rather than take a risk," Pearson said. "And the fix is cheap and easy to do."

Princeton sophomore Tyler Beshear said he is ready to see the university do something to lower the radon levels in all the buildings, not just those with levels more than 100 pCi/l.

"If the levels are high in some places, they are more than likely going to be high in a lot of places," he said.

Herald forecast



◆ Just a sec

Poetry contest entries wanted

Women's studies is now accepting entries for its annual writing contest. This year's focus is poetry, and all full-time undergraduate and graduate students are free to enter any poem that deals with women's issues or experiences. All styles of poetry are welcome.

One undergraduate and one graduate will be recognized at a luncheon in April and receive \$100. The winning poems will be published in the women's studies newsletter.

Entries should be original, unpublished work, accompanied by a cover sheet including name, class, local address, local phone number, e-mail address and the work's title.

The cover sheet should include the sentences: "This submission is my original work, and I give the Women's Studies Writing Contest Committee my permission to use it. I have read and understand the guidelines provided on the contest information sheet."

All entries must be received by Feb. 2. For more information, call 745-5713.

Financial aid info available

A toll-free financial aid hot line, sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid in conjunction with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, will be available weeknights in February from 6-9 p.m. The hot line will answer students' questions on subjects like how to complete a financial aid form and how to search for college scholarships. The number is 1-888-452-7322.

◆ Clearing the air

A story in Tuesday's Herald should have said the last time Western faced Louisville in basketball, on Dec. 22, 1993, the Hilltoppers lost 78-73 in overtime. The Toppers beat Louisville the previous season 78-77 on Feb. 16, 1992.

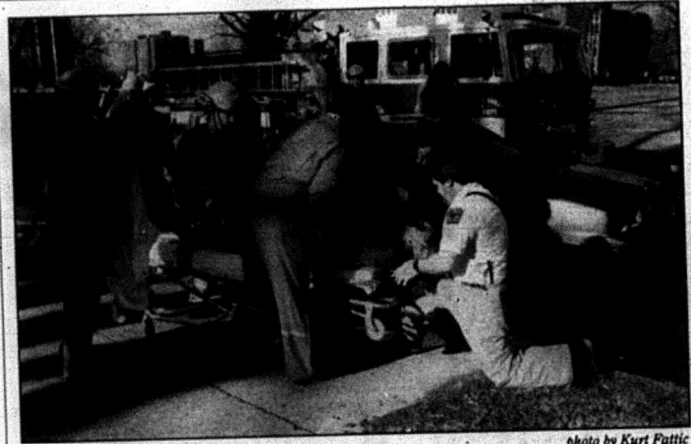


photo by Kurt Fattic

Rear-ended:

Emergency medical services personnel take Lori Roberts of Bowling Green to an ambulance. The car she was riding in was struck by a car driven by Bowling Green freshman Eric Downing on Wednesday morning on Normal Street, across from Tate Page Hall. Roberts' condition was unavailable at press time.

◆ For the record/crime reports

Charges

◆ Nicholas John DeRosa, Barnes-Campbell Hall, was charged Thursday with DUI and disregarding a traffic control device after failing to stop at a stop sign at Pearce-Ford lot and Normal Street. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

◆ Jason Polk Harris, Gilbert Hall, was charged Thursday with possession of marijuana, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and driving

without headlights. He was stopped traveling south on Big Red Way. Upon searching the vehicle, four burnt marijuana roaches and one joint were found in his car, totaling one gram. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

◆ David Glen Thomas, North Hall, was charged Friday with DUI after being stopped on Kiss Me Quick Alley. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

◆ Jeremy Gene Bolton, 2132 Stonehenge, Apt. D, was charged Saturday with disregarding a traffic control device and DUI after being stopped driving the wrong way on Big Red Way. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$500 unsecured bond.

◆ James M. Owens, 2039 Ragsellville Road, was charged Sunday with DUI after being observed driving without a tail-light. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail on Monday on a court order.

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Regents to decide on programs of distinction

◆ **Board will meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow in Weatherby's Regent's Room.**

BY CHARLIE LANTER

Planning, setting goals and deciding how to make Western a better university. Each should be a recurring theme at the Board of Regents' meeting tomorrow.

Specifically, Western's Institutional Review and possible programs of excellence will be among the primary items of discussion.

A committee assigned to examine the review will propose amending the board's

bylaws, and President Gary Ransdell will provide an update on the status of each of the review's 57 recommendations.

The board commissioned the review last April, and a five-member consulting team spent four months examining Western's strengths and weaknesses.

Ransdell and the committee have been deciding how to apply the review's suggestions since the report was released in early December.

Regent Cornelius Martin said it could be awhile before Western feels the effects of the review.

"Any adjustments we see will be long term," Martin said. "It is unlikely there will be any

major changes in the next 30 to 60 days."

Limits to the board's power may be one explanation for this lack of major changes.

The review suggested eliminating Uiz Esters' position of secretary to the board, which can't be done without the approval of the Kentucky General Assembly.

Martin, who served on the board's Institutional Review Committee, said members looked at ways of increasing efficiency without eliminating Esters' position.

He said they considered a proposal to elect a board member as secretary and reassign certain duties.

"There's no right or wrong way to do that," he said. "We

still aren't sure of what changes will be made."

One thing is for certain, the board will decide if it wants to endorse all five proposed programs of distinction.

Each program must receive the board's approval before it can be considered by the Council on Postsecondary Education. Yet Provost Barbara Burch said board approval doesn't necessarily mean a program will become one of "distinction."

The Academic Affairs subcommittee of the board will choose Western's finalists from among those receiving approval, and Burch said she wasn't optimistic about the success of all five.

"It is highly unlikely that we

would be able to gain support from the (Council on Postsecondary Education) for all five," Burch said.

Also at tomorrow's meeting, Ransdell will present a final version of his vision and mission statements, tailored to follow the expectations of House Bill 1, which deals with Kentucky post-secondary education reform, and the suggestions made in the Institutional Review.

The board will go into closed session to discuss either purchasing or selling property for the university. The university has not said what property will be discussed.

Under Kentucky law, the board does not have to discuss these matters in public because the publicity could affect property value.

Ransdell to present vision

BY CHARLIE LANTER

Generic.

That's what President Gary Ransdell called the university's mission statement while he was visiting the Hill as a finalist for the position he now holds.

Ransdell said as president, one of his top priorities would be developing a new vision to guide Western into the millennium and beyond.

That was five months ago. Tomorrow Ransdell will present a final version of his vision and mission statements to the Board of Regents.

This final edition will be the product of several revisions, using input from the board and faculty.

Ransdell and the board discussed the original draft of his vision and mission statements at the regents' retreat in

December. During the retreat, several regents expressed concern that Ransdell's statements were not unique to Western.

"The way it is now, if we change it to put another institution's name on it, it will mean the same thing," Regent Howard Gray said.

Ransdell also asked Western faculty to make suggestions, sending them a draft of the statements in an e-mail last week.

The draft, which Ransdell said would only receive a few minor changes before tomorrow, was significantly shorter and less specific than two of Western's previous goal-setting documents, Western XXI and Moving to a New Level.

"I reviewed those, but didn't pay a lot of attention to their specifics," Ransdell said.

Instead, Ransdell wants to

combine Western XXI and Moving to a New Level into a document that establishes the university's priorities.

Provost Barbara Burch and Chief Financial Officer Ann Mead are developing that document, and Burch said a final draft should be ready for the board's April 24 meeting.

Burch said the work won't be easy.

"It's like picking up three or four different scripts and collapsing them into the same one," she said.

Burch, Mead and any who assist them will use Ransdell's vision and mission statements as a guide. Ransdell said the statements aren't supposed to be specific, but provide a framework for planning at Western.

"They spell out where we want to be and how we want to get there."

WOMAN: First accident in '98

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"The light was red and it just had changed," Smith said. "I revved up my engine, I looked up, and I just caught a glimpse of green."

Then Smith said Thompson started hopping around.

"She bumped into my car," Smith said. "She was like, 'Stop! You hit me! I never look off.'"

Smith suspects Thompson had an ulterior motive in the accident.

"I just felt like she was faking it," he said. "My first reaction was, 'She acted this out.' There was no wobbling."

Smith pointed to his car. "As you can see, there's no marks on my fender."

He said he thinks Thompson had another motive when she "fell on the pavement; probably a lawsuit," he said.

Tuesday's accident was the first report of a pedestrian being struck this semester. Pedestrians were struck on campus during the fall 1996 and spring 1997 semesters — both on University Boulevard. University Attorney Deborah Wilkins said the latest accident should bring a debate over adding further safety devices to the forefront.

"I think it's (the debate) still out there," she said. "I think (the accident) will add to it."

But Wilkins was quick to point out that the latest accident happened at a controlled intersection, and the pedestrian may have been "fooling around."

Smith just shook his head after the accident, recalling again and again a "Don't walk" sign framed in his mind a little after 1 p.m. that day.

"I know it was flashing," he said. "Had to be flashing."

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Opinion

Addressing radon step in right direction

The headline on top of Tuesday's Herald was imposing: "Western withholds radon results."

The story underneath described how the university had tested almost 1,800 campus rooms for the radioactive gas, but was not releasing the results because the testing was not complete.

• The issue:
Western is finally addressing the radon problem on campus.

• Our view:
Though delayed, the university should be commended for their response to the problem.

We were upset because an injustice was being done to the students and faculty that inhabit those rooms. Those who make this university run were being treated as second-class citizens in the name of convenience.

We planned to vent our frustrations in this space, to say how upset we were that steps were not being taken to correct this problem.

We were happily interrupted. Yesterday, University Attorney Deborah Wilkins

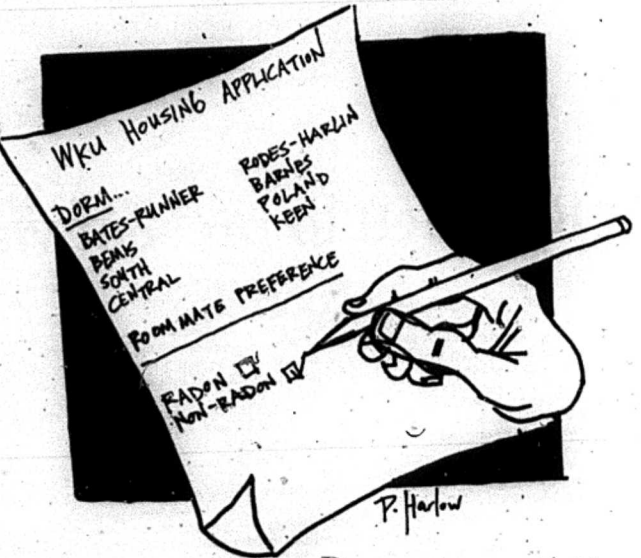
released the results of every room tested so far and the university's plan of action to deal with the problem.

We were going to ask the university to come up with a timetable for treating rooms with relatively high radon levels. A 12-month testing schedule has been set up for that purpose.

We were going to ask the university to make students more aware of the problem. A public forum has been set for next week to discuss the issue and answer questions.

We were going to ask that the university seek state funds to fix the problem. If preventive measures cannot be worked into the university budget, plans are to do just that.

We were going to ask once more that those records be made public, which they were. Because of space considerations, we could not run the entire list of results in the newspaper, but we will do the next best thing. Any faculty member, staffer or student



who is curious about the results can come by the Herald office in 122 Garrett Center, and we will have a copy available for you to look through.

We have one more suggestion. The university should warn students of the potential dangers before they move into their dorms. Perhaps the

housing agreement should provide information about the high levels of radon in Warren County and the possibility of radon in dorms.

We were going to suggest the university stop stalling and start doing. Wilkins said officials are doing the best they can.

It's all we can ask.

◆ Letter to the editor

Seat belts for safety, not government intrusion

"I have unbuckled very few people dead." — Barry Flora, Bowling Green EMT

I was dismayed and left sore by Derek Durbin's commentary (Herald, Jan. 27) which suggests cutting out the seat belt and air bags from a vehicle as one way to fight and spite government regulations.

My first response is an emotional one. I was traveling down Scottsville Road when the visual picture before me became barely believable: The undersides of two cars positioned one in front of the other flying through the air. One landed on it's roof, the other on it's side. The upper body of the passenger was wedged so far in between the dashboard and windshield frame, that a plaid shirt tucked into a pant was the only glimpse that people stopping to help could get of

the victim. There was no way to get to the passenger, no way to use the collective knowledge of first aid of the surrounding crowd. The man was dead when he was sawed out of the car 30 minutes later. It was tragic.

After this I believe I would rather be restrained in a seat belt and suspended from a car roof with an air bag in my face than to feel the pressure of 2,000 pounds of car against my neck.

I think that air bags and seat belts

have a strong correlation to safety and a weak one to a government conspiracy.

Bowling Green is a college-town. I would speculate that there may be a higher incidence of DUI cases here, and drunk drivers add to the hazards of driving.

Safety may be the one thing government is doing right.

Mary Robin Spoonamore,
Alvaton freshman

People poll

◆ Are you informed about radon on campus?



"No. I read the paper, but they don't seem to care whether I know about it or not."

Richard Kennedy,
Franklin sophomore



"Yes, I heard about it last year when the Herald published it."

Althea Carter,
Lexington sophomore



"Radon? No not at all."

Jason Stogdill,
Somerset freshman



"I've heard a little about it, but as far as figures and facts, no."

Wendy Pike,
Campbellsville senior



"I saw something in the paper about it, but no, I haven't heard too much about it."

Darrell Foster,
Auburn sophomore

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Forum

President offers message for Big Red

Big Red, we have a challenge. A surprising thing happened during my 18 year road trip away from Western.

We seem to have lost some of our enthusiasm as a campus family. In my early visits to Smith Stadium and Diddle Arena, I've noticed a dramatic decline in the passion and enthusiasm which our students, faculty, staff and fans have when Western takes the field or court.

I've also noticed that you've lost some enthusiasm too.

I know you're nearly 20 years old, but you lack some of the zip which you had when you were a kid.

I know there are other factors at work here, but you can be the catalyst to help rebuild

the Western spirit.

Granted, the years have been good to you since you were conceived in 1980 (a memory I recall fondly). You have become an icon. You appear in nearly every Western brochure. You're the subject of lapel pins, and you're on every type of cap and T-shirt imaginable.

You even have a street named after you, and somehow you've convinced all the mail to come to the address with your name on it.

I'm really proud of the name you have built for yourself.

We need to recapture the energy which pushed you to the top of the mascot world.

I remember when you were a young pup.

You dazzled the crowd. You made 'em roar. You stole the show.

You never stopped. You ate hats. You ran aisles. You lived and died with every shot.

Diddle was

your house.

You owned it.

It's time to revert back to your youth.

Help us get excited.

The fans need you — desperately (although I did like the spirit I saw in Diddle Arena on Jan. 25 when the women's team beat Louisiana Tech).

Turn it loose. Get crazy.

You need to be the most active cheerleader on the floor. The band, the cheerleaders and the Topperettes are working every game.

We need you to lead the charge. Maybe the students — and even a few season ticket holders — will follow your lead.

Help us turn Diddle into a place opponents want no part of. Be a catalyst — get fired up and don't let down.

We need your adrenaline.

Of course, you can't make empty seats make noise.

We have enough students to fill Diddle every game if we can just get them to show up. But we have to start somewhere.

You've done it before. That was a major reason for your birth.

By the way, I'm equally interested in active participation in our theater, arts and other public performances — but, Big Red, you may not need to be quite as visible in most of these venues.

Make us proud. Show us the way, Big Red.

You're the King of the Hill. Dazzle Diddle once again.

Thank you, my furry friend.

Editor's note: Gary Ransdell is Western's president.

Gary Ransdell
Commentary



Life precious, live each day to fullest

Before Christmas, I wrote a commentary about how Christmas had become too materialistic.

I encouraged everyone to live each day to the fullest and to spend time with loved ones because life is full of unexpected losses.

After I wrote it, I was pleased with the way it sounded, but I can honestly say that I didn't fully act on what I had written.

I never expected to lose someone over the break.

I had envisioned going home, celebrating Christmas, working at Target and coming back to Western just as though I had never left.

But the Western I returned to was not the same as when I had left.

It was three students short. One of those missing was my friend Levi Jackson.

Though it has been awhile now since I heard the news of his tragic death at the hands of a drunk driver, I still have not gotten used to the fact that my friend is gone.

I still expect to see his smile as I make my way from one class to another.

The campus just doesn't seem the same without him. I didn't really know Levi that long, but in the short time that I knew him, he touched my life in so many ways.

I first met him at a coffee-house where he was giving an entertaining rendition of his poem, "Baseball Cards and Bubble Gum."

Afterward, we talked for hours.

Levi talked about how he had found God and how much

God's love had changed his life. As I listened to him, I realized that I had never seen someone so full of love and life and excitement for God.

From then on, Levi became a special person in my life.

I never saw him without a smile on his face.

He made sure to give a cheerful hello to everyone he came in contact with.

He sought out the little people and made them feel special.

It didn't matter whether you were tall or

short, black or white — Levi loved you and wanted you to know that you were loved.

I attended a memorial service for Levi this past Sunday.

It was there that I realized how much of an impact Levi had on my life.

Through not only his life, but his death as well, I learned so much about myself.

I learned that I can be my own person and should not be afraid to stand up for my beliefs.

I know that I am special and am loved by God.

Now, I know how precious life is and how quickly it can be taken away.

I realize that petty things do not matter.

All that matters is the love that we give and share with our family and friends.

I find it amazing for someone to have taught me so much in such short time.

Though I miss him a lot, I feel proud and privileged to have known him and to call him a friend.

Editors note: Jennifer Englert is a freshman print journalism major from Louisville.

Jennifer Englert
Commentary



Logic and the car of salvation

Watching television a few weeks ago, I discovered perhaps the most important safety feature ever invented by an automobile manufacturer — "a car that can save your soul."

Hmmm, sounds good to me. Buy this brand of automobile, race it to a snow-covered mountain-top, meet the beautiful model awaiting, and presto! I no longer have to worry about purgatory.

Three major religions of the United States — Christianity, Islam and Judaism — all profess belief in the Ten Commandments. "Thou shall have no gods before me" and "Thou shall not worship false idols." It is surprising that not a whimper of protest has been heard about this offensive (to some) advertisement. No news stories of protest have appeared, no columns of editorial dissent; it's just another commercial.

Americans chronically complain about the destruction of "family values" and the disinte-

gration of the family unit. Yet, when a clear example of an assault on, not a single religion, but on religion as a whole has occurred, not a whimper or whis-per is heard. Changing this commercial just a tad might amplify what I am writing about.

Suppose we start the commercial in the parking lot of Sunnydale Sanitarium. Willy Nilly, a patient, over-powers a doctor, jumps into the doctor's car and pilots a vehicle to the aforementioned mountain top. The commercial ends by saying, "Perhaps the most important feature ever invented — a car that can save your sanity."

The hue and cry from every civil rights group, families of mental patients — and mental health groups would be deafening. Americans are so obsessed with protecting individuals, they are no longer concerned with protecting national commonality and the sanctity of that which is

sacred. Logic, reason and sanity are commodities absent in a large part of our population.

There should be little surprise that a sitting president is now embroiled in a swirling controversy involving integrity. Americans knew the president had engaged in, as a minimum, relationships of a questionable nature. Somehow through the convoluted mumbo-jumbo that passes for logic, it was believed that his personal lack of integrity would not preclude him from having professional integrity.

Americans have a two-party political system, yet they want bipartisanship. I would rather have active political discourse resonating through legislative arenas than silence imposed by tyranny, or worse, bomb blasts because people believed their positions were not heard.

I attempted to give up logical thought during this past Christmas Break because I believed it didn't make sense to be logical anymore. A friend quickly pointed that out as being a logical reason for being illogical... so I gave up and wrote this.

Editor's note: Dave Enyart is a senior English major from Sulphur Well.

Dave Enyart
Commentary



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Housing measure passes

BY MELISSA FELKINS

The Student Government Association passed a resolution Tuesday night asking the university to allow upperclassmen with nonathletic housing scholarships to live off campus, despite controversy over the proposal.

After a heated debate, the resolution, which was initially passed by the SGA Congress in November but, shot down by the Executive Council, came out a winner by one vote and overruled the executive veto.

Hodgenville sophomores Josh Detre said 53 of 77 upperclassmen who receive nonathletic housing scholarships were interviewed, and 35 said they would move off-campus if given a choice. Only 18 said they would stay.

The proposal would probably require students who choose to live off-campus to submit a receipt for housing to the university, Detre said.

"The reason why we brought this up is because juniors and seniors on nonathletic scholar-

"We'd like to see the university give us freedom of choice."

— Josh Detre
Hodgenville sophomore

ships aren't allowed to use scholarships for off-campus living," Detre said. "They don't get to experience both sides of college life."

Detre said he didn't see why housing scholarships couldn't be issued as residual checks to students, since scholarships for books are done that way. He also said that since freshmen and sophomores were now required to live on campus, it wouldn't hurt the dorms badly.

"We'd like to see the university give us freedom of choice," he said. "I think we work hard enough through high school and the first two years of college."

President Keith Coffman said he also agreed that it

wouldn't cost a substantial amount of money to leave the dorms considering the small amount of students it would apply to.

"It is giving (students) a choice that athletes already have," he said. "Everyone ought to be given a choice."

Fee measure passed

Also passed Tuesday night by a unanimous vote was a resolution authored by the Executive Council to reallocate student fees.

Currently, \$5 of student fees go toward the proposed intramural facility project's debt, and after that is paid off, Coffman would like to see that money put back in the students' hands through SGA.

The money would enable SGA and the University Center Board to increase the quality of programs at Western, Coffman said.

"It's a way we can do what the students want," he said. "If we had funding we could take on larger projects. Students would come out to stuff like that."

Faculty Senate reviews student ratings, tenure

BY MOLLY HARPER

Western's Faculty Senate will be considering such controversial topics as tenure and student ratings in the near future.

"We will have a number of reports coming out," Senate Chairman Arvin Vos said.

He said reports on student ratings of faculty members and salaries of part-time faculty are expected for January's meeting.

Tenure was the hot topic of the December senate session, as it opened with a report by Lyn Miller on standards for the "tenure clock."

"The tenure clock is basically a slang term for the amount of time that has to pass between a faculty member's hiring and getting tenure," the associate mathematics professor said.

At Western, faculty members must wait six years before submitting a body of material that demonstrates their teaching ability. Miller's report clarified when the clock starts and stops

for both full-time faculty and faculty that receive their degrees after hiring.

"We wrote this so faculty would know exactly where they stand," Miller said.

The senate also approved a statement issued by the Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership of Kentucky (COSEFL) regarding post-tenure review of long-standing faculty.

It states that because tenure is designed to protect academic freedom, not incompetence or unethical behavior, universities should re-evaluate their pre- and post-tenure review policies and, if necessary, adopt new policies to better suit their institutions.

The senate voted unanimously to pass the statement as written.

"I support it fully," Vos said. "This is the kind of review we need to do well. If we don't review our faculty, the state would probably set up something that wouldn't work as well."

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Simple precautions can keep students safe

By SHERI SMITH

Picture it...the scene is a classic. A petite, young college girl makes a dash from the library to her car in the dark, only to be jumped by a hidden thug.

Sound like the basis for most thrillers these days? There's a reason. Crime Prevention Officer Allen Polk said college campuses are wonderful places for criminals. Despite the cliché, Polk said Western's campus is relatively secure.

"I think Western's pretty safe," he said. "Most of the crimes here are what we call 'crimes of opportunity.'"

In these cases, students unwittingly give thieves a chance to strike.

"They are crimes that occur when the opportunity is right," Polk said. "Like when a person leaves a book bag on the table in the library."

And it's these crimes of oppor-

tunity that show up more frequently than the much-feared violent crimes. According to Western's 1997 crime report, about two robberies, three burglaries and 10 simple assaults were committed in 1996. In addition, the report shows there were no reported murders, rapes or aggravated assaults.

Polk said the report only shows what the police had record of.

"I think some petty crimes aren't reported," he said. "People just don't want to take the time to report them."

Mason Matthews knows all too well about crime reports. Two semesters ago the Owensboro senior had to file one for his car stereo.

"Some 14-year-old kid stole my stereo while my car was parked in the Kentucky lot," he said.

Even though Matthews found himself a victim of campus crime, he said it didn't make him fearful.

"I feel safe as far as my person-

al self," Matthews said. "But I don't feel safe about my property."

Matthews attributes his safe attitude to the fact that he's male.

"I don't think anyone would mess with me," he said. "Women are much easier targets when they're by themselves."

Erin Birge, an Austin junior, said she agrees that women may face a bigger threat.

"Mainly because criminals think females are weak," she said. "But that's not always true."

Birge said that even though she is aware of the dangers, she doesn't always take proper precautions.

"Although I am aware of the dangers on campus, I don't take many precautions because I feel relatively safe," she said. "You just don't think it's going to happen to you."

Sure, crimes happen on Western's campus. However, there is no need to compare it to the slaughterhouse movie cliché. That

does not mean students shouldn't be careful, Polk said.

"Use your common sense," he said. "Think about your actions."

To help in making safer decisions, campus police offers these tips on beating campus crime:

- ◆ For bicycles — Register them with campus police. Always secure bikes to a stationary object in a well-lit area. A good lock is essential.
- ◆ For dorms — Students should lock their doors every time they leave. Keep doors locked while sleeping. Never loan keys out. Never prop open an outside door for entry later; anyone could walk in.
- ◆ For cars — Close all windows and lock all doors. Lock valuables in the trunk. Don't leave important papers or valuables in plain sight.
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- ◆ Car damage — Notify the police. A police report is usually necessary in order to file with the insurance company.
- ◆ Harassing phone calls — Simply hang up. Expressing anger or fear only entices the caller to call back. If the call is threatening or there are indications of being followed, report it to the police.
- ◆ Sexual assault prevention — Always be aware of surroundings. Avoid working, traveling or going out alone at night. When walking, use main thoroughfares and well-lit paths.
- ◆ If assaulted/victimized — Stay calm. Don't be ashamed or embarrassed. Remember everything about the assailant's description. Get help immediately.

CLASS: Arts try to keep life in balance

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Elizabeth Oakes, an English associate professor, attends the tai chi classes, which begin tonight. The course fee is \$30 for six weeks.

"It puts things into perspective," she said. "You are more calm and aware of yourself."

Balance in mind, body and soul is what both techniques try to achieve.

"All of my life can be approached in a reverent manner. There is not one thing that you should bring all of your ability to."

— Kevin Hibbitt
Louisville junior

"All of my life can be approached in a reverent manner," Hibbitt said of his yoga knowledge. "There is not one thing that you should bring all of your ability to."

Oakes said she agrees, but in a more practical way.

"I am not sure if it helps me teach Shakespeare better, but I do feel better while I am teaching."

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January 22	February 5	Xerox Corporation (Sales Agent Division) - Sales Rep - Marketing, Corp Communications
January 27	February 10	Bank of Louisville - Management Trainee - Business Administration, Finance, Acct.
January 28	February 11	Shoe Carnival - Programmer/Analyst - Computer Science, Computer Information Systems
January 29	February 12	Sherwin-Williams - Management Trainee - Economics, Marketing, Management, Liberal Arts
January 29	February 12	State Farm Insurance - Computer Programmer & Business Analyst - CS, Acct., Fin, Econ, Math, INS, CIS, Engineering
Pre-Selection	February 18	General Electric - Customer Service Rep - Business, Liberal Arts, Psychology, Communications
February 5	February 19	National City Corp - Management Trainee - Business majors
February 12	February 26	Cintas - Management Trainee/Sales Trainee - Any major
Pre-Selection	March 11	Aramark* Food Service Manager - Hotel/Restaurant Tourism Mgt., Bus. with restaurant exp. Note: Info session will be held on Mar. 10, 7-8 PM, DUC 349. Resumes are due by Feb. 13
March 4	March 25	Enterprise Rent-A-Car - Management Trainee - Any Major
March 10	March 31	Hamilton Co. Dept. of Education (Chattanooga, TN) - Teachers - Any teaching majors
March 11	April 1	Tennessee Department of Audit - Legislative Auditor I - Accounting
March 11 & 12	April 1 & 2	Olive Garden - Restaurant Manager - Hotel Restaurant/Tourism Mgt., Any Business major
March 12	April 2	Aerotek - Sales Recruiter - Marketing, Management, Bus. Administration, Comm., Liberal Arts
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	February 12	State Farm Insurance - Business Analyst/Accounting Trainee - Accounting, Finance, Economics

To schedule an interview contact
Career Services Center, 216 Cravens, ext. 3095

Chinese students celebrate festive new year

BY JENNIFER ENGLERT

Ming-Chih Lin, a junior from Taiwan, enjoyed the festivities Monday night as he gathered with friends to bring in the Chinese New Year.

"I am having a good new year," he said. "I miss my family, but being here keeps me from being as homesick."

On Jan. 26, the mood at Forbidden City Chinese restaurant was festive and full of excitement as the Chinese New Year approached. The occasion was a time for many graduate students and professors to gather and bring in the year of the tiger with a colorful celebration.

Ying Xie, a graduate student from Beijing, said the Chinese New Year is a time for generations of family members to gather together and be thankful. They often watch parties on television and eagerly await the coming of the new year.

Xie recalled some of her favorite childhood memories of past new years.

"Everything is 'new,' she explained. "We get new clothes, new shoes and gloves. We also eat special food that is only eaten on New Year's Day."

One special feature of the

new year is the use of bright, vibrant colors such as pink, yellow and red.

Another tradition is a food called the dumpling, which consists of cabbage, pork and seasonings. Chemistry professor Wei-Ping Pan explained that a quarter, dime and penny are put into three of the dumplings. Whoever eats a dumpling with a coin will have good luck.

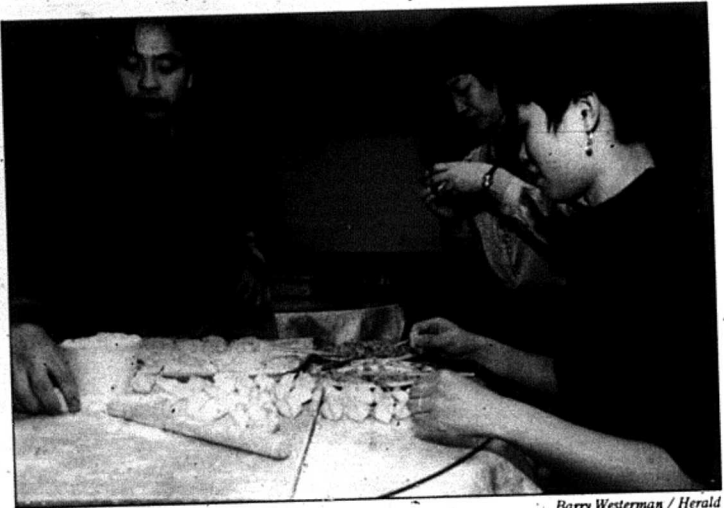
"Whoever gets the dumpling with the quarter in it will have even more luck," he said.

Pan described a few of the new year traditions. Streamers are hung over the doorways to prevent evil spirits from entering the house. Parents place money under pillows as a surprise for the children when they awake.

The Chinese New Year has changed quite a bit as the years have gone by, he said.

Modern technology has increased the number of people who watch the festivities on television, and reduced the number of family visits, since many people choose to simply call instead.

"Now only about 50 percent of the people celebrate," Pan said. "But it is a chance to gather, eat and relax."



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Yuan Qian (left), a freshman from Shanghai, China, local Bowling Green resident Nancy Pan, who is originally from Taiwan and Taiwan graduate student Ying Xie prepare a traditional Chinese New Year dumpling Monday at Forbidden City restaurant.

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Campus' dark spots ideal for crime

Outlying areas tend to have higher theft rates

By Matt Batchelder

Erin Howard knows some places on campus she'd rather not walk.

After dark, she won't be found strolling by Schneider Hall or passing the sidewalk behind South Hall.

"Those places I know I've been scared to walk in the evening," the Owensboro junior said.

Good thinking, said Crime Prevention Officer Allen Polk.

"Just the cover of darkness alone gives the opportunity for a criminal to get involved in a criminal act," the campus police officer said.

That criminal act could be anything—murder, robbery or rape. But it needn't be.

It might be deterred by a few light bulbs.

Polk just returned from a session on improving campus lighting at the National Crime Prevention Institute in Louisville—with a few tips.

"As we develop, as we grow, we also want to update our lighting," he said.

Turning up the glow on campus is an ongoing process.

"Our officers on patrol will make recommendations to us like 'Hey, this area may be dark' or 'We need more lighting here,'" Polk said. "We're constantly looking into improving that."

There's simply not enough money to light every nook and cranny, he said.

Meanwhile, Polk offers some tips on coping with lurking shadows.

"Stick to the main paths," he said. "There are going to be areas that (lights) are not available."

Polk mentioned dim walks behind the Helm-Cravens Library.

"It would be kind of foolhardy to walk through that area," he said.

Danger zones

Though most of campus is well lit and protected at night, areas behind some buildings and at the edge of campus are more prone to crime.



1. The area near Creason Street and Egypt lot is well lit, but famous for break-ins.
2. The area behind Rodes-Harlin Hall is dark, and also prone to break-ins.
3. The sidewalk behind South Hall is not well-lit, and has been identified by some students as dangerous at night.
4. The stairs and sidewalk behind Helm-Cravens library are dark, and police say to avoid them at night.

Michael Petruna/Herald

"Traveling at night, walking back and forth to classes people should walk with another person."

There's no excuse to walk on campus alone.

Polk said. After dusk, the Student Escort Service gears up to walk students home. Calling 3333 anywhere on campus will send a trained escort or police officer in minutes.

But sometimes crime can't be avoided. That's when campus police can help.

"It's a good idea to contact us A.S.A.P.," Polk said. "Studies have shown the quicker we're at the scene, the better we have a chance of clearing the case in favor of the victim."

He said myths abound on the safety of campus—or lack thereof.

Myth No. 1: Most break-ins happen in the parking structure.

"It looks foreboding," Polk said.

"Actually, the structure is very well-lit. People see this on TV, females walking through a parking structure and getting robbed."

He said areas on the edges of campus—Egypt, Normal and Kentucky Street lots—are most prone to break-ins.

"People from off-campus can get easier access to those areas and have an escape route," Polk said.

Myth No. 2: Lights, if everywhere, will deter all crime.

Even as turning on the lights turns up the heat on criminals, the lights can't solve everything.

Elizabethtown junior Brandon Goodin disagrees.

"You can never have too much lighting in the parking lots," he said.

Be prepared, not paranoid. "The crimes here are crimes of opportunity—simple theft, criminal mischief, alcohol and drugs," Polk said.

"When you look at a cross-section of demographics, I think we're doing very well."

SGA helps bring better lighting to Western

By Melissa Felkins

The darker places on campus are now a little brighter, thanks to a proposal from the Student Government Association and cooperation by Facilities Management.

Last spring, SGA passed a resolution for the university to place more lighting around campus, for reasons of better security for students walking home after dark and to improve visibility on campus.

In response to their proposal, Facilities Management placed three lights on

Creason Drive and University Boulevard. Others were placed in front of East Hall, one between the heating plant and Gilbert Hall, and three lights in Egypt Lot.

"The proposal was received and we were going to include them," said Facilities Management director Mark Struss.

Facilities Management did turn down a request for more lighting by Jones-Jagers Hall, because of the high meter readings. Struss said in the February 4, 1997, issue of the Herald.

Elizabethtown senior Michelle Smith said she was pretty satisfied with what has been done with the lighting so far, although she hasn't spent much time on-campus during the evening.

"As far as I know it seems pretty adequate to me," she said.

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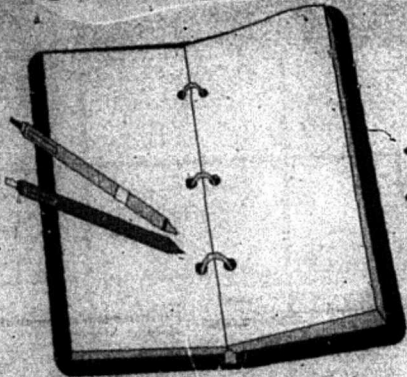
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15 WKU V. Texas - Pan American 2pm	16 Lady Toppers v. New Orleans 7pm	17 SGA Congress Meeting 5:00 DUC 305 Amazing Tones of Joy 'Showtime at Western' 7pm GCC Ballroom	18	19	20 WKU V. South Alabama 7pm	21
22 WKU V. Lamar 7pm	23 the well Coffeehouse 8:00 PM @ Log Cabin	24 SGA Congress Meeting 5:00 DUC 305	25	26 Lady Toppers V. South Alabama 7pm Coming Home	27 Begins Men's Sunbelt Conference Tournament Lafayette, LA.	28
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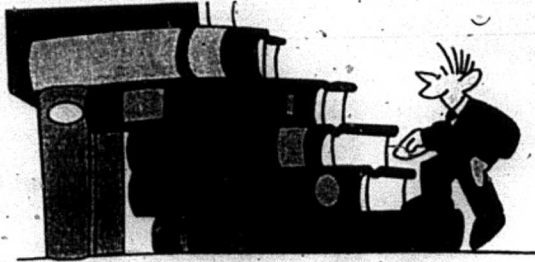
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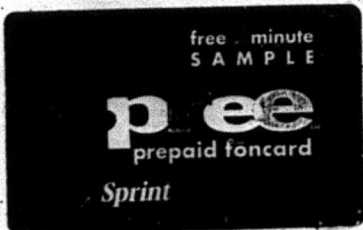
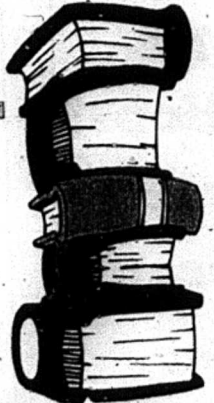
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It's Thursday, and tonight at bars and parties, a recipe will begin brewing. It's a concoction of disastrous proportions for almost anyone, and it'll probably go something like this: six beers, two shots of tequila, a SoCo and Coke and a Sex on the Beach. That will inevitably be followed by several encounters with the porcelain god and a spinning bedroom ceiling.

Then Friday comes.
Ugh.
The battle against cottonmouth, headaches and upset stomachs will begin tomorrow; the official Reaping Of The Whirlwind — a hangover — will begin. Unlucky college students will have to scramble (or stumble) to find a cure.

There are probably more kinds of hangover "cures" out there than there are kinds of booze, and there are plenty of examples on the Internet. Traditional suggestions (like eating a big breakfast) as well as the countless, bizarre, "only desperate, drunk college kids can come up with something this disgusting" cures abound.

These plentiful (and probably painful) methods are the most entertaining to read. "THE cure is to wake up (at) about 2 in the afternoon on a weekend, eat two bananas and a cheeseburger, and then start drinking again at 3," one World Wide Web site boasts. Another proclaims Taco Bell works wonders (presumably for clearing the digestive system). There are some who swear by the healing powers of Beferoni. And buttermilk. And

Worcestershire sauce with lemon juice and a raw egg.

Wanna get well? Avoid those crazy cures, suggests Mary Wilfert, coordinator of health education for Western's Student Health Services.

"That stuff sounds like that would make me throw up if I had a hangover," she said, laughing. "But I guess throwing up could help you. Maybe."

Dehydration, nausea and headaches are characteristics of hangovers — and they're all withdrawal symptoms from the booze in the body, Wilfert says. With some preventative thinking (read: planning before drinking), folks can avoid The Whirlwind the morning after a big party. There isn't a cure, but ...

"There are ways to avoid getting a terrible hangover," Wilfert said. "You can do certain things while you drink to prevent it. As you're drinking, you can eat before you drink, and eat during, too. You can alternate alcoholic beverages with nonalcoholic beverages. You can drink slowly instead of chugging or playing drinking games."

The eating helps absorb the alcohol, Wilfert explained; the drinking of other beverages like water helps keep the body rehydrated. Drinking water during your drinking and the day of your hangover is recommended.

For nausea, Wilfert suggested watching not only how much you drink, but also what you drink. For some, it's not alcohol content that makes people sicker than others; it's the "additives" put in those beverages, like hops in beer and grapes in wine. There are also a lot of

additives in mixed drinks.

"In other words, if you find out that when you drink a certain beverage you have a worse hangover the next day, then it would make sense not to drink it," Wilfert said.

An herbal tip for derailing the chuck wagon before or after the hangover comes from Heather Stuart, owner of The Herb Shop on Center Street. It's ginger.

"They can take it ... in capsule, or just eat it," Stuart said. "It helps the digestive system. ... It helps with the nausea big time. It helps the day after, but it makes sense to get it in the system the day of. You can drink ginger tea or buy ginger root at the store, too. It's amazing."

What helps folks is the compounds in ginger are similar to the digestive enzymes found in your digestive tract. It also has a soothing effect for headaches. Raw strawberries also help brain pains, Stuart said. Wilfert recommends aspirin and pain medicines like ibuprofen.

The only proven way to beat the hangover is the old "Hair of the dog" trick — drinking more the next day to beat the body's icky withdrawal symptoms. That's where true addiction starts, Wilfert says, so don't do it.

So if there's no Beferoni, bean burritos or corn beef on the menu for a hangover cure, what can party-hearty college kids do? Wilfert sneaks a smile and offers a recipe of her own:

"Take some aspirin, drink plenty of fluids and get plenty of rest."

Remedies?

◆ **Movie review**

'Will Hunting' emotionally insightful

BY CHRIS HUTCHINS

I see a lot of me in Will Hunting.
It's not in the way the main character in "Good Will Hunting" (played by Matt Damon) calculates mind-boggling mathematical equations with a blasé look on his face. It's not in the lines of political theory he can rattle off verbatim. And it's not in the scrappy, juvie-hall life he's grown to love.

I can see my reflection in his self-doubt, his longing to find meaningful purpose in life, his need to love himself — to

embrace his painful past to start a healthy future.

The story: Will Hunting is a janitor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; a 20-year-old genius whose favorite pastimes include an anonymously amazing M.I.T. profs by solving super tough math problems; and violating his parole with brutal fistfights on public playgrounds.

There are some things you need to know about Will. He is an orphan. He's a victim of child abuse from foster parents. He has a core of loyal friends that provide solid, but shallow, compan-

ionship. He has met an enchanting woman named Skylar (played by Minnie Driver).

Another important thing to know about Will Hunting is that the crass, cocky attitude he swears by is a porcelain mask, a defense mechanism he uses to keep people far away from the real man inside. He's frightened.

After being thrown in jail for slugging a cop, Will is discovered by Lambeau (Stellan Skarsgard), a famous mathematician who sees Will's talent and potential. An arrangement is made: Will can stay out of jail if he works with Lambeau at the college. Will must also get counseling.

Enter Sean McGuire (Robin Williams), a psychology professor at the local community college and buddy of Lambeau. He

takes on the role of healer here, although the own pain he has over the death of his wife haunts him daily.

As the film progresses, the love affair continues and self-destructs. Will abandons his work at the college. And Sean's words referring not to Will's future but his soul — "What do you want?" — haunt Will to the point of running away from his problems, back into the safe environment only a group of shallow friends can provide.

The script (written by Damon and co-star Ben Affleck) is engaging and genuine, the acting superb. Williams' role as the meek counselor is excellent and believable; Driver's Skylar is charming, intelligent, likable and, as Will discovers, lovable.

But the raw, exposed emo-

tions of Damon steal the show. This is his movie; the rage of Will's youth, his tears and mistrust of people are all there, and are believable. The unexplainable guilt abused children face during their life is here, as is the fear of intimacy.

But "Good Will Hunting" is about more than an abused kid and a shrink. This film is about the will hunting we all experience, the search for our spirit, ourselves. It reminds us how fragile those masks we wear really are. "Hunting" shows us how the unconditional love for ourselves — and from others — helps us reconcile the past, accept the present and see the promise of the future.

And it encourages us all to answer the question, "What do you want?"



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Getting started hardest part

BY JENNIFER ENGLERT

When most students come across a 1,000-page novel, they wince in fear. They wonder if they can ever finish something with seemingly no end to it. So they put it off until the last minute.

Franklin freshman Amy Harbin found one particular novel to be almost unbearable.

"Once I tried to read 'Gone With the Wind,'" she said. "Gosh, that was impossible!"

Procrastination. What is it about humans that causes us to never finish what we begin?

Psychology Professor Lynn Clark said that one reason people procrastinate is the belief that it is easier to avoid life's difficulties and responsibilities rather than face them.

"They believe that the thing they are putting off will cause them too much discomfort, and they just can't stand the discomfort," he said. "It is just too hard, and they believe that things shouldn't be hard."

Clark said that others often procrastinate or never finish projects because they are perfectionists. They believe that if they cannot make the project perfect, there is no point in continuing the task at all.

Louisville freshman Amanda Hardin does not consider herself to be a perfectionist, but does view herself as a chronic procrastinator.

"I do finish the things that I start, but it takes me awhile," she said. "I started a blanket the Christmas before last, and it is now only a foot long."

Some college students have a strong resistance to schoolwork and will wait until the last minute to complete their homework or study for a test.

Crestwood freshman Matt Fowler said he is accustomed to this type of behavior. His habits from high school have followed him to college.

"I can finish what I start," he said. "But I just don't ever start on time."

Hardin has a theory on her

bad habit and has even found some positive quirks.

"I find that my best work isn't when I complete it early," she said. "I work best under pressure, and some of my best work occurs when I only have a short amount of time to complete it."

Even Clark, who wrote a book that deals with procrastination among other emotional issues, admits that he is not immune to being a little lazy from time to time. He said he often finds himself avoiding organizing his study at his home, but he has a strategy on how to become motivated.

Clark said that often people will think that tasks are worse than they appear and don't follow through till the end.

For those who want to kick their habits of procrastinating and eventually quit them, Clark has some advice.

"Instead of giving up, increase your ability to bear frustration and discomfort," he said.



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Chew on this for a while

The goal of Weekend SuperPicks — this is the rehearsed, official statement, of course — is to highlight interesting weekend things to do in Bowling Green. That sounds painfully square to me. We've all read those columns; the writer always claims to be the hippest thing since the hula hoop and he pretends to know everything about entertainment.



WEEKEND SUPERPICKS
Chris Hutchins

Not me. I'm as painfully square as the above comment, and that's why I usually spend the first few paragraphs of each SuperPicks exploring my square life and answering important questions rattling around in my head.

For instance: What is nougat? You know, nougat. As in, "rich chocolate, chewy caramel and creamy nougat." It's the fluffy light brown stuff in a Milky Way, the yummy guts of a 3 Musketeers. But what the heck is it made of? Is nougat a relatively new thing? Enter Marlene Machut, external affairs manager at candy bar empire M&M/Mars, Inc.

According to Marlene, nougat is whipped egg whites, and soy protein, with corn syrup and fat added to make the substance sweet, soft and creamy. "If no fat was added," she explained, "the nougat would be really chewy, like taffy."

But not all nougat is created equal, Marlene said — candy bars are sweetened differently. Snickers bars have peanut butter mixed in the nougat; 3 Musketeers' nougat includes cocoa. Milky Ways' have malt powder.

"Amazing," I said. Marlene went on. Nougat has been around since the days of the Roman Empire, when it was a war-time meal for soldiers. Those kooky centurions whipped egg whites and added honey as their nougat sweetener, with a dash of fruit and nuts for flavor. But the Romans didn't add fat to soften the nougat's rubber-like consistency. (Losing a few fillings in the name of a meal ... typical plebeians!)

"I'm sorry to ask about all of this," I said apologetically at the end of the interview. "I was just curious. I realized I'm 23 and I never knew what nougat was."

"That's OK," Marlene responded. "This is my life." Ah. Now I feel vindicated ... and you've learned something. Another useless bite of information, thanks to Weekend SuperPicks. Indeed, life is sweet.

Pick of the weekend

An old pal from my freshman astronomy class pitched this pick to me, and it sounds like a good time: Mike Roe of the Christian band the 77's will be playing at the Baptist Student Union center at 8:30 tomorrow. Admission is \$3.

Louisville sophomore Corey Boston has been organizing the event since November. He's been a 77's and Roe fan for about seven years, and is expecting a great time. The mood will be relaxed, ala Tom Petty and Sting. Boston said. And the lyrics — all written by Roe — are inspirational and easy to relate to.

"This is an incredible opportunity to take advantage of a musical experience that's going to be really entertaining," he said. "Even for the people who haven't heard of him before. ... The price is excellent, the performer is terrific. He's a great songwriter."

Roe is the lead vocalist and guitar player for the band (which has been around since the early '80s). Boston said he's received phone calls from folks in Ohio and other states, wanting to come down and see Roe perform.

And don't expect a holier-than-thou atmosphere, Boston said. "His songs are about the pressures of life, about love," he said. "... Eighty percent of his songs aren't even about Christianity exclusively. They're

really easy to relate to."

Other happenings

Here's a shameless plug for my friend, assistant journalism professor Linda Lumsden. She's making a free presentation at Barnes & Noble bookstore at 1680 Campbell Lane at 7 tonight. Lumsden will present a slide show and a speech regarding her book, "Rampant Women: Suffragists and the Right of Assembly." I'm not asking you to buy a book (they're \$42 a pop — eek!) — I just want you to learn about women's struggle for the right to vote.

Learning something in college? Say it ain't so, Jo.

On the local band front, Bean and Tweak are playing at the National Guard Armory at 8 Saturday night for \$3. It's an all-ages benefit for the Humane Society. I haven't heard the bands, but they have a cool flyer with a great quote on it: "Now you gonna get it, sucka!" That's the only reason why it made SuperPicks. If the music sucks, I'm sorry in advance ... I'm just a sucker for the word sucka.

Weekend SuperPicks appears every Thursday. Feedback is welcome. If you'd like Chris to know about your weekend event, contact him at 745-6291, fax: 745-2697, E-mail: hutchjc@wku.edu. Snail mail: 122 Garrett Center, 42101.

◆ Campus line

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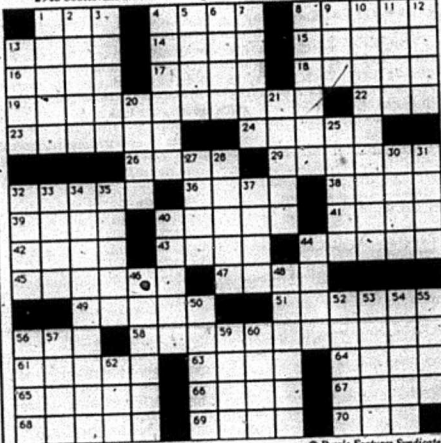
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16. Arabian gulf
17. Verdi production
18. Refugee
19. Capital city
22. Suffix for murder or heir
23. Nod
24. More resentful
26. Sacred creature in ancient Egypt
29. Individual
32. Surrounded by
36. Went skyward
38. Part of the neck
39. Shade of blue
40. Core of cylinder, in geometry
41. Literary production
42. Russian city
43. Worshipped one
44. Variable trait
45. Vigorous
47. Coolish
49. Folklore being
51. Is responsible
56. 1 of 2 N. T. books
58. Capital city
61. Marketplace of old
63. Wind
64. Late Mexican president
65. Santa
66. Made a feline sound
67. Bring in the craps
68. Remains unsettled
69. Musical symbol
70. Oilers' goals, for short

Answer to last week's puzzle:



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Western faces Maine tonight

BY JERRY BREWER

Her spirit and her emotions were in the rafters of Diddle Arena, because on that honey-colored floor below, Western junior guard Katurah Witcher had just hit a buzzer-beating layup. Still, Western senior center Leslie Johnson was ready to focus.

It didn't take long for Johnson's attention to shift. Only 15 minutes after No. 15 Western's 88-86 win over No. 4 Louisiana Tech on Sunday, while the celebration and reminiscing was still wet, Johnson was ready for a towel.

"I believe in my heart that we are a top-eight team," said Johnson, when asked about where the Lady Toppers go now. "I think we're that good. Our main problem all year has been consistency and believing in what we can do. This win should be a springboard for us."

Johnson set the standard — the top eight. To do that, Western (16-5, 5-1 in the Sun Belt Conference) needs a good winning streak to rise in the national rankings. Either that or the Lady Toppers need to position themselves to make a nice NCAA Tournament run at the Elite Eight.

That road starts tonight. And road is the operative word.

Western begins a two-week, four-game road stretch, in which it hopes to not only gain frequent flyer miles but also get some quality wins. That's how the team can catch up and ascend in the rankings.

Employees of the Lady Tupper basketball office will be catching up, too, as they have the house all to themselves.

"The phones aren't quite as active, and it's a lot quieter," secretary Diana Walker said. "We can get a lot of things done ... the plans for the summer basketball camp."

"Not that they're that demanding, though."

What will be demanding is the Lady Toppers' game with Maine at 6:30 tonight in Orono, Maine. Western faces a 12-3 team with the nation's second-leading scorer and a hostile crowd.

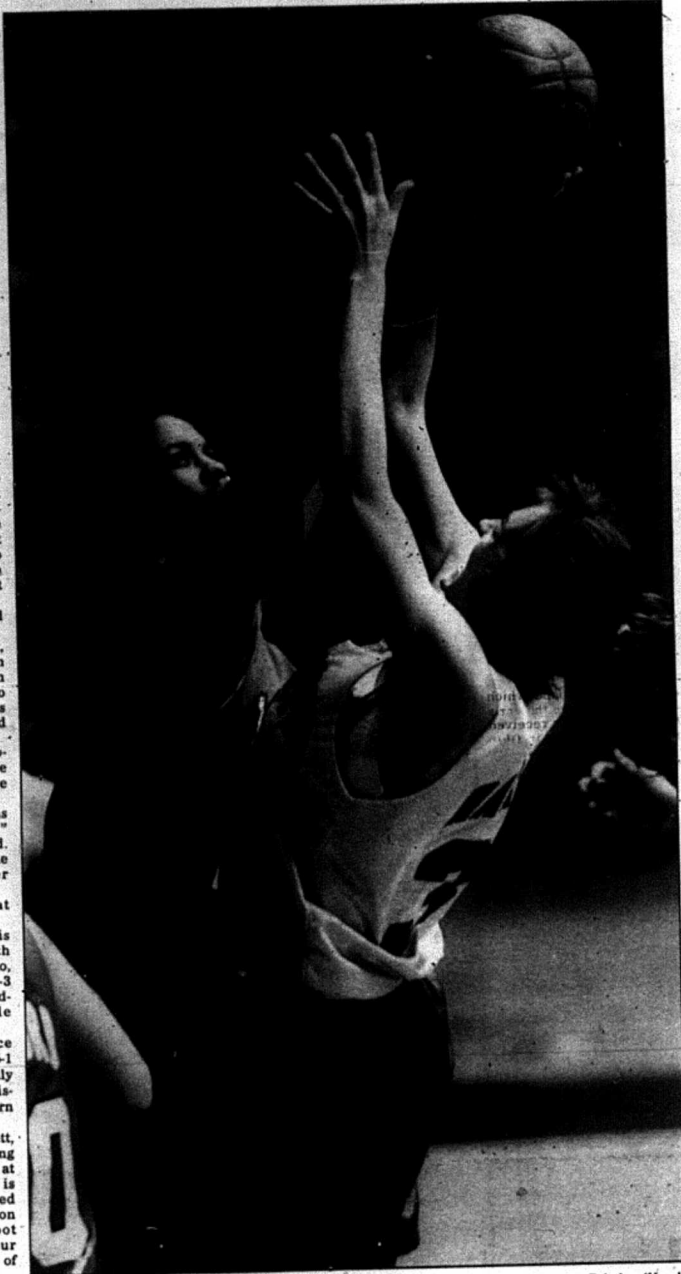
Maine's average attendance is 5,224. The Black Bears are 5-1 at home this season, their only loss a 97-80 defeat to No. 20 Wisconsin. Wisconsin beat Western 80-66 two weeks ago.

Senior guard Cindy Blodgett, who led the nation in scoring last season, is No. 2 this year at 27.1 points per game. Maine is 11-0 when Blodgett has played this season. An inflammation of the heel in her right foot caused Blodgett to miss four games, and Maine lost three of those.

A win at Maine would be what Small calls "an NCAA win," meaning a quality win against a team that figures to be in the tournament. Last season, a feisty Maine team came to Diddle Arena, and Western escaped with a 73-66 win.

"That's what it's all about," Small said. "Playing in front of fans like that, and you're going to get bad refereeing. To win in the NCAA Tournament, we have to play games like that."

After Maine, the Lady Toppers play hapless Southwestern Louisiana (3-14, 2-4) at 7 p.m. Saturday. Against the Lady Cajuns, Western "will make it an intense



Jason Behnken/Herald

During Tuesday afternoon's practice, senior forward Danielle McCulley blocks the shot of junior forward Kristi Hartley. The Lady Toppers play tonight at Maine.

game," Small said, so that Western's talent will overwhelm Southwestern Louisiana.

Then, barring an upset by the Lady Cajuns, Western has a chance to reclaim first place in the Sun Belt when it battles surprising New Orleans (9-6, 5-0) at 7 Monday night in the Big Easy. New Orleans hasn't played Western or La Tech yet, and Monday will be the Privateers' first challenge.

New Orleans is led in scoring by junior guard/forward Jenny Anderson who averages 17.1 points.

Johnson leads Western in scoring (16.8) and rebounding (9.0). Senior forward Danielle McCulley averages 16 points and 8.1 rebounds and was named Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week for the second straight week Monday. Senior guard Laurie Townsend is averaging 9.9 points.

"No way are we ready to lay down and say, 'What a year' and give up," Small said. "This basketball team still has things to accomplish."

Season coach's main concern

BY GEORGE ROBINSON

Quiet. Listen to the rumbings. Listen to whispers, the uneasiness of fans, restless in their seats, waiting for the Toppers to go on a run.

A run of points in a game. A run of wins in a schedule that has six consecutive losses.

Waiting. In this latest crisis in the Western men's basketball program, controversy has surrounded Matt Killeen and whether he'll last as its head coach through this season.

The Hilltoppers are in a three-way tie for last place in the Sun Belt Conference at 2-7 and are 5-13 overall, but any whispers heard around the fourth-year coach can end.

"Look, I've been around college basketball for 20 years," he said. "I've been through tough times before. When I got into coaching I knew that you have your ups and downs, but I keep on doing the things I think are needed and are right for the program."

What hasn't been right is the direction the team has taken as a result of injuries.

The most notable have been to junior forward Ravon Farris and junior guard Monty Latimer. Farris injured his knee last semester but has been back since Jan. 3. Latimer, the starting point guard, injured his knee against Lamar on Dec. 27, and is still out.

With questions of Killeen's ability and talks of buy-outs floating around, a task still lies ahead. The Toppers are in Ruston, La., tonight to play Louisiana Tech at Thomas Assembly Center. Tipoff is 7 p.m.

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Townsend finds shot

BY JERRY BREWER

Perhaps Laurie Townsend's story is one best put to music. The song "Amazing Grace" would suffice.

Townsend was blind, but now she sees. She was lost, but now she's found.

It wasn't easy. It took time and, above all, faith in God for

Townsend to turn tragedy into triumph.

The Laurie Townsend most often heard of is the guard who has found her shot during her senior year playing basketball for Western. She's that

smallish, jumpy 5-7 female over there, perfecting her three-point shot one minute, using that shifty move of hers to drive to the basketball the next, and lighting up Diddle Arena by impersonating each of her teammates' free-throw shooting form by



Laurie Townsend

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Weather prepares team for indoor meet

◆ **Western's track team takes advantage of sunshine and sets sights on Middle Tennessee this weekend**

By SARAH RAMSEY

The week's surprisingly warm weather has allowed Western's indoor track and field team to fine tune their skills. The team practices outside

during the entire season. When the weather does not cooperate, the runners have to alter the way they train.

"It is not easy to run and breathe when it's cold," sophomore Laura Wesseling said. "The nice weather allows us to concentrate more on technique and speed."

While the team took advantage of the warm weather, the coaches kept reinforcing technique and speed during practice at Fix Field.

Due to the short season, the team has to incorporate the meets into the training.

The team is actually playing catch-up to other teams because of the long break. Other schools have had up to four more weeks of training.

"I am pleased with what has transpired so far," Western coach Curtiss Long said. "However, we need to keep improving so we do not embarrass ourselves at conference."

For the first time this season,

the entire team will travel except for sophomore Duncan Shangase and senior Christina Brown. Selected members of the team competed at two different indoor meets last weekend.

"Shangase and Brown are running at their best right now," Long said. "We do not want to risk injury at a non-conference meet." The team travel to Middle Tennessee State Friday to compete in a two-day meet.

The team will use this weekend as an experiment. Members

will compete in new events as well as their regular events.

"We will use this weekend to decide who we want where for conference," said Charles Hopkins, Western's assistant sprint coach.

The team looks forward to this weekend because MTSU provides good competition especially in the sprints.

"I'm just trying to get back into the swing of things," senior Sonya Butler said. "I'm hoping to reduce my time running the hurdles and mile relay."

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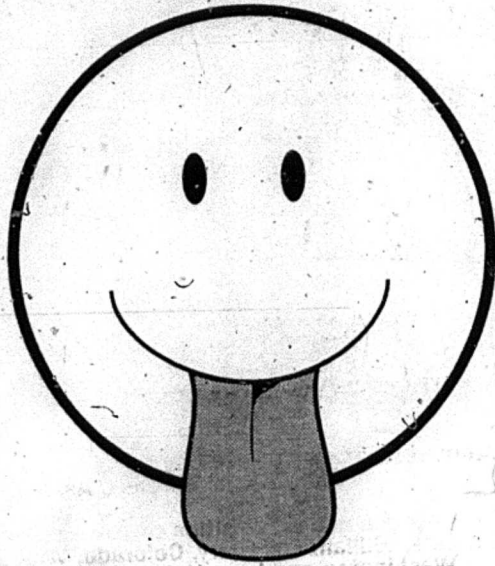
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GRASS ROOTS
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Spring offers unlimited opportunities

The tight grip of winter's icy fingers around the landscape is slowly giving way to spring's warm days.
The rains will be the first to come, followed by the warm southern breezes. The hustle and bustle of outdoor activities expand with blossoming hill-sides.

Long walks, cookouts, yard-work and baseball will be the topic as everyone prepares for warmer days. For the outdoor enthusiast, the tents will be cleaned and sealed; the gear and gadgets will be sorted and checked; and plans will be made.

Spring is a time for growth. Nature's newborns will take advantage of the greening forest as they put on weight and gain strength. Life is easy during these months. Survival instincts slow with the abundance of fresh food and warm evenings. The deer prance and play in the open fields, and the turkeys gobble with anticipation of their breeding season.

Everything speeds up, and winter blues give way to renewed enthusiasm for life. Cold, wind-burned cheeks give way to tan bodies and sun-bleached hair.

Take advantage of spring this year. Start a little earlier so it will last a little longer. Give your eyes a rest from TV sitcoms and watch a setting sun over a rolling hillside. Take the fresh air deep into your lungs and hold it there.

Go on a hike this year. Or for the brave hearted, go even further and backpack into a remote area with a friend.

As for myself, I just made plans to canoe the Gasper River with a friend. It will probably be the first time I have fished or camped in awhile, so the trip should be enjoyable.

You do not need extravagant plans or hours of free time — just the will to go and experience a little exercise and fresh air.

The point: Get reacquainted with the outdoors. It's good for the soul. And while you are enjoying the new season, think of how much nature welcomes the coming of spring.

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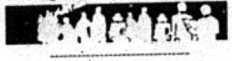
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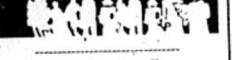


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GUARD: Senior shines

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practice's end.

Townsend's three-point shot is sinking nice these days. She ranks fifth in the nation in three-point field goal percentage at 51.9 (41-of-80).

"She's shooting three's like they're layups," junior center Wendell Lussman, Townsend's roommate, said. "They're just like layups."

Media have focused on Townsend and her successes and failures — mostly her failures — while she has been with the Lady Toppers.

But let the sneaker squeak silence. Let the shouts of "She can't shoot it, guard her" from an opponent's fans quiet, and one realizes that there's more to Townsend.

"Want to see her? Picture a 10-year-old girl. 'Daddy's girl,' she said. Bangs in her hair. Younger's smile, Townsend and her dad, Cleveland Townsend, would talk, play softball together, just do whatever Townsend needed him to be. He was a father, coach, best friend and No. 1 fan.

But a day after Townsend's 25th birthday, Cleveland was diagnosed with lung cancer. Cleveland died Aug. 9, 1987. A part of Townsend died that August day, too. She was 11.

"Being that young, it was all, 'Why did this happen to me?' Townsend said. "Why did this happen to my father? Why did this happen to my mother?"

That's when Jane Townsend Smith, her mother, brought God over prominently into her life.

"She was probably the biggest influence on my faith," Townsend said. "It caused me to take a step back. It was just his time. God needed him more."

About a year later, Townsend started playing basketball seriously. If Townsend was bored, she could go out in the driveway of her house and shoot.

"I got better every year,"

Townsend said.

By age 18, she was accepting a Kentucky Miss Basketball award.

She came to Western in 1994 and has had a solid career on and off the court. She's a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She's an Academic All-America candidate. She's a Lady Topper crowd favorite. If she scores 79 more points, she'll become only the 18th Lady Topper to score 1,000 points, a measuring stick for greatness at the collegiate level. Even her initials — L.T. — match the Lady Toppers'.

"She's what Lady Topper basketball is all about," Western coach Steve Small said. "She'll go down as one of the crowd's all-time favorites. She's fun. She's involved. Is she what it's all about? You got that?"

Daddy went to Western, too, and he graduated from here. He wasn't there for her basketball ascension, but Daddy would've loved this. His smile would've been ear-to-ear.

"He knows about what I'm doing," Townsend said. "He still watches over me, and he still sees me — from heaven."

It took Townsend awhile to be able to talk so freely about her father. But that's not unusual. Coping is a lifelong thing, people say.

Townsend took a significant step in coping last year when she wrote a personal narrative about Cleveland in an English class.

"It was really therapeutic," Townsend said. "It was just kind of a way to let go. I also have a journal to keep my thoughts about life in. I put it down my sophomore year of high school, but I picked it back up last year. And I've been writing every day for about a year and a half."

"Growing up was difficult," Townsend said. "That was a hard time in my life. But I'm comfortable with it now. He's in heaven, and that's comforting to me."

SEASON: Tops to face Bulldogs

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Ironically, La Tech is the team Western last experienced success against. The Tops edged the Bulldogs 69-67 in Diddle Arena on Jan. 3.

But ask La Tech coach Jim Woolridge about Kilcullen's ability and there's no mistaking his tone.

"Let me say this — Matt is as good a coach as any in this league," Woolridge said. "And that's all I'm going to say about that subject."

La Tech hasn't fared well either with a 4-4 conference record and 5-9 overall mark.

The Bulldogs will look to their leading scorer, junior guard Lonnie Cooper, to put them in a five-way tie for second. Cooper is averaging 17.2 points per game.

"That's what makes this game dangerous for us," Woolridge said. "They could run off a series of wins — starting with us."

Western has been suffering through a string of poor shooting performances, a rash of turnovers and a slumping shooting guard in Joe Harney.

After the first five games of the season, Harney averaged 13.2 points per game. But in the last eight games, the junior has scored just 7.3 ppg.

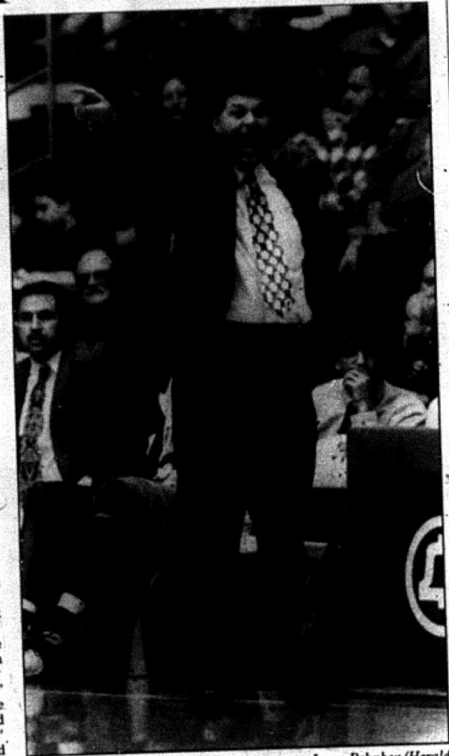
"Joe's been through those slumps before," Kilcullen said. "He'll bounce back because he knows what he expects from himself."

To complicate matters, the injury to Latimer has taken out an emotional floor leader.

"It really hurts right now," Latimer said. "It's tough for me even to watch these guys play and know I can't do anything to help."

Figure in all those factors and it may be easy finding an excuse as to why Hilltopper fans continue to wait.

"The question is — how long?"



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During the Arkansas-Little Rock game, Western basketball coach Matt Kilcullen yells instructions to his players.

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