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Western withholds radon results

BY SHANNON BACK

Tiffany King has spent the last few days moving from her Zacharias Hall dorm room because of high levels of radon. In between classes, the Whitley senior has been unpacking, repainting her new apartment in South Hall and making appointments with her doctor.

"My parents flipped out and wanted to know what was being done," she said. "They wanted me to go to the doctor as soon as possible."

"I did, and my doctor said I'm fine now. No one told me what the radon level was, but I didn't ask. I was afraid it would add to my stress."

Radon, an odorless, color-

less, invisible radioactive gas, is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the gas is responsible for approximately 15,000 deaths each year.

After testing 1,786 rooms, the university relocated three students and three faculty members because of high radon levels.

Every room located on the ground floor of dorms, offices and academic buildings of campus has been tested. Of those tested, most levels fell between 20 and 100 pCi/l, said University Relations Coordinator Bob Skipper. The EPA recommends mitigating buildings with levels more than 4 pCi/l and immediately evacuating

rooms with levels more than 100 pCi/l.

Zack Bunner, a senior from Rockport, Ind., wants to know the level in his room. After three students on his floor were moved to other dorms, he got curious. But the university isn't talking.

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Nick Fedyk/Herald

Paducah senior Renee Denton boogies the night away with her fiance, Paducah graduate Chris Wheeler, at Good Tymes, the new '70s and '80s themed bar on 31-W Bypass.

a Tale of Two NIGHTSPOTS

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

It was the worst of times — a vacant building where Van Gogh's and Players Plus had failed and a darkened dance floor at the once-popular Baker Street Cafe.

Last semester was one of change for the night life of Bowling Green, but owners of Bowling Green's two newest nightspots hope better times are ahead.

Good Tymes, a '70s and '80s style night club, moved into the 31-W Bypass location where two clubs have previously failed.

The Baker Street Cafe, long a student favorite, faced extinction in November before it was purchased for \$70,000.

Both nightspots have been celebrating their grand openings since the spring semester got under way last week.

Terry Maggett, the new owner of Baker Street, said he did not have to think twice about buying the bar.

"It was an opportunity to purchase a landmark at a good price," he said. "This is an established historical place that everyone knows about."

Maggett said since the bar is such a piece of Bowling Green, it already had an established patronage. Its close proximity to downtown and to the college campus are also factors that Maggett said should keep the Baker Street tradition going strong for

years to come.

"Ninety percent of my clientele walk here when they come," he said.

In addition to the bar, Baker Street also has a kitchen menu which includes pita pizzas, deli specials and ethnic foods on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"I love feeding people," Maggett said.

Miranda Ellis, a sophomore from Austin, Texas, frequented the bar three times last week. Ellis said she really likes the fact that the location is only a short walk from her dorm room.

"Baker Street definitely has location going for it," she said.

A few miles away in distance and light years in atmosphere, the owners of Good Tymes said they are planning on turning a spot that has been defunct in the past into a long-lasting night club.

"We wanted to bring a little piece of the big city to Bowling Green," Robert Coppage, co-owner of the club, said. "The night life of Bowling Green hasn't been keeping up with the times."

Craig Eversoll, Coppage's partner, said the pair is approaching the night club scene differently than others in the past.

"Our whole business is planned on a computer," Eversoll said. "We've talked to the past owners, and they had a lot of internal problems and poor management."

Coppage said the club's atmosphere

and concept should also add to its longevity.

"We play music from the icons of the '70s and '80s, and all our artwork is of things you remember from the past," he said, pointing to paintings of James Brown and Captain Caveman on the walls.

Melissa Lahrs, a senior from Rock Hill, S. C., partied at Good Tymes during its grand opening celebration Thursday night.

"I thought the club was pretty good for Bowling Green — it wasn't something I expected to see here," she said.

Lahrs said a combination of good prices, good music and a packed house should help keep Tymes, well, good.

Though a bigger fan of Baker Street, Ellis agreed.

"Good Tymes is a place where you can get dressed up, go dancing and drink liquor," she said.

Though Baker Street Cafe does not serve liquor, Ellis said it has a good beer selection and has good bands playing on the weekends.

"I really like the more mellow atmosphere of Baker Street," she said. And though Baker Street has changed hands, many of the familiar faces have remained a part of the staff.

"Baker Street has a familiar atmosphere and a nice, cozy feel to it," Maggett said.

Building planning moving forward

BY SHANNON BACK

Electronic classrooms, a student computer lab with extended hours, a 750-seat auditorium and electronic photojournalism labs.

The new \$18.5 million Technology and Communications Building will change the way students at Western learn by "allowing them to do things that aren't possible now," said journalism Department Head John Albers.

Albers said the building, which will be 135,000 square feet,

will be attached to the Academic Complex on Normal Drive and will complement her department's proposal for a Program of Excellence, an element of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Reform Act.

"It would be very difficult for us to produce what we want as a Program of Excellence without the new building," Albers said.

The Journalism department has requested 66,000 square feet, which will be shared with the communications and broadcasting department, and Albers said the remaining 69,000 will be used for Technology.

"The two are integrated," said Charles Anderson, vice president for Information and Technology. "Concerning what we want to do, you can't have one without the other."

The new building will house Student Publications and all journalism classes and photography labs, and all computing offices that are now located in Wetherby Administration Building, Anderson said.

"These kinds of things will put us ahead in the Commonwealth, Virtual University," Anderson said. "Whether that be in workshops, classes or training sessions."

Albers said the auditorium will address concerns about not having an adequate room to display students' presentations.

"We want rooms that can be made completely dark during the day," she said. "We've had a lot of complaints about the Garrett Auditorium."

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Herald forecast

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
52° 35° high low	54° 34° high low	53° 42° high low	52° 26° high low

◆ Just a sec

Internet classes begin

Helm-Cravens Library and BellSouth are sponsoring free Internet workshops on subjects like business resources and fashion Web sites for the community on Thursday, Feb. 19, March 26, April 2, and April 16. All workshops will be held at 7 p.m. at the Institute for Economic Development on Nashville Road. For more information, call 745-6115 or send e-mail to web.reference@wku.edu.

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◆ Clearing the air

In a Dec. 9 article of the Herald, Louisville freshman Laquetta Shepard was misidentified. She was named Miss Black and Gold at the Black and Gold Beauty Pageant sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

The names of Hendersonville freshman Christina Freitag and Jill Richardson, a freshman from Newburgh, Ind. were switched in Thursday's issue of People poll due to a photographer's error.

A story in Thursday's issue of the Herald should have said the memorial service for Levi Jackson was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday.



LeeAnn Scantlin/Herald

Toy tunes: During the PRISM concert Friday at Van Meter Auditorium, Director John Carmichael raises his arm in triumph after the symphonic band finishes playing "Africa: Ceremony, Song and Ritual."

◆ For the record/crime reports

Charges

◆ Chad A. Fisher, 1377 Center St. Apt. B, was charged Tuesday with DUI first offense and driving without a license after swerving into the opposite flow of traffic on University Boulevard. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

Reports

◆ Joseph A. Martin, heating

plant supervisor, reported Dec. 25, a window on the physical plant, valued at \$3,600, fired at by a projectile, cracking the glass.

◆ Gerald W. Barnaby, WKYU-TV, reported Jan. 6, a stereo, valued at \$695, stolen from Academic Complex.

◆ Karen S. Braun, economics department, reported Jan. 6, five books, valued at \$366, stolen from Grise Hall.

◆ Julie M. Ranger, sociology department, reported Jan. 7, 13 diskettes, valued at \$39, stolen from Grise.

◆ Brandon P. Smith, consumer family science department, reported a printer cable, valued at \$24, stolen from Academic Complex.

◆ Laron M. Talley, Poland Hall, reported two power plugs, valued at \$30, stolen from his room.

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Study, leaders disagree on fraternity drinking

BY JENNIFER ENGLERT

Sebastian-Pantano disagrees with a study that states that fraternity leaders drink in excess and have no responsibility for fellow fraternity members.

"I have a responsibility to watch out for the members of (Sigma Chi fraternity)," said Pantano, a junior from Wilmington, Del. and president of Sigma Chi. "It is my obligation to stay sober on Thursday nights."

The study done by the CORE Institute Center for the Study of Alcohol and Other Drugs at Southern Illinois University found nearly 70 percent of fraternity leaders had engaged in some sort of binge drinking.

Cheryl A. Presley, director of the CORE Institute study, said universities now have many initiatives to look into problems involving fraternity leaders.

"The National Fraternity Council is looking into it," she said, "Everyone is concerned with the negative conse-

quences and what is going on."

For years, college campuses have been plagued with alcohol and problems resulting from its usage. In an effort to help control alcohol consumption in fraternities

and sororities, some university officials have looked to the leaders of these organizations to help curb these problems. Often, leaders of the fraternities are viewed as responsible adults and are therefore left to monitor their peers.

Although Western does not have a peer monitoring program, Student Activities

Coordinator Charley Pride explained that members of fraternities and sororities do attend programs geared toward alcohol education.

Pride said there are workshops that

will teach responsible drinking habits.

"The Social Responsibilities Institute is held in September, and in February there will be a Greek leadership symposium," he said

"Though there is an alcohol problem on this campus, most students think other students drink more than they actually do."

— Mary Wilfert
Student Health Service

Capt Mike Wallace of campus police said he is optimistic about a new program that is to be implemented in the near future. The program is called Partnership with Police. It is funded by a grant from the U.S. Justice Department, and Western is one of three universities across the nation to receive this grant. Wallace said he

feels that Western is fortunate to have received the grant and will benefit from it. The CORE study found that those not involved in the Greek system averaged fewer drinks per week and engaged in

heavy drinking less often. The study found that although women drank less than men, sorority leaders and those most active in the sorority drank more than the women who were less involved.

Wallace is quick to point out, however that alcohol usage is not confined to any certain groups of people on campus and is not just a problem with fraternities and sororities.

Wallace said students are often away from their parents for the first time and are faced with decisions involving alcohol. In some cases, they make irresponsible choices.

The CORE institute study found that on Western's campus, 63 percent of students drink and 38 percent report binge drinking. Mary Wilfert, coordinator of the Student Health Service, said that students often have a false perception of the amount of drinking going on.

"Though there is an alcohol problem on this campus, most students think that other students drink more than they actually do," she said.

Knowing personal limitations makes exercising safe

◆ **Cardiologist Beth Bryant says that too rigorous workouts can cause heart problems in some people. "It's a lot about common sense," she said.**

BY MOLLY HARPER

The Preston Health and Activities Center teams daily with people seeking to improve their bodies through exercise.

People work out for different reasons, some to lose a few extra pounds, some to build muscle,

A common goal is better health.

The old saying about "too much of a good thing" usually rings true.

In today's world of diet, overkill and heart problems, does there come a point when exercise can become a health risk?

"Exercise is just like anything else," said Libby Greaney, Preston Center fitness lab coordinator.

"Even too much weight but can be bad for you. If you're prepared for a level of exercise, it's not dangerous. If you're not prepared, it could be. But that's true of a lot of things

"It's all about common sense."

A number of factors in a person's life, from free time to family situation, can influence the effectiveness of an exercise regimen.

"It's very individual," Greaney said. "There's no blanket (exercise) prescription for 260 million Americans."

Cardiologist Beth Bryant suggests moderate aerobic exercise for 30 to 45 minutes up to six days a week for the average person, but urges older people to discuss their daily exercise routine with their physicians.

Bryant said exercising too

rigorously or for excessive periods of time can lead to heart rhythm disturbances or attacks.

Pre-existing conditions such as cardiomyopathies and valvular heart disease can stay hidden, even in young athletes, and cause sudden collapses.

Bryant stresses that this doesn't mean it's better to live like a couch potato for fear of heart problems.

"We encourage lifestyle modification to include exercise for everyone, excluding people with cardiomyopathies," she said.

Bryant said the six risk factors for heart disease are smok-

ing, high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, a family history of heart problems and advanced age.

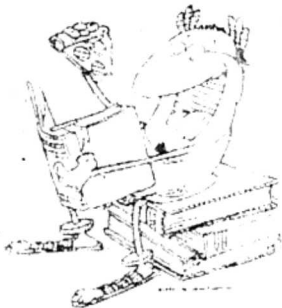
"The last two you can't help," Bryant said. "If your family has a history of heart trouble, there's nothing you can do to fix that."

"But you can control the rest."

Greaney said there's no magic age at which people should decrease their exercise routine.

"For older people, the recovery takes longer," she said. "But if they're prepared, they can do anything anyone else can."

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Opinion

Topline has room for improvement

Avoiding long hours standing in line at Potter Hall is something that students will never have to do again thanks to Topline, Western's phone registration system.

Since being implemented in spring 1996, the system has expanded beyond registration to allow students to check on their bills, their grades and even pay for classes over the phone.

It has made things less painful and more convenient than in the past, but it still has its flaws — the biggest being hours of operation. It is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., fewer hours than other universities in the state. It has 32 available lines, which are not

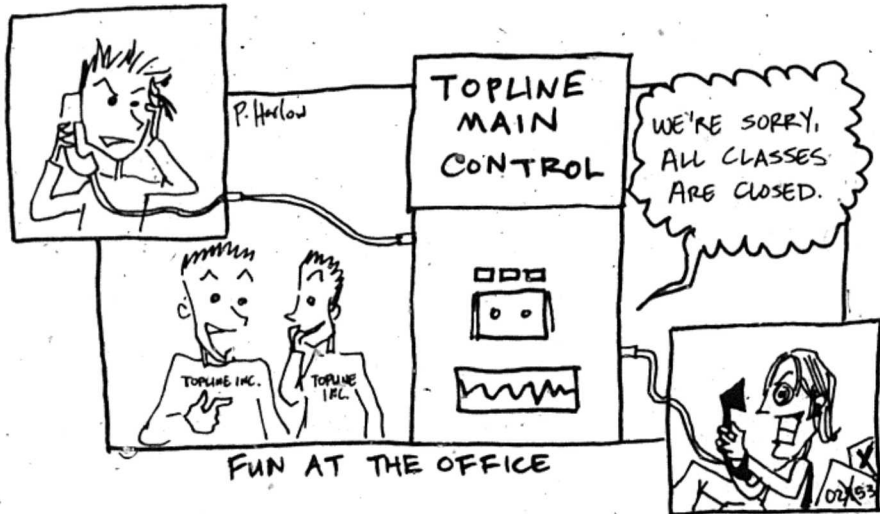
- **The issue:** Topline doesn't offer as much access as some other university's phone systems.
- **Our view:** The university should increase access to Topline when it implements the new Student Information System.

always enough during the busy registration period toward the end of the semester.

For some students who have classes and jobs, taking time to rush to a telephone for registration only to hear a busy signal on the other end makes Topline a very inconvenient convenience.

Topline needs to be expanded to allow more access for students.

The University of Kentucky's system is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with 62



lines. The University of Louisville's 48 lines are open Monday through Thursday and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight, and on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Kentucky University's system is open from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with 50 lines.

So why not just extend hours? Registrar Frieda Eggleton said it can't be done because Topline can only run when the Student Information System is running.

But that could change. The university

is in the process of getting a new system over the next 18 months. Charles Anderson, vice president for Information Technology, said the new system could "potentially" increase the hours of Topline.

Additional lines would also be helpful, though this would add to the \$33,073 operational cost of Topline.

This may not be necessary if students have other options.

Eggleton said the new system would allow students to register on the World

Wide Web. This could go a long way toward increasing the accessibility for students.

Expanding the convenience of Topline should be a top priority when implementing the new system.

With this potential, the university should seize the opportunity to expand the hours and open its lines on the weekends as well.

Western should do what it can to offer a service equal to or better than the two larger universities in the state.

◆ Letter to the editor

Show both sides of abortion debate

I'm writing in response to the Jan. 22 coverage of the abortion issue and the 25th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. The Herald published one strongly negative opinion piece and one informational article on the abortion debate. Standards of responsible journalism suggest that an attempt should have been made to include a broader discussion of the issue of reproductive rights and responsibilities. The absence of such an attempt is compounded by the presence of a 12-page "advertising supplement" from the Human Life Alliance of Minnesota. The inclusion of this supplement suggests

a strong bias against legal abortion and in favor of the tactics employed by groups like Human Life Alliance.

I would suggest that debates are "contentious" and "sides" drawn "sharply" when people don't listen to each other and when the media (whether they call it "advertising" or something else) sensationalize the issue.

A more inclusive approach might encourage those on the Herald staff and in the Western community to engage more fully in critical thinking, to understand more clearly the "gray areas" of life and to approach difficult issues for all people with an empathy for the human condition, rather than accepting carte-blanche advertising propaganda as "truth" and the newspaper which prints and supports

such advertising as "neutral" and "unbiased."

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People poll

◆ What would make Topline more convenient?



"It's always busy. It needs more lines."

Mary Ann Arnold,
Centertown sophomore



"Having it on longer and having online access."

Eddie Schwab,
Bowling Green freshman



"Adding a second number so you can get through more often."

Laura Lopez,
Bowling Green senior



"If it was available 24 hours a day."

Amy Knopf,
Louisville junior



"If it took less time."

Sherry Gregory,
Owensboro, sophomore

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Forum

Student offers own political analysis

I recently heard an argument between two members from opposite sides of the political arena. How did I know who was on which side? Why, it was the one who brought the kids into it, of course.

Since I really like the political process of this nation, I am often driven to the edge of insanity by some people. If you don't know anything about yourself, know where you stand politically and why. So here comes my very biased analysis on politics.

First off, you should know that liberal is 99.9 percent of the time associated with a Democrat and conservative is most often times associated with a Republican. As for the fundamental differences? That's easy.

We'll start with a liberal. Liberals are the ones who believe you should feel guilty about keeping your income.

They believe in the theory that no one can go it alone. The government should help anyone and everyone who wants it, not necessarily those who need it.

No matter what kind of argument is fostered by liberals, they will always rely on the children — not just any children, but starving children.

These starving children are their justification for everything. Although you may not know any in America, they are there, somewhere. In fact, your tax dollars are going to help them.

President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore used neg-

ativity in their bid for re-election when they talked about starving children. Campaign commercials warned us that mean-spirited conservatives wanted to keep more of their tax dollars so they could starve more children.

These same low expectations, pessimism and negativity are used, for every social policy liberals' push to enact.

Liberals love to scare the heck out of people. Remember when they told all of America that your grandparents were going to have to eat dog food because Congress wanted to "cut" Medicare? Or maybe you're scared that the ozone is going to hit you on the

head at any minute.

The list goes on and on, but the message is clear. Without government you can do nothing and be nobody. I suggest that if you think that way, go live in Canada where everything is government run.

What about the conservatives, you say? What good are they? Well, conservatives believe just the opposite of liberals in that they are based on capitalism, optimism and the belief that you can do good for yourself. Combining that with the desire to lower taxes and what more could you want?

Conservatives believe that people are inherently good, but believe that those who are not are being let off too easily. Prison is not equitable to an amusement park.

The notion that convicts in prison are enjoying a better lifestyle than victims on the outside is sickening.

Conservatives believe that most people can take care of themselves rather efficiently. It would appear as though we all made it to college without too much government intervention. Most people can take care of their children without the government's total help.

First lady Hillary Clinton not only believes you can't do it alone, but that you need an entire village.

I hope you take the time to research the differences more on your own and draw your own conclusions.

If you don't, then take my word for it, and the next time Election Day rolls around, remember the guys who give you credit for being intelligent and self-sufficient.

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

Scott Foster
Commentary



Car regulations threaten freedom

If there's one thing I like to do, it's drive. It gives me time to think. It allows me awhile when I don't have to listen to anyone gab. It is, plainly one of the most peaceful experiences that exist. Or used to be.

I find it hard to relax anymore when I drive. The major reason stems from the fact that I can no longer drive by myself. There's a consistent presence that peers over my shoulder making sure I do everything perfect, making sure I don't do anything that will endanger myself or make my life more risky than it is. My extra passenger? The government.

The government got into my car uninvited twice before, and now they're doing it again. Why? The true intentions, based on finance more than anything, are masked by the concern for the safety of every American. The federal government doesn't think its citizens can take care of themselves. The first time the government got into my car without my permission was in the form of a federal regulation — that's the grand term government uses to control our lives and our decisions. I'm talking about the federal regulation enacted upon car manufacturers some years ago. In it, the government requires all cars being produced to have seat belts installed.

When the government enacted this regulation, it altered the flow of a natural market. Car companies provide what consumers want. Hypothetically, if millions upon millions of Americans wanted round headlights, each car manufacturer would start installing round headlights to appease the buyer.

The most important force in America is the power of the consumer dollar. When the government steps in with regulations, the consequences are the limiting of consumers' power, altering of the natural flow of economics and the raising of prices unnaturally.

The second time the government got into my car without my authority involved the seat belt laws Kentucky enacted a few years ago. Their purpose? The government wants you to believe

it was for your safety. However, they are only there to raise revenue. The state needs more money, and taxes are often a tricky road to negotiate with the "next term" always in mind. So politicians decide to take money by punishing people. Not wearing your seat belt is a crime because the government wants to help you protect yourself. Right? Wrong. Seat belt laws are a blatant limitation on our personal freedom.

I want the responsibility to take care of myself and to make my own decisions. I think that's what maturity is composed of — the ability to process the consequences of my actions and make decisions.

Now the government has contrived a new regulation concerning our cars. All car manufacturers must install air bags. So what's going to happen? The question is demand for air bags present in the consumer market? The answer No. If it was, manufacturers would install them anyway. The result? We lose our power of choice as consumers and are forced to pay more. I don't want to because I don't care about air bags. I wonder how much kickback politicians are getting from air bag manufacturers?

It's good to know the government is there to protect us from the responsibilities of maturity. It's good to know the government might be taking away our freedom in the name of safety.

I don't want to be told what to do by an entity that is only supposed to protect me from outside dangers (not personal ones). I'll do what I want, and I'll suffer the consequences. You know what? I don't think I'm going to wear my seat belt anymore. I might even cut it out of my car just to spite the idea. And when I buy a new car, as soon as I find a way, I'm going to cut the air bag out, too.

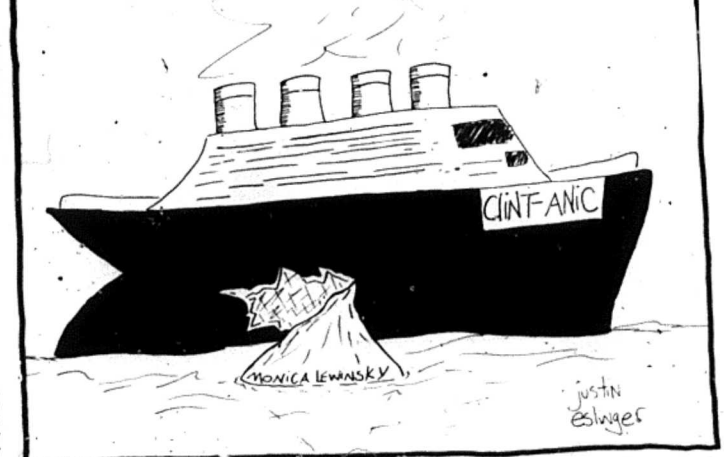
So, do you hear that cops and politicians? You aren't going to scare me anymore — no more intimidation. I'm tired of it. I'm going to drive and live dangerously just because you don't want me to.

Editor's note: Derek R. Durbin is a junior English major from Bowling Green.

Derek R. Durbin
Commentary



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Jail experience best just visiting

"I've been in jail, where all the mail showed that a man can't give his address out to bad company" — Bob Dylan

Well I can officially tell everyone that I've recently been to jail. "It was bound to happen sooner or later," was the response of my friends.

"No, not like that. As a visitor," I clarified. "Oh," they said.

I can assure you (and them) that Monopoly isn't the only place that jail is better "just visiting."

The entire scene was surreal at first glance. I could almost see myself in a bad movie that would turn up on Cinemax at about 3 in the morning.

(Announcer's voice) — "A zealous student in the wrong place at the wrong time. He thought it was merely a field trip, but he was destined for the depths of hell. Brace yourself for a 'Prison Riot.'"

Heading down the main corridor and observing this collection of squalid humanity, my mind

began to wander. I looked to my left and saw a guy who looked like he got kicked out of Hell's Angels for being too violent. It was clear that nobody was going to mistake this man for a tax attorney. Of course, beneath the two dozen tattoos and neon-orange jumpsuit may have been the heart of a poet. The problem was that you couldn't be sure

which poet's heart he had excised.

I can't say I was envious of the guards either. Or their families for that matter. These guys had the collective personality of a

tree stump, but that's probably what a couple of decades' worth of body cavity searches will do to a man.

You couldn't help but get the feeling these guys weren't exactly whistling while they worked, if you know what I'm saying. Not that they didn't make an effort at being entertaining, mind you. In fact, the guard leading my tour told the humorous anecdote of how one of his buddies got beat

up and locked in a holding cell by a prisoner he was transferring. I laughed so hard that the milk I was drinking came out of my nose on that one. They went home and dead bolted all my doors and windows. Boy, I'll tell ya, those wacko boys down at the county jail.

If the impression I garnered during such a brief time is accurate, then I seriously doubt the facility does anything more than detain offenders (well, when my tour guide's buddy isn't on duty anyway).

I saw no sign of rehabilitation, but I did notice a chalkboard in the lobby that said each prisoner is permitted two books per visit. Considering how few visits the inmates are allowed, this policy seems a bit harsh.

I mean, what else do the poor jailbirds have to do with their time? Granted, I don't suspect that many Evelyn Woods graduates are incarcerated here, but has anybody ever broken out of jail using a best seller as a weapon?

As for me, I must admit that I have no plans of returning. At least not until I go pay Mom a visit and drop off two books.

Editor's note: Ricky Cobb is a sophomore undeclared major from

Ricky Cobb
Commentary



Accepting baldness best bet for dealing with thin hairline

◆ **With an FDA-approved pill to cure baldness, men can add a new weapon against receding hairlines but there's a price**

BY BRIAN MAINS

After four years of college most men on campus will walk away with a few things to show a degree, a gut and a receding hairline.

If the hair thing bothers them enough, Maryann Parsley, a registered nurse with William M. Parsley, MD's Hair Transplantation in Louisville, said they better have a job to pay for a new patch of hair on their head.

"There are many different options now to treat baldness," Parsley said.

Hair can be transplanted, sewn, taped, glued, stapled and now grown on with a pill, she said.

The newest hype over hair has begun after the Food and Drug Administration approved Propecia, a pill that is supposed to combat baldness.

The pill, which was created by Merck & Co., is the by-product of another popular drug which is used to treat enlarged prostates.

The drug, called Proscar, contains a hormone which, in some people, prevents the shrinking of hair follicles which causes hair loss.

The hormone was extracted and put into the pill now being hailed as the cure for baldness. There are a few problems

with the pill, Parsley said. For one, the pill is only good for men still with some hair on their heads.

Also, in some test subjects, it lowered libido and caused impotence.

"It can only be used by men since the pill has been found to cause birth defects for pregnant women.

"It can cause problems with the formation of testicles in the male fetus," Parsley said.

"Some people have said I've got a receding hairline. If I lose my hair, it's gone."

— Andrew Otto
freshman from Vail, Colo.

With those problems coupled with the \$50-a-month cost of the miracle pill, Andrew Otto, a freshman from Vail, Colo., said he's not even going to worry about the battle of the hairline.

"Some people have said I've got a receding hair line," Otto said. "If I lose my hair, it's gone."

Smith's Grove sophomore Brian Beckham said with the initial low success of Propecia and the even lower success of Rogaine, he's staying away from these so-called miracle cures.

"I think a lot of it is just throwing your money away," Beckham said.

And to a degree he is right. Parsley said her husband

prescribed Rogaine, at \$35 a bottle, to those patients who really wanted it, even though the product is hit or miss in its effect.

With Propecia, only 48 percent of the people who participated in the initial study grew hair. And on top of that men already need to have some hair and once they stop taking the pill the hair starts falling out again.

Even if it does work Parsley said men should not expect to wake up the next morning with the golden locks of Fabio.

Hair will still be somewhat thin, she said.

Parsley and her husband specialize in the transplanting of a person's own hair, from the sides of their head to the hairline.

It works on both men and women, but like Propecia the patient must still have hair to relocate to different parts of the head.

"We're seeing young men at the age of sixteen losing their hair (and coming in for treatment)," she said.

Of course the surest success for hair is a wig. But these too can be costly and not the most natural look, Parsley said.

"They are usually replaced once a year," she said.

And swimming and other activities are out unless patients are willing to have the hairpiece attached to their head with stitches or adhesive.

So Parsley said the easiest answer for baldness for the college student is the simplest procedure of all.

"Of course you could do nothing at all and accept the baldness."

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Fire a valid threat for PFT

BY MATT BATCHELOR

It's 3 a.m. and a shrill alarm jars awake almost everyone in Pearce-Ford Tower.

The building stands in peril, flames licking the 10th floor. The Bowling Green Fire Department arrives, but its largest hook and ladder truck can only reach seven stories. What to do?

"Exit immediately," said Company Commander Burt Stinson. "Assume there is a fire."

But if the doorknob to the dorm is warm to touch, fire fighters say its best to stick a towel under the door and wait for rescue.

Since opening in 1972, PFT has never had any significant fire that threatened residents of floors eight and above. But Stinson said the scenario is a valid threat. Fire fighters can't use a ladder to evacuate anyone in windows more than seven stories high.

There's really only one option for residents of floors 8-27: head for the stairwell.

"Never use elevators," Stinson said. "Make sure the fire doors close behind you."

That should be a student's first choice, Stinson said. Take the stairs and head down—do not run

to the roof. Though it may mean a hike, it's the best bet to avoid being cooked. Escaping through a window is a last resort.

When escaping, Stinson said to make sure fire doors close, restricting toxic smoke from stairwells.

PFT Complex Director Jeff Sulik said his hall has some of the best fire safety devices on campus. It boasts a sprinkler system installed on every floor, the trash chute and two independent stairwells.

"In terms of any kind of drilling, we have mandatory fire drills each semester," Sulik said. "If any student would get stranded, we would leave that up to the fire department."

Police and fire officers know the drill—they conduct their own at PFT every summer, said Capt. Mike Wallace of campus police.

"They're fairly familiar with the layout of the buildings."

During last summer's training, fire fighters were blindfolded and sent into the tower, where a man was hidden away in one of the rooms on one of the floors. The firemen's mission: "rescue" him.

"Everything was done by feel," Stinson said. "We had to search

the building, drag the hose, etc."

First, firefighters conducted a primary search, as the elevators were evacuated and sealed. The police band was continuously monitored as the firefighters climbed to the floors above and below the fire, the areas "most crucial" to controlling the fire, Stinson said.

Next, fire fighters conducted a secondary search, identifying the cause of the fire and quelling it.

Meanwhile, the firemen learned to monitor PFT's sprinkler system. "They're one of the biggest helpers we have," Stinson said. "A lot of times sprinklers put out the fire."

Sulik said PFT's system is designed so each sprinkler head is activated independently.

"Each sprinkler head has a spring-loaded lever and there's a piece that holds it up that melts at a certain temperature," he said.

Stinson said a fire truck with a longer ladder wouldn't be feasible.

Even if it was, high winds blowing against the upper floors of any high rise would make it difficult, if not impossible, to pull off a window rescue.

BUILDING: Departments will not be combined

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Albers said she first asked for the building when she was hired in fall 1987 and updated the request every two years. She said she was ecstatic when the request suddenly percolated to the top.

"This building may happen not only in my lifetime, but before I retire," she said.

Although the journalism and broadcasting departments will share classrooms and labs, there have been no administrative talks about combining the two departments, said David Lee, dean of Potter College.

"If it develops naturally, I'm game to talk about it," he said. "But it hasn't been formally proposed. The two have strong link ages and will work good together."

"There are already broadcasting facilities in the Academic Complex, and I see no need to combine the two departments."

Although no official time line has been set to construct the building, President Ransdell said he hopes architects will be chosen this summer, design projects will begin in the fall and construction will begin in spring 1999.

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Professor's book looks at forgotten struggle

BY SCHERI SMITH

Some women don't even think about it. Some don't even do it. But it took almost 80 years before women were even allowed the right.

Voting. It's what gives citizens a voice. But is it appreciated?

American women take the right to vote for granted, Linda Lumsden said.

The journalism assistant professor has spent the past two years researching one of this nation's most important battles: the women's suffrage movement.

"This is history that just keeps disappearing," she said. "The keepers of history in America, until the last 20 years, were all white males who told it from that perspective."

Lumsden's research has been compiled into her first book, "Rampant Women: Suffragists and the Right of Assembly."

She will be presenting a free lecture/slide show based on her new book Thursday. The lecture, beginning at 7 p.m., will be held at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. It will be followed by a reception in the cafe sponsored by women's studies and the journalism department.

According to Lumsden, the suffrage movement, like the title of her book states, actually helped to strengthen the First Amendment right of public assembly.

"This was really the first time that women got involved politically," she said. "If they hadn't went public, they wouldn't have won."

And being public helped suffragists to get the message out.

Public assemblies like conventions, soap boxing, parades, outdoor pageants, petitioning and picketing, allowed for the message to be spread.

"They really were pioneers in public relations," she said.

Lumsden said she was moved to title the book

"Rampant Women," because it really shows how they played the opposition to their benefit. She explained that rampant was initially used as an insult to them, but the suffragists began using the term positively.

Even though Lumsden loves teaching journalism, she said that writing books has always been a dream. However, Lumsden said she has used her experience as a journalist to help train for her book writing. "Journalistic writing is great



Alyse Preston/Herald

After two years of research, journalism assistant Professor Linda Lumsden finished her first book, "Rampant Women: Suffragists and the Right of Assembly." "I found and told a good story that a lot of people didn't know about," she said.

training," she said. "I really wanted to write books."

And the subject of her first book has taught her a lot.

"I found and told a good story that a lot of people didn't know about," she said.

English Professor Jane Olmsted said women's suffrage is an important historical subject.

"Considering it was an 80-year long battle and it transformed this country, I think it should be covered," she said.

Denise Pillard, community relations coordinator for Barnes & Noble, looks forward to having a local author present at the store.

"We like to support our local authors," she said. "We always

want to present them and let people know the talent that is right here in Bowling Green."

Dillard said Lumsden's book will be a worthy addition to the store's regional section.

"It's fascinating the way she's told you how women fought for the vote," she said. "It's really interesting to see how they took to the streets."

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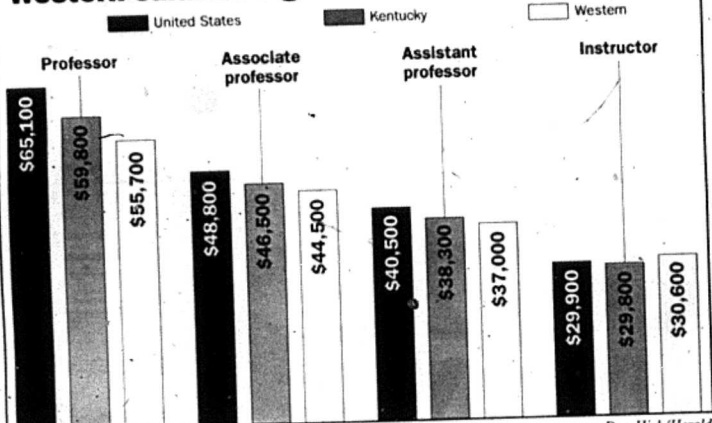


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Western salaries lag behind state, nation



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Professors' salaries low

By CHARLIE LANTER

Money
Some want more. Some deserve more. And Western's Institutional Review says the faculty needs more.

The review states that "overall faculty salaries at Western are somewhat less than the salaries paid by many (but not all) of its reasonable competitors."

The report goes on to say that until the teachers get a raise, Western can expect to be nothing special.

Statistics included in the report showed that Western faculty members earn almost \$3,000 less annually than their counterparts at Eastern Kentucky University. It also compared Western salaries to those at Northern Kentucky University and six other schools deemed similar.

The Institutional Review was commissioned last April by the Board of Regents to provide what Regent Howard Gray called "an objective analysis of Western's strengths and weaknesses."

Faculty salaries were one of those weaknesses, according to the five consultants that spent four months conducting the review.

Faculty Senate President

Arvin Vos said competitive salaries are the key to attracting quality professors.

"In some cases we lose people we want to institutions that offer higher salaries," the philosophy and religion professor said.

Faculty Regent Ray Mendel agreed that Western faculty members need a raise, as long as it doesn't come at others' expense.

"You have to look at what the trade-offs are," the psychology professor said. "I can't support increasing faculty salaries if it means raising student fees."

President Gary Ransdell said faculty will likely see an across-the-board raise at the start of the next fiscal year but said most of Western's approximately 2.9 percent budget increase will be used to offset inflation.

"I think both our faculty and staff are undersalaried," Ransdell said. "I've said before I am committed to a balance between faculty, staff and administrator salaries."

Regardless, Mendel suggested two options for the board regarding salaries.

First, Mendel said, if Western could increase its ability to raise outside money, then other funds could be redistributed, eventually finding their way into professors' pockets.

Mendel also advocated an approach which would include an attempt by the board to reorganize administrative and faculty positions in an attempt to "focus on our priorities" in regards to salaries.

Regardless of its solution, with the release of the review, the problem of faculty salaries is in black and white.

Western faculty salaries hang below national and state averages at all ranks, except instructors who are paid slightly more than average.

"The data speaks for itself," Mendel said. And the data says Western's professors are underpaid.

Annually, a top-ranking professor at Western averages \$9,000 less than the national average for full professors.

Western professors as a whole make about \$2,500 less than the Kentucky average, a comparison many find alarming.

Just what these numbers could mean for Western's future is summed up in the Institutional Review.

"It is 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."

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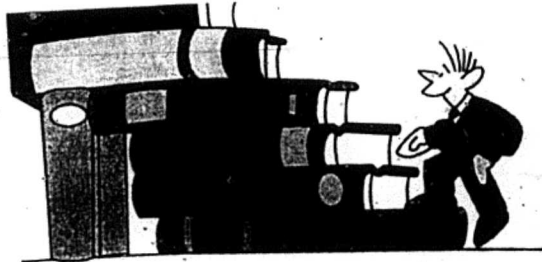
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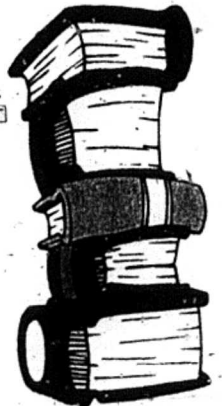
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All majors invited to attend job fair

BY MELISSA FELKINS

Students looking for summer jobs may want to check the Summer Internship Job Fair sponsored by SGA from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 9 in Downing University Center.

There will be a variety of camp recruiters looking for directors, counselors, horseback riding instructors and life guards for the summer, said Morganfield sophomore Laura Hancock, Student Affairs vice chairwoman.

"This is kind of like our pilot program to see if we can improve," she said.

Several other schools in the state, including Murray State and Eastern Kentucky University and University of Kentucky already have a program like this year after year, Hancock said.

Some of the camps expected to attend are Camp Skyline Ranch from Alabama, YMCA Camp Carson from Indiana, Easter Seals Camp from Carrollton and the 4-H program from Lexington.

Hancock said this kind of experience looks good on resumes. She said recruiters will be looking for all types of majors,

not just recreation, and students should be prepared to interview on the spot.

"Come up to DUC, walk around the main floor, talk to recruiters, and pick up an application," she said.

The camps generally run from the end of May until the beginning of August.

"We hope to have good attendance so that in years to come we can have it again," Hancock said.

SGA's first meeting of the semester will be at 5 tonight, and President Keith Coffman is enthusiastic about it.

Some of the issues that will be discussed will be this weekend's spring retreat, a proposal concerning student fees and designated driver cards, the Russellville senior said.

"Hopefully we'll set the tone for the rest of the semester," he said.

Other issues coming up this semester will be a bill revising the election code, placing more bike racks around campus and a new constitution, said Bowling Green senior Anne Guillory, legislative research committee chairwoman.



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Score!

Cave City freshman Mikel Davis covers his face after a Denver Broncos score in Sunday night's Super Bowl. Joe Morel (left), a freshman from Hendersonville, Tenn., and Jerry Wolf, a senior from Portland, Tenn., join others at the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house to cheer. Denver beat Green Bay 31-24.

News briefs

Psychology students win awards

Two Western psychology students won awards at the Kentucky Academy of Sciences on Nov. 13-15, 1997 at Morehead State University.

Dry Ridge sophomore Carla Givin won first place for best undergraduate psychology paper presentation, and third place for the Richard Griffith Memorial Award, an overall presentation award. Sarah Sutherland, a sophomore from Springfield, Tenn., won second place for the best undergraduate psychology paper.

Public Radio Service lauded

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Class attendance a constant problem on Hill

By Leigh Ann Moore

I'm sick. My grandfather died (for the sixth time this semester). Aliens abducted me last night.

Conrad Moore, a geography and geology professor, said he gets all kinds of excuses when students miss class. "Some of which are pretty lame."

The issue of class attendance policies has been debated by Western officials for the past few years, but no university-wide policy has been established yet. This year, the Council of Academic Deans has the item listed as a future topic of discussion. But to some faculty members, attendance is something that should be addressed by professors.

"Deciding on your own atten-

dance policy is a part of academic freedom. Telling us how to handle that is like telling us how to teach," Elizabeth Jones, a psychology associate professor, said. "A blanket rule does not allow flexibility, and there are some situations and circumstances where flexibility is needed."

Daniel Myers, associate dean of the College of Business Administration, said he agrees that professors should be responsible for handling class attendance.

"I think the individual faculty members are intelligent enough to have their own policies," he said, adding that each professor in his department establishes his or her own policies.

That seems to work well, he said.

Jones, for example, said more than five absences is considered excessive and could result in a grade lowering under her policy.

Other professors, like Moore, opt not to enforce an attendance policy. Moore said he doesn't take roll, but he does expect a legitimate excuse before he gives a make-up exam.

"I tell students that attendance is important," he said. "There's a close correlation between how they do in the class and their attendance."

Most teachers are in agreement that class attendance has a direct affect on class performance.

"It's a rare student who cannot attend class and still do well," Jones said.

History Professor Richard

Stone said most everyone attends classes in the beginning, but some lose interest as the semester progresses. He said a lot of failing grades result when students decide to drop a class but fail to formally withdraw.

"Half of the F's I've awarded over the years are from informal drops," he said.

Stone said the people who are conscientious about their grades and make an effort anyway are the people who come to class.

"The people missing are probably not doing anything out of class to make up for it," he said.

Stone said he does not know how much of an impact a university-wide policy would have.

"I doubt an attendance policy would drastically change the way professors teach," he said.

"Realistically, you could do all right in history if you never went to class at all if you had an interest in it and could research it and find out things on your own," he said, adding there are few students who take that much initiative in their course work.

Myers said addressing class attendance is a goal of the university under the Western XXI plan, a set of long-range goals the university adopted a few years ago.

While Myers said he has heard people talking about different solutions to class attendance issues, none of the solutions have been discussed on an official level. In the meantime, however, Myers said absences, particularly on Fridays, are "a fact of life at Western."

RADON: Three students, three faculty moved because of high levels of gas

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"It's important for us to know the radon levels in our rooms," Banner said. "This is our health we're talking about."

That won't happen, Skipper said.

"We've been advised by the university attorney not to release information until testing is complete," Skipper said.

Three students in Zacharias and three faculty members in the Kentucky Building were relocated. Also, a vacant apartment in Central Hall was closed because of the readings. Skipper would not release the levels of these rooms, but said each of them was above 100 pCi/l.

He added that testing indicated potential trouble areas in other parts of the campus, but he would not say where.

"We first moved the students and faculty members in rooms with levels over 100 pCi/l because that's what the EPA recommends," he said. "Now we plan to retest all of our rooms and discuss ways to fix them."

The university has not yet set a date to begin retesting, but Jack Hughes, a training and technical coordinator for the Southern Regional Radon Training Center, is assisting Facilities Management in retesting and mitigating the areas with high levels.

The university is lucky in that it has the ability to retest immediately," Hughes said.

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In the meantime, King said students should be informed of the levels in their rooms and that the university should explain what the numbers mean.

"It should be part of the housing agreement," she said. "We should know what we're paying for."

Leigh Ann Moore contributed to this story.

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Sports

Skyhawks defeat Hilltoppers, 70-67

By GEORGE ROBINSON

Poor shooting — 30 percent versus Arkansas State on Jan. 24, 39 percent versus Jacksonville two days earlier.

Turnovers — 16 against the Indians, 22 at the expense of the Dolphins. The Hilltoppers have endured nights like these for as long as Pharaoh Ramses had to endure the wrath of Moses.

Western senior forward Steven Bides almost single-handedly changed those misfortunes — almost.

The Hilltoppers shot better, rebounded better and may have looked a little better, but the result is the same for the sixth consecutive game.

Despite Bides' 26 points, tying his career best, the Toppers (5-13, 2-7 in the Sun Belt Conference) fell to Tennessee-Martin (7-12) 70-67 yesterday in Martin.

Western wasn't able to shake the turnover nightmare as it committed 18 for the game — many unforced — including five

down the stretch.

"Most of those things, nobody pressured us," Western coach Matt Kilcullen said. "It's devastating when you are in the game with a chance to win and you make careless turnovers."

With 5:03 left in the game and Western down 62-57, junior forward Melvin Adams and junior guard Joe Harney turned the ball over on consecutive plays. Junior forward Ravon Farris made up for the mistakes with a soft-touch shot from four feet to close it within three points.

Skyhawks senior guard Jason Olsen and sophomore forward Joe Crumby put Tennessee-Martin back up 66-59, before Bides put back an errant shot by Adams.

The Toppers were determined to push the Skyhawks to the limit when freshman guard Rashon Brown forced a five-second call. Adams laid in a stolen pass by Bides to cut the lead to 66-63.

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Super Sunday doesn't fail to live up to name

There's always that perfect day in dream world.

Some people envision a day with all the world's money. Others dream of a day without worries, one in which everything goes just right. College students might wish for a day that included all the fun of campus, without the usual routine of classes.

For sports fans, junkies who

chew on a day full of sporting events like children munch on Halloween candy, Sunday was a version of the dream day. Sure, it was Super Bowl Sunday, involving the most watched sporting event each year, but area sports fanatics had an extra

sugar coating of the No. 15 Lady Toppers' against No. 4 Louisiana Tech.

Let the chewing begin. The Lady Techsters jumped out the gate early. Western trailed 38-24 late in the first half, but that was before the run. Led by freshman guard Katashia Witcher, the Lady Tops outscored their rival 23-2 before the break and led 47-40 heading into the locker room.

Going on that kind of run against La Tech?

"I've never seen it happen," Western coach Steve Small said. After La Tech regained the lead in the second half and the shootout continued, both teams were knotted at 86 with 4:3 left. Witcher finished her career-high performance of 25 points by hitting a buzzer-beater to end the game. Fans rushed the court.

Super Sunday rolled on. But sports fans couldn't take a breath. Less than an hour later the television sets were bringing more "super" to the Sunday.

Pause here. Consider how much money snack food companies make this one day every year.

OK, come back to Super Sun-

day.

Once again, two teams that I didn't care about were competing for the NFL Championship. The Green Bay Packers and the Denver Broncos. One more chance for quarterback John Elway and his Broncos to claim the crown, a shot at back-to-back titles for the Packers and their "Cheesehead" fans.

On a field where dreams have become reality for so many athletes, those same dreams can be dashed away in a few hours. Elway knew that going into Sunday's match-up. He had been there three times before and come up short.

Time was running out for the 37-year-old quarterback.

Both teams were sporting the Nike logo. That explains the recent overflowing of the new Nike "I Can" commercials. Thank goodness the Super Bowl is over now.

In the role of sports junkie however, I was still chewing. Elway shook the ghosts of Super Bowl past, and the Broncos won 31-24. Denver running back Terrell Davis went home to San Diego and literally ran away with the Most Valuable Player award. He rushed for 157 yards and a Super Bowl record of three touchdowns after suffering a migraine in the first half.

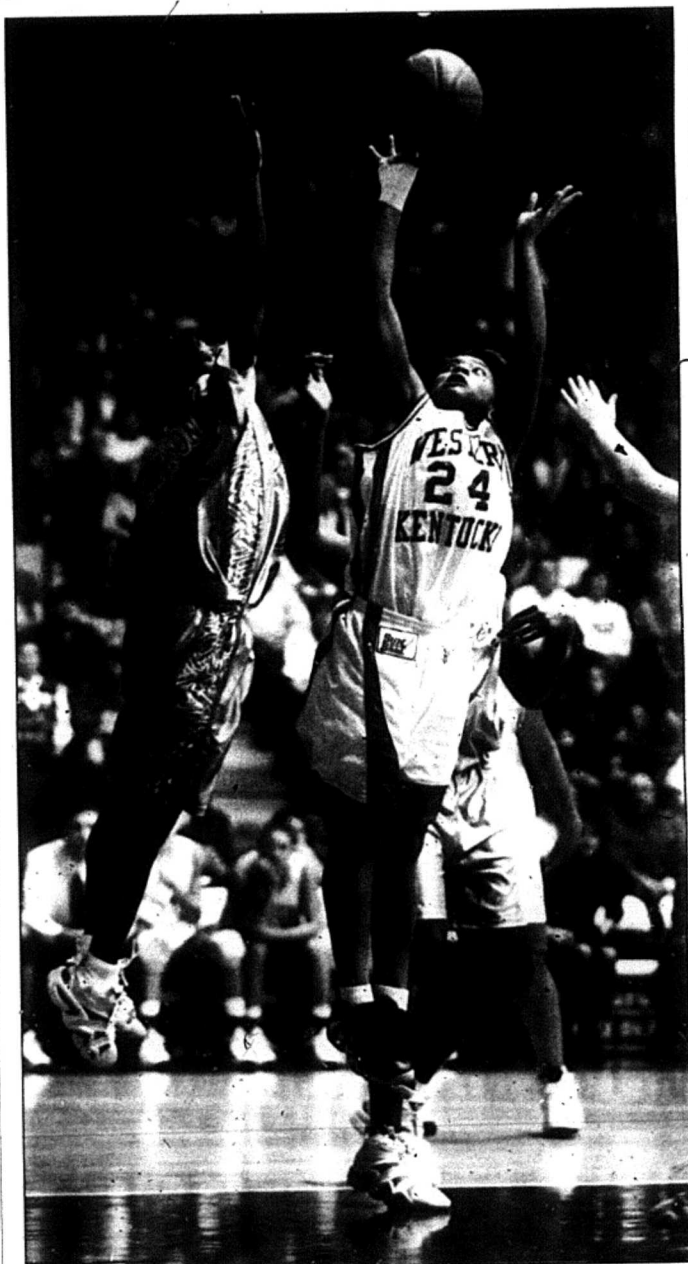
Any odd way to soothe a headache. There had been no promises by either team leading up to the game, no vows like New York Jets quarterback Joe Namath in 1969, but when the scoreboard showed three zeros, the Broncos vowed their satisfaction beating a Packer team no one thought could be stayed.

And sports fans just sat back and relished on a dream day. There was nothing left to chew — for now.



PLAYGROUND NOTES

Travis Mayo



Alyse Preston/Herald

Western junior guard Katashia Witcher scores two of her career-high 25 points over Louisiana Tech guard Tamicha Jackson after a post move. Witcher scored the winning basket in Western's 88-86 win Sunday in Diddle Arena as the Lady Toppers downed the fourth-ranked Lady Techsters.

Western wins thriller

◆ The Lady Toppers beat the Lady Techsters 88-86 on a last-second layup

By JERRY BREWER

Katashia Witcher never did stop. Not for a moment. Even to the end, her focus wouldn't shift.

With a velvet-smooth approach, "Peaches" simply sliced up then-No. 4 Louisiana Tech and served its hopes of a win on a hardwood platter. But she had no need for premature celebration.

Instead, what the Western junior point guard did was brush the final stroke on a 25-point masterpiece, driving to

the basket in 4.3 seconds on the game's final play. And after her layup dropped in, Witcher, her teammates and about 1,000 of her new best friends celebrated below an 88-86 scoreboard that said it all.

It said that Western showed pride, that after a 70-66 loss at Arkansas State on Thursday.

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Sunday's game a classic

By Jerry Brewer

It had all the ingredients of a classic basketball game. Eight lead changes. Nine ties. An unlikely hero. Emotion. A buzzer-beater.

It was the subject of much classroom chatter yesterday on the Hill.

But where does Western-Louisiana Tech XX stack up in the all-time great games at Diddle Arena?

The answer: Give it time, participants say.

"Usually, I watch these games at the other end of the bench, but this time I really didn't have time to evaluate that," first-year Western coach Steve Small said jokingly when asked about the game's greatness.

"This goes down as one of the best games in Diddle Arena,"

Small said. "You couldn't ask for anything more."

That comes from a coach who has coached about 200 games at Diddle, most of them as an assistant coach.

Classes that stuck out in his mind include a 65-62 win against Arkansas State in the Sun Belt Conference championship game on March 15, 1992. In that game, the Lady Toppers rallied from a 17-point deficit in the game's final three minutes.

On Jan. 22, 1995, more than 8,000 fans filed into Diddle to see Western beat La. Tech 79-71.

Perhaps most remembered by all is The Shot That Brought Western to the Big Time — Lillie Mason's baseline jumper at the buzzer that beat national power Texas 92-90 in the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship.

It propelled the Lady Toppers

to their first Final Four appearance. The name is Lillie Mason Stockton now, and she was coaching on the sidelines Sunday as one of Small's assistants.

Sunday's game may be in that neighborhood some day. According to a Courier-Journal story on the game, Western senior forward Danielle McCulley scored 222 points in the game, which would've made it historic. But it was a misprint — she only had 22. The game's historic implications will need more time.

"I'm not so sure that we played a bad game," Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barmore said. "I'm very pleased with how we played. Our ball team was really good tonight. Western's was better. This was a great game on both ends. I'm just sorry the loss was at our expense."

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By Jerry Brewer

JONESBORO, Ark. — Arkansas State coach Jeff Mittre could barely walk. He could barely limp. He could barely maneuver on the sidelines to bark out instructions to his women's basketball team.

And after the game, he could barely contain himself. A 70-66 win over Western can soothe the pain of a coach.

"It feels good now," Mittre said of his bun knee.

The jinx of the Convention Center hit Western's women's basketball team once again Thursday night. This time it left some pretty nasty teeth marks.

The Lady Toppers are now 3-4 against Arkansas State in Jonesboro. Add in last season's 63-50 loss, and the Lady Indians

have won the last two meetings here.

Western committed 30 turnovers in the game, and Arkansas State had 26. The winners fortunate to win the sloppy contest.

"We needed a big win," Arkansas State senior guard Amy Towne said. "We almost beat Louisiana Tech here, but that doesn't count."

Western had the prize and lost it in this dimly lit arena. A 49-38 lead with 11:04 remaining was trimmed little by little. And when the game got close, Western, uncharacteristically, did not finish strong.

Arkansas State junior guard Christina Barry's three-pointer at 1:20 finally erased the Lady Toppers' (16-5, 5-1 in the Sun Belt Conference) lead.

The Lady Indians (12-7, 4-2) then finished what Western couldn't as Sophomore guard Julie Hagood scored on a 10-foot jumper and made two free throws, and Towne also added two free throws as Arkansas State increased its lead to 68-61 with 17 seconds remaining.

The Lady Indians were led by Towne, who had 21 points. Barry added 16, and Hagood 10.

For Western, senior guard Laurie Townsend made 6-of-8 three-pointers and scored 28 points.

"We got beat by the little things," Western coach Steve Small said. "We didn't control the ball. We didn't rebound well. When we got here, I kept seeing that damn balloon go up and down in the arena, and I knew we were in trouble."

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SKYHAWKS: Bides scores 26

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Crummy shut the door with a layin with 59 seconds left and another drive down the lane after sophomore guard Nashon McPherson's shot.

Brown had a shot in the closing seconds but was blocked by two Tennessee-Martin players.

"We just hurt ourselves with turnovers," Bides said. "They hit some big shots down the stretch and we found ourselves playing catch-up once again."

Tennessee-Martin burst out to a 12-5 early lead before Bides started his assault behind the arc. With Western down 16-13, Bides spotted up from the right wing and drained a trey, followed by a three-point play five minutes later.

"I felt kinda good out there, so I just let it fly," he said.

Bides knocked down one more before the half to help the Toppers close the gap to 36-32 at intermission.

The second half saw Bides nail another of his career-high, five three-pointers, and Brown's steal gave Western its first and only lead of the game at 42-40 with 17:20 to play.

SkyHawks' junior forward Ryan DeMichael answered Bides' threes with consistent inside scoring on his way to 19 points, with 10 in the second half.

"They broke us down, down low," Kilcullen said. "They played a heck of a game on the inside."

Western's final plague was at the foul line. The Toppers attempted only 7 free throws to Tennessee-Martin's 26.

"That's just not being aggressive to the basket," Kilcullen said. "We'll figure something out. I know it's hard on the guys. We just have to keep on fighting."

Dolphins drops Tops

Last-place Jacksonville stole

a Sun Belt Conference game away from Western on Thursday in Diddle Arena, 75-70.

Farris led all scorers with 16 points and 12 rebound while McPherson added 13 points.

The Toppers fell two points short of matching the Dolphins' point total in the second half 43-41, but it was the first half score of 34-27 that handed Western the defeat.

Indians beat Toppers

Looking to rebound from the disappointing loss to Jacksonville on Thursday, Western was blitzed by Arkansas State 71-49 behind senior forward Jabari Myles' 21 points Saturday in Diddle.

Western stayed close for most of the first half, but with 6:04 to play the Indians went on a 15-2 run that blew the game open.

Western freshman center Greg Springfield had a career high 15 rebounds.

Louisville back on schedule

BY GEORGE ROBINSON

No, there was no animosity, no reason for concern, no need for panic.

Western and Louisville competed annually — in baseball, tennis and golf.

Add two sports to that list and old rivalries renewed.

Last week, Louisville Athletics Director Tom Jurich announced plans for Western's football team to be added to Louisville's football schedule, and the men's basketball teams will play for the first time in five years.

Both teams will visit Louisville, with the football game Oct. 31 in the new Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. The basketball team will travel to Freedom Hall on Dec. 30.

The schools have agreed to compete for just the 1998-99 seasons, said Western's Athletics Director Lewis Mills.

"These teams, especially in basketball, have had some great rivalries," Mills said. "It's kind of gone by the wayside, and now it's time to get things back on track for the fans who enjoyed the competition."

Western last played Louisville in basketball on Dec. 22, 1993, beating the Cardinals in overtime 78-77 on former Cardinal forward DeWayne Morton's missed dunk in Freedom Hall. Louisville prevailed in football 41-7 on Oct. 27, 1990.

The two schools had been talking since Jurich was hired as Louisville's athletics director in October.

"This has been on the burner for months now," Mills said. "It's been in the talks even before he (Jurich) was hired, so it's been discussed for some time."

The schools should benefit from not only exposure but a fresh start on a rivalry that had withered to nonexistence over the past few years.

"This is a win-win situation for everybody," Mills said. "It gives exposure to both teams. Western has a large alumni base in Louisville as are Louisville alum in Bowling Green. This renewal should give the two markets some zing."

Both schools are working out an agreement for an extension on the series, Mills said, but no plans have been set to play on an annual basis.

"Who knows where it will go from here?" he said.

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Swimmers split weekend meets

BY JENNY CHRISTIAN

Western's swim teams fought tough battles this weekend, and although they swam well, it wasn't enough to mark a win over Evansville for the women or Notre Dame for the men.

Friday, the Tops and Lady Tops welcomed Evansville to the Hill. For the Lady Tops, the meet was a bittersweet one. Though swimming better than they had expected, the women still lost to Evansville by three points.

"Our women just swam great," Western coach Bill Powell said.

Freshman J.P. Piloto took first in the 1000-meter freestyle, 400-meter individual medley and the 500-meter freestyle. Freshman diver Michelle Lynch finished first in the three-meter event. Junior Andi Dexter also made a good showing, placing second in the 1000-meter freestyle, 400-meter individual medley, and the 500-meter freestyle.

"Dexter was her usual steady self," Powell said.

After the loss to Evansville 122-119, the women's record stands at 5-6. Despite the result, Friday's meet was one to remember.

"It was the best meet of the year," Powell said.

The men trying to save energy for Saturday's meet against the Irish almost lost.

"We were trying to take it easy and we took it a little too easy," Powell said. "It came down to the last relay."

Fortunately for Western, they took first in the 400-meter freestyle relay and won the meet 124-113.

Powell noted juniors Corrie Bumps and Pete Carey's races on Friday. Bumps finished first in the 50-meter freestyle, and Carey placed second in the 100-meter breaststroke. Also, sophomore Kaker Vencill took first in the 200-meter and 100-meter freestyle. Freshman Jeff Warwick swam the 400-meter individual medley, placing first. "We swam very well," Powell said.

Saturday fortunes turned for the worse as the Irish came in with a vendetta to settle, and set the tie. They did. Notre Dame crushed the Tops 137-94, winning eight of 13 events in the meet.

The Notre Dame squad looked rested for the meet and its preparation pool incidents.

"They came psselled out of their gourd," Powell said. "It was their best meet of the year."

Although the Irish were showing strength, the Hilltoppers kept their pride. Vencill took first place in the 200-meter and 100-meter freestyle events. He also set the pool record in the 200-

meter freestyle with a time of 1:42.18, previously held by former Western swimmer Scott Cummings.

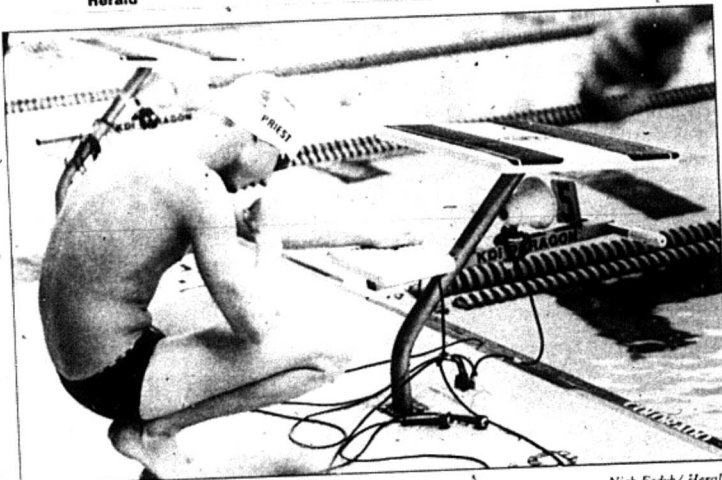
"Just getting Scott's record is an honor in itself," Vencill said. "I'm proud I got it and here against Notre Dame."

Freshmen swimmers Milo Shofe and Andrew Priest also took first places away from Notre Dame. Shofe swam a 1:53.86 in the 200-meter backstroke, and Priest went 2:07.00 in the 200-meter breaststroke, resetting the pool record.

"We all swam fast, but they were definitely rested for the meet," senior co-captain Adam Heeg said.

After the loss to Notre Dame, the Tops' record stands at 8-4.

"The best thing about the meet is that we kept our heads up and still swam great," Heeg said. "Conference is still our main goal."



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On Saturday, freshman Andrew Priest prays before competing in the 200-meter breaststroke. Priest broke the Preston Center pool record with a time of 2:07:00. Western lost to Notre Dame, 94-137.

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THRILLER: Witcher hits game-winning lay-up

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this basketball team still has life.

It said that in a game as gripping and grinding as any Western-La Tech game ever, the victor was the team that everyone woudlers about, that everyone says can't win the big game.

It said that a player who wasn't even here last year, who was in Kansas fighting a tornado, who averaged six points until Sunday, put together her best performance to date as a Lady Topper.

"That kid really surprised me with the game she had," Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barmore said. "If I didn't know her name today, I'll know who she is and I'll know how to spell it and say it next time."

The win moved No. 15 Western (16-5-5-1) into a first-place tie in the Sun Belt Conference with the No. 4 Lady Techsters (15-3-5-1).

Western senior forward Danielle McCulley scored 22 points, and had 10 rebounds and seven assists. Senior guard Laurie Townsend added 12 points and zero turnovers.

Tech senior center Alisa Burras scored 16 points and had seven boards, and junior forward Amanda Wilson paced the Lady Techsters with a career-high tying 30 points. Junior forward Monica Maxwell added 16 points, and Jackson scored 11.

It didn't begin so great for Western. Barmore hung out in the Diddle press room until 18 minutes before tip-off, watching the Bulls and Jazz play, in his typical laid-back fashion.

But his players came out with fury. La Tech took a 34-19 lead with 8:28 remaining in the first half despite 12 points from Witcher.

The Lady Toppers scored on 12 of their final 13 possessions during a 23-2 run to take a 47-40 halftime lead that provoked Western senior center Leslie Johnson to yell to the crowd, "C'mon! We're gonna win this!"

"Losing that game to Arkansas State made us really get together," said Johnson, who scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds. "Less than five minutes after that loss, we huddled up, and we hollered, 'We're going to beat La Tech!'"

And the game's attention shifted to Witcher's and Jackson's war.

Witcher had been hearing about this game and what a good, intense, quick, defensive ace Jackson was since she came to Western this past summer.

"I had heard about Tamicha and this game ever since I signed," said Witcher, nicknamed Peaches by some fans. "There was some trash talking out there. She was saying, 'Bring it on. You can't handle me.' I was like, 'Bring it on, too.'"

Jackson had only seen two minutes of film on Witcher. "She's quick," Jackson said. "And she's strong, too. I didn't know she was that strong."

Witcher's strength — both physical and mental — set up the finish as she slashed to the basket all game and made 9-of-15 shots.

There she was Sunday, a red sea around her in the stands above, encouraging McCulley to make her free throws to give Western an 86-84 lead with 24 seconds. McCulley did the job.

But after a time out, Wilson tied the score on a turnaround baseline jumper.

McCulley corraled the ball from the net and inbounded to Witcher. About that time, Geneva Barrington, Witcher's mom, edged forward in her seat, and said, "Katashia, just don't shoot it too hard off the backboard."

Witcher scored the winning basket on a length-of-the-floor run.

It was a fitting end to a sea-game, perhaps one of the best Western-La Tech games in this storied rivalry.

"How sweet it is," Western coach Steve Small said.

Afterward, Witcher greeted her fans and received a Big Red spilling, "Good game, Katashia." "Great game, Peaches." "We love you." "Can I have your autograph?"

But as fans circled her, Witcher got a little quiet as if to want to downplay her effort. Everyone around her got quiet, too. After all, how many people like their Peaches spoiled?

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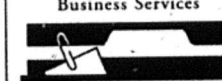
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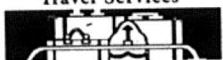


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◆ Track news

Tops experience indoor success

BY SARAH RAMSEY

As the weather turns cold and dreary, Western's track and field team braves the elements, more often than the postal service, to prepare for its indoor competition.

Since early December the team has competed in three meets, resulting in conference and personal bests for several members of the team.

At the Middle Tennessee State/Blue Raider Invitational, sophomore Patricia Dorgan set a conference best for the mile run with a time of 5:14.8. This personal best allowed Dorgan to earn the honor of being the first Sun Belt Conference Track Performer of the Week for the indoor season.

Discipline and dedication were required of the athletes to stay in shape over the holidays. A full schedule awaited the team when it returned to campus.

"Maintaining training during break is difficult to handle," Western coach Curtiss Long said. "But our extra long break made it more difficult."

The weekend before classes started, members of the team were off and running at the 1998 Kentucky Invitational.

While there, sophomore Duncan Shangase set a personal best in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:33.37. This is the first season Shangase has competed during the indoor season.

"I was extremely pleased

with the results," Shangase said. "The hardest part was learning how to breathe indoors."

Learning how to breathe indoors, where the air is dry and thin, is just one of the many adjustments the runners have had to make.

Senior Christina Brown, a seasoned indoor runner, agrees with Shangase.

"One of the hardest adjustments from outdoor to indoor was adjusting to the air," she said. "The other was learning to take the corners."

Brown finished fourth in the one-mile run with a time of 5:9.11, setting a personal best at the Kentucky Invitational.

Brown is competing in her last indoor season and said she is very pleased with her results.

"I am adjusting my practice routine to concentrate more on speed and a track workout," Brown said.

Brown has made the right adjustments because she finished second in the 5,000-meter run last weekend at the Eastern Tennessee State/US Air Invitational.

Brown's time was 17:23.88. The U.S. Air Invitational saw the return of sophomore Valerie Lynch, who had been out since late April with a soft tissue Toet injury.

Lynch finished 13th in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:12.65.

"It is great to be competing again," Lynch said. "Things went pretty well for me at the meet."

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