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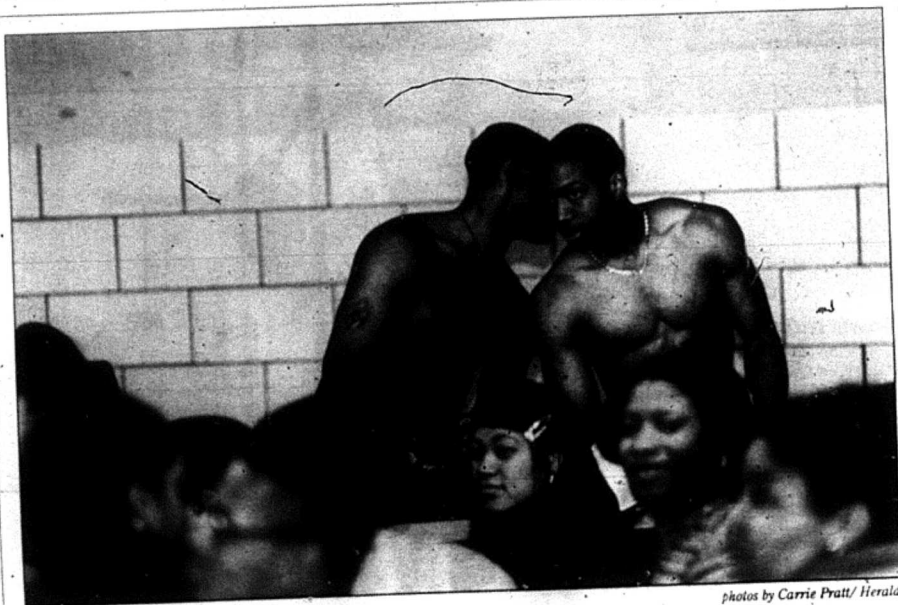
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Henry White, left, a junior from Trenton, N.J., and Erik Jenkins, a junior from Quincy, Fla., wait while being auctioned for Kappa money. White and Jenkins, the president and vice president of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, raised 7,200 Kappa dollars, which is equivalent to \$14.40, for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Fraternity bares all for charity

BY MISTY R. WILSON

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity member Robert Lightning went on stage Tuesday night with a bathrobe and towel on and left wearing absolutely nothing. It was all for charity.

The "Nupe Review and Auction" was held by the fraternity in West Hall Cellar on Tuesday evening to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. It included a fraternity member strip session and an auction for dates with the "Nupes," which is the nickname for members of KA Psi.

The event took an interesting twist when Lightning took the stage and one of the nearly 40 women in attendance snatched his towel from

around his waist after he had taken off his underwear. Lightning continued dancing naked on the stage for nearly 45 seconds, until two of his fraternity brothers escorted him off stage.

"Things got kind of out of hand," Lightning said. "We weren't meaning for things to go that far."

Charley Pride, student activities and organizations coordinator, said even though an advisor does not have to be present at an organization's function, this is still not something administrators view as acceptable behavior.

"It's not behavior we condone, especially using campus facilities," Pride said. "In

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Radcliff freshman Angel Wilder (left) and San Diego freshman Mis' Shan Dunn attend the charity strip show hosted by Kappa Alpha Psi. Wilder bid and won a Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity member for 5,000 Kappa dollars, equivalent to \$10.

Distinctive programs reduced to four

BY CHARLIE LANTER

Industrial-organizational psychology won't be among Western's first programs of distinction.

The graduate program has been pulled from consideration by those writing the proposal, leaving four others as contenders for the \$14 million set aside by the state for Western.

"As of yesterday we were convinced we were out of it," psychology department Head John O'Connor said Tuesday.

The decision came just before Bob Shirley, a consultant for the Council on Postsecondary Education, visited campus yesterday to analyze each of Western's five proposals: journalism and communications, Center for Applied Science, education, health and human services for children, folk studies, and the psychology program now removed from the list.

O'Connor met with Shirley, but Provost Barbara Burch said if the department changed its mind, the program's chance for reconsideration wouldn't be good.

"It's going to be very difficult for them to tool up at this time," Burch said. "But I don't think that means the door is closed forever."

O'Connor said he couldn't see how the program would help the state anyway.

"The issue is still what's in it for Kentucky," he said. "How is a master's program with a handful of students in it going to make an impact on the state?"

Shirley met with the academic and student affairs committee of the Board of Regents to help it decide which programs to submit to the council.

"It's not his job to judge the programs," Burch said. "His job is to be candid about their strengths and weaknesses."

Representatives from all of the programs also met with Shirley to help them refine their

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Women's studies not 'fluffy'

BY MOLLY HARPER

Since the early '90s, some of Western's women have been committed to studying their own history.

In the beginning, the women's studies program had to struggle against stereotypical views many held concerning the scholastic legitimacy of the program.

Though women's studies is slowly becoming a more mainstream discipline, Jane Olmsted, the program's assistant director, said there's a lot of resistance to it as an academic program.

"There's a lot of of misinformation and stereotypes," Olmsted said. "People assume that because it's a women's studies program, it's 'fluffy,' which is totally false. Anyone who has

WOMEN'S ♦ HISTORY



ever taken a women's studies course knows it's challenging and rigorous, absolutely intellectually stimulating."

Olmsted said she believes these misconceptions are common across campus and across the country. Even though there are more than 600 women's studies programs nationally, she said they've all had to struggle to prove themselves to be valid at some point.

While some worry that the programs are fluffy, others fear that women's studies has mili-

tant, feminist, political agendas.

"As if all other programs and departments on campus are free of agendas or politics, which of course is impossible," Olmsted said with a laugh.

If the women's studies program did have an agenda, Olmsted said, it would be to encourage critical thinking among the students, particularly about gender and what that means to a culture.

She said she believes the focus of the women's studies program should be how gender intersects with race and class, what it means to be a mother, what it means to be a woman, and what it means to be a man in this society.

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Western bringing race relations to forefront

BY CHARLIE LANTER

Define friendly. Western's ethnic relations task force has found that can be easier said than done.

President Gary Ransdell hand-picked the committee in February and asked its 16 members to deal with concerns voiced in Western's Institutional Review, that there are barriers between minority groups and the university.

The group of faculty, staff and students met Tuesday for a second time, but still has some work to do before it will be ready to submit a plan to Jerry Wilder, vice president for Stu-

dent Affairs. The deadline for the plan is May 15.

A lot of time Tuesday was devoted to a part of the review that quoted one student as saying, "Western is not especially friendly to blacks."





John Hardin, assistant dean of Potter College, said the task force has to know what is unfriendly about Western before it can propose solutions.

"What are the barriers? What are the goals?" Hardin said. "We have to know what friendly means before we can develop a plan of action."

Members presented several

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Herald forecast

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 35° high | 8° low | 46° high | 16° low |
| 53° high | 35° low | 36° high | 29° low |

♦ Just a sec

Fight ends in arrest

A local man was arrested Monday at the police station after a scuffle over a parking ticket.

Terrence Lamont Smith was charged with disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal trespassing and second-degree criminal trespassing after fighting and grabbing campus police officers, according to the report.

Smith tore an officer's shirt and pants (valued at \$50) and broke a watch belonging to Lt. Michael Dowell (valued at \$35). Smith was taken to the Warren County Regional Jail and was released the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

Library closed Tuesday morning

Helm-Cravens Library will not open to the public until 10:30 a.m. Tuesday because of the installation of a new heating/cooling system.

Earlene Chelf, dean of University Libraries, said if conditions permit, a helicopter will be used to install the new system. To avoid unnecessary risk, both the library and Cravens Graduate Center must be completely evacuated and parking will not be permitted in the lot directly behind the library. The library, the graduate center and the parking lot will re-open when the last helicopter lift is completed.

♦ Clearing the air

A story in Tuesday's Herald incorrectly stated that the Rock House is used as storage for the geology department. It is the home of the archaeology lab.



Alise Preston/Herald

Literary lady:

In celebration of Women's History Month, history Professor Carol Crowe-Carraco speaks about two local, turn-of-the-century authors, Eliza Calvert Hall and Emalie Sachs. The talk was the focus of Lunch Time Learning at the Kentucky Museum yesterday afternoon.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Arrests

♦ Alan Leon Street, West Hall, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance and two counts of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after a search turned up marijuana, cocaine and drug paraphernalia in his room and in a car belong-

ing to Nicholas Ray Henderson. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$1,000 cash bond.

♦ Jeffrey Scott Moore, East 10th Street, was charged Sunday with DUI, speeding and no operator's license after he was stopped on University Boulevard. He was

released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

Reports

♦ Laura R. Lewis, Creason Street, reported Tuesday her ex-boyfriend was threatening her, following her and trying to force himself into her car.

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Student evaluation proposal gets Faculty Senate approval

◆ Administrators should have more access to student ratings, Faculty Senate committee says

BY MOLLY HARPER

Students may soon have more input into the evaluation of their professors' teaching skills. At a meeting last Tuesday, the Faculty Senate unanimously passed the Professional Responsibilities and Concerns (PRC) Committee's resolution — allowing administration more access to student teaching evaluations.

"I'm quite satisfied with it," Chairman Arvin Vos said. "The committee worked very carefully and struck a good balance. It allows for student input to be taken seriously and also protects faculty interests."

The resolution centers around evaluations given to students at the end of every other semester. It's aimed at making sure disgruntled students don't use these evaluations to get back at their professors.

The Senate recommended that the responses to core items from the questionnaire be made available to individual faculty members, department heads and deans. The provost and president would review them only as part of an established review process for tenure and promotions.

Originally, the Student Input to Teaching Evaluation (SITE) student comments were transcribed and given to the individual faculty member, with the option of the department head seeing them as well. PRC

Chairman Zack Murrell said a policy change allowed the department head as well as the faculty member's dean, the provost and the president to see the results.

"This resolution is a sort of a middle ground between the two policies," Murrell said.

Before, there was no way for the faculty to know that the administration was looking at these comments. Murrell said the resolution is a way to protect the interests of the faculty as well as serve as an evaluation process.

Core questions

The PRC identified six core questions focusing on whether the professor shows a clear understanding of the course topic, shows an interest in teaching the class and is prepared for class. These questions, placed randomly throughout the questionnaire, are designed to measure the overall effectiveness of a professor.

According to the resolution, the Faculty Senate recognizes these core questions as a reliable and valid assessment of teaching methods and supports it fully as a method of evaluation.

While the Faculty Senate agrees that core items are an effective method of evaluation, it advocates using other tools to measure a professor's performance. Vos said these could include an approach similar to the Kentucky Education Reform Act — combined evaluation of exams, syllabi, quizzes and materials used in class.

"There's a great amount of material you could turn in to show your teaching methods,"

Vos said. "It would almost be like a portfolio."

It was also recommended that transcribed copies of student comments be made available to individual faculty members and their department heads for annual evaluation.

Murrell said he is optimistic that student comments and questionnaires will have a positive effect on teaching evaluation.

"It has the potential over a period of time to detect trends, positive or negative, in how students feel about classes," he said. "It's important to retain them, it's just a question of who retains them."

Under the new resolution, these transcripts should also be available to the individual's dean, the provost and the president only at the request of the faculty member or under extraordinary circumstances — in which case the individual would be notified in writing of the action.

Murrell said the PRC is satisfied with how quickly the resolution passed and that it remained unchanged from its first reading.

"The best thing to tell you would be that we're happy it went through and that we hope that the administration will see fit to make it policy," he said.

Murrell said the faculty's only power lies in advising because the administration will make the decision. The resolution will now go to Provost Barbara Burch, who will decide whether it will be used.

"The resolution is simply advisory," Vos said. "It lets the administration know what the Senate considers appropriate."

Business seminars set

BY MATTIAS KAREN

Any Western students striving to become future business owners will have opportunities to get ahead at a series of business seminars on campus.

And the first person to take the stage will be Steve Wheeler from J.C. Holland & Company, who will lead a seminar tonight.

The session will teach basic understanding in evaluating a small business for buying or selling it, said Derrick Starks, training manager for the center.

"Anyone who ever thought of owning their own business needs to go, since they will

need to know how much they're worth," he said.

The seminar will begin at 6 p.m. in Grise Hall, Room 455. A second seminar will be held Tuesday dealing with the Internet and business. This session will explore online surfing targeted toward marketing, direct sales and research, Starks said.

"Both those not too familiar with using the Internet for business purposes and those who want to use it more productively can benefit from it," he said.

The speaker for the seminar will be Mark Bitterling, president of Kentucky Intoweb.

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proposals

Michael Ann Williams, a modern languages and intercultural studies professor, talked to Shirley about the folk studies program.

"He was very positive," Williams said. "He asked very specific questions, and you could tell he had read and was familiar with the proposal."

Burch said she hopes to set up another meeting by the end of the week, but was unsure when that would be.

She said she still hopes to have the programs to the CPE by the end of this month, which would mean hearing a final decision at or before the council's May 18 meeting.

The council hinted during its meeting in Frankfort on Monday at the chance for a special meeting before May 18 to examine any programs submitted.

And that's not all that came

from Monday's CPE meeting. Burch said the council said for the first time that it would be open to accepting more than one program from a school.

The council will consider a proposal's quality, feasibility and the university's capacity to support it, but the number of proposals won't necessarily be a factor.

"Before Monday all of us had some concern about sending more than one," Burch said. "Now they're saying, 'Look universities — it's in your ball park.'"

Next, the faculty and administrators working on proposals turn their attention to matching the \$14 million that would be provided by the state — money that the Western's for the taking.

"It's sitting there sort of in an account with Western's name on it," Burch said. "But we haven't been given the checkbook yet."

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It's time to adopt an e-mail policy

Email is quickly becoming as much a form of standard communication as the telephone, and the access students and faculty have to it on campus enhances their ability to communicate with one another.

With the proper focus, e-mail could be a tremendous contribution to learning and research.

• The issue:
Western is considering enacting an e-mail policy for faculty.

• Our view:
A policy would help to ensure that professors use e-mail in an appropriate way.

Communication between professors and students is beneficial to both, and e-mail can make that communication easier.

But Western has no policy governing the proper use of this important form of communication between faculty and students.

It should. Without a clear policy, there is potential to misuse what could otherwise be a powerful learning tool.

Students should never feel threatened or harassed by a professor under any circumstances in any medium.

Faculty Senate Chairman Arvin Vos said "e-mail should be treated like a handwritten letter or even a phone call."

There is a certain standard of professional behavior, not to mention common sense, that professors should abide by.

Students should also take responsibility under the new policy. If professors use it inappropriately, students

shouldn't be afraid to report them to the dean or to administrators. A university e-mail policy should prohibit professors from sending messages to students that are unrelated to the students' classwork. Even if personal messages are harmless, a professor should be a teacher first, a

friend second.

This kind of policy would be helpful to both faculty and students. Guidelines would help a professor know how to avoid any misunderstanding with a student. And discussion about the subject wouldn't hurt.

As General Counsel Deborah

Wilkins said "different people have different feelings about what is offensive. We need a policy."

Most faculty members will behave responsibly, but there are always those who won't. That's why a policy is necessary. If used appropriately, e-mail can only help in the education process.



♦ Letters to the editor

Attitudes changing about alcohol

When the Student Government Association election of 1996 took place, it was voiced on the opinion page of the Herald that the idea of ever having alcohol on campus was "an issue only because it would be popular with students."

Now in the March 3 edition of the Herald, it has been stated if faculty can have alcohol at special events, "the same privilege should be extended to students."

The administration's view has taken a similar turn. The previous view of our administrators voiced in the March 28, 1996 Herald by General Counsel Deborah Wilkins was that "we don't allow alcoholic beverages

on campus." Now it has been said that there was never a clear alcohol policy and we should mandate one.

Finally, the view of SGA has changed. Before, it was taboo to mention the possibility of promoting alcohol on campus, but now the talk with the circles at SGA is that it will soon advocate alcohol to be served on campus at concerts.

My point is that I wish the students could get the story straight from someone. The Herald, the administration and SGA were all completely opposed to even considering the possibility of alcohol on campus yet they are now all in favor of it. Two years ago, a visionary proponent of Western's interests had the foresight to see that limited, safe and controlled alcohol on campus was the right

thing to do. It's refreshing to see others are thinking that way, too.

Rick Malek,
Bowling Green alumnus

Editor's note: The Herald has never been an advocate for or against alcohol on campus.

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People poll

♦ What are you doing for Spring Break?



"Well, I'm getting married, so I'll be working on some of that stuff."
Amy Wimpee, sophomore from Cross Plains, Tenn.



"I'm going to Ohio for four days, a road trip I suppose."
Kerri Cope, senior from Columbiana, Ohio



"Sleeping and working."
Thomas Johnson, freshman from Severn, Md.



"I'm going to be trying to find a job."
Patrick Dean, Owensboro freshman



"Working. I've got to work. Somebody has to pay my bills."
Bob Zoeliner, Bowling Green junior

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Forum

Random thoughts not always deep ones

Random thoughts while on a propeller airplane that had no air conditioning and was rocking in turbulence (not to mention that greasy airport cheeseburger I had just swallowed).

♦ If I were an alleged counterfeiting student, I would've allegedly made bills bigger than \$20.

That way, I could've allegedly spent more than 800 alleged dollars, and I could allegedly be in more trouble.

Student life's all about being cool, and I'd rather be cool spending alleged sums in the thousands.

♦ Understatements: "It just wasn't smart — period," said Campus police Capt. Mike

Wallace, referring to the alleged Poland Hall counterfeiter.

♦ Tenure, yeah, that's an issue on campus.

But question: If you're a super-duper senior, do you qualify for tenure?

♦ Just in time for Women's History Month: Sports Illustrated's swimsuit edition.

♦ If I could be a female university administrator for this special month, I'd be

Barbara Burch

You could call me Provost and I'd smile because the word "provost" is cool, even though I couldn't tell you what it means.

♦ Message: This commentary has no social redeeming value if you haven't

noticed already.

♦ Western's Radon Tip for the Week: You should hold your breath once a day for 20 seconds so you will live those 20

more seconds after the lung cancer kicks in.

Something tells me I'll still be paying Western loan money when I go through my lung cancer. Hey, I won't need the money when I'm dead.

♦ If I don't get a haircut soon, can I call myself Nappy Head and join the campus sensation rap group Nappy Roots?

My people will give you guys a call.

♦ Back to Women's History Month: I'm a good man, I respect women. If they're intimidatingly gorgeous, I don't even try to exist around women.

So when women bash men this month, I hope they're not

referring to me.

Or maybe I should hope women are bashing me. You know what they say about nice guys?

♦ Sports Note: I know it's Forum, but this is big! We still have no men's basketball coach. We still have no Matt Kircullen sighting. Fan apathy hasn't ceased. I'm still not inspired.

Here's my uninspiring line this week: Here ain't no coach up in here.

♦ People poll question to the men: Are you a feminist? Ponder it. Get back to me.

Editor's note: Jerry Brewer is a sophomore print journalism major from Paducah.

Jerry Brewer
Commentary



Education should be part of training

"Training is a short and long-term 'win-win' throughout the entire university. As individuals, we gain new knowledge, skills and experience that enhance our personal and professional growth. As a university, we gain more competent and committed staff that are prepared to meet individual, team and university goals."

The preceding quotation was taken from the January-March 1998 edition of the training and development handbook which was recently distributed to university employees by the Human Resources department. The booklet also states, "training and development is committed to helping provide the best training at the right time to meet individual, team and organizational needs."

On Page 8 of this same publication, Human Resources stipulates, "as part of the university's continuing emphasis on educational development of all employees, the University General Education Diploma Program is now being offered. Employees enrolled in the program will be allowed to attend classes during their scheduled work week with no loss of pay or benefits. Supervisors are being asked to encourage participation of those employees, reporting to them who may benefit from this program."

No one should find a fault with an institution's commitment to the educational devel-

opment of its employees.

But the same department that openly professes its dedication to "educational development" concurrently proposes to revoke the traditional practices of employees' participation in university classes without loss of pay or benefits.

All of the classes and workshops in the training and development catalog

are offered only during working hours.

Employees are encouraged to participate with no loss of pay or benefits.

Human Resources argues that its classes are work-related.

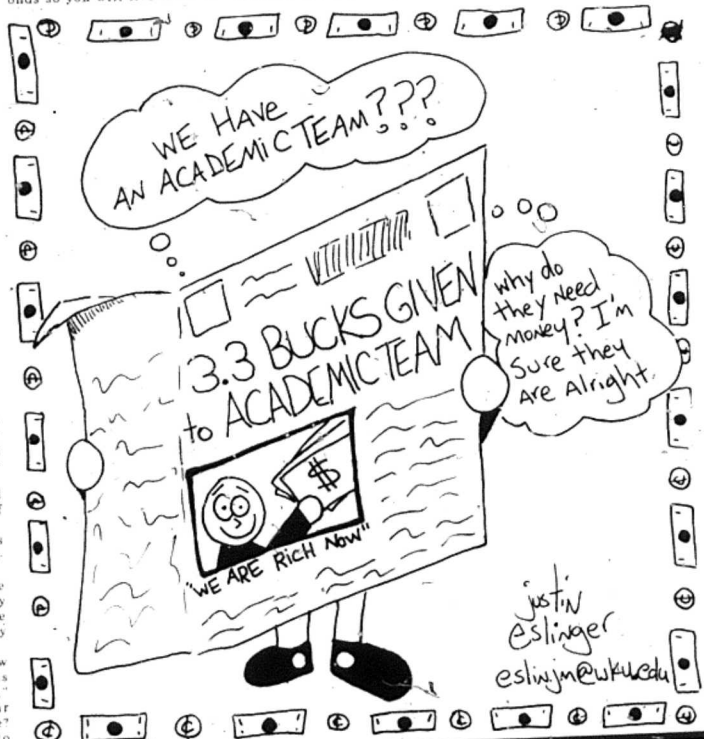
This position has some validity because almost any learning experience can be defined as occupationally pertinent.

We should, perhaps, draw the line at courses such as "Understanding Investments," "Unsatisfied in Your Relationships" and "Exercise: I Don't Have Time to Exercise."

How can anyone possibly take the Human Resources training and development program seriously when its department chooses to endorse the denial of equal access for all employees to the greatest training and development program in south central Kentucky?

Editor's note: Tony Thurman is the special collections exhibits technician for the Kentucky Museum.

Tony Thurman
Commentary



♦ Letters to the editor

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Students need Rock House for lab work

In response to the March 10 article, "Two parking lots planned for hill," we would like to set the record straight.

First, the Rock House is not a storage place for the geology department. It is an anthropology laboratory operated through the anthropology program. Both stories and the basement are extensively used for classroom, artifact analysis, photography and drafting work space and storage of historic and prehistoric artifacts and associated maps and site records.

Students in all four classes I teach each semester use the Rock House extensively for classroom and laboratory use. This term alone, anthropology students will spend about 1,634 hours of research in the lab. In addition, two full-time staff members and

three work study students use the lab this semester.

The artifacts and associated documentary records housed in this building must be curated by federal law. If this building is torn down, where would this much classroom and storage space be found?

Although the building does have some structural problems, we have found little inconvenience using this space. I have had far more problems with my regular classroom in the fine arts center, Room 239. It makes absolutely no sense to tear this building down for a few parking spaces. The master plan for the campus was written a number of years ago when the anthropology program was not nearly as strong as it is now. The Rock House is essential for this program. There must be other solutions for the parking problem.

Valerie A. Haskins,
anthropology instructor

Lady Topper fan shows support

Last weekend I traveled to Ruston, La., to watch the Lady Toppers play in the Sun Belt tournament. I want to thank Western's pep band and Lady Topper cheer leaders for doing a terrific job during that tournament. Your spirit was very contagious and made all of us fans even louder. From all of the fans who were at the tournament, we want to say thank you!

For our Lady Topper basketball team — Thank you for the great memories you have given us this year. You are very classy young women who have played hard, studied hard and given all of us reason to get excited about Lady Topper basketball. Good luck in the NCAA Tournament!

Debbie Gregory,
Hilltopper Athletic Foundation coordinator

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SGA passes new constitution unanimously

◆ The student body will vote on the new document April 28

BY MELISSA FELKINS

The Student Government Association spent an hour and a half debating the group's new constitution Tuesday, but the congress unanimously approved the document in the end.

After a year of rewriting it, the legislative research committee passed out its proposed constitution at the March 3 congress meeting for members to look over.

A two-thirds vote was needed to pass the constitution, and the congressional chamber was full. There were only a few amendments, but those amendments drew heavy debate.

One of the more controversial topics was the president's full veto abilities; some members argued it gave the president too much power.

Lexington sophomore Larry Murphy said he thought the president was already in an influential position by having a vote on the Board of Regents and didn't think one member needed that much power.

"The idea behind it is good, but it could definitely fall into the wrong hands," he said.

Some students said they felt that since the president is trusted to vote for the students on the board, he should be trusted to have the veto power.

"In order for (the student regent) to appear as a valid power to the Board of Regents, (the president) is going to need as much support from student government as they can have," Paducah junior Tim Hatton said. "It was pointed out that congress can override the veto. Since we can, it's a check, so he doesn't really have full veto power."

"If two-thirds of congress is behind something, the voice of the tiger will come out."

In the end, the presidential

veto was taken out of the new constitution and will remain with the executive council.

Another major issue, passed

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— Julie Gray
Glasgow freshman

by the congress but hotly debated, was whether or not the president and vice president should run separately or on a joint ticket.

The new constitution states that the president and vice president will run together on the same ticket, and Glasgow freshman Julie Gray said they will be more likely to complement each other and work better together.

"It's more logical they run

together since they are going to work together," she said. "It's a very important job for the whole year. They will be working together all-year long; they should start out together."

Murphy disagreed, saying sometimes running mates can bring candidates down, even if they are the most qualified, and could discourage some people from voting.

"What if I don't vote for either one because I don't like the vice president?"

He also said he felt that more candidates would run if they could do it separately.

Hatton also wanted a separate ticket, saying that putting them together was really

"unnecessary."

He said he could see why some would think it was a good idea since that is the way the national government is run, but that is because two philosophies running together wouldn't work. In student government, political ideologies shouldn't be an issue.

"We're all pro-Western," he said.

One of the less-debated issues was making a change that stated instead of only one semester service in congress, all executive officers must have at least one full year of service.

Overall, most said they were pleased with the outcome of the constitution and thought it would meet the needs of Western students well.

"I'm glad the constitution got passed finally," Gray said. "I know (LRC) has worked really hard on it. It's good to see that hard work finally paid off."

And while a few kinks may show up later, Hatton said he was confident they could be taken care of.

"There's nothing that can't be fixed down the road," Hatton said. "No one can create the perfect legal document."

The constitution will be voted on by the full student body in the general election held April 28.

RACE: Western students need more cultural education

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examples of a less-than-friendly campus.

One student pointed out that every Spirit Master this year is white.

Another said his attempt to join that elite group of university representatives ended with the interview.

"There seemed to be a wall there," he said. "It was the coldest interview I've had in my life."

The group concluded that Western students need to be

better educated about other cultures. Hardin had an idea for correcting this problem.

"Let the freshman seminar address the issue of minority relations for both majority and minority students," Hardin said.

But students aren't the only minorities who feel isolated. Huda Melky, Western's affirmative action officer, asked the group to consider faculty and staff relationships.

"If we're looking at our staff and faculty as the ones that are going to assist our students, we

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— Huda Melky
affirmative action officer

need to help them, too," Melky said.

She suggested the task force

include a retention program for faculty and staff in its final report.

Psychology department Head John O'Connor, co-chairman for the committee, divided the members into four subgroups to tackle these issues.

When the task force meets again March 24, members will break into their respective subgroups: faculty, staff and student relations; academics and advisement; student life; and the university community.

Carol Graham, a management

and information systems professor, said these groups must find a way to give students, faculty and staff the tools necessary for healthy minority relations.

"We can't just tell people to change and not enable them to change," Graham said.

Until all at Western have those tools, Hardin said he thinks the university won't be living up to its motto, "the spirit makes the master."

"Right now that spirit is real funny, and it's not making the master."

CHARITY: Auction to be investigated

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private facilities such as the fraternity house, we would have less control."

Pride said he has not been able to discuss the matter with the fraternity members, but the incident will be looked into.

"We'll investigate the incident and see what they have to say and go from there," Pride said.

The student life policies statement on student rights and responsibilities section of the student handbook Hilltopics says: "Disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or expression on university-owned or controlled property or at university sponsored or supervised functions may constitute violation of the Kentucky Penal Code and carry the possibility of criminal prosecution as well. This responsibility also applies to events sponsored and supervised by recognized student organizations."

Mary Lee Stevens, the executive director of the Cystic

Fibrosis Foundation, Kentucky/West Virginia chapter, said it had no knowledge of the fraternity's plan to use stripping to help raise money for the foundation.

"We would never condone removing clothing for fund raising," Stevens said. "It's a shame."

Stevens said the foundation's telemarketing department had received a phone message with Henry White's, the fraternity's president, name on it, stating that his chapter would be conducting a road block to raise money for the foundation.

A road block was held Tuesday, and nearly \$200 was raised, but Stevens said the foundation knew nothing of the fund raiser involving stripping, which raised an estimated \$110.

Stevens said she is unsure if the foundation will accept the money raised by the event.

"I've never come across anything like this," Stevens said. "I'm just speechless and don't know what to say. I'll have to call the national foundation and see what

to do."

Erik Jenkins, a sophomore from Quincy, Fla., and vice president of the fraternity chapter, said the fraternity had not planned for anyone to get completely naked. He also said the foundation did not know of the review and auction fund-raiser because the fraternity had decided just that day to make it part of the fund-raising project.

"It was something we were going to do on our own," Jenkins said. "It was going to be free to the public sometime, but we decided to go ahead and have it and give the proceeds to cystic fibrosis."

It is not known whether the KA Psi's auction violated any national fraternity rules. Its national office could not be reached for comment yesterday afternoon.

Pride said if the fraternity is found to be in violation of university rules, he is unsure what the penalty will be.

"We deal with these on a case-by-case basis," Pride said.

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Sunday — Regular hours

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Closed Saturday through March 22

DUC Food Court

Friday — close at 4 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

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Alliance studies business risk

BY JENNIFER ENGLERT

The atmosphere inside the room was warm and friendly, a stark contrast to the cold, windy weather outside. A diverse group of men and women gathered together to listen to various women entrepreneurs from around Bowling Green.

The Women's Alliance sponsored their annual spring workshop yesterday. The program, "Women Entrepreneurs: Risks and Rewards," featured local businesswomen giving advice on how to begin businesses as well as the risks and rewards that go along with it.

Joyce Rasdall, vice president of Women's Alliance, was in charge of coordinating the event. She said the purpose of the program was to give future entrepreneurs the chance to hear success stories and see outstanding role models in action.

"The guest speakers are addressing the risks involved with starting a business," said Rasdall, also a consumer and family sciences professor. "They are sharing advice on how to overcome

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these risks and the rewards that come from them."

According to Rasdall, 70 percent of all businesses created in the last two years were started by women. In Kentucky, 40 percent of the businesses being created are owned by women.

Kentucky is paralleling the national trend for women owning businesses," she said. "It's a little lower because we got a late start." Gwynn Stewart, founder and owner of Gwynn Stewart Realty, Inc., was the final speaker of the day. Stewart, a Western alumna, said that one of the most important aspects of being successful is planning.

"The most important thing I learned in home economics here at Western was to plan and how to plan," she said. "I hated it back then and I hate it now, but it is essential."

Stewart said that two things

govern life: the desire for pleasure and the avoidance of pain. She said that when beginning a new goal, she always asks herself the question.

"What is the shortest and most direct route to my destination?"

Stewart said that she advises everyone to make sure that every new project that they complete is quality work. She said that perception is everything and that in order to succeed, entrepreneurs must be willing to take a little

"You've got to spend it to make it," she said. "You've got to take a risk to reap the rewards."

David Emerson, a residence life complex director, said that he found the workshop to be informative.

"I attended the workshop to increase my awareness of women's issues dealing with business," he said. "It will help me to relate with my female residents and students."

Rose Davis, president of Women's Alliance, left the audience with a few words of advice.

"We must make a plan and trust our own instincts," she said.

STUDIES: Program provides good skills

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The women's studies program offers two core undergraduate courses — Introduction to Women's Studies and Western Feminist Thought — and 24 elective courses to be counted toward a women's studies minor, and a graduate certificate is in the future. Olmsted said she believes that women's studies graduates leave the program with skills that will help them in any career.

"They will have excellent critical thinking skills," she said. "They know how to analyze, and they know how to write about it. I believe they have gotten exposure to issues that other undergraduates haven't been exposed to."

About 30 students are working toward minors in women's studies this semester, and many more are in classes. Olmsted said there are usually about two male students per class, and they usually "stick with it" the whole semester. She said it's important to look at why some men drop the course.

"I know of one case where the man dropped it because he thought it would be a good chance

to hang out with a bunch of girls," Olmsted said. "Some of them drop out because it was a lot more rigorous and challenging than they thought it would be. I don't think anyone has been chased away."

While the intellectual stimulation of women's studies is an obvious perk, personal growth is one of the focuses of the program.

"By studying your own history you learn about yourself. You find out you're not alone in what you feel. You find out that there's other people that have gone through the same thing you have," Olmsted said. "It builds confidence."

How should people observe Women's History Month?

"All year round" seems to be Olmsted's convenient answer. She hopes that people learn not to respond defensively to the idea that women have a history that isn't the same as men's.

"Women have made contributions that are worthy of knowing about and learning about but aren't the same as men's contributions," she said. "That's OK. That doesn't take anything away from men's history."



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Keep brain in gear to ensure safe Spring Break

By Matt Batchelder

Students heading for warmer climates this Spring Break shouldn't just pack their brains as well.

That's according to campus police officers and the Better Business Bureau, who warn that Spring Break can finance a scam artist for the rest of the year.

"We like to say, 'If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is,'" said Christian Patterson of the Louisville Better Business

Bureau.

Be wary of advertisements offering Spring Break package deals to Florida, especially those that claim a flight is included.

He recommends students call the BBB before making any plans or sending any money for package vacation deals.

"The price you're paying for might not include the amenities you think," Patterson said. "It's not uncommon that you would wait several hours for charter flights."

His remedy: Call a reputable

travel agent to make certain the business has a good track record.

Financing vacations with a credit card is another must, Patterson said. Credit payments can be recovered more easily than checks or cash if the trip turns out to be a scam.

Once the vacation is set, it's time to "make sure the home base is protected," Crime Prevention Officer Allen Polk said.

It's time to remove from the apartment or dorm anything that might end up in a pawn shop: stereo, television, jewelry and

CDs. And take them home. Polk said — not along for the trip.

Stop newspaper and mail delivery by filling out a form at the post office. Turn on electrical timers and motion detectors that can mimic turning on the lights and television.

Polk said it's important that students know who to contact if they lose their credit cards and to carry traveler's checks, auto and health insurance cards.

Upon arrival, park in a well-lit area. Before unpacking check under beds, curtains and in the

shower to make sure thieves aren't lurking. Never answer the door unless contact is established with the person behind it.

"Be aware of people who prey on tourists," Polk said. "Try not to look like tourists."

Be sure to call a taxi if intoxicated and avoid walking after dark.

"Just like anywhere else, realize alcohol intoxication leads to risk-taking behavior," Polk said. "Just because you're away from home doesn't mean you're away from responsibility."

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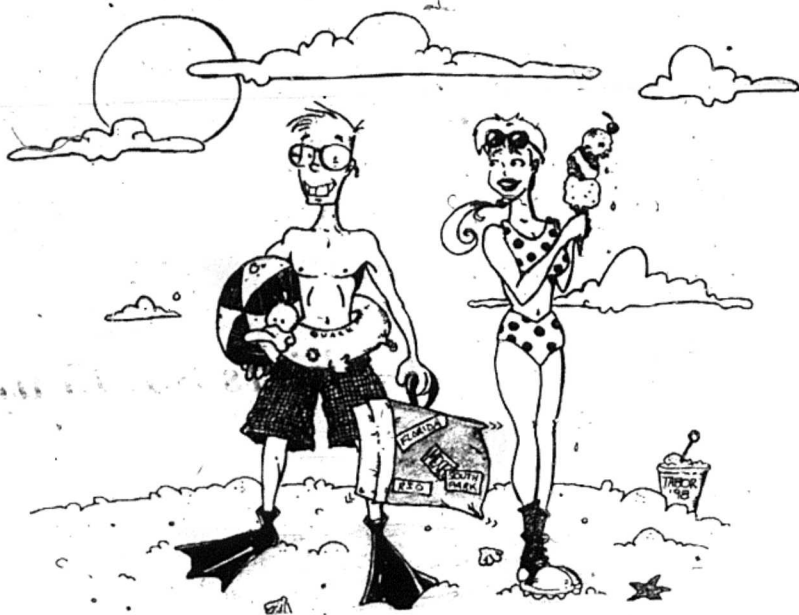
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A Tale of Beach Two Cities



Story by Brian Mains Art by Chris Tabor

Western students have been lying snug in their dorm room beds, with images of beaches, sun tan oil and warm temperatures dancing in their heads.

Be it to Daytona, West Palm Beach or the Keys, Susan Clouse has been there helping students realize their Spring Break dreams.

"We've had a lot of students scheduling trips," said the travel agent at Around the World Travel Inc.

Clouse has served her charitable duty, helping students find that perfect stretch of beach to sit back and sip mixed dreams since last fall.

But why the migratory urges of college students traveling to such far away lands?

"Why do you think people go to beaches?" Clouse said with the air of a elfen smile instead of a muse. "For the guys, it's sun, buns and beer. For the girls it's a good tan. I don't think any college student goes away on Spring Break to relax."

Two destinations present the yin and the yang to Clouse's jolly assumption about Spring Break destinations:

Daytona, Fla. — The Yin

Is there sand? Check. Sun? Check. Members of the opposite sex? Check.

Tricia Savard, director of public relations for Jolty Communications and Daytona Spring Break, said

Clouse is right on the money when talking about breakers and the lack of relaxation.

"Part of that is we try to give breakers something to do that doesn't cost them a dime," Savard said.

Concerts, a Hawaiian Tropic swimsuit competition, a Fortune 500 company job fair and more sporting activities than you could swing a stick at are proof that students aren't going to be able to kick back, Savard said.

"Daytona Beach is synonymous with Spring Break in a lot of students' minds because it's been, like, an institution for 25, 30 years," Savard said, with a snicker.

The crowning proof of all this is about 200,000 college visitors in under a month and the 70-plus temperatures tanning the pasty bodies from Kentucky and Nameless, Tenn.

"We're the warmest Florida destination," Savard said. "I've seen more than a few burnt bodies walking around the beach."

West Palm Beach, Palm County, Fla. — The Yang

Ann Herselly, director of public relations for Palm

County, offers the rebuttal that not all students' wants are wild days and even busier nights.

"West Palm Beach is not your typical dining and drinking destination," Herselly said. "We offer more of a sports-oriented Spring Break."

With deep sea diving, jet skis, fishing, the most golf courses and the longest stretch of beach in any Florida county, Herselly said, West Palm Beach is the best kick-back destination.

"It's not like there are one or two nice beaches," she said. "We have 46 miles of beautiful beaches."

In more general terms, Herselly said there will be less drunken revellers to bump into on the beach and a chance to pull out the lawn chairs and relax.

In the end, Clouse said no Spring Break trip is totally relaxing, but students should remember one thing — keep it cheap.

"(The best way to keep it cheap) is by booking early," Clouse said. "It's a little too late for that this year."

— Susan Clouse
travel agent

Remember common sense on Spring Break

By SCHERIE SMITH

Wild might be the best way to describe Spring Break—the undying college tradition.

However, before heading south for the traditional sun and fun, there are a few things to keep in mind and to keep in your possession.

Kind of like the boy scouts say, be prepared. And, when entering into a chaotic environment, Mary Wilfert, the coordinator for Student Health Service, said it's important to be prepared for anything.

Here are three basic necessities that will help to keep Spring Break safer and cleaner:

- **Sun Block:** Sometimes students don't know the dangers of the sun, Wilfert said. "You really want to avoid a lot of exposure to the sun," she said. "Just keep in mind, the more exposure the skin gets, the faster it ages and the more likely you are to develop certain types of skin cancer."



Beth Rush, head nurse at Student Health Service, agrees that the dangers of the sun are often overlooked.

"Students really do need to protect themselves from the sun," Rush said. "They need to make sure that they don't fall asleep outside, and they need to use sunscreen."

With all the different SPF ratings of sunscreen out there, Wilfert recommends blocks from SPF 15 to 30.

"Make sure not to forget the little areas like the tops of the ears and noses," she said.

Besides skin damage, the sun can also work havoc on other parts of the body.

"If you have thin hair, you need to wear a hat to protect the scalp," Wilfert said. "Sunglasses are a must to protect your eyes."

However, Wilfert said if you know you are going to be exposed to the sun for a long period of time, try to make it during the part of the day when the sun isn't as effective. "Somewhere between 10 a.m.

and 2 p.m. is when the sun is the hottest," she said. "Try not to be out during those hours and you'll help yourself out."

In the event of a serious sunburn, the best remedy, Wilfert said, is no more sun. "Certainly just get out of the sun," she said.

- **Contraceptives:** Today it's just plain dangerous to engage in casual sex, Wilfert said. But, during Spring Break, such things have been known to occur. "To be prepared, don't forget the contraceptives."

"Let's not forget our old friend the condom," Wilfert said. "If someone is wanting to protect their sexual health, condoms are the best bet."

But, Wilfert said the most important thing is to communicate.

"Try to be honest with partners about your sexual history," she said. "We know that in the Spring Break environment no one's really going to be frank about their sexual history."

With that in mind, Wilfert said to make sure you understand the

risks. Rush said the only way to remove any chance of accidental sexually transmitted diseases is not to have sex.

"The best advice is to abstain from sexual contact, especially during Spring Break with strangers," she said. "But if you're going to be in those situations, use condoms."

Rush added that people don't really realize how serious sex is.

"This is a very serious business," she said. "It's just not worth all the risk."

- **Your mind:** Maybe the most important thing to pack for the big trip is your brain. Oh yeah, don't forget to use it when alcohol gets involved.

"People forget that alcohol is one of the biggest and most commonly used date-rape drugs," Wilfert said. "You don't want to get into a bad situation."

Wilfert recommends keeping a buddy around.

"Take a friend," she said. "You

can look out for them, and they can look out for you."

Wilfert also said to watch your drinks.

"People will drop things in your drink just to see what happens," she said. "Never accept an open drink from a stranger."

Rush agrees the dangers are real.

"You always need to know exactly what you're drinking," she said. "It could happen to anybody, anywhere and at any time."

When it comes to throwing a couple back this break, the most important thing to learn is to push back from the bar.

"Just think in terms of moderation," Wilfert said. "You can enjoy the highs of alcohol without getting yourself wasted."

Rush said not to forget the importance of a designated driver.

"Don't drink and drive," she said. "And always drink in moderation."

Basically, she said, keep things under control.

"Use good judgment," Wilfert said. "That's probably what you need most."



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Police say Breakers welcome

BY KELLEY LYNN

The suspects, obviously drunk, began to shimmy up the flag pole to steal the Texas flag flying above.

While on patrol one evening, Corporal Bryan Smith, of the Corpus Christi (Texas) Police Department, was in a parking lot across the street from a post office when he observed three men in a car circling the block. Afraid the men were planning to burglarize the building, Smith radioed for back-up and continued to observe the situation.

Smith chuckled when he remembered the three men's faces when several patrol cars surrounded them.

"Once they got up the flag pole, there was nowhere for them to go," Smith said, laughing at the cornered, would-be thieves.

Spring Break stories such as this have made their way into the lore of police officers. These officers patrol cities invaded yearly by thousands of students flocking southward for some fun in the sun.

But Smith said that, contrary to what most people see in the rash of Spring Break movies, these incidents are rather scarce.

"We have a very good track record with Spring Breakers down here," he said. "Really, down here in south Texas we don't have many problems."

Smith said the major problem with Spring Breakers is proper identification. He said often times people will remember to take their alcohol to the beach but forget their drivers' licenses that prove they can legally drink it.

Identification and glass containers are two top priorities in Panama City, Fla. Maj. Mike Odom, of the Panama City Beach Police, encourages everyone on the beach and to carry their drivers' licenses with them at all times to avoid potentially sticky situations.

"We'll be spot checking people with alcohol to make sure they are legal," Odom said. "They may not be arrested for it, but they definitely won't finish it if they don't have their ID."

Odom said every year his city has its fair share of people suffering from alcohol stupidity.

He said at least one person tries to dive into a pool from a balcony every year, and luckily no one has been badly injured, but he is expecting a tragedy at any time. People just get so drunk that they become a danger to themselves and others, so they must be dealt with.

"They drink so much they forget where they're staying," he said. "You find them on the beach with sand all over them, looking like a sugar-coated doughnut."

Even though some vacationers felt the need to push the limits of good sense, everyone agreed that Spring Breakers were welcome in their towns and are usually an enjoyable part of the year.

City beach patrolers did agree with a warning given by Odom to all would-be Spring Breakers that fun and "out of control" are not synonymous.

"As long as they clean up their messes and don't leave their manners behind, they can come down and have a good time," Odom said. "But if they forget their manners or get out of line, then we are going to deal with them."

BY SARAH RAMSEY

Homelessness. It is a reality.

We see it on the streets, on television during the holidays, but rarely do anything about it.

John Grisham's newest book, "The Street Lawyer," questions the morality of the upper middle class in an intriguing story of the homeless in Washington, D.C.

A true story from an uncommon angle, the book contains a harsh reality of a scam that causes a cover-up that rocks Capitol Hill.

The entire city, the homeless included, is on tip toes waiting to hear the decision the lawyers will make concerning the cover-up.

Deciding to read the book was a no-brainer. The first chapter was published in the Wall Street Journal. Three speakers I listened to quoted this book in their presentations.

The book presents itself in an easy-to-read manner without all the legal jargons making it

easy to finish.

It begins with Mister A homeless man who is wearing five layers of clothes and looks like he hasn't bathed in months.

Entering the largest law firm in D.C., he walks directly into a conference room taking eight litigants' hostage. He then proceeds with his plan with no opposition from the litigators.

"Don't put me and my people in the same class with the symphony and the synagogue, and all your pretty white folks clubs where you auction wine and autographs and give a few bucks to the Boy Scouts. I'm talking about food. Food for hungry people who live here in the same city you live in. Food for little babies. Right here. Right in this city, with all you people making millions, we got little babies starving at night, crying 'cause they're hungry. How much

food?"

By no means does Mister fit the stereotype of the homeless that is present in today's society.

Mister put his life on the line serving the United States of America and this is how we decided to repay him.

Mister is a 45-year-old Vietnam vet named Devon Hardy.

Mister's mission is not to kill or harm the lawyers, but

rather make them realize they have the power and money to provide the homeless with the basic necessities of life — food, water, clothing and shelter — things that even the military provides all soldiers.

To reinforce the homeless man's message, he orders the group dinner from a local homeless shelter. He decides to let them eat what the homeless survive on to see if they don't start singing a different tune.

One of the hostages takes the message to heart, questioning his own decisions and lifestyle.

The book starts to follow the life of the man as he tries to revamp his life, so he can look himself in the mirror and not be horrified by the reflection.

Money, prestige, marriage and security don't mean a damn thing if one is not truly happy. Going through the motions and waiting to be happy will drive a person and his entire life down the drain.

A prestigious lawyer who makes \$120,000 a year plus a hefty, year-end bonus chooses to turn into a homeless man.

Is he trying to prove a point to the corporate world? Did he lose his mind?

Want to know the real reason? Read the book!

This book is a simple eye opener of a reality that is engulfing more of the United States than we care to admit.

I recommend that anyone with a sense of morality should not only read this book, but live by it.

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Spring Break about more than tanning oil and Florida beach

Okay, it's here—the time of year that makes me the most depressed.

Whoever came up with the idea of Spring Break obviously wanted to torture and torment me to no end. I'll be the first to admit that unlike every other person my age in the population, I am not going anywhere sunny for the break.

Go ahead, laugh. I know you will. But I am mentally prepared for all the taunts. That's fine. But remember when all the sun and fun have gone away, who'll still have her tan? Ha, ha, ha my tan's built in baby. Mother nature's good of golden brown.

All right, I admit I'm pulling at straws. The truth is all you cool kids that are migrating south are going to have a blast. All I'm going to do is let my behind spread while sitting at home on the couch. The only rays I'll be catching are from the television. But maybe it won't be so bad, I mean, when else can I catch five whole episodes of Jerry Springer? Hey, don't knock him, we all know you watch it.

So, for those of us who are too cheap to just procrastinate too long and aren't partying down next week, there are a couple of cool things going on to help ease those Spring Break blues.

◆ 4 vs. 4 Soccer Tournament — Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Griffin Park. Teams of all ages will compete in games for about five hours, so you'll get to see a lot of action in a relatively short amount of time.



WEEKEND SUPERPICKS
Schen Smith

Being a former player and forever a lover of soccer, I recommend checking it out. The temperature is supposed to climb, so it might be a fun day in the park (and who doesn't love that). Plus, it's a great location. Just think, if the tournament stinks, just head over to the duck pond and feed the birds that didn't make it south. Sounds kind of like those of us who won't be in Florida next week.

As a matter of fact, make it a point to visit those poor, poor birds. It's not their fault they were abandoned by their comrades and left to battle howling Green's cold alone.

It's not their fault they have broken wings and can't carry themselves down south and sip margaritas with the rest of the young bird population. It's not their fault they won't be sipping apple juice day in and day out in the hot Florida sun.

Uh, okay. I went a little far with the bird analogy. Sorry guys, I guess I'm just a little bitter. Oops.

◆ Youth Art Exhibit —

tomorrow, people can check out local students' artwork at the Capital Art Center's gallery. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Come on, if you can't afford to go anywhere for Spring Break, at least this is free. Hopefully some kid painted a picture of an ocean scene so you can dream.

Better yet, make your own beach. I'm sure the folks down at the Capital won't mind if you dump a ton of sand in front of that painting. Just throw some Buffett on the intercom system and you've got your own home-made paradise. Man, I knew I was good, but I didn't know I was this good.

Well, maybe that's not the greatest idea. Especially if there's no rock painting at the gallery. Okay, just forget that one. Bad idea, really bad.

To ask about the sand idea or just for more general information, call the Capital at 782-2787.

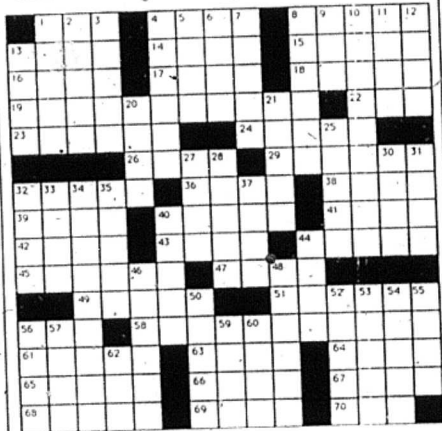
There you have it. I know the pickings seem slim, but you gotta realize that this place will soon be a ghost town thanks to the break.

But, I'm fine with it. Go ahead and leave me. Not like you're going to have any fun or anything. I don't care.

Just bring me back something good.

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

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1. Uncle to millions
4. Canadian prov.
8. Bundle of wires
13. Singing syllables
14. Refuge
15. Orderly arrangement
16. Nationality: abbr.
17. Flow
18. Male bee
19. Face
22. Combine
23. Restaurant
24. Brought
26. Lost
29. Items listed in a will
32. One who loved Bess
36. Mountains
38. Dagger
39. Indigo plant
40. 1 of 12 signs
41. Sea denizens
42. Pimples
43. Loud sound
44. Llamas' home
45. Esteem
47. Unpleasant
49. Pry
51. Small bundle
56. ...walked out in the streets of Laredo...
58. Wedding rehearsal attendees
61. Role on M*A*S*H
63. Diminish
64. ...down; resign
65. Faith statement
66. Time in reverse
67. X and X
68. Smart-alecky
69. TV rooms
70. Dee's neighbor, on a keyboard

8. Officers-to-be
9. Departure's opp.
10. Made wider
11. Ground
12. Watched carefully
13. Chantilly's specialty
20. Walter's item
21. Embers
25. German city
27. Of a continent: pref.
28. Salsa
30. Prefix for cast or communication
31. Meeting: abbr.
32. TV's Jack
33. Formerly
34. Places for front row seats, at circuses
35. Collect remnants
37. Of flying: pref.
40. Passion
44. Jesus' lang.
46. Mixture of Scotch, vermouth and bitters
48. Surprising wine rests
50. Played the flute
52. Societal division
53. Paper flaps
54. Tranquil abodes
55. Measurements: abbr.
56. Curved lines
57. Teasdale
59. Knighted woman
60. ...go brag
62. Newspaper items

Answer to last week's puzzle:



Down

1. American territory
2. Alaskan native
3. River in France
4. Bowling lanes
5. Form of lie
6. Ms. Turner
7. Do not exist

WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

Greenwood 6

Man In The Iron Mask — (F) 7:15 & 9:45 (S&S) 12:30, 4, 7:15 & 9:45
U.S. Marshals — (F) 7 & 9:40 (S&S) noon, 3:45, 7 & 9:40
As Good As It Gets — (F) 7 & 9:45 (S&S) 12:15, 4:15, 7 & 9:30
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Titanic — (M-T) 7:30 (F) 7 & 7:30 (S&S) noon, 12:30, 4, 4:30, 8 &

8:30

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Twilight — (F) 7:45 & 9:45 (S&S) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45 & 9:45
Hush — (F) 7:15 & 9:15 (S&S) 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10
Dark City — (F) 7 & 9:30 (S&S) 2:15, 4:30, 7 & 9:30
The Wedding Singer — (F) 7:45 & 9:45 (S&S) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45 &

9:45

Good Will Hunting — (F) 7 & 9:30 (S&S) 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30

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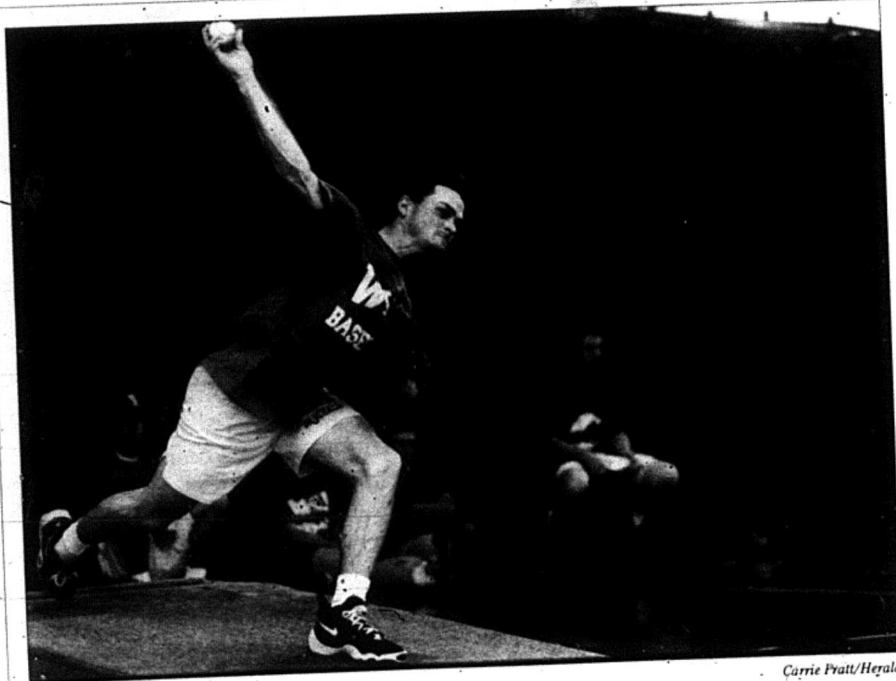
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Sports



During practice Wednesday afternoon, sophomore pitcher Ryan Ferrell works on his techniques in Diddle Arena. The team practiced indoors because Western's games with Yale were canceled.

Carrie Pratt/Herald

Baseball cancels two games

BY TRAVIS MAYO

Enter more weird March weather.

The snow was swirling. The temperature was falling. The baseball diamond was clear.

Yale made the trip to Bowling Green for no reason, as the series against Western was canceled yesterday because of inclement weather. Wednesday's matchup against the Bulldogs was the fourth Topper game canceled in little more than a week.

But a warmer climate is in the near future.

The Tops (8-6) will escape the cold and enter the Sunshine State to play Jacksonville this weekend. The series begins with a double-header at 12 p.m. Saturday.

The teams meet again at 1 p.m. Sunday.

It is Western's second conference series of the season and another chance for the Hilltoppers to make a statement to the Sun Belt coaches.

Western finished ninth in the conference preseason rankings, receiving only one first place vote.

That lone vote was from Western coach Joel Murrie.

It's something that sticks in freshman second baseman

Brian Houdek's mind. It also motivates him to want to have success against conference opponents. He said he thinks the ideal situation would be for Western to come out of the weekend with a sweep.

"We haven't really earned any respect," Houdek said. "We just want to be recognized as a top-notch team."

"We've kind of gotten crapped on the past couple years because we haven't finished good the past couple years."

Upcoming games

Saturday
12 p.m. at Jacksonville.
Second game will follow.

Sunday
1 p.m. at Jacksonville.

Standing in the way of early respect is a Dolphins team that is 9-2 at home. Jacksonville also has 10 hitters batting above .300. Senior outfielder Blane Layton leads the Dolphins in both home runs and runs batted in, with four homers and 22 RBIs.

The Tops will also have a formidable opponent on the mound. Jacksonville sophomore pitcher Nick Regilio (4-0) comes into the game with a 2.50 earned run average.

Pitching is what Houdek said is the key to beating the Dolphins. He's confident in the Tops' scoring ability, but said the pitching staff's performance has to hold Jacksonville's runs to a minimum.

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Lady Tops to put anger behind them

BY JERRY BREWER

The Western women's basketball team held a meeting Monday to ensure the team is together as it enters the NCAA Tournament.

"We got everything out we needed to get out," freshman forward ShaRae Mansfield said. "We decided that we weren't going to talk about how mad we are about our seeding any more. We need to focus on what we need to do to win."

The eighth-seeded Lady Toppers (25-8) play ninth-seeded Stephen F. Austin (25-3) at 5 p.m. Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn., in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional. The winner will most likely meet top-seeded Tennessee (33-0) — which is

being called the best team ever — on its home floor in the second round Monday.

Western and the Ladyjacks are the only two ranked teams that will play in the first round.

The Lady Toppers finished the season ranked No. 13, the Ladyjacks finished 20th.

"It's hard for me to believe the both of us are seeded so low," Coach Steve Small said. "It's hard for me to accept it. But I told the girls the other day what

my momma used to tell me. Kiss your mad spot and get over it." Stephen F. Austin may be the most athletic team Western has played. The Ladyjacks have a

"We've got to take care of the ball and win the war on the boards because they're so explosive."

— Steve Small
basketball coach

their quickness, they rebound well. Four players average between 5.2 and 11.1 rebounds

per game.

"This is a very, very, very tough matchup for us," Small said. "We've got to take care of the ball and win the war on the boards because they're so explosive."

Senior center Leslie Johnson said the first-round challenge excites the Lady Toppers. "We feel like we can beat Stephen F. Austin," Johnson said. "We feel like Tennessee is a team we can beat. It doesn't matter what other people think, we know what we can do. It's easily our toughest challenge, but we're up for it."

"We're going to win and enjoy the ride. This is a time to prove

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Tourney a dream for frosh forward

◆ Western will face Stephen F. Austin at 5 p.m. Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn.

BY JERRY BREWER

Consider ShaRae Mansfield's story when thinking about the magic of the NCAA Tournament.

Before Sunday, her basketball dream had been deferred. The freshman forward had all the individual honors a high school player could dream of — all the All-America honors, all the all-state honors, all the fans' attention, all the people's admiration because she recovered from an anterior cruciate ligament injury during her sophomore year.

But she never made it to the Sweet Sixteen, the biggest show in girls' high school basketball in Kentucky.

Four times she was denied. In her last two years, her team lost in the regional tournament final, one game from state.

Last season's loss was the most difficult. Her Louisville Manual team was 26-2 and ranked 11th in the nation.

But the Lady Crimson's lost again.

"I just remember sitting in the locker room for two hours, just crying," Mansfield said. "I couldn't believe it. It just seemed like nothing would fall. We had the talent. We had the coaching. We gave the effort. But it just didn't work out. I wanted a ring so bad."

"It was like my high school career wasn't complete. I was hurt."

Sometimes her Lady Topper teammates — all of whom played in state tournaments in high school — reminisce about those glory days. Mansfield listens quietly and smiles, but "I'm just kind of dang," she said.

She has focused on erasing her past disappointment by reaching college goals this season. And for her efforts, that postponed dream has now been rescheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn., when the eighth-seeded Lady Toppers (25-8) play No. 9 Stephen F. Austin (25-3).

Her dream has been edited. "She'll be playing in the Big Dance, college basketball's biggest show."

"Man, it's really exciting," Mansfield said. "It really makes up for what happened in high school. I don't know what to expect, but I'm looking forward to everything."

After making the NCAA Tournament 13 of the last 14 years, including three Final Four appearances, Western's expectations exceed just making it to the tournament. But there's still a feeling of achievement in the Lady Toppers' Diddle Arena locker room.

Shortly after Sunday's pairings announcement that shocked Western followers because of the team's low seeding, senior guard/forward ShaRonda Allen

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♦ Golf news

Tucker wins despite weather

BY SCOTT SISCO

Western's men's golf team played a difficult course in less than ideal golf conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Orleans Intercollegiate tournament.

At the off the temperature was in the 30s and warmed to around 45 with winds around 20 miles per hour.

Senior Ryan Tucker made the most of the bad weather, winning two medalist honors in the tournament.

"I hung in there," Tucker said. "You just have to go out there and deal with it."

Tucker said he just kept his head in the game and kept a good attitude about his play.

Coach Brian Tirpak said the win, Tucker's third this season

and fourth of his career, makes him an All-America candidate and shows that Tucker is the best player in the Sun Belt Conference.

Western finished the tournament tied for fourth place. The field included several teams from the Sun Belt.

This was the first time since Tirpak has been at Western that the Hilltoppers have beaten some of the conference teams.

"It's another sign of progress for us," Tirpak said.

Junior captain Nate Gilchrist finished tied for eighth, freshman Chris Cassen and sophomore Charlie Cornette finished tied for 49th.

Cornette played with a dislocated kneecap which affected his play. Tirpak said Cornette thought it was healed, but he was

still favoring it in his swing.

The PGA tour uses this course for the qualifying round when the tour comes to New Orleans. The normal score to qualify for the Par-72 course is around 77, but at the Oak Harbor Golf Course the qualifying score is 66.

Tirpak said if a player hits a bad shot on any of the holes, the golfer could take a penalty. He said there is a water hazard or an out-of-bounds on every hole.

Some of the golfers felt they didn't play as well as they could have, but Tirpak said the players played well considering the conditions.

"The team has come a long way," Tirpak said. "We've still got a ways to go, but we're getting there."

Tennis to play today

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Western's tennis teams hope to get back on the court soon.

The men's team is scheduled to host Northern Kentucky at 2:30 p.m. today. Coach Jeff True said the match may be moved

indoors if the weather is bad.

The women and men are traveling to Hilton Head, S.C. over Spring Break for a week of matches.

Both teams open against Sun Belt Conference opponent Jacksonville.

GAMES: Series with Jacksonville

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Houdek, who's hitting 194 with four RBIs and a homer, is also aware that the Dolphins could be hungry for wins. Jacksonville is coming off two losses at the hands of Texas Pan-American.

He also hopes Western doesn't underestimate Jacksonville, or any other conference opponent. So does Murrie.

Baseball hat shadowing his eyes, Murrie warned that every game is important, whether it's at the beginning or the end of conference play. That's why Western has to develop consistency, both physically and mentally.

"If you don't show up ready to play, you will get beat and get beat badly," Murrie said.

Tops have busy break

Western baseball players

won't have much time to relax during Spring Break. Starting with a game at Murray State Tuesday at 2 p.m., the Tops will play five games next week. Western plays Yale at 1 p.m. Thursday before hosting Texas Pan-American for a three-game series. The Tops first take the field against Texas Pan-American at noon on Friday for a doubleheader and close the series Saturday at 1 p.m.



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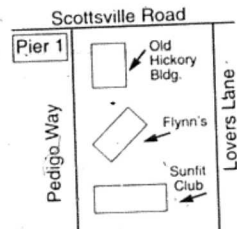
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DREAM: Matchup with Vols at stake

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put things in perspective. "Hey, we're in," Allen told a crowd of about 200 fans. "I'm excited that we're getting a chance."

That's a chance that more than 200 teams would love to have. It's the opportunity that makes this so special. Sixty-four teams are six wins from a national championship. Eleven months of conditioning, practice and sweat have come to this.

Senior center Leslie Johnson and senior forward Danielle McCulley wrote a story in the Kansas City Star's NCAA Special Section recently. Johnson and McCulley led Purdue to a Final Four in 1994 before transferring to Western.

Here's an excerpt from their recollection of that experience:

"We like to refer to it as the year our dreams came true. Not just our dreams, but the dreams of 10 other players, four coaches and thousands of Purdue fans."

"You start with a dream, then as a team you believe. Finally, you strive in every practice and game to become the very best team you can be by March."

The last time the Lady Toppers made it to a Final Four was 1992. That year, then-women's basketball sports information director Sally Raque had this feeling that the team was bound for greatness. She created a media guide cover with the Lady Toppers on a bus that said "L.A. bound," referring to the Final Four in Los Angeles.

After a 4-4 start, Western put it together. And when tournament time came, the Lady Toppers rode the leadership and stellar play of guard Kim Pehlike to the national championship game.

"We just dug our heels in and decided this was our year and rode a great high," said Debbie Houk, Lady Topper administrative assistant who played on that team.

"It was unbelievable," Pehlike said. "Hop on my back, and I'll take you there."

And we did. "I will forever have that close to my heart as a great sports memory."

A story like Houk's sounds pleasant to Mansfield. She has her story of delight and disappointment, and her own stories, too. That's a lot of hardships and obstacles that have been overcome. Everything will come together Saturday.

"All our experiences have made us stronger," Mansfield said. "If you put us all together believing and feeling like we can do anything because we've come so far, we'll accomplish our goals as a basketball team."

—ShaRae Mansfield
freshman forward

13 other teammates have their own stories, too. That's a lot of hardships and obstacles that have been overcome. Everything will come together Saturday.

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Johnson and McCulley summed up the anticipation of March Madness.

"Coach Steve Small is our director, we and 12 other team members make up the cast, and we're ready to put on a show for our audience, the fans," they wrote. "Everyone take your places, you know your roles. The tape is rolling... five, four, three, two, one... action!"

Let the Madness begin.

ANGER: Lady Top deals with injury

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to yourself, your team, your opponents that you deserve to be on the basketball floor."

Johnson among elite

Johnson was named an honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press on Tuesday. She is averaging 17.8 points and 8.5 rebounds per game this season.

"I'm happy that other people did decide to recognize me for my efforts," Johnson said. "It wasn't my motivation for playing, but with awards you take it however you can get it."

Johnson did not practice Monday and Tuesday because of an injury to the ball of her right foot, which she suffered against Louisiana Tech last Sunday. She doesn't expect it to keep her from playing Saturday.

"It's still sore, but it's getting better every day," she said. "There's no way I'm not playing in the NCAA Tournament."

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HERALD STAFF REPORT

Former Lady Topper basketball player Kami Thomas Howard was named Kentucky High School Coach of the Year for girls' basketball Tuesday.

In only her first year as a head coach, Howard has led Warren East High School to a 27-2 record, a top-10 state ranking, a regional championship and a Sweet Sixteen berth. Howard was

named coach of the Lady Raiders in July after Blaine Embry took a position as a Lady Topper assistant.

Howard, who played at Western from 1982 to 1986, helped the Lady Toppers to Final Four appearances in 1985 and 1986 and also earned All-America honors in 1986. She fanks second on the Lady Toppers' all-time scoring list with 1,706 points.

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Signee Simpson ends prep career in Diddle

By JERRY BREWER

This kid, about 6-foot 2, stood at midcourt in Diddle Arena on Tuesday night, his No. 34 Bowling Green jersey puffed, over his face, hiding two red rimmed eyes.

Casey Simpson's college basketball career is set to begin in Diddle Arena in a couple of months. Ironically, that's where his high school career ended.

Tuesday night, Russellville beat Bowling Green 60-57 in the Fourth District regional championship game.

Four years of progression ended for Simpson that night. He was saddened because he could climb no more. He finished one step from reaching the top, which would've been advancing to the state tournament.

But he was inspired by the way his senior season went. He had never even advanced to the regional tournament until this season. He won individual honors, but lost in the first round of the district tournament for three straight years.

Simpson's scoring average dipped from 19 points to 13 points this season. But other teammates began to step up, so he didn't have to shoot as much. Bowling Green became a top five team in the state.

"I knew teams were looking to shut me down this year," Simpson said. "Other players were playing well, so why not pass them the ball? I'm for anything that will help the team win."

That characteristic pleases his father and coach, Ernie Simpson.

"I've always stressed balance," said Ernie, who has now coached three sons at Bowling Green.

"When other players came on, Casey was unselfish and let them show their skills. The end result was that we had a better team."

"Casey's a good leader. And he's always willing to accept criticism."

And now the Hill awaits Simpson. He grew up on Hilltopper basketball. He has been at Diddle Arena for some of Western's best home games this decade. He watched attentively on television as the Hilltoppers shocked the nation four years ago by advancing to the NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen.

"I want to Western's team camp every year," Casey said. "Our team always went to their team camp. I was always asking the coaches for advice. I know Western's past tradition. I want to be a part of that tradition."

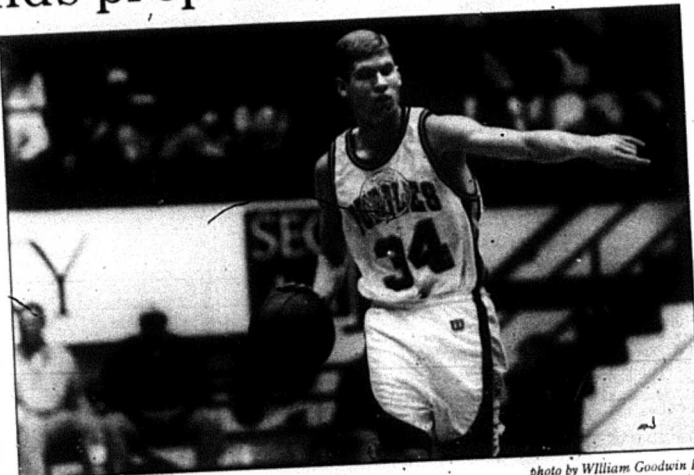


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Bowling Green High School senior guard Casey Simpson directs the offense in the Fourth District Regional Final in Diddle Arena on Tuesday night. Bowling Green lost to Russellville, 60-57.

The Western program is in a state of uncertainty presently. It has had three straight losing seasons. A committee has been appointed to find a coach to replace fired coach Matt Kilcullen. But Casey said he isn't worried about the program.

"Casey and I know he's going to get a chance to be a part of something positive, something great," Ernie said. "What more

could a father ask? As far as the new coach, Casey can play for anybody."

Simpson, a guard with a soft shooting touch and fundamentals that say "coach's son," faces a challenge in his transition to college basketball.

The players are better, stronger. He needs to improve on his ball handling because, at 6-2, he must be able to

play the point guard position.

"I just want to be known as a hard-working team player that not only became a good basketball player, but a good person," Casey said.

"I want to say I had fun and made a lot of friends. And, hopefully, I'll get a college degree. I can't play basketball forever."

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