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Western Kentucky University ♦ Bowling Green, Kentucky

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

# Senators look to combine merit bill

BY SHANNON BACK

The Senate Education Committee is expected to vote tomorrow on a compromise between two merit scholarship bills that have been battling in Frankfort for weeks.

The committee did not vote on either bill at last week's meeting because neither of the sponsors — Louisville's Tim Shaughnessy or Bowling Green's Nick Kafoglis — had enough votes to pass their proposals. Instead, the committee

♦The education committee will vote on the bill tomorrow.

asked the senators to combine the bills, which differ in the amount of money they would give to high school students and how high the grades would have to be.

Like the two proposals, the compromise would be paid for with lottery money Shaughnessy, the Democrat who heads the committee, said he thinks both sides will accomplish their goals.

"I feel good about it," he said. "In the beginning, I thought this would change education in Kentucky, and I still feel that way."

Shaughnessy's original bill, which came from Gov. Paul Patton's office, would give money for every grade better than C or a 2.1 grade point average, with a bonus of up to \$500 for performance on college entrance exams. The scholarships would be phased in over four years, beginning with this year's eighth graders.

Kafoglis, also a Democrat, said this plan would give too much money to students who do average work. He said he wants to raise the GPA to "at least a 3.0."

Shaughnessy said he'll compromise to 2.5. Kafoglis said he wants to create 50 merit scholarships for Kentucky's top students. Shaughnessy, who until now wanted to reward all students with grades above average, said he'll compromise at tomorrow's meeting, limiting the scholarships to 100 of Kentucky's brightest students.

"I don't think we're losing much," he said. "We're still getting what we want."

Kafoglis said he hopes the compromise will allow the state to have more money available for poorer students, grants and social services.

"I want to see more money go to need-based scholarships," he said. "I'd like to also see grade-point averages increased. If we get those things, I'll be happy."

Both Shaughnessy and Kafoglis said they are confident a compromise will be passed tomorrow.

"We're all in agreement that lottery money should go toward education," Kafoglis said. "It's very likely we'll decide how to spend it tomorrow."

"It's too late in the session, and the governor is pushing us to do something now."

If the Senate approves the compromise tomorrow, it will head to the House for approval.



Rick Seibell/Herald

**Backstage:** Cincinnati junior Charlotte Werling and Lexington senior Caroline Houchens relax backstage before Saturday night's production of "The Pirates of Penzance." Werling plays a policeman, and Houchens, not in the production, was studying.

## weird.com

The Internet offers a multitude of strange places to waste time

BY DAN HIEB

Once upon a time, the Internet was actually used as an academic tool.

"In the past three or four years, there's been much, much more commercial and entertainment stuff going online," said Curtis Williams, systems programmer for Academic Computing Services.

Academic Computing Director Jay Sloan said that while he feels the Internet is starting to become more academic again, business and entertainment still make up the glut of sites currently on the World Wide Web.

"There are an enormous number of sites that offer virtually anything," Sloan said.

With that in mind, the Herald decided to put together this list of

fun places people can go to waste their time on the Internet.

### The T.W.I.N.K.I.E.S. Project

[www.danet.net/~gouge/twinkies.html](http://www.danet.net/~gouge/twinkies.html)

This was probably the most monumentally strange and useless page I found on the Internet. It is completely dedicated to scientific experiments involving Twinkies. The page's acronym (T.W.I.N.K.I.E.S.) stands for Tests With Inorganic Noxious Kakes In Extreme Situations. A number of tests were performed to answer such poignant questions as how Twinkies respond to radiation and whether or not Twinkies are sentient.

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# Percussion group to visit campus

BY SCHERL SMITH

The equation is simple: Just take five friends, throw in some drums, add a love of music, and Nexus is born.

Nexus, a five-member percussion group, will be pumping up the house 8 p.m. Wednesday at Van Meter Hall, sponsored by the Cultural Enhancement Committee. The concert is free.

Bill Cahn, a member of the group, said that what has kept them together since 1971 is hard to describe.

"We're not too serious, but

we're serious enough," Cahn said.

Cahn said Nexus formed out of sheer luck. Beginning as friends, he and the other members decided to play a show together. And it was there that their 27-year career began.

"We've never really had a plan," he said. "We don't really know what's going to happen next."

But it's that uncertain future that helps to keep the emotion and the music real.

"Our music conveys a variety of emotion, but I guess the pri-

mary one is joy," Cahn said.

Nexus plays a mixture of African, classical, jazz and rag time music. This is a mixture of styles and tastes that Cahn said he thinks will intrigue Western students.

"Anyone who hasn't heard a percussion concert will hear something familiar, but at the same time something new," he said.

David Lee, the dean of Potter College and the chairman of the Cultural Enhancement Committee, said Nexus can offer students something different.

"We want to expose folks to ideas that they wouldn't encounter in everyday activity," Lee said. "And I think Nexus will do that."

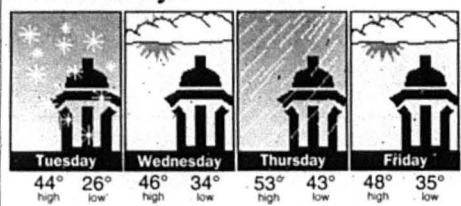
Lee said the group is best known for its music in the movie "The Man Who Skied Down Everest."

"I have heard that sound track," he said. "It's creative, it's different. No wonder they won an Academy Award."

Lee said besides performing for the public, Nexus will also be

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## Herald forecast



### ♦ Just a sec

#### Siren to be tested again

Western's outdoor warning sirens will be tested once more before the end of the semester.

The sirens will be sounded at 9 a.m. March 10 in accordance with a statewide severe weather drill. In the event of threatening weather, the drill will be held at 9 a.m. March 13.

The drill runs contrary to what was previously reported, when campus police suspended the tests for the remainder of the spring term.

#### Band concert tonight

Western's university concert band and wind ensemble will play at 7:30 tonight in Van Meter Auditorium. Admission is free.

Kelvin Kerstetter, a music assistant professor, will be the guest soloist for the evening and will perform a composition by Michael Kallstrom, a music associate professor.

#### Blood drive continues today

The Bowling Green area chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting Blood Donor Appreciation Week. The event began yesterday and will continue through Friday.

Blood drive events include door prizes, T-shirts and additional goodies for donors. The drive will be held noon to 6 p.m. daily at 430 Center St. Call Cherie L. Taylor at 781-7377 for more information.

### ♦ Clearing the air

A story in Thursday's Herald incorrectly identified Sir Arthur Sullivan whose production, "Pirates of Penzance," was performed in Van Meter Auditorium over the weekend.



Carrie Pratt/Herald

**Royal entrance!** Nashville sophomore LaToya Ramsey wears a dashiki during a fashion show hosted by the African-American Players. The designer of the outfit, St. Louis freshman Debra Logan, said, "All these clothes are suited for kings and queens."

### ♦ For the record/crime reports

#### Reports

♦ Samantha L. Scott, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Wednesday her radar detector, cellular phone and cellular phone adapter, total value \$180, stolen from her car while it was parked in the Pearce-Ford lot.

♦ Nadeja J. Washington, Bates-Runner, reported Friday being picked up and thrown to the floor while in her dorm room, resulting in bruises to her upper back.

♦ Opal A. Taft, South Hall, reported Saturday her backpack and its contents, total value \$155, stolen from her room.

♦ Wren A. Davis, Cherry Hall, reported Saturday a disk containing six tests and 33 quizzes, valued at \$1.50, stolen from his office.

#### Charges

♦ James Lee Mason, Angora Court, was charged Thursday with receiving stolen property

under \$300 after he was found stealing a shirt and bicycle, totaling \$190. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$2,000 unsecured bond.

♦ Robert Wayne Morin, East 10th Street, was charged Saturday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after a routine traffic stop. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$100 cash bond.

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# Volunteers have little to fear

BY MOLLY HARPER

The professor stands at the front of the freshman psych class asking for volunteer research subjects.

"You'll earn extra credit," he promises.

Meanwhile, the only thought bouncing across the classroom is: "Who cares about extra credit? Haven't you ever read a Spider Man comic?"

According to science fiction, no student-related scientific experiment in the history of the world has gone right. Psychology Professor Joe Bilotta said this isn't the case.

"Students hear about experiments, they picture electrodes and think about Bill Murray in 'Ghostbusters' doing his experiment for fun. They get scared," Bilotta said. "Participating in experiments is a good way of dispelling these myths."

The safety of research subjects is a priority for all experiments performed on campus. Bilotta, who teaches a professional ethics course, said all experiments involving live subjects have to be approved by the university's Institutional Review Board, a committee of experts who analyze a written summary of the experiment before it's performed to assure that the subjects will be treated ethically.

The review board follows national guidelines published by the American Psychologists Association, including protection of the subjects' rights and anonymity.

Bilotta said anonymity is essential to most student-related experiments. After an experiment is completed, the resulting research is still tailored to protect subject confidentiality.

"If you do need a subject's name, there should be a master

list with the names and each subject's code," he said. "It's kept in a safe place, locked up where only one or two people will see it."

Extra credit is the main draw for students, though Bilotta said some experiments can offer subjects small stipends to compensate for their time. He trampled many college students' hopes and dreams by adding, "You can't make a living being a research subject."

In the interest of subject con-

**"Students hear about experiments, they picture electrodes and think about Bill Murray in 'Ghostbusters' doing his experiment for fun."**

**Joe Bilotta**  
psychology professor

fidentiality, current experiment participants couldn't be interviewed. Students from an introductory psychology class seemed excited at the prospect of participating in psychology experiments.

"I want to do it for the extra credit, but I'm also interested in it because by studying things like memory and perception, we learn things about ourselves," Bowling Green freshman LaVonda Johnson said.

Bilotta said most students go into experimentation with the golden rule in mind.

"I tell my students, 'Someday you might be the researcher, desperate for subjects,'" Bilotta said. "If you do this now, someday someone may do the same

for you."

Bilotta said that involving students in psychology experiments, either as subjects or research assistants, can be beneficial for both professor and student. The professor saves classroom time by showing his students what research is like. The student gains valuable insight into both sides of experimentation.

"For student researchers, it's a part of their education if they're interested in psychology. It trains them to perform experiments and handle data," Bilotta said. "Being a case study shows them what it's like to be a subject. It's a learning experience. If they're interested in psychology, it shows them what kind of research they will eventually be involved in."

Bilotta said because it is purely voluntary, there is no disadvantage to including students in research. In any experiment, subjects are told that they may stop whenever they wish — even if it's in the middle of the experiment. This guarantees their safety. It also allows them to learn all they can from the experience without violating any personal limits.

The last safeguard for student security is the professors. Before an experiment is proposed to students, the professor has to choose whether it's appropriate for his or her students.

"If a professor or graduate student comes into my classroom looking for volunteer subjects, I've already heard about the experiment and made sure it's safe," Bilotta said. "I wouldn't let my students participate in something I didn't approve of, but if it's been through the Institutional Review Board, you can't get more stringent than that."

# Jobs added to speed up facilities' work

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

Plagued by understaffing and a reputation for prolonging projects, Facilities Management has been reorganized to include an assistant director and two new project managers.

"When I first got here, I started talking to people, and the one thing I heard consistently was, 'I've had the money for this project for two years, and nothing has been done,'" Director Mark Struss said. "People have really been getting a bad feeling for Facilities Management in general."

The inefficiency of Facilities Management prompted Struss to add three new positions, including an assistant director of facilities construction management.

Under Jerry Tuggle, who took on the assistant director role, Struss reorganized the Facilities Management division charged with tackling projects within the university.

"We've had problems in the past communicating with customers on where a project is," Struss said. "The problems happened in part because Struss was having to spread himself so thin, he sometimes didn't know how projects were progressing, he said."

Keeping track of them will now become one of Tuggle's main responsibilities, and Struss will concentrate more on the day-to-day "bread and butter" of Facilities Management. Struss said Tuggle will also maintain contact with departments and officials concerning the status of their projects.

"Under the new organization, we should be able to complete around \$6 million in projects a

year," Struss said. "That number is up from the \$2 (million) to \$2.5 million we were doing."

Struss said priorities on Tuggle's agenda will include the intramural field and the replacement of a fumehead in Thompson Complex.

A multimillion dollar and multiphased underground electrical distribution project is also high on the priority list, Struss said.

"These are just a few of a couple dozen big projects," he said.

Struss said the reorganization of Facilities Management will also work hand in hand with efforts by the state to reduce bureaucratic red tape when it comes to smaller projects.

"This is almost a double benefit," he said. "People should see some changes in how well we can get things done."

Struss also created two project manager positions, which are now filled by Tim Sanders and Annie Anguiera.

Both bring a vast amount of experience to the university, Struss said.

Anguiera, an engineer, said she owned a construction management company in Miami before deciding to come to the quieter, calmer lifestyle of Kentucky.

Sanders, who has an architectural background, said he previously worked for Georgia Southern University.

"This is definitely going to be a new challenge," he said, adding that he is excited about his new role at Western.

Tuggle was unable to be reached for comment Monday afternoon.



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# Opinion

## Alcohol policy should be all or nothing

The administrative council is forming a campuswide alcohol policy and is toying with the idea of allowing wine to be served at administrative and faculty special events.

As of now, wine is on the menu for President Ransdell's inauguration in May.

Less than two years ago when alcohol was an issue in the Student Government Association election, administrators and even students scoffed at the idea.

**• The issue:**  
The university may implement a campus alcohol policy.

**• Our view:**  
The policy should be consistent. If administrators and faculty are allowed to drink for special events, students should be able to also.

Perhaps Ransdell's idea should be viewed with the same skepticism.

The university shouldn't rush into a policy before examining some important issues.

One is consistency.

The policy, if accepted, should be all or nothing.

If administrators and faculty are allowed to tilt the bottle from time to time on campus, the same privilege should be extended to students 21 and older.

Student groups also hold special events and should have the same privileges as faculty.

It's not a question of advocating alco-

hol on campus, but a question of fairness.

There shouldn't be a double standard.

College is supposed to teach students how to survive in the real world.

Only with freedom can students learn responsibility.

This is not to say there should be an alcohol-on-demand policy for students. Budweiser shouldn't be in dorm vending machines or served in the food court.

But regardless of whether someone is 21 or 41, all adults on campus should have to follow the same rule: Drink responsibly or don't drink at all.

Another issue to look at is what constitutes a special event.

A "special event" could mean anything. Does the president's dog's birthday justify popping the cork?

Administrators shouldn't be allowed to use rules whenever they want or to make the situation fit those rules as they often do on other occasions.

The university also needs to contemplate the legal issues.

State law prohibits drinking in a public place, but doesn't specify college campuses.

Although a 1974 attorney general's opinion said public places extend to college campuses, there is no actual law.

The University of Louisville and Centre College each have a wet campus.

So the state is not enforcing the ruling.

Whatever decision the administrative council makes, it should not try to dance



around these questions.

Alcohol on campus is a complicated issue. A plan should be specific and fair.

If adult faculty can drink on campus, then adult students should be allowed to do the same.

### ♦ Herald policies

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Commentaries are also more than welcome. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to share their opinions with the Western community.

Topics for commentaries are completely up to the writer.

Although commentaries may be edited for style and length, the opinion expressed is the writer's alone.

Much like letters, space limitations restrict the number of commentaries that may run in each issue. We can't promise every commentary will be printed.

Letters to the editor and commentaries can be submitted to the Herald office at Garrett Center, Room 109, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### People poll

#### ♦ What should be included in Western's alcohol policy?



"They shouldn't have it where faculty can drink and students can't."

Jason Terrell,  
junior from  
Hendersonville,  
Tenn.



"If you're of age, a 30-year-old non-traditional student doesn't make any difference from a 30-year-old professor."

Angela Meyer,  
Bardstown  
sophomore



"Drink sensibly."

Keisha Walker,  
Louisville  
freshman



"Don't be intoxicated in the halls."

Maria Jackson,  
Louisville  
freshman



"If students are of age, they should be able to drink."

Angela DeWitt,  
New Haven  
sophomore

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# Women's stories shouldn't be forgotten

Back in high school I had to write a short story about adventure. I conjured a pair of ski bums standing along a roadside that ribboned an earnestly symbolic ermine snowscape. My adventurers stood amid a Zamboni-sized load of skis, poles, boots, goggles, jackets, hats, gloves, duffel bags and wine-skins. Then they stuck out their thumbs for a lift.

Even more embarrassing than my characters' Ivana Trumpish approach to hitchhiking is their names. What do you suppose I branded my intrepid travelers in the feverishly feminist atmosphere of 1970? Gloria and Germaine? Janice and Joni? The Wonder Wimmen?

No. The best that my blue-eyed, shadowed, black-diamond-patterned-but-drooping-pantyhosed, Marlboro-cigarette-smoke-ring-blowing, futilely-curl-free-tortured-tressed, cocky-but-clueless 17-year-old self could muster was something like, "Bob and Tom." I simply could not conceive of two young women embarking upon adventure.

It's not so strange that an invitation to comment on Women's

History Month sparked that memory. The proliferation of books and articles since the 1970s that have trumpeted women's unsung past exerted a profound effect upon me, as they have upon thousands of other women and men. The retrieval of our gender's past gave women pride and helped us forge a positive identity. Our foremothers serve as role models for daring to risk the unknown, to resist injustice or simply to persevere in hopeless situations.

Of course, I admire the usual suspects who people women's history, such as Harriet Tubman, Margaret Sanger and Susan B. Anthony. But I also take sustenance from the lives of lesser-known women who made an impact upon American society. Slave Elizabeth Freeman, for instance, dared to sue Massachusetts, claiming the state's Bill of Rights ended slav-

ery and made her a free woman. She won. Elizabeth Blackwell, spurned 29 times by medical schools because of her sex until Geneva College admitted her, became the nation's first female doctor in 1849. Charleston socialites Angelina and Sarah Grimké defied their Southern aristocratic roots to decry not only slavery but also to debunk

as patriarchal poppycock interpretations of the Bible that maintained women were inferior beings who should shut up and stay home.

Just as inspiring are the many women who claimed no such glory but anonymously shouldered their load throughout American history. The wives of Western pioneers also blazed the Oregon Trail — burying babies and ditching family heirlooms along the way. African-American newspaper publisher Ida Wells-Barnett excoriated whites for lynching three black

grocers; in return, her office was razed. Among requests denied to the underpaid, overworked shirtwaist workers who unsuccessfully went on strike in 1911 was that factory doors be unlocked in case of fire. No one paid attention until 146 workers burned or leapt to their deaths in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire that April.

I think what draws me to these stories, successful or sad, is the sense of agency their protagonists displayed no matter how daunting the odds against them. Agency means the power to shape your life, and although such a world view often casts Indiana Jones as the quintessential American, women's historians have shown us that heroes also have names like Emma (Goldman) or Rosa (Parks). They've demonstrated that the life of a maid can in its own way be as heroic as that of an archeologist who fights Nazis.

Thanks for this knowledge are due to the historians who enlightened us about the long-invisible role of American women in the nation's history.

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, for instance, labored a decade over a terse, nearly illegible midwife's diary, emerging with a vivid analysis of 18th-century life that won the Pulitzer Prize. Ellen Dubois restored its radical roots to the 19th-century women's rights movement. Alice Rossi unearthed and published dozens of historical feminist documents that flew open like Pandora's box. These historians embarked upon their own adventures when they began to look at ignored lives and ask new questions about gender in American history. We are richer for it.

I share the sentiments of anthropologist Ruth Benedict, who said, "I long to speak out the inspiration that comes to me from the lives of strong women. They make of their lives a Great Adventure."

I hope you will, too. But remember Pack light.

**Editor's note:** Linda Lumsden is a journalism assistant professor and author of "Rampant Women: Suffragists and the Right of Assembly."

Linda Lumsden

Commentary



## ◆ Letter to the editor

### Seat belts save lives in accidents

I would like to respond to the Jan. 29 letter from the Alvaton freshman on seat belts and the government.

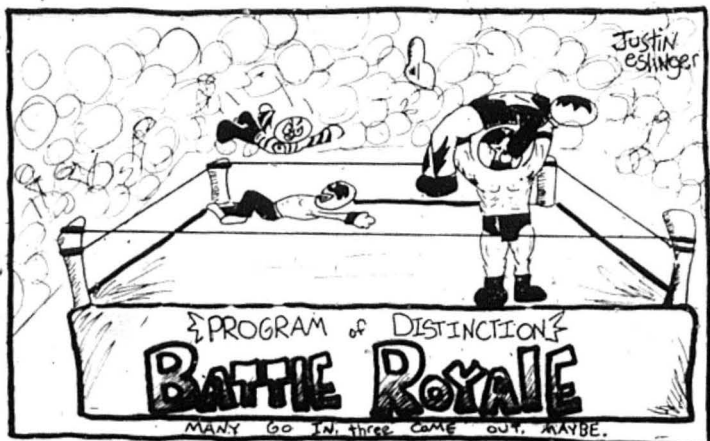
People have been beating this issue to death for years, pros and cons of wearing seat belts. I have a nephew in Oklahoma City who, several years ago, chose not to wear a seat belt while driving to college one morning. He was rear-ended by a drunk driver who had a seat belt on. My nephew was thrown through the windshield of his van. He is in a wheelchair and a machine helps him breathe, just like what Christopher Reeves lives with every day of his life. I also have a friend who thinks this issue is just another attempt

by the government to take over our lives completely. My friend drives at speeds well over the limit. She does not wear a seat belt. This is her way of "getting back" at the government.

Personally, even if the government was not an issue in this matter, I would rather wear my seat belt and safeguard against being scraped off the roadway. As far as my friend and the percentage of people who think like her, if none of them ever has an accident, that's great. But if they ever get pulled over by the police for speeding and they're not wearing a seat belt, I hope they all can afford the ticket.

I say thanks to the government for looking out for us.

Patti Henry,  
Alvaton freshman



# CONFESSION: True romance found in paperback

On Christmas Day last year I was at my grandmother's house sitting in her recliner among 30 or so relatives, wondering what sort of sick gag gift I would receive.

Lo and behold, it was a bird-watching guide.

I was relieved that it was only a stupid gift and not something that could cause serious embarrassment, like the training bra I received the year before.

So a few minutes later, bored out of my enormous skull from looking at four zillion kinds of birds, I noticed a stack of small books beside the recliner.

So I picked one up and started flipping through it. It was like most books, no pictures (except for two half-naked people on the front), no illustrations. Just lots and lots of words.

Have you ever been so bored that something that would normally cause you to be in a coma suddenly becomes as interesting as when that fat guy gets shot in the stomach with a cannon ball?

That was my situation. So after studying the picture a lit-

tle longer and reading the title, "Gardener of Love," I decided to read until I would pass out from a higher level of boredom.

The book was about a gardener who deflowers a well-to-do lady who is ignored by her husband.

I found myself wondering what would happen next.

Would the husband find out about the love affair and kick the mule crap out of the gardener?

Would the lady finally find love after having her heart broken so many times before?

"Wait a minute," I said to myself. "This is a romance novel."

I was reading a Harlequin romance novel and liking it.

Beads of sweat popped out on my forehead. I looked around the room to see if anyone had noticed that I was reading a romance novel.

Thankfully, they were too

busy with the holiday festivities to notice what I'd done.

So as nonchalantly as I could, I laid the book back on the stack with my grandmother's other romance novels and went to where some of the real men were playing cards and scratching themselves.

For a few days I tried to forget about the world of Esmeralda and her hot passion for Jose and his smoldering gardening techniques (if you know what I mean and I think you do).

I found myself drawn back to my grandmother's house and to that wonderful world inside that ugly little book.

It didn't matter if this wasn't the kind of book a man should read.

So what if most men read those tough books by Tom Clancy or John Grisham — dadgummit dadblamit — I like reading romance novels!

There are many good things I

like about romance novels.

One is the language.

The following is a passage from the classic ode to romance, "Love Me in a Meadow. But Don't Roll Over on the Steamy Things."

Gusphan slowly unbuttoned Scarlet's dress with his teeth, while he caressed the moist small of her back.

Scarlet ripped off his shirt, revealing his rippling muscles and the deep, Mediterranean tan he had gotten from Bill's Barbecue and Tan.

"Hoochie-mama," she thought to herself.

Gusphan watched her dress hit the grass, revealing her gorgeous body.

"Hot diggity-dog," he thought. "She'd be awesome if she wasn't standing in the middle of a cow pie."

You just can't get that kind of loving interaction with some of that long-haired mess English professors make you read.

A romance novel is like brain candy. "Madame Bovary" just hurts the brain.

Also, there is my 41-page theory. Anybody who has ever read a romance novel knows what

happens about every 41 pages — somebody gets it on, the horizontal samba, has sex — whatever you call it, you can count on it about every 40 pages or so.

Another good thing about romance novels is that no matter how bad things look going into the last chapter, it's going to work out for the hero and the heroine.

Why? Because people who read romance novels love a happy, sappy ending.

They are romantics at heart. And no matter how crappy the ones who are supposed to love them treat them in real life, they know that at the end of the book, love wins.

And isn't that what we all want, for love to win?

I know that's what I want. So read a romance novel with no shame, escape from that girl who crushed your world or that guy who dumped you like yesterday's trash.

Come to the world of romance, and just for a little while, let love win.

**Editor's note:** Ryan Craig is a returning student seeking a minor in criminology.

Ryan Craig

Commentary



## Forgotten hero of My Lai to be remembered this Friday

Very few people know Hugh Thompson

He was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, but the military has been working for 30 years to keep people from finding out what he did and why. On Friday he will receive the prestigious Soldier's Medal for his actions on March 16, 1968.

If you understand the significance of that date, one of the worst dates in American military history, you may begin to understand what kind of man Hugh Thompson is.

On that March morning, Thompson and his crew were assigned to draw fire off soldiers in the Vietnamese village of My Lai. But the village was quiet, and as Thompson flew over he saw an American soldier walk up to an injured Vietnamese girl — and shoot her dead.

We wanted to find someone that would point the blame to the enemy, but it just didn't work," he told the Associated Press. "It all added up to something we just didn't want to believe."

When Thompson saw a group of soldiers walking toward a huddle of villagers crowded in a small hut he could watch no more. He positioned his helicopter between those soldiers and the villagers and gave his gunner a direct order: If the Americans attempt to hurt the villagers, open fire.

Together with his accompanying gun ships, Thompson rescued a dozen villagers that day.



News & notes  
Jason Hall

About 500 other villagers were killed in what is now known as the My Lai massacre. Lt. William Calley was court-martialed, and Thompson was given a nonpublicized Distinguished Flying Cross — "to keep me quiet," he said.

To the military's liking, very few people knew what Thompson and his crewmates did until Clemson University Professor David Egan saw a BBC documentary on the massacre. He wrote more than 100 letters to Congress and government officials. Thompson's cause was also taken up by Dean Rusk, secretary of state during Vietnam.

On Aug. 22, 1996, the Army let Thompson know he'd been selected to receive the Soldier's Medal, given to those who risk their lives in situations where there is no opposing army. He received no other communication from the Pentagon until last November, when he received a faxed copy of a citation — nothing more.

Pentagon officials blame the

delay on bureaucracy, but then again the government has been known to drag its feet on issues which have become a giant black eye on the American image.

This Friday, nearly 30 years after the incident, Thompson and his mates will receive their reward. But it will never be enough. He gets some satisfaction because in a small way, the military is admitting its mistake in slaughtering all those people.

But a medal will not convey what kind of hero Hugh Thompson is. He is the type of man who recognizes right and wrong.

He realizes that right and wrong go beyond the colors of a flag. They transcend national and even international boundaries. Right and wrong are determined not by race or by color, but by the knowledge that every human being deserves to be treated with respect.

That's easy to say, but Hugh Thompson had the courage to put it into action. In the name of right and wrong, he ordered guns trained on his own countrymen. He defied the military establishment, threw nationalism to the wind.

By becoming a human being first and an American second, he became one of the greatest national heroes in recent memory.

And after Friday, maybe a few more people will know Hugh Thompson.

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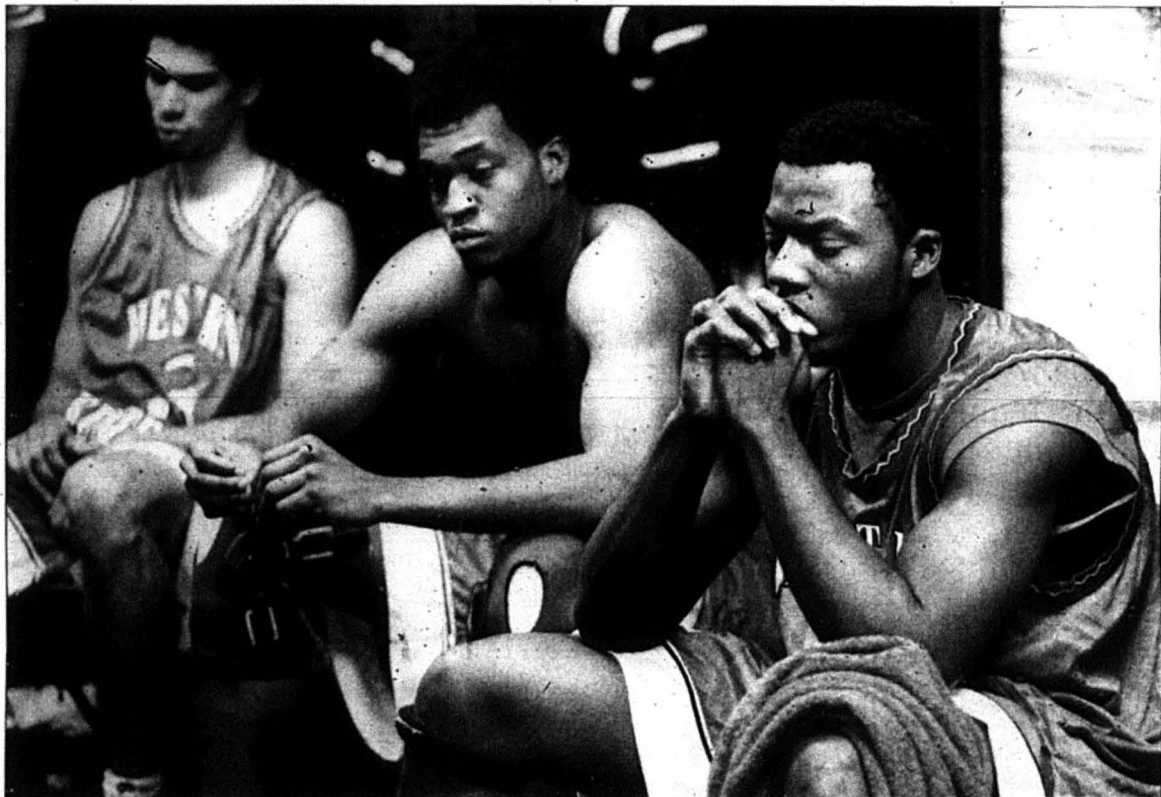
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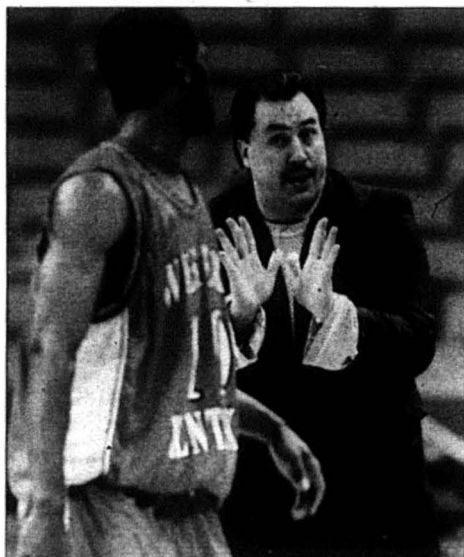
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Interim co-coach Ron Brown consoles sophomore center Greg Springfield during the post game press conference Saturday. Western lost in the second round to top seeded South Alabama.



While listening to co-coach Al Seibert, junior forward Ravon Farris (left) and Melvin Adams reflect on Saturday's 61-47 loss to South Alabama.



Seibert gives instructions to junior guard Vince Edwards during the Toppers' overtime win Friday over Jacksonville.



Jaguar senior Toby Madison threads a pass between Western sophomore forward Lee Lampley (left) and junior guard Kyle Chapman.

## Greeks raise money for arthritis research

By Virginia Bishop

Jon Slack woke up one morning unable to get out of bed.

Slowly she tried to raise her upper body and legs so she could put her feet on the floor.

Fighting tears of pain, she finally got her feet on the floor, but she couldn't walk because her ankles would not move.

Slack, a Guthrie junior, experienced this episode at the age of 17. Three years later, she now fights rheumatoid arthritis with the help of medical treatment and medicine.

Before, I would swell a lot and become very fatigued and stiff," Slack said. "With my medicine, it's not as bad anymore."

Joining the fight against arthritis to help raise money for research are two Western Greek organizations, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, about 40 members of the sorority and fraternity rocked the day away in 12 to 15 rocking chairs in front of Wal-Mart on Campbell Lane to raise \$800 for the Arthritis Foundation of Kentucky.

Beth Bantly, philanthropy chairman for AOPi, said she considered the fund raiser a real success.

"Most of our money came from passer-bys," Bantly said. "I think that says a lot about our community."

During the "Go to the Joint," a jail and bail fundraiser held on Thursday, members from both organizations helped raise \$10,000, said Brian Monell, development director for the Arthritis Foundation of Kentucky.

Monell said the prime function of the Arthritis Foundation is to raise money in support of research to improve the quality of life for people fighting this illness.

"There are 617,000 Kentucky and Southern Indiana residents with arthritis," Monell said. "Arthritis affects one in every seven people and one in every three families."

The research conducted helps to find new treatment for victims of arthritis, giving them hope of a less painful lifestyle.

Monell said the money raised not only would go to research, but sponsorship and support of research training in evaluating ways to improve arthritis.



Jason Behnken/Herald

During the Arthritis Foundation's "Go to the Joint" fund-raiser, Rose Hullett, Western water testing lab manager, is brought to the "jail" at the Medplex Rehabilitation Hospital. Participants were brought to the Medplex and given one hour to call for donations. The event raised more than \$8,000.

"The organizations (Deltas and AOPi) provided the volunteer manpower," Monell said. "They

really helped out a lot."

Bantly said that the community enjoyed helping and found the

fundraisers pretty amusing.

"I think that it brought out a lot of smiles," Bantly said.

## Football honors team at banquet

By Travis Mayo

Western football looked back at the 1997 season at its annual awards dinner Tuesday night.

Several awards were given to players who were part of the 10-2 season. Those awards and their recipients were: Al Almond Memorial Award, senior defensive tackle Kenny Martray;

Academic Award, senior linebacker Ron Kelly; Offensive Hustle Award, senior offensive lineman Brad Six; Defensive Hustle Award, freshman strong safety Traye Moore; Offensive Most Valuable Player, senior fullback Latravis Powell; and Defensive MVP, Kelly.

Senior quarterback Willie Taggart was named Team MVP. He was also selected as Western's Male Athlete of the Year and finished fourth in the run for the Walter Payton Award honoring the top offensive player in Division I-AA.

Five Hilltoppers were also recognized Tuesday night for earning All-America honors. Junior center Patrick Goodman was a first-team Associated Press and Sports Network I-AA All-American. He was also a second-team selection by Don Hansen's Football Gazette and the GTE CoSida District 10 Academic Team.

Senior offensive lineman Andy Hape earned third-team honors from both the AP and Hansen's Football Gazette. Sophomore kicker Jeff Poisel, senior wide receiver/return specialist Joey Stockton and Taggart were honorable mention All-America picks on Hansen's 1997 team.

## Bicentennial briefs planned

HERALD STAFF REPORT

A series of bicentennial briefs on roads, rails and rivers. Warren County then and now are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday this month.

Tomorrow's session will be "They Gave Warren Counties of Note," presented by Nancy Baird.

For information, contact the Kentucky Museum at 745-2592.

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# WEIRD.COM: Strange sites proliferate Internet

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## The Lost Elvis Diaries

home.merit.net/~weird/elvisdiaries.html

The site is written in a great tongue-in-cheek scientific style. The creators, Chris Gouge and Todd Stadler, even went to the trouble of maintaining a "control Twinkie" for each of their seven experiments. To give an idea of the spirit of

This page features an online mystery novel about (who'd of guessed) the last diaries of the late, great King of Rock 'n' Roll.

The story, written by Barry Willis, is about a reporter who gets a hot tip from a mysterious man with a thick German accent who claims to have Elvis' writings. The starving reporter spends the better part of 16 chapters trying to chase down the diaries.

But if off-beat mystery novels involving "Elvis the Pelvis" aren't your thing, this page also has lots of links to other fun (and occasionally useful) sites, including pages dedicated to humor, music, general weirdness

## The Jihad to Destroy Barney (the dinosaur)

www.jihad.net

Note to Barney the dinosaur: Run for your life. Run fast. Run hard. Run to escape the hundreds of members of the Jihaddi, an organization of purple-dinosaur loathers who are dedicated to your extinction.

Seriously, if you're a Barney-hater like I am, you might get a kick out of this site. It includes downloadable kill-Barney games, exploding Barney screensavers and lengthy expositions on why (to quote the page):



## Easier Web surfing

For quicker access to all the sites mentioned in this story, visit the Herald's online edition (herald.wku.edu). There are hyperlinks to all the pages mentioned.

1) Barney is the demonic incarnation of all hell on earth.

2) Barney seeks to make the world his Purple Kingdom, and does so by corrupting the innocent and weak into Sponge Mimons.

3) Barney must be destroyed. All else is irrelevant.

## The Amazing Dancing Baby

www.fortunecity.com/lanpan/clapton/63/baby.htm

The dancing baby is the Internet fad of the moment. For those who've never seen it, the tottering toddler was featured on "Aly McBeal" on Jan. 5 and Jan. 19. It can be found on several different sites on the Internet. This is the best one I've found.

The baby dances to various songs, including "Hooked On a Feeling" and "Breathe." The baby was created by Ron Lussier and was originally used by Kinetix Studio as a sample file for the animation program 3D Studio Max.

## The Exploding Whale and Liquid Oxygen Grill Page

www.stofal.edu/people/cladonur/whalegrill.html

This Internet site's title says pretty much everything you need to know. Want to see a beached whale explode on an Oregon shoreline? Want to see some pyromaniac hot dog chefs light their grills with liquid oxygen? It's all here.

Humor columnist Dave Batry has written about both incidents.

and links to his "analysis" are included along with the news footage.

The film of the exploding whale is incredibly funny, well worth however much time is required to download the footage. The film comes from actual news coverage done in Oregon. I don't want to give too much away about this humorous little gem, but rest assured it's far better than anything that's been on Saturday Night Live recently.

The liquid oxygen grill, on the other hand, is slightly disturbing. Buckets attached to 10-foot long two-by-fours are used to light grills

with friends. Other dishes include Banana Worm Bread and Rootworm Beetle Dip. There is also a link to the University of Kentucky entomology department's homepage, which includes much more detailed analysis of why people should consider working bugs into their diet.

Yum, yum

## The Surrealist Compliment Generator

pharmdec.wustl.edu/cg-bin/garden/scripts/SCG

Need a compliment? Has no one told you how good you look today or how smart you are or what

you inspire in others? Look no further. This site will pay you a compliment. The trick is trying to figure out exactly what that compliment means.

Here's a sampling of the mysterious, ridiculous prose this page is prepared to spit at you.

— a compliment from the Surrealist Compliment Generator

"Woods nymphs sprinkle your path with bowling balls while you dance and prowling in the sequined moonlight with leftover heads of lettuce."

Woods nymphs sprinkle your path with bowling balls while you dance and prowling in the sequined moonlight with leftover heads of lettuce."

## Weekly World News Internet Edition

www.online.com/main.htm

And then there's the all-time king of weirdness, that bastion of journalistic excellence, the Weekly World News. Catch up on Babby or get exclusive information about Fidel Castro's replacement of the pope with a clone at its Internet home.

Or find something better to do with your time.

the site, here's a quote from the Rapid Oxygenation Test:

"To test the rapid oxidation qualities of a Twinkie, a Twinkie was set on fire and observed."

The page includes detailed analysis of each experiment and pictures of the Twinkies at various stages of the tests. The page also features some haiku poetry about Twinkies and the experiments they were subjected to. Among the poems:

"Moist golden sponge cake  
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# Mystery Machine's success not a mystery to jazz lovers

BY BRIAN MAINS

Cats, kittens and half of Western's music department can be found sitting on stools and in booths at local bars in growing numbers on most Thursday nights, listening to Mystery Machine, an atypical college cover band.

They spend time in dimly lit, smoke-filled bars tapping out classic tunes by the likes of Duke Ellington and Charlie Parker.

"Ellington and Parker are not Led Zeppelin or the latest from Matchbox 20, which get a lot of play around Bowling Green."

Their jazz is real jazz, stuff straight out of this music book called *The Real Book*, which is

Straight ahead jazz, tradition at mainstream stuff, by the traditional big names like Dizzy Gillespie and Parker," said Kelvin Kerstetter, a sit-in with Mystery Machine.

And Kerstetter should know his stuff about the music and the band.

The music assistant professor, player and advocate of jazz has helped show some of the boys in Mystery Machine how to swing their mystical magic over crowds who usually find themselves listening to rock 'n' roll covers — both good and bad.

"The students that are in Mystery Machine are the very top students in the department," Kerstetter said. "So they are quite good."

As a matter of fact, the boys in the band are so good that Michael Strautman, the regular saxophone player for the band and Bowling Green junior music major, considers what he and his fellow players do in front of the

crowd to be more than the music they play.

"Playing jazz for me is like being a painter," Strautman said. "You create on the fly."

And what Strautman means is he, keyboard and xylophone player Chuck Brooks, drummer and Bowling Green senior Larry Ferguson, bass player Paul McCoy and Bowling Green senior Kevin Johnson, a percussion player, usually do improvise.

"Improvisation is like conversation," said Marshall Scott, music assistant professor and another music department mentor to the band. "It's like spontaneous composition. As the soloist reacts to the rhythm section and the rhythm section reacts to the soloist, the whole feeling of the tune changes. The majority of it is on the spot. Hopefully, they never play the same solo twice."

## No repetition here

And for the past year, people who have sat in bars listening to the band over the clatter of beer mugs and chatter of voices could swear they've never heard the same song twice.

"I've heard them before," Evansville junior Bryan Hayden said. "Each time they sound different and different is good."

Bowling Green freshman Jason Gottfried said it is that change in tune playing and the difference, which is jazz that makes the band so good.

"They're phat, p-h-a-t," Gottfried said as he reeled from a solo pulled off during one of the band's gigs at Baker Street Cafe.

All of these rave reviews have come a year after the band started out on the whim of a jazz

combo class and didn't have a name.

"We didn't have a name until the day of the gig," Brooks said. "I came up with the name to use at Gary's (Bar & Grill), and it stuck. Then we got stuff done. The people in this town have warmed up to us."

## Following is growing

And whether it's sitting in the crowd or playing with the group on stage, Kerstetter has also seen the warming effect of the band's rocking jazz style and tunes.

"I've been pleasantly surprised every time I go to hear them or sit in with them," he said. "They always get a great crowd, and it does seem to be building."

Though Scott hasn't been able to play with Mystery Machine as much as he'd like, he said he can see why the band's fan base would grow.

"They're some of our top quality students," Scott said. "I've sat in with them before. They're not doing any top 40. It's unique. They play well, and they keep getting better."

I hope they're accomplishing what I think they are, in that they're not only getting an audience, but they're getting a jazz audience. That makes it more fun."

And in the end Strautman said he hopes students coming in to hear them play are having fun as well, and that those who haven't heard them yet aren't scared away because they aren't covering Led Zeppelin or the Rolling Stones.

"Jazz is not this intellectual music you have to know about to enjoy," he said. "Believe it or not, it's just something you enjoy."

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# 'Pirates of Penzance' blends disciplines into musical feast

BY JENNIFER ENGLERT

The audience grew silent as the melody from the orchestra pit filled the air. The curtains gave way to the brightly colored set, and pirates in bright costume moved around in song.

The "Pirates of Penzance" sailed into Van Meter Auditorium for a four day rendezvous Thursday.

With them came an extensive cast, orchestra and production staff as well as elaborate sets and costumes.

The "Pirates of Penzance" is a comical operetta. It was a collaboration of the theatre, dance and music departments of Western.

William Leonard, head of the theatre and dance department and director of the production, said he was satisfied with the blending of the three disciplines.

"I was pleased to see a good combo of the music, theatre and dance departments," he said. "The work of the students was outstanding."

The "Pirates of Penzance" is a work by the team of Sir

William Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan. It is a comical account of the handsome Frederic and his pirate comrades.

Frederic encounters the beautiful Mabel and is instantly in love with her. Mabel and her sisters are captured by the pirates and claimed as their

*"I loved the costumes, and I would have seen it twice if I would have had the chance."*

— Kati Rasnick  
Pikeville freshman

the pirates, police and the seemingly doomed Stanley, the pirates surrender in loyalty to their Queen Victoria. They become English noblemen and marry the sisters. Mabel and Frederic are united and live happily ever after.

Pikeville freshman Kati Rasnick said she enjoyed the performance.

"I loved the costumes, and I would have seen it twice if I would have had the chance," she said.

Bowling Green freshman Brady Somerville is familiar with the "Pirates of Penzance." He starred in his high school's production of the operetta.

Somerville said he thought it was a good production.

"I thought that the set was really neat," he said.

"My high school didn't have as good of a set and it was interesting to see the play done with a good set."

Leonard said the excitement of the performers was what made the play a success.

"You could see a spark in the cast and tell that they were having a good time," he said.



Barry Westerman / Herald

**Evasive maneuvers:** Madisonville sophomore Jay Sharkey displays 'mad hops' during the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity dodge ball tournament Thursday night at the National Guard Armory. The final sorority game included Chi Omega and Alpha Delta Pi sororities. The fraternity finals included the SAEs and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.



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## Western, China renew coal exchange program

◆ *Contract will allow Chinese coal researchers to come to Western as well as give Western scholars the chance to go to China*

BY MATTIAS KAREN

Western's coal researchers had a boost last week as an agreement of an exchange program between Ogden College and the Chinese Ministry of Coal Industry was renewed.

The agreement, in effect since 1989, was renewed when the delegation met with President Gary Ransdell and Ogden College Dean Martin Houston to sign the formal papers.

The contract will last four years and will give the opportunity for Chinese coal researchers to come and study here at Western, as well as giving Western scholars the chance to go to China.

Since the beginning of the program, 44 Chinese scholars have studied at Western and 21 faculty from Ogden College have gone to study there.

The benefits of the agreement are many, Houston said.

"It's excellent," Houston said, adding that the program gave both sides a lot of new ideas.

"We both have similar problems, but very different approaches," he said. "By blending, we both come out ahead."

The delegation, consisting of six scientists, scholars and businessmen, was headed by Niu Weilin, associate director of the Ministry of Coal Industry.

Weilin said he was also excited about the deal.

"This is a very big project in China," he said. "We have (exchange agreements) with several schools, but this is our best program."

Houston said he was also pleased with the results in recent years.

"It's been very successful," he said. "Most scholars that have come here have gone back (to China) to become department heads and deans."

The reason for the great success is that China and Kentucky have large coal resources.

Weilin said 80 percent of China's energy comes from coal, and coal is also Kentucky's second largest export, next to tobacco.

"We're on the same level," Weilin said. "Therefore, we can learn from each other."

In addition to signing the agreement, the delegation also toured Western's coal combustion lab and discussed with faculty some of the new technology being tested in the United States.

## GROUP: Band members realize purpose by making music appeal to human side

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working with percussion students earlier in the day.

"That's something our committee tries to do," he said. "We try to attract these creative people so they can interact with students."

Cahn, who was trained for classical music, said percussion has become his favorite because it is immediate.

"You can see the person hit the drum and you can hear a sound," he said. "Even though baseball was my first career choice, I really liked that."

Nexus may sound like an experimental group, but Cahn said it is far from it.

"We have so many styles," Cahn said. "But everything we play is important to someone somewhere."

For instance, Cahn wouldn't consider the group's African drums experimental music because it isn't something new. It has been in African culture for centuries.

"African drumming is a vital part of that culture," he said.

As far as a favorite, Cahn said all types were great.

"Whatever music we are playing is our favorite," he said. "Unlike many professional musicians today, we don't play things we don't like."

It's that freedom of only playing the music the group's members love that keeps Nexus fresh and ready to tour.

"We tour about half of the year," Cahn said. "It's hard because you have to keep yourself disciplined."

Eating right and exercising become hard to commit to on the road, Cahn said.

"It's hard, but we've worked out most of the difficulties after 27 years of touring," he said.

Of all the places in the world the group visits, Cahn said his favorite is Japan.

"We've been there eight or nine times," he said. "It's very

interesting to see the cultural diversity even there."

Although touring does get old, one has to refocus, Cahn said.

"There are times you have to

pull yourself together and remember why you started doing this," he said. "I still have the exact same feeling that I had when we started 27 years ago. If

the feeling had changed, we wouldn't be doing this any more."

Cahn, who said he contributes enthusiasm to the group, said students will benefit from the concert.

"They will take away an appreciation for music making," he said. "They'll find out something they never knew about themselves and about other people."

It's that emotional exchange

between artist and audience that Cahn considers to signify a good performance.

"If we can feel that, I'll know we did a good show," he said.

Nexus' music is more than just a bunch of buddies beating on some drums, Cahn said the group is fulfilling a higher purpose.

"Music is so important," he said. "Especially in North America."

Cahn said the advancement of the 21st century has made the group forget what's important.

"We are so technically oriented now," he said. "We forgot the other side of the coin."

The other side of the coin is our human side, Cahn said.

"It's too easy to forget the human side," he said. "If we don't develop our humanity, then we'll do gross things to other people. There's evidence of it all around."

Being able to expose people to joy that he derives from making music gives Cahn great joy.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," he said.

**"We tour about half of the year. It's hard because you have to keep yourself disciplined."**

— Bill Cahn  
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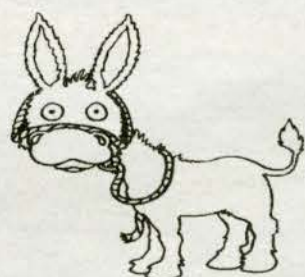
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# Sports

## Jaguars end Toppers' season

BY GEORGE ROBINSON

LAFAYETTE, La. — Progress is supposed to come to those who struggle to obtain it, or so the proverb goes.

Through adversity comes strength, but have the Hilltoppers become stronger for their struggles?

Interim co-coach Ron Brown summed up the past three weeks at Western during his postgame interview after the Toppers were eliminated from the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, 61-47, by No. 1 seed South Alabama on Saturday in Lafayette, La.

"Ron Brown will not coach under these circumstances again," he said. "This has been tough on me, the team and especially my family. I wouldn't wish that on anybody."

Brown struggled to fight back tears as the Toppers, under co-coach Al Seibert and himself, finished 3-3 after the firing of former coach Matt Kilcullen Feb. 14.

Western was able to accomplish a feat it couldn't last season in the conference tournament — a second-round game. But the Tops couldn't come any closer to 10 points in the second half as Jaguar junior forward Darrian Evans dominated the half with backcourt teammate, senior Jerrome Coaxum.

Evans and Coaxum accounted for all of the points scored by South Alabama in the opening 10 minutes of the second half, creating turnovers and turning those into easy transition baskets.

"They play so well together," South Alabama coach Bob Weltlich said. "They can totally control the tempo of a game, and they did just that."

After a 13-point halftime deficit, Western couldn't jumpstart its offense, as the Jaguars slowly ballooned the lead.

The highlight for the Toppers came from senior forward Steven Bides. Playing in his last game, Bides finished with a game-high 21 points.

"I just wanted to go out and personally play as hard as I could," he said. "You never go into a game thinking it's your last, so you just play hard and the result comes."

The Tops came out strong at the start of the game behind Bides, who scored Western's first eight points. Evans, who finished with team-highs of 17 points and seven rebounds, matched Bides' effort keeping South Alabama close. Jaguar



Alyse Preston/Herald

Junior forward Raron Farris attempts a pass between Dolphin defenders Nate Stewart (left) and Jamar Bailey during Friday's first round win against Jacksonville.

senior guard Toby Madison had a big first half, breaking down Western's 1-2-2 zone for 14 points.

The Toppers began to fade late in the half as Madison nailed a 10-foot jumper and knocked down four free throws for a 25-17 lead with 3:57 to play in the half.

Western shot a dismal 38 percent (8-of-

21) in the first half and committed 22 turnovers for the game.

"When you can't take care of the ball and can't shoot, time just runs out on you — plain and simple," Brown said.

The final score could have been worse

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## Western wins in blowout

BY JERRY BREWER

When the buzzer sounded and the lights from a 100-42 scoreboard shined above, love unexpectedly filled Diddle Arena on Thursday.

Lady Toppers, a sweaty crew of victors, hustled toward the padded seats and bleachers to hug and thank their loyal supporters, who have followed them through a rigorous yet sterling 23-7 season.

It was a fitting end to Senior Night, the No. 15 Lady Toppers' final home game of the season.

"Coach (Steve) Small suggested that we do it," said senior guard/forward Sha'Ronda Allen, who led the parade to the stands by jumping over press row. "It was a good idea. And we meant it from the heart. Half of us wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the fans."

But South Alabama (7-19, 4-10 in the Sun Belt Conference) got no love. The Lady Toppers jumped ahead 21-2 and were never threatened.

All four Western seniors scored double figures. Center Leslie Johnson scored a game-high 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Forward Danielle McCulley scored 14 points and eight rebounds, while guard Laurie Townsend added 14 points, and Allen had 10.

The Lady Toppers also had 27 assists and only 10 turnovers. They also posted a season high with nine three-pointers.

"Overall, it was everything a coach could ask for from his team and from his four seniors," Small said. "It was quite a night."

It was a special night from start to finish. It began with a teary-eyed Townsend realizing the end of her career was near, after holding up her framed No. 14 Lady Topper jersey at centercourt in front of 3,100 fans.

It ended with Johnson, the 6-1 center, bringing the ball down the court and dishing a pass to junior forward Kristi Hartley for a layup. During her two-year career at Western, Johnson has tried a few times to play point guard but had never gotten an assist from the position until

Thursday. However, her first career three-point attempt fell short.

"That was fun," Johnson said. "It was a lot more fun for me to bring the ball up the floor than it was to shoot that three-pointer. I

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## Grids, memories make March Madness special

Buy a cake and put 64 candles on it.

Light the candles and blow them out one at a time.

Wait. That plan's no good, considering the wax build up it would cause.

Back to the drawing board.

If the plan would have worked, the candles would have symbolized the field of 64 teams to be chosen this Sunday to play in both the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments. And blowing out each candle one at a time would have represented a team's exodus from the tournament. In the end, only one candle would have been left burning, in a pile of wax.

Anyway, you get the point. Next week marks the beginning of every basketball fan's dream.

I can remember watching March Madness transpire for the first time of my life. It was 1985, and David beat Goliath. The Villanova Wildcats dethroned the heavily favored Georgetown Hoyas in Lexington's Rupp Arena to claim the crown.

I still have that game on tape. Stop by if you want to watch it sometime.

I haven't missed a tournament since that year. Every year, as I fill in the ever-popular NCAA brackets, I can't help thinking back to all the tournament moments etched in basketball history. I think about Keith Smart's jumper to lift Indiana over Syracuse in 1987, giving Hoosier coach Bob Knight his third title.

Then there was Michigan



### PLAYGROUND NOTES

Travis Mayo

guard Rumeal Robinson sinking two free throws to ice Seton Hall in 1989 and UNLV's trouncing of Duke in 1990. North Carolina and Coach Dean Smith won their last championship in 1993 when Michigan's Chris Webber called an imaginary timeout.

But the Madness doesn't have

to be infectious only in the men. The women also hit the hardwood every March and fight for a chance to cut down the nets as the best basketball team America has to offer.

Everyone on the Hill is blessed with the Lady Toppers, a team that has reached the NCAA Women's Final Four three times, the last being in 1992.

But didn't they lose to Arizona in the first round of last year's tournament? Yes, but that was 1997, and the Lady Toppers have fared well against ranked opponents this season. Western has faced No. 4 Louisiana Tech twice, splitting the games. Lady Topper coach Steve Small has also watched his team defeat No. 5 Texas Tech and then No. 22 George Washington. Overall,

Western's 1998 record against ranked opponents is 3-4.

Don't forget about a possible rematch between Western and La Tech this week in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. A win could give the Lady Tops a home game in the Big Dance.

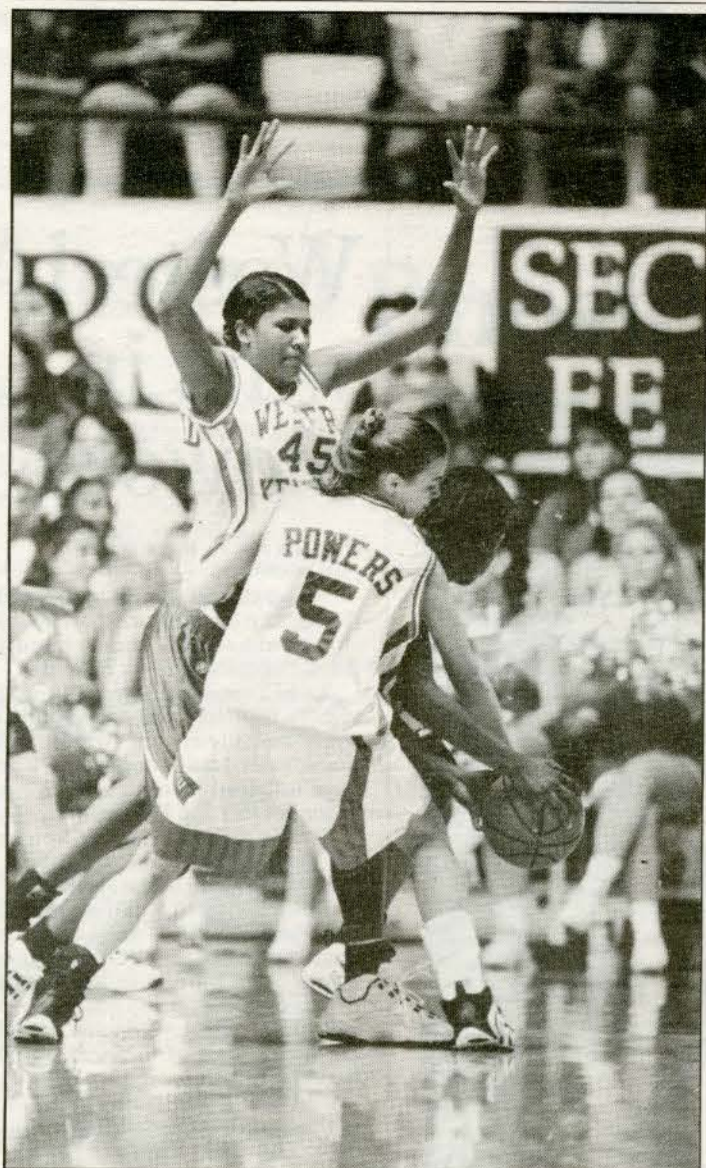
The Madness "Marches" on.

Maybe this year is fit for a Cinderella team. If the glass slipper fits, wear it.

Or maybe the nation's top teams will win both the women's and men's tournaments. It would be Duke blue in the land on the "Cameron Craziess" and Tennessee orange in Lady Vol country.

Whatever happens, I'll be watching. I guarantee those grids will be in the trash by the time April rolls around.

Oh well, it's just a game. Tell that to those 64 teams.



Jason Behnken/Herald

Western freshman forward ShaRae Mansfield and freshman guard Natalie Powers trap South Alabama junior forward Yashica Williams during Thursday's game at Diddle.

## WINS: Sun Belt next

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was glad to see Kristi lay the ball in.

"Laurie better watch out. She's got a little competition now."

### Guard reaches 1,000

The high spirits continued for the Lady Toppers on Saturday night.

Townsend became the 19th Lady Topper to score 1,000 points as Western ended regu-

lar-season play with a 94-54 win against Texas-Pan American (1-25, 0-14) in Edinburg, Texas.

Townsend's basket, which made the score 87-52, put her at 1,001 for her career.

Johnson led all scorers with 24 points.

The Lady Toppers finished second in Sun Belt play with a 12-2 record. They will be the No. 2 seed and will play No. 7 seed Lamar (5-21, 2-12) in the first round of the Sun Belt tournament Thursday.

## END: Bides scores 21

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had it not been for sparingly used junior forward Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Jabbar scored eight points in the final 55 seconds of the game with two three's and a dunk to close out the game and the Hilltopper's season.

Western's athletic department can now work full-steam in finding a replacement for Kilcullen, but whatever the decision, Brown made his comments emotionally clear after the loss to South Alabama.

"I'll never do that again," he said. "If I'm hired as a head coach, it'll be because I earned that position and I worked hard for it. This has just been very trying for us as a team and..."

Unfinished were Brown's words —the last words of the Toppers' season.

### Tops advance to second-round

Last season ended in the first round of the Sun Belt

Conference Tournament when Western lost to Arkansas-Little Rock in Ark., but this season, though much maligned, started the tournament by defeating Jacksonville 75-70 in overtime.

The Toppers were down most of the game, but with 3:27 left and down 60-54, Western went on a 11-0 run, including three minutes of overtime to knock out Jacksonville, who competed with seven players. Last year's Sun Belt Conference tournament's leading scorer, John Knox, was dismissed from the team as was starting freshman guard Rob Kelley.

Jacksonville had a chance at the end of regulation to win when a alley-oop attempt skimmed off the rim into Western junior forward Ravon Farris's hands.

Sophomore forward Lee Lampley scored a career high 17 points and Farris added 13 to lead the Tops. The Dolphins were led by senior forward Micah Ross who had 21 points and 14 rebounds.

## ◆ Tennis news

## Tops drop game to Louisville

BY SCOTT SISCO

Louisville beat Western's men's tennis team on Wednesday in Louisville. The Cardinals (8-1) won 7-0.

The Hilltoppers (3-4) came close to winning the doubles point. Junior Beau Sparks and freshman Michael Lindskog lost 9-7 in the No. 1 doubles match.

True said Louisville was too strong in the singles line-up for Western. Sparks lost 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 singles and Lindskog lost 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2.

The Toppers are scheduled to face Bellarmine today at 1 p.m.

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# Tops win three of five

BY TRAVIS MAYO

Chris Yeo called it luck. "That's all it was," he said of his first collegiate home run Sunday.

The freshman right fielder, now leading Western with a .500 batting average, found the luck in the bottom of the seventh inning, when his homer put Western ahead of Cincinnati by two runs. It was a hole from which the Bearcats couldn't claw out.

Going into Sunday's matchup with Cincinnati (1-9), Western opponents had put 33 runs on the board in the seventh inning, compared to eight by the Toppers.

But Western (7-5) found a way to score late Sunday. While his team was trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth, junior third baseman Matt Idlett hit his second home run in as many days. That started a surge of six runs in the last four innings, something Western coach Joel Murrie didn't mind seeing.

"You need to be able to play the game in late innings," he said. "We've lost some games late, and that's when you've got to get tougher — you've got to get stronger."

Idlett, who went 1-for-4 Sunday with one run batted in, is now hitting .404 and said he just liked playing at home.

"I was a little sick of being in hotel rooms for seven to eight days," he said of the Toppers' recent four-game road trip.

Josh Novotney (1-1) must have had the same feeling. The sophomore pitcher struck out seven Cincinnati batters in seven innings of work. Murrie said Novotney's performance was just what the team needed.

Novotney's win put his name atop the team's earned-run-average list at 2.57, but he wasn't satisfied with his pitching early in the game. Novotney's wild pitch in the second brought Cincinnati freshman designated hitter Matt Singer home.

"I was all over the place in the beginning, and then later on I just started getting a few more strikes and didn't do too bad," Novotney said, smiling. "They just weren't hitting it."

## Pitcher looking to pluck Cardinals

BY TRAVIS MAYO

Josh Novotney is looking for red feathers.

At least it's all that Western's sophomore pitcher wants to remain of the Louisville Cardinals after today's 2 p.m. game at Louisville.

"I expect us to go in there and beat them — beat them bad," he said.

That's just how the Toppers (7-5) said they feel about the game against Louisville (7-3) — it's more than just another day at the ballpark. It's the first in-state matchup of 1998 and the first step to reaching a goal Western players set at the beginning of the season. The Hilltoppers want to win every game against an in-state rival.

"If you can't win in your state, how are you going to win out of state?" Matt Idlett asked.

The junior third baseman also knows winning at Louisville won't be an easy task, especially since the Cardinals will most likely have one of their best pitchers on the mound.

That's where Steve Stemle comes into the picture. Western coach Joel Murrie said he hopes the junior pitcher (1-1) will be able to match anything Louisville throws at his team.

He also hopes the Tops' success

### Tops struggle against Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Wisconsin-Milwaukee batters were hitting the ball against Western earlier in the weekend.

The Panthers (2-4) won two out of three games at Denes Field. Western took the first of the three-game series Friday afternoon, 5-0. Sophomore pitcher Ryan Ferrell (1-0) chalked up his first win of the season by allowing only three hits and striking out three batters.

Yeo went 3-for-3 with two RBIs, and junior shortstop Ryan Miller hit 2-for-3. It was the first game of a successful weekend for the junior college transfer from Lassen College in Susanville, Calif. He went 6-for-9 with one homer in four games and had six RBIs.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee had other plans for Friday night. The Panthers broke the game wide open in the first extra inning by scoring eight runs. Western couldn't answer in the bottom of the eighth and lost its first home game of the season, 12-4.

The series against Wisconsin-Milwaukee ended with another home loss for the Tops. Down 4-3 in the seventh, Wisconsin-Milwaukee scored four runs off five hits, including two triples. Western answered in the bottom of the seventh when sophomore left fielder Jeff Vance homered, but fell 9-7 in the long run.

### Western downs Illinois State

The latter half of Saturday proved to be better for Western. The Tops exploded twice to win the nightcap against Illinois State (2-3), 12-5. The first boom came in the third inning, resulting in four runs off four hits. The hitting touch showed up again in the sixth when Western put five runs on the board, highlighted by a three-run homer off Miller's bat.

Murrie said he was disappointed about the two losses, but said playing so many games early in the season is a time for adjustments.

"But that doesn't negate the fact that we made some mistakes and let too many big innings get away from us," he said.

against the Cardinals continues. Western won both of last year's games, including an 11-7 victory at Louisville.

"It is a good rivalry, and they've got a good ball club," Murrie said. "But if you've got one of your top pitchers on the mound going against a good team, I think good things can happen."

Murrie added that he wants his team to play this game as if it were a conference game. The Tops begin Sun Belt play Friday at New Orleans, which Idlett sees as extra incentive to pluck the feathers out of Louisville's game. He said while this afternoon's game will be a battle, getting ready for conference should be the team's main concern.

Junior shortstop Ryan Miller agreed and said winning would give Western momentum for conference games.

Coming off a weekend he called uplifting, Miller wants to keep rolling on a successful track, even if it means the track goes through Louisville. But he doesn't want his teammates to show up with a lack of respect for the Cardinals.

"We've just got to go out, play hard and respect them," Miller said. "We can play with anybody, if we just play to our capability."

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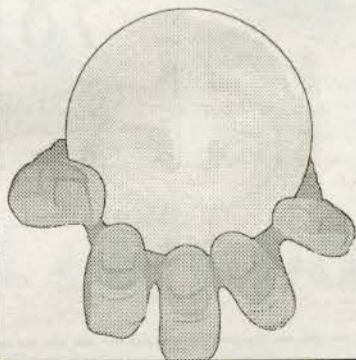
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At the National Independent Championship Saturday night in Cincinnati, junior Pete Carey collects his thoughts before the men's 200-meter breaststroke finals.

## Toppers finish sixth at NICs

BY JENNY CHRISTIAN

For 14 years, Western's school record in the 400-meter medley relay has stood.

This weekend, that record set in 1985 and anchored by assistant coach Steve Crocker, fell when Western's men and women swam in the National Independent Championship meet.

Juniors Pete Carey and Travis Mandigo and freshmen Milo Shofe and Josh Barrett swam the relay with a time of 3:24.95.

"We broke that record and got sixth place," Coach Bill Powell said. "That's typical of this meet."

The Tops finished sixth in the 10-team championships.

Host Cincinnati won the championships, scoring 687 points.

"The meet was really fast, probably the fastest it's ever been," senior co-captain Brian

Howard said. Sophomore Kicker Vencill swam the 500-meter freestyle and the 1650-meter freestyle in the championship finals.

The finals consist of the top eight finishers. Vencill placed sixth in the 500-meter freestyle with 4:34.19 and eighth in the 1650-meter freestyle with 16:12.22.

Powell said these times are the second fastest any Western swimmer has ever swam, second only to former Hilltopper Scott Cummins.

Powell is optimistic that Vencill will be able to claim these records in the near future.

Mandigo and Carey also swam in the championship finals, along with sophomore Richard Roy and freshmen Shofe, Jeff Warwick and Andrew Priest. Freshman diver Mark Genovese placed last in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events.

Western's women's squad made a reputation for itself in

collegiate swimming. Not only did the swimmers prove they could hang with tough competition before NICs, but the Lady Tops finished sixth in their first championship competition.

Beating four teams, Western's women scored 264 points. Cincinnati won the women's meet also with 813 points.

Western's star of this meet was freshman J.P. Piloto.

Piloto swam the 500-meter freestyle, 400-meter individual medley, 1650-meter freestyle and the 800-meter freestyle in the championship finals.

"They all felt really, really good," Piloto said. "It was like the water was just pushing me."

The women even enjoyed their success at the meet.

"I think we surprised ourselves," freshman Beth Carey said. "We didn't ever think about scoring so high. It was good. I think coach was happy. It got us ready for next year."

## Former football player now an NFL referee

BY TRAVIS MAYO

Bob McGrath used to wait for every defensive play on the football field as a Western Kentucky football player.

He still waits.

Only today McGrath waits to make the call as a National Football League official, rather than tackle an opponent as a defender.

McGrath played on the Hill from 1968 to 1971 and was a linebacker on coach Jimmy Feix's first Western team. The Tops finished the season 7-2-1. The winning way continued in 1970, when McGrath and the Hilltoppers won the Ohio Valley Conference championship by going 8-1-1 and did it again in 1971 with an 8-2 record.

"When I think of (Bob), I think of a guy just running around hitting people and having a good time doing it," Feix said.

Competition is what McGrath said Feix instilled in him. From his current home in Louisville, where he runs his own snack food distributing company, McGrath recalled three things about Feix that stuck in his mind: competitiveness, discipline and organization. All three are things McGrath said are components of success.

And he's succeeded in making it to the top level of football officiating.

McGrath started wearing the whistle in 1977 when one of his bosses, who was a college football official, talked McGrath into officiating.

McGrath has since officiated football and basketball, including Western games in each sport. He's been an NFL referee for five years, during which he's traveled to Mexico and all over the United States.

He'll never forget his first game as an NFL official, between the Philadelphia Eagles and Atlanta

Falcons in 1993. Former Western assistant Jerry Glanville was the Falcons' head coach then and McGrath said Glanville didn't recognize McGrath at first.

"Then I told him he had been to my house and he realized he had recruited me," McGrath said.

Now a head linesman, McGrath has shaken the first-game jitters. He's also traveled further than Philadelphia. And during those days away from home, it's always good to have people you know in the same place.

At least that's how fellow referee Byron Boston feels. The line judge was on McGrath's 1997 officiating crew and said developing a friendship helped make the job all the more enjoyable.

The two roomed together last season and could usually be found watching games on television whenever there wasn't any work to be done. And after being trained to watch every play closely, Boston and McGrath both said they don't watch games the same as normal spectators.

"When we watch the games, we watch the officials," Boston said. "We watch the same way we would officiate. Very seldom do we care about the game."

McGrath knows one play could mean a lot to the players, their teams and their fans. That's why all NFL games are big, because football is the livelihood of all involved. And the fans often make it their livelihood too.

"We try to see the game with our eyes and fairness," McGrath said. "They judge it with their hearts, which is why they play the game."

And McGrath hopes he can be a part of the game long enough to have the chance to officiate each year's most-watched sporting event - the Super Bowl. Until then, he'll just keep waiting for something else to tackle.



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