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Western Kentucky University ♦ Bowling Green, Kentucky

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## Western picks distinctive programs

BY CHARLIE LANTER

After months of deliberation, Western has chosen the areas it will recommend to become the university's programs of distinction and receive \$1.4 million in extra state funds.

The academic and student affairs committee of the Board of Regents decided Tuesday to pass four proposals to the Council on Postsecondary Education: applied research and technology; Children First; Center for Enhancing the Potential of Children and Families; folk studies; and journalism and communication.

Programs of distinction are part of the Kentucky Postsec-

ondary Education Reform Act, which sets up a Regional University Excellence Trust Fund for the state's regional public institutions to draw from.

The \$1.4 million Western is eligible for will have to be matched with university dollars.

With one of its members absent, the committee spent two hours deciding which programs would be passed to the CPE for final consideration before settling on all four finalists. The programs will be sent to the CPE on Friday for consideration.

Earlier in the day, the committee met with CPE consultant Bob Shirley to examine the selection process one last time. Shirley told the regents he

was impressed with how Western had narrowed the field and then refined its proposals.

"I feel very good about being able to say to the (CPE) that, criterion by criterion, these are some good proposals," he said.

During the discussion, Regent Sara Hulse expressed concern about selecting more than one or two programs.

Shirley said he didn't think having all four would be a problem, but he couldn't say for sure. "There is still a sense of worry about institutions being too diffused," he said.

But Provost Barbara Burch, who coordinated the proposals.

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## Folk studies almost axed

BY CHARLIE LANTER

Folk studies, one of Western's proposed programs of distinction, made it through the final selection process Tuesday by the skin of its teeth.

Student Regent Keith Coffman's lone vote against the proposal almost caused it to run aground.

The academic and student affairs committee of the Board of Regents approved three other programs unanimously, but folk studies spawned a 45-minute stalemate among the three mem-

bers present

Problems started before the committee's meeting at 4 p.m.

Members of the committee met earlier in the day to discuss the programs with Bob Shirley, a consultant for the Council on Postsecondary Education, Provost Barbara Burch and President Gary Ransdell.

The regents asked about the selection process and had several questions about the viability of the folk studies proposal.

Faculty Regent Ray Mendel.

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Owensboro senior **Caroline Houchens** (left) and Kelly Kempisty, a junior from Erie, Pa., dance to Scereoben's "Moon Tide" at the dress rehearsal Monday for "An Evening of Dance." Performances are at 8 tonight, tomorrow and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday at Russell Miller Theatre.

Nick Fedyk/Herald

## Former VP gets job offer

BY CHARLIE LANTER

State Budget Director James Ramsey may be coming back to the Hill.

The former vice president for Finance and Administration has been offered a job at Western by President Gary Ransdell as an economics professor and a special adviser to the president.

The job would include guiding Ransdell, when necessary, on policy regarding state government.

Ramsey would teach economics at Western while still holding a position of some kind in Gov. Paul Patton's office.

"I guess I would be spending half of the time in Bowling Green and half of the time in Frankfort," Ramsey said.

The offer is part of what Ransdell called a "dual appointment," put together through talks between Western administrators and state officials. Ransdell would not say how much Western would pay Ramsey for his services.

Ramsey left Western last fall to join Patton's administration.

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## Model trains, memories roll

BY BRIAN MAINS

There's something magical about model trains. Mysterious and small, they rattle memories of childhood, thoughts of American towns and the imagination of those who see them.

"Men, women, children and senior citizens all enjoy looking at them a great deal," art Professor John Oakes said. "Some people remember riding trains, the old depots. Infants are interested in the motion and the fact that they are looking at a model they can identify with something bigger."

Oakes, along with 11 other members of the Modular Model Railroad Club, have meticulously reconstructed rails, rolling hills

### ♦ If you go

**What:** Modular Model Railroad Club Expo '98  
**When:** Runs now through May 3  
**Where:** Kentucky Museum  
**Cost:** \$1 for children, \$2 for adults and \$5 for families

and childhood scenery out of household scrap and professional kits for their exhibition titled "Pardon Me, boy, is this the Chattanooga Choo Choo?" The exhibition is on display through May 3 in the Kentucky Museum.

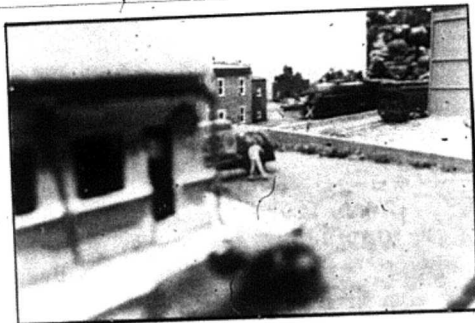
Small trains, such as the L&N line, move through towns like Auburn into another somewhere in Pennsylvania and then roll on to the old Bowling Green depot that Oakes constructed.

Eric Raymer explained each transition of landscape and every detail of cows, houses and towns to his son, as the 4-year-old looked on from his dad's shoulders.

"I guess everyone likes trains," Raymer said. "I've brought my three kids, and they all liked it. When a train goes by, they always stop and listen."

Paul Schnoes, a club member and local engineer, said that is the simplest and truest explanation as to why people like model

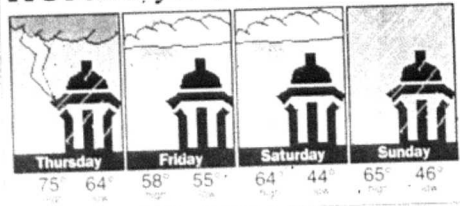
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Rick Seibell/Herald

On exhibition at the Kentucky Museum is a model train show produced by the Modular Model Railroad Club. The exhibition ends May 3. The museum is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed Mondays.

# Herald forecast



## Just a sec

### Book signing Monday

Western's libraries are sponsoring Eugenia K. Potter's book signing of "Kentucky Women: Two Centuries of Indomitable Spirit and Vision."

The signing and slide show kicking off National Library Week will be from 2-4 p.m. Monday at the Kentucky Building.

### Henry visiting Western

Western's Young Democrats are sponsoring Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, who will be speaking at 7 p.m. Monday in Garrett Center.

Promoting his run for U.S. Senate, Henry will answer questions following his speech.

### Radio raises \$55,000

Western's public radio service completed its 1998 spring membership campaign April 4.

"A successful membership campaign means so much," said David Dzikowski, assistant director of public broadcasting.

The weeklong on-air program raised more than \$55,000 for help with the purchasing of programs, supplies and equipment necessary to maintain the station's programming.

## Clearing the air

A story in Tuesday's Herald misidentified Carleton Ruminer as a sophomore. He is a senior.

The same story mistakenly attributed a quote by Henderson sophomore Joe Matheis to Ruminer. It was Matheis who said, "I really can't say I'm qualified. I really can't say why anybody should vote for me and not for him."

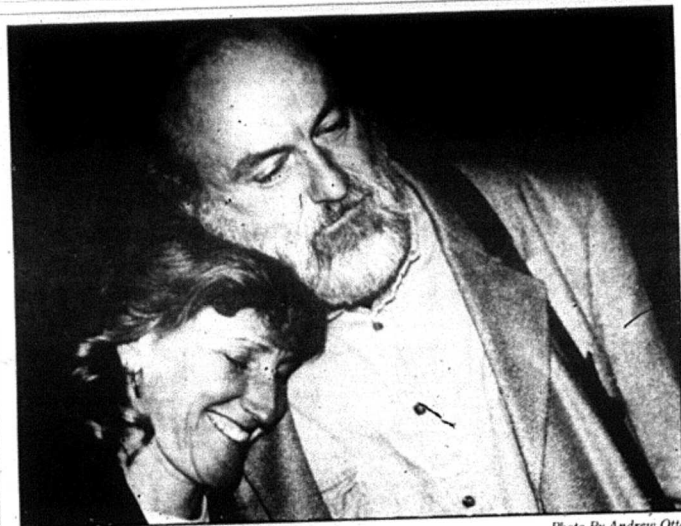


Photo By Andrew Otto

**Old friends:** Carol Guzy, staff photographer at the Washington Post, shares a moment with lifelong friend Dave LaBelle, a photojournalist-in-residence at Western, after her slide presentation at the Capitol Arts Center last night. The event was sponsored by the photojournalism program.

## For the record/crime reports

### Reports

- James D. Dunn, Fairview Avenue, reported Monday a laptop computer belonging to Western, valued at \$5,702, and his wrench set, valued at \$50, stolen from the trunk of his car while parked in 15th Street lot.
- Doug V. Wiles, Helm-

Cravens Library, reported Tuesday two plastic signs, totaling \$50, stolen from the first floor of Cravens Graduate Center.

Deborah L. McNeely, Adams Street, reported Tuesday her cigarette case and wallet combo and contents, valued at \$10, stolen from the upper floors of the library.

### Arrests

Steven Wayne Johnson, Louisville, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication after admitting he smoked a marijuana cigarette in West Hall. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

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# Race for SGA vice presidency heats up

BY ALLYSON WHITT

Time management. So many things to do, so few hours to do them. Student Government Association members not only juggle school, work and a social life, but they also deal with issues facing the entire student body.

"I'm so involved that I'm a master of time management," Laura Hancock said. Hancock, a Morganfield sophomore majoring in chemistry, is running for SGA vice president.

She opens her day planner to reveal just how key time management is.

"I have one day free," Hancock said, pointing to April 22. "But I'm sure it will fill up, too."

Her opponent, Chad Lewis, a junior from Scottsburg, Ind.,

who is majoring in accounting, said he feels the need for time management also. He is the current SGA treasurer, he works in the campus accounting office, and he carries 17 credit hours.

"At first it was rough, but now I've got the hang of it," Lewis said. "Next year it won't be a problem."

Current vice president Leigh Ann Sears, a Mayfield senior, said aside from time management and organization, the best advice she could give the new vice president is to enjoy the position.

"Have fun with it," Sears said. "Don't be too uptight about

election '98

Hancock, whose agenda includes expanding Hillraisers and the summer camp fair, said she was prompted to run after two years of previous involve-

ment. "I want to utilize my skills and give back to the university," she said. "This is one way to do that."

Lewis said he wants to expand the Provide-A-Ride and the designated driver programs. This is Lewis' third year of involvement in SGA.

"I've enjoyed being involved with student government before," Lewis said.

"This is just another step to serve students."

Both candidates are campaigning hard now.

Hancock and Lewis are distributing fliers across campus and speaking to various groups and organizations.

This is Hancock's first experience with a campaign.

"I'm so new to this, I've never campaigned of such a large scale before," Hancock said.

Lewis, however, said he is as nervous as he was last year when campaigning for the position of treasurer. His main concern is that voter turnout will be as low as it was last year.

"We only had like 800 people vote out of the whole school," Lewis said.

Sears said both candidates are equally qualified.

"I hope everybody comes out to vote. It's important."

**Name:** Laura Hancock  
**Hometown:** Morganfield, Ky.  
**Class:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Chemistry



**Name:** Chad Lewis  
**Hometown:** Scottsburg, Ind.  
**Class:** Junior  
**Major:** Accounting



## Anthropology to lose two instructors

BY MOLLY HARPER

Western's anthropology program is expecting a major change in staff next semester.

Both Jill Wagner, an assistant professor, and Valerie Haskins, the only actual instructors of anthropology, are leaving the program.

Despite rumors that circled the Hill, this will not leave the program without instructors or force it to close down. Folk studies professors teach many anthropology classes, and department Head Tom Baldwin said replacements will be hired within the next three months.

"One position has already been advertised," Baldwin said. "We're pretty far along in the hiring process, it just takes awhile."

Both women are leaving for completely different reasons.

Haskins said her contract was not renewed after she failed to meet the deadline for her dissertation.

"I was given an extension to complete my dissertation, which is almost finished, but my adviser is out of the country," she said. "You can't depend without your adviser."

Haskins is looking for teaching positions and said she hopes to stay in the area, but is unsure of her future.

"I really don't know what's going to happen," she said. "I'm really sad. I've worked in Kentucky for 20 years; it's where I did my master's research. I hope that no matter where I end up working, I can eventually come back."

Haskins said she understands why she has to leave, but it will be difficult to say goodbye to Western.

"I've really enjoyed the students," she said. "I've really enjoyed teaching here. But I understand that it's their policy."

Wagner is leaving the Hill for what she calls a "better job" at Iowa State University teaching both anthropology and American Indian studies. Her immediate plans include continuing her research of the Coeur d'Alene tribe this summer.

"I'm sad to leave Western. I've really enjoyed living in Bowling Green," she said.

Wagner said she has said her goodbyes to her students and didn't wish to say anything to them through the paper. She did, however, have this advice for her successor.

"Enjoy it. It's a lot of work, but you get more personal contact with students than at other universities I've worked for."

## TRAIN: Reasons to build models differ for each

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"My thrill is perception," Schnoes said. "Everybody comes at it (the modules) from different angles."

And each member, Schnoes said, who did the models has taken different angles and roads to reach their love for the hobby and the inspiration for the work on display.

For some it's the ability to recreate childhood homes and for others it is just the power to design and create.

And for Schnoes himself,

"It's something I've been involved in since I was this tall," Schnoes said, holding his

hand four feet above the ground.

Since then, Schnoes has continued the tradition by teaching his children to love trains through models under Christmas trees each year and his involvement in the club.

For Oakes it involves elements of his love for art and the ability to create from idea to image.

"It's art in the fourth dimension," Oakes said. "It involves the three dimensions, plus it involves time."

It's also less expensive than most forms of therapy after a hectic day, Oakes said.

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# Opinion

## Students should be treated like adults

Part of attending college is learning personal responsibility and how to coexist with others. That can't be done when there are so many rules regulating when and where a student can and can't be.

Students are required to live on campus until their junior year, so they should have the most freedom possible while they are here.

**• The issue:**  
SGA has passed a resolution allowing 24-hour visitation.

**• Our view:**  
The resolution is a step forward in treating students like adults.

That's why the Student Government Association resolution calling for all but three dorms to be coed is a step forward in giving students that freedom and the chance to learn responsibility.

The resolution would allow 24-hour visitation for students who want it, and for students who don't, there would still be one all-male dorm, one all-female dorm and New Sorority Hall.

Not every student would want around-the-clock visitation, but this concept would give students an option and allow them to make choices just as they would in the real world.

SGA and the Residence Hall Association have been pushing for 24-hour visitation in dorms for some time.

Isn't it about time Residence Life and the rest of the campus started supporting it also?

This idea, if implemented, would help Western catch up with the visitation policies of other state universities, like Eastern Kentucky



University, which has five single-sex dorms with 24-hour visitation from noon Thursday to midnight Sunday, or the University of Louisville, which has 24-hour visitation for all students except freshmen.

The current visitation hours at Western are from 10 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. There are five coed and four single-sex dorms with community living. Let's face it, most students

wouldn't live on campus if they didn't have to and many move off when they can.

This is partially because dorm life offers very little freedom. But this policy could change all that.

This is not a policy to jump the gun on, of course.

There are some security issues involved. Right now anyone can walk into a coed dorm.

Desk clerks need to be more alert and keep an eye out for people who

are not residents entering the dorm. But this is a training issue, not a 24-hour visitation issue.

Residence Life should look into the issue more closely and make this a policy.

It would give students more choices and would keep them on campus. Learning responsibility is an important part of being an adult.

An institution for learning should recognize this and give students that responsibility.

### ♦ Letters to the editor

#### Strip show not intended

I am a sophomore at Tennessee State University in Nashville. I am writing in regard to an article in your paper entitled "Fraternity bares all for charity"

(March 12) I am sure when I say Robert Lightning and his brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity should not be punished for one young lady's action.

In your paper, the vice president stated no one was supposed to get naked. I also learned that the fliers did not have anywhere on them that the male revue/au-

tion was intended to be a strip show. I believe the young men of KA Psi had all good in heart when they planned this event and things just got out of hand. Your newspaper, along with your student body, should do anything in your power to keep these young men out of trouble. To Robert and the men of KA Psi. I

would just like to say keep your heads up because everything is going to work out fine.

La Keshia Rayford,  
sophomore Tennessee State University  
Nashville.

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### People poll

♦ Are you going to Banshee this weekend?



"I'm going just because I heard it was the biggest party of the year."  
**Nicole Pierce,**  
Florence freshman



"No. I'm just not in the frat-sorority thing or drinking and that stuff."  
**William King,**  
Bowling Green junior



"I'm not going. I just don't enjoy the party scene."  
**Caflan Yeoman,**  
Bowling Green sophomore



"I'm going because my brother is coming down and I heard it was a really big party."  
**Marylene Bamba,**  
Radcliff freshman



"It depends on what time I get off work."  
**Maria Yeomans,**  
junior from Gulf Port, Miss.

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# Forum

## Circle of life turns to all of us one day

Anne Campbell has four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, brother and parents have died. She is 77.

All but five family members live within a 30-mile drive of her apartment. Ironically, it is those five who call at least once a week because they care the most.

Anne cannot remember the last time she saw her granddaughter who lives in the same apartment building, and it is not because of old-age memory loss.

Recovering from a serious illness, she is living alone for the first time in her life.

No one wants to take care of her.

Anne has one daughter who would move heaven and earth to be able to take care of her.

But that daughter lives 400 miles away.

Anne has thought about mov-

ing away from everything she has ever known — the childhood memories, friends, doctors, family cemetery.

She wonders if her family would notice if she left. Maybe it would be best. How does that song go? "Don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." What a shame!

Anne is a devoted Lutheran, but no one would know it by her attendance at church. She has no one to take care of her.

Anne even has trouble finding family to take her to her many doctors.

Don't get me wrong.

Anne is strong and capable. Since the cancer set in, Anne

doesn't trust her legs enough to safely drive a car. She depends on others to help run errands.

She was taking care of her 34-year-old son until a month ago, when he decided to move in with his girlfriend.

And when he moved out, he left her all alone.

Her living room furniture consisted of a rocking chair and an end table.

She started sleeping in and going to bed early. It was either that or listen to her transistor radio.

That is not living.

I'm not sure what you would call it. Living is enjoying life, being happy and being with people you love.

Anne doesn't seem to be doing any of that. She dedicated her life to raising and supporting a family. And this is how she is repaid.

Why don't her family members want to take care of her? Because they are too busy.

Because they are trying to raise their own families.

Because sooner or later she'll need as much attention as a newborn, and nobody is ready to sacrifice his own lifestyle.

Because ... the reasons are endless.

Society has joined the government in its contempt for the elderly.

Social Security is paying for less.

Nursing homes are overcrowded. Everyone has forgotten the circle of life.

Take a look at your grandparents. One day that will be

you. How would you feel if, after 77 years, Anne's story was your story?

College students can make a difference. Most of us grow up without a sense of extended family. When we reach Anne's stage, what family do we think will care for us?

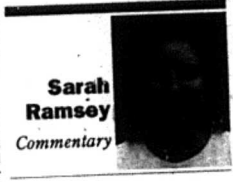
How much time do you spend with your grandparents? If they live far away, plan a road trip, write a letter or call.

They love to hear about your latest accomplishments, no matter how big or small.

Look hard. You'll usually find people who care and are understanding. They just want someone to talk with and love them.

They're just like us.

**Editor's note:** Sarah Ramsey is a junior public relations major from Mayfield. Anne Campbell is her grandmother.



**Sarah Ramsey**  
Commentary

### ♦ Letters

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#### Candidate clears up some statements

I just wanted to take a minute to clear up a few misconceptions that might have been made about me because of the article the Herald published April 7 about the candidates running for Student Government Association offices.

First, I don't think any of the candidates this year are "running just for the experience of being involved in a campaign," but because we honestly feel we can help improve this campus and tackle problems that apply to the students of Western.

I wait tables and am planning an internship at a public relations firm in New York City this summer.

I am involved in numerous organizations, and I have two projects that are due in less than a month that I have barely started.

I can promise you I am not campaigning for the experience, but to hopefully be a strong leader on this campus next year.

Second, in my quote I said something about being in college for seven years.

I started at Western in 1992 and will graduate in 1999, but I took off three years to travel, spending some time in both New York City and Los Angeles and working for the public relations and marketing department of Hard Rock Cafe in Nashville.

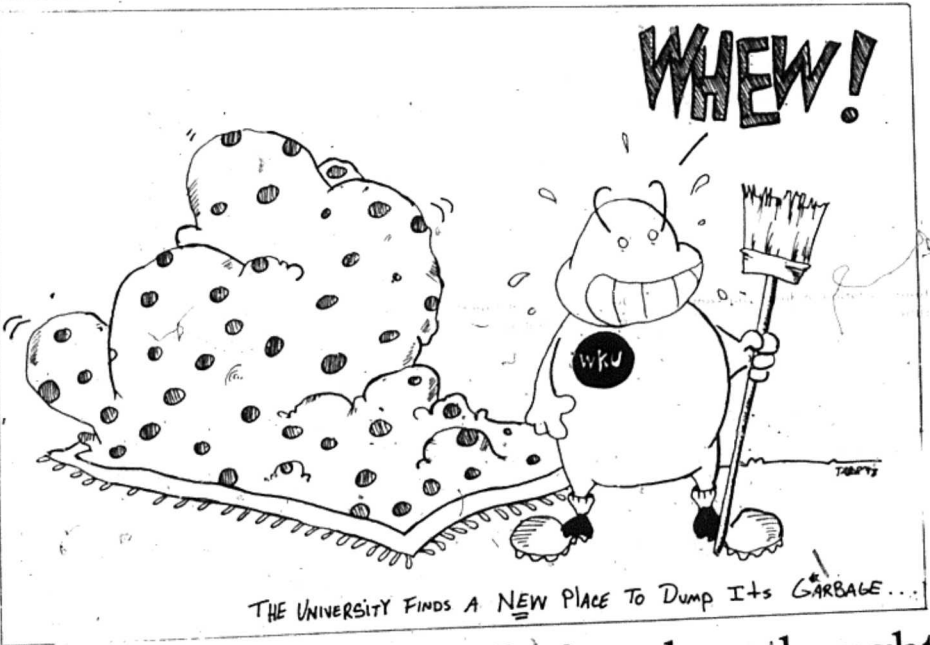
I have been the chairman of the campus improvements committee this semester and was the vice chairman of the public relations committee last semester.

I would hope my record would show how serious I am about this position and SGA.

One final thing, I hope no Jerry Springer fans were upset about my remark.

I am actually a fan, too, and have been trying to get a copy of his "Too hot for TV" video for months.

Christoph Müller,  
Junior from Hendersonville,  
Tenn.



## Expansiveness downfall of modern thought

I'm concerned. I really am. I've been sitting back for a while, observing people around me, and I'm not too sure I like what I see.

The world is starting to move a little too fast for my taste, and when the world moves too fast, that means we as a people have to move too fast as well.

The humanity has been taken out of everything we do and has been replaced by efficiency, and the intensive characteristics of our minds have been replaced by expansiveness.

Anyone it seems like people go out and try to taste a little bit of everything — just explore the surface and then move on to something else.

It doesn't seem like anyone takes time anymore or even possesses the patience to do so.

It brings to mind one question: What is more important — to know about a lot of different things or to understand only one?

If you go to a museum and

watch people, what you are going to see is a shame, in my opinion.

Someone will walk to a painting, glance at it and move on, making sure all the paintings are covered in as little time as possible.

Even at Western, in English classes anyway, the only kind of study I've encountered has been based on the Norton Anthology books, where a chapter of one classic is studied and a poem by an author is briefly looked at, trying to cover as much of a time period as possible.

Perhaps I used to submit to this expansiveness, but that train of thought has fallen out of favor with me.

Life should be looked at

intensively at a much slower rate.

It is a lot more beautiful when it is approached this way. Which is more beautiful — to look upon a painting for a moment or to study each brush stroke, trying to understand the artist's purpose?

Which is more inspiring — to read a chapter from "Moby Dick" or to study the whole book and take in every detail, yearning to feel the characters' emotions?

The world is, by no doubt, very large.

People say it is becoming smaller as technology speeds up, but it isn't.

The only thing that is happening as the world speeds up is that what lies underneath is being ignored.

The world is not becoming small; it is just becoming more shallow.

If I could travel no more, I feel I could be happy for the rest of my life on an acre of land.

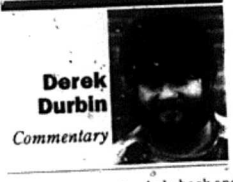
I would be content to observe the beauty of falling leaves if the rest of the world was denied to me.

I would spend a lifetime trying to understand a single bird's song, then learn a little about every possible subject in the world's greatest libraries.

I would favor understanding humankind by watching a child grow and attempting to meet everyone alive.

And finally, I would rather find the truth that lies in a single blade of grass than vainly search for the answer for everything. For, like a river, that which moves slower cuts deeper.

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



**Derek Durbin**  
Commentary

# Western staff gets pay raise

BY LEIGH ANN MOORE

Western will be increasing its pay bands starting July 1, but it's unlikely that current staffers will see a change in their salaries because of it.

Human Resources Director Tony Glisson said the minimum pay for staff will increase by 1.5 percent, while the maximum will increase by 6.5 percent. He said these percentages will be applied across the board to all pay bands for nonfaculty and nondirector staff.

There are currently 17 pay bands that make up the structure of staff salaries. Building services attendants, groundskeepers and lobby assistants are at the lower end of the pay scale.

earning a minimum of \$11,266 and a maximum of \$16,900.

Under the increase, the minimum would increase to almost \$11,435, while the maximum would increase to \$17,998.50.

Glisson said anyone who has received a cost-of-living adjustment is probably above the minimum in each of the bands.

"This won't really affect current employees in any kind of adjustment," he said. "It keeps us up with the salaries in the general market place and lets us be a little more competitive."

Staff Regent Joy Gramling said it is extremely important that the university keep staff pay bands competitive. She also said she thinks it will benefit some staffers, who are already near or

at the pay maximums.

"We need to stay fluid with the market and not be real rigid," she said.

The greatest amount of increase will be seen in the pay band for the chief broadcast engineer and project manager, which currently ranges between \$41,351 and \$66,162. After July 1, those who hold these same positions will be paid between \$41,971.27 and \$70,462.53. That means an increase of \$4,300.

Glisson said the pay bands could have an effect on the salaries of current employees down the road if salaries continue to grow.

"Some of those jobs are already over those numbers," he said.

# 'Our Town' celebrates community

BY SCHERI SMITH

The Phoenix Theatre is kicking off its production of "Our Town" at 8 tonight.

Mike Thomas, director of the play, said this production offers students something different.

"College kids are going to get wonderful exposure to classic theater," he said.

The play was chosen to celebrate the community and Thornton Wilder's writing, Thomas said.

Despite the difficulty of no scenery, Thomas said with the help of Western students, faculty, staff and alumni, the play has

come together nicely.

"The cast is full of Western people," he said. "It's Westernized, and we are very lucky for that."

The exchange of talent between students and the community is what Phoenix is all about, Thomas said.

"We share our artistic forces here," he said.

The cast, which is made of 21 people, is the largest Thomas has worked with in the Phoenix Theatre.

"We've never attempted to put 21 people in such a small space," he said. "Right now it feels more like traffic control than a play."

Thomas said what is special about this production is how it

differs from others.

"We don't treat this piece as an antique," he said. "This just ain't your grandfather's 'Our Town.'"

Even though this production tried to find a new twist, the fundamentals of the play remain the same.

"The truth the play speaks about our living and our dying is still wonderful," Thomas said.

"That's why it's lasted for 61 years."

Thomas, who also acts in the play, said being a director and an actor is a difficult thing, but it's working.

"That's what acting's all about," he said. "You act like you can do all of this."

Tickets will be available at the door, but Thomas recommends calling and reserving seats in advance. For more information, call The Phoenix Theatre at 781-6233.

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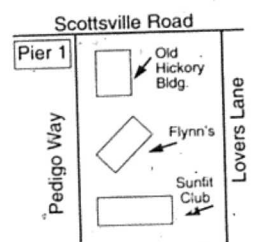
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# PROGRAMS: Western may submit four

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said she didn't think spreading the money across four programs would be a problem.

"Do we need \$1.4 million for all of them at one time?" Burch asked. "The answer is no. If you're really that good, then you can get a lot of people involved in grants, contracts and stuff like that."

The committee settled on all four despite warnings that Eastern Kentucky University and Murray State University — the only other universities that have already picked their programs — each picked only two.

That fact didn't bother President Gary Ransdell, who sat in on both meetings.

"Just because Eastern put forth two and Murray put forth two, that's irrelevant," Ransdell said. "I'm concerned with what's best for Western."

The group passed three of the proposals unanimously and with little discussion, but folk studies divided the committee. Of the three members present, only two voted. One said yes; the other no. A 45-minute stalemate ensued.

Faculty Regent Ray Mendel, chairman of the committee, abstained until it was agreed all programs approved Tuesday would still be subject to the full board's approval May 15; three days before the CPE will make its decision.

With that condition added, Mendel voted to approve the program, despite having argued against its selection at the meeting with Shirley.

He had said the program was small and already nationally prominent.

"I just wonder if we get the most bang for our buck by funding an already-excellent program," Mendel said.

Western will know whether the CPE approves of the programs at its meeting May 18.

## Applied Research and Technology

The applied research and technology program, a product of Ogden College, includes five already-established centers that would focus on specific areas of study.

The centers are: Agriculture Research and Education

Complex; Applied Physics Institute; Kentucky Climate Center; Center for Cave and Karst Studies; and Center for Materials Characterization.

Also included are five similar centers with the potential for national prominence.

Burch said this program involves undergraduate students in hands-on research, more than most similar programs anywhere else in the nation. Also unique is the proposal's ability to match the state funds.

Enough money could be gathered to match the entire \$1.4 million, Burch said, but the program will likely receive only about half of that.

The biggest chunk of the funds for any program — \$500,000 to \$600,000 — has been earmarked for this proposal.

## Journalism and Communication

The journalism and communication proposal has something going for it that no other program on campus has: a new building worth just over \$18 million.

"Without that it would have been difficult to go with this

one," Burch said.

The proposal is divided into three components: a journalism program including print and photo journalism, advertising and public relations; a broadcasting department that lacks accreditation; and Western's national champion forensics program.

Burch said the broadcasting department was included with the nationally prominent journalism and forensics components with hopes it will rise to a new level.

This proposal looks to see about \$350,000 of the state money

## Folk Studies

Folk studies is the smallest and most unique of the four.

This is the only graduate proposal, including a master's offering and an undergraduate minor.

The program is one of only nine in the United States and is so diverse it has links all over campus.

African-American studies, women's studies and even the Center for Cave and Karst Studies included in the applied

research and technology program all have ties to folk studies.

This heavily debated program will pocket no more than \$100,000 of the matching funds.

## Children First: Center for Enhancing the Potential of Children and Families

The remaining \$350,000 to \$450,000 of the offers will go to this education-related program.

A strong, nationally recognized Head Start program and Western's specialized training and technical assistance services department will play supporting roles for the proposal.

Teacher education, social work and nursing are three of the eight disciplines that stand to benefit, but that diversity could mean the program will be the last to see results.

Bringing so many people together to coordinate funding and other aspects could pose a problem.

But Burch said the proposal will be well worth the wait because it will have "the greatest impact on the needs of the state."

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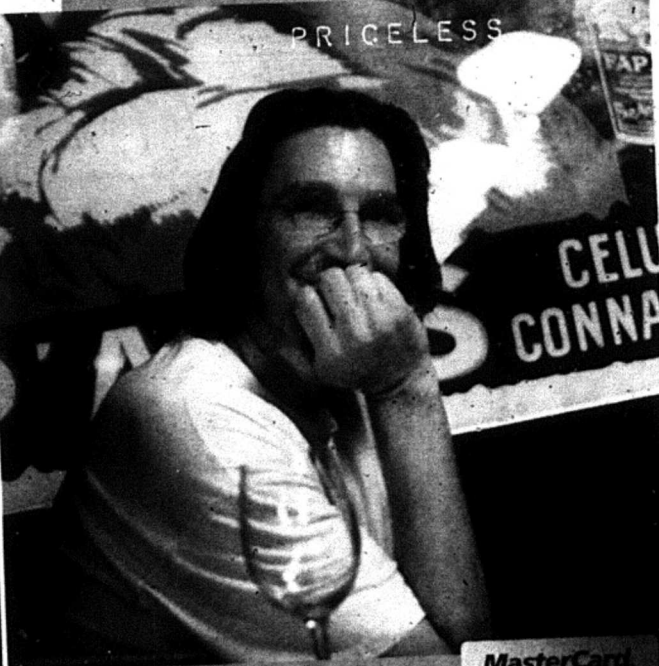
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# Trolleys on campus? Not yet

◆ Western's Master Plan for design includes some dreams that may never come true

By Leigh Ann Moore

At the top of College Street, the paved end ends and gives way to a plush, green yard dotted with flowers and blooming trees. Big Red Way and Normal Street are closed off to vehicular traffic, and instead, a trolley system rolls through the green fields of campus.

That is the original idea of Western's Master Plan, adopted in 1990 to guttle planning and building for the next quarter century.

But Facilities Management Director Mark Struss said the Western of the future will probably differ from the ideas proposed in the plan, some of which were a bit far-fetched.

"Most college plans say that 'Ah, let's have a pedestrian campus. That would be so serene,'" he said. "But it doesn't take into consideration the needs of other people." The Master Plan was designed as a representation of where Western wants to be 20 years down the road in terms of overall design and structure. Based on student population, current structures, topography and personal interviews, the outside firm of Johnson and Romanowitz Architects and Planners in Lexington and Louisville developed the plan.

For the past eight years, the university has been working toward attaining some of the goals included in it.

And though some of the ideas may seem a little extreme, Struss said the university is still considering some of its main ideas on a more moderate basis.

"We might not have horse-drawn carriages or open trolleys moving up and down the Hill all day, but we may have some type of internal transportation system to move people," Struss said.

The idea of the green space and totally pedestrian campus is the feature of the plan that then Faculty Senate Chairman Bart White, who was on the planning team, said he liked about the plan.

Pedestrians could walk all over campus, bike and run without having to worry about other vehicles," the broadcasting and communications professor, said. "I think it would be a lot of fun."

White said he likes that idea. "You would park your car, then a trolley would come by and you could hop on and it would take you wherever you needed to go," he said.

"Then the Hill would no longer bother people." One of the other major issues the plan addresses is that of parking. The plan calls for the movement of all parking to the outer edges of campus, including three new lots on Chestnut Street, one across from the Kentucky Building and beside Jones-Jagers Hall.

Struss said increased parking is still one of the main goals of the university identifying buildings on campus and has begun construction on Detrex Field, all goals defined in the plan. Finding the money to accomplish all the goals defined in the plan has been very difficult, Struss said.

White said while he thinks the plan is viable, he questions the reality of it. "The budgetary implications of this was when we were designing it," he said. "This campus has a lot of potential, but I don't think we'll see this happen in my lifetime."

and that the university is trying to make remote parking more desirable. Student Affairs Dean Jerry Wilder, who was also on the planning team, said a lot of the Master Plan required the acquisition of property.

Struss said that one of the major problems the university has had to face in trying to accomplish the goals set forth by the plan.

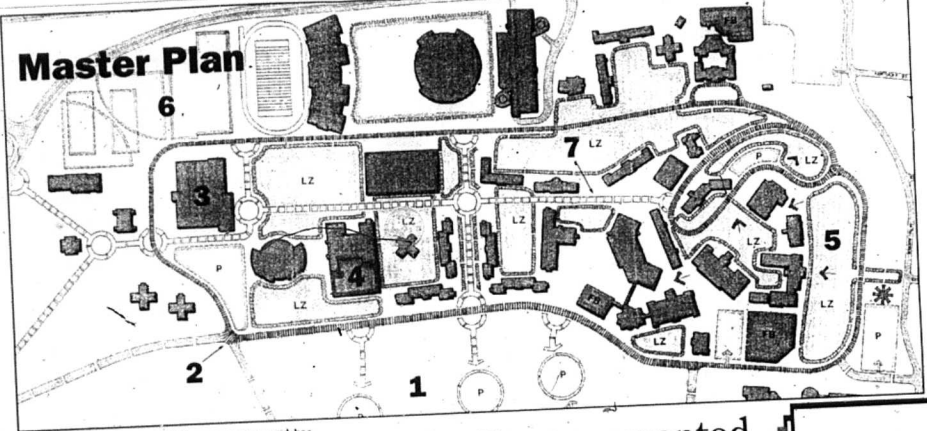
"Acquiring all this — that's improbable," he said, adding that it is possible for the university to acquire some of the land.

Wilder said President Gary Ransdell has realized the acquisition of some land is important for the university's expansion.

White, however, said it seems like home owners close to campus have been jacking up the prices of their land, since the university released the Master Plan.

"But the university is not going to pay inflated values, nor should it," he said. "Though the campus has not yet become totally pedestrian-friendly, there are several goals set forth by the Master Plan that the university has accomplished."

Moving Western's community college, Institute for Economic Development and continuing education off campus is one of those that has been accomplished. The university has also set up more signs



# Map of the future

Western's Master Plan, adopted in 1990, lays out goals for the future of planning and design. The map at left illustrates several aspects of the plan. Some came to pass; most didn't.

- 1 This area will hold several parking lots for faculty, staff, and students — mainly because all on-campus parking would be eliminated.
- 2 This Master Plan envisions a trolley system that would ring the campus, giving visitors and the campus community free rides around Western to eliminate the dreaded walk up the Hill.
- 3 This is the site of the Preston Health and Activities Center, one of the plan's hopes that came to fruition.
- 4 This is another success of the Master Plan, the Journalism and Technology Building. The plans for the \$15.5 building were approved by the General Assembly in January. The project is scheduled to be completed in spring 2000.
- 5 One of the major provisions of the Master Plan is creating green spaces on campus — lots and lots of green space. This lawn in front of Cherry Hall would stretch almost down to 14th Street.
- 6 This spot was designed to hold sports fields, an idea that has come to pass — sort of. Western broke ground for a new intramural sports complex Monday, but the site was the corner of Campbell Lane and Industrial Road.
- 7 Since the campus would be free of parking lots, there would be lots of space for wide walkways connecting all the major areas and buildings on campus.

# VP: Ramsey wanted in N.C., Kentucky

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after he wasn't selected for the university's open presidency.

But Western isn't the only school after Ramsey, the former professor is in high demand.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has offered Ramsey its vice chancellor of administration position.

Ramsey has already visited that campus with his family but wouldn't say if he'll take the job.

"(The University of North Carolina) offered last week, and I owe them the professional of saying yes or no to them first," he said.

Besides North Carolina and Western, two other Kentucky universities have talked to Ramsey about working for them. Since no formal offers had been made, he could not confirm which schools he was talking to.

Ransdell said he felt Ramsey was leaning toward Western.

"This is the option we feel is most appealing to Jim (Ramsey) based on what he's indicated to us," Ransdell said.

Patton spokeswoman Melissa Forsythe said the governor would be sorry to lose Ramsey.

"Gov. Patton views Dr. Ramsey as a very valuable member of his administration," Forsythe said.

For now, Ramsey said he's glad to see the "General Assembly finish up a successful session."

He said he's proud of the budget just passed, that will finance Kentucky for the next two years.

"The budget is the key policy process in state government," he said.

"There are times when you get a little down or frustrated, but things went well."

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James Ramsey

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# Conference begins tomorrow

By ALLYSON WHITT

Western began a program in the early 1970s with the aid of federal grants to expose students to Latin American culture. Twenty years later, the program is still going strong.

The Fest of the country hasn't followed Western's lead, said David Keeling, chairman of Latin American studies.

"We've essentially ignored Latin America," he said. "Within the next 15 to 20 years, Latin Americans will become

the dominant minority." This year's annual Latin American Studies Conference is at 2:15 tomorrow in the Environmental Science and Technology Building.

There are more than 60 million Hispanics in the United States. Keeling said students should come to the conference and meet more Hispanics in their communities.

Philip Kelly of Emporia State University will be the guest speaker.

Kelly has written several

books on the geopolitics of Latin America, including his latest, "Checkerboards and Shatterbelts." Following a one-hour lecture, Kelly will be on hand for an open discussion with students.

Western students and the Bowling Green community are welcome to attend. Friday's lecture is designed to piggyback the International Gala scheduled for Thursday.

"These are broader programs designed to raise international perspective," Keeling said.

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# FOLK: Full board OK needed

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chairman of the committee, was clearly a skeptic.

"This is a program that, although it has achieved national prominence, doesn't have that big of a market for it," Mendel said.

The psychology professor was quick to point out that folk studies only had eight graduates in 1995-96 and only 20 students enrolled.

Regent Sara Hulse appeared neutral in that meeting but admitted she hadn't always been convinced about the feasibility of folk studies.

Coffman, a Russellville senior, backed Mendel, saying he couldn't support a program that benefited so few students. But a couple of hours later, when it came time for a vote, Mendel abstained.

He said it was for "obvious reasons," indicating that it was because his wife, Colleen Mendel, is affiliated with one of the programs.

Hulse voted to approve the proposal, and Coffman stuck to his guns.

"It's nothing against the people in this room today," Coffman said to representatives of the folk studies proposal. "I just don't think we should spend our resources on a program that does not benefit as many students as the others."

Coffman said folk studies' share of the \$1.4 million in state funds would better serve the other three programs: journalism and communication, Children First, Center for Enhancing the Potential of Children and Families, and applied research and technology.

One of the committee members, Regent Lois Gray, was absent, which meant, with Mendel abstaining, only two regents voted on the programs.

The tie left administrators confused about what to do.

Burch had already indicated the proposals would have to be sent to the CPE by Friday so they

could be on the council's May 18 agenda.

Getting them on that agenda is essential if Western is to see any money by this fall, Burch said, so members can't wait until the next full board meeting May 15.

Mendel suggested sending the other three programs now and adding folk studies later, but Shirley didn't recommend that.

"I would hate to see you send the wrong message," Shirley said, indicating that indecisiveness would cause the CPE to raise questions about Western's selection process.

Burch agreed, adding that such a decision would be the "kiss of death" for folk studies.

"I'm afraid that would indicate to CPE that we aren't 100 percent behind it," she said.

Next, the committee considered approving the program with the stipulation that the full board would have to give final approval May 15.

Again Shirley warned of the message that would send.

So Mendel asked members to vote again, this time adding that approval would only mean the program could be passed to the CPE; all programs, not just folk studies, would still be subject to final board approval.

Shirley said that would work and the CPE probably wouldn't object if Western wanted to withdraw folk studies before it gets the state's final approval.

This time Mendel participated and his "yes" vote sent folk studies to Frankfort.

Coffman said he didn't understand why Mendel didn't vote in the first place.

"Basically, we just wasted the last 45 minutes on pointless discussion," he said.

Coffman said he was concerned about sending such a small program that doesn't offer an undergraduate major.

The folk studies program offers only a graduate degree and an

undergraduate minor.

Hulse said she was convinced by the proposal's claim that it reaches 50,000 people indirectly.

"50,000 people is a lot of people to touch, and it's not so much economically as it is socially and culturally," she said.

Coffman said it bothered him that Mendel and Hulse appeared to have changed their views so quickly, leaving him the lone dissenter.

"I just couldn't support something that's not in the students' and Western's best interest," he said.

Mendel expressed concern about the program after Tuesday's meeting, despite having voted for it.

"I find it a little hard to understand how (folk studies) will help Western a lot or how it's going to help the state," Mendel said.

It was small size and inability to have a strong impact on the state that prompted Mendel and others to pull an industrial-organizational psychology program from contention last month.

Also an issue with the psychology proposal was the fact that it is a graduate program, just like folk studies. Authors of the proposal said they didn't feel a graduate program was what CPE wanted.

Psychology Department Head John O'Connor said although his department would have benefited from psychology being a program of distinction, he couldn't put forth a proposal that wasn't in the state's best interest.

But O'Connor wasn't real keen on the programs of distinction to begin with. He said he felt the money should be given to the regional universities as a whole and not just to certain disciplines.

"I really don't see how you can have a supposedly outstanding program when most of the courses are taken in supposedly mediocre programs," O'Connor said.

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Waffle House wins battle of after-hours eateries



Review by Brian Mains

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**O**K, it's 2 a.m., and the monster starts to grumble. Your stomach's screaming "feed me, Seymour," like some nightmare creature out of "Little Shop of Horrors."

And quite frankly a little shop of dietary horrors is what you're going to get if you go out for 2 a.m. eats in B.G. if (a) you're a vegetarian or (b) you're trying to watch the waistline. But for those of you with a love of deep-fried food sauteed in grease, here's a little guide to the finest insomnia-inspired diners this town has to offer.

A couple of words of forewarning first — the later the meal, the better the deal for all you voyeurs of the human condition, and also please remember to pack the Pepto before you go.

**Our first stop:** Steak and Shake  
**Eats:** Turkey Melt Platter  
**Cost:** around 8 bucks  
**Time:** 1 a.m. on a Monday  
**Grade:** B

This was the healthiest excursion over the three-evening, tour-de-force feast of grease — a \$ 5.75 turkey melt platter, which includes cole slaw, fries and, for an added \$1.15, a Coke.

It was also the most expensive.

Upon entering this "Happy Days"-esque establishment, I started tapping my toes and experiencing involuntary spasms of twisting and shouting. After wiggling my way across the checkered floor and sliding into a red-cushioned booth, I grabbed my menu from the napkin holder. My eyes slid past images of chilies, burgers, shakes and soups and were drawn to the delectable image of the turkey melt.

That's right: two delectable slices of white turkey meat on toasted bread ... smothered in cheese. (Hey, who says you can't be health conscious in one of these places?)

After placing my order with a waitress who had hair that could house a hornet's nest, I sat back and looked around. Now maybe the fact there was a severe thunderstorm waiting out and possibilities of tornadoes had something to do with it, but this place was dead.

Sure you had your few complementary stragglers littering the joint, but the biggest part of any late-night dining experience is seeing who else in the world comes to these places at 1 a.m. on a Monday night.

I scarfed down the melt and cleaned-my-palate with the five-gallon glass of cola they served up in record time. The waitress was nice enough, but the lack of her snapping bubble gum and witty conversations of other

patrons ultimately kept this place out of the winners' circle.

**A notch in the belt later:** Denny's  
**Eats:** A stack of strawberry flapjacks  
**Cost:** around 5 bucks  
**Time:** 1 a.m. Friday  
**Grade:** B+

Now if there was ever a tried and true standby for the college student, it's Denny's — a smoky haze, Stetson hats, cowboy boots, students studying and servings of food the size of God's green acres all for one low price. If it ain't heaven, it's at least Valhalla.

With the chattering of people at large tables, endless cups of coffee and clanks of plates, you can cozy up and enjoy the scenery. The menu has offerings of giant stacks of pancakes, greasy burgers and my personal favorite, when the mood strikes, "The Grand Slam."

The cakes, though, are the cheapest and most filling fare.

Light and airy, drenched in ripe strawberries, Denny's flapjacks can be a true culinary experience. Most of the food groups are included in this meal: You have your dairy, cereal and fruit groups to digest.

The server was also good, pumping me full of hot.

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# Traffic school a strange place

I've been to hell and back, folks. And I'm happy to say I've learned something — traffic school stinks.

I'm sure some of you are thinking I've just stated the obvious, but I really was going to give it the benefit of the doubt.

I headed to class last Tuesday and I found myself surrounded by people just like me — they didn't want to be there.

But I just bit my lip, sat down and began a conversation with a woman next to me. I couldn't help it. I've got one of the biggest mouths in the world, and it's my passion to use it.

What started out as "normal" chat turned into a complete history of all the gory diseases that plagued her family. Just when I could feel the food welling up in my stomach, she topped the cake.

Never in my life have I learned so much about a cyst on a woman's rear end. When she began to go into great detail about her butt, I just got up and changed seats. I thought I had escaped.

Just like in most situations in my life, I think I went from bad to worse. The young girl in front of me was writing a letter. She was writing rather large, so I assumed she wanted me to read it. So, read it I did.

It turns out this sweet girl was a manic-depressive who was suffering from panic attacks because of some situation with her boyfriend. Scared she would turn into a psychotic mass mur-



## WEEKEND SUPERPICKS

Scheri Smith

derer because of the stress of the class, I stopped reading.

By this time class had started and I had to fight to stay awake. After videos of car crashes and self-control on the road, we were let go.

I'm really not sure if I learned anything at traffic school. I was there for about five hours, but I spent most of it secretly poking fun at the people around me.

What's the moral to the story? Don't speed kids ... or better yet, don't get caught.

For those of you who aren't paying your debt to society this weekend, check out what the great metropolis of B.G. has to offer.

♦ Women Unite — On Friday, everyone is invited to walk together to protest how women are viewed in the media.

If you are tired of media messages that say starvation is the ideal for success and tired of all the unattainable cultural norms, then this walk's for you.

The walk begins at noon at Middle Park. This national walk supports body diversity and a positive body image. Now this walk is for everyone, so all you guys get out there and show support for the females.

For more information, contact the Student Health Service at 745-5643.

♦ Women in Writing — If you would like to know more about the women who have helped to shape this state, there will be a book signing Saturday at Barbara Stewart Interiors.

"Kentucky Women: Two Centuries of Indomitable Spirit and Vision" is a book that was collectively written by authors around the state. Some Bowling Green women who contributed are history Professor Carol Crowe-Carraco; Nancy Disher Baird, specialist in Kentucky history; and Sally Ann Strickler, public service coordinator at Helm-Cravens Library.

The book signing will be from 1-4 p.m. For more information, call 782-1747.

♦ Time to Party Down — Let's not forget what will be going down this weekend.

It's none other than Banshee. Not only is it the largest party-around, but everybody will be there to throw down (translation — everyone will be having a good time).

So, if you've got \$15 to throw away, head on out to Beech Bend and blow it up. Just don't be dumb, kids. Get a good designated driver.

# WAFFLE: Atmosphere supreme

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turbo-caffinated coffee every two seconds.

In the end, though, Denny's sprawling dining room is a bit disheartening. If you get the wrong booth, you can't enjoy the full splendor of the Denny's crowd attracted at 2 a.m.

**Pants pop: Waffle House.**

**Eats: The Ham and Cheese Omelet**

**Cost: around 5 bucks**

**Time: 11 p.m. Tuesday**

**Grade: A**

Das Waffle Haus is da uberman of late-night dining. Yes, it's the

smallest dining room in town, but it's powered by cheap cuisine, the best group of waitresses and the best company to be around while sucking down grease-coated eggs.

And das waffles, ah das waffles. Those butter-and-syrup-covered delectables are the best the city has to offer at any time of the night — even at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

When a buddy and I entered the house, it was already packed, so we had to sit at the bar.

Cindy, our waitress for the evening, was a kind woman with a long, drawn-out country accent. She set us up with more food than we could ever possibly eat —

luckily, I was only footing half the bill.

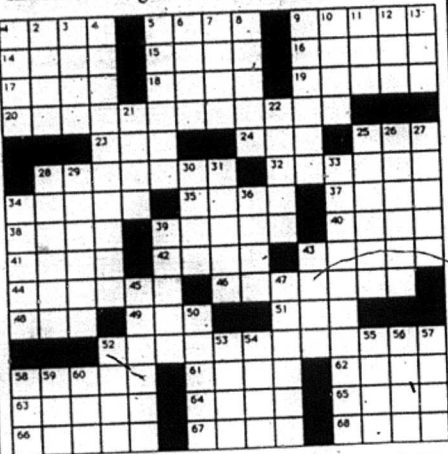
An assortment of trucker, blue-collar types surrounded us, and the omelets, waffles and ham, cheese and egg sandwiches went down faster than water.

That's why this den of nutritious sin takes to the spot as the late-night eatery.

Cindy summed it up best after my partner in crime for the evening said he came to Waffle House and did what had to be done — namely, get stuffed.

"As long as you get done what you've got to, it must be good," she said.

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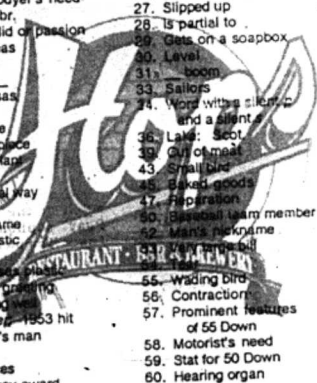
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- Stat for 50 Down
- Hearing organ



Answer to last week's puzzle:



## SHOW CLOCK

### Greenwood 6

- Lost In Space — (F) 7:15 & 9:50 (S&S) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:50
- Paulie — (F) 7:30 & 9:30 (S&S) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 & 9:30
- Primary Colors — (F) 7 & 9:45 (S&S) 1, 4, 7 & 9:45
- As Good As It Gets — (F) 7 & 9:50 (S&S) 1:15, 4, 7 & 9:45
- Titanic — (F) 8:30 (S&S) 1, 4, 45 & 8:30

City of Angels — (F) 7:15 & 9:50 (S&S) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:50

### Plaza 6

- Major League III — (F) 7:45 & 9:45 (S&S) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45 & 9:45
- Object Of My Affection — (F) 7 & 9:15 (S&S) 2:15, 4:30, 7 & 9:15
- Species — (F) 7:30 & 9:30 (S&S) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 & 9:30
- Odd Couple — (F) 7:30 & 9:30 (S&S) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 & 9:30

- Mercury Rising — (F) 7:15 & 9:30 (S&S) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:30
- Grease — (F) 7 & 9:15 (S&S) 4:30, 7 & 9:15
- My Giant — (F) 5&S) 2

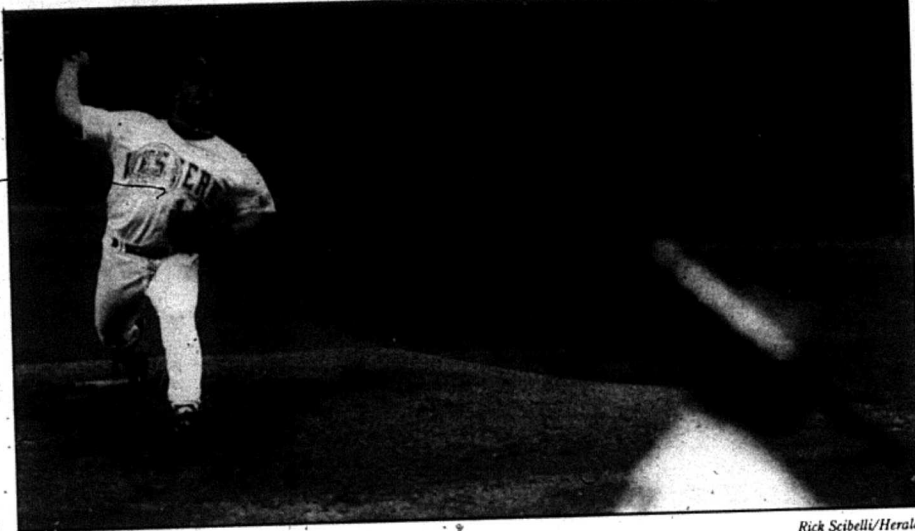
### Martin Twin Theatre

- Great Expectations — (F) 7:15 & 9:30 (S&S) 1:45, 4, 7:15 & 9:30
- L.A. Confidential — (F) 7 & 9:45 (S&S) 1:30, 4:15, 7 & 9:45

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# Sports



Senior pitcher Brian Smith pitched 5 1/3 innings last night against Austin Peay, striking out five batters. The Hilltoppers won 6-4.

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## Toppers win in last at bat

By Travis Mayo

T.J. Freeman didn't want to talk about his 17-game hitting streak after last night's 6-4 win.

He doesn't want to jinx it. But the junior first baseman didn't mind talking about the way he ended the win against Austin Peay. It was a three-run home run over the center field wall — one that quickly erased a 4-3 deficit and gave Western's baseball team its fifth straight win. It's the longest winning streak of the season.

The game-winning homer came, in the bottom of the ninth with two outs and Freeman facing a strike.

"I was just trying to get the ball in play and hopefully get an extra base hit," Freeman said. "I thought it was going to hit off the center field wall. I realized it was gone when I heard everybody yelling."

Freeman went 3-for-5 with three runs batted in. He now

leads the Tops (20-18) with a .405 batting average and 44 RBIs.

The Tops had trailed the Governors (17-25), 4-3, for much of the night. Austin Peay sophomore catcher Lance Wampler gave his team the lead in the fifth with a double that brought senior shortstop Billy Mortimore home.

Western escaped a possible double play in the ninth when Austin Peay sophomore second baseman Greg Troy couldn't handle a toss from Mortimore, keeping the Tops alive.

Freeman's shot came two batters later.

He said there was no difference in his approach to the plate last night.

"It's always a big boost to come out and hit a game-winning home run, but I just go out and take one pitch at a time and hope for the best," Freeman said.

Western coach Joel Murrie said while his team won the game, mistakes still need correcting. He also said he hopes his players now know a game's never over until the field is clear.

**"... You put yourself in a position where one pitch can win a ball game."**

— Joel Murrie  
baseball coach

quit," Murrie said. "The greatest joy of coaching is watching the game being finished all the way through. You put yourself in a position where one pitch can win a ball game."

Freshman pitcher Brian Houdek (3-2) earned the win

after pitching an inning and striking out one batter. Senior Brian Smith (2-3) started the game on the mound. He pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing seven hits and giving up four earned runs. Smith also struck out five.

Junior right fielder Chris Yeo, who went 2-for-5 Wednesday and hit his seventh homer in the bottom of the fifth inning, said he wants the current string of wins to carry into tomorrow night's game at Middle Tennessee State (14-21) at 7 p.m., and the weekend series against the Sun Belt Conference's top team, South Alabama. The Jaguars are 13-3 in the conference and No. 16 in the USA Today Top 25.

"It's not going to take anything extraordinary from our ballclub," Yeo said. "If we go in and do the things we're capable of doing, don't shoot ourselves in the foot and don't make a lot of errors, we should be right in all three ball games."

## Johnson to attend WNBA combine

By Jerry Brewer

Excuse Leslie Johnson if, for the first time, she's nervous about playing basketball. After all, this weekend could greatly influence her life.

For the past four weeks, Johnson has conditioned and worked on her basketball game in preparation for the WNBA. She gets a chance to show her worth today through Saturday during the WNBA Pre-Draft Camp in Chicago.

"Right now, the only thing I'm trying to do is have complete faith in the Lord," Johnson said. "That's going to be my rock. I'm going to do my best, and I believe my best is enough to make a team."

"The next 24 to 48 hours, I'm going to be in deep meditation."

This draft camp will give Johnson



Leslie Johnson

a chance to answer the question about her height. At 6-foot-1, Johnson is "a powerful but undersized post player," said Renee Brown, WNBA player personnel director. Johnson calls it her "Robert Traylor dilemma," referring to the Michigan junior center, who, at 6-7, is entering the NBA draft despite his lack of height.

"I really don't know exactly how tall I am," said Johnson, who will be measured this weekend. "I hope if I'm 6-1 1/2, they round up to 6-2."

The three-day camp's schedule will consist of a physical exam Thursday, and half- and full-court scrimmaging sessions both Friday and Saturday.

All of the league's 10 general managers, head coaches and assistant coaches will attend the camp.

The WNBA draft is April 29. The draft works like this: Each of the league's 10 teams get one pick

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## Volleyball retools after last season's breakdown

◆ Last season the Lady Toppers were hampered by injuries and inconsistent play

By Jerry Brewer

During the past year in Western volleyball, everything has been backward. The team came into the fall preseason expecting a 20-win season, but instead the record was 9-22.

It came into the fall preseason expecting to have 13 players to contend for a Sun Belt Conference title, but instead the Lady Toppers didn't even make the conference tournament and finished the season with only 10 players because of injuries.

Western should have been spelled N-R-E-T-S-E-W.

"I had never before felt like I didn't know what to do," said sophomore setter Jenni Miller, who suffered through her first losing season as a volleyball player. "But I didn't know what to do. They say winning is a habit, but so is losing."

Last season's shortcomings have refocused the team. Ever since the Lady Toppers came back from Christmas vacation, this has been a determined team, Coach Travis Hudson said.

And with seven core players returning and four talented newcomers coming, this team wants to soothe last season's pain.

"They have decided they

want to be champs," Hudson said. "They have pushed one another. They have really made themselves better."

Western's spring volleyball practice and exhibition season ends this week and after the team travels to Clarksville, Tenn., to play in the Austin Peay spring tournament.

The focus of this spring has been improving Western's mental approach to the game. Volleyball, by nature, is a game in which mental toughness is needed.

"When you're in the conference championship and it's in the fifth and you're in rally scoring, the game is not physical but mental," said sophomore left side hitter Melissa Starck, who sat out last season because of colon problems. "If

we want to reach our goals, we have to be strong with both parts of the game."

In his three years as head coach, Hudson has never had a team that wasn't riddled with injuries. And volleyball is a game of spurts.

"So, good volleyball teams play the game and play with the game, battling its adversities and turning points."

"My freshman year I was a hot head," senior right side hitter Tina Nikolaou said. "I'd yell at myself. I'd get down on myself and my teammates. One of my goals this spring has been to kind of maintain a certain emotional level. I want to be a leader and keep my composure doing it."

Nikolaou's fresh approach

was spurred by having to sit out last season because of surgeries on both knees. Starck learned the same by sitting out.

Their return, and the lessons learned by a team that was once thought of as "on the rise" but had a record that said "hapless," has driven the Lady Toppers this spring.

The players say that drive will carry over into August, when preseason workouts begin.

"I told Travis I'll probably start crying the first day of preseason," Miller said. "But it won't be because I'm upset. It'll be because I'll be so excited about the season."

"The reason I came here, to win, is finally going to come true."

# Turkeys plentiful

The sky was gray. The drab appearance of the rising sun gave an eerie smoke color to the landscape. This is not the best condition for turkeys to gobble at the new day.

One hoot from the owl gave a thunderous response from a nearby tom. Scott Cronin, a Western student, left loose on a series of calls, and there was an explosion of gobblers from every direction. A quick thumbs-up and a smile passed both our lips.

Scouting for turkeys greatly increases your odds of getting your bird come opening day. By finding the location of gobblers, you can narrow your search on that first day.

• Find the birds while on roost by blowing owl calls at first light. A response should be mentally mapped in your head or on paper. The location should be used as a setup for the season.

• Birds will move to the fields around 9 a.m. By finding where the birds come in and out, you will narrow the search for a setup spot. Also watching the strutting toms in the field will allow you to judge the quality of birds in the area.

• Do not use turkey calls while scouting. It's illegal before the season, and it can make the birds call shy during the season.

• Find dusting sites by looking in logging roads and dirt spots in fields and woods. These spots are scratched-out areas that hens use to clean themselves by dusting in the loose soil. This dust rids them of bugs and lice. The hens will frequent these areas several times a day, and where there are hens, there are gobblers.

• Find the toms' strutting area. This ties to the fields and the logging roads. A strutting area is a place where the tom is visible and comfortable. He struts to attract the attention of the hens and will use the same area day after day. During the season you can set decoys in this area to pull the tom your way.

• If during your hunt the birds are not gobbling, set up on field and logging roads and purr and cluck to sound like a feeding hen. This will sometimes bring quiet toms.

These tips will help you get your bird this year, although it will not guarantee the harvest. Time, patience and experience are the factors that will be of most help.

Look for a full feature about turkey hunting later in the season. If you have anything to say, please send me an e-mail at conkjc@wku.edu



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Jed Conklin

# WNBA: Camp will attract nation's

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per round. The draft has four rounds, which means 40 players will be selected.

"Leslie's opportunities to be drafted are very, very good," Brown said. "I don't think she'll have a problem with anything, including her size. She's smart enough to get herself in a position to score and to get rebounds."

As of yesterday, 44 players have signed the WNBA's mandatory contract and will be at the camp, which means every player at the camp won't be drafted. As many as 80 players are allowed to attend the camp, Brown said. Johnson has been told about 60 players will attend the camp. But it appears even that many players won't be at the camp.

Brown said the WNBA contract-signing deadline has been

extended to some players who have requested it. And if others sign before the draft, the pool of available players will grow.

Brown said it was important that players attend the camp.

"There are still players out there that we're targeting and want to join our league," Brown said. "But overall, players need to be at this camp."

Senior forward Danielle McCulley, who has opted to try out for the ABL, has played with Johnson the past five years. She said she feels Johnson should have no problem at the camp.

"She'll do fine," McCulley said. "Word is a lot of teams are looking for post players. She really has the determination and will to win. As long as she stays calm and doesn't let her nervousness get her out of control, the skills she possesses will show."

## ◆ Sports brief

Western's football team has announced its home games for the 1998-99 season.

The entire season schedule has not been finalized but the six home games on slate for the Toppers include: Tennessee-Martin as the season opener Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m.; Eastern Kentucky Sept. 19 at 7

p.m.; Austin Peay Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.; Elon College Oct. 24 at 5 p.m.; Southern Illinois Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. and Indiana State Nov. 14 at 1 p.m.

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◆ **Baseball news**

# Tops beat Cats in 11

BY TRAVIS MAYO

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Western couldn't seem to beat Southeastern Conference teams going into Tuesday's game at Kentucky.

That all changed when the Tops (20-18) earned more state bragging rights by beating the Wildcats (15-23) in 11 innings.

Junior right fielder Chris Yeo put the Tops ahead for good in the top of the eleventh with a two-run shot over the right-center field wall. Yeo's now hitting .397 and has driven in 34 runs.

He also said he knew Kentucky's park would give Western a chance to put runs on the board.

"In a ballpark like this, where the ball flies, anything's bound to happen, especially in extra innings," Yeo said.

The long ball gave Western its second lead of the game. The Tops had to claw their way back into the game at Cliff Hagan Stadium after being in the hole, 4-0, going into the sixth inning. Western scored five runs in that inning, highlighted by junior second baseman Matt Idlett's two-run homer, his seventh of 1998.

But the Wildcats wouldn't give into the Topper run and recaptured the lead by scoring two runs in the seventh. Senior pinch hitter Justin Bunch hit a solo homer in the seventh, the game's sixth. Junior catcher Josh

Loggins drove in the go-ahead run on a single into the left field hole. Western tied it up in the eighth.

But defense would be the difference in the extra innings. Kentucky's eleventh-inning surge was cut short when senior second baseman David Cheatle grounded into a double play. A fly-out by sophomore third baseman Aaron McGlone ended the game.

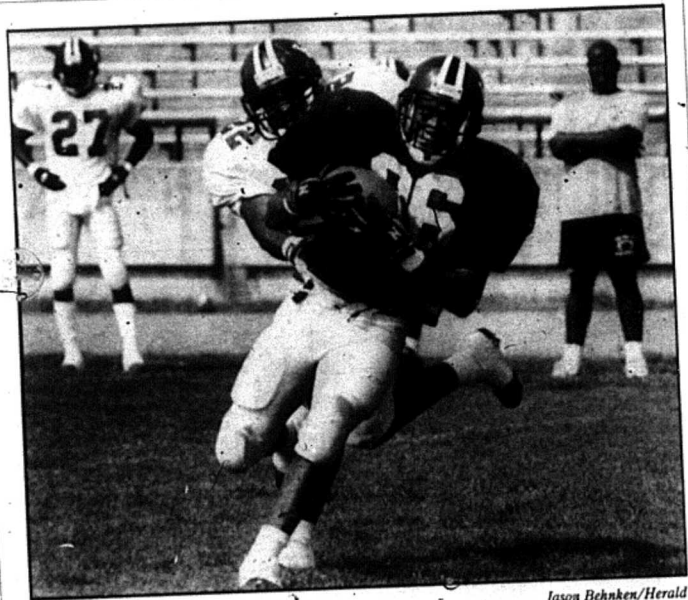
Sophomore pitcher Crad Jagers (5-0) remained Western's only undefeated pitcher. His earned run average now stands at 6.48, and he has 23 strikeouts on the season.

Freshman pitcher Brian Tarajack (3-2) picked up his first save of the year. Jagers said Tarajack's closing performance made him realize he has to pick up his game.

"That's supposed to be my job," Jagers said. "I don't know how many times I've blown games late. The way (Tarajack) has come in and pitched, I better pick myself up or I might lose my job."

Western coach Joel Murrie said beating the in-state rival Wildcats is encouraging at this point in the season.

"To be able to win on the road against an (SEC) team and against what I feel is a quality ballclub in Kentucky is a plus," Murrie said. "It's obviously a highlight of any season."



Jason Behnen/Herald

**Caught:** Junior cornerback Carlis Phillips wraps up freshman wide receiver Clarence Jackson in a drill during Wednesday's practice at Smith Stadium. The Hilltoppers began the three-week spring practice season March 23. The team will conclude spring practice Saturday with the annual Spring Game. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

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