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With new facilities proposal, jobs on the line

By TONYA ROOT

Six Facilities Management managers may be out of a job six months after a new contractor takes over the department.

A committee of administrators voted Feb. 23 to go ahead with the Facility Management partnership proposal, which will give the department's responsibilities to an outside company.

Brendan Bowen, Facilities Management director of administrative services, said the six managers will be given a six-month grace period to work with

the contractor, which Western hopes to select by July 1. Contractors will have to employ the managers for the first six months after taking over.

Bowen said according to the proposal, the existing budget, service levels and university personnel will be



Kemble Johnson
Facilities Management Administrator

maintained.

Bowen, one of the managers who will be affected, said he will "take that six-month period to do the best job" that he can do.

"I hope that the contractor will take into consideration the experience and expertise that we have," he said.

Facilities Management Administrator Kemble Johnson said the director, director of administrative services and managers of ground services, housekeeping and heating, air conditioning and utility, and

building maintenance and repair will be affected.

He said the partnership will affect the management functions. Renovation and remodeling projects will be contracted to outside companies.

Staff regent Joy Gramling, an assistant painting supervisor, said the partnership will replace people who work for Western with people who work for profit.

"Privatization is not the best way to deal with management problems or inefficiencies," she said. "Other things can be done

to improve efficiency."

Gramling said workers have been in limbo for a while and are worried about their future at Western. Most workers want to stay at Western, but they wonder if the grace period for the managers is the first step to losing their jobs, she said.

Several workers agreed, saying they feared for their jobs.

The committee, which is overseeing the privatization process of Facilities Management, met with the Atlanta-based consult-

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Minority aid in jeopardy?

◆ A case challenging such awards has reached the Supreme Court

By SHERRY I. WILSON

Keeping Western's minority scholarships has become a concern after a federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., recently ruled that such awards are discriminatory.

The case involved a scholarship offered at the University of Maryland for black students only.

The court banned minority scholarships in the region it presides over, including Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. No scholarships will be designated for minorities for the fall of 1995 at any of the universities and colleges in these states.

The case now goes to the U.S. Supreme Court for a decision on the constitutionality of scholarships based strictly on race.

The high court's decision would be unprecedented, putting merit and grades as the key deciding factors in scholarship searches, said Phyllis Gatewood, Minority Student Support Services director.

But such a decision would affect minority enrollment at schools like Western, she said.

"Sometimes, many times, what comes down to a decision of where they're going to school, especially with African Americans, is where is the funding," she said. "Not all African Americans are coming from families with good financial support. It is these families in particular who need the scholarships."

Scholarships are used to recruit and retain

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James Glover II/Herald

Stylin': Christy Montross, a sophomore from Brentwood, Tenn., helps Franklin freshman Kyle Wilson get dressed for the 1924 Derby Darlin' Pageant on Monday night. The pageant, sponsored by Sigma Chi fraternity, was a fundraiser for Trevor O'Neil, a former Western student who was injured in a car accident in 1991.

HOUSE SPEAKER: Higher education needs higher funding

◆ Jody Richards will speak at 7 Thursday night in Gerard Auditorium

By CARA ANNA

It was barely dawn when Jody Richards left Bowling Green for Frankfort last week. On his way out, he said goodbye to Lt. Gov. Paul Patton, who had needed a place to sleep while traveling around the state.

"I left him at the kitchen table with a coffee pot and doughnuts," Richards said, smiling.

Work doesn't stop for Richards these days. A former English and journalism professor at Western, Richards became the state speaker of the House of Representatives last month. Richards' wife, Neva, said her husband doesn't even play golf anymore — "He says it takes too long," she said.

Within weeks of becoming speaker, Richards, D-Bowling Green, helped lead a special session of the General Assembly, where legislators voted to remove the inheritance tax and the tax on private pensions.

The move wasn't all good,

some say.

"Any time you take \$120 million out of the state revenue system, it puts stress on the budget," said James Ramsey, Western's vice president for Finance and Administration.

That means stress on funding for higher education. And for Richards, who said he got into politics for education, more stress on him.

Because of his teaching background, he's always hearing from those interested in higher education. Several years ago, Richards even made space in his office so his brother Jim, who was with

Western's office of Alumni Affairs at the time, could have a place to work while lobbying for Western.

People who work with Richards call him honest, straightforward and better than the man he replaced as speaker, Joe Clarke.

"Joe Clarke was a nice man, a good man, but Jody Richards is a little bit better suited for the job," said fellow representative and former Western student John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty. "He's easier to talk to."

Until the General Assembly goes into session next year,

Richards can be found in Frankfort once a week. He's still decorating his office; one item is a red towel President Thomas Meredith.

Richards answered questions about higher education last week.

What do you most want to achieve?

"The (budget) percentage for higher education is decreasing, and I think that's a shame. I view education as one piece, you can't just separate higher education from secondary and elementary. It's folly to have a first class

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Breakin' away

Attention, procrastinators and low-budget Spring Breakers: Here's where to go to have fun.

Special section

'This is what we've been working for'

◆ As Western's men crack the Top 25, they enter the finals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

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Jason Frakes, trapped in Little Rock, hates the gym, the smell... "Even the music has been bad."

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♦ Just a second

Student's hearing delayed again

The district court hearing for Balltown sophomore John Taylor, who was expelled last month for gun and drug possession, has been pushed back to March 17. He is charged with first-offense possession of a controlled substance.

Taylor is appealing his expulsion. Last week, Taylor received a letter from President Thomas Meredith saying he would not modify the decision of Western's disciplinary committee. Taylor's appeal will be passed to a subcommittee of the Board of Regents.

Until the process is complete, Taylor can continue to take classes.

♦ Campus line

People interested in housing international students during Spring Break should contact the Rock House at 745-4857 as soon as possible.

A support group for nontraditional students meets from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays in Potter Hall, Room 310. For more information, contact Patti Collins at 745-3159.

Delta Sigma Theta is having sign-ups and auditions for "Talent Showcase," to be held April 5, at 7 tonight in Downing University Center, Room 226. For more information, contact Nachand Hyde at 745-2225.

Data Processing Management Association meets at 3:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in Grise Hall, Room 341. For more information, contact Cathy Taylor at 781-4794.

Young Democrats meets at 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays in DUC, Room 349. For more information, contact Michael Ferguson at 745-6608 or Andy Spears at 796-1904.

College Patriots meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in DUC, Room 341. For more information, contact Barry Bright at 796-8044.

The advertising sequence and the Ad Club host "Birds of a Feather Flock Together," from 7:30-9 p.m. tomorrow in Garrett Center, Room 100. For more information, contact Carolyn Stringer at 745-4143.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority hosts "Learn How to Protect the Blood," an AIDS awareness program, at 8 p.m. tomorrow in DUC, Room 226. For more information, contact Nachand Hyde at 745-2225.

Friday is the deadline for entering Alpha Phi Alpha oratorical contest, to be held at 7 p.m. March 20 in Garrett Center, Room 100. For more information, contact Ray Brown at 745-2516.

♦ Clearing the air

Stephen House's name was misspelled in Thursday's Herald.



Mike Sweeney/Herald

Peels on wheels: Matt Davis, a junior from Flagstaff, Ariz., and Gina Mendoza, a senior from Hendersonville, Tenn., joke about the California Raisins figures on Davis' bicycle. "I saw this in the basement and fixed it up. Everything was already on there," Davis said. His previous bike was stolen.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Reports

♦ Larry Lee Lock, Bryant Way, reported a carrying case containing 48 compact discs, valued at \$720, stolen from his truck Feb. 6 while it was parked in Chestnut Street lot.

♦ Jessica Lynn Cardwell, Girkin Boiling Springs Road, reported her driver's license, valued at \$12.50, and \$20 in cash stolen from her purse in her car, which was parked in Diddle lot Feb. 20.

♦ Steven Earl Householder, Witkerson Trace, reported his wallet, valued at \$28, a driver's

license, a Big Red card, and a credit card from the Preston Health and Activities Center stolen Feb. 20.

♦ Christopher James Watson, Rodes-Harlin, reported his cassette player, valued at \$350, stolen from his car when it was parked in Kentucky Street lot Feb. 23 or 24.

♦ Larry Brent Burris, Blue Lake Way, reported someone damaged the hood, front fender and grill of his car when in the parking structure Feb. 27. Estimated damages are \$400.

Arrests

♦ Bradley Joseph Mullins, Oaklawn, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and obscuring the identity of a machine or other property Feb. 22. He was released the next day from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$2,000 surety bond.

♦ James Jeremy Carter, College Street, was found not guilty of a first-offense driving under the influence and running a red light in District Court on Feb. 23.

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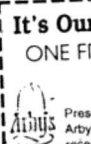
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Aid: Fate of minority scholarships to be decided

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minorities at Western. Gatewood said. Without the opportunity to come to a university or college with a financial advantage, most minorities will not come to Western or complete an undergraduate degree.

"We already have a small percentage of African Americans at Western," she said. "We can't afford to lose any of them."

Western has about 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students, about 800 of which are black.

Every fall and spring, minorities are targeted in high schools across the state in hopes of rais-

ing the minority enrollment.

Gatewood said she didn't know exactly how many minorities are on scholarship at Western. There are different kinds of high school, corporate and national organizational scholarships awarded to many minorities.

Western wants to encourage minorities to apply — not to discourage them, said Howard Bailey, dean of Student Life.

"Those asking for a color-blind society are just blind," he said. "It's a white backlash. This country hasn't recovered from its 175 years of legal, racial segregation and discrimination."

The reason certain scholarships are designated for minori-

ties is clear — to give them the advantage they deserve. Bailey said.

"Those who are complaining are those that think that being born white gives them a birthright of power," he said. "It's an issue that I'll take on with all comers."

"It's polished racism. Coat and tie, three-piece suit racism."

Nashville freshman Steve Roche thinks that minority scholarships are discriminatory.

"This is something I've thought about myself," he said. "To me, I think they are discriminatory. Any student has the capability of getting a scholarship. To have a minority scholarship that gets someone into a

back door to college that they might not fulfill is not right. "I'm totally against minority scholarships."

If the Supreme Court decides that minority scholarships were discriminatory he would be happier, Roche said.

Lexington senior Stephen Smith said he can see both sides of the issue.

"I see that there would be a big uproar if we had white-only scholarships," he said. "Minorities sometimes need an extra hand to be able to come to college. At the same time, with colleges having to have minority quotas — that gets to be a problem."

Philosophy and religion professor Ronald Veenker said that

while he's heard only a little bit about the court case, he thinks it should be taken seriously.

"I don't have a strong opinion about it, but I have an observation," he said. "We are at a time in our political history when a lot of things that were set up 50 years ago are being questioned."

Other minority advantage-based programs, like affirmative action and quotas are being rethought, Veenker said. Whatever decisions that are made should be fair and consider the impact it might have on minorities.

"I hope a lot of serious thinking goes into the decision," he said.

Education job search could include Western

By Lori M. Becker

As the state begins its search for a new education commissioner, President Thomas Meredith anticipates that Western will be included.

"Western could very easily be a player in this," Meredith said.

After four and a half years of service, Thomas C. Boysen announced Feb. 13 that he will step down in June as Kentucky's first education commissioner.

Joseph W. Kelly, chairman of the Kentucky Board of Education, formed a four-person search committee to find a replacement. When position notifications are sent out, Carl Martray, dean of the College of Education, said his college will discuss possible Western nominations.

"It will depend on what they're looking for," Martray said, "and if we have any people who are interested. It's quite different from university work."

Stephen Schnacke, educational leadership department head, said applicants from universities will probably not be the committee's first choice because the job's emphasis is on the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act, which mainly affects secondary schools.

"It's all speculation at this point," he said. "They are most likely to go for a person who has been heavily involved with the public schools rather than a university."

Several criteria will be considered in selecting a new education commissioner, Kelly said.

The committee will be looking for "someone who's knowledgeable about and fully embraces the concept of Kentucky's current education system," he said.

Boysen was the leading advocate for KERA. Kelly said the committee will be looking for candidates who are enthusiastic about and supportive of the program.

The new commissioner should be equipped to carry on the process of reform in our schools," Kelly said, "and build upon the foundation we've set the last four years."

Schnacke said Roger Pankratz, former associate dean for the College of Education, might be a possible candidate.

Pankratz helped develop KERA and is on leave as the executive director of the Kentucky Education Research and Assessment Foundation, created to assess the results of the reform act.

Pankratz was unavailable for comment.

Kelly said that criteria for the position also includes communication and management skills.

The board wants "someone whose primary focus is improving the quality of education for all our children," he said. "That's what keeps us focused, and that's what should keep the commissioner focused."

The board encourages qualified Kentucky applicants, but the search will extend beyond state boundaries, Kelly said. "Our intent is to get the very best person possible, and if it happens to be from outside the state, then that will be the person we choose."

When Boysen was selected, the board reviewed 120 applicants nationwide, Kelly said. The board has not set a deadline for the search committee.

The committee will accept applications until May, maybe longer, committee Chairwoman Helen Mountjoy said. Several nominations across the state have already been received, but Mountjoy declined to say if any were from Western.

"Our goal is to have someone by July," she said.

The search committee must first select a professional Kentucky search firm to assist in the search process. They hope to choose a firm in the next two weeks, Kelly said.

FACILITIES: Bid process in the works

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ing firm that drafted the proposal, Bowen said.

"I think it's going to be difficult to predict what the outcome of this will be," he said. "I think everybody involved is looking at what's best for Western."

The proposal outlines what the costs would be for the partnership and how an outside company would pay for projects and improvements, Bowen said.

"This is a new endeavor for the university," Bowen said. "We're kind of still at the point of discussion of the good and bad points."

The bid process

Business Services Administrator John Osborne said "the only decision the university has made is to solicit proposals."

Western will weigh the benefits and drawbacks of the offers and then make a decision on acceptance, he

ing for a management company to oversee Facilities Management.

"We hope that we will be able to be more efficient and do our job better," he said.

Johnson said the proposal is awaiting a tentative budget from the Finance and Administration office.

Then the proposal will be sent to purchasing to be distributed to prospective companies.

President Thomas Meredith said issuing a request for bids involves sending out information and asking various companies to bid on the project. The best bid will be accepted.

Ramsey said the committee hopes to send out information to find out what companies are interested in bidding by the end of the month, and to get responses by May.

"I think it's going to be difficult to predict what the outcome of this will be."

— **Brendan Bowen**
Facilities Management

said Western doesn't have to accept any of the bids.

James Ramsey, vice president for Finance and Administration, said Western is look-

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Opinion

♦ Your view/letters

Cartoonist is out of control

Stacy Curtis has gone too far this time. He started out stereotyping sorority women, he made a big deal out of President Meredith's trip to Europe, and now, Stacy, who is in the majority, is ridiculing the minority (Herald, Feb. 28).

First of all, affirmative action, Black History Month and women's studies courses, etc., would not exist if this was not a white man's country. "The Star Spangled Banner" states, "For the land of the free and the home of the brave." The only people that the word "free" describes are white males — not women, not blacks, not Jews. You get my point.

Everyone wonders why blacks have the United Negro College Fund, Miss Black America, Miss Black Western and the Minority Student Support Services. I will tell you. These organizations were formed because the majority (white males) refused to accept the minority.

The pageant designated for only black women was established because whites refused to recognize black as being beautiful.

Everyone is right. There is a need for unity among all of us. But it is nothing more than a dream unity.

By the way, Stacy, I as a strong, intelligent black woman would never take a job because of my race or gender.

Kim Harper

Miss Black Western
junior from Gallatin, Tenn.

Faculty should be good teachers

This is in response to Larry Caillouet's comment in the March 2 article by Karin Lowe, "Faculty critique New Level."

He said, "I think it is unrealistic and even unfair to demand that every single faculty member qualify as an excellent teacher, because there may be some faculty members that are only good teachers or all right teachers who are worth a lot to the university in other kinds of ways, such as research."

This is the very attitude that causes the failure of undergraduate education that the New Level plan is attempting to eliminate. For example, at the University of Michigan, students pay an outrageously high tuition for what they expect is a top-rate education. The professors there are considered some of the best in the country and are generally paid higher salaries as compared to less elite universities.

The students there expect them to be professors of excellence. However, most of these "elite" professors spend their time concentrating on research and not the classroom, and students are taught by teacher assistants — generally graduate students.

Several students at the University of Michigan say that their professors were nearly impossible to contact for any purpose, even academic help. Most of these students only saw their professors once — the first class meeting. The result, a highly overpriced and overrated "false" education.

I would argue that although research is important, it is not the main function of this university and should remain in the background — an "extracurricular activity." The bottom line is that the students are paying for an education, and an education is what they deserve. I think students have the right to demand excellence in the classroom.

Shaloh Avery

sophomore from Ann Arbor, Mich.

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♦ Our view/editorial

Athletics should be up to code

Who's to say Jerome DeCarlo's dismissal from the football team was justified?

Unfortunately, it's just his word against Coach Jack Harbaugh's.

Who are we to believe? Since the athletics department has no definite dismissal policy, there's no documentation as to what led to DeCarlo's dismissal. Harbaugh just said DeCarlo had an attitude problem.

One player said DeCarlo's dismissal is an example of what Harbaugh likes to do — dispose of players as he wishes.

On the other hand, an attitude problem can be detrimental to a team.

Currently, coaches at Western are given full authority to make disciplinary decisions for their teams.

"Coach Harbaugh strictly

runs the program," interim Athletics Director Lewis Mills said. "He makes the decisions on personnel. The coach makes the decision that is best for their program."

This isn't fair to the players because the coach becomes the prosecutor and the judge in all disciplinary situations. And that's unfortunate.

Coaches, like everyone else, aren't perfect. Sometimes they get so close to a situation that they can't always be objective. And it may become easy to skew things if a coach has any sort of problem with a player.

The university can't kick a student out without going through a definite and thorough process. Why should athletics be any different?

This is why athletics needs to develop a disciplinary code, requiring documenta-

tion and a review by the athletics office.

Not only would following the code give athletics more credibility in its decision-making, it also would make all Western athletes and coaches adhere to the same basic standards.

As it is now, athletes could receive very different punishments for the same violations.

DeCarlo said that players have only been suspended in the past for vandalizing property or drinking. He thinks his punishment was too extreme.

Not to say coaches shouldn't have any authority in the decisions they make regarding players — they know their team best. But the coaches should have to provide evidence for their actions.

Or let the athletics department call another play.

♦ PEOPLE POLL: Should the athletics department have a disciplinary code?

"Yes, I think so. I think the players need to know their boundaries and to know what the repercussions would be if they take part in certain actions."



—Judy Snoddy,
Wax senior

"Yes, I think they should because, just like anything else there are rules and regulations. There should be a procedure so there's no indiscriminating action."



—John Farrell,
senior from
Woodbridge, Va.

"Yes, Sports is like a job and a job should have disciplinary codes. It eliminates the possibility of an unjust act."



—Israel Greene,
Mt. Sterling
sophomore

"Yes, so that athletics directors will have a set of procedures to go by, controversy won't come up and they can't decide for themselves."



—Heather Nist,
sophomore from
Canton, Ohio

♦ Your view

Painted Fences



♦ Point/counterpoint

Complaints of whiny white guys 'ridiculous'

I'm getting pretty tired of listening to those whiny white guys.

You know who I'm talking about. Those guys who run around complaining about how white males are becoming an "endangered species."

These whiny white guys (I call them WWGs for short) have some kind of inferiority complex. I won't speculate as to what's lacking in their — um — personalities. Whatever it is, it makes them want to blame all their problems on somebody else.

WWGs are always griping about how awful affirmative action is and how they can't get a break. They're convinced that every bad thing that ever happened to them — from their bad grades to getting cut from the Little League team — was because some woman, black person or immigrant had an advantage over them.

This time of year, WWGs are in especially foul moods, since Black History Month has just passed and Women's History Month has arrived. Somehow, celebrating the contributions of women and minorities really makes them sweat. Apparently, they can't stand to share the stage with these newcomers.

What's up with these WWGs? I am a white male, and I don't feel threatened by women or minorities. In fact, I like celebrating their accomplishments, and I appreciate their new presence in the work force and politics.

I am a student teaching this semester as the last step toward becoming a high school teacher. My area is U.S. history. But I am not celebrating Black History Month or Women's History Month with my classes.

Instead, I try to incorporate the story of women and minority struggles into every subject I

teach. I try to help my students see the roles women and blacks have played in all periods of American history and how historical developments have affected them.

Gary Houchens
Commentary



So I don't focus on these subjects two months each year. I want to do it all year long. That's the trend in social studies. It's called multiculturalism, and it's an idea whose time has come

Because to tell only the story of white Americans is to tell only part of the story.

Unfortunately, this is still a fringe movement. Things are getting better, but for the most part, history is still told exclusively from the white, male perspective. It is the accomplishments of white, male political and military leaders that gets most of the attention in history classrooms and textbooks.

You often hear the whiny white guys say, "If we had a white history month, we'd be called racists." I would just call them redundant, since that's what most of historical study has always been about in the first place.

Women and blacks have not achieved equity or justice, neither in historical study nor in the economic world. Women still make only 70 percent of men's

wages for the same work. And blacks are far more likely to be born into poverty than whites.

That's why the complaints of WWGs are ridiculous. White males still dominate every area of power in the United States. They hold proportionately far more positions of authority in business and politics than women or blacks. Racism and sexism still exist and still influence hiring practices. So white men continue to have the advantage.

Because of this, it's still important to celebrate Black History Month and Women's History Month and to support efforts that make our workplaces more diverse. Obviously some people still don't respect the rights of women and minorities to have the same opportunities as men. Perhaps by celebrating their accomplishments, we can overcome some of the lingering racism and sexism in our schools, work places and halls of government.

Affirmative action 'isn't solution to equality'

Affirmative action. It's not about racism. It's not about the past and present dominance of white males in our society or the history of the oppression women and minorities have faced.

And it's definitely not about how white males are being screwed over by giving women and minorities special rights.

It's about trying to attain equality in the work force. It's about stepping into an employer's office and having the same opportunity to attain the position you are applying for as the next person.

And affirmative action doesn't work.

For the further purposes of this discussion, the following definition of affirmative action, as quoted in the book, "The Past, Present and Future of Affirmative Action," by Ronald Turner, is my point of reference — "Public or private actions or programs which provide, or seek to provide, opportunities or other benefits to persons

on the basis of, among other things, their membership in a specified group or groups."

One of the first actions to attain equality in the work force can be traced back to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination or segregation "because of such individual's color, religion, sex or national origin." The act was understood as granting individual rights, not group rights. But affirmative action grants group rights, which is where the problem begins.

In today's work force, employers are encouraged to hire minorities to fill "goals" of creating an equal and diverse work environment. In targeting a Hispanic individual for a job, an employer is automatically providing an opportunity for a particular group and not an individual.

So that eliminates all of the other individuals standing outside

the door, whether they are more qualified or not. Equal opportunity at its best.

Does this really happen, you ask? Yes. It happens in our city, in our state, in our country and it happens here at our university.

Stacy Curtis
Commentary



Affirmative action not only destroys any chance of equality in the work force, it also destroys something more important — self-esteem.

If you were a black female and hired for a position because you

fit the affirmative action "goal" for that particular company, how would that make you feel? Why did you get the job? Again, "I got my job because I am a minority."

Never mind the four or five years you spent in college and the years of graduate school, you are more of a member of a minority to the employer than you are a qualified human being.

If you are an employer and forced to fill the position with a minority or a woman who may not be as qualified as a person who wasn't in your target group, how would you feel? Your self-esteem would be shot.

Affirmative action, in my opinion, isn't the solution to equality nor the end of discrimination in the work force. It's a cheap, fast way of making different races and cultures interact with one another in the work force involuntarily. Encouraging relations and communication between different cultures is a much better and honest solution. Employers haven't tried

minorities and women in the past for the same reasons we've had segregation and discrimination outside of the work force. Fear and ignorance.

Educating ourselves about other cultures means eliminating the fear. Being surrounded by a group of strange, different people you know nothing about can be a fearful experience. Not only does that fear fuel discrimination, it fuels the segregation of cultural groups.

We see this same problem in minority enrollment at Western. Western's minority enrollment for the fall 1994 semester was 374, the lowest in three years. Why should a minority enroll at a university that basically does not have programs and organizations that hold activities that require multicultural interaction on a day-to-day basis?

To attain equality in the work force, we need a cultural education and believe me, we are living in a society that needs to be educated.

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House went too far in repealing ban

The Louisville Courier-Journal last week reported that the U.S. House of Representatives had voted to repeal the exclusionary rule, or the constitutionally ban on unreasonable search and seizure. This law protects Americans from a police-state type of society where citizens fear, rather than respect, law enforcement officials.

The fact that the exclusionary rule was repealed is not surprising. What is surprising is the

lack of outrage this action generated. Do Americans really want the type of fascist government this could lead to, or are we just too apathetic to care? Do we really want to expand the power of Big Brother?

Oddly enough, it is the Republicans, the party of "less government," who are proposing these new changes. Don't they realize that all they are promoting is authoritarianism?

I would urge everyone to watch the Republican Party closely, their path could lead to the end of freedom in America.

Andy Spears
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Western's Young Democrats
Crestwood sophomore

This letter was signed by two other members of Western's Young Democrats

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Greeks volunteer more than just money

By ROB WESER

When Susan Mitchell worked as a volunteer for the Greek Week Blood Drive in 1991 to fulfill a community service requirement for her sorority, Kappa Delta, she didn't realize how the experience would affect her after graduating in 1993.

Mitchell decided she wanted to help organize blood drives. Now she works as a blood services consultant for the Red Cross in Nashville.

"As a student, when I saw hundreds of people donating blood, it made me aware how many people were being helped," Mitchell said. "It's a fun job and I know I'm helping to save lives."

President Thomas Meredith's "Moving to a New Level" proposal would require all students to perform community service. But Greeks already help many people through community service, said Student Activities Director Scott Taylor.

Greeks spent 27,710 hours on community service projects during the 1993-94 school year and helped provide \$251,686 of goods and services, according to a Student Activities and Organization's Philanthropy Report.

"It's absolutely amazing how many community service hours are done by Western students," Taylor said. "Western students make a very significant difference in this community."

People in Bowling Green often call him looking for students to help with a charitable event, he said.

"The community has heavily tapped into utilizing students for manpower," Taylor said. "I've never had trouble finding students help with a worthwhile project."

Most fraternities and sororities have a main philanthropy they help. Greek Affairs Coordinator Charlie Pride said. But Greeks also work at events such as the Western Phon-A-Thon, the Great American Air

Affair and Corvette weekend. Pride said.

Working such activities isn't as glamorous as fund-raising, Taylor said.

"Activities that raise money get more attention, but many, many more hours are probably spent just helping people," he said.

For example, some Greeks recently helped at a parent-teacher organization chili supper at William H. Natcher Elementary, Taylor said.

"There were 19 to 20 students working on a Friday night," he said.

Greeks not required by nationals to volunteer

Although neither national headquarters for Greek organizations nor the university require community service from Greeks, fraternity and sorority chapters set requirements for their members, Pride said.

"National and international headquarters encourage it, but they don't say you have to do it," he said. "Most just do it because they think it's good for their members."

And the community service offered by Greeks makes it a little easier for some organizations to help people, said Bill Hatter, director of the Big Brothers and Sisters Program in Bowling Green.

"We're tickled to death those folks are interested in getting community service hours," he said. "If it weren't for those people, we'd be hurting."

But community service also benefits the students required to do the work, said Tammy Tomberlin, a member of the Chi Omega sorority.

Tomberlin, a junior from Hopkinsville, began doing her community service at Girls, Inc. for her sorority and now works there.

"I love it," she said. "You feel so good every time you leave. You know you've done something good."

Student Escort Service may get fraternity's help

By KRISTINA GOETZ

Members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity are discussing ways they can help the struggling Student Escort Service.

Jim Schaeffer, student patrol coordinator, said it would be nice if other fraternities and sororities stepped forward.

"It's a good project for these organizations because they normally try to do community service," he said.

"What better community to do service in than the Western community?"

The ideal number of students needed for the escort service is 30, he said.

There are currently 11 students working the escort service.

"The problem that I've noticed is that students will work it for a while and then get busy and fail to show up," he said. "We need some students dedicated to the program to make it a good operation."

Schaeffer said the service has been struggling for more than two semesters. He said he did not know the reason for the lack of interest.

Police had to answer almost

800 calls last semester.

London sophomore Mark Luttrell, vice president of Lambda Chi, said members haven't started helping out with the program yet.

"We are supposed to be working on a community service project and somebody recommended the escort service," Luttrell said.

The fraternity would not entirely take over the service, but members would volunteer on a regular basis.

"We're going to start off in moderation and slowly build up," he said.

"We would maybe start out with 10 to 15 hours per week."

Lambda Chi are planning to make this a fraternity-wide project.

Luttrell said he'd like to get at least two-thirds of the fraternity involved. That would be around 40 to 45 members.

The fraternity members had a meeting Sunday night to discuss the idea, but nothing is final. Members will continue to discuss the idea this week.

Luttrell said there would be more information after Spring Break.

Women's History Month Promises to Keep

Exhibits mark month

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Women in different professional areas and cultures will be the focus of Women's History Month activities.

"We want to raise consciousness, I suppose, and to raise awareness to women's achievements," said history professor Carol Crowe Carraco, chairwoman for Women's History Month.

"Promises to Keep" is a nationwide theme for the month.

Activities began last week with "Warrior Marks," Alice Walker's film about female genital mutilation.

Other activities

◆ Photo exhibition, "Women They Left Behind," by photojournalist Larry Powell. The exhibit is on display from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. until March 31 in Garrett Center, Room 100.

◆ A slide presentation, "Gracie and Flo: A Portrait of Rural Poverty," by Powell, 6:30 to 8 p.m. today and tomorrow in Garrett, Room 103.

◆ Women's Alliance Luncheon and Workshop from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. March 22 at the Faculty House. A workshop, "Women and Men: Can We Talk?," will follow. The speaker will be Marsha Wyzkowski.

◆ A lecture, "Women of the New South: Bridges and Barriers to Interracial Cooperation," at 7:30 p.m. March 27 in Garrett, Room 103. The guest speaker will be Janette Thomas Greenwood.

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For safety, Louisville senior Pat Wissing tapes his ears. This prevents them from being grabbed during play.



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BY TEAK PHILLIPS

A northbound CSX freight train was the only thing louder than the grunts and yells Saturday during the rugby club's 55-5 romp over Tennessee Tech at Creason Field.

The club, which started in 1976, hosts several games each semester and travels to other cities around the Midwest and South to go head-to-head with other ruggers.

"It's a great game to play," said Cincinnati senior Shane Bordwin.

Bordwin, a former Western soccer player, said he started playing rugby because his friends played, and he thought it was interesting. He said the fast action and physical contact also attracted him to the sport.

While the physical contact sometimes causes injuries, there are rules that are designed to prevent accidents from happening. Players cannot grab each others' throats and must keep their feet on the ground when making tackles.

While no one was seriously injured Saturday, a few cuts, scrapes and bruises were visible by the end of the game.

Joe Buckosh, a senior from Hendersonville, Tenn., said the club has improved considerably since he joined it four years ago.

"We're real quick," he said. "We have the speed."

Because the club is not an athletic team, university funding is limited to around \$100 a year, which is usually used to buy game balls, said club President Jason McCoy, a sophomore from Indianapolis.

Other expenses, such as jerseys, travel and tournament entry fees are covered through dues and fund-raisers. The dues are generally \$30 per semester, McCoy said. Anyone interested in the team or in becoming a member can call McCoy at 796-8025.

The club has A and B teams give everyone a chance to play. "Whoever practices the best plays in the A game," McCoy said. The B game is for the rest of the team.

◆ The next home game is against Vanderbilt at 1 p.m. on March 25 at Creason Field.



Mike Sweeney/Herald

Above, Minor injuries are sometimes a part of rugby. Louisville freshman Marty Wissing injured his knee during Saturday's game.

Right, Pat Wissing and Owensboro senior Richard Castlin control the ball near the sideline.



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Jersey numbers designate specific positions.



Jamal A. Wilson/Herald

In January, Jody Richards was named speaker of the state House of Representatives — and was in a special session days later. He did well, said fellow legislator John Will Stacy, a former Western student. "There was a lot less confusion; sessions seemed a lot better thought out," Stacy said.

RICHARDS: 'Funding is the main thing'

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elementary and secondary education system and not fund higher education adequately. That's what is happening."

"What can you do?"
"I've asked the chair of the House committee on appropriations and revenue, the chair of the House education committee and the chair of the House budget subcommittee on education — which recommends funding — I asked all three to look very carefully at ways we can better fund all of education."

We also need some program money for higher education, not just capital construction money."

Where is there money to increase high education funding?

"If you look at the budget, the percentage of funding to elementary and secondary education is stationary. If you look at higher education, it's going down. If you look at Medicaid, it's like a rocket. It's going right straight up. Now, I believe I'm a very caring person about people who have legitimate needs. However, there is so much waste and overuse, abuse and misuse in Medicaid that it's frightening. We have to totally revamp it, and I think some big dollars can be saved in Medicaid. The complicating factor in all this is how changes in the federal government may make. Another place where money can be saved — I think there too many state employees. Mid-management level, nonmerit employees. When Gov. (John Y.) Brown was governor in the early 80s, the number of state employees was down at 29,500. Today a chart on the governor's wall says we have 34,599, the last time I looked. I've been trying several years to try and get the governor to — and he's very cooperative in this, he hasn't got a handle on it yet — we have too many state cars."

Do you drive a state car?

"No. It's my car. Mine has 130,000 miles on it."

"Another area — there are entirely too many state publications. Each agency makes a report, usually a fancy, four-color job. The whole point in

all this, I think we need to look at each agency of state government, each entity, to see where money can be saved. Force each agency to justify its existence and expenditures."

This will apply to higher education also, right?

"Yes, but I think higher education can easily justify more dollars. Over the last about 14 years, they suffered lot of cuts."

"There is so much waste and overuse, abuse and misuse in Medicaid that it's frightening."

— on where to cut the state's budget

has to retrench and renege on that commitment."

What are some of the top education issues now?

"From the state perspective, funding is the main thing. We do not need to be trying to influence policy at universities; it's not our role, it doesn't need to be."

Western is making changes — a new foundation, President Meredith's "Moving to a New Level" proposal — what is your opinion of those?

"I like the things I hear. The one thing — with only 55-56-57 percent of high school graduates going to college, I still think we need to emphasize access. I just do not want to see Western's enrollment decline. I just want to make sure that we attract as many young people as possible to higher education."

Western has said enrollment may drop because of the New Level changes.

"I've been assured that students who are not admitted to the university will go to the community college. Western's been so good over the years at taking

students who maybe weren't very well-prepared when they got there but doing exceedingly well with them."

What do you think of the new Western Kentucky University Foundation?

"It needs to be the cream, it doesn't need to be the basics. Public Funding should be the foundation."

Do you get impatient with the pace of the General Assembly?

"I've always wanted things to move faster than they have. I realize that sometimes you just have to wait until an idea's time has come. The inheritance tax that we were able to significantly take off children and grandchildren recently in the special session, I tried to do something about that 19 years ago."

How'd the special session go?

"From the reaction of members, media, the public — good. One newspaper reporter asked me on Thursday, 'Speaker, you will not get out tomorrow. Tell me why you are driving the process so fast.' I said, 'I'll tell you why. Because if we go over the weekend, you'll say we are wasting \$120,000. If I get us out tomorrow, will you give me credit for saving the state money?' He said, 'No, but if you go to Monday, I'll remind people that you did.' We kept everybody singing off the same page, and that's what we meant to do."

What do you want to be in the future?

"At this point, I have no political ambitions beyond being speaker."

What are your goals there?

"That we will create an educational system second to none. We need to create a high moral and ethical environment in public life in Kentucky. Our ethics have to be higher than the average citizen because we have to be above reproach. That's another part of what I want to do as speaker. We cannot have an effective government if people think that government is not above board. We must, we must do that."

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BY SHERRY I. WILSON

Before area high school and Western students can begin to

Western and the businesses hope to organize the program by

"They've got a significant role in this," he said. "As the students work there, each year they go back the responsibilities become more and more."

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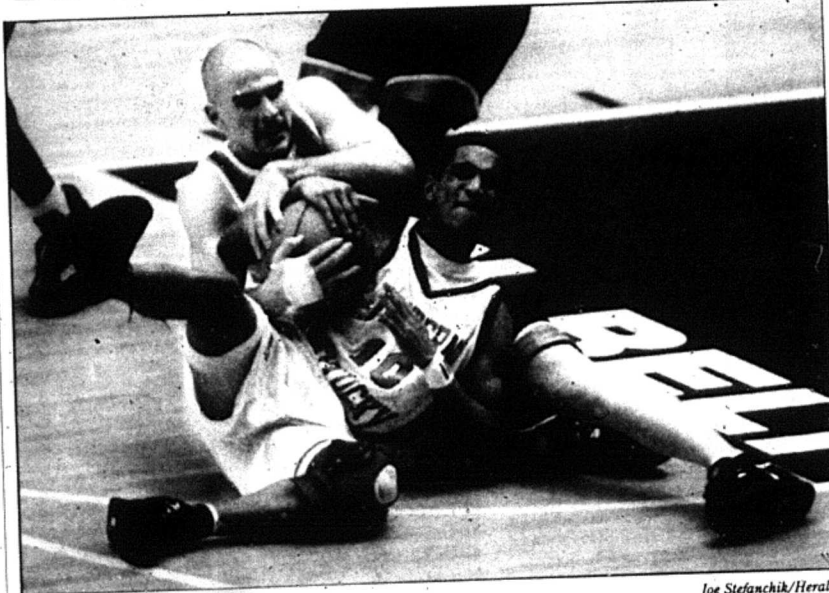
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Sports

'A whole new season'



Senior guard Jeff Rogers is fouled by Texas-Pan American's Chris Clay. Rogers went to the foul line and sealed the win for Western by hitting the two free throws in the final minute of the game. The Hilltoppers won 64-61.

BY MICHAEL SCOTT

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — To hear Wimp Sanderson talk, one would think that Arkansas-Little Rock didn't have enough players to compete in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

Guard Malik Dixon missed most of the season with a broken bone in his left foot and broken bone in his right foot the day he returned to full practice.

Forward Tony Chime was dismissed from the team at the end of the regular season for disciplinary reasons. His replacement in the starting lineup, forward Joe Stephens, aggravated a stress fracture in his left foot in the Trojans' 99-76 Sun Belt Conference Tournament quarterfinal win over Jacksonville Saturday night and will miss the rest of the tournament. Despite their ills, the Trojans (17-

11) defeated No. 3 seed Jacksonville on Saturday and No. 2 seed New Orleans 64-52 on Sunday. Tonight they

"It's how you play tonight, not how you played last week."

— Wimp Sanderson
Arkansas-Little Rock coach

poll, the first time they have been ranked in two seasons. Western is also ranked 26th in the USA Today/CNN coaches' poll.

The 8:30 p.m. game will be televised nationally on ESPN. The winner will receive the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"It's how you play tonight, not how you played last week," Sanderson said. "I like to take the tournament and make it a whole new season."

Guard Rod Smith scored 17 points in each of the Trojan wins.

Point guard Derek Fisher, who led the Trojans in scoring at 17.5 points per game this year, said after his team's win over New Orleans that the Trojans are not satisfied with their season at this point.

"I think we're going to come out as

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Doyle leads team toward postseason

◆ Western's last win over the Lady Techsters in Ruston was for the Sun Belt Conference Tournament championship two years ago

BY DAN HIER

When the Lady Toppers took the floor Thursday in Diddle Arena, they sported a new look. Western stepped onto the court wearing black socks and striped shoes against Southwestern Louisiana, and proceeded to stomp all over the Lady Cajuns in an 80-30 victory.

It was Southwestern Louisiana's lowest point total since the 1976-77 season.

The Lady Tops followed up the win with a 97-51 thrashing of Texas-Pan American on Saturday, giving Western a four-game winning streak heading into the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, which starts tomorrow in Ruston, La.

Western (23-3, 12-2) is the second seed and will face seventh seeded Southwestern Louisiana at 1:30 p.m.

Southwestern Louisiana's top scorers are guard Alyson Habetz and center Keeyada Robinson, but the two combined for just eight points in Western's 80-30 demolition. The two also met Jan. 14, with the Lady Toppers winning 97-55.

The Lady Toppers are trying not to overlook the Lady Cajuns, but they are looking forward to some possible rematches on Thursday and Saturday.

Lamar and Louisiana Tech were the only teams to hand Western conference losses this season. Lamar beat Western 75-74 on Jan. 26 and Louisiana Tech topped the Lady Tops 83-72 on Feb. 10. If the tournament goes as expected, Western will face Lamar on Thursday and Louisiana Tech in the championship game Saturday.

"We owe them (Lamar) one. We played bad down there and they beat us," senior guard Veronica Cook said. "We're going to beat them by a lot like we did to Southwestern Louisiana."

If the Lady Toppers reach Saturday's finals, they would likely face their toughest challenge of the season — trying to beat Louisiana Tech on its home floor for a high seed in the NCAA tournament.

Western has won only once in six games against the Lady Techsters in Ruston. The lone



Gwen Doyle

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Barton Coliseum disappointing to Sun Belt

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Topper coach Matt Kilcullen stepped up to the podium, addressed the crowd very briefly and humbly walked back to his seat.

While he has outlasted him twice on the sidelines this season, Kilcullen knew he had no chance when it came to going up against Arkansas-Little Rock coach Wimp Sanderson from behind the microphone during yesterday's pre-championship press conference at a local Mexican restaurant.

Sanderson's sideline antics and postgame press conference have been one of the few high-

lights of an otherwise mediocre weekend at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament here in Little Rock.

While many have harped about the fact that the conference does not get enough respect nationwide, conference officials haven't done much to enhance the league's image by holding its tournament here.

Probably the worst part of the whole thing has been the "gymnasium." Located on the Arkansas State Fairgrounds, Barton Coliseum has to be the ugliest, dirtiest and most disgusting arena this side of the Mississippi River.

It's been said that it looks as if oatmeal is growing on the



Jason Frakes
Commentary

walls of this place. That description is pretty good except that it would more accurately be

described as dirty oatmeal.

The dungeon is about as well-lit as Mammoth Cave, and the stench from rodeos held there still lingers in certain areas. Signs still left on the doors to the arena from the state fair read "Party 'til the cows come home."

It smells like the cows never left.

The crowds have been fair during the games that Little Rock and Arkansas State have played in, but during the other games attendance has been poor. It's doubtful that the \$1 ear plugs that can be found at the concession stands have been a

real hot seller.

In fact, the crowds have been so bad that during Western's quarterfinal game against Southwestern Louisiana on Saturday, the public address announcer asked for the crowd of Western fans to move to one area of the arena so the place would look packed for the national television audience.

And yes, that would be the same public address announcer who confused Chris Robinson, conference player of the year, with walk-on John Mathews after a Robinson three-pointer.

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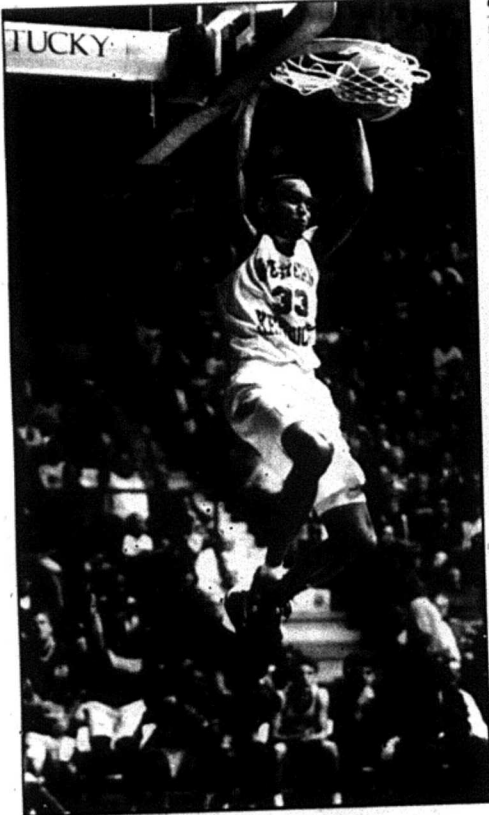
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◆ Women's basketball at Sun Belt Conference Tournament in Ruston vs. Southwestern Louisiana, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday
◆ Baseball at the University of Louisville, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday
◆ Baseball hosts Jacksonville, noon, Denes Field.

Tops: 'We'll have no problem getting ready'



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focused as ever Tuesday night," Fisher said. "We lost two games to Western this year, a close one here and a real embarrassing one up there. We've done a good job preparing for this tournament."

The Toppers (25-3) advanced to the finals after beating Southwestern Louisiana 87-72 on Saturday and Texas-Pan American 64-61 on Sunday. Sanderson said Western's athletic ability, solid guard play and quickness on the boards makes it a hard team to play against.

"I don't think anybody in the league matches up real well with them," Sanderson said. "We can't play zone against them because they shoot too well. Probably, the lower the score, the better off we'll be."

Western brings an 11-game winning streak into the championship game. Coach Matt Kilcullen said the Trojans will defend their home court well and that the stage is set for a great basketball game.

"Team defense is always No. 1," Kilcullen said. "We have to be aware of Derek Fisher, but the rest of their team is getting good minutes. They've handled two great teams."

Kilcullen said the Toppers played well in their win over Southwestern Louisiana. Junior forward Chris Robinson led a balanced Western attack with 16 points and five assists.

Kilcullen said Western was out-

played at times by Texas Pan-American, but thought the team played solid defense down the stretch. Robinson led the Toppers with 13 points. Senior guard Jeff Rogers added 11 points, including two free throws with seven seconds left to give Western the 64-61 advantage.

Senior forward Deon Jackson ruptured a tendon in the little finger of his left hand against the Broncs. Kilcullen said the injury shouldn't hinder Jackson's ability to play.

Senior guard Darrin Horn said while the Toppers were bothered at times by the Broncs, they made plays when they had to.

"We're a senior team," Horn said. "We'll have no problem getting ready for UALR. This is what we've been working for all year."

Texas-Pan American (61)
Black 2-4 1-2 6, Clay 6-15 4-4 18,
Haynie 4-7 0-0 8, Scott 2-7 0-0 4,
Williams 5-13 2-4 12, Muhammad
0-0 0-0 0, Necipoglu 1-4 0-0 2,
Oliveria 3-6 0-7, Bonner 1-2 0-2,
Martin 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 25-59 7-10
61.

Western (64)
Fralix 3-7 2-4 10, Horn 4-12 2-2
10, Jackson 2-3 3-4 7, Robinson 5-
13 2-2 13, Hall 4-6 3-3 11, Flowers
0-0 0-0 0, Rogers 3-5 4-4 11,
Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Thornton 1-1 0-1
2. Totals 22-47 16-20 64.

Halftime—Texas-Pan Am 34,
Western 33. 3-point goals—Texas-
Pan Am 4-10 (Clay 2-7, Black 1-1,
Oliveria 1-2), Western 4-10
(Fralix 2-5, Rogers 1-1, Robinson
1-3, Horn 0-1). Rebounds—Texas-
Pan Am 31 (Williams 9), Western
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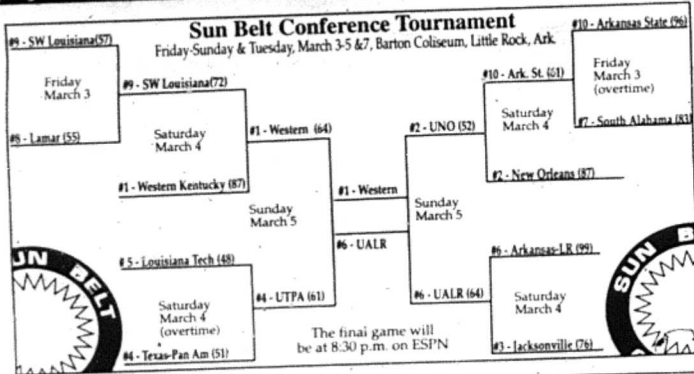
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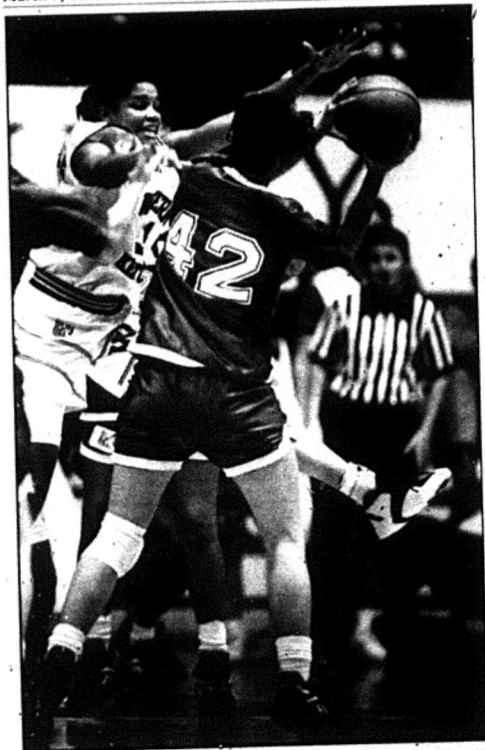
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The Lady Toppers open play in the Sun Belt Tournament at 1:30 tomorrow against Southwestern Louisiana. Sophomore guard Stacie Gamble fights for the ball against her Southwestern Louisiana opponent during the Lady Toppers' final home game last Thursday. Western won 80-30.

DOYLE: Senior peaking

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win came in the 1993 Sun Belt Tournament championship game. One player who could make an impact on whether the Lady Toppers get a second win is senior forward Gwen Doyle.

Doyle has led the team in scoring in each of Western's last six games, averaging 20.7 points a contest over the stretch. The Lady Toppers made it to the finals of the Sun Belt tournament and the second round of the NCAA last year without Doyle, who missed the postseason because of a severe ankle sprain.

The Lady Toppers are hoping the team's momentum will carry them further this year.

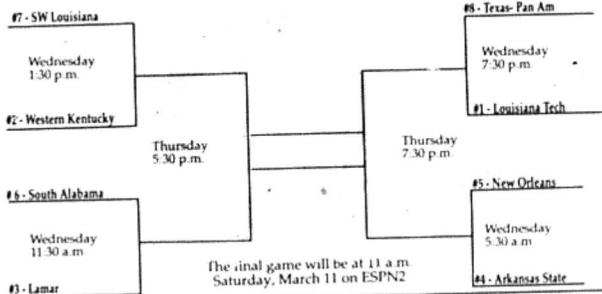
"You can see a difference in the way we're playing," senior forward Ida Bowen said. "We're peaking. There's no telling what we're capable of right now."

What the team is hoping to do is win the Sun Belt Tournament and earn one of the top 16 seeds in the NCAA tourney. "I talked with the people at USA Today, and they said that unless we tripped down the stretch we should get a top 16 seed," Sanderford said. "We should get one as long as we get to the finals of the Sun Belt Tournament."

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Horn, Doyle named top athletes

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Senior basketball players Darrin Horn and Gwen Doyle have been named Western's male and female Athletes of the Year.

Horn, the second leading scorer for the Hilltoppers, was named AT&T's Long Distance Shooter for his three-point percentage in January, when he was ranked second nationally. He also has been selected for the

regional all-academic first team.

Horn became the 32nd Western player to score 1,000 points on Feb. 18 against South Alabama.

His career high is 23 points against Southwestern Louisiana.

Doyle was named a preseason All American by the Women's Basketball News Service after leading the Lady Toppers in scoring and rebounding last year in her first season at Western.

She was selected Sun Belt

Player of the Week in mid-February after leading the Lady Toppers to wins over South Alabama and New Orleans, when she averaged 23.5 points and 9 rebounds while connecting on 57 percent of her shots.

Doyle's biggest outing was 31 points on Jan. 22 in a 79-71 win over Louisiana Tech.

Both players will be honored at the annual Student Awards Banquet later this spring.

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Former swimmer rallies team

By ERIC S. VICKREY

It was a storybook ending for the swim team as it came from behind during the final session to place second in the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships at Cleveland State last week.

The Toppers were in third place, 34 points behind Cincinnati, going into the final events of the competition Friday. The Toppers outscored the Bearcats by 54 points for the second-place finish.

Southern Illinois won the championships by 97.5 points.

After the first day of competition, Coach Bill Powell said his squad was "way down on themselves," and he was unsure if they would be able to make the comeback.

"They went in with some really high expectations," he said. "They wanted to overtake SIU. Maybe they (expectations) were, too high."

Powell attributes much of the rally to his son, former Topper Dan Powell.

"Dan came in Friday night and gave the team a big pep talk and led them in a total nonsensical cheer," Powell said. "The team totally loosened up and turned things around. Dan told them they weren't having fun with this, and they really weren't."

After his talk, the younger Powell took a red marker and wrote slogans on the Topper swimmers.

"Dan told them the third day

belongs to Western, and he wrote things like 'third day' and 'AKMF' (All Kinds of Major Fun) all over them," Powell said.

Powell also said depth was a key to Western's high finish.

"We are allowed 19 men and 18 of them scored," he said. "That is probably better than any team there including SIU."

Junior Scott Cummins was named the 1995 Easterns Swimmer-of-the-Year after plac-

ing first in the 200-yard freestyle and 1,650 freestyle, and third in the 500 freestyle. He set Western records in the 200 (1:39.45), 1,650 (15:53.38) and 1,000 freestyle (9:27.69).

In addition, Cummins qualified for U.S. Swimming Nationals in the 1,650 freestyle, the 400 and 800 freestyle events.

Cummins is also under 'B' consideration for NCAA Nationals for the 1,650 freestyle

After the 32 fastest times, NCAA judges will evaluate other swimmers. Senior Joel Wihebrink successfully defended last year's titles in the 50 and 100 freestyle events in dramatic fashion. "Joel was behind in the first 80 yards," Powell said. "He came back hard in the last 20 yards to take the win."

Freshman Eric Carter broke the school record in the 100 backstroke (52.0) and 200 backstroke (1:51.24). Junior Evan Welting set a Topper record in the 400 individual medley (4:03.50).

Other Topper finishes

◆ Brent Brandstetter — 50 freestyle (5th), 100 freestyle (3rd)

◆ Sean Porter — 100 freestyle (5th)

◆ Adam Heeg — 200 butterfly (7th)

◆ Brandon Ungetheim — 100 breaststroke (7th)

◆ Andrew McCallum — 200 breaststroke (7th)

◆ Matt Hagan — 200 breaststroke (8th)

◆ Matt Kragh — 1-meter diving (3rd), 3-meter diving (5th)

◆ Mitch Mills — 1-meter diving (6th), 3-meter diving (4th)

◆ The 400 medley relay (Carter, Ungetheim, Heeg, Wihebrink), 800 freestyle relay (Cummins, Welting, Liggett, Carter) and the 400 freestyle relay (Cummins, Wihebrink, Porter, Brandstetter) teams all qualified for the U.S. Swimming Nationals.

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**— Bill Powell
swimming coach**

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Errors cause trouble for Toppers

By ERIC S. VICKREY

It was a bittersweet series for the baseball team when it traveled to the Rice Invitational last weekend. Western played three games in three days. Two of those games against top 15-ranked opponents.

"It was a positive thing, but it was also upsetting," Coach Joel Murrie said. "It feels good to know we can play with nationally ranked teams. But it upsets me to know we could have won."

Western (5-3) faced No. 15 Rice (12-2) in the opener and, despite two rallies in late innings, fell by a single run, 7-6. Western matched the Owls with a run in both the first and second innings. Then Rice rallied for three in the fourth to take a 5-2 lead.

The Toppers answered with a run in the fifth to pull within two runs. After allowing two more runs in the sixth, Western got to within two again in the eighth. But the rally fell short when the Toppers could only manage one in the ninth.

Western's lone win of the weekend came against the Wyoming Cowboys (4-6).

Senior Matt Bowles pitched eight innings, allowing only four hits for the win.

Western capitalized early with three runs in the second inning and never looked back. The Cowboys didn't score until the final inning. C.J. Martin pitched the ninth for his first save of the season.

The Toppers finished the tournament against fifth-ranked Oklahoma State (14-1).

Western lost 6-3. Senior pitcher Andy Alepra was saddled with the loss after a solid five-inning performance.

Even with the two losses, Murrie said he feels the trip is going to help the Toppers down the road.

"This is going to be great experience for later in the season," he said. "It will pay off against the Sun Belt Conference opponents. It should give us a shot of confidence knowing we

can play against teams like that."

Murrie said the weekend should show the Toppers what they have to do as a team to get the big wins.

"We lost because we did not play up to our abilities," he said. "To know we could beat them — particularly the ranked teams — is very frustrating."

Some untimely errors proved troublesome for the Toppers.

"In the future we have to get better," Murrie said. "When we play good ballclubs we can't give them the extra opportunities."

"We are much more talented than we are showing we are."

Senior catcher James Davis said this weekend will be a big mental boost for the club.

"This showed us we can beat anyone on the rest of the schedule," he said.

Tennessee Tech on deck

The Toppers continue their current road trip when they face Tennessee Tech and Valparaiso University today in Cookeville, Tenn.

Tennessee Tech took a 2-7 record into a Monday matchup against Valparaiso. The Golden Eagles' wins have come against Louisville and Northeastern Illinois.

The Golden Eagles are currently batting near the Mendoza line at .202 as a team and have been outscored by opponents 58-29. Pitchers have a combined 5.31 ERA and have allowed 88 hits in their nine games.

Western's series with Tennessee Tech is the second-oldest in the Topper record books. The first game dates back to 1923 with Western holding a 65-44-2 advantage.

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BARTON: Toppers work for their wins

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And while we're at it, even the music during the timeouts has been bad. Do these people own anything from the '90s? During consecutive timeouts of Saturday's game between Texas-Pan American and Louisiana Tech, Motley Crue's "Girls, Girls, Girls" and Bon Jovi's "You Give Love A Bad Name" rang from the speakers.

No wonder neither team could score over 51 points even though the game went into overtime.

If there has been one saving grace for the tournament, it has been the competitiveness of the games. Most people expected Western to walk right into Little Rock and sweep the tournament easily. That has not been the case as Southwestern Louisiana and Texas-Pan American have both pushed the Toppers to the limit.

Two other games were decided in overtime and another was won on a last second shot.

Also, the tournament does have a shot to go out with a bang tonight as the Toppers face host Arkansas-Little Rock, which brings us back to the tournament's other highlight — Wimp Sanderson.

Sanderson has provided his signature scowl and other antics while on the sidelines and has provided the media with enough quotes to last a lifetime.

Some of Wimp's better quotes: "You said Darrin Horn always had a smile on his face. I guess he kind of reminds you of me," after Sun Belt Commissioner Craig Thompson said senior guard Darrin Horn was one of his favorite players.

"I told one of my coaches when I saw them eating breakfast this morning that they looked like dead eating a cracker," after a question about how his team was feeling.

"He'd give me about three before they said 'home of the brave,'" commenting on how referee John Clougherty had a tendency to give him technicals during his days coaching at Alabama.

Yes, Wimp hasn't skipped a beat since his days in Tuscaloosa. As for tonight's game, it should be the best of the tournament. The Trojans have played the best basketball of any team so far this week and look primed to upset the Toppers, who have struggled.

Wimp won five SEC tournaments while at Alabama and has his team one win away from the NCAA Tournament. Western should be in regardless.

Let's just hope the fans are in the right place for the TV crew.

Men's golf tied for 10th

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The men's golf team returned to action yesterday to compete in the University of New Orleans Intercollegiate Invitational in Slidell, La.

After the first round Monday, Western is in the middle of the field at the par-72 course. Its first-round score of 318 puts it in a four-way tie for 10th place with Louisiana Tech, Nicholls State and Toledo. The Toppers will finish the 18-team invitational today.

The Toppers are lead by sophomore Ryan Tucker, whose score of 76 puts him five shots off the lead and tied for 14th. Senior captain Brian Harris is three shots behind Tucker with a 7-over-par 79, which puts him in a tie for 28th place.

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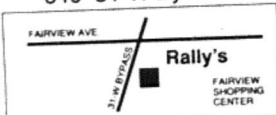
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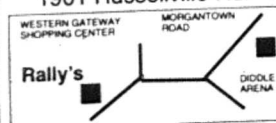


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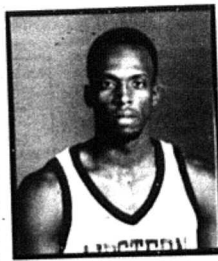


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**99¢ Smokin'
Sausage**

A spicy sausage served with
spicy mustard on a sesame seed
hot dog bun. Add chili, cheese
and diced onions for 40¢.



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**\$2.89 Chicken
Combo**

NEW

New all-white meat lightly
breaded chicken sandwich
served with mayonnaise, tomato and
lettuce. Now 20% bigger.



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