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Regents Heather Falmlen, Robert Chambless and Eugene Evans are ushered into the witness room before testifying to the Warren County grand jury yesterday morning.

Chris McKenney/Herald

## Grand jury may issue report

◆ *No word on whether any indictments will be handed out Monday*

BY JULIE GRUNDY

Yesterday proved to be yet another long day for the 12 members of the Warren County grand jury. After hearing testimony from six more witnesses, the jury recessed with plans to meet Monday to prepare a report of its investigation.

Since last week the grand jury has been investigating the hiring of former Gov. Louie Nunn to supervise an audit at

Western that the Board of Regents requested. The jury also wants to find out who was responsible for issuing Nunn a campus office while he was under a temporary injunction.

Commonwealth Attorney Steve Wilson said that it will take "at least an afternoon" for the grand jury to prepare its report. Wilson said he could not comment about whether any indictments will be issued, but he said the jury has been thorough in its investigation.

"They (members of the grand jury) have been, I think, very directed as to the things and issues they want to look

into," Wilson said. "As to that extent, I think they have been very successful."

University Attorney Franklin Berry Jr. and regents Robert Chambless, Eugene Evans and Heather Falmlen testified today along with former Regent Wendell Strode and Ron Shrewsbury of the accounting firm Baird, Kurtz and Dobson.

Jury members heard testimony last Wednesday from Board Chairman Joe Iracane, Vice Chairwoman Patsy Judd and Regent Steve Catron.

Regent Bobby Bartley had been subpoenaed along with

Iracane, Judd and Catron, but never testified.

Grand jury foreman Frank St. Charles III of Bowling Green continues to deny rumblings that a letter he wrote to Iracane last month conflicts with his grand jury duties.

In the letter, dated Feb. 4, St. Charles told Iracane, "The actions of the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents, under your direction, are appalling.... If you would let Tom Meredith run the university, as he was hired to do, all of the controversy would

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## 7-year-old college growing

◆ *Enrollment at the community college has jumped to 1,377 students*

BY STEPHANIE STIVERS

Just across the street from the Thompson Complex and down the corner from Cherry Hall, stands a homey brick building that serves as Grand Central Station for one of Western's lesser known colleges—the community college.

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Although Western's Community College has been in operation for only about seven years, it has fast become an important part of many students' lives by offering them another chance at furthering their education.

"I think it means a lot to a awful lot of students," said Doris Moody of Bowling Green. "There is a real supportive atmosphere there."

Moody, a recent community college graduate, said the college helped her earn a bachelor's degree in information systems while she worked a full-time job and took care of her family. As a non-traditional student, she said the community college helped her adapt to college life.

"It gives you a chance to get comfortable and then sets you up

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## ASG: Bill a boon for the average student

BY NIKITA STEWART

Associated Student Government voted 23-11 yesterday to recommend to the Academic Council that students be allowed

to retake classes in which they've earned a C. Students currently are allowed to retake courses in which they've earned a D or an F.

Senior Class President Devon Delano said the bill was focused toward students who would like to go to graduate or law school.

◆ **The bill was passed on to the Academic Council.**

Hopkinsville junior Melony Jones said her C sticks out like a sore thumb. She said many students would like the chance to improve their grade-point averages.

But President Heather Falmlen said the Student Complaint Committee is the proper channel to appeal a grade. The committee, which is made up of students and faculty, listens to pleas from students.

Nashville sophomore Trent Lyda said that process should be enough for students.

"Now, any idiot who makes a C can take it over," he said. "That's not right."

Treasurer Joe Rains said the bill would cause students to lose motivation.

"What's the motivation to do well the first time if you can just

take it again?" he said. "If you want to spend the time and the money, you can get straight B's."

Some Congress members also argued that classes are already too overcrowded to allow students to retake them.

◆ Congress also heard the second reading of a bill to change all the yield signs in the parking structure to stop signs to help decrease accidents.

◆ Congress also heard the first reading of a bill to install toilet-seat covers in all dorms to decrease the amount of money spent on toilet paper, which is already used for a similar purpose.

◆ ASG heard a recycling bill to give \$500 to Robert Schneider, an agricultural mechanics professor, who would make a 24-hour aluminum recycling bin.

## Seat-belt ordinance likely to pass City Commission

BY LEE KOGER

Bowling Green's proposed seat-belt ordinance will affect students as well as city residents, a city official said yesterday.

"Anybody who drives a vehicle in Bowling Green will fall under the same law," said Commissioner Joe Denning, one of four commission members who voted in favor of the ordinance Tuesday night.

The ordinance would require all occupants of a vehicle to wear seat belts, but police would not be able to issue citations for not wear-

ing them unless the driver is stopped for another offense, such as speeding or running a red light.

"That is the key to the whole law," Denning said.

Denning said Tuesday night's 4-1 vote marked the second time the City Commission voted on the proposed ordinance. The previous Commission and mayor defeated it in December.

The City Commission will meet March 24 for the second reading, Commissioner Johnny Oldham said. He expects

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### ◆ Campusline

The Physical Plant needs workers during Spring Break. Anyone interested should apply at the Financial Aid office.

Any black female interested in being a contestant in the Ms. Black Western Pageant should call Pageant Coordinators Meredith Petway at 745-3429 or Monique Taylor at 745-3689. The pageant is April 1.

There will be a speed-chess tournament for Western students from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday on the fourth floor of Downing University Center. Students should sign up before 6 p.m. today at the bowling alley desk on the fourth floor. First-place prize is \$50, second-place prize is \$30 and third-place prize is \$20. For more information, call Wieb Van Der Meer, chess club adviser, at 745-5003.

International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in Downing University Center, Room 305. Martha Henegar will be speaking on public relations writing. For more information, call President Christy Gentry at 781-0947.

The Voice staff will meet at 4 p.m. today in Potter Hall conference room. Anyone interested in working on the minority newsletter is encouraged to attend. For more information call Editor Anya Lockert at 745-4926.

The Anthropology Club will be hosting movie night at 5:15 tonight in Grise Hall, Room 134. They will show "The Emerald Forest." For more information, call Vice President Robyn Graham at 782-9036.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets at 8 p.m. Thursdays in West Hall Cellar. Everyone is invited. For more information call President Michael Avella at 842-6218.

Service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega will have its business meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday in West Hall Cellar. For more information, call Public Relations Director Kenneth Brittain at 745-4049.

The Inter Organizational Council will meet at 5 p.m. Monday in Downing University Center, Room 341. Delegates from all campus organizations are encouraged to attend. For more information call Eric Davis, public relations vice president, at 745-5194.

United Student Activists will show "Thelma and Louise" as part of its free film series at 7 p.m. Monday in Garrett Conference Center, Room 201. For more information call Lorna Sackett, film series chairwoman, at 781-9408.

Brian Smith will be the speaker for the Entrepreneurship class from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Grise Hall, Room 238. For more information call Lawrence Finley, management professor, at 745-2480.

Phi Beta Lambda will meet at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday in Downing University Center, Room 305. Bowling Green Mayor Johnny Webb will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited. For more information, call President David Sparks at 842-4150.



Photo by Drew Murphy

**Just a swingin':** Kim Roberts, 9, enjoys a ride on the tire swing in the playground outside Page Hall Tuesday. Campus Child Care offers a Head Start program in the morning and day care in the afternoon.

### ◆ For the record/crime reports

#### Arrests

◆ Raymond McNary, 9160 Bowling St., Fort Knox, was arrested Feb. 16 when a Public Safety officer observed McNary shoving and cursing at an unknown victim in Central lot. McNary was charged with third-degree criminal trespassing and

taken to the Warren County Regional Jail.

◆ Lesley Paige Ouzts, Bowling Green, was sentenced Jan. 3 to serve two days in jail and a year's probation and to pay \$267.50 from charges of driving under the influence.

◆ Peyton Austin Jones, Bowling Green, was sentenced

Jan. 27 to serve 90 days in jail and a year's probation and ordered to pay \$67.50 from charges of knowingly receiving stolen property.

◆ Tarus Jermaine Simmons, Bowling Green, pleaded guilty to theft over \$100 and criminal trespassing Feb. 24.

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ASG will call YOU to hear what's on your mind.

# Western working to improve

◆ *There will be a study, scheduled to be finished by May 15, to evaluate each program*

BY MARIA BURHAM

Rachel Crockett said Western gets a bad rap because "people think it's an easy school that accepts just about anybody."

But the Louisville freshman said Western should get credit for the job it does teaching its students.

Elizabethtown freshman Laresha Bland agreed. "Western offers a lot of good programs," she said. "If people aren't getting what they want out of the university, it's their own fault."

Livingston Alexander, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said Western tries not to categorize programs by which are strong and which are weak but by what are the strengths and what are the weaknesses.

"We focus on continuously improving so we can insure the product," he said.

Western is undergoing a study evaluating each program, which is scheduled to be completed May 15. This will give the university ideas on what programs need improvement.

"I think that each year we have attempted to respond to how students have felt either about new programs or new services we provide," Alexander said.

A university survey conducted in the fall showed that about 1,800 Western students said they were generally pleased with the university but would like to see improvement in advisement and non-academic

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programs such as the library, food service and dorms, he said.

Elizabethtown sophomore Rhonda Jenkins said she thinks advisers need to do more. "They need to provide us with more information about scheduling and our degree programs."

Alexander said the university "has taken several steps to the full extent possible to find out what it can do to improve its programs and services."

Western is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and various other programs such as art, biology, journalism, nursing and business are accredited individually.

The art department meets the standards for national accreditation with the National Association School of Art and Design.

"We give our students a lot of individual attention," said Leo Fernandez, art department head. "We have a working, exhibiting faculty that the students can respect."

Alexander said the journalism department has achieved national recognition, and the photojournalism program is among the top three in the nation.

"This reflects high quality in both the faculty and students," he said.

He also said Western's

business program is gaining in prominence, accounting for the number of students flocking to the program.

"There were 492 majors in 1991 and the program is growing steadily."

The biology department ranks among the best in the state, and there is a 70 percent acceptance rate for people who apply to medical school.

"They have a good pre-med background," said Trey Barbee, a freshman from Springfield, Tenn. "The lab courses can stand improvement. Some of the teachers have become old and seem like they don't care."

Faculty members and students agree that some teachers shouldn't be teaching if the interests of students are no longer their main concern.

"Some people don't recognize themselves that they're not doing well. Maybe after 20 years they get complacent and quit worrying about the students," French professor James Babcock said. "Students are the most important things, and if you're not helping them, I don't think you should be here."

Bowling Green junior John Fricks said teachers have a responsibility to do their job, but it's the students' responsibility to respond.

"If students want to learn, they will," he said. "Most students just want to get through and get their degree, and really learning is second."

Jae Kim, part-time health instructor, said that if students aren't learning, it's because of their nonchalant attitudes.

"It seems like lots of students don't care what they're doing. I wonder why some are even here."

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# Opinion

## ◆ Our view/editorials

### Part-timers need benefits of full-timers

When it comes to discussion of Western's faculty, "part-time" has come to mean "second-class."

The number of part-time faculty — 340 — is comparable to the number of full-time—about 550. But part-timers are plagued with problems.

The pay for Western's part-time faculty ranges from \$990 to \$1,260 per course; they can teach up to three courses per semester.

That's low compared to other state universities.

Eastern Kentucky University's part-time pay for one three-hour course ranges from \$1,300 to \$1,900, with a limit of teaching two three-hour courses per semester. At the University of Louisville, part-time faculty are paid from \$600 to \$865 per credit hour.

Even in the middle of a budget crunch, Western's part-time faculty pay needs to be comparable to that of other regional universities. More money would make them feel more like a part of the teaching community, encouraging them to do a better job.

Part-time faculty don't receive any of the benefits that full-time faculty do, either. At the least, part-time faculty should be allowed to use the Student Health Service.

Some part-time faculty don't even have the office space they need to have a one-on-one conference with a student. In the fine arts center, eight part-time faculty members share one office.

This isn't fair to the teachers or their students, who are cheated out of the individual attention they are paying for and deserve.

If the university can find office space on campus for former Gov. Louie Nunn, there should be somewhere for part-time faculty, too. Perhaps they could be put somewhere in Potter Hall or Diddle Dorm once the basketball players move out.

To attract the best part-time faculty, Western needs to make pay proportional to the job's workload, give part-timers some kind of training and support services, and try to give them the benefits and office space they need.

Part-time shouldn't mean second-class.



## ◆ Your view/letters to the editor

### Petition for U.S. to ratify convention

March 8, 1992 is International Women's Day. Twelve years have passed since the United States signed the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Although 109 nations have now ratified the Convention, the United States has not.

What can you do? Send an anniversary card to President Bush. While the U.S. Senate must ratify this convention, the president can do a lot to start the process. Urge him to use his office and his influence to make ratification of this document a reality.

Women's rights are human rights. Twelve years is too long to wait to ratify the U.N. Convention for Women. Please do not let another year go by without U.S. ratification of this important human rights document.

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Charles Sweeney  
history professor  
Editor's note: This letter was signed by nine other people

### Letter on Malcolm X speech misinformed

This letter is in response to a letter in the Feb. 27 Herald. Terry Cobb must have been offended by what I wrote (see his own definition in the Herald). I shall humor Mr. Cobb for his youth, since I believe he may not have been born at the time Malcolm X and others were promoting violent revolution and anarchy in this country.

You had better be offended by racism whether it is black, white, red, blue or green.

I grew up in Chicago during the '60s and '70s. I lived over a bar that Panthers and Blackstone Rangers frequented. My father hauled a friend who had bled all over our kitchen floor to the hospital. He had been stabbed over 30 times in a knife fight downstairs. It didn't matter that he was black and bleeding — he was a friend in need of help. There were shootings on a monthly basis in our neighborhood.

One man who had a profound effect on my life was my gym teacher. He wasn't racist. He

treated us all the same. He believed in equality; he was also black. Our gym teacher gave us a long lecture after he had smashed a young black student's head into a locker for stealing a wallet. (It would have been my head if I had done the same.) He said he would visit us all in Statesville or Joliet State prison — if we didn't get killed.

He wasn't promoting violent protest, he merely was explaining that if we ripped and ran we had to face the consequences of our actions. Many of the young kids did wind up just as he had predicted; dead or in jail.

Many blacks at that time thought Malcolm X's speeches had an element of truth; however, they believed his methods were wrong. Any black who opposed his method was pegged an Uncle Tom while whites who condemned his methods were called oppressive or racist.

Mr. Cobb would probably stand up and voice his opinion against apartheid in South Africa but lacks the intestinal fortitude to call Malcolm X a

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## ◆ Policies/letters to the editor

### Philosophy

The Opinion page is for the expression of ideas, both yours and ours.

Your opinion takes the form of editorials and staff columns.

Your opinions can be expressed in letters to the editor. Letters to the editor can be submitted to the Herald office at Garrett Conference Center, Room 109, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Writers are generally limited to two letters per semester. Letters must be typed or neatly written, with the writer's name,

hometown, phone number and grade classification or job title. Letters submitted should be less than 250 words in length. The Herald reserves the right to edit letters for style and length.

Because of space limitations we can't promise every letter will appear. Timely letters and those submitted first will be given priority.

If discussion on a topic becomes redundant, the Herald will stop printing letters that offer little new to the debate.

The deadline for letters is 4 p.m. Sunday for Tuesday's paper and 4 p.m. Tuesday for

Thursday's paper.

### Story Ideas

If you know of any interesting events on or around campus, let us know. Call 745-2655.

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*letters to the editor*

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racist. Many of the ideas espoused by Malcolm X are still being promoted today. Mr. Cobb's lack of understanding is that today's current events build on our past histories, making historical perspective historically relevant. Let's not try to get so personal next time, Mr. Cobb, unless it's face to face.

I'd like to thank the staff of the Herald for letting me defend the obvious defamation of my character by Mr. Cobb. If Mr. Cobb is truly interested in black culture in America, then I would be glad to introduce him to blacks who could give him a better perspective than some course on African-American history or a brief exposure to Black History Month.

Call the Malcolm X presentation what it was — racist.

**Russell E. Henry Jr.**  
*Russell Springs senior*

**ASG needs support**

The famous saying "united we stand, divided we fall" is, in my eyes, a perfect description of the situation concerning the productivity of Western's Associated Student Government.

This past year, ASG has made great strides in improving its credibility, sophistication and the depth of issues it discusses. But it is still lacking a majority of students' support.

ASG is made up of 47 congress members, five executive officers and a handful of committee members. ASG is full of diversity; we are made up of Greeks and non-Greeks, traditionals and non-traditionals, men and women, upper and underclassmen. ASG is like all organizations — diverse in ideals and in makeup,

◆ **Go figure...** *Patrick Richardson*



**After working with the IRS for 17 years, Marv moved up to the hills to enjoy a more serene lifestyle.**

*but without in spirit.*

Unfortunately, the members of ASG do not even total 1 percent of the approximately 15,000 students at Western. Because ASG is a small group of people, some people have labeled the group elitist. In my opinion, the individuals who have dedicated their time to ASG and its programming can be considered nothing less than hard workers. The dedicated individuals who faithfully attend the Tuesday meetings at 5 p.m.

do socialize at times, but who in college doesn't?

In my eyes, ASG is making progress. It may be slow, but it is real. This progress will be stopped without an increase in student involvement. Please talk to your representatives or come to ASG meetings Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in the university center, Room 305.

**Mistianna Holcomb**  
*ASG public relations vice president and Murray junior*

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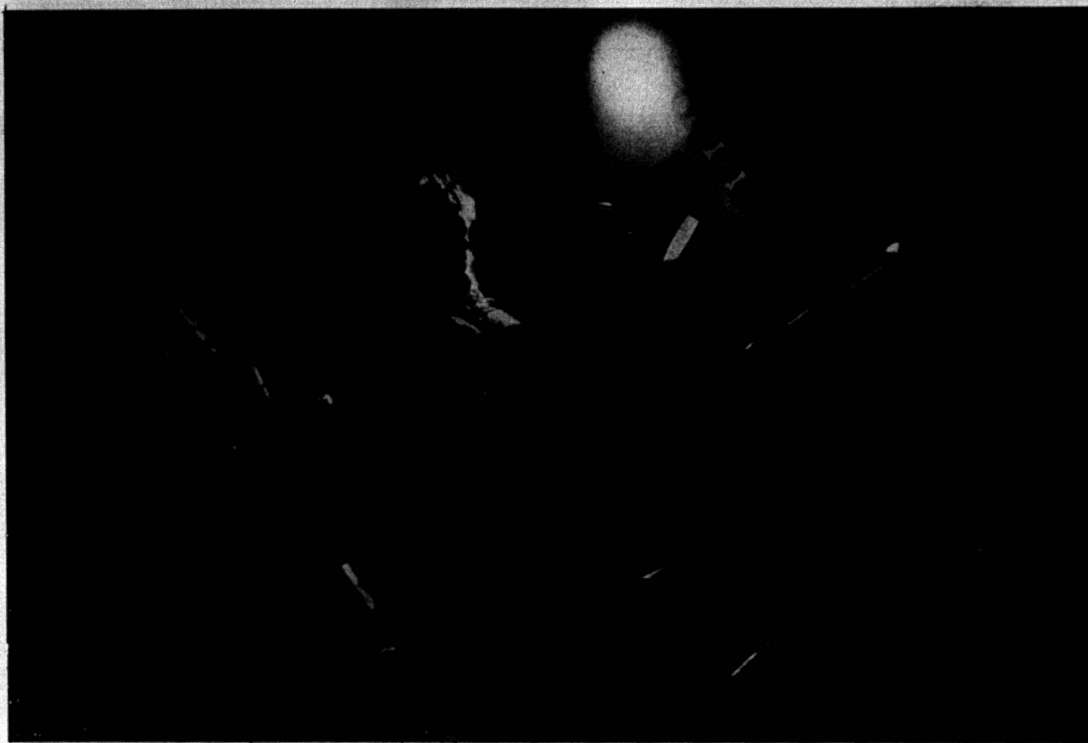
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# Diversions



Tom Leininger/Herald

Before a crowd of about 50 people, Bowling Green resident J. Michael Gore reads one of his poems at Readers' Night, an open stage for local writers held at the 13th Street Cafe the second Wednesday of every month. Gore, who performs only original works and helped to found Readers' Night, says "creating is the best drug I can think of."

## READERS' NIGHT — Have You Heard the Word?

Loud drum machines burst. Words, twisting along the iambic meter, create a thundering, rhythmic beat.

To some, it may sound like a tribal ritual, but to others it's poetry. On the second Wednesday of each month, the 13th Street Cafe opens its stage to anyone who wants to read poetry.

It is an open door for Bowling Green residents who want to read from their personal collections, or from their favorite author. For others, it is simply the chance to stand on stage and say something, to have a spot in the limelight—even if it is for just a moment.

With the help of former Western student J. Michael Gore, Susan Morris, the manager of the 13th Street Cafe, came up with the idea for Readers' Night about a year ago.

"He (Gore) was an inspiration," Morris said. "He knew a lot of people who were writers, and they needed someplace to read. We thought it would go over really well."

Since last January, people have been packing into the tiny, inviting atmosphere of the bar to hear the works from the best and worst "poets" around town.

"Our first night went over really well. We had about 22 people get up and read," Morris said. "I think we had about 16 get up and read last time. Fifteen is a good average."

Gore, a self-proclaimed regular to Readers' Night, has been reading his works since the event began.

"The first couple of times (Readers' Night was held), everyone was very interested," Gore said. "Now it's just self-gratification. Since it's a bar, people are just here to get drunk. There's not as much enthusiasm. It's frustrating."

Louisville senior Carl Ballard agrees. "I've been to almost every one," he said. "It used to be great. A lot of people would come and pay attention. It hasn't been the same since summer. It dwindled down a lot then. Now, no one seems to pay attention."

Despite changes in Readers' Night that disappoint the hard-core readers, Morris tends to view the changes in the poetry presentations as a "growing experience."

STORY BY: ANN CLINGERMAN

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"It's not that they're (the readers) not serious," she said. "I think they're just more comfortable with expressing themselves. We do have a couple of clowns, but that's just their nature."

"We have a wide variety now, from serious to funny to musical. It makes it more theatrical. It's kind of neat."

### Presenting THE NEW "POETS"

The smell of cigarettes and beer mingle in the soft lighting of the crowded bar. Small talk is heard above the Grateful Dead, playing faintly over the sound system, and people sit at the small tables, drinking from beer mugs and eating pretzels served in small tins. A middle-aged man sits at the bar, nervously scribbling verse onto a crumpled piece of paper.

In a few moments, he takes the stage, voice booming, leaving the once lively crowd in a hushed stupor.

"God hates your %\$#@!% guts!," he bellows. "No one gives a shit. If you died tomorrow, no one would sigh or contemplate three weeks later." The voice belongs to Randy Mason, a fiery Bowling Green resident who uses shock value to grab the attention of the listeners.

"I used to read at a shady comedy club in San Francisco with a bunch of bizarre types, and others with chlamydia," Mason said. "There, they set fire to their eyebrows. Here, they order another beer. I was loved."

With a napkin or a crumpled piece of paper scratched with verse, Mason is never really prepared until he hits the stage, accompanied by Mark Troutman on snare drum and Johnny Thompson on saxophone.

"I'm trying to create a beatnik-type ambience," Mason said. "People get quiet when I read, so it's pretty satisfying in that sense."

Traci Westerfield, an Owensboro senior, used a drum machine to accompany her work the first time she read.

"It made it easier for me to keep up with the meter of the poetry," she said.

For those in the crowd, the drum machine added an intensity to the reading. "like a dance club or something," said Michelle Myers, a Nashville junior.

Westerfield said she writes mostly about relationships, love and death.

## Hip happenings

### ◆ MOVIES

#### DUC Theater

Tonight through Saturday  
Straw Dogs, R, 7 and 9 p.m.

#### Greenwood Six Theatre

Father of the Bride, PG, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.  
Fred Green Tomatoes, PG-13, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, R, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.  
JFK, R, 8 p.m.  
Medicine Man, PG-13, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.  
Wayne's World, PG-13, 7 and 9 p.m.

#### Martin Twin Theatre

The Addams Family, PG-13, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.  
My Girl, PG, 7 and 9 p.m.

#### Plaza Six Theatre

Beauty and the Beast, G, 7:15  
Final Analysis, R, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
Hook, PG-13, 9 p.m.  
Memoirs of an Invisible Man, PG-13, 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.  
Prince of Tides, R, 7 and 9:30 p.m.  
Shining Through, R, 7 and 9:20 p.m.  
Stop or My Mom Will Shoot, PG-13, 7:20 and 9:15 p.m.

### ◆ LIVE MUSIC

#### Around town

Tonight  
Letterhead, 9 p.m., 13th Street Cafe, \$3

Mar. 10  
"Spring Musicals," Delta Omicron, 8 p.m., Recital Hall in the Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts.

#### Paducah

Mar. 7  
Exile, 8:30 p.m., J.R.'s Executive Inn, \$15

Mar. 14  
Billy Joe Royal, 8:30 p.m., J.R.'s Executive Inn, \$13

### ◆ THEATER

Doing a Good One for the Reid Man, the Western Theater Department, 8 p.m., Mar. 9, 10, Gordon Wilson Hall, 75 cents

### ◆ RAPID REVIEW

What did you think of the last movie you saw?



"I thought it (Wayne's World) was pretty different, but it got old fast. I wouldn't want to say I wasted \$5, but I didn't really get much out of it except a couple of laughs."

—Denny Hollins, Nashville freshman



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- "Beauty and the Beast"
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- "JFK"
- "The Prince of Tides"
- "The Silence of the Lambs"

### Best Actor

- Warren Beatty, "Bugsy"
- Robert De Niro, "Cape Fear"
- Anthony Hopkins, "The Silence of the Lambs"
- Nick Nolte, "The Prince of Tides"
- Robin Williams, "The Fisher King"

### Best Actress

- Geena Davis, "Thelma and Louise"
- Laura Dem, "Rambling Rose"
- Jodie Foster, "The Silence of the Lambs"
- Bette Midler, "For the Boys"
- Susan Sarandon, "Thelma and Louise"

### Best Supporting Actor

- Tommy Lee Jones, "JFK"
- Harvey Keitel, "Bugsy"
- Ben Kingsley, "Bugsy"
- Michael Lerner, "Barton Fink"
- Jack Palance, "City Slickers"

### Best Supporting Actress

- Diane Ladd, "Rambling Rose"
- Juliette Lewis, "Cape Fear"
- Kate Nelligan, "The Prince of Tides"
- Mercedes Ruehl, "The Fisher King"
- Jessica Tandy, "Fried Green Tomatoes"

### Best Director

- Jonathan Demme, "The Silence of the Lambs"
- Barry Levinson, "Bugsy"
- Ridley Scott, "Thelma and Louise"
- John Singleton, "Boyz in the Hood"
- Oliver Stone, "JFK"

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## Program 'reaches out' to state's women artists

### STAFF REPORT

Having space to think and create is often as important to artists as their pens, paints, and paper.

Thanks to the Kentucky Women Artists Fellowship Program, female composers and visual artists from Western will have the opportunity to get plenty of that peace and quiet.

Five Kentucky artists will receive one-month residencies at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, located on a rural estate near the Blue Ridge Mountains. The fellowships will pay room and board, plus \$450 for transportation costs.

"Basically, we're trying to reach out to a state that we don't usually get much representation from," said Craig Pleasants, assistant director for the Center.

Pleasants said the Center, which is the largest year-round working artist's retreat in the U.S., offers participants their own bedrooms and studios, and use of the Center's library, gallery and swimming pool. They also have access to nearby Sweet Briar College and several campus libraries.

Applications must be received by April 1 for fellowships beginning in June. For more information, contact Pleasants at (804) 946-7236.

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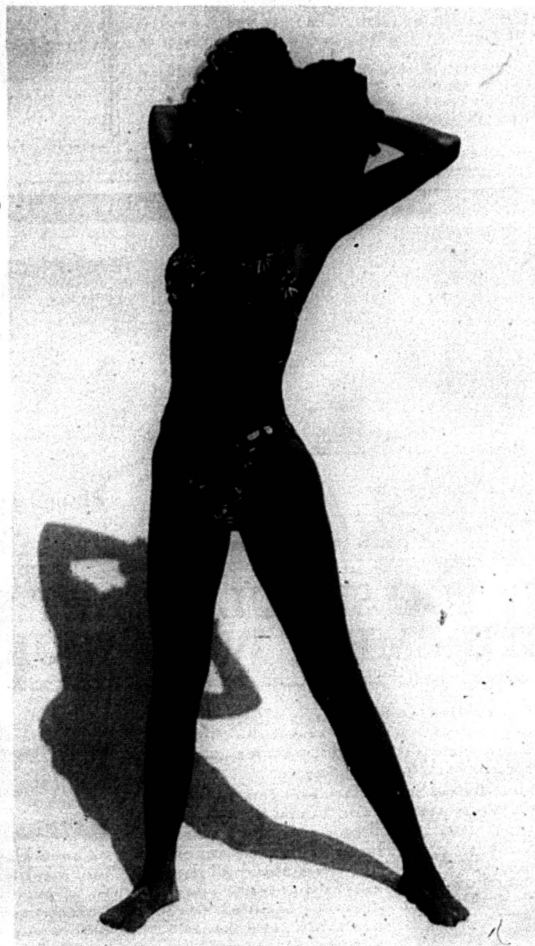
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◆ Music review

# New release fixes Junkies' slump

BY BRENT FISK

"Black Eyed Man," the new album by the Cowboy Junkies, starts off with promise. It's late-night driving music at its finest, which is the only kind of music this Canadian quartet makes — slow burners that purr from your speakers like a cat slinking around your apartment.

This album is a step in the right direction after the Junkies' third album, "The Caution Horses," which was entirely over-produced. Where "Horses" seemed tepid and slick, "Black Eyed Man" seems self-assured and warm.

With this latest effort, the Junkies seem to have found a comfortable compromise between soft vocals and spare musical arrangements, and the slick production values pressed on them by the music industry.

In other words, after the band's initial success with "The Trinity Sessions," every music business bigwig wanted to "help" them further their success (more sales, more money). When "The Caution Horses" flopped, at least the band got creative control back. (Their debut album, "Whites Off, Earth Now," was recently released in the States, giving fans more of a taste of their early blues-based music.)

The best-known member of the Junkies has always been Margo Timmins because of her sultry lead vocals and her good looks, but "Black Eyed

Man" brings her brother, Michael Timmins, closer to the front. Not only did he write 10 of the album's 12 tracks, but he also produced the album. He seems to have learned from past mistakes, successfully reining in the shrillness found on the Junkies' earlier work without losing any of its spiritual essence.

Of the 12 songs, the two penned by Townes Van Zant ("Cowboy Junkies Lament" and "To Live is to Fly") fit in well with the band's revitalized style. John Prine's guest vocal on "If You Were the Woman and I Was the Man" is also a nice touch.

This is a sleepy-eyed album that you can't listen to over and over. It's music for when you're in a quieter mood — when you've heard about all the Nirvana you can stand for one day.



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## READERS: Plugging into an outlet for creativity

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"Most of my poems are morbid," Westerfield said. "A lot are about death and dying. Others are about personal events, things that are going on in my life. I write it down before I go to bed, kind of like a therapy thing."

Many of the readers at the café admit that writing is something of an outlet for things they feel.

"Mild" Bill Coty, an older man from Edmonton County, has made monthly trips to Bowling Green to attend Readers' Night since it started.

"I have a love/hate relationship with writing," he said. "I actually hate it."

Coty had a "17-day direct experience" in 1975, which he described as "the closest thing to what we call a 'God experience.'"

"Since then, I've wanted to get in touch with myself and why I exist."

Now that he's "climbed the mountain top," and "come to peace" with himself, Coty likes to share it with others through his writing.

"I'm sort of a life-ologist," he said. "I find the thread that runs through everything."

Despite Gore's feelings of frustration at the latest direction Readers' Night has taken, he continues to recite his poems.

"I've always heard of beat poets in California doing poetry to jazz, but I never had an outlet until the café."

"For me, creating is the best drug I can think of. It's a drive, it's an obsession."



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The players



Steve Catron

Although Steve Catron has only been a regent for eight months, he has quickly made a name for himself. Catron is an outspoken man who contends that some regents are out to get rid of President Thomas Meredith.



Bobby Bartley

Regent Bobby Bartley, who was subpoenaed by the grand jury but didn't testify, has been on the board since October 1990. Bartley, along with Catron, filed suit against the board saying that hiring Nunn as special counsel to the board was illegal.

Warren Circuit Judge Thomas Lewis ruled in Bartley's and Catron's favor Friday. Bartley was the first to publicly admit that there was a rift among board members. Bartley co-owns a sawmill in Hart County.

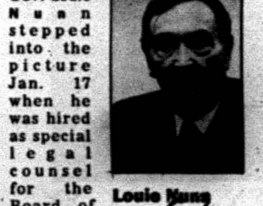


Tom Meredith

Thomas Meredith was hired as Western's eighth president Aug. 5, 1988. His role in the controversy centers on an audit completed last October. The audit showed that more than \$41,000 was spent for improvements to the president's home without board approval, and also revealed that Meredith's wife, Susan, was receiving \$2,000 a month for entertainment expenses.

Regent Patsy Judd said the audit put "a cloud over the university" and she said that another audit should be done to look at other possible "improper and irregular activities." The board approved her motion. Meredith, who approves of the audit, has repeatedly said he has done nothing wrong.

Former Gov. Louie Nunn stepped into the picture Jan. 17 when he was hired as special legal counsel for the Board of Regents.



Louie Nunn

JURY: Hears testimony from regents, three others

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cease and Western would continue to move forward." Wilson also said the letter would have no effect on the jury's decision because the jury operates by "a majority decision rather than a unanimous one."

According to a timeline of events issued to grand jury members last week, an audit done by Internal Auditor Warren Irons in October was spurred by information brought to board members in the summer and fall of 1991. Board attorney Guthrie True of the Lexington law firm Stoll, Keenon and Park prepared the report.

The information concerned a review of food service operations conducted by President Thomas Meredith without board approval. True said that typically, one should gain approval before taking such action, unless it was an emergency situation. Although Iracane's and Judd's recollections of events presented in the timeline say that the board was not aware of the review until late 1991 or early 1992, the Herald published the first of four stories on the subject in the April 17, 1990 issue.

"They (members of the grand jury) have been, I think, very directed as to the things and issues they want to look into."

— Steve Wilson, Commonwealth Attorney

The story detailed the Food Services investigation and the resignation of Russ Cornelius, then Western's internal auditor. A copy of the report on Classic Katering, the private catering firm in question, was also given to each member of the board according to the minutes of the April 26, 1990 board meeting. Before testifying, Storde told reporters that he had been present at the April 26, 1990

meeting and expected to be questioned about it. Shrewsbury said that he was "instructed to bring documents relating to the board's request for an audit" and information concerning its later decision to employ the Louisville accounting firm Arthur Andersen and Co. Baird, Kurtz and Dobson had originally been hired to conduct the audit of 11 university accounts, most of which Meredith controlled. The board later decided the firm had a conflict of interest because it did the original audit and proceeded to hire Arthur Andersen at last month's board meeting. Questions concerning Nunn's hiring were brought out when Catron and Bartley filed a lawsuit against the board. The suit claimed the board violated its own bylaws and the Kentucky Open Meetings Law when Nunn was originally hired in a special meeting as special counsel to the board. Warren Circuit Judge Thomas Lewis ruled Friday that the board acted improperly each of the three times it hired Nunn, but encouraged the board to continue with its audit of university accounts immediately.

Western beginning to feel fallout from scandal

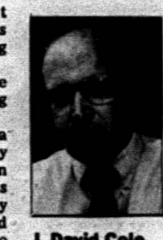
Two donors say they're withdrawing their financial support

By Chris Poynter

The controversy surrounding Western is beginning to put a hole in Western's financial pocket. Two companies that give thousands of dollars to Western each year for academics and athletics have pulled their support. Fred Higgins, president of Minit Mart, and Lester Key, president of Keytops Petroleum Inc., wrote the governor and the regents to say they are no longer supporting Western. "The reason I am doing this is really quite simple," Higgins wrote in his letter. "If the Board of Regents at Western has enough money to spend \$200,000 for Louie Nunn, expensive law firms and extra accounting, there has been either a major mismanagement in the past, or they have so much money that they feel they can afford to spend that much to find \$20,000.

In either case, they don't need my money. "Governor, it pains me to do this, but our dollars are hard to come by, and until the situation at Western is resolved I cannot in good conscience throw any more money down a rat hole." Higgins said he gives about \$16,000 yearly to Western. Key's letter echoes Higgins'. Neither man could be reached for comment. In his letter, Key didn't state how much he donates to the school. Although only these two are the only known people to have stripped their financial support, administrators fear it's just the beginning. "It could be next year before we feel the fallout," said Gary West, director of the Hilltopper Athletics Foundation, which raises money for athletics. "I hope that doesn't happen." West said athletics will suffer because of the Key and Higgins loss. Key is a "red towel" donor, which means he gives about \$1,500 each year to athletics. Higgins is a corporate donor, which means he gives \$5,000 yearly.

Two regents filed a lawsuit saying that Nunn's hiring was illegal. A temporary restraining order against Nunn was issued. Friday, Warren Circuit Judge Thomas Lewis ruled Nunn's hiring improper. Nunn was the center of a similar controversy at Kentucky State University last year, when that university's board of regents questioned an unauthorized pay raise and unauthorized expenditures for improvements to the home of President John Wolfe Jr.



J. David Cole

Nunn is a farmer and lawyer in Barron County. Bowling Green attorney J. David Cole became involved when he was hired to represent regents Steve Catron and Bobby Bartley in a lawsuit against the board. Cole served as chairman of the board from 1976-1984.



Steve Wilson

Attorney Steve Wilson said he is there "to assist and advise the grand jury as it relates to the law." A 1979 Western graduate, Wilson said it is up to him to provide jury members with the correct procedures to follow when questioning witnesses. Warren Circuit Judge Thomas Lewis was brought into the spotlight when regents Steve Catron and Bobby Bartley filed a lawsuit saying that Nunn was illegally hired. Lewis ruled that the board

Timeline

- Oct. 15 — President Thomas Meredith's name appears as a candidate for the presidency at University of Central Florida.
Oct. 17 — Regent Bobby Bartley acknowledges a conflict between regents.
Oct. 24 — Bowling Green businessmen start a campaign to keep Meredith at Western. They draft a letter asking the board to support Meredith or change its leadership.
Oct. 25 — Meredith interviews in Central Florida. Associated Student Government passes a resolution saying that student Regent Heather Falmlen should vote for a new chairman of Western's Board of Regents.
Oct. 31 — Chairman Joe Iracane and Vice Chairwoman Patsy Judd are re-elected by acclamation.
Nov. 1 — Meredith announces he is withdrawing his name from consideration in Central Florida.
Nov. 4 — An audit done by Internal Auditor Warren Irons reveals that more than \$41,000 in repairs was done to the president's Chestnut Street home without board approval and that a \$2,000 monthly entertainment expense account was given to the president's wife, Susan, which also raises money, agreed with Beck's comments.
Jan. 19 — Regents vote to hire former Gov. Louie Nunn as special counsel to the board at \$150 an hour. The legality of the hiring of



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An audit by Internal Auditor Warren Irons last year revealed that more than \$41,000 in repairs were made to the president's home at 1700 Chestnut St., without approval from the Board of Regents.

Internal audit started it all

By Chris Poynter

It all began with an audit. From there, the controversy between the regents and Western President Thomas Meredith has snowballed.

In October, at the request of the Board of Regents, Internal Auditor Warren Irons reviewed three areas Meredith controlled: the president's pay and benefits, his travel and entertainment and his house.

Irons discovered that: Meredith's wife, Susan, was being paid an entertainment allowance of \$2,000 a month; The president's Chestnut Street home had more than \$41,000 in repairs and improvements done in 18 months without board approval; A special fund — named the president's unrestricted account — was established. The money to supply this account was interest from donated money that has been invested.

Irons found no wrongdoing but suggested that there be some minor accounting changes.

Irons' recommendations According to Irons' report, Meredith used Food Services to cater dinners at his house and charged the bill to the university instead of paying it from his entertainment account. Irons recommended that the \$2,000 monthly payment be stopped until the question of who should pay the bill was clarified. Meredith stopped using that account in October. He still isn't receiving that money and will not until the matter is cleared. When the audit revealed the \$2,000 expense account, some of the regents — mainly Chairman Joe Iracane and Vice Chairwoman Patsy Judd — were upset because they said Meredith was supposed to be receiving only \$1,000 a

month. They contended that they never approved a \$1,000 increase, but in a letter dated May 9, 1989, former Regent Wendell Storde told then-Vice President Harry Largent to increase the account to \$2,000 a month as approved by Finance and Investment Committee. Storde began a series of allegations that Iracane was aware of the increase and was aware that the money went to Susan Meredith. The university has supplied the money to the president's wife for 20 years. The president's wife gets the money because she handles many of the engagements. The money is partly intended to enable the Meredith family to attend events in the community and around the state. This allows Meredith to make contacts for the university. According to the audit, the president's home had new carpeting installed, had the roof replaced and had two paving projects done. The audit also said the electrical system was modified, a whirlpool bathtub was installed and a supplemental air-conditioning unit was installed. All this was done without the regents' approval. The College Heights Foundation, a money-raising arm for the university, owns the house and leases it to Western. The university is responsible for improvements.

Other area spotlighted was the president's unrestricted account. Executive Vice President Paul Cook said that account is basically used for public relations. For example, say a person donates \$10,000 to Western. To show his appreciation, Meredith would use money from the unrestricted account to buy a thank-you gift for the donor — anything from a fruit basket to a Western sweatshirt. Since the 1990-91 academic year, only \$5,800 of the unrestricted account has been spent, Cook said. Since the audit surfaced, no money has been taken from the account, Cook said. Until the situation is cleared and the regents have decided what to do with the money, it will remain untouched.

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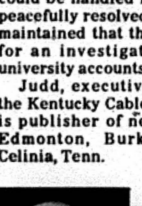
controversy, facing accusations that he and Vice Chairwoman Patsy Judd are trying to get rid of President Thomas Meredith. Iracane maintains that such rumors are not true. He has said he only wants the audit to make sure university money is not being misused or wasted. Iracane testified last week before the grand jury.



Patsy Judd

the hiring of Nunn and the audit. During the Feb. 20 board meeting, Judd moved to hire the Louisville accounting firm Arthur Andersen & Co. on an "emergency" basis to continue the audit of 11 university accounts. In a statement released prior to her grand jury testimony, Judd said that she had hoped that "events surrounding the financial affairs at Western" could be handled internally and peacefully resolved, but she still maintained that there was need for an investigation of some university accounts. Judd, executive director of the Kentucky Cable TV network, is publisher of newspapers in Edmondton, Burkesville and Celina, Tenn.

County Attorney Michael Caudill from Bowling Green said he must advise the grand jury on legal matters. The grand jury is a body of 12 county residents which meets every Wednesday to issue reports, or criticisms, or hand down criminal indictments, Caudill said. Caudill has been county attorney since 1976.



Mike Caudill

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# COLLEGE: Smaller classes put teachers in touch with students

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for success," Moody said. Western created the community college to offer academic support to those students unprepared or unable to adapt to the university, community college Director Jerry Boles said. Students can be admitted to the community college without a minimum 2.2 grade-point average or ACT score of 17.

Boles said the community college offers developmental programs in English, math and reading courses for students needing a little extra help.

"A lot of students in the community college feel they get a break because they are in the community college," Bowling Green Junior Doug Froedge said. But after a certain point the classes get harder and students realize they really are in college, he said.

Some of the 1,377 students registered at the community college, which is 20 percent more than last spring, are non-traditional students working toward two-year degrees; others are students who hope to transfer to Western, Boles said.

Most agree being able to work "one on one" with community college professors has helped them.

"It seems like the community college teachers are more in touch with the students," Froedge said. "They work more on an individual basis whether in the classroom

**"People come to the college not because they can't go to the university but because certain circumstances make them choose to."**

**— Jennie Brown**  
*reading and study skills coordinator*

or at registration."

The teachers say they can work closer with the students mostly because of the smaller classes at the community college. The college tries to average 35 students per class.

"You can do things with smaller groups that you can't do with larger groups," said Pansy Brunson, the coordinator for developmental math. "It's more flexible with varying assignments and projects and easier to do follow-up work with students."

Another difference is the greater ratio of part-time to full-time teachers at the

community college, Richard Ayers said. Ayers, the community college business department head, said that younger, part-time professors offer the students more practical knowledge while full-time faculty offer students experience.

As far as curriculum, Ayers said, "I don't believe there is a tremendous difference in teaching here or at the university."

"I'm very proud of the community college from that point of view. They have an excellent rapport with the students and an excellence in teaching."

The registration fees for the community college and the university are the same. Tuition for the 1992 spring semester costs \$59 per credit hour or \$720 for 12 or more hours for Kentucky residents. Out-of-state tuition was slightly higher.

As far as benefits, Boles said the students are entitled to all the privileges offered to university students except playing varsity sports.

"People come to the college not because they can't go to the university but because certain circumstances make them choose to go to a community college," said Jennie Brown, reading and study skills coordinator.

"A clear understanding of the community college is what we need. A lot of people see it as easier or inferior to the university, and it isn't."

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## ◆ Environmental issues

# Western may study wetlands

BY JASON WHITELY

A Russellville aluminum manufacturer has invited Western to study the effects of artificial wetlands.

The Logan Aluminum Company, which produces a large percentage of aluminum beverage cans for the United States, built the wetlands last fall to help curb water pollution from the plant.

Polluted water from the plant goes into the wetlands, where the water and pollutants are separated through natural processes.

In nature, wetlands are areas where water is at the surface or covers it for part of the year. Logan's forty-acre site is a series of man-made ponds that hold several hundred thousand gallons of water.

Phillip Porter, a Western graduate and Logan Aluminum environmental coordinator, said wetlands are helping Logan Aluminum because there are no chemical costs to treat the water and it doesn't have to be pumped as far.

◆  
"It's a project that kind of goes with the grain of nature."

— Charles Kupchella  
Ogden College dean

"The whole purpose is to reuse the water," Porter said.

Porter said Logan Aluminum was looking for a way to use the water more efficiently last year when they decided on the wetlands.

Ogden College Dean Charles Kupchella said, "It's an opportunity that several faculty members are considering. The thing is definitely going forward."

"It's a project that kind of goes with the grain of nature," Kupchella said.

Western is just one of several state universities offered a chance to research the new facility, Porter said.

Joe Winstead, a Western biology professor who has also been consulted, said artificial wetlands are cheaper than water treatment plants. Wetlands have microbes and other vegetation that grow naturally and cleanse water.

"They are tremendously efficient pollution systems," Winstead said. Wetlands decrease the initial costs by nearly 200 percent per thousand gallons of water treated.

Winstead said he thought wetlands as pollution control devices are part of the recent environmental movement.

"Once it became possible to show the economic impact, it became easier to convince politicians that they're too valuable to drain, to pave on, to build a shopping center on," Winstead said.

## Students lobby in Frankfort

BY NIKITA STEWART

Associated Student Government is hoping to get 48 students to go to Frankfort tomorrow to lobby for the student health bill. Congress members and students will board a chartered bus at 4:30 a.m. Friday.

The student health bill, which now faces the Senate, repeals another bill that requires all college students to have health insurance. The new bill has passed the House.

About 250 students from across Kentucky are planning to lobby, ASG President Heather Falmien said.

"This is where student government is only as good as the people in it," she said. She is encouraging student participation.

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## Proposal may mean more aid to students

BY STEPHANIE STIVERS

A recent proposal by the U.S. Senate could mean more students will be eligible for grant money by the 1993-94 school year.

Students shouldn't get their hopes up, though, the bill's future isn't certain yet, said Marilyn Clark, Financial Aid director.

"They have thrown out a lot of proposals," Clark said. "The Senate has their proposal, the House has theirs, and the president has his."

The Senate approved reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in a 93-1 vote on Feb. 21. The bill must now pass the House of Representatives and the president before it becomes effective.

Clark thinks chances are small for the bill to pass as is, but said she should know more by the end of March.

The legislation would allow more Pell Grant aid for middle- and low-income college students by raising the family-income limit to \$42,000 instead of the current \$30,000 limit. The maximum grant would be raised from \$2,400 to \$3,600 by 1993.

Pell Grants were created in 1972 to reduce the need for student loans. The grant program gave more than 3.8 million students grants this year, averaging \$1,452.

Students who get grants do not have to pay them back, where a loan is money borrowed by students with the intention to pay it back.

The bill also proposed a simpler loan application system and eliminates schools with a 25 percent default rate on loan-payback from the loan program. Western has a 7.5 percent default rate on its Stafford loans, Clark said.



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# ORDINANCE: It could be law by July

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the ordinance to pass. If it passes, there will be a grace period before it takes effect July 1. He said signs will be posted and residents will be

educated about the new law. Once the law goes into effect, each occupant not wearing a seat belt can be fined up to \$25, Oldham said. "People who object to the ordinance object to being told" what to do, Oldham said.

Students driving on Western's campus will be responsible for obeying the ordinance if it passes because Public Safety officers are charged with enforcing city ordinances and state laws, Public Safety Capt. Richard Kirby said.

## Readers speak out about the seat-belt ordinance...

"I don't think it should be made a law. Everybody gets to choose whether they want to live." Katherine Cole, Bowling Green Freshman.



Katherine Cole

"If we were in an accident, a child could easily go through a window. I've been in three accidents — that's taught me that you need to wear a seat belt."



Janean Wilson

Janean Wilson, Louisville junior

"I think it really needs to be passed. It's important that everyone does wear seat belts. Bowling Green is a dangerous town because of the drinking that goes on here."



Beth Lawrence

Beth Lawrence, freshman from Warrenton, Va.

"I think it's a good idea. You can only get cited for it if you're pulled over for something else. It'll save lives. It'd be better if we had a statewide law on interstates and highways where they're going 65 to 70 miles an hour."



Eric Dennis

Eric Dennis, Henderson junior

"I think it's in violation of everyone's rights. It shouldn't be the government's job to look out after everybody's safety."



Trisha Gothard

Trisha Gothard, Greenville senior

Photos by Chuck Wing. Interviews by Lee Koger

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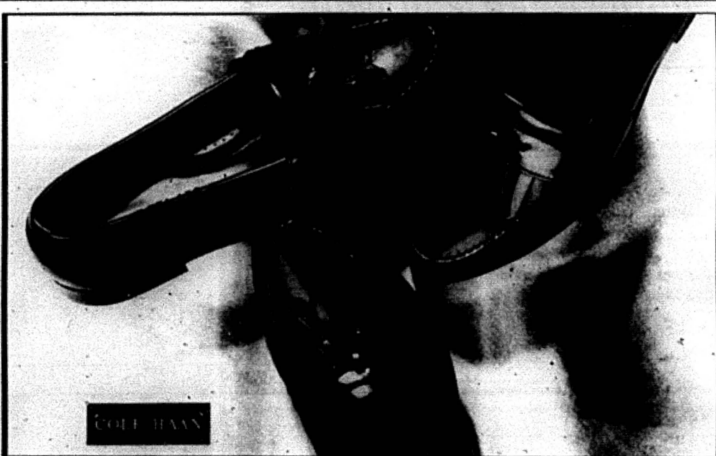
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**Leading a horse to water:** Jenny Gershkowitz, a Franklin freshman, gives Joe Blair's horse a drink at the Arby's on Russellville Road. Blair says Bo, his horse, is his primary source of transportation.

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# Sports

## Tops hope to avoid Biloxi Blues

◆ *Western's first-round opponent is the only team to beat the Tops twice this season*

BY BRIAN DAUGHERTY

In a span of less than two years, Western Coach Ralph Willard revived a basketball program in limbo, got a 20-win season out of his charges and put them in position for postseason play.

All that stands between the Toppers and the NCAA Tournament are three games in the TCBY Sun Belt Tournament, which begins today in the Gulf Coast Coliseum in Biloxi, Miss.

Fourth-seeded Western (20-9) got a first-round bye and begins play tomorrow night at 8:30

against fifth-seeded South Alabama (14-13) in the last quarterfinal game.

That contest, and Western's semifinal game Saturday at 8:30 p.m. should they win tomorrow, will be televised by WBKO-13. ESPN will broadcast Sunday night's 8:30 championship game.

South Alabama swept the Tops this season. Willard said their quickness inside hurts Western, and when the Toppers double team a Jaguar inside, he can pass it outside to guard Derek Turner.

South Alabama Coach Ronnie Arrow thinks Western has problems against his team because both teams play the same up-tempo style of basketball.

"The matchups are pretty even," he said. "There's not another team in the conference that gets up and down the floor like we do and Western (does). The styles have a lot to do with it."

"I think we match up pretty well versus Western. If we can play some of our big kids, I think we can pose some problems for them."

Regardless of matchup prob-

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◆ **Coach Ralph Willard** dismissed a USA Today column linking him with the University of Wisconsin coaching job. See story, Page 23

### 1992 TCBY Sun Belt Conference Basketball Tournament

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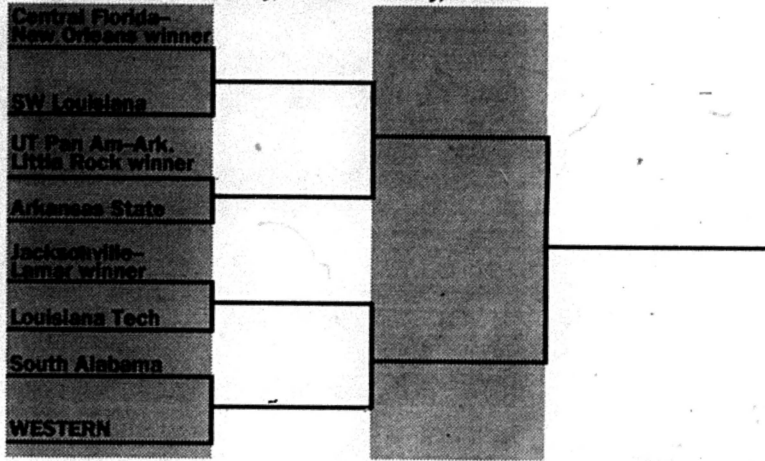
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## CRUCIAL: Coach wants full house

BY CARA ANNA

When Lady Topper seniors Kim Pehlke, Liesa Lang, Jennifer Berryman and Debbie Scott take the court in Sunday's 2:30 p.m. game against Louisiana Tech, the four will get a warm reception from the fans.

That will not be the case for the visiting Lady Techsters. The season has come down to Sunday's Sun Belt Conference battle, which will be the final regular season home game for the 19th-ranked Lady Tops.

The winner will remain tied for the conference lead and will have a good chance of getting an at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament. The loser could fall to as far as fourth place in the conference.

If the unranked Lady Tech-

sters (18-7) win tonight at home against Central Florida, they and Western (19-7) will be tied for first with 12-3 conference records. If Arkansas State and Lamar also win tonight, there will be a four-way tie for first place. Sunday's game, however, will knock one team out.

Louisiana Tech's seven-game

◆ **The Lady Toppers' game with Louisiana Tech Sunday has major Sun Belt implications.**

winning streak is the longest in the conference, and it includes a 70-66 Western defeat last month.

Louisiana Tech's Shantel Hardison led the attack with 34 points in that game. She comes to Diddle Arena averaging 22 points and nine rebounds a game against league opposition and is the conference leader in assists with 112.

Western is doing all it can to prevent another loss Sunday, including an effort to fill Diddle Arena with Lady Topper fans.

Sunday is Fan Appreciation Day, with all general admission tickets costing \$1. Students, as usual, can get in free with a student ID.

Coach Paul Sanderford said he will be disappointed if there

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Chris McKenney/Herald

Western's Harold Thompkins and Central Florida's Darryl Davis try to grab a loose ball Saturday at Diddle Arena. Western won its last regular season home game 83-47 and beat Virginia Commonwealth 77-75 Monday to finish the regular season at 20-9.

## Former Top hopes to realize dream

BY CARA ANNA

Clickclick. "Sixteen-hundredths," Western swimming Coach Bill Powell said, looking at a stopwatch. He was trying to demonstrate the time that kept a former swimmer of his, Steve Crocker, from the 1988 Summer Olympics.

He cannot work the stopwatch fast enough, however. Clickclick. "Sixteen-hundredths," Powell shakes his head, still not hitting the mark.

A time of fifteen-hundredths of a second kept Crocker from participating in the Olympics.

Today, Crocker, 29, tries again at the U.S. Olympic trials in Indianapolis for the chance to compete in Barcelona, Spain, this

summer and to be the first swimmer from Western to represent the United States.

In his event, the 50-meter freestyle, he is the third-fastest man. The problem is the first- and second-fastest men, Tom Jager and Matt Biondi, will be in the pool with him. The United States can only send two swimmers to the Olympics in each event.

Jager and Biondi have won Olympic gold, and both edged out Crocker in 1988 by a time Powell finds hard to duplicate on his stopwatch. Today it will again be a matter of time.

"I feel like I'm going to swim faster than I ever have," Crocker said last weekend. "I've had pret-

ty good luck there (in Indianapolis). That's a plus."

Crocker must get through the preliminary level this morning, where he must make one of the top eight times in a group of over 50 swimmers. If he does, he will swim in the finals at 5:45 p.m. for one of the two spots for Barcelona.

"It's cutthroat," Powell said. "The toughest, fastest, best meet in the world is the Olympic trials. The Olympics are almost a letdown after the trials."

The 50-meter race will be a straightaway, 23-second shot across a pool twice the length of the one in Diddle Arena.

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# SENIORS: Players to be honored Sunday

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are not at least 5,000 present. The team has been drawing an average of nearly 2,000 a game at home.

"We have an opportunity to win and tie for the conference championship," Sanderford said. "I feel we need to play with some emotion."

### Scott to be honored

Scott will graduate in May and therefore will be honored Sunday with Western's three seniors, Sanderford said. She is a junior in eligibility.

Scott, a 6-foot-1 forward, transferred to Western from Tennessee in 1990 and hasn't decided if she will play for the Lady Toppers again next season.

"We're going to sit down at the end of the season and discuss it," Sanderford said. "There's a decent chance she'll forego her senior year."

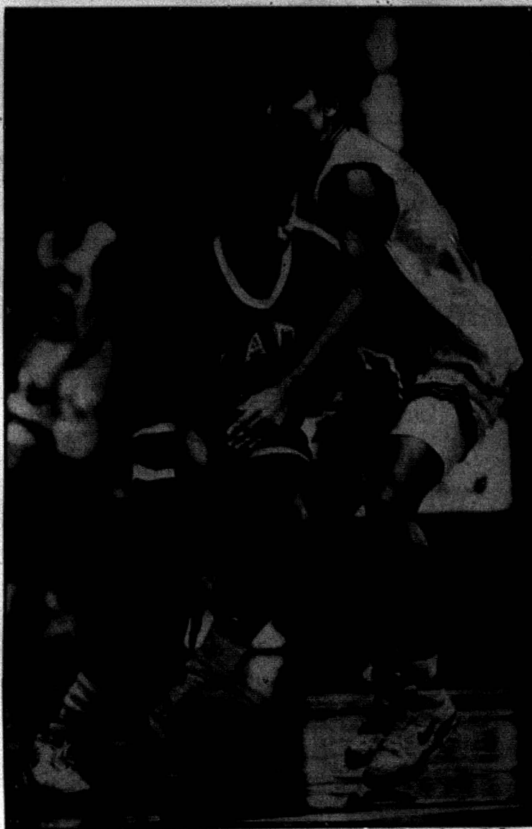


Photo by Andy Lyons

Jennifer Autry of Southwest Louisiana looks for an open player as Western's Kim Pehlke guards her. Western won Sunday's game by 57 points.

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Twelve of Western's 13 players average more than 10 minutes in playing time. Lady Topper reserves also average 28.7 points a game, in contrast to opponents' reserves 13 ppg. Also, Western's bench has outscored other Sun Belt teams' benches by 22.2 points.

### Pehlke makes her move

Senior guard Kim Pehlke

leads the Sun Belt Conference in three-point shooting. The Louisville native has made 38.3 percent of her three-point shots this season. She has broken seven school records in three-point shooting.

Pehlke is also 44 points from seventh place on the school's all time scoring list. She now has

1,329 career points. Lillie Mason, who played for the Lady Tops from 1981-83 to 1984-86, holds the school mark with 2,262 points.

Pehlke is also fourth on the school assists list with 339. She is seven from catching No. 3 Kami (Thomas) Howard (1982-86) and nine from No. 2 Debbie O'Connell (1985-89).



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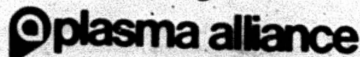


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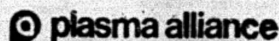
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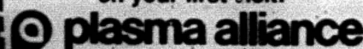


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◆ Women's basketball

# Injury-plagued four years doesn't quell senior's spirit

◆ **Jennifer Berryman will join the other Lady Topper seniors in the starting lineup Sunday at Diddle Arena**

BY CARA ANNA

Injuries have forced senior forward Jennifer Berryman to spend more time on the bench than she prefers, but when Sunday's game against Louisiana Tech tips off she will be in on the action.

A starting role in the Lady Tops' final regular-season home game will mark the end of a frustrating time for Berryman. Her love of basketball has kept her going through four years at Western, but injuries almost every season have slowed down the career she wanted to have in Diddle Arena.

She came to Western from George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, where she averaged 18.7 points and 10 rebounds a game as a four-year starter.

As a freshman, she saw action in every game until an injury to her left shoulder kept her out of the last 12 games. Last season, the shoulder was wrenched out of socket, but she played with a harness until the ligaments in her right ankle were torn. Then she sat out the last nine games.

Now, the pain is in her left knee, where she had arthroscopic surgery before the season began.

It has kept her out of several games and limited her to only nine minutes and less than three points a game in her senior season. "For a while I was beginning to wonder if I could

help the team out," she said. "I didn't want to just sit there." She said the pain probably will not go away until she stops playing college basketball.

She had to miss some away games, including Western's loss at Louisiana Tech. She found it hard to listen to that game on the radio.

Berryman is happy about Sunday's chance to start against the Lady Techsters. "I'll just go out and

play as hard as I can, diving on the floor — well, I haven't done that lately."

"On the college level, she plays with high school ambition," Assistant Coach Steve Small said. "She probably hasn't had the career she would have liked to have, but she's going out a winner."

Berryman said the one thing she will miss after this season is the crowds, the ones that gave her "cold chills" when she first heard them in Diddle Arena. She wants one like that Sunday.

"What I'd like to see one time is this place packed," she said looking around the arena. "I guess a lot of people think girls can't play basketball. I think we're just as exciting as the men are."



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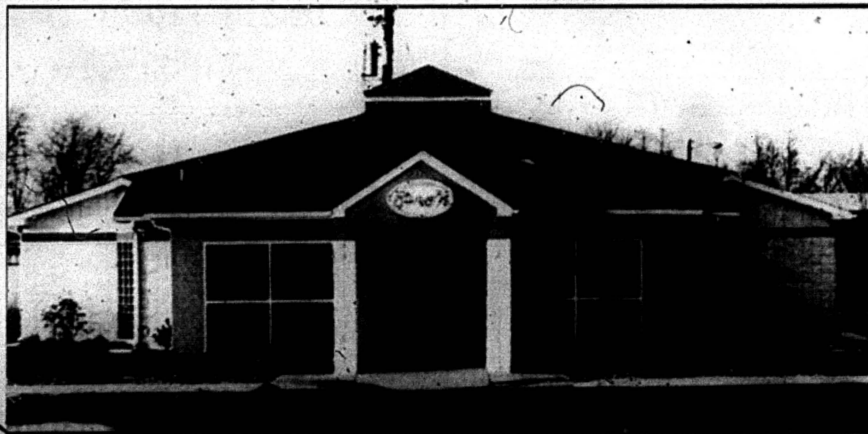
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## CROCKER: Tryouts a chance for Olympics

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"There's no pacing, no nothing," Powell said. "A blink of an eye can make a difference."

Powell will be watching today, and so will Crocker's mother, Helen, who teaches in the history department.

"I'm nervous about it. I don't see why he's not," she said.

"Not a lot of people are able to say they are in the top three of something," Powell said. "I'll be just as proud of him if he doesn't win."

"Of course, if he does I'll jump out of my skin. And I'll find a way to Barcelona."

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# BASEBALL: Old friends will square off at Denes Saturday

BY JEFF NATIONS

The Toppers will return to action today when they face Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn.

The Tops hope to end a two-year losing streak at Tennessee Tech. Last season, the teams each won at their home park. Overall, the Tops lead the series with their former Ohio Valley Conference foe, 61-44-2.

Western, 3-3, will start senior Steve Marr (1-0) on the mound against the Golden Eagles. Game time is 2:30 p.m. at Quillen Field.

The Toppers are coming off of a series at home last weekend. After losing to the Thundering Herd in 13 innings Saturday, they came back to sweep a double-header Sunday.

On Saturday and Sunday, Western will host Division III

opponent Washington University of St. Louis. The Bears, members of the University Athletic Association, are 1-1-1.

Bear coach Kevin Benzing has ties with Western's program. "He was one of the finest lefthanded pitchers we've had since I've been here." Coach Joel Murrie said.

Benzing played for the Toppers in 1981-82 and served as Murrie's graduate assistant in

1985.

Murrie said he is proud of the job Benzing has done in his two years at Washington, but he has no plans to take it easy on his former player.

"Obviously, if Kevin can come in here and beat a Division I school, it will help his school's reputation and recruiting," Murrie said.

"As for the game, I'm not going to take any slack from Kevin, and he knows that."

The Toppers will meet the Bears at Denes Field at 2 p.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday.

### ◆ Steve

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# BILOXI: Sun Belt coaches consider field wide-open

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lems and similar offensive styles, Western's players are confident. "All we are thinking about is South Alabama," junior center Bryan Brown said. He said in the first two games against the Jaguars, "it looked like we didn't come ready to play."

Junior guard Darnell Mee thinks a key will be to keep South Alabama in the press. "They're a great team. If we come out and play like we did tonight (in Saturday's 83-47 win over Central Florida), we can beat them."

## Tournament "wide open"

Although regular-season champion Louisiana Tech, Southwestern Louisiana and Arkansas State are considered the favorites to win the tournament, and Western is considered the darkhorse, Sun Belt coaches are saying anybody could pull off an upset.

"It's wide open," Louisiana

Tech Coach Jerry Loyd said. "There are some very talented teams here. There are some teams that play their first game without the bye that have the stuff to win it."

"If you look around the league and look at the scores, there were very few blowouts," Willard said.

The main topic of discussion in Monday's teleconference for coaches and media members, though, was not who would win the tourney and get the league's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. It was the NCAA tournament itself.

Many coaches think the Sun Belt will probably only get one team into the NAAs. They think computer power ratings for the other 10 teams would not be high enough for them to get an at-large bid to the tournament.

Loyd said the league's balance — his team won the Sun Belt with a 12-4 record before a New Orleans forfeit raised it to 13-3 — can hurt its chances for an at-large bid, too. "The

conference has pounded itself on the head with us beating up on each other so much. We're going to be fortunate to get two teams in the NAAs."

Most coaches thought that would happen only if Tech made the finals and lost.

Lamar Coach Mike Newell said five teams, including Western, are capable of earning bids to the National Invitational Tournament.

Willard said Western could get an NIT bid. "I would hope so," he said. "We've played good basketball throughout the year."

Topper senior forward Harold Thompkins wants an NCAA bid to cap his career on the Hill. "They'll have to recognize us," he said. "I'd rather go to the NAAs, but I wouldn't give up an opportunity to go to the NIT."

Junior forward Scott Boley successfully underwent arthroscopic surgery yesterday for a torn cartilage in his knee. Rehabilitation is expected to take two to four weeks.

# Willard rebuffs column

BY BRIAN DAUGHERTY

Coach Ralph Willard said last night that a USA Today sports column suggesting that Wisconsin should consider him for its men's basketball coaching vacancy was simply speculation.

National Basketball Association columnist Peter Vecsey said in Tuesday's edition that "Wisconsin should do itself a favor and run a check on former Knicks assistant Ralph Willard, currently 20-9 at Western Kentucky."

Contacted last night in Biloxi, Miss., where his team is preparing for the TCBY Sun Belt Conference Tournament, Willard said no one from Wisconsin had called him.

Wisconsin Coach Steve Yoder said last week he would resign after this season. Yoder's decision came after Wisconsin athletic director Pat Richter said he wouldn't recommend extending Yoder's contract.

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◆ Tennis

# Men's team tangles with powerful Cats

BY CHRIS IRVINE

Western's men's tennis team improved their record to 3-0 yesterday with an 8-1 victory over Transylvania.

Senior first seed Jay Graff lost 6-4, 6-4 to Transylvania's Trent Aaron in the opening match, but Western swept the remaining matches.

Second seed Bernie Howard beat his opponent, Steven Borders, 6-3, 6-0. Third seed Quincy Brown won his match 6-4, 6-1 over Jim Adams.

In doubles, Western's first seed duet of Graff and Brown defeated Transylvania's Aaron and Borders, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. The second team, Kurt Humke and Howard, defeated Adams and Matt Walter, 6-2, 7-5.

Tuesday, Western shut out Lake Superior State 9-0 at the campus tennis courts.

The team visits Morehead State at 1 this afternoon, then travels to Lexington to play 9th-ranked Kentucky at 7 p.m.

Their next match takes them to Louisville Sunday, where they'll take on Bellarmine at 9 a.m.

**Women's Tennis**

Yesterday's women's home tennis match against Middle Tennessee was canceled because of the threat of rain. The match has been tentatively rescheduled for March 12 at 2 p.m. Coach Laura Hudspeth said if rain is forecast, the match will be played March 11 at Tennis Town in Bowling Green.

The team travels to Murray today to take on Union. Friday they will play two more matches in Murray, vs. Arkansas State in the morning, and



Robin Cornet/Herald

**Topper Bernie Howard** returns a ball to his Lake Superior State opponent Tuesday. Howard won 6-1, 6-1.

Murray State in the afternoon.

"Murray and Arkansas State will be tough. They both beat us last year," Hudspeth said. "I'm looking forward to playing them."

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