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Health workers say costs will rise

BY RYAN CLARK
Herald reporter

Attempting to gain an ally against possible privatization of the Student Health Service, representatives from the clinic warned the Student Government Association that such an attempt could drain the pockets of students.

In an hour-long presentation at Tuesday's SGA meeting, Student Health Service Director Charles Lott and Andrew Donelson, a Student Health Service physician, showed SGA what they called the "issues and problems of not just the health services, but of students as a whole."

According to research conducted by Lott and Donelson, 4,000 students come to the Student Health Service, totaling 13,000 visits a year. When a new Journalism and Technology Building was approved, Student Health Service officials realized they would need new facilities. Its space would now be used as a tunnel connecting the new building with Tate Page Hall.

Which brings up the issue of privatization. One possibility that has been entertained, and has been implemented at Auburn University, is selling the Student Health Service to a private company. This would enable the clinic to find a new place to work at no cost to the university. Donelson and Lott plan to mount a counterattack by suggesting new locations for the Student Health Service, keeping prices low for the students.

"We know how hard it is on college students," Donelson said. "The problem with privatization is that anything done with a private organization is going to cost

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Party without the police

Learn how to throw a party without getting busted, but still have a great time. Page 9

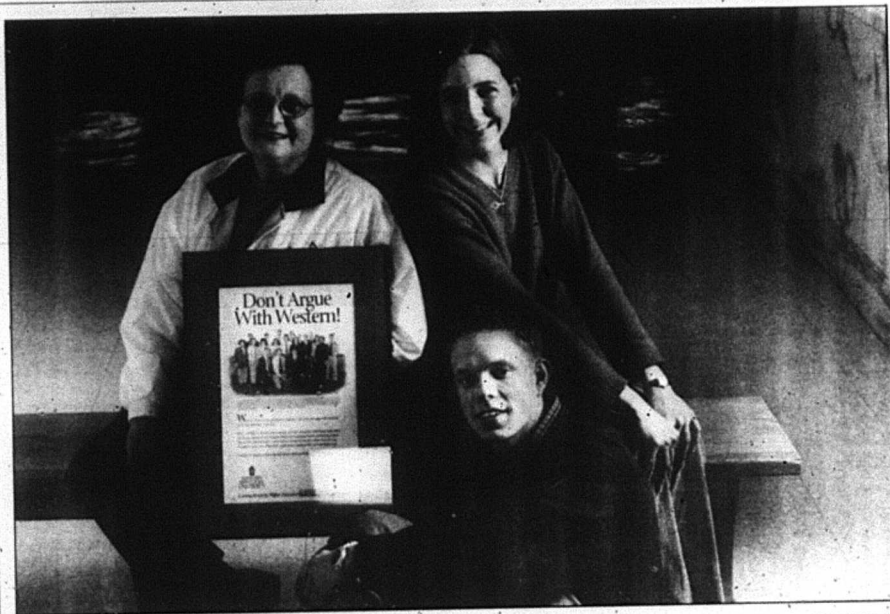
Carjacker sentenced

Steven Scott Woolbright, who carjacked two female students on campus in 1996, has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. Page 5

Baseball loses to Vandy

Western's baseball team lost 7-4 to Vanderbilt last night at Denes Field. The Hilltoppers played a close game, but it wasn't good enough for Coach Joel Murrie and his team. Page 13

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Andrew Otto/Herald

Forensics coach Judy Woodring with international forensics champions Evansville junior Matt Gerbig and Shelbyville junior Kerri Richardson.

Forensics: World champs

Two points gave Western the win

BY RYAN CLARK
Herald reporter

Many teams talk about winning a championship, but few teams actually talk their way into one.

In the last decade, Western forensics Director Judy Woodring has seen her teams do just that, proving it is truly one of the most successful programs on the Hill.

Over Spring Break the Hilltopper forensic and debate squads added one more title to their distinction: World Champs.

By placing first at the International Forensic Association World Championship in Rome, they took home the crown.

"The credit goes to the kids," Woodring said. "They are the ones who are subjected to the cruelty of the judges and their competitors. Most people would be scared to death to do what they do."

And despite the team's success, many people at Western don't know what the team does, or why it is so successful.

"The forensics team is simply competitive speech and debate," Woodring said. "Students compete in 11 categories of speech, plus traditional debate."

Categories range from informative and impromptu speeches, to interpretive events such as poetry and the after-dinner speech, which relays a serious message in a humorous way.

Because of the high cost of the trip, only six of the 32 debaters and speakers traveled to the international competition in Rome.

"It was the experience of a lifetime," Evansville sophomore Matt Gerbig said. "We just had the perfect group of people. We've done something that few people can say they've done."

Competing against approximately 40 schools, Western edged fellow Americans at Miami of Ohio for the crown. Western's margin of victory was only two points.

"A lot of times, Kentucky has a stereotype of being barefoot, redneck people," Versailles junior Stephen Barnett said. "But when the tournament's over, and everyone hears 'Western Kentucky University' being called, it turns a lot of heads."

Barnett took home two "World Championship" titles in the categories of informative speech and after dinner speaking.

"They were two moments I will never forget," he said. "When we won as a team it was

just wonderful."

In 1967, winning anything in debate would have been impossible, and not because there was a lack of talent. There was no team.

"It was 1967 when (former President) Kern Alexander decided to reinstate the program," Woodring said. "I started rebuilding in '89, and got 12 kids who stuck with the program. They still contribute to the program today."

A lack of money over the years had proven to be a constant obstacle for the debaters to overcome, but now, the university gives the team financial support. In 1988, William E. Bivin, a local lawyer who once debated for Western in the 1950s, left money in his will to breathe new life into the program, which was then named in his honor.

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Feminist proposes female version of God

Lecturer discusses God as a woman

BY MICHELLE PEARSON
Herald reporter

"Our Mother who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name."

The prospect of changing The Lord's Prayer in such a way is blasphemy to some, but intriguing to others.

God as a female deity is an idea taboo in Christian culture. It is looked upon with indignation and ridicule.

Rosemary Radford Ruether,

leading international theologian and Catholic feminist, has tackled this idea in books and lectures worldwide. She will give a lecture tonight at 7:30 in Grise Hall Auditorium. Admission is free.

"(Ruether) poses a provocative question," said Women's Studies Director Jane Olmsted. "Some might say it doesn't need to be asked."

The question: What if God were a woman?

"Anytime you ask a question about institutions with deep historical roots, you will find people who object," Olmsted said.

Ruether is a graduate professor at the Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where she teaches classes on theology, history and social justice issues.

She is also the author of 32 books, including "Sexism and God-Talk: Toward a Feminist Theology," "Women and Redemption: A Historical Theology" and "Gaia and God: An Ecofeminist Theology of Earth

Healing."

Ruether's lecture, "Can a Male Savior Save Women? Changing Paradigms of Gender and Redemption," is a controversial issue in the Catholic Church, a traditionally patriarchal Christian denomination. She has given lectures on the globalization of feminist theology across religious faiths throughout the world, from the United States to Bosnia to South America to South Africa.

She not only deals with the issue of God and gender but also with a number of issues that relate religion to matters of equality.

In her essay "Eschatology and

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Rosemary Radford Ruether

Weather forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
37° 54°	28° 54°	33° 65°	42° 73°	50° 70°

R: 33°/50°, cloudy
F: 27°/53°, cloudy
S: 34°/63°, sunny
M: 42°/72°, cloudy

• Louisville

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F: 27°/53°, cloudy
S: 34°/63°, sunny
M: 42°/72°, cloudy

• Paducah

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F: 28°/54°, cloudy
S: 35°/65°, sunny
M: 44°/73°, cloudy

• Nashville

• Lexington

R: 33°/48°, cloudy
F: 27°/51°, cloudy
S: 32°/61°, sunny
M: 41°/70°, cloudy

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A look back at Western's history

Before housing various offices after its renovation in 1994, Potter Hall served as a dorm.

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Droplets: Roland Shelton, director of development for athletics, leaves Western's new intramural facility in the rain. Shelton attended with President Gary Ransdell and much of the Preston Health and Activities Center staff to commemorate the facility's opening.

Crime Reports

Arrests

• Hayes Davis, Riverview Drive, was charged March 13 with DUI. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

• Beverly Lynn Joiner, Price Chapel Road, was charged March 13 with DUI, operating on a suspended license and disregarding a traffic control device. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the

same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

• Robert Ray Haake, 13th Street, was charged March 17 with operating on a suspended license and disregarding a traffic control device. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$300 cash bond.

• Robert David Dudgeon, Louisville, was charged Saturday with DUI, no insurance and driving on a suspended license. He was released from the Warren

County Regional Jail Tuesday on a court order.

• Brandi Jo Hammer, Eighth Street, was charged Saturday with DUI and expired registration tags. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$502.50 unsecured bond.

• Jerald Douglas Armfield, Scottsville, was charged Sunday with DUI. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$467.50 unsecured bond.



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PARKING PLAN REACTIONS

Students say plan not enough

By MOLLY HARPER
Herald reporter

Franklin junior Tina McCarty isn't very optimistic that the university's new parking plan will solve her parking woes.

Designed to move cars out of the interior of campus, the plan includes 375 new spaces — for students — and two shuttles that will continuously run students in an internal loop throughout campus.

Despite the addition of two new shuttles, McCarty thinks the plan will force even more people on the shuttles — slowing the service down.

"The shuttle already runs too slow, that's why I stopped taking it — I was always running late for classes," she said. "The bottom line is students need more parking."

Glasgow sophomore Zach

Fisher said the plan really won't affect him unless the shuttle runs on time.

"My walk to Cherry is about 20 minutes," he said. "If the shuttle runs quickly enough, that will help me out a lot. But if it takes twenty minutes for the shuttle to get to Cherry, it's not really going to help me."

McCarty, a single mother, has to take a lot of night classes to accommodate her busy schedule. She said she often had to walk 15 to 20 minutes away from her classes to commuter lots, a frightening prospect for a woman alone.

"I didn't know faculty needed more parking, when you come to campus those spaces are always open," she said. "I don't think (the new spaces) should all go to faculty, or all go to students. They should reach some sort of compromise in the middle."

Of the 375 spaces being added in the first year, 77 will be designated for student use. A new 60-space lot will be added behind the Kentucky Building, 30 of those spaces will be designated

for students, the other half for visitors. Forty-three slanted spaces will be added to Big Red Way during the summer. Grass islands in Creason and PFT lots will also be paved to provide extra spaces.

Rob Easterday, a sophomore from Brentwood, Tenn., said that some aspects of the plan will be helpful, but he disagrees with the methods used to find new space for on-campus parking.

"They're tearing down the archeology lab for 29 new spaces, that's not right," he said. "That's an important building for archeology and anthropology students and it's being torn down for a few spaces. That's not the way to go about it."

Robert Cobb, co-chairman of the Parking and Transportation Committee, has said that the plan emphasizes faculty and staff parking because the construction of the new Journalism and Technology Building will force faculty that used to park at the top of the Hill to the bottom lots. This will free up some of the student spots faculty are currently using.

\$120 and the cost of reserved spots will go from \$250 to \$360.

Cobb said he understood that hearing the entire plan all at once was like "taking a drink out of a fire hose," but he hoped they would understand that the plan they had arrived at was the best possible solution.

Cobb said the committee struggled to find a solution.

"This is a no win committee," he said. "If anyone wants to join this damn committee, I'll sign you up right now."

Gilda Lee, specialist at Accounts and Fiscal Services, was surprised by the low faculty turnout.

"A lot of people I talked to thought their opinions wouldn't matter and that the plan was

already set," she said. "There is a lack of lower level faculty on the parking committee, it seems to be the upper echelon of Western's employees."

Kim Reed, Accounts and Fiscal Services coordinator, thought the forum went very well. "I was in awe of the effort that must have gone into the planning. I really like the idea of taking a shuttle down the Hill if I have a meeting and not having to carry my materials."

Questions arose though, about whether two buses will be enough to handle all the people wanting rides up the Hill. The buses the university is looking to get are airport-like shuttles that will carry about 40 people.

Workers express parking concerns

By BRETT CORBIN
Herald reporter

A forum held Wednesday in Grise Hall gave faculty and staff a chance to voice concerns about Western's new parking plan.

The 17 people that showed up heard Robert Cobb, co-chairman of the Parking and Transportation Committee, detail the policies and price increases that will add 375 new parking places and two internal shuttles to the Hill next year. The price of some faculty and staff spots will jump from \$60 to

Campus News

Davies to visit Western

Council on Postsecondary Education President Gordon Davies is visiting campus tomorrow to address faculty on Western's role in postsecondary education in Kentucky, said Faculty Senate Chairman Arvin Vos.

Vos said Davies' visit "is very important, because he's the person who's leading the process of guiding (Western) into the future."

Davies will give a presentation to all faculty and interested staff at 2:30 p.m. in Tate Page Auditorium.

Before that, he will meet with faculty from Ogden College at noon, and with Potter College faculty at 1:15 p.m.

— Matthias Karen

Faculty governing bodies will meet today

Both the Academic Council and the Faculty Senate are meeting today.

The Academic Council will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Regents

Room in Wetherly Administration Building to discuss curriculum changes, said Chairwoman Retta Poe.

The Faculty Senate will also meet at 3:30 p.m. in Garrett Center Ballroom.

— Matthias Karen

South Campus gets new food court

Bowling Green Community College and Aramark opened a food court Tuesday at south campus on Nashville Road. The food court has salads, baked goods and fresh fruit. It is Western's fourth food court.

— Dan Hieb

Luncheon to be held

The Christian Faculty/Staff Fellowship will host a luncheon Saturday in Garrett Center room 101. Lunch will begin around 11:45 a.m. At noon, attorney Brian Schuette will give a speech titled "What Does It Mean to be a Christian Attorney?" A brief discussion will follow. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

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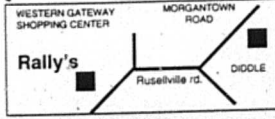
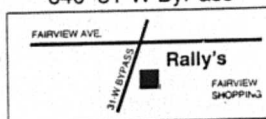
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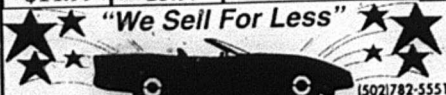
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Opinion

Students forgotten

Western is finally tackling its parking problem, but only an elite group of well-to-do faculty can applaud the proposed solutions.

Case in point: a mere 77 of 375 spots to be added in the Parking and Transportation Committee's plan are earmarked for students.

Pardon us, but aren't there roughly 15,000 students, compared to 1,500 faculty and staff?

The plan smells of classism. The best spots go to the faculty members who can pay for them. These \$500 space "gated communities" the plan proposes on the Hill are protected from the rest of us, who will shell out a relatively meager \$60 for our permits.

All the while, somebody's not paying at all. Nowhere in the plan does it mention what President Gary Ransdell is paying for a space. Now, that's not exactly fair.

The plan makes provisions for deans and administrators to

snatch \$500 spots close to Wetherby Administration Building and other academic buildings. But nowhere does the president pay.

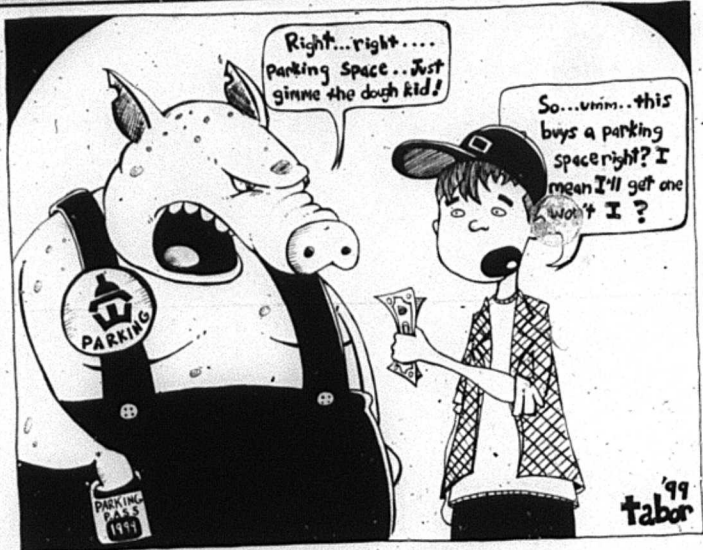
At the bottom rung are the students. We get the crumbs in this plan. As a pittance, the plan suggests two shuttle buses — which may sound great for weary Hill-trudgers, but perform a dubious service. How can two buses serve the entire south end of campus?

Buses are good, but are they adequate?

These are unresolved questions the committee needs to address. We congratulate Ransdell and the committee for taking on the issue. But they must include students in the changes if we're going to get our 60 bucks worth. And if we have to pay, the president should also have to pay.

With his deep pockets, a \$500 prime faculty space wouldn't seem too far out of reach.

The issue: The new parking plan aids wealthy faculty, leaves out students.
Our view: This is unacceptable.



Letters to the Editor

Greek editorial 'dead on'

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your (March 1 editorial on the Friday party issue) on the opinion page was dead on. I can only hope more students and faculty take an interest in this issue. It is not about Greeks — it is about masked intentions that threaten the freedom of organizations to choose their own paths.

You're right — the whole plan reeks of unrestricted scapegoating. It is astounding to learn that the operators of this university use such blatantly corrupt tactics in order to preserve their utopian image of college life.

Everyone should take note here — if the school treats a supportive group with such little respect, imagine what they will do to you! I'm a senior in college and I feel like there's some overprotective force making my decisions for me! Quit pretending we have a problem. Western. You're only losing credibility and you might get someone killed. THANK YOU HERALD!

Kevin Nichter
Lambda Chi Alpha member
Louisville senior

Leave health clinic alone

I read your article regarding the proposed commercialization of the Student Health Service currently at Western and it shocked me. It is a service to the students and faculty — not big business.

I also read the comments from

the students about whether they use the Student Health Service. The majority said because their parents had insurance, they would go to a doctor off campus.

Let me put a scenario together to show you how convenient and inexpensive the Student Health Service is for students and faculty.

I am a female and I need an annual female exam. I can either go to my family doctor at home which costs me \$146 plus pathologist and lab work or I can go to the health clinic and get charged only \$28.

"You want your parents happy, don't you? Save them money."

— Melissa Cole
senior from Cottontown, Tenn.

If I need a prescription, I have to pay for it immediately off campus. On campus, they can bill you. No money, no problem — I still get my medicine. Off campus I wouldn't.

You say the Student Health Service isn't friendly or convenient. Yes it is. I have been to the office three times and am always greeted with a smile by courteous employees and staff. The medical professionals know their job and do it well with a smile. Students, wake up. You want your parents happy, don't you? Save them money. Ask them for

their opinion before you spend their money. The money you save your parents might be used to purchase a new car or get you into a better apartment.

Melissa Cole
senior from Cottontown, Tenn.

Campus movies lousy

What in the heck is the matter with the campus cable service? I am specifically asking about channels 10, 11 and 12.

Channel 10 plays the same movies over and over again. What happened to variety? They used to play good movies, even recent ones. But what gets me the most is the number of times a movie will be cut off 10 minutes before it is finished.

The other day, "Snake Eyes" was cut off in the climactic scene. I still do not know how it ended. That has not been the only time it happened.

As for channels 11 and 12 — every morning I listen to National Public Radio broadcasted through them. As I eat my breakfast, I read the campus events that are posted. Only thing is, all the events happened a month ago.

Ninety percent of the news is outdated. Why won't they purge the old information? Who runs these shoddy channels? I know what the "technical difficulties" are: they are asleep at the control board!

Aaron Gallagher
senior from Franklin, Tenn.

Our winning ways

For a bunch of backwoods Kentuckians, we sure are making a good name for ourselves. A trifecta of examples:

Western's forensics team won another two championships in two weeks. And not just any awards — the group took home the International Forensic Association World Championship in Rome. There is none greater.

The next week, they picked up the national title in Clemson, S.C.

They can add that to eight trophies gleaned from winning Kentucky's debate tournament for the past eight consecutive years.

Western's photojournalism program recently won first in

the Hearst photojournalism competition — the highest in the United States — for the 10th straight year.

The Herald has also had a red-letter year. The newspaper won the Columbia Scholastic Journalism Association's Gold Crown Award, its first ever. That comes after the Pacemaker award for 1997-1998, the college equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize.

Herald writers are currently fourth in overall awards in the Hearst writing championships, having four Top 10 winners in the national writing competition so far.

Spread the word. Western has much to be proud of.

The issue: Western is cleaning up in awards.
Our view: Congratulations.

► When was the last time you skipped class? Why?



"This morning. My homework took longer than I thought."

Danielle Ashby
Greenville sophomore



"It was right before Spring Break. I was just too tired."

Matt Kramer
Louisville junior



"Before Spring Break, because I had a hangover."

Matt Tyler
Elizabethtown sophomore



"Yesterday, for my job."

Ted Doll
Louisville junior



"A few weeks ago. I had an appointment with an attorney."

Leslie Glass
Morgantown sophomore

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Longtime Garrett employee missed

By MATT BATCHELDER
Herald reporter

A familiar face that served lunch and smiles at Garrett Center Cafeteria has passed away.

Mary Ruth Lovelady, a longtime cafeteria supervisor at Garrett, died Friday at The Medical Center at Bowling Green. She was 88.

Though Lovelady retired in 1978, Garrett cashier Olivia Jones fondly remembers her as someone who shaped the food services that are here today.

Lovelady was her first boss.

"She was a real nice lady," she said. "I really liked her. She taught me a lot of things."

Lon Slaughter, former food services director, hired Lovelady in 1960 and had no regrets.

"She had the cafeteria," he said. "She was just a real fine person and a good worker. The job was done well and she handled our employees well."

Slaughter managed the Hill's restaurants from 1958 to 1982, seeing the campus eateries evolve from a cafeteria and snack bar on the top of the Hill to the three food courts open today in Garrett and

DUC.

Lovelady was part of all that, as well as catering operations. Slaughter said her specialty was serving buffet dinners in Garrett Ballroom. Once fitted with chandeliers, the ballroom was an elegant place to eat dinner. It hosted state luncheons of up to 1,000 people — luncheons that included dignitaries like future President Ronald Reagan.

Lovelady worked in hand with her late husband, Charlie, who supervised the snack bar where the Herald offices now stand. She remained in Garrett as she oversaw some of her workers migrating to the DUC restaurants.

Her responsibilities included managing up to 31 full-time employees and anywhere from 50-60 students. Lovelady hired Jones in 1970, when DUC wasn't yet finished and Garrett was the Hill's only cafeteria. Lovelady managed a very busy eatery.

Slaughter recalled one year where enrollment increased "33 and one-third percent." But he said the DUC cafeterias quickly picked up the slack.

Lovelady was buried Saturday in Fairview Cemetery.



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Carjacker sentenced to 20 years

By ERIN WILKINS
Herald reporter

A Tennessee man was sentenced Tuesday in Warren County Circuit Court to 20 years in prison for carjacking two students on campus in 1996.

Steven Scott Woolbright was convicted on two charges of robbery and unlawful imprisonment.

Woolbright, who is from Whites Creek, Tenn., was arrested for holding two women at gunpoint in their car in the Pearce-Ford lot and forcing them to drive to Sumpter Drive. Woolbright forced the women out of the 1990 Toyota and drove away. The car was later found abandoned near Nashville.

Woolbright went on to steal two more cars at gunpoint in Tennessee with an air pistol that looked similar to a handgun. Campus police tracked down Woolbright after calling a phone number they found in the backseat of the Toyota. The number belonged to Woolbright's girlfriend, who knew his location.

Campus News

Herald wins National Award

The College Heights Herald was among five college newspapers honored with a Gold Crown Award last Thursday by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The Gold Crown is the highest award given by the association. The Herald was the only non-daily newspaper recognized. While the Herald has won six national Pacemakers since 1981 from the Associated Collegiate Press & Newspaper Foundation of America, this is the first time the newspaper has won Columbia's highest award.

— Dan Hieb

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FEMINIST: Christian feminist questions traditional theories

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Feminism," she writes that her quest began in late high school and college in the early 1960s with the Civil Rights Movement.

"I write as an Anglo-American Roman Catholic woman who seeks to integrate faith understanding with commitment to justice," she wrote. Ruether is a Christian feminist who is looking for gender justice in religion.

"She provides a critique of Christian history - with three emphases," said Lawrence Snyder, philosophy and religion assistant professor. "(She) tries to uncover the way women have been abused and used in history."

History books have been written by men, and those women who made contributions to Christianity have been lost,

he said.

"The second emphasis is she tries to uncover (that) lost history of women," Snyder said. "She is trying to tell the history that has not been written."

Ruether tackles the idea of why Christians typically think of God as a man, he said.

"Her third emphasis is to revise and rethink traditional Christian theories," Snyder said.

He said he receives a variety of responses from his students when he talks about Ruether's ideas.

"Some students blanch at the thought of a Christian feminist," he said. "Those who are inclined toward feminist thought find her liberating."

It all depends on the attitude coming in, he said.

Ruether has a provocative style that is intentional.

"It puts you on edge and makes you think," Snyder said.

The Rev. Darrell Venters of the Catholic Newman Center does not think the idea of God's gender is as controversial as it used to be.

"Our language tries to describe something bigger than ourselves," Venters said. "We have a limited language."

Venters recognizes God does not have a gender.

"We were made in God's image, and we have tried to make God in our image," he said.

Olmsted has described Ruether, a mother of three grown children and grandmother of two, as a very warm and cordial person.

"She has an impressive intellect," she said. "She doesn't put on airs."

FORENSICS: Team also wins national debate title in Clemson

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"Without the support of the university, we couldn't do this," Woodring said. "The university is ultimately the reason we are so nationally recognized."

After returning from the world championship, the team flew to Clemson University,

where it won its fifth national debate championship in a row, bringing the total to 17 team and individual national titles since 1993.

But even with all the success, prestige, awards, and titles, the debaters speak in relative obscurity.

"We're not a spectator sport,"

Woodring said. "We're not a spectator anything. It's like a chess match."

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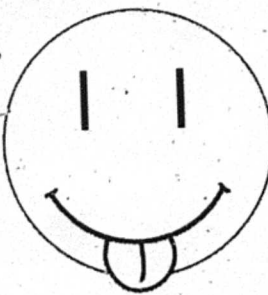
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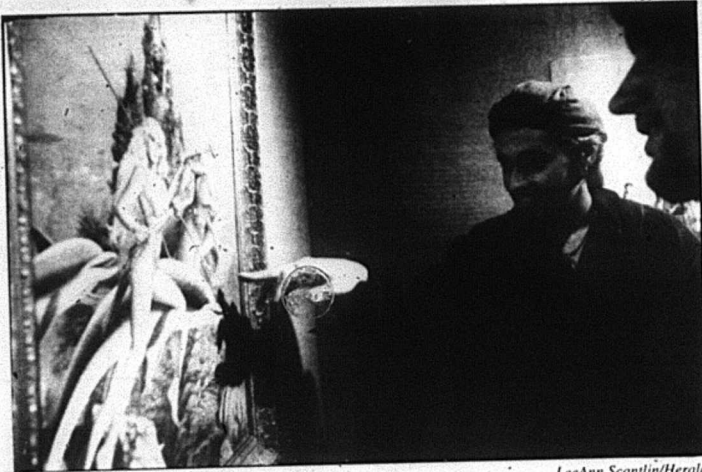
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Louisville junior Forrest Crump (right) and Glasgow junior Clay Smith observe Larry Elmore's artwork Tuesday in the fine arts center art gallery. "I'm impressed," Crump said. "I was shocked (Elmore) graduated from Western Kentucky. The artwork blows your mind."

Alumnus displaying fantasy art

BY BRETT CORBIN
Herald reporter

Dragons took over the fine arts center art gallery Monday, and they don't plan to leave for a couple of weeks. Western alumnus Larry Elmore is responsible.

"Building Myths: The Artistic Process of Larry Elmore" is an exhibit of artwork highlighting Elmore's career and the process he uses to create artwork. The exhibit is the largest collection of his work — which includes movie products and artwork for "Dungeons and Dragons" books. The exhibit began Monday and will run through April 23.

Elmore graduated from Western in 1971 with an art degree. Within four months of graduation he was drafted to serve in Vietnam and was married. In 1973, Elmore began his art career

If you go

What: Artwork by Larry Elmore
When: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Where: fine arts center gallery

as a painter and illustrator.

When Elmore was at Western, teaching art was what he wanted to do. He never really thought about painting because, at the time, most painters had to live in Chicago or New York to make money. But after Vietnam, another veteran founded Federal Express, making it possible for artists like Elmore to make a living without living in major cities.

One of Elmore's biggest accomplishments came when he and his cousin, Robert Elmore, wrote, illustrated and released a book of their own — "Runes of Autumn."

Elmore was first inspired by Frank Frazetta, who illustrated the "Conan the Barbarian" series.

This exhibit illustrates how the process begins and ends and the work in between. Each painting takes two weeks for Elmore to finish because of the incredible detail and the expansive background landscape.

"We hope students see how hard this work is and how (Elmore) puts in a consistent effort every day," said Brent Oglesbee, assistant art professor and member of the gallery committee. "Everyone wants to do this work so it is very competitive."

Louisville sophomore Bryan Johnson liked the colors Elmore used.

"It looks like he loves what he does, and it seems like he has mastered this type of painting," he said.

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HEALTH: Doctor resists change

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more money."

Donelson's presentation included a comparison between the average cost of health care at Western, and an approximation of the cost of health care run by a private company. Western's health costs were, after an average of 3.5 visits, more than \$800 cheaper.

"The WKU Health Service is your health service," Lott said. "It offers quality health care at low cost — you pay only a fraction of what you would pay at another place."

Chief Financial Officer Ann Mead said administrators have no numbers that suggests a private health service would cost students any more than the current service.

"We don't have any data to substantiate that other than what the Student Health Service says," she said. "We have to wait and see what proposals we get from the medical community before we speculate on cost."

The final decision on privatization is expected to be made over the summer.

The problem that arises when looking for a new place is that the Health Service needs 15,000 square feet, preferably an entire wing or floor of a building. Some have suggested the fourth floor of DUC, or possibly an old dorm.

"I don't feel that putting a clinic on the fourth floor of DUC is a good idea," Lexington junior Dwight Campbell said. "You're talking about putting a whole lot of sick people in the most populated area on campus, with our food court. More people will end up sick."

Donelson retorted that on a campus of this size, students will get sick no matter where the clinic is located.

"I'm trying to tell each and every one of you what we think is the truth," Donelson said. "It's hard for students to pay \$40 (for medical care). Can you imagine what it would be like to pay \$4,000?"

As of now, students pay only \$30 per semester for health care.

Said Donelson: "I would recommend (that the students) put petitions on every bulletin board and say, 'We can't do this.'"

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Party Patrol

A guide to keep your kegger out of the slammer

BY ERIN WILKINS

It's a familiar scene to some Western students. Party-goers on the dance floor are wading through a pool of spilled beer, and one unfortunate drinker has already passed out in the yard — and it is only 11 p.m.

No matter how much alcohol the host of this party has tossed back, he knows one thing is for sure — it is only a matter of time until the police show up.

Charlie Gorecki, a freshman from Franklin, Tenn., said he has plenty of experience with police at parties. But rather than coming face to face with them, he tries to flee the scene.

"I tried to jump over some bushes, but ended up running through them and hit the ground," Gorecki said. "I realized I tried to go into the wrong house when I opened a door and saw an old lady sitting there that I didn't know."

Campus crime prevention officer Allen Polk and Bowling Green Police officer Tom Forte say a few measures can be taken to assure the police won't visit your house, and the way to police-proof a party takes only a few simple steps.

Become your neighbor's best friend

The key to keeping a party from being busted by police — the kind on bikes or the kind in cars — is letting neighbors know when the party is happening. Forte said police focus on responding to complaints from neighbors when coming to check out parties. Have a good relationship with neighbors and they might agree to plan around the party by not being at home that night, cutting down on angry late night noise complaints.

Make someone responsible

Polk suggests having a designated security guard or someone with at least some visible authority.

"Whether it is the biggest guy in the fraternity or just somebody that will keep some control, people will know what is expected of them even when they are under the influence," Polk said. All Western fraternities have security guards at their houses when throwing a party to curb any unexpected violence.

Personally invite all guests

Even parties that are well planned end up with people showing up who aren't invited, Polk said. Set firm limits to whom is invited in order to keep the party under control.

Location, location, location

If planning to throw a party on or around State, 15th, or College Streets, chances are police already know about it. Polk said these areas have a high concentration of off-campus students and are prime partying locations. Forte said city police do not go look for parties, but respond only to complaints.

Keep guests out of the street

Polk said a party should be OK as long as everyone stays on the porch or inside. People venturing into the street or into neighbors' yards can cause a problem, especially if someone passes out in the street, he said.

Polk said as the weather gets warmer, more police on bikes will be cruising around campus.

"Bike police can cover a lot of ground undetected — people think there are 30 or 40 of us, when there is only 6 — they think we are everywhere," he said with a laugh.

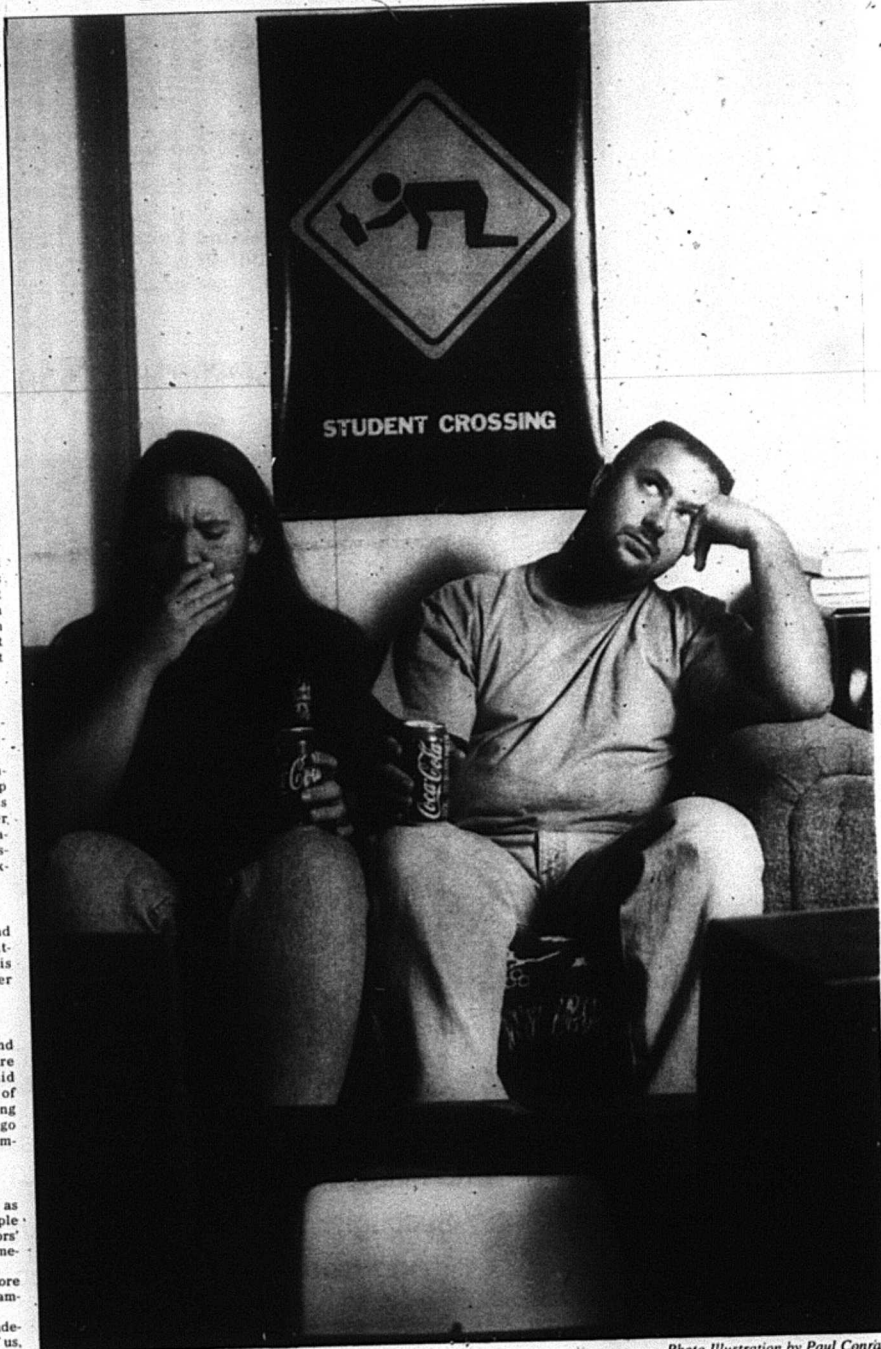


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Teacher playing in band

Geek Love Explosion joins city's rock scene

By JUSTIN ESLINGER
Herald reporter

With loud punk guitars, pounding, Keith Moon-inspired drums, thundering bass and a screaming vocalist flailing around the stage, Geek Love Explosion will rock out Picasso's tonight.

Geek Love Explosion is the latest original rock 'n' roll band hoping to make a mark on Bowling Green.

"People are just going out to the discos to dance, but they can also see a band and dance," said front man Skot Willis.

The band has a close Western connection. All of the members attended the university — singer Willis graduated in 1985, drummer Fenner Castner is a 1993

If you go

What: Geek Love Explosion
When: 10 tonight
Where: Picasso's
Admission: \$5

graduate, and bass-player Mike Natcher graduated in 1997. Guitar player John Martin graduated from Western in 1995, and now teaches guitar in the music department.

Willis said the band draws its influences from the long line of loud, raunchy, "three chord bands," such as the Replacements, Iggy Pop and the Ramones.

"We are loud, fun, unpredictable, a ruckus," he said with a laugh. "I'll try to entertain everybody. I'll get on a table, or just get in their face to scare them."

Willis is not new to the local music scene — he was the singer for Bowling Green's own Government Cheese. Cheese formed in 1985, and toured the country extensively. The band recorded several records (back then they were still vinyl), and had three videos on MTV. The band broke up in 1991. Willis hopes some of the energy the Cheese had can be captured by his new band.

"Back in the old Cheese days people would dance, and sweat and leave the whole club soaked," he said.

Willis said the unusual name for the band, Geek Love Explosion, comes from a novel, "Geek Love," and the genre-defying Jon Spencer Blues Explosion. The band hopes a new rock 'n' roll scene can be created in Bowling Green.

"We want people to dance to rock music, not DJs popping in CDs into a player," said bass player Mike Natcher.

In true rock 'n' roll form, Willis doesn't think the first show will be the band's best ever.

"The first show will be pretty sloppy, and we'll be way too loud," he said.

The band will start playing around 10 p.m. Most of the songs are originals penned by Willis, but they will also "throw in a couple of curve ball covers."

"Once they hear our songs, I think they will like us," he said. "They are something you can whistle to, as long as you whistle really loud."

TO: All University Staff
FROM: Staff Council

MEMORANDUM Staff Council Election

The Staff Council election will take place on April 22, 1999. A new category of representation has been added for part-time employees. This new category will take the place of one existing at-large representative. Also, beginning with this election, personnel in the employment category of EEO 1 will be able to nominate, run and vote in the professional-service/support category. The Staff Council representation structure is:

Professional-Service/Support representatives	4	Vacancies to be filled:	
Secretarial/Clerical representatives	4	1 Secretarial/Clerical	
Technical/Skilled maintenance representatives	4	4 Professional-Service/Support	
At-Large representatives	2	2 Technical/Skilled Maintenance	
Part-Time representatives	1	2 At-Large	
Total representatives	15	1 Part-Time	

Nominations for open seats must be turned into the Department of Human Resources by close of business on April 2, 1999. In order to be eligible for nomination, an employee must have been employed two years as a staff member and at least one year in his/her present employment category. The election will take place on April 22nd from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the lobby of Garrett Conference Center and from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the lobby of Downing University Center.

These newly elected members will take their seats on the Council effective July 1, 1999, and serve a two year term ending June 30, 2001. Everyone is encouraged to participate and exercise your right to vote. These are your representatives!

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Western Kentucky University Staff Council

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Additional nomination forms may be obtained from the Department of Human Resources. Please return the completed form(s) to the Department of Human Resources, Wetherby Administration Building room 42, by close of business April 2, 1999. No forms will be accepted after April 2nd.

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Pictures show gay families

Kentucky Rainbow Tour brings exhibit

By ERIN WILKINS
Herald reporter

The pictures look like any others that grace the homes of families. They are professional portraits and candid snapshots that depict togetherness and love.

But there is a difference. These are photos of gays and lesbians with their families.

Beginning today, the Women's Studies Center will display a photo project titled "Love Makes a Family." Photographs will cover six panels in the center. The display lasts until March 31.

It's part of the Kentucky Rainbow Tour, a series of week long events designed to promote the equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. The program is coordinated by the Kentucky Fairness Alliance. In 1995, the KFA was formed to counter several anti-gay bills in Kentucky legislation. Bill Hilsmeier, chairman of the Bowling Green chapter of

If you go

What: "Love Makes a Family" photo exhibit
When: March 25 - March 31
Where: Women's Studies Center
Admission: Free

KFA, said the group hopes the photo display will show that gays and lesbians have families and loved ones like anybody else.

"This shows that they are like everyone else and are real people," Hilsmeier said. "When you strip away all the stereotypes and misconceptions, people just want to love and to be loved."

Women's Studies director Jane Olmsted said displaying the exhibit in the Women's Studies Center was an appropriate choice because of space and the support Western wants to give the project.

"Western supports diversity — it is important for the university to support their mission to implement more diversity on campus," she said.

Olmsted said she has heard nothing but positive comments about the exhibit so far, but she expects some negative reactions.

"Some people feel that gays and lesbians are a threat to the family," she said. "They think that an important family value is heterosexuality within a marriage."

Olmsted wants the photos to send the message to the community of accepting a more open and diverse family.

Kentuckians volunteered to be photographed for the display. Bowling Green resident Greg Willis said he submitted a photo of him and his partner because he thinks the display is important in showing gay and lesbian families.

"This puts a face on gay issues. It shows that we have families — and family values," he said.

Willis said being a part of the display is a personal risk he is willing to take, but he feels a sense of empowerment when he is able to see other gays and lesbians posed as a family.

"We did this mostly for the visibility," he said. "There is always a danger of not doing anything. It is too easy to sit

Famous scientist lectures on evolution

Steven Gould draws crowd at Van Meter

By CAROLINE LYNCH
Herald reporter

Bright lights shone down on Stephen Jay Gould in Van Meter Auditorium, casting a shadow on the curtain behind him.

The shadow copied his emphatic gestures. It mimed him running his fingers through his long gray hair.

And it followed him, step by step, through a controversial lecture on evolution and how science has distorted it.

The Harvard professor of geology and zoology drew a crowd that nearly packed the 1,000 seat auditorium Tuesday night. His reputation as an entertaining and powerful speaker drew students, professors and members of the community, including Bowling Green resident Jeffrey Adams. Adams is writing a book about religion and science and he already knew what Gould would say in his lecture, but he had heard so much about the man that he came anyway.

"I just want to be near him," Adams said, gesturing to the stage.

And Adams wasn't alone.

"Bowling Green senior Scott Goff was told that Gould was the leader of the scientific world right now, and he decided to come and check it out."

"I came to watch him put on a show. I heard it was a good thing to come and see," Goff said.

Gould didn't let them down.

His presentation shed light on how being human affects a scientist's view of the world, specifically evolution.

"Humans are pattern seeking creatures," Gould said. "And humans are also story telling creatures."

And according to Gould, when humans discovered the random process of evolution, they felt compelled to try to find some pattern, some systematic reason for the way things happen. But there isn't one, he said.

People want to think that man is leader of the natural world, and that evolution is a process that was

meant to create man, Gould said. But in reality, evolution is a process that produced man by chance, and man is no more important or fundamental than the most basic bacteria.

"Nature didn't know that we were coming," he said. "And nature doesn't give a damn about us."

Human beings have a conceited view of themselves, Gould told the audience. Children are taught the history of mankind, but their books call it "the history of life," he said. That hit home with Bowling Green Junior High science teacher Lily Beth Parrent, who came to listen to Gould so that she could tell her classes what he said.

"I teach both viewpoints to my classes: the evolutionary and supernatural perspectives," Parrent said. "I wanted to hear him because he challenges people to think for themselves."

A challenge is exactly what Gould wants to give his audience. "I want to offer ideas that go against the standard," he said. "I want to make people realize that they shouldn't be so certain about their beliefs."

That was part of the reason why geography and geology Professor Noland Fields came to hear the talk.

"I have heard him talk several times before," Fields said. "He

popularizes his subject for general audiences and always has interesting and controversial ideas. We are fortunate to get top-quality people like Gould here from time to time."

Gould's list of accomplishments

"I wanted to hear him because he challenges people to think for themselves."

— Lily Beth Parrent
junior high science teacher

runs a mile long. The professor has written 11 books and more than 200 consecutive essays for *Natural History* magazine. He also has received several national awards and has served as president of the Paleontological Society and the Society for the Study of Evolution.

Gould left the crowd last night with an illustration of just how insignificant the human race has been in the history of the world.

He said that if the history of the world were a yard long, or the length from a man's fingertips to the end of his nose, "we could eliminate the history of mankind by one swipe of a fingernail file on the end of his longest finger."



Stephen Jay Gould

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News of the Weird *by Chuck Shepherd*

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

Unwellness Centers

A French study, appearing as a February Archives of Internal Medicine article, reported that one of every nine persons admitted to intensive-care units is there because of illnesses caused elsewhere in the hospital (including infections or inappropriate drugs or excessive doses). Also in February, Claudia Archer, 52, settled her malpractice lawsuit against Walter Reed Army Medical Center for about \$4 million. Archer entered the hospital to have a benign tumor removed from her neck, but over the next four months, allegedly because of errors and infections, both her legs had to be amputated below the knee and tubes inserted in her body to help her eat and breathe.

Hazardous Human Waste

In January, North Dakota legislators decided against a proposal to crack down on impatient motorists who relieve themselves while driving and then toss their urine (and even feces) filled plastic containers to the side of the road. The containers create hazards when cleanup crews accidentally smash them with vehicles and mowers.

Escalator Terrorizes Natives

Installation of the first escalators ever in Nicaragua, in a shopping mall in Managua in December, has terrorized many shoppers who have encountered them, according to a February Miami Herald report. Among the incidents: A woman who, fearing her departure at a second-floor landing, leaped from the escalator onto the floor, lost her balance, and staggered through the food court, knocking over tables and landing against a wall.

Koreans Who Want Money Really Badly

In December, Chung Kyu-chil, 52, reportedly confessed to a scheme to collect on his disability insurance policy by having both feet severed at the ankles by an acquaintance to whom he promised about \$40,000. And in September, Mr. Kang Chong-ryol, 42, was arrested and charged with trying to cheat an insurance company out of about \$7,500 by cutting off his 10-year-old son's finger and claiming that a robber did it.

Honor Thy Mother

Ryan Goodhart, 16, was arrested and charged with roughing up his mother in January in Sarasota, Fla., because she and her boyfriend refused to share their marijuana stash with him. And Nathan Ricketts, 26, was arrested and charged with choking his mother almost into unconsciousness in December in Glendora, Calif., because she had failed to



"Our son, the dreamer. His heart is set on earning a college degree. Fortunately, he's promised to keep playing basketball so that he has an NBA career to fall back on."

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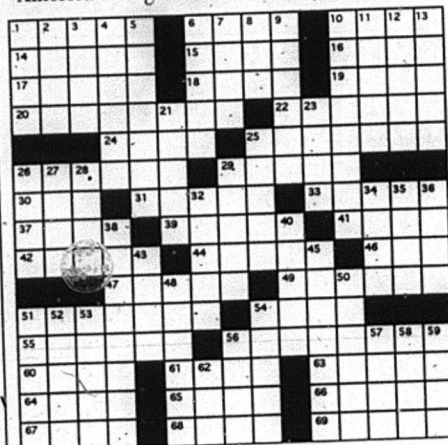
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Family Values

After a report of her lifestyle was shown on MTV in November, April Divilbiss, 21, of Memphis, Tenn., found herself in a custody fight over her 3-year-old daughter. She is married to Shane Divilbiss, 24, but the couple

shares a sex life with Mr. Chris Littrell, 22, and April spoke on MTV of bringing another female into the home because having sex with two men was tiring her out. Her daughter was fathered by yet another man, whose parents filed the custody petition against April, who also argued that her freedom of religion (as a self-described pagan) was being abridged.

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Sports

Mental mistakes plague Tops

Vanderbilt holds off Western 7-4

By SCOTT SISCO
Herald reporter

Close isn't good enough for Joel Murrie.

Western's baseball coach said close especially isn't good enough when you know you could have played better.

"There's no consolation to a poor performance," Murrie said after last night's 7-4 loss to Vanderbilt. "We're much better than this. That's what hurts after a loss — not the fact that we got beat."

Vanderbilt (13-11) took advantage of some mental mistakes on Western's part. The Commodores jumped out to a 4-0 lead, scoring one run in the first, one in the second and two in the third inning.

Sophomore pitcher Brian Houdek (2-2) said Western (13-8, 5-4) didn't come out mentally prepared for the game.

Senior second baseman Matt Idlett said Western couldn't put anything together and couldn't get the timely hit when it was needed.

"Every now and then you hit a wall," Idlett said.

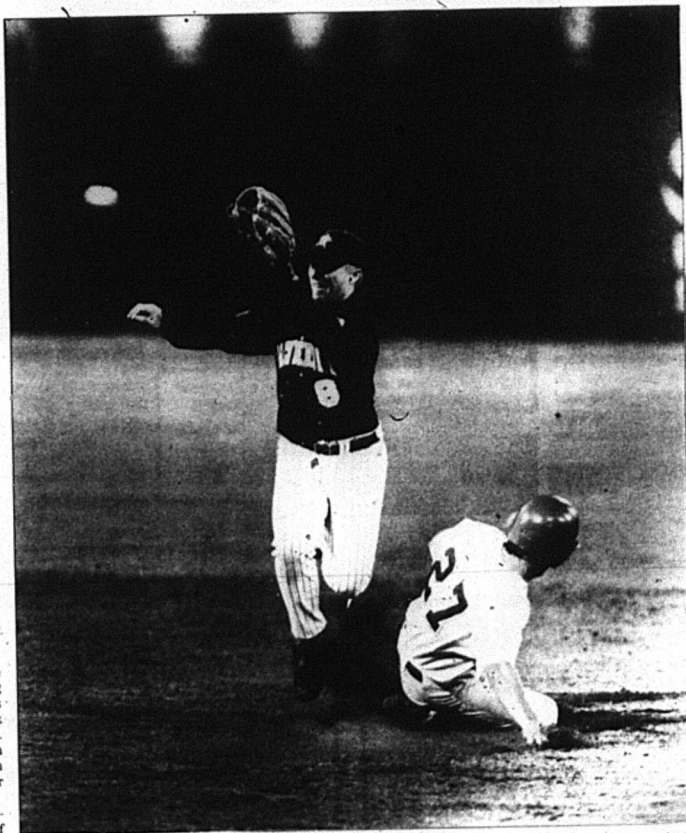
He's now hitting .296.

Western came back in the bottom of the fourth inning when senior outfielder Chris Yeo and Idlett hit back-to-back doubles. Yeo scored on Idlett's. Then senior third baseman Anthony Saporito knocked in Idlett on a single to center field.

The Hilltoppers were looking to chip away some more of the lead in the bottom of the sixth inning. Saporito and sophomore outfielder Matt Fox drew back-to-back walks and moved on a double steal.

Junior catcher Curtis Bliss fled out to the second baseman and Fox was caught off the bag for the second out. Junior Aaron Foglesong ended the Hilltopper threat by striking out looking.

After the seventh inning stretch, the Hilltoppers came



H. Rick Mach/Herald

Senior outfielder Chris Yeo steals second base as Vanderbilt's Scott Vanderhoff receives the ball Wednesday at Denes Field. Yeo stole two bases in the 7-4 Hilltopper loss. Yeo is currently batting .410 with two home runs and 15 RBIs.

out loose.

After two outs, Yeo singled, stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch. Idlett walked, stole second and advanced to third on an error by the catcher, while Yeo stole home.

Senior first baseman T.J. Johnson knocked in Idlett with a single to right field, tying the game at four. Saporito ended the rally when he struck out swinging.

With two outs in the top of the eighth, Vanderbilt fresh-

man outfielder Aaron Fausett knocked the ball over the left center wall to put the Commodores on top for good.

Vanderbilt coach Roy McWbourne said the freshman

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Western trying to decipher ruling

Impact stretching far from courtroom

By JOHN DARR
Herald reporter

One gavel has stirred a cloud of confusion that is blinding athletic departments in Division I schools and spreading from a Pennsylvania courtroom.

It all began when four high school students were denied the chance to pursue their dreams of becoming college athletes.

And now no one knows what to do after a federal judge prohibited the use of the initial eligibility test score cutoffs for athletes as a result of the Pennsylvania case.

"There is no rule, period," said Pam Herfford, Western athletics associate director.

Basketball's national letter of intent day, April 7, is creeping closer, and the absence of a rule has left coaches in limbo. Before Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter's March 8 decision in Philadelphia, coaches knew their recruits had to have a score of 820 on the SAT, no matter how high their high

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— Jack Harbaugh
Western football coach

school grade-point-average was. If the recruit didn't have the score, then he wasn't a recruit.

"I think the judge was saying, 'You come up with a plan that doesn't involve test scores at such a high level,'" Western football coach Jack Harbaugh said. "If you've got a kid with a 3.9 GPA and he's not eligible because he got a 16 and not a 17 on the ACT, how would you feel?"

"I've been coaching 37 years, and I've never read anything that has impacted me as a coach more."

Herfford said she helped oversee the implementation of the initial eligibility test scores in the late 1980s. She said then there was a lot of research done to come up with the base grade point average and SAT score.

"We didn't want to draw the line too low or too high because you didn't want to eliminate someone that can be successful," Herfford said.

With that rule void, eligibility is determined individually by

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Stints of perfection obvious in tennis teams

Men's and women's teams won yesterday

By MALCOLM KNOX
Herald reporter

If there is such a thing as a perfect week, sophomore tennis player Michael Lindskog has had it. He went 7-0 in singles matches and 6-0 in doubles matches at a tournament in Hilton Head, S.C., during Spring Break.

For his efforts, he was named Sun Belt Player of the Week.

Lindskog is 18-0 in singles matches this year and hasn't lost since April 1998.

"He's real comfortable with his game," Western coach Jeff True said. "He's as fit as anyone on the team."

Yesterday against Tennessee State (2-9), Lindskog and the rest of the Hilltoppers stayed in the groove. Western stripped the Tigers of their stripes, 7-0.

Lindskog defeated senior Geoffrey Jones in singles (6-0, 6-0) and teamed with junior Andrei Makarevitch to defeat senior Mark Hickman and sophomore Kwadjo Glenn (8-1).

"It wasn't too much of a problem," Lindskog said.

Tennessee State started out in a hole, with only five players instead of the usual six. The team lost three of its top players and basically had a patchwork squad.

Sophomore Christian Kaumanns defeated senior Tony Lewis 6-0, 6-0. Lewis has only been playing tennis for three months. Between sets he asked Kaumanns for tips on serving.

"It's just a down year for Tennessee State," True said.

But Robinson doesn't expect to be down long. He promised that his team would be better next year.

Despite the lopsided victory, it wasn't hard for Western to stay interested.

"It's always fun to win," Lindskog said.

The Hilltoppers were 7-0 during Spring Break.

Women serve win

The women also had their way with the Tigers yesterday, winning 9-0.

In No. 1 singles, senior Inese Zverge won her match against sophomore Dawn Gates comfortably 6-2, 6-2. Zverge confounded her opponent with well-placed shots. Many balls were unreachable as Zverge returned them at impossible angles. Gates just couldn't keep up.

Zverge used the match as prac-

tice and worked on her game.

"I just tried new things," she said. "I did some things totally different than I do normally."

Junior Jaime O'Brien was also strong. She defeated freshman Roxanne Brooks 6-1, 6-0.

"She rolled right through her opponent," Hudspeth said.

O'Brien said she just kept her mind on the game and played steady.

She may have also had her mind on the Lady Toppers' big plans for the next four days. They will travel to Nashville and Memphis, Tenn., and Little Rock, Ark., for five matches.

"I'm looking forward to this weekend more than anything," O'Brien said.

Hudspeth planned the busy schedule to help Western get ready for the conference tournament beginning on April 15.

PLAGUE: Baseball heads to Louisiana

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is playing well for his team.
"He had a big hit for us,"
Mewbourne said.

Vanderbilt added two more
insurance runs in the top of the
ninth.

Mewbourne said those hits
were crucial because they gave
his team a little breathing
room.

Murrie said his team missed
several signs—running the
bases and in the batter's box.

"We did a really poor job of
doing the little things that win
ball games," Murrie said. "We
came back from four runs
down to make more mistakes
and fall behind again."

Junior Jeff Vance (1-1) took
the loss.

Idlett is recovering from the
flu and several other players
have been under the weather
this week.

But Idlett didn't want to use
that as an excuse.

"It's an easy cop out," Idlett
said. "But you've got to show
up every game ready to play.
Four runs won't cut it against a
good team."

Idlett said this is a game the
team needs to forget and pre-
pare for the conference games
this weekend.

Weekend

Western is looking to
bounce back in the swamps of
Louisiana this weekend.

Western plays Southwestern
Louisiana (17-9, 6-3) in a three
game series starting Friday at
7 p.m. The Ragin' Cajuns beat
then No. 5 Louisiana State 11-3
March 16. They played
Northwestern State last night.

The Hilltoppers are tied for
third place in the Sun Belt
Conference with Florida
International. Southwestern
Louisiana is tied for second
with New Orleans.

Spring Break wrap-up

The Hilltoppers rolled off a
6-2 record during Spring
Break, with two wins over con-
ference foes New Orleans and
Arkansas State.

Bliss tied a Sun Belt and
school record, hitting three
home runs in a 16-3 blasting of
Belmont. He ranks second in
the conference with eight
homers on the season.

Junior pitcher Josh
Novotney notched his third
win of the season, shutting out
Arkansas State 5-0 on
Saturday. The win was his
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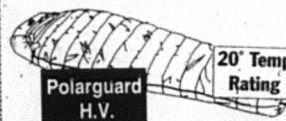


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Break means more than sand for track

Outdoor season begins in Florida

BY RYAN CLARK
Herald reporter

There are many methods of training which can help an athlete compete at the Division I level.

Western track coach Curtiss Long said the "sand, sea, and surf" method is not one of them.

While the majority of Western students spent their Spring Break on the beaches of Panama City, Fla., and Cancun, Mexico, one would expect members of the track team to be running wind sprints or testing their endurance at a meet.

But the athletes like to party, too.

Which is why Long had to meet his team in paradise for the first outdoor meet of the season — at Florida State.

"It seemed like most of our team was down in Florida already for Spring Break," Long said. "So we just met up with them. But we haven't run in a competitive meet in a month."

Long said that, just like the students on campus, many of his athletes were struggling to overcome mild colds, sniffles, and strep throat. Junior distance runner Aaron Mullins and senior sprinter Rod Smart were two of the runners affected.

Junior sprinter and jumper, Derrick White felt something

much worse — he suffered a torn hamstring at the indoor conference championships that ended his season.

But senior thrower Shawn Evans showed no signs of sickness, placing second in the shot put with a throw of 51-9 3/4, and eighth in the discus with a throw of 149-3.

"I was pretty satisfied," Evans said. "I'd rank it about average. I think as the season progresses, the meets will build on each other — on top of a lot of prayer."

Freshman Holly Wilder finished twelfth in the high jump, reaching 5-4 1/2, while junior Laura Wesseling was 13th in the long jump — 17-11 3/4.

The meet was a reunion of sorts for Long, who has two brothers on the coaching staff of the Florida State track squad — one who is the head coach and one who is the assistant. Florida State's track facility is named the Mike Long track — honoring Curtiss Long's father.

"Overall, the meet was a nice homecoming for me, as well as an eye-opener for the freshmen," Long said.

This weekend, the teams will compete at Alabama, a meet which will feature approximately 60 to 80 teams representing many of the major conferences, including the SEC, Big Ten and ACC.

"These kinds of meets show the freshmen what competing in Division I is like," Long said. "There will be excellent competition (in Alabama)."

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RULING: Sun Belt hasn't adjusted

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the university. Without guidelines, universities could make their own rules.

Harbaugh said the NCAA should go back to the drawing board and come up with a plan the judge can live with instead of appealing.

"Then we would be back in business," he said.

A press release 11 days after the court ruling was sent to Western's athletics department, outlining possible scenarios. Possibly, if a previously ineligible athlete competed while there was no rule, he could lose a year of eligibility and the university might have to forfeit games the person competed in. This could only happen if Judge Ruckwaller's decision is reversed.

"The pressure to compete and to win could have an impact on institutional quality," President Gary Ransdell said. "That would be a mistake."

The authority on who plays and who doesn't has traditionally been vested in the NCAA's Clearinghouse. Without its certification, a student-athlete could not be considered for collegiate competition. The Clearinghouse has "temporarily suspended gen-

erating preliminary and final certifications for prospective student-athletes," the NCAA press release stated.

High school students don't know if they are eligible to play because "they (coaches) could recruit from a larger pool of athletes and potentially have deeper talent on their teams," the release continued.

If the NCAA cannot find a

"I would have a concern if we lowered academic requirements ... We are an education institution first."

— Gary Ransdell
Western president

standard to be applied this season, universities would be free to recruit any high school student who was eligible to attend the respective institution. This could mean a lowering of academic requirements and graduation rates dropping. But that won't happen at Western.

"We should think twice about an athlete that could be admit-

ted to Western otherwise," Ransdell said. "I would have a concern if we lowered academic requirements that took athletic requirements below that of the typical Western student. We are an education institution first."

Erika Winger, a Western admissions counselor, said a student — athlete or not — has to have a GPA of 2.4 on a 4.0 unweighted scale, and a score of 19 on the ACT or 890 SAT. In fall 2000 those requirements will be raised to a 2.5 GPA and a 20 on the ACT or 930 on the SAT.

There is also a core of 13 classes a high school student must pass in order to be eligible to attend Western.

Harbaugh said he thinks the NCAA will implement a sliding scale, one that allows higher GPA students more slack with the test scores, with an emphasis on the core curriculum to determine eligibility.

"It would be foolish for me to recruit students who fall below Western's requirements," Harbaugh said.

Herriford said she suspects conferences are doing things to keep their schools on an even playing field. The Sun Belt Conference hasn't officially made any adjustments, but Herriford is waiting for that call.

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Men's Golf	*	April 3-4 at Eastern Ky.

*Golf teams do not keep a win-loss record.

Western kicks off spring practice today

Preparation for the 1999 football season begins today when Western starts spring practice. The Hilltoppers will try to figure out how to replace 17 starters lost from last season's 7-4 team. Around nine defensive starters won't be here next season. 1999 will be Western's first year back in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Rugby playing in SEC Division II Championship

Western rugby players will leave tomorrow with a chance in hand. They could come back Sunday with a trophy. The team, currently 5-1, will compete in the SEC Division II Championship at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., this weekend. The single-elimination tournament includes Western, Furman, Auburn and North Carolina, and is sponsored by USA Rugby. Western starts play Saturday.

Diver competes at NCAA Zone B championships

Sophomore Michelle Lynch recently competed at the NCAA Zone B Diving Championships at Louisiana State. Lynch finished 23rd out of 45 divers in the one-meter competition at the March 13 event. She had a six-dive total of 173.65 — only 10 points shy of the final 18. Lynch also finished 40th in the three-meter dual meet competition with 179.40 points.

— Travis Mayo

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