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Big events may return to Hill

Expanding UCB budget should bring better entertainment

BY MATT PEDIGO
Herald reporter

University officials say students soon won't need to leave campus for quality entertainment. In the 1970s and '80s, big name acts like KISS, Tina Turner and

Genesis made their way to Western. High-caliber acts — and speakers as well-known as Rick Pitino — may soon come to Western thanks to a fee reallocation intended to aid cash-starved student entertainment funds.

A \$5 intramural fee paid by students in recent years to fund the Detrex Field complex will be moved July 1 to the Student Government Association. Ryan Morrison, vice president of finance for SGA, said

the organization plans to give a "hefty chunk" of the money to the University Center Board.

Diddle may get renovation

President Gary Ransdell is working on a plan to solve problems with Diddle Arena. Page 3

ing about \$130,000 annually, will dramatically increase UCB's entertainment budget from \$81,000 to about \$211,000.

Student Activities Director Scott Taylor says students can expect quick results. "With our improved purchasing power, the student body

should see an improved entertainment schedule," Taylor said. "We'll be able to offer more nationally-known speakers, more concerts — depending on our technical ability to handle them — and better music, if that's what students want."

Western may have trouble hosting some concerts because of structural problems with Diddle Arena. Diddle's roof can't support speakers hung from the ceiling, which are used in most rock concerts.

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Western may tell on booze drinkers

BY JIM GAINES
Herald reporter

Put down that beer: If Western administrators see you, they may call your mom.

Dean of Student Life Howard Bailey is pondering whether to change Western's procedures and notify parents whenever students are caught with alcohol.

Student Life currently only notifies parents if there is evidence of abuse, an alcohol-related arrest, a large quantity or a pattern of drinking, Bailey said.

Even then, the information can't be released unless the student is dependent on parents, said Mike Collins, area coordinator for Housing and Residence Life.

A nationwide rash of alcohol-related student deaths and injuries last year prompted Congress to change the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Before October 1998 FERPA did not deal with university alcohol policies; it was changed to say administrators may inform parents when their children are caught with alcohol.

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Johnson resigning as chief

Head of campus police taking job in Richmond

BY SHANNON BACK AND ERIN WILKINS
Herald reporters

Campus police Chief Horace Johnson will be leaving Western on March 31 to head police training at the Kentucky Law Enforcement Academy at Eastern Kentucky University.

"This represents a major loss for Western and for me, both professionally and personally," said Jerry Wilder, vice president for Student Affairs, adding that Johnson's position was "newly

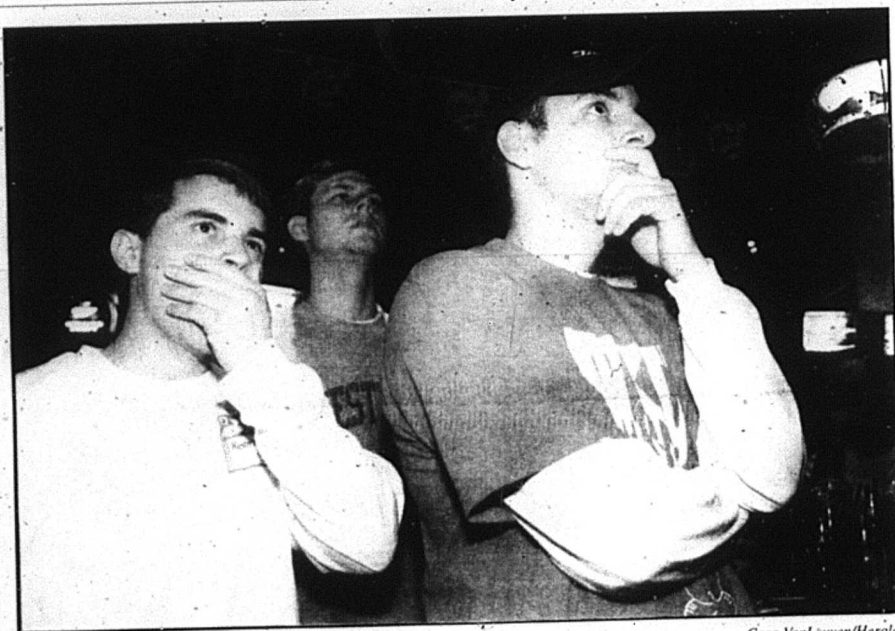
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Tomorrow last day to withdraw

The last day to drop a class with a "W" is tomorrow. But students and professors alike find the due date to be a blessing, as well as a curse. Page 5

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Cara VanLeuven/Herald

Western's slip during the second half of Tuesday night's game worried fans at Buffalo Wild Wings on Scottsville Road. From left, Louisville seniors Greg Larkin and Chad Boggs and Elizabethtown senior Michael Wirth react to Arkansas State's 17-point victory over Western.

Tops lose, win hearts of fans

Behind the efforts of a first-year coach and an over-achieving team, Western fans are excited for the first time in years

More inside

♦ Arkansas State brought Western's Cinderella run for the NCAA tournament to an end Tuesday. Full coverage of the game on page 11.

♦ Photographer Rick Scibelli was in Lafayette, La., to capture the Toppers at the Sun Belt Championships. Page 13

BOWLING GREEN — The date-line is important. Pay heed to the fact that there was standing room only at Buffalo Wild Wings in Bowling Green on Tuesday night.

Was there a Kentucky game on? No. Forget about it. No blue and white was visible in all that red.

It wasn't Lexington, or Lexington-south, or Big Blue Country. Tuesday was for Western — you know, that regional school that sits on a Hill — and a basketball program that was rising before everyone's eyes.

Nice crowd at the Cajundome in Lafayette (a hint of sarcasm). There were probably more people inside the restaurant.

"We've been here since 4:30,"



OUT OF BOUNDS
Travis Mayo

Kay France said.

She and her husband, Jeff, are Western graduates (1986 and 1984). They live close to campus and usually have to walk through neighbors' yards to get to Diddle Arena. The couple was clad in red, with small Big Red pins attached to

Western sweatshirts.

"The most important thing is that we're not True Blue," Jeff said.

A red and white pom-pom lay next to Kay, a red towel was within Jeff's reach.

And a whole lot of wings were passing by the France's corner table in the bar area. BW3's usually sells around 4,500 wings each night. But this was different.

"We'll probably get to about 7,500 tonight," said David Taylor, one of the restaurant's managers. "This is great. This is what we love."

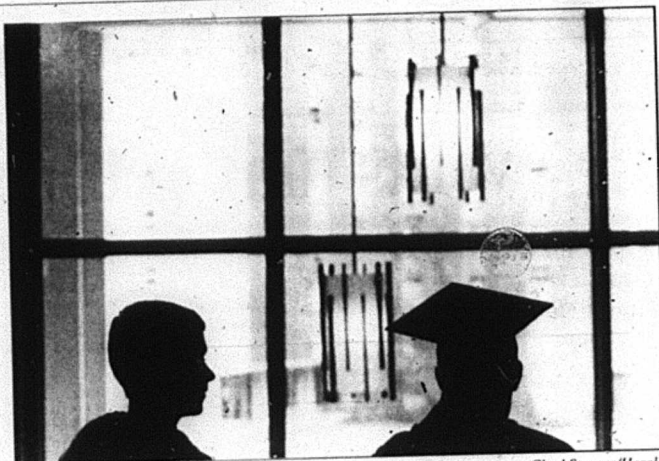
This is what Kentucky loves. What the state follows like a religion. This is basketball in its prime time, with a lot of wings.

SEE FANS, PAGE 14

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The oldest building on Western's campus is Van Meter Hall, built in 1911.



Chad Stevens/Herald

Caps and gowns: Jason McCarty tries on a cap while his brother, Jeremie McCarty, waits. Both seniors are from Owensboro. The Graduation Fair this week at DUC offers upcoming grads a chance to get measured for their cap and gown, order rings and invitations... and even sign up for a credit card.

A front-page photo caption in the Feb. 25 Herald misidentified the person pictured. She did not want to be photographed and does not want her name printed.

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Reports

◆Howard D. Taylor, Ironwood Drive, reported Monday two tail-light covers, valued at \$60, stolen from his 1998 Ford while parked on the fifth level of the parking structure.

◆Byron W. Lightsy, Gilbert Hall, reported Monday two letters, total value \$200, missing from the name on the side of Gilbert.

♦Gregory S. Howard, North Hall, reported Monday a pager, valued at \$40, stolen from the third

floor bathroom of North Friday

◆Alissa A. Vice, Bates-Runner Hall, reported Monday \$85 stolen from her room Friday.

♦ Jessica M. Livers, Bates-Runner, reported Monday-\$30 stolen from her room between Wednesday and Friday.

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Improvements to Diddle depend on help of investors

More events could happen on campus

By **MATTIAS KAREN**
Herald reporter

A major renovation of Diddle Arena could take place in a year with financial help of private investors, if a plan President Gary Ransdell is looking into becomes reality.

Ransdell said if investors can be found, renovations could include putting corporate suites, new food vendors and improved seating into Diddle.

A hotel and conference center next to Diddle is also a possibility, although "that's just speculation," Ransdell said.

But a hotel might make the project more interesting for investors, he said, since revenue from ticket sales to athletic events goes straight to the athletics department.

"For someone to invest in Diddle Arena there's got to be a way to reimburse that investment," Ransdell said.

He said similar projects have been implemented at other campuses with great success. "I don't know if that would work here or not," he said, "but we owe it to Western to explore our possibilities."

But Ransdell said he hasn't met with any possible investors yet, and the plan is "years away" from being implemented, if it ever becomes reality.

"All we've done is recognize

that we have a 35-year-old building that needs help," he said. "And we can't do that with state money."

He said Western's first priority is to renovate Thompson Complex. The classrooms and laboratories in that building are severely inadequate and not up to date with the developments in science, he said.

Diddle has not undergone any

"We're enough of a city to attract major performances if we had a place to have them."

— **Gary Ransdell**
president

major renovations since it was built in 1963, said Athletic Facilities Manager Craig Biggs. The floor on the basketball court has never been changed, Biggs said. Instead, it gets refinished every year.

Women's basketball coach Steve Small said the hard floor can wear on athletes' legs, and "there needs to be some change to the building in order to remain effective as an athletics arena."

"One of two things have to happen," he said. "Either a complete reorganization and modernization of Diddle Arena, and if that's not the way to go, a replacement of it."

But Small said he would rather not see the latter happen since the building has such a great basketball tradition.

"Diddle Arena is still Diddle

Arena," he said. "When there's seven, eight or nine thousand people in the stands, it's one of the hardest places in America to win (for opponents)."

Western's basketball teams have not seen that kind of crowd in years, but Small said with a more modern arena more people might be willing to come to the games.

If the renovations take place, Bowling Green would become a much more lucrative site for major concerts and other events, Ransdell said.

"We'd improve quality of life on campus significantly," he said. "We're enough of a city to attract major performances if we had a place to have them."

Bennie Beach, student activities and organizations coordinator, said big concerts were common on campus in the 1970s and '80s. In the '80s, Western had names such as Wilson Pickett, The Supremes, Genesis and Chicago play in Diddle. Thanks to a contract with Sunshine Promotions, several big concerts would be brought in each year, Beach said. Rock legends KISS even played on campus in 1971, at the time "they were just about to bust open," he said.

But in the '90s concerts stopped, after state architects said distress fractures in the roof of the building made it unsafe for concerts. The roof can simply not support speakers and lights that most rock bands rig to the roof, Beach said.

"It's not that we haven't wanted to do any concerts," he said. "It's just that we cannot... We don't want the roof to fall down."

'Players' serve up song, coffee, spirit

By **JUSTIN ESLINGER**
Herald reporter

The African-American Players are turning their passion for the arts into a new outlet for creativity on campus.

By offering non-traditional outlets for the arts, like sponsoring various coffee houses and singing at events like the recent lecture by poet Nikki Giovanni, the gospel musical group hopes to showcase minority student talent.

"I think it's important because we are a college campus, and we have a lot of diversity beyond the classroom," said C. J. Woods, Minority Student Support Services Director and adviser for the group.

Because of the diversity on a college campus, many of the members feel their talents are not exposed by traditional avenues, said Cecely Harwell, president of the Players.

"We try to cater the arts for blacks, because it is kind of lacking (on campus)," Harwell said.

The 12-member group has gotten a name for the various coffee houses it sponsors every semester. For a couple of hours, people can enjoy java while actors, singers and writers read

and perform everything from poetry to rap.

Kirk Carter, a member of the group, said the timing was very important to the coffee houses' success, because no one else on campus was doing that sort of thing.

"It's just a very calm place to relax," the Louisville junior said.

Although they're a small group, they've set a goal to put together their own play this semester.

Their only problem is increasing membership. It's important for the group to grow for the sake of the arts, Carter said.

"It brings a smile to me because without the organization, the talent and the unity could not be exposed," he said. "No one would have ever known."

All students are welcomed to get involved with the organization. Its next meeting will be on Monday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in DUC Room 310.

"I think every person is endowed with a gift, and this will be an opportunity to share that gift," Woods said. "Because in the process of sharing that gift they might inspire someone else."

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Opinion

Snitching on students not university business

Remember the principal's office? Yeah, recall that place you were sent when you became embroiled in a fight during grade school recess.

The worst part of the whole experience was when the principal called your mom or dad to tell them exactly how bad of a girl or boy you were.

We've all grown since. Most of us can vote and die for our country, and some of us can legally drink beer (off campus, of course). Many have little or no dependence on their parents.

But the "principal" can still tell on you. On Oct. 7, President Bill Clinton signed a bill that amended the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, stating university officials may notify parents when their son or daughter is caught with alcohol or drugs.

Dean of Student Life Howard Bailey is pondering the issue. While he doesn't particularly want Housing and Residence Life to snitch on students, he fears doing otherwise would litter the university with lawsuits.

Parents might sue the university if, say, a student dies from alcohol or drug abuse and parents weren't notified of any prior incidents.

That's where we get worried. Students are adults, and their crimes are adult crimes. Just as their adult crimes should be made public, their adult independence should be honored.

Many students have little dependence on their parents. When university officials tell on students caught with drugs or alcohol, they intrude on students' ability to face their own wrongs.

Don't turn university employees into university tattletales. The "telling" provision should be stricken from the law. It's so vague — stating universities may but not must inform parents of student substance abuse violations. It's so unclear that Bailey is waiting for further federal guidelines before making any decisions.

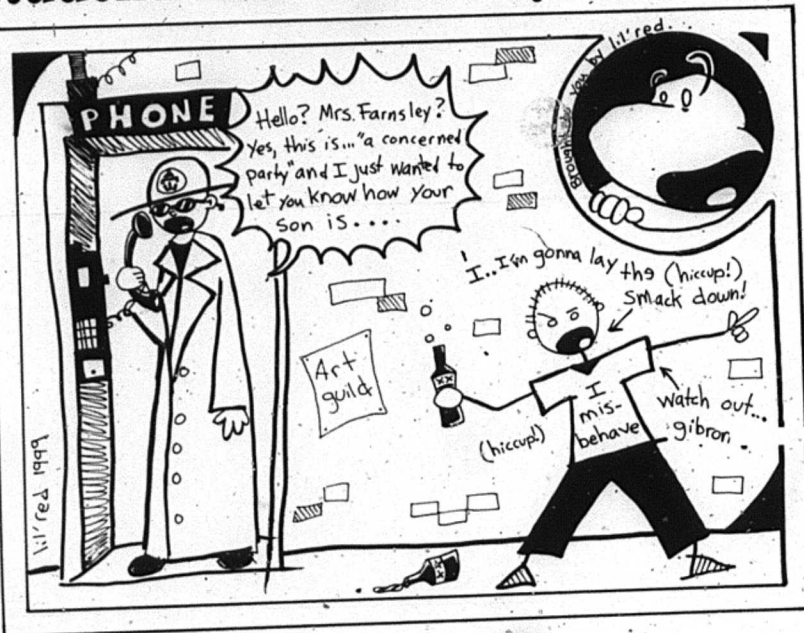
In the meantime, Housing and Residence Life should elect not to "tell" on students.

As amended, FERPA is a reasonably good law. It publicizes campus court records of violence and non-forcible sex offenses, handing students a right to know the safety of their surroundings.

Mike Hiestand, attorney for the Student Press Law Center, said it was common practice for university disciplinarians to hide away cases in the campus court system, where records couldn't be released, rather than report them to the police, where most of the records are released.

The retooled FERPA aids us all. We just hope its benefits won't be sullied by a technicality in the law.

The issue: Western may notify parents of student drug and alcohol violations.
Our view: Students are adults. Treat them that way.



There she is: Child exploitation hits hometown

The sight of a mother dragging an uncooperative toddler behind her is not all that uncommon. Unless, of course, that toddler is dressed for the preschool prom.

I was walking through a Paducah conference center last week and saw a woman towing a little girl, who couldn't have been more than 2, dressed up like a tiny Miss America.

Her little girl's face was made up like a porcelain doll's, complete with heavy eye makeup and lip liner. She had on a yellow sequined and ruffled formal gown. Her hair was stiffly curled. She had an orange-tint I could only attribute to the tanning bed.

She was pleading with her mother to let her go. "Please mama, I want to go swimming."

She wanted to do what any normal kid would want while walking by a huge indoor pool filled with other kids. But instead, her mother continued on her way to the modeling seminar and pageant being held in the hotel.

"Maybe later, honey," her mother told her. "You want to go show everybody how pretty you are don't you? Now show mama how you smile."

The little girl smiled the most heart-breakingly beautiful, completely false

smile I had ever seen. She wasn't happy. She was miserable and on the verge of tears. And I was too.

Then I got angry. Whether she knew it or not, this mother was telling her daughter that what's important is what's on the surface, not what's inside. The only thing that's valuable about you is your looks, not your humanity.

Kids are growing up too fast these days anyway. They don't need their parents joining the chorus of media and societal voices telling them the only thing that matters is being beautiful.

If they're not able to dress themselves they should not be wearing mascara. I find it very difficult to believe a 2-year-old would want to get into a scratchy, uncomfortable dress, endure hours of primping and be pranced up and down a catwalk like a show pony.

I also find it disturbing to see a 3-year-old with a sexier swagger than most

20-year-olds. Parents are teaching their preschool age children how to be provocative!

What happens when these little princesses grow up? What happens when they hit that awkward stage? Everything they've based their identity on — their appearance — is suddenly in question, and they'll have to figure out who they really are.

Pageants and modeling contests may be a way to better self-esteem, if the child has CHOSEN to participate. I can't help but think these moms are trying to recapture some bright shining time in their teen-age years, or just capture some attention they thought was missing from their lives.

What preschooler wakes up one morning and says, "Today I want to put childish things aside and be a beauty queen?"

Denying kids their right to play and be children so they can be primped and paraded around in this way is borderline abuse. If a mom feels her child absolutely must participate in pageants for self-esteem, then she should wait until the kid is old enough to decide for herself. Don't try to live vicariously through your toddler.

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Should Western tell parents of student alcohol violations?



"I think if they're under 21, they should. If they're 21 years old or older, no."
Michael Webster
Hopkinsville sophomore



"Yeah. To me you shouldn't drink anyway, especially in college."
Tiaandra Miller
Louisville freshman



"No. They're in college. They're over 18."
Amanda Stone
Pikeville freshman



"No, because I think college students are independent."
Noelle Kordes
Louisville sophomore



"Yeah. Obviously that person is not taking responsibility as they should."
Stephanie Barclay
Senior from St. Paul, Minn.

Friday last day to withdraw with 'W' on grade report

Topline provides student options

By RYAN CLARK
Herald reporter

At the beginning of the semester, Mount Washington sophomore Matt Stamper decided to carry 20 hours of classes on his broad shoulders.

Coupled with his sociology and religious studies double major, along with his premed courses, Stamper hoped to graduate a semester early.

Last week, he realized his life was too hectic.

"I dropped two classes — Chemistry 121 and Religious Studies 431," Stamper said. "Now my hours are down to 15. It was just too hard and I've dropped a class before."

Today, dismissing classes will be in the back of many students' minds as the due date to drop a class with a 'W' is tomorrow. But students and professors alike are finding the due date is a blessing, as well as a curse.

Corey Shaffer, a senior from Hendersonville, Tenn., felt dropping

courses is not beneficial to the student or the pocketbook.

"I don't think I've dropped any classes since I was a sophomore," Shaffer said. "I can't afford to drop any."

Students are encouraged to drop a class if they are failing and there is no hope for a passing grade. While the 'W' on a grade report doesn't look wonderful, it certainly looks better than an 'F'.

"I think the drop policy is a good one," said Joerg Seitz, government assistant professor. "But the date is too late. Students ought to know in the first month whether or not they are comfortable in a class."

Seitz said the government department has a policy where the department head will send out an e-mail reminding teachers to tell their students about the drop deadline.

"I personally encourage my students to consider dropping a class," Seitz said. "Sometimes it's just mathematically impossible to pass a class — you should drop it and avoid the 'F'."

Anyone needing to drop a class can use Topline. Western's phone access service, at 746-2000. The service has drastically reduced Western's frenzied class

changes of long ago.

"Prior to Topline, there was a lot of traffic in the Registrar's office," said Registrar Freida Eggleton. "32 lines are available to service students at one time, whereas only 4 transactions could serve students (at a time) before Topline."

"(Now) we're not that busy during this time of year. It's very manageable."

Louisville freshman Lindsay Jolly found making the decision to drop classes early offered her better time management opportunities and the ability to get a job.

"I dropped a six-hour broad-casting class (and lab) because I ended up taking 22 hours this semester, with labs," Jolly said. "It wasn't that I couldn't do the work, there was just too much work for me to do. Now I'll have enough time to get a job."

"I really didn't have any other option."

That's the point — Topline gives students more options.

But they'd better hurry — only one day separates the potential falling of a class from dropping it.

After tomorrow, students are stuck with what they have — a grade that can't be changed.

UCB: More events for Western

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UCB is comprised of Student Government Association officials and student and faculty committees that plan special events. It organizes events in Nite Class, concerts, lectures and minority student programming.

UCB Adviser Bennie Beach welcomes the increase.

"Western has the lowest-funded programming board in Kentucky. We've been lagging behind," Beach said. "We've been scheduling about 75 events a year. With the new funding, we may only put on 50, but they will be better in quality and, hopefully, attendance."

Western's 1970 budget includ-

ed \$53,000 for student entertainment. It increased to \$70,000 in 1980. In the early 1990s, the budget jumped to \$95,000, but soon declined again. Taylor says funding prior to this year's increase has failed to keep pace with economic inflation and rising lecture costs.

"The buying power of \$53,000 in 1970 is like \$300,000 today," Taylor said. "Well-known lecturers like author Steven Covey charge \$50,000 to \$75,000 per lecture."

Taylor said Rick Pitino asks for about \$20,000 per engagement, and the increase could make that affordable for Western.

SGA will allot a small portion

of the money to itself for developmental programs.

"We're still discussing the specifics of these programs, but they will be used for the development of student leadership in the SGA and the student body as a whole," said Matt Bastin, SGA vice president of administration.

In addition to a dance floor, music, and coffee-house style entertainment to be offered when BUC reopens its fourth floor this fall, Taylor would like to see an outdoor stage constructed to showcase campus musicians.

"There's a lot of talent on this campus, and we can have local bands perform there," Taylor said.

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Campus News

Faculty governance proposal available on Western Online

The proposal for one combined faculty governance system can now be seen on the Faculty Senate's homepage on Western Online.

The eight-page draft has been worked out by the Faculty Governance Committee, chaired by psychology Professor Arvin Vos. If the proposal is approved by faculty, the Academic Council and Faculty Senate will be combined into one University Senate.

Vos said all departments will have meetings to discuss the proposal, and will then have a chance to give feedback to the committee. Necessary final changes will then be made before the proposal is voted on, he said.

—Mattias Karen

Firststar Corp. pledges \$150,000 to Western

Firststar Corp. has made a three-year \$150,000 commitment to Western. The money will largely go toward men's basketball, the Kentucky Building and public broadcasting.

"We want to form a partnership with WKU because we know the university is a major part of this community," said Vince Berta, executive vice president and regional chairman for Firststar. "As Western grows and evolves, especially under its current leadership, the Bowling Green community will also prosper."

Firststar's branches in Kentucky are currently known as Star Bank. They were known as Transfinancial until 1998.

—Dan Hoch

JOHNSON:

'It's a great opportunity'

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created by the Kentucky Commissioner of Justice.

Johnson couldn't be reached for comment last night, but his wife, who refused to wake him when the Herald learned of his resignation, confirmed that he had resigned.

Wilder said he was told five weeks ago that Johnson was being considered for the Richmond position, but didn't know until Monday morning that he had been chosen. Johnson told his staff of his new position later that day.

"I had mixed feelings when I was notified," Wilder said. "It's a loss for me, but it is a great opportunity for his career."

Johnson, a Western graduate, has been the police chief for the past eight years and has worked at Western for more than 20 years.

A review of the police department was announced by President Gary Ransdell last week, who said the review could lead to more cooperation with the Bowling Green police department.

Johnson said he thought any review would only bolster the department, which he said needed more funding.

An interim director will be named next week and a selection committee will be formed in the next few weeks, Wilder said.

"It will not be an easy task because he is held in such high regard," Wilder said. "We're losing a heavyweight. We'll certainly miss him here at Western."

BOOZE: Parents may receive notification

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FERPA does not require or recommend it, but it now allows notification of any student's parents for a first offense.

Records of all students caught with alcohol are kept in the Residence Life and Student Life offices, Collins said. They include all alcohol reports from dorms, on-campus police reports and alcohol-related reports involving students from off-campus police.

Student Life and Housing staff have access to these files, Collins said, and use them to determine patterns of abuse.

There is no official standard for alcohol abuse, Collins said, but usually hall directors know repeat offenders and recommend notifying parents.

"We would contact the family as we would with any form of abusive behavior," Bailey said.

Last year Collins called fewer than five parents to tell them their children had alcohol problems. That will balloon to several hundred if he has to contact parents every time students are caught with alcohol.

The decision will rest with Bailey, but he wants to consult with the Student Life and Residence Life staffs.

"I'm definitely going to study it the next two, three months," he said.

Parents would probably be notified by standardized letter, Bailey said; other schools that notify parents by phone average 17-22 minutes per call. Since the university would not allocate more funds or staff for the purpose, notification would have to be done with existing resources, he said.

The purpose of notification would be to help students, Bailey said, not just get them in trouble.

"It will bring the student and their parents closer to dealing with that student's young adult maturing process," he said.

Even if the intention is noble, however, Frankfort senior Beth

Manley would regard a letter to her parents telling them she had a drink as an invasion of privacy.

"If it doesn't affect your schoolwork, it's none of the university's business what we do on or off campus," she said. "It's definitely your choice to tell your parents about your life."

Bailey knows notification would be difficult and controversial.

"We want to find a happy medium with adhering to national recommendations or trends, but at the same time don't want to do an overkill of becoming too much of an alarmist if a student is involved in a minor alcohol incident," he said.

Collins said it may do students more good to talk to their parents than have a conference with him.

"I don't look at this as a tattletale-type thing," he said. "If we can use this new law to help them grow and develop, it can be positive."

But Paducah senior Josh Miller does call it tattling. If the university called his parents, his reaction would be "inexplicably negative, possibly violent."

Collins admits a blanket policy of informing all parents, including nontraditional students' and nondependents, might be unproductive.

"We may be involving parents that aren't involved in that student's life to start with."

One concern is whether Western could be held liable for not notifying parents of alcohol violations. If an unreported student was later involved in an alcohol-related accident, parents might be able to sue the university, Bailey said while that's unlikely, the law isn't clear on whether a school can be held liable for not reporting.

"That is an issue that will probably be resolved when we see more in terms of the FERPA compliance statements," he said, but those descriptions of how the law is meant to be applied have not yet been written.

"If it doesn't affect your schoolwork, it's none of the university's business what we do on or off campus."

—Beth Manley
Frankfort senior

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The Art of Meditation



As yoga instructor Wilson Whitehead calmly speaks to his class Tuesday night, Marilyn Renfrow relaxes in darkness. Renfrow is a Western graduate.

As a stick of incense fell on an issue of the College Heights Herald, sprinkling a picture of Western basketball players celebrating their victory over Louisiana Tech.

Lighted candles stood on either side of the incense, along with a watch, a lighter and a throat lozenge.

And behind the whole setup sat Wilson Whitehead, a meditation instructor who offers yoga classes to Western students.

Whitehead uses the candles and incense along with soft music and the sound of his voice to lull the students into a relaxed state of consciousness while he teaches them how to focus their minds and bodies. He describes yoga as a "meditative technique" that helps students relieve stress and clear their minds from activity.

Louisville junior Kim Behrle sat across from Whitehead. She came to the class after seeing a green flier that advertised it on her way out of Cherry Hall one day. Behrle recently lost her job and had some extra time, so she wanted to give it a try.

"I am down because I just lost my job," she said. "I just sit in my dorm room and eat vanilla wafers and feel sorry for myself. ... So when I saw (the flier) I said, 'I'm going to do this.'"

Tuesday night was the first night for Whitehead's class, which lasts for six weeks and meets every Tuesday from 5 to 6:15 p.m. He believes that techniques like this one are important for survival in an increasingly fast paced world.

Bowling Green resident Allen Dixon used to operate a meditation center and is in the business of helping people find calm in midst of their busy schedules. He says that the purpose of meditation is to "transcend the restless mind."

"It is a very simple process of learning to do absolutely nothing," Dixon said. "Unfortunately doing nothing is the hardest thing in the world to do."

An article on the Internet titled "Meditation: The Silent Awakening" explains a five-minute meditation for beginners who want to learn to relax.

The session begins by encouraging participants to find a comfortable place for meditation. The meditators then close their eyes and relax their bodies from



Whitehead gently stretches during his class Tuesday night, demonstrating to students various postures and positions for relaxation.

head to foot, breathing slowly.

Let the world slowly melt away, the article says. Focus on one word or idea, and return to it if other thoughts interrupt. Staying focused is part of the exercise.

"There is nothing more for you to do than just be," the article states. "You don't have to think, plan, or act. This is your time to relax and do nothing."

For cites on meditation and relaxation, check out the web page: www.sacredlynx.com/psychic-meditate.shtml.

Whitehead teaches his beginners similar steps. He stresses that the mind and body are one and work as a unit.

Dr. John Linden, a clinical psychologist at The Medical Center at Bowling Green, explains this phenomenon — saying that while meditation can cure psychological problems, it has also been known to cure physical problems caused by stress.

"If students can build into their lives some sort of stress management like meditation, it could relieve problems such as: headaches, cardiovascular or gastrointestinal problems, high blood pressure and weak immune systems," Linden said. "It will also help them relax, listen and relate to people better,

learn quicker and avoid getting sick."

Dixon believes that this kind of relaxation can be a cure for the biggest problem facing college campuses today — binge drinking.

"If you go into (meditation) far enough, there is no problem it won't solve," Dixon said. "College students need an outlet other than drinking. If they tried it they would find that it was much better."

For the past five or six years Whitehead has been creating a place where students at Western can learn these valuable techniques. The class costs \$30 and is given through the Preston Health and Activities Center.

It's not a course through the university either, Wilson pointed out, smiling. "Nope, there's no grade — no stress," he said. "If you pay the 30 bucks, you can come."

Behrle heard from a friend that it was the best 30 dollars she would ever spend, so she concentrated hard during the hour and 15-minute session of visual imagery, relaxation and body stretches.

"I think that it will help me a lot," Behrle said. "I will probably go home and throw some Enya in and work on it some more myself."

And if "work" was the right word then Behrle did just that. Eyes closed, back straight, sitting Indian style on the blue carpet of Garrett Center room 100, Behrle was the picture of relaxation.

It was 5:15 p.m. and a steady stream of smoke danced through the air as Whitehead talked to the students. The two small candles that lit the room cast luminous shadows of Whitehead's body on the wall as he twisted and turned.

His voice alone was a guide for the students. They listened, alert but relaxed, and breathed deeply as he spoke to them.

"Simply watch your flow of thoughts," Whitehead instructs. "Let them pass you by as if you were standing on a street corner watching traffic in a very relaxed, very unconcerned manner. Let them float away."

Story by Caroline Lynch ♦ Photos by Chad Stevens

► Caffeine and Nicotine

'The Rules' a sham; Pulp Fiction real deal

Maybe "The Book of Rules" wasn't such a good idea. I got some rather strong opinions about this so-called study guide to life. None of them were shining reviews or endorsements.

I think the opinion of this great literary work I'm sure, was summed up best by two blazing remarks on the book. One came from Louisville junior Laura M. Patterson and the other from a roommate who got mad that such a book would even exist.

Laura straightened up a couple of things for me. It's not "The Book of Rules," she said. It's simply called "The Rules," which automatically takes away some cool points. The name I had just sounded better.

She also very strongly disapproved of its contents about how women should handle guys and relationships.

"You can find this book at any bookstore, but for God's sakes, don't buy it," Laura said. "Any girl stupid enough to play silly games with you and your emotions doesn't deserve you."

She also goes on to recommend that all men "find a real girl with her own rules, not someone else's."

Somehow that makes sense and what my roommate had to add made even more.

His point was, what if you're the kind of guy that doesn't fall into "The Rules"? All I could think was, dear God he's right. Look at me. I'm not normal. Do I fit into any rules that could be laid out in the book?

And that little voice in the back of my head came back with a resounding "no." Hey, I ain't afraid to admit it—I'm a little strange.

So my roommate and I concluded on loose terms that this book should either be burned or renamed. No more, "The Book of Rules," "The Rules" or any other thing that seems to give some intelligent order to your life.

No, instead, we concluded it should be called "The Necronomicon of Love." Now, for those of you who don't know what the "Necronomicon" is, let me explain.

According to the movie "Army of Darkness," the "Necronomicon" is a book of the dead. It's got all these crazy incantations, spells and rules on how to raise the dead.

Therefore, I deduced, "The Necronomicon of Love" is totally appropriate. If you're living by someone else's stupid rules in a relationship then you're only erecting dead love.

And, as I've heard, real love consists of a little chaos and is totally unstructured. It's more natural. Of course, what do I know? I wouldn't know love if it did a tap dance on my head.

Crime noir

Speaking of tap dances on people's heads, that's what the heroes in this particular genre, of what some people call literature, get done to them. For a clear reference point of what I'm talking about, think about some recent movies, such as "Get Shorty," "Pulp Fiction" and "Payback," and then think about that style in a book.

Now I'm going to tell you who the king of such novels is. It's the one, the only Raymond Chandler.

Chandler wrote a whole slew of novels beginning in the late 1930s lasting through the 1950s. They were these gritty pulp mysteries involving this private eye named Philip Marlowe.

Chandler changed the style of the mystery for his time. He criticized those dime store novels that used fantastic and out-of-reality setting for their plot. He interjected some true grit.

Marlowe gets the snort knocked out of him left and right. Some of his clients die, and he mostly stumbles into situations.

So the No. 1 recommendation for this weekend is to check out some of his work. Barnes & Noble Booksellers carry some of his vintage works, such as "The Big Sleep," "Lady in the Lake" and "Trouble is My Business" in paperback.

Goodfoot

I also wanted to make mention of this band that's coming next Thursday to Baker Street Cafe. They describe themselves as a group that'll be "blending the grooves of funk, jazz and blues."

After talking to Greg White, who does the vocals for the band, I got excited. So keep that in mind for next week's column when I'll talk a little bit more in depth with the guys.

If you have any good books, music or bands you want to have previewed, give me a buzz at: mainsbm@hotmail.com



Brian Mains

Top singers will perform Saturday

Nine high schools nominate students

By JENNIFER WALDRIDGE
Herald Reporter

If you see a bunch of high school students on the Hill this weekend, don't worry. They're not invading, they're just here to sing. And you can be sure they're pretty good.

Western is hosting a university choir and high school invitational choir for the first time this weekend. The choir is under the direction of music Professor Ronnie Oliver.

Oliver invited nine high school choir directors to choose one student for each part — soprano, alto, tenor and bass — to come perform with the university choir and chamber orchestra.

"They're usually the best students they have," Oliver said.

The students are chosen in different ways. Some high school directors announce it to their students and conduct auditions, and some simply choose the ones they feel are the best.

"We will be doing the Faure

Requiem, a 19th century piece that's really gorgeous," Oliver said. "The university choir will also be doing some other pieces. There will be lots of variety, with music from the 16th century until now."

There's only one performance of the Requiem. It's 7 Saturday night at First Baptist Church in Bowling Green. Admission is \$3, and the performance should last about an hour.

"I think it will be a great concert. I'm looking forward to it," Oliver said.



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Well-being focus of women's month

Seminar on women's issues March 25

By JENNIFER WALDRIDGE
Herald Reporter

March is Women's History Month, so the Western Women's Alliance and Women's Studies are co-sponsoring two seminars, as part of the Kentucky Commission on Women, to help women look toward a better future.

The seminars are two of several taking place throughout the state in March. There will also be seminars at the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University and other colleges in the state.

Some of the seminars include discussions about women from the South, women from Kentucky and women's health retreats.

The first seminar, titled "Women's Health In the New Millennium," was held yesterday. The seminar was designed to encourage women to take better care of themselves, according to consumer and family sciences Professor Joyce Rasdall.

"We want to help women take care of themselves physically in relation to their professional and personal responsibilities," Rasdall said. "The seminar was designed to clarify misinformation and fill in the gaps where there are lacks of information."

The seminar also focused on the well-being of a woman's spirit and men's issues.

"It's not just whether we're healthy or not," Rasdall said. "We're trying to be preventive-oriented. Also, men and women share professional and personal lives and should know about the specifics of each gender."

She said women's increasingly busy lives contribute to more stress and a greater need for health information.

"Since women are working more and have more stress, their health concerns are becoming more important," Rasdall said.

The second seminar, scheduled for March 25, focuses on women's spirituality. It is provocatively titled "Can a Male

Savior Save Women?" and the speaker will be Rosemary Radford Ruether. Ruether is a prominent scholar and a Catholic feminist theologian who teaches at Garrett Theological Seminary and Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

The lecture draws from Ruether's book titled "Gender and Religion: A Theological History."

"Some people have already asked the question or have never thought about it," said Jane Olmsted, director of Women's Studies and assistant professor of English. "Some people have an automatic answer or consider it irrelevant. It's a very interesting question."

Ruether, who has traveled all over the world and studied many cultures, will discuss the ties between religion and other aspects of life.

"People think religion is separate from everything else, but it's not," Olmsted said. "Religion is interwoven with the way people live."

She said Ruether would be an interesting speaker.

"She is an internationally recognized and respected scholar and we are fortunate to have her on campus," Olmsted said.

Western is involved in the statewide series because of the Women's Studies program. Olmsted said. Every year those in the department have developed a tradition of inviting a woman who is involved in government or politics in some way or is in a leadership position.

Tonight, there will be a showing of the film "Imitation of Life," one of several movies in a feminism film series. It will start at 7 in the Gerard Auditorium in Garrett Center.

Olmsted explained that women's history will have to continue to be a focus until it is made a part of the big picture.

"Until this and other issues like black history are integrated into American history, we need to draw attention to them," she said.

"That doesn't mean that we don't recognize women's accomplishments for the other eleven months of the year, but it just means that we take this month to pay special attention to them," Olmsted said.

It's a sign that someone has been left out and there's a gap that needs to be filled.

Film highlights gender problem

By MICHELLE PEARSON
Herald reporter

Gender and racial struggles have long been the subjects of Hollywood films. Films such as "White Man's Burden," "To Kill A Mockingbird," "Baby Boom" and "Kitty Foyle" force people to face the harsh social realities that are normally swept under the carpet.

So, it is no surprise that in honor of Women's History Month the Gender Images Film Series will feature a film that tackles both gender and racial problems.

"Imitation of Life," starring Lana Turner, will be showing at 7 tomorrow night in the Gerard Auditorium in Garrett Center. The movie is free to students.

"The movie reveals striking similarities between women of the

'50s and women of the '90s," said Sandra Ardrey, a government associate professor.

The movie, made in 1959, deals with a multitude of issues including relations between women, blacks and whites, and mothers and daughters.

"It shows that black and white women have the same goals and objectives for their families," Ardrey said. "Dealing with racism and living in a patriarchal society are also major themes in the movie."

"Imitation of Life" was a huge blockbuster in its day. It has that classical Hollywood film style with Lana Turner as its glamorous leading lady. It is a remake of a 1939 version starring Claudette Colbert.

"It has the appeal (for students) of being mainstream," said Ted Hovet, an English associate profes-

sor. The Gender Images Film Series will feature the newer version of the film because it was able to be more bold with issues of race and gender, he said.

"(The 1959 version) was more willing to look at issues than they were in 1939," Hovet said. "It was more balanced with gender and race."

Students will see the oppression of race and gender. It will be a bonding experience, Ardrey said.

The film looks carefully at conflicts in society. It shows what women sometimes have to do to be successful, such as counting on attractiveness and "having to make nice with the bosses."

"It is very melodramatic and might seem old fashioned, but the issues are relevant," Hovet said.

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Campus News

Committee to discuss city government issues

The Mayor's Select Committee will meet today at 3 p.m. in the Faculty House to discuss various government issues. The committee consists of a group of Western professors who serve as a "think tank" for the mayor. The city commissioners have been invited to speak to the group about what they hope to accomplish during their term in office.

— Dan Hieb

Disney recruiting today on campus

Disney will be on campus today, recruiting for the Walt Disney World College Program which is open to all undergraduate students.

Recruiters will be interviewing at 6:30 p.m. in DUC room 305. Interns are paid and live at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla.

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— Dan Hieb

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News of the Weird

by Chuck Shepherd

Lead Stories

• The Japanese firm Matsushita announced in December that it would begin distributing to elderly people the company's new robotic cats (furry, life-size, and, thanks to microchips: playful and talkative) to combat loneliness. Skin sensors cause the cat to purr when petted and to jump when startled by a noise. The cats are expected to sell for about \$300.

• Only the Falcons Were More Disappointed: On Super Bowl Sunday, the St. Petersburg Times profiled local resident Jeff Leggett, 30, as he prepared for the Publishers Clearing House prize patrol that would later that day, he was certain, be arriving at his house with \$31 million. He proudly displayed the roomfuls of magazines he had bought over the last two years (\$5,000 worth), though he complained to the reporter about his lack of food and heat and his broken-down car and pointed to the latest PCH mailing, which Leggett says "reads like I'm gonna win. They've sent me plenty of literature that says I will win." He didn't.

• Edward L. Bodkin, 56, was arrested in February in Huntington, Ind., and charged with performing surgery without a license. Police said Bodkin removed the testicles of at least five consenting men and was ready to perform again when a patient got cold feet and handed over to police a videotape Bodkin had loaned him, of some of the surgeries. Allegedly, some of the testicles were in jars in Bodkin's apartment. As to the patients' motives, prosecutor John Brannan said, "I can't sit here as a reasonable human being and give you an intelligent answer to that."

Photography, Not Golf, Is Doctors' Favorite Pastime

• In January, the Toronto Sun published office photos of surgeon William G. Middleton's nurse, inexplicably straddling an unconscious female patient, who subsequently filed a complaint against the doctor. On the same day, in Tulsa, Okla., dentist Donald C. Johnson pleaded guilty to sexual molestation of young girls, behavior that came to light when local Polaroid photos of apparently anesthetized girls were discovered in Johnson's office. And in December, a Waynesboro, Va., woman filed a \$350,000 lawsuit against physician Dale A. Stinespring for allegedly tricking her into posing topless for photographs under the guise of

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



Athletic tape removal chamber.

WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

Greenwood Six

Analyze This — (F) 7:05, 9:30.
(S&S) 2, 4:25, 7:05, 9:30
The Other Sister — (F) 6:50,
9:35, (S&S) 1:15, 4, 6:50, 9:30
The Prince of Egypt — (S&S)
2:15, 4:30
Saving Private Ryan — (F) 7:30,
(S&S) 7:30
My Favorite Martian — (F) 7:15,
(S&S) 2:05, 4:10, 7:15
Varsity Blues — (F) 9:30, (S&S)
9:30
Shakespeare in Love — (F) 7:10,
9:40, (S&S) 1:20, 4:10, 7:10,
9:40
Message in a Bottle — (F) 7,
9:45, (S&S) 1:15, 4:15, 7, 9:45

Plaza Six

October Sky — (F) 6:30, 9:10,

(S&S) 1, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10
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1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:30
Payback — (F) 7, 9:20, (S&S)
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She's All That — (F) 6:45, 9,
(S&S) 2, 4:15, 6:45, 9
Blast From the Past — (F) 7:10,
9:35, (S&S) 2, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35
Cruel Intentions — (F) 7, 9:20,
(S&S) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:20

Martin Twin

Rugrats — (F) 7, (S&S) 2:30, 7
Pleasantville — (F) 9, (Sat.)
4:30, 9, (Sun.) 4:30
Virus — (F) 7:15, 9:35, (Sat.) 2,
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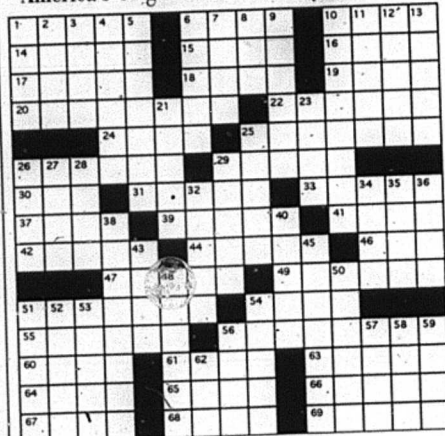
producing evidence in her car-crash lawsuit.

Can't Possibly Be True

• German retiree lost Burkhard Anderhub, 59, who spent several days in the Newport, Ky., jail last year before

pleading guilty to a federal gun charge, was so impressed with the service that in October, he sent the jailer (elected official Greg Buckler) \$200 as a tip. Wrote Anderhub, "The treatment by the officers was absolutely flawless."

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Across

1. Shaping machine
6. Became alert
10. Wet
14. One born between 3/21 and 4/19
15. Murder victim
16. Actor's award
17. Manners
18. Start of Texas' nickname
19. On the __, declining
20. Item on the bottom of a boat
22. Bowl-shaped cavity
24. Pros' votes
25. Actors' archaic
26. Passed by
29. Adhesive
30. 2/3 and 3/9
31. Journalist Runyon
33. Not smooth
37. Cross inscription
39. Noosed rope
41. Swedish name
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44. Dandruff's source
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49. Worked the soil
51. Undersized
54. Word with for or white
55. At once
56. Detract
60. Jemima, for one
61. Love: Sp.
63. Spud
64. Poet's contraction
65. Groom's article
66. Jackets
67. Weaver's reed
68. Prescribed amount
69. Hard to get through to

6. Upright divisions
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Sports

Familiar face for Western

Lady Tops open postseason today

By LEIGH ANN MOORE
Herald reporter

Every tear an injured Lady Topper has cried, every cheer shouted after a win, every frustrating missed shot or wild pass all year — has led the team to this moment.

The Sun Belt Conference tournament.

Western (20-6, 8-4) will tipoff the tournament against South Alabama (7-18, 2-10) at 2:05 p.m. today in Jonesboro, Ark.

While Western has claimed 20 wins this season, including one over No. 23 Florida International (21-5, 9-3), its place in the NCAA tournament isn't written in stone.

Florida International, No. 1 seed (and the nation's No. 3) Louisiana Tech (24-2, 12-0) and Western are all contending for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

"I've been around for 15 years, and the NCAA committee has never put three Sun Belt

Lady Tops vs. South Alabama

When: 2:05 p.m. today
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teams in the tournament," Lady Topper coach Steve Small said. "The only way we're sure we'll get in is if we make it to the finals."

Western last played the Lady Jaguars Saturday at Diddle Arena, handily crushing them, 80-43.

The Lady Toppers pulled down twice the rebounds of South Alabama, which hit only 22 percent of its shots.

If Western can hold back the Lady Jaguars again this afternoon, the Lady Toppers could play either No. 7 seed Southwestern Louisiana (1-25, 0-12) or No. 2 seed Florida International Friday in the semifinals.

But first things first.

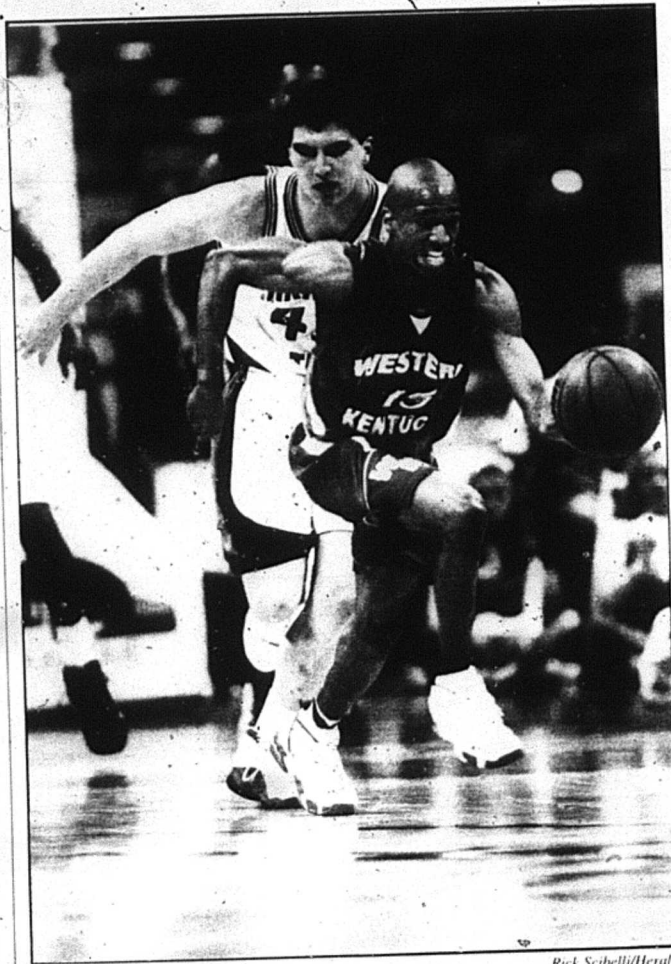
"We're not going to overlook South Alabama," sophomore forward ShaRae Mansfield said. "You never know what could happen ... basketball's a funny game."

South Alabama will have to face a Western tradition that has run strong in post-season play. The Lady Toppers have claimed seven Sun Belt titles since 1986.

South Alabama has not made it as far as the semi-final round since 1989, when it fell to Western in the championship

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Indians end tournament run



Rick Scibelli/Herald

Sophomore guard Rashon Brown chases a loose ball Tuesday night as Arkansas State senior forward Eric Beatty trails behind. The Hilltoppers and Indians played for the Sun Belt Conference tournament championship. Arkansas State won 65-48.

Western loses 65-48 in tourney title game

By JOHN DARR
Herald reporter

When the buzzer sounded, the crowd that gathered around Arkansas State's bench flooded the court, pouring in and taking shape around the smallest man on the court.

The Indians' 5'6" junior guard Chico Fletcher smiled a huge smile, jumped grant jumps and bounced around the hardwood until someone pulled him toward an ESPN camera.

Arkansas State was going to the big dance and Western wasn't.

The Hilltoppers (13-16) rode a wave of offensive domination into Tuesday night's Sun Belt Conference tournament championship against Arkansas State (18-11).

After the first half, the Hilltoppers' crest broke against a 23' zoned wall and rolled back. Western coach Dennis Felton's overachievers were redirected back to Bowling Green, 65-48, by Fletcher's shower of points and assists.

"When we switched to a zone and forced them outside, they went into a dry spell," Fletcher said. "I was just letting the game come to me, and fortunately I was able to get open and hit some shots."

Fletcher posted the game's best numbers with 21 points and eight assists in just under 40 minutes.

The upstart Hilltoppers ended the first 20 minutes only two points behind Dickey Nutt's squad, 32-30, and maintained their high tournament shooting percentage, hitting 12 of 25 field goals (48 percent) and three of eight three-pointers.

"It was a good game until that point in the second half when they made shots and we didn't," Felton said.

That point came with 11:14 remaining, moments after Western had cut a seven point deficit to one. After senior center Rayon Farris' layup with 10:15 on the clock, Western went into its offensive drought.

The Indians scored 13 unanswered points in eight minutes.

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Mistakes cost game against Cardinals

By SCOTT SISCO
Herald reporter

Errors in English papers can lower your grade. Errors in books annoy readers. Errors in a baseball game can kick open the door for the team's opponent to dominate.

Errors were the difference in Louisville's 9-6 victory over Western (6-2) Tuesday afternoon. Louisville (8-2) scored only four earned runs. The other five were scored on Western errors.

"It wasn't a matter of not scoring enough runs," Western coach Joel Murrie said. "If we had played error-free baseball, they would have had only four runs."

Senior outfielder Chris Yeo and sophomore shortstop Luis Rodriguez each recorded two errors and senior third baseman Anthony Saporito had one.

Junior outfielder Lorenzo Ferguson said the Hilltoppers went to Louisville and beat themselves.

"Any time you make five errors in a game, you're not gonna come out with a 'W,'" Ferguson said. "That's pretty much what happened."

The Cardinals jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning when senior shortstop Key Voshell scored on a ground out to Rodriguez by junior catcher James McAuley.

Western took the lead for the first and only time in the top of the fourth inning. Yeo and senior first baseman T.J. Freeman scored on four consecutive hits.

Louisville scored five runs in the bottom of the inning to recapture the lead for good. The Cardinals scored one run in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to keep the game out of the Hilltoppers' reach.

Western tried to mount a comeback in the seventh and eighth innings, scoring two runs in each inning, but it wasn't enough to overcome the errors.

The Hilltoppers are scheduled

for a chance at revenge Wednesday when the Cardinals come to town for a 2 p.m. game.

Ferguson said the team needs to get back to where they were before this game and "do what we do and that's beat Louisville."

The Hilltoppers had won the last two meetings with the Cardinals.

South Alabama on tap

The Hilltoppers open Sun Belt Conference play this weekend when they face the Jaguars of South Alabama (6-7).

Rodriguez said Western is getting to the games that really matter now — conference games.

"It's the challenge that we work for all year," Murrie said. "These are the type games that if you can't get excited about, you shouldn't be in the program."

Murrie said he loses sleep about these games, especially with South Alabama. He said he worries about the little things that

could go wrong in the baseball game. Competing against South Alabama has been some of the best times of Murrie's career, but also some of the biggest frustrations.

South Alabama assistant coach Ron Pelletier said the Jaguars are struggling early, but they are hoping to pick up the pace. They're looking forward to hosting Western.

"It's always a war," Pelletier said.

Rodriguez said it's always tough to play at South Alabama. Even though the Jaguars have been losing early, they have played some good teams.

Murrie didn't get his 600th win Tuesday. He gets another chance at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

"I don't dwell on those things," said Murrie in a hushed, humble voice. "We'll see."

Western plays Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. in Mobile, Ala.

RUN: Players run out of steam in final game

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The Hilltoppers were only able to get their next basket with defense. Sophomore guard Rashon Brown stole the ball and hit a layup.

"I don't feel all that bad," Brown said while watching the Arkansas State celebration from Western's bench.

He looked tired.

"We played real hard," he said. "No one thought that we could get here."

"We did. And we'll be back."

Unlike Western, the Indians had balanced offensive attacks in both halves. At the half, they had shot 54 percent. Arkansas State nearly mimicked their performance after the intermission, with

33 points on 52 percent shooting.

In a post-game press conference, Felton looked as worn out as Farris, who sat next to him with moist eyes. In a matter-of-fact voice, Felton said the most lopsided victory in the championship game's history wasn't due to Western's lack of defense.

"We just started running out of steam offensively," Felton said.

The Hilltoppers played some tough minutes in a small span of time to get to the nationally televised game, and it

showed. Felton's troops had to battle through the host team's rough crowd and home court advantage and then upset the top-seeded Louisiana Tech Bulldogs the next day.

"We just started running out of steam offensively."

— Dennis Felton

Western men's basketball coach

the result of a Louisiana Tech fingernail. His left eye was darkened and about a 3-inch scratch ran down his cheek. Senior forward Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had suffered a similar injury in the previous

game against Southwestern Louisiana.

Farris said he and some other players felt fatigue in their legs in the last 10 minutes. But he didn't think it was a major factor, or an excuse. Neither did Abdul-Jabbar.

"There are reasons why we lost," Abdul-Jabbar said. "They played one hell of a game."

On the plane trip to Nashville, the Hilltoppers caught as much sleep as they could. The weary had finally found some rest.

"There is a lot of things that will be easier for me now that the season is over," Abdul-Jabbar said. "But I'd trade that for the NCAA's again."

FACE: Both teams have dealt with injuries

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match.

The Lady Jaguars, like Western, have been hit by many injuries this season. Two of the team's key reserves, junior guard Jenny Aronson (who suffered a knee injury) and freshman forward/center Julie Miller (who suffered a back injury during a "car wreck" sat out Saturday's game.

"To compete we're going to have to get healthy," South Alabama coach Cheryl Rice said. "That's been a big hamper to a mental and a physical hamper."

Western has felt the same pain shoot through its spine with the loss of starter Jaime Walz, a junior guard, torn anterior cruciate ligament, and key reserves Natalie Powers (redshirt), Shatika Hutcherson (torn ACL) and LaVonda Johnson (Johnson returned to the floor against South Alabama Saturday after sitting out 10 games because of a stress fracture in her left leg).

In regular season play the Lady Toppers split games with Florida International.

The Lady Toppers fell to the Golden Panthers in Miami, 79-68, before handing them a loss in Fiddie Arena, 74-69. Florida International has the talent of senior guard Dalma Ivanyi on its side.

Ivanyi leads the nation in assists with 9.2 a game and is seventh in steals (3.6 per game).

"We really need to beat Florida International," Mansfield said. "To me, that's the most important thing for us to do this weekend. That and make it into the championship."

That's because a win over No. 23 Florida International would give Western a little more clout in the eyes of the NCAA selection committee.

"Our defense is going to be the key to the game," said Mansfield of a possible match with the Golden Panthers.

"This is something we've wanted all year."

All-conference team

Western Kentucky placed a league-high three players on the Sun Belt all-conference team.

Senior forward Shea Lunsford, sophomore forward ShaRae Mansfield and senior guard Katarsha Witcher all made the team.

Lunsford averaged a double-double. Mansfield is fifth in the league in scoring. Witcher finished fourth in the league in assists.

Freshman guard Kristina Covington was voted Freshman of the Year.

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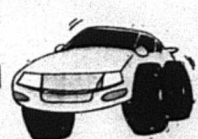
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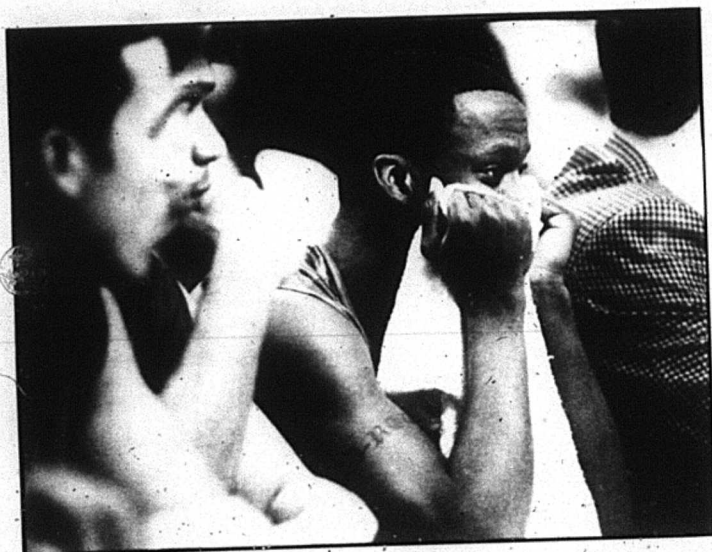
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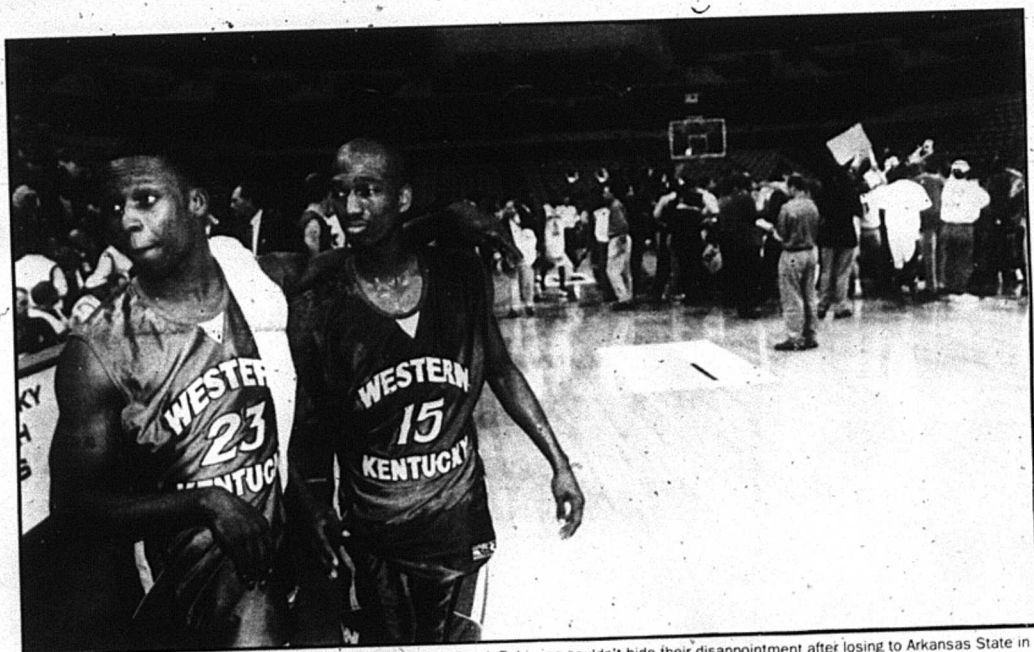
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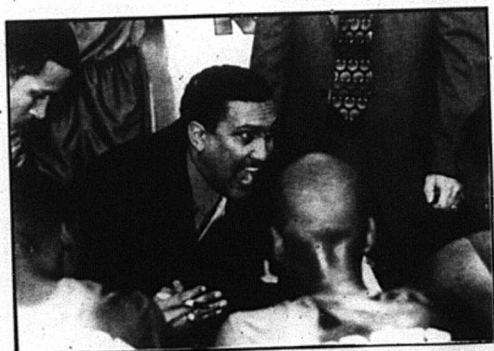


COPING WITH THE MADNESS

It was so close they could see it. The invitation to the NCAA tournament. Dennis Felton had a plan. A plan that got the Hilltoppers past host Southwestern Louisiana on Saturday night and the No. 1 seed, Louisiana Tech, Sunday night. The only thing that stood in their way was a team they had already beaten this season and a 5-4 guard named Chico Fletcher, the Arkansas State guard who lit it up all weekend.



(Above) Sophomore guard Rashon Brown and freshman guard Derek Robinson couldn't hide their disappointment after losing to Arkansas State in the Sun Belt Conference tournament championship Tuesday night in Lafayette, La. The Hilltoppers lost 65-48. (Top) With the help of his towel, Robinson copes with the waning seconds of the Hilltoppers' loss.



(Bottom left) Western coach Dennis Felton plots a strategy during the final minutes of the championship game. (Bottom right) Junior forward Lee Lampley, who sparked Western off the bench, drives the baseline.



FANS: Win will come next year

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There were "boos" and shouts of "come on" before the game even started. Tipoff was already past, but the early game on ESPN was carrying into Western's moment.

Then, there were those chants of "Diäger sucks" when former coach turned ESPN analyst Digger Phelps appeared on the screens. Maybe it was the fact that ESPN had broken into the game because of technical difficulty with Western trailing Arkansas State 30-28 in the first half. Or maybe the roar from young and old fans was because of Phelps' statements last year — the ones about Western regretting the day it fired Matt Kilcullen.

He was a sore topic. It was hard to find anyone who had anything good to say about the former coach who took the program from great potential to you know the rest. (Oh, and Manhattan is interviewing Kilcullen for their head coaching job. Warning letters any one?)

"Dennis Felton — 'they need to sign him to an extended contract.'"

— Chad Boggs
Louisville senior

Now, this guy who wears the smooth threads is becoming the chosen one at Western.

After a 13-16 season.

"Dennis Felton — they need to sign him to an extended contract," Louisville senior Chad Boggs said.

"Felton got robbed of Sun Belt Coach of the Year," said Louisville senior Greg Larkin, Boggs' roommate.

Maybe Felton should run for mayor. Nah, he hasn't been a wrestler. He should wait until coaches become the popular politician.

Boggs and Larkin hadn't experienced this at Western before. Their friend, Elizabethtown senior Michael Wirth, said last year's Kentucky-Stanford Final Four game didn't attract the kind of crowd the Sun Belt title game did.

"Western puts a winner on the court, this is the kind of support you get," Wirth said at halftime.

But the Hilltoppers weren't winning, as far as the record showed. No matter. They were winning when it really counted — near the madness.

When the game was on, Wirth was leading cheers. He was the guy standing on top of a stool, spelling out T-O-P-S with his arms. The same one who had that look of disbelief in his eyes when Western had lost.

He was looking at Arkansas State players celebrate, hug. That win — the one sending the Indians to the NCAA tournament for the first time ever — was supposed to be Western's.

"That's all right," Larkin said. "Next year, we'll win it."

Maybe BW3's should order some more wings. And pick up plenty of those Wet-Naps. Those wings can get messy. Sort of like March.

Sun Belt Tournament

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No. 7 Southwestern La.

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Tennis News

Women drop match

Western plays Belmont Friday

By MALCOLM KNOX
Herald Reporter

A flock of birds performed a particularly rude act as they flew over the Toppers' tennis match Tuesday. They even landed a couple of players at Kereikes Park. And the Murray State Racers tried to do the same thing to Western.

The Racers won the match 6-3 and extended their record to 9-2, while the Toppers fell to 2-2.

Western coach Laura Hudspeth and Murray State coach Connie Keasling set up the match two weekends ago in Richmond. Hudspeth agreed to the match with the condition that the Racers would do the traveling.

"I know... I just wanted to play," Keasling said of the short notice game.

Both coaches were optimistic before the match.

"Everybody's healthy. Everybody's ready," Hudspeth said of her team.

Keasling said the weather was "absolutely great" for tennis, and her team had plenty of outdoor practice.

In the third singles match, both players' health and experience were tested. Western freshman Nino Kostava and Murray State sophomore Julianna Hite went at it for more than two-and-a-half hours.

In the first set, Kostava was down 5-2, but seemed to gain

control later. She continually frustrated Hite with well-placed volleys. Hite was able to pull out the set in a tie breaker 7-6 (8-6) by running things down.

Kostava won the second set handily 6-2, and started out strong in the third set. By this time most of the other players were just trying to stay warm, but Hite and Kostava still had business to take care of. After being down 2-3, Hite rallied back to win 6-3.

"She was really consistent," Kostava said. "She was a good runner."

Western senior Inese Zverge and freshman Therese Johansson were the only singles winners. Johansson had played her opponent before, and there were some hard feelings hanging around, like the clouds over Kereikes.

"I refused to lose against her," Johansson said.

Johansson also said she was not bothered by the cool not-quite-spring weather.

"It's not chilly when you play," she said.

"It's not shilly," her teammates echoed with mock German accents.

In doubles Kostava and junior Jamie O'Brien were obviously motivated after losing in singles. They gave high fives and shouted victoriously as they won 8-3.

Western seniors Dinah Townsend and Karolina Dies lost their doubles match to senior Amy Gemmill and freshman Yvonne Thor 8-4.

"It could have went either way," Keasling said. "And it was just our day."

The Lady Toppers play Belmont at 2 p.m. Friday.

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Tip # 31
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Skiing trip fun despite pain

The impact of the ski did not hurt initially, but I knew it would. The swelling started immediately.

The black eye left behind reminds me of the 56 runs and 200 acres of natural snow. Snowshoe, W. Va.

The 10-hour bus ride Friday night was worth the suffering when Saturday morning rolled around — with its crisp temperatures and sunny slopes. Movie after movie dulled the pain of the bumpy ride through the hills of Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia.

Snowshoe really got moving in the late 1980s. The name stemmed from not only the fact that the snowshoe hare range ends in these mountains, but it is also called Cheat Mountain. The founder thought it would be hard to sell passes to a mountain named Cheat.

The slopes opened at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, and Jim Fahling, Brian Morrison and myself were there to break trail.

It only took 10 minutes for me to hurt myself after an ice-covered mogul flung me into the sky upside down. The black eye didn't keep me down. I



GRASS ROOTS

Jed Conklin

skied the remainder of the day and several more crashes followed the first.

Masses of people converged at the bottom of slopes to ride the metallic couches to the top. Cup Run and Shay's Revenge are the two toughest runs at the resort, so to reward the skiers there is a pub and a restaurant waiting at the bottom.

It rained some Sunday, but the drops turned to flakes before long, improving the ski scene. I used snow blades on Sunday, which are short skis that are very maneuverable. They allow beginners to ski easier and the experienced to do some neat freestyle stuff.

Snowshoe has a snow board

park complete with half-pipe and numerous jumps. We all had fun at the park, and the jumps were great, but we all crashed and burned and got sore.

At night there were restaurants and clubs to dull the pain of the slopes. We were all tired from the punishment of the mountain.

The ride back is always quieter and everyone kicked back to more Hollywood hits and a long trip home.

We stopped for dinner, and then to drop off a friend in Lexington so she could start back to the grind of class Monday. We knew we were not far and everyone relaxed until the yellow and blue Nat's Outdoor Sports sign shined through the bus' windows.

That night my legs throbbed in rhythm with my eye. But I smiled all night while visions of evergreens, snow and skiers danced in my head.

Snowshoe closes in April, so there is still time to hit the big runs of one of the best resorts in the East.

Contact me with comments or questions at Jed4UN99@aol.com.

| WESTERN SPORTS SCORECARD | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Team | W - L | Next |
| Women's basketball | 20-6 | Thursday vs. South Alabama# |
| Men's tennis | 8-1 | Saturday vs. Belmont |
| Women's tennis | 2-2 | Friday vs. Austin Peay |
| Baseball | 6-2 | Friday at South Alabama |
| Men's golf | * | Monday at New Orleans |

Women's Sun Belt Conference Tournament at Arkansas State
* Golf teams do not keep a win loss record.

Two Hilltoppers make Sun Belt All-tournament team

Both senior guard Joe Harney and senior center Ravon Farris were named to the Sun Belt All-tournament team. Other players voted to the all-conference team were Florida International guard Raja Bell, Arkansas State's senior forward Eric Beatty and senior guard Antonio Harvey.

— John Darr

Manhattan to interview Kilcullen

Manhattan College will be interviewing former Western coach Matt Kilcullen for the men's basketball head coaching job.

John Leonard, who had a 26-57 record in three years at the helm, was fired Monday with two years remaining on his contract. The Jaspers finished 5-22 this season.

— Travis Mayo

Men's tennis to host Belmont; Men's golf begins

The Hilltopper men's tennis team will play Belmont Saturday. It will be Western's first home match and its first outdoor match. The team is looking to improve its 8-1 record. Last week's outdoor match at Tennessee State was canceled because of rain.

The men's golf team will travel to Slidell, La., for a tournament Sunday through Tuesday. It will be their first competition of the season. The University of New Orleans is hosting the event.

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