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Sociology department in turmoil

1997 review ignored, faculty member says

BY MATTIAS KARÉN
Herald reporter

Western threatened to suspend its sociology department two years ago after 14 formal complaints were made in less than a year against faculty members in the department, uni-

versity records show.

The complaints were made by both students and faculty members. Some students also accused faculty of putting fights amongst themselves ahead of student interests.

A memo from Provost Barbara Burch and Potter College Dean David Lee dated Sep. 2, 1997, said "if the situation does not improve, the department and its programs are in jeopardy."

Burch said "the lack of collegiality in the sociology department may

threaten the learning environment for our students." According to her memo, some of the students in the department said they "must work to consciously avoid being in the line of fire in faculty conflicts."

Burch and Lee then ordered an outside review of the department, which revealed similar problems and said the department needed to make drastic changes for improvement.

But now some faculty members are saying these problems still exist and administrators ignored the

review.

Brent Tuthill, a sociology associate professor, said that after the review was delivered to the department, it was never discussed in any faculty meeting. Nor were faculty approached by any administrators about the content of the review.

"We still have the same problems as we did when they made this evaluation," Tuthill said. "We needed to sit down and discuss it right away. I



Barbara Burch
Provost

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Rick Scibelli/Herald

Tryouts: Paris freshman Derek Robinson gives a prospective Big Red a congratulatory slap on the hand after the mascot tryout yesterday afternoon at Diddle Arena. Interviews and tryouts were being held for students who wanted to don the red suit next year. Paducah senior Nate Heider chose a Mexican theme. Unfortunately his sombrero fell off during his performance.

Health Service debate not new

BY MOLLY HARPER
Herald reporter

The arguments have changed, but the potential problems that kept the Student Health Service from being privatized eight years ago are still there.

The health service staffers are still protesting the idea, but they say the problems have gotten more complex, and they're up against more determined administrators.

In 1991, President Thomas Meredith suggested privatizing health services as part of his Western XXI program. The reasoning was that even with fees collected for services and the

Director raises union issue

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Woman files suit over harassment

Former Glasgow student claims Western mishandled complaints

BY MATTIAS KARÉN
Herald reporter

A lawsuit was filed against Western Friday by one of the women who filed sexual harassment complaints against former Glasgow campus Director C. Wayne Jones.

Tammy Collins, of Cave City, is suing the university for compensatory and punitive damages for the sufferings the alleged harassment caused her, said Brian Driver, Collins' attorney.

The suit was filed Friday in U.S. District Court and is based on Title IX, which says any institution that receives public funding has to ensure that sex discrimination does not exist, Driver said.

General Counsel Deborah Wilkins could not be

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Morrison wins SGA election

BY RYAN CLARK
Herald reporter

It's over.

After three weeks of campaigns, mudslinging and controversy, followed by more campaigns, more mudslinging and more controversy, it's finally over.

On his second try, Russell Springs sophomore Ryan Morrison defeated Henderson junior Joe Matheis yesterday for Student Government Association's vice president of finance position. Morrison garnered 346 votes to Matheis' 99.

The re-election was held because of election code violations by Matheis, which Morrison outlined and presented to SGA's judicial council last week.

"I guess I'd say that it worked out for

me," Morrison quipped after hearing the results. "The students of Western came out today and said 'we don't want dirty politics.'"

Matheis, whose campaign tactics have been called "questionable" by members of SGA throughout the campaign, had no comment.

But Rick Malek, Matheis' campaign manager, said they might appeal the decision to the judicial council again, due to what they called unfair election coverage in the Herald.

Malek stressed that the re-election was held because of campaign violations made by both Matheis and Morrison, which Malek alleges was not mentioned in last week's article regarding the election.

"The gap (in the election) was so big, obviously, because the Herald was on Ryan's side," said Malek, a Bowling Green graduate student. "How can you compete with that? I mean, the reporting just wasn't very good."

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INSIDE

The Magic of Color

Color is all around us and affects us on many levels. Find out what your wardrobe says about you. Discover the color of your personality and what it means. **Page 11**

Sports

Men and women from Western's swim teams taught the young and old of the Bowling Green area how to swim every Saturday morning in April at Diddle Arena. The fund-raiser will bring in \$22,000 for the teams.

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Weather forecast

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
60° 71°	56° 72°	50° 66°	48° 65°	47° 74°

T: 56°/70°, rain
W: 55°/68°, rain
R: 49°/63°, cloudy
F: 47°/64°, cloudy
S: 48°/74°, sunny

• Louisville

• Owensboro

T: 57°/70°, rain
W: 55°/68°, rain
R: 49°/63°, cloudy
F: 47°/64°, cloudy
S: 48°/74°, sunny

• Paducah

T: 63°/70°, storms
W: 57°/72°, rain
R: 51°/69°, cloudy
F: 49°/65°, cloudy
S: 49°/73°, sunny

• Nashville

T: 63°/73°, storms
W: 58°/75°, storms
R: 54°/71°, cloudy
F: 51°/67°, cloudy
S: 51°/75°, sunny

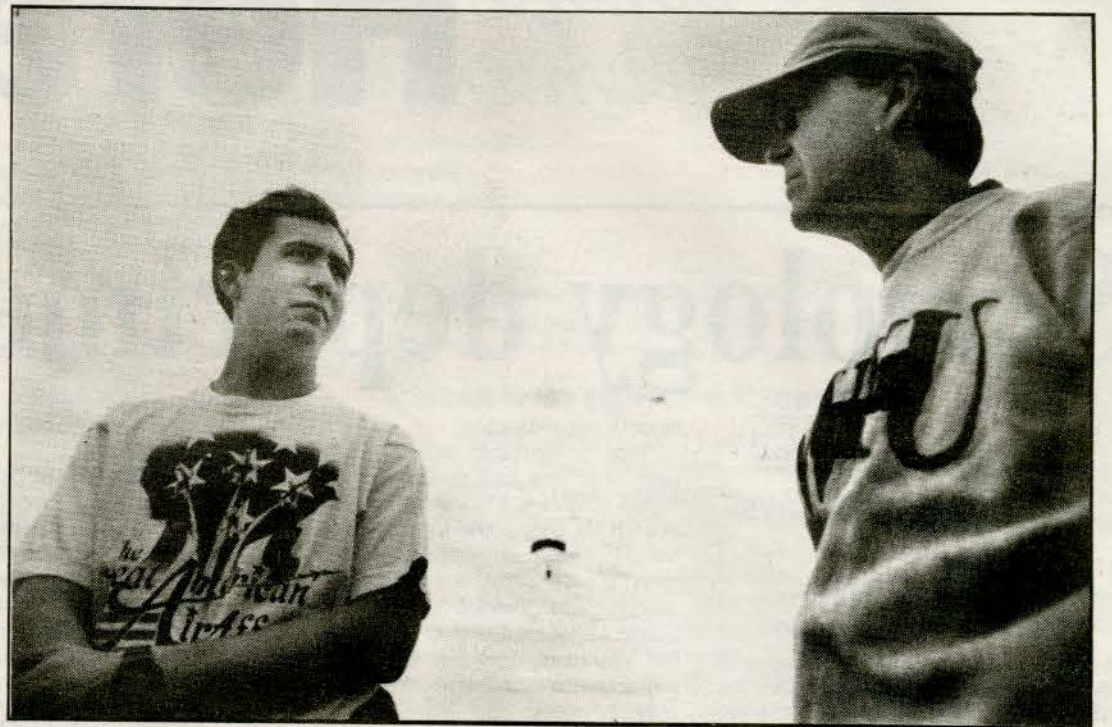
• Lexington

T: 54°/69°, rain
W: 54°/68°, rain
R: 49°/62°, cloudy
F: 46°/62°, cloudy
S: 46°/72°, sunny



A look back at Western's history

Garrett Center is named after former President Paul L. Garrett. The student center once housed the university bookstore, snack bar, post office and the only on-campus eating facilities.



Paul Conrad/Herald

No jumping today: Chip St. Charles, a freshman from Mount Juliet, Tenn., and President Gary Ransdell wait to parachute Sunday afternoon. The president was unable to jump because the clouds were too low. Ransdell and St. Charles are members of Western's Skydiving Club.

Crime Reports

Arrests

♦ Joshua Caine Gable, Cedar Ridge Road, was charged April 18 with reckless driving, disregarding a stop sign and DUI. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$730 cash bond.

♦ Eric Leaghy Frederick, Barnes-Campbell Hall, was charged April 18 with DUI. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same

day on a \$500 unsecured bond.

♦ Jennifer Marie Holt, New Sorority Hall, was charged Wednesday with DUI. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

♦ Francisco T. Peralta, Russellville Road, was charged Saturday with DUI, reckless driving, no driver's license and evading police. He is being held in the Warren County Regional

Jail on a \$2,500 cash bond.

♦ Edgar O'Neal Farris III, Keen Hall, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

Reports

♦ Dana L. Allen, Bemis Lawrence, reported Friday receiving harassing phone calls.

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Ethics board postpones review

BY SHANNON BACK
Herald reporter

The city ethics board decided yesterday to wait to review ethics violations against two city commissioners and the mayor until its new attorney can review the allegations.

Since the board's attorney is also the city's attorney, it hired Lanna Martin Kilgore to advise the board.

"At this point, I am not familiar with any of the facts of the allegations other than what I've heard here today," Kilgore said. "What we might accomplish today is scheduling another meeting to review these complaints."

Mayor Eldon Renaud filed a formal complaint with the board

April 19, asking it to investigate possible unethical and illegal behavior of city commissioners Sandy Jones and Joe Denning.

Renaud accused Jones of trying to force three of the other Bowling Green Municipal Utility board members to resign, using taxpayer money to hire private investigators to trail members, and not reporting unethical decisions of BGMU managers.

He also asked the committee to investigate questions of whether Denning used his political power to avoid paying his \$2,700 electric bill for nearly three years. Renaud also brought up allegations that Denning had used his political influence to have his personal furniture reupholstered by the Housing Authority and has not

paid the bill.

Darell Pierce, one of Denning's attorneys, said the mayor "used his political agenda to ruin Mr. Denning's reputation."

"(Renaud's) allegations were so reckless and outrageous that the only way to respond was through a formal complaint," he said.

On April 21, Denning filed an ethics complaint against Renaud, saying he held an illegal meeting with Nick Brown, one of the ethics committee members.

Brown yesterday excused himself from hearing this complaint since he will be a witness.

The board is tentatively scheduled to meet May 6 to hear both complaints.

SUIT: 'I see his face in my sleep'

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reached for comment on the suit.

Collins first filed a complaint in spring 1997 to Dean of Student Life Howard Bailey and Staff Psychologist Patty Collins. Bailey and Collins then told her to confront her harasser, something she did not want to do.

"She really felt that was non-responsive," Driver said.

Collins then left the Glasgow campus to take her classes in Bowling Green, to get away from Jones. Driver said that caused "an additional burden" to Collins, who's married and has a child.

"She had to basically change her lifestyle," he said.

Driver said when Collins

returned to the Glasgow campus almost a year after her initial complaint, Jones continued to harass her.

The lawsuit asks Western to compensate Collins for the extra expenses of commuting to Bowling Green, as well as compensation for the emotional damage Jones' conduct brought her.

A university investigation found Jones was probably guilty of sexual harassment last fall, after several other complaints were filed against him.

In a statement to Equal Opportunity Officer Huda Melky, who led the investigation, Collins said Jones' repeated harassment made her have nightmares.

"I see his face in my sleep,"

she said. "...I see his face everywhere and it makes me sick."

Despite the strong evidence of harassment, Provost Barbara Burch and Dean of Graduate Studies Elmer Gray chose to only reprimand Jones at first.

An appeal was then filed by one of the complainants, and a grievance appeals committee was formed that recommended that Jones be fired.

University officials ignored this recommendation too, however, reaching an agreement with Jones that gave him \$11,443.33 and pay for 24 vacation days in exchange for his resignation.

The agreement also forbids Jones to discuss the allegations with anybody, so he cannot comment on the suit.

TURMOIL: Review suggests changes

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thought there was a point to this, other than going through motions ... but in the end it was a useless, meaningless exercise that failed.

"A major disappointment." The review was made in three days by Middle Tennessee State Professor Jackie Eller and Vance Wisenbaker from Eastern Kentucky University. Both were paid \$800 each for doing the review.

Sociology Professor Ann Goetting also said not much has been done to improve the environment in the department in the last year and a half.

"I can detect no significant change as a result of (the review)," she said. "The social climate remains as toxic as ever."

Goetting said Lee sent a memo to the department after the review saying he recommended they discuss it, but did not have to do anything about it.

Lee said last week the review should have been discussed.

"That was part of the reason we had the report prepared," he said. "And part of the reason we shared it with everybody in the department."

But department head Paul Wozniak said if any faculty member wanted to discuss the review, he or she could have brought it up at any time during a faculty meeting, an open forum.

Wozniak and several other faculty members also said relations

between faculty aren't too bad.

"Overall, I think that the department is in a very healthy state," Wozniak said.

He added that some faculty members might not agree with him, but that "you're always going to have some critics that aren't going to be completely satisfied."

James Kanan, a sociology assistant professor, also said "tensions between faculty are not unusual."

"We all have our own ideas of where we think the discipline should be ... Who knows, maybe it's because we all have big egos. I don't know."

Edward Bohlander, another sociology professor, said he thought a lot of the complaints had been exaggerated.

"I don't think any student has ever gotten hit in the line of fire (of faculty conflict)," he said. "I don't know where they got that."

He said the accusations that internal warfare was more important than students were "silly."

"All we think about are our kids," he said. "I think they come first."

Eller and Wisenbaker recommended that, among other things, the sociology department should:

- ◆ Engage in some form of sensitivity training for the faculty and graduate students. This has not been done. The department did, however, adopt a code of professional conduct.

- ◆ Consider suspending the graduate program. The review said this program is consuming too

much of the department's resources with "a relatively small return."

In 1995-96, only one student graduated from the program. The department did discuss this extensively. A vote was taken on whether to scrap the program, with the initial result in favor of doing so. But the next week, Wozniak asked faculty if they wanted to reconsider their vote, which they did. The second vote resulted in the program being kept.

Wozniak said several changes have been made since then to make the program better.

Bohlander said the program now produces more master's degrees than any other program in the state.

- ◆ More faculty need to be hired. Wozniak said he has repeatedly asked the university to do this, without success.

- ◆ A curriculum review needs to be done of both the graduate and undergraduate programs. A review has been made of the graduate program curriculum, and a review of the undergraduate curriculum was started this spring.

Lee said with the changes that have been made, the department is no longer in jeopardy.

Burch could not be reached for comment.

Campus News

Grades won't be mailed

Western will no longer automatically mail a grade report to students. Since grades are available on Topline and through the Intranet at www.wku.edu, Registrar Freida Eggleton said her office will only be mailing grade reports to students who specifically request one.

"Students preferred to get

their grades through Topline and the Intranet because it is much faster," Eggleton said.

The change will also save the university an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Students can request an official grade report through Topline beginning today through May 7. The report is free.

— John Stamper

Photographers finish first and second

Chris Hamilton, a senior from Leawood, Kan., and Jonathan Kirschner, a junior from Canyon Lake, Calif., finished first and second in the National College Photographer of the Year Contest.

— Dan Hieb

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Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Banshee stories excessive

Your recent articles on Banshee in two consecutive editions with major photo coverage was just too much! Our school, along with just about every other college and university in America, is attempting to reduce the risky behaviors associated with heavy alcohol use.

Your publication has taken the low road in feeding the myths that all college students do is get drunk and have sex indiscriminately. I am especially aggrieved by the photo coverage of women being grabbed in the chest, and the descriptions of gross, exploitative behaviors.

Couldn't the Herald, with its reputation for award-winning journalism, have come up with better use of its print space? Please reconsider the amount of coverage you give this aberrant event, participated in by a small minority of Western students, and expand your coverage of the other more positive social events in which Western students are engaged.

Mary Wilfert
Student Health Services director

Lanter 'completely true'

I am writing this in response to the blatant slandering of Charlie Lanter that appeared in Thursday's letters section. I am one of many students who sees the wisdom in Lanter's brilliant commentary in which he reduces to a farce an election which was, well, a farce.

Lanter had the stupidity and insolence to write (gasp) the truth about this sad, motley crew of Student Government Association candidates running for mildly trivial offices. How dare Lanter tell us that Will Jones' strategies lack "common sense" and that our SGA president-elect "doesn't research ideas before opening her mouth."

I think the aggression of some of my fellow students was misplaced here. Let's not maim the messenger. Unfortunately, Lanter's observations are completely true.

Thank you, Mr. Lanter, for telling us the truth about our SGA presidential candidates, for revealing the evils of Rick Malek and for noting that "anybody could do" some of these SGA jobs.

As for the comment that Lanter "unfairly" based his selection for the vice president of public relations race on personality, personality is indeed an important part of public relations.

And for those who are concerned that Lanter (satirically, I might note) reduces one of the elections to the matter of a cool name, I still place him ahead of voters who based their decisions on hot dogs and Blo-Pops. The key to this article is that Lanter comments on each candidate and his/her qualifications, not offering his selections, but leaving room for the readers to

think for themselves.

I personally don't agree with all of Lanter's selections, but I thank him for his candid and expert analysis. Matter of fact, kudos to all the Herald staff for excellent coverage of the circus that was the 1999 SGA elections.

Lanter, Dan Hieb, Ryan Clark and many others demonstrated the very meaning of journalistic integrity with their insightful, well-written and technically brilliant commentaries. Instead of picking apart one man's opinions, readers would be well advised to actually digest the factual information printed in the Herald and to actually base their future voting decisions on this information.

Joe Cox
Middlesboro freshman

Embrace 'human dignity'

I am writing in response to a number of issues, two of which appeared in your newspaper April 20, and the third an event which occurred on that day. I refer specifically to the articles related to sexual harassment allegations at the Glasgow campus and the annual Banshee party at Beech Bend.

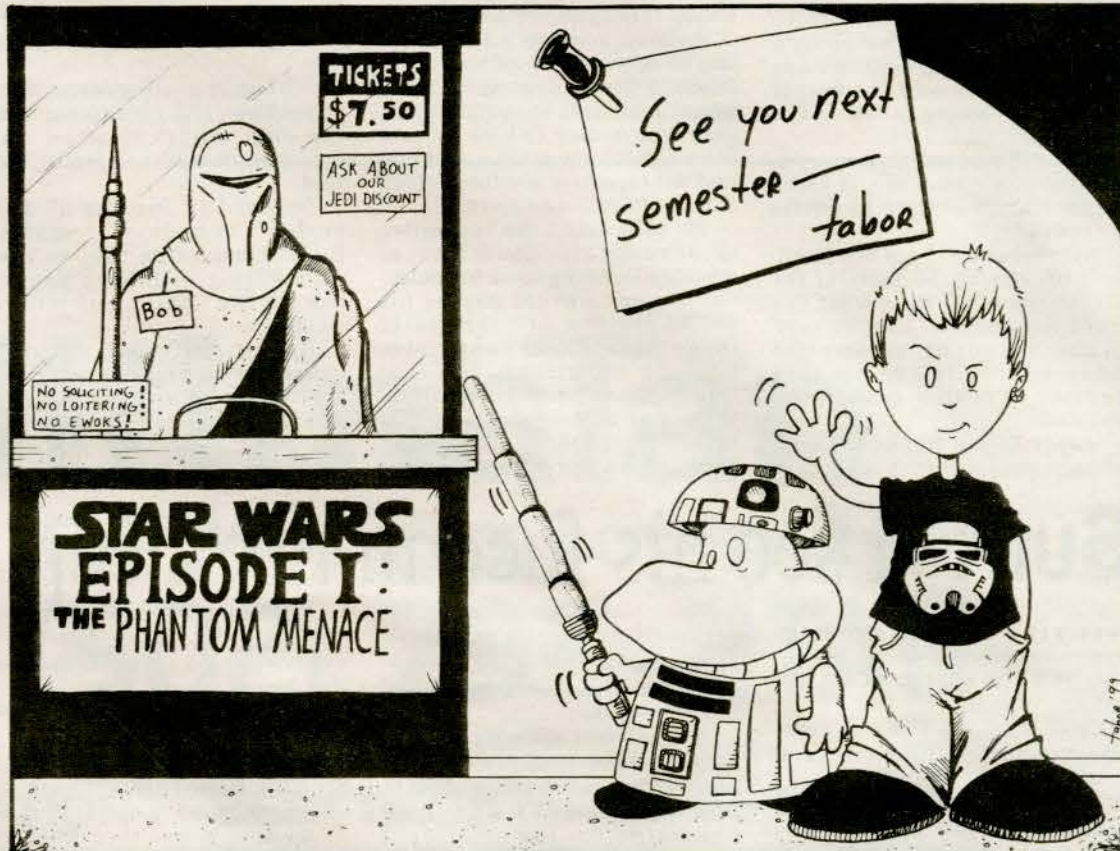
The third issue, the school shootings in Colorado, compounds my sense of distress with the current state of the human race. At Western's Women's Alliance meeting that day, I stated that the status of women on this campus is affected by the organizational climate in which we live.

I think I can broaden that conclusion to say that the status of people in our community, our region, our country and our world is affected by the social climate, the social reality, which we together have constructed and in which we live.

Let me tie these articles and events together. I read with disgust descriptions of the ways by which women are reduced to objects, toys even, for the gratification of others, whether professional educators or drunken adolescents. I read with horror descriptions of words flung at those women/objects, further degrading and dehumanizing them.

What can we make of the epithet "worthless bitch" as applied to female college students? To think that anyone would call my students such names goes beyond belief. Yet if what I read in the paper is true, these appalling incidents happen once a year, if not, indeed, once a week.

How have we come to this? Those who know me well find few



absolutes in my philosophy. However, one absolute, the absolute requirement that all persons be treated with equality and respect, prevails.

As long as we keep saying to each other, "I'm right and you're wrong; I'm important and you're nothing; I'm us and you're them," we'll keep building a poisonous social climate where hate displaces human dignity.

Judith D. Hoover
communication and broadcasting professor

Editorial uninformed

In my eight years of working with Western students, I have often agreed to be interviewed by Herald reporters. I have enjoyed the opportunity to share my profession's views with the student public via the Herald, and have found the Herald to be a superior student publication.

But today I am rather upset with what I consider to be a lack of quality; a slip if you will, in the Opinion article.

I believe the writer has jumped to conclusions regarding Patti Collins' actions. The writer seems to base his/her opinion (e.g., "Patti Collins ... turned a deaf ear") on limited knowledge of the situation.

However, counselors and psy-

chologists are not allowed to speak publicly about their clients, so Patti is not in a position to explain to you what happened. It may interest you to know that Patti is one of two sexual assault officers on campus, and has worked with many women who have been abused, assaulted or harassed.

I understand the need for the Herald to aggressively pursue the truth in this matter given the slick way the complaints have been ignored and hidden, but please do not become like the monster you pursue. Don't slander someone's professional identity until you have checked all sides of a story.

That is what makes the Herald a superior paper, but today's Opinion fell rather short of the ideal.

Karl Stanley Laves
staff psychologist,
university counseling
and testing center

Parking plan hurts faculty

Your editorial on parking was right on. Here's an employee's view of the situation. As a faculty member I am already "punished" for going to work.

One example: If I'm in my office, I get the additional advisees, tours, problems, etc., of faculty who are not on campus. So I'm doing my work AND the work of someone else.

The original reserved space system reinforced this: it was designed to help the rich be on campus for less time. They were free to come just for their class and then leave to go make

money elsewhere.

Now, with the new inner/outer loop plan, not only am I punished for doing my job, it's now harder to get to my job. The new gates will be a graphic reminder of this injustice. And they will be there in the summer as well!

Oh yeah, that's efficient use of space. How many cars will be there on a warm summer day? And when I get that request to come meet a prospective student, how likely will it be that I heed it?

The powers that be need to realize just how deep and broad this sentiment runs and how much it's costing in terms of quality. They must be aware of the studies that illustrate that, in most cases, money is not the prime motivator of employees; it's whether they feel they are treated fairly or not, whether they are valued or not. How do you think junior faculty members teaching a full course load feel as they walk to work past an empty spot they can't afford, reserved for some professor, making triple the money for teaching one course?

Give us back our equality, our dignity. Charge one flat fee, lose the gates, lose the reserve spaces. Help out the ones who actually care about the quality of Western, the ones who work to make it better, not the ones who merely use it for their own convenience.

Steve White
associate professor,
communication and
broadcasting

Where do you usually study for finals?



"At home, in the dorms."

Nino Kostava
freshman from
Republic of Georgia



"Most of the time, I study on campus — be it at a friend's house or a 24-hour place."

Erika Gladhill
Elizabethtown
senior



"At the Newman Center."

Leah Ingram
Hopkinsville junior



"In the dorm."

Amber Qualls
Madisonville
freshman



"Usually in the library."

John Allen
Morehead freshman

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Forum

War, be it in Kosovo or Vietnam, is Hell

BY ALBERT PETERSEN
commentary

As you read these words, there will either be 6,000 U.S. ground troops being sent to some place called Kosovo, or some mother will be opening her front door to an Air Force chaplain.

I remember I was in the fourth grade when my father returned from World War II. At that age my world view was somewhat limited to what I could see and touch, and I knew nothing about some place called Normandy Beach.

It was only after viewing "Saving Private Ryan" this past year that I began to see with the inward eye just what it must have been like for my father to see that place for the first time in his Army uniform.

I became thankful he was fortunate enough to be in the second wave of troops to storm the beach.

Johnny Fitzgerald and I grew up together in Colorado. He was the city kid and I the country. We went through elementary school together as best friends, but the 11th grade ended all that.

Johnny's parents divorced and his frustrations led him from Lyons High School to the U.S. Marines. He looked good in his uniform the last time we talked, but that was the last time I saw Johnny Fitzgerald.

He was hit by an artillery shell of some sort in some place called Korea. There was a military funeral but no body parts to return to the Colorado soil.

Korea, where in the hell is

"In his anger, Robert tore open his shirt to reveal the bullet hole scars in his chest. The big chill fell over the class."

that! I was a senior in high school and did not know where my best friend was to be found.

I was teaching high school history in rural Maryland, and I remember when President Kennedy sent the first military advisers to some place called Vietnam, or Viet Nam, as the press did not know the correct spelling.

I remember all too clearly telling my 10th grade world history class we better find this place on a map because some of them may be making a visit all too soon.

Years later, I was told 'big' Ralph was flown back to Walkersville in a bag ... oh, Lord could he play basketball. And then there was Arthur from the same class who did return alive — sort of.

He married a young woman from Grayson County, Ky., and we did get together several times in Leitchfield and at my home. Arthur was a changed person and his marriage did not last.

When I began teaching geography at Western, at least I knew where Vietnam was, and what it was, although all vicariously. I do clearly remember Robert in my human geography

class being taunted by anti-war students for his having served the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

In his anger, Robert tore open his shirt to reveal the bullet-hole scars in his chest. The big chill fell over the class.

I never did meet any of the 1,066 Kentuckians who returned from that strange, distant place called Vietnam to be placed forever in their native soil.

I do still see Ben every once in a while at Wal-Mart. Ben sat through my world geography class. He still had that noticeable limp in his walk. One might not expect that from a young, healthy man, but Ben considered himself lucky.

He was one of the few survivors of the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Lebanon. I wonder sometimes if Ben knew where he was going that fall his leg was shattered.

And I remember Jim, who told me after class he may not be in class Wednesday or any other day.

His Navy reserve unit may be "called" as they were on alert. I never saw Jim again, and as I marked the "A" on his final grade sheet, I knew his Navy unit was floating in the Persian Gulf involved in something President Bush called "Desert Storm."

Normandy Beach, Inchon, Danang, Beirut, Kuwait, Bosnia, Kosovo ... what a bunch of strange-sounding names of strange unknown places printed red with American blood.

Editor's Note: Albert Petersen is a geography and geology professor.

News Pops

No charges in rape case

A Warren County grand jury said there was not enough evidence to take the charge of an alleged rape involving a Western student to trial.

An 18-year-old Western student accused three men, two of whom she said were students, of raping her Jan. 22 during a party at a house in the 1200 block of Chestnut Street. According to the police report, "The incident was witnessed by non-participants who thought the act to be consensual."

— Erin Wilkins

Debate team wins title

Louisville senior Mike McDonner won the 1999 National Forensic Association National Lincoln Douglas Debate Championship. The debate team won enough overall points to win the event in the overall category.

— Dan Hieb

Holocaust survivor speaks

Ernest Marx, a survivor of the Holocaust, will speak to students at 6 tonight in DUC Theatre.

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One week left for goodbyes

BY MISTY WILSON
commentary

My friend Chris Hutchins and I were sitting and smoking on the steps in front of the Herald office at around 10 p.m. last Sunday, when a professor he knew walked out of Cherry Hall and yelled, "Go home! You have but one life to give to Western!"

Now anyone close to me knows I have sporadically burst into tears throughout the past two weeks when someone mentions my upcoming graduation.

But that night, I laughed it off, thinking the professor would really think we were crazy if she had seen us there many nights after 10 p.m.

But as I lay down to sleep tonight, I kept thinking of the life I've given to Western, and now — at 4:15 a.m. — I've decided to share a few of these things keeping me from sweet slumber.

For my "life at Western" will end in one week. *One week.*

I have to cram a semester's worth of work into one week and convince my professors and myself I am worthy to walk the line May 8.

In a column I wrote last

semester, I preached to not procrastinate, but I never learned that lesson myself.

One week to say "thank you" to all the professors who put faith in me when I usually gave them no reason to.

One week to pack and move out of my apartment, while planning my move for my summer internship in Michigan.

"I have to cram a semester's worth of work into one week and convince my professors and myself I am worthy to walk the line May 8."



One week to say "goodbye" to the two best roommates and friends I have ever had.

One week to get sick and go to the doctor, because I go off my mom's insurance when I graduate.

One week to come up with money to start paying off school loans.

One week to lose those 50 pounds I had vowed to lose by graduation day.

One week to find \$50-something to pay off unpaid parking tickets to campus police, as well as fines for overdue library books.

One week to gripe at the Herald staff for taking so much of my time, while giving me some of the best memories and friends.

One week to apologize to my mom for not calling and visiting more often, though all this time I was only an hour away.

One week to make up all the sleep I've lost thinking about my last week.

One week to clean my room so my grandparents won't have heart attacks during their first visit to Bowling Green.

One week to decide if my ex-boyfriend and I should take a chance on each other one more time, or if we simply fear being alone.

One week to sit with Chris and figure out the answers to "Laffy Taffy" riddles and smoke a few last cigarettes.

And one week to beat myself up for not always making the best of my "one life at Western," instead of trying to fit everything into one week.

Editor's note: Misty Wilson is a senior print journalism major from Livermore.

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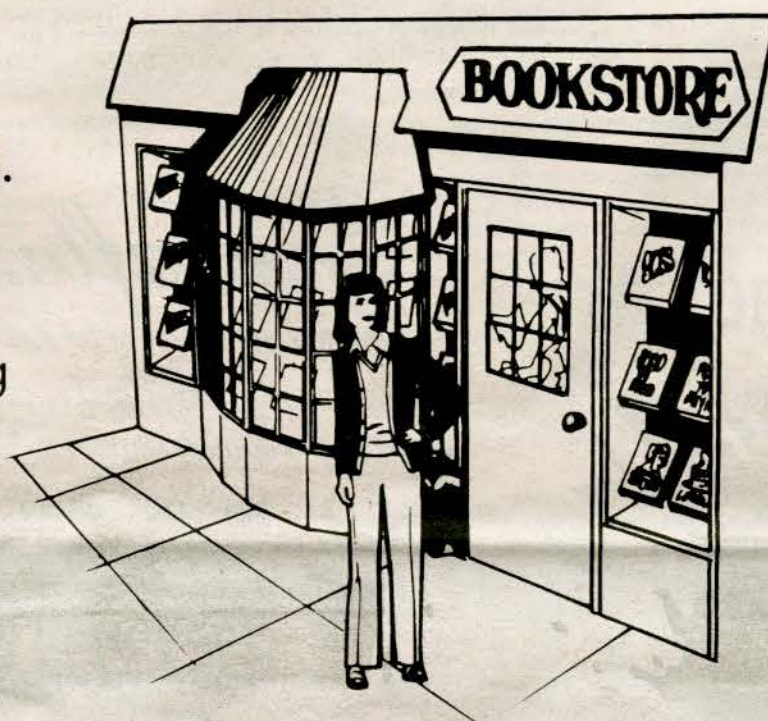
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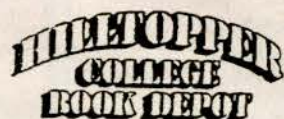
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Health director raises union issue

BY MOLLY HARPER
Herald reporter

Charles Lott, the director of the Student Health Service who is fighting with Western administrators over the service's privatization, sent an e-mail yesterday to other faculty and staff that asked for feedback on unionizing the campus.

Lott's e-mail was spurred by what he calls the unfair tactics of the administration during this debate over privatizing the health services.

"This is kind of controversial," Lott said. "This isn't the kind of card I like to play, but we've been pushed to that point."

"They said they would only accept bids for new buildings. We can't build. They've told us we can't renovate, and we can't partnership with someone else. All we can do is stand and wait for the guillotine to fall, and we're not about to do that."

Lott said unionizing would mean the administration would have to negotiate changes in working conditions for covered employees.

Lott added that the health service staff has been treated like "second-class citizens" in a process that will determine their

fate. They have no guarantee they will have jobs if the health service is taken over by a private entity because they are not covered by the state Privatization Act, which passed last year to protect state employees when a state agency goes private.

Last week, Lott appealed to Provost Barbara Burch to intervene and declare a "cooling off" period on what he calls "the undemocratic, unfair and unreasonable process we have had to endure." He has received no response.

Burch was out of town at press time and unavailable for comment.

Lott has contacted several public employee labor unions. He said despite Kentucky laws that would make it difficult for them to organize on campuses, the American Federation of State and County Municipal Employees has expressed interest in working with Western employees.

Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller said she would rather not comment on the subject because she hadn't read Lott's e-mail.

Faculty Senate chairman Arvin Vos said he doesn't know how open faculty would be to the possibility of unionizing.

HEALTH: Money guiding factor

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semester fee of \$12.50, health services drew too much from the university's general budget.

Former Student Health Service Director Kevin Charles fought privatization, saying the health service was not meant to be profitable; it was there to help students mentally and physically in their effort to get an education. He argued that a private company would hike service fees drastically and drop any aspects of the program that weren't deemed profitable.

"Anyone who wants to contract with the university has a private motive," he told the Herald in September 1995. "They're in it for the money."

Students voted to take on the brunt of health service costs with a \$25 semester fee, and the issue was dropped.

Eight years later, Lott said these issues are still at the forefront of the debate. He's also concerned about fee increases and that health education programs and other benefits to the students being cut.

"There's no money in health education," he said. "It's valuable to the students. But the health-care providers are more interested in the fees they collect when they treat patients. It wouldn't be a profitable investment."

Another concern for Lott is the reach of what he called President Gary Ransdell's vision for privatized health service and how it affects Western's liability and educational mission.

"This proposal goes far beyond what was considered before," Lott said. "By Western partnering with a private entity to provide health care for the general public, Western's liability is spectacularly increased if something goes wrong with a patient."

When a mistake is made at the clinic, Lott said, every effort is made to make the patient "whole" again and get them back to everyday life. He said it's this care that has kept health services from being sued in its 25 years, and this care might not be demonstrated by a private company.

"Even if a non-Western employee injures someone, Western still gets named in the suit," he said.

Calls seeking General Counsel Deborah Wilkins to comment on the liability issue were not returned yesterday.

Lott also questions whether expanding health service to the general public will serve Western's educational mission.

"I challenge you to find any state-supported university without a medical school that's in the business of providing medi-

cal care for the general public," he said. "This would be way beyond our educational mission. This is not a medical school."

Ransdell disagreed with Lott. "Do we not have a public service mission?" he asked. "We need to serve this community. We are a partner to the community and we need to take that partnership seriously."

The difference in the current dialogue over privatizing and the talk of eight years ago is that there really isn't a dialogue this time around, Lott said.

He said the administration seems to be looking at pursuing a private company like it's a "done deal" without giving the Student Health Service a fair chance.

Ransdell didn't comment directly on Lott's allegations in his response.

"I've given them an outline on how to salvage this or at least give the university confidence going into the process," Ransdell said. "Why they've ignored that I have no idea. I hope they put together a well-written proposal."

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SGA: Results same

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"They made the news," he said.

But Malek went on to say news coverage may not have been the deciding factor.

"It's possible that no matter what the Herald said, Joe might not have won today," Malek said. "But there were serious problems with this election."

SGA Chief Justice John Crowe said the judicial council would handle any further appeals, but he "didn't really see any grounds for a new election."

"We felt the Herald did a good job reporting," Crowe said. "Two reporters were present at the meeting concerning Morrison's appeal — it was good."

SGA President Stephanie

Cosby said she was disappointed any candidates would turn to "smearing" his opponents to win votes.

"I wished it hadn't turned negative," Cosby said. "It just wasn't tasteful. You can run a good campaign without negativity — I think the students proved that today."

Morrison said he did not hold Matheis responsible for his actions.

"I think, deep down, Joe is a good guy," Morrison said. "But I think he had some bad influences that caused him to act out of character during the campaign."

"I appreciate Western coming out and supporting me one last time. I've got no hard feelings against Joe; I'm just looking forward to supporting Western."

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Justice department cracking down on students who default on school loans

BY BRETT CORBIN
Herald reporter

The Department of Education is cracking down on deadbeat grads who have defaulted on their student loans over the years.

Gone are the days when loans turned into grants after a few years, causing students graduating with deep debts to think twice before shirking their loan payments.

Last year Congress closed a loophole that let loans go free after six years — in hopes of collecting over \$230 million in unpaid loans. Loans taken in the 1970s can now be collected. These changes, along with increasingly aggressive collection agencies, which get 23 cents on every dollar collected from unpaid loans, mean students shouldn't take a loan now that they won't be able to pay later.

The Department of Education has intensified its search for grads who had left loans unpaid using all possible means — including the Department of Justice.

In 1998, more than 14,000 student-loan suits were filed in U.S. courts, a 55 percent increase from the amount filed in 1997, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Currently there are 59.6 million student loans that need to be paid, totaling

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■ **Western Online** — Western's site offers a loan repayment calculator to help students figure out how much their monthly payments will be.

\$152.7 billion. The national percentage of "deadbeat" graduates hovers around 10 percent. Western has an average default rate between 6 and 10 percent.

"By the time we get the default loan cases, these people have dodged the education department and loan agencies," said Russell Coleman, a spokesman for the Department of Justice. "It's frustrating because most of these people could pay."

Taxpayers and student loan applicants are the people who really suffer when grads go into default, education officials say.

Money collected from delinquent grads is filtered back into the loan program. Any lack

of funds may mean students now in college are denied financial support because grads are too lazy to pay.

Up to this point, the Department of Education has been paying back billions to private lenders, mainly banks, out of taxpayer funds.

Western officials help graduating Hilltoppers by conducting "exit counseling" interviews to help them understand their obligations and responsibilities to the people who have paid for their education.

Penalties like huge interest rates and unsightly scars on credit records can greatly increase the cost of a loan in default.

"The amount they owe could be substantially more than they

were loaned," said John Holder, a student financial assistant.

Holder said the exit interview is important so students know their commitments regarding monthly payments.

Marilyn Clark, director for financial assistance for students, advises students to do anything else, like applying for grants or simply sacrificing some extras, before taking out a loan. She also advises keeping the loan amount limited and never rationalizing neglect by saying you will worry about it later.

"Some students take out a loan to fix up their car or have a little more spending money," Clark said. "We try to tell them that as students they will make sacrifices while in school."

Andy Kincaid, a senior from Anderson, Ind., is graduating May 8 with a degree in government, along with a few student loans. He said being aware throughout college about the status of his loans and his responsibilities to them has helped keep them under control.

"I knew going in that I would have to pay for this later, but it was a choice I made with full awareness," Kincaid said. "I'm glad taxpayers are done paying for those who have been avoiding payments. Does this mean I'll be getting any of my taxes back?"

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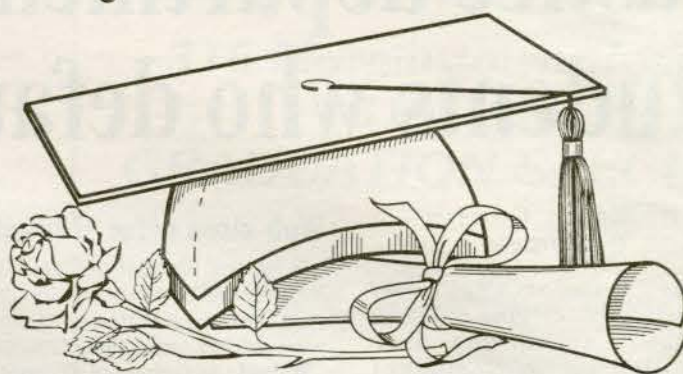
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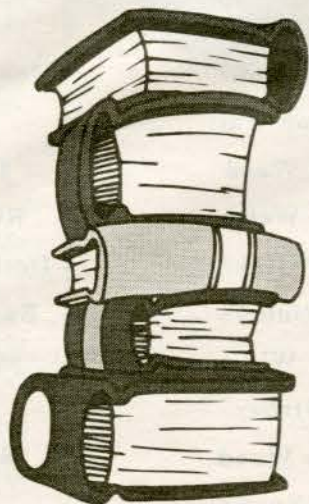
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Flowers: Barbourville sophomore Gary Overton sells flowers and plants yesterday during a horticulture sale in front of the Environmental Science and Technology Building.

THE MAGIC OF COLOR

BY MOLLY HARPER
Herald reporter

Bowling Green senior Shayna Breslin surrounds herself in shades of blue — cerulean, indigo, cobalt, cornflower.

"I have this bright blue blanket that I have to have to get to sleep," she said. "It just makes me feel protected, and I know I'll have good dreams."

Breslin says her association with the power of blue stems from a gift her sister gave her a few years ago. She had left home for the first time, and she was trying to sort through some pretty tumultuous emotions.

"My sister told me, 'Dad can't be there for you right now' and handed me the most beautiful, brightest, boldest blue necklace," Breslin remembers. "She said that blue is the color of strength and courage. I had to be my own parent from now on."

Breslin said her draw to blue is probably more psychological than spiritual. She doesn't know why it works, it just does.

Color is all around us. In the spring, the world comes alive with color. We are drawn outdoors. When we want to look "special" for a date, we wear certain colors that make us feel sexy. Color affects how we feel, what we think of a room and how well we work.

Color psychologist Samuelle Easton, who runs a color consultant firm in New York, said whether we realize it or not, color affects us in three ways — psychologically, physiologically and meta-

"Color can change your life. We don't live in black and white. Color is a prism ... the different colors you need for life. Your body needs them all."

— Julia Busch
author of "Power Color!"

physically.

"Color is simply energy," she said. "The energy wavelengths — infrared, ultraviolet, microwave — though we can't see them, we know they affect us. And smack dab in the middle there's this little area we can see — color."

The psychology of color

Psychological responses to color can be as basic as liking warm colors of yellow, red and orange because of man's instinctual draw to fire or a pleasant association from childhood.

"If your mother had a peach housecoat and she was caring and nurturing, you're going to have warm feelings associated with the color peach," she said. "However, if you had a violet church dress, and your parents made you keep it on long after church and it was itchy and uncomfortable ... you're probably going to associate violet with something you dislike."

Easton works mostly with creating customer- or worker-friendly environments. When a company's employees appear restless or irritable

for no reason, Easton analyzes their work space's use of color and lighting.

"For instance, many companies installed gray cubicles in the early '80s," Easton said. "In a gray cubicle, there's nothing specific to look at. That makes for a very disoriented employee. Too much color in any environment is bad."

Finding the color within

Self-help expert Julia Busch, author of "Power Color!," said color can be used as a "power tool" if you apply it correctly.

"My book deals with people as forms of underlying energy," she said. "It's all about personality. Color can change your life. Your body doesn't need just one color."

According to Busch, there are three dominant, primary personality colors: yellow, blue and red.

Some people are dominantly red — energetic. They'll work at something with all of their energy until they're exhausted and then drop. People who are blue, which is a meandering sort of personality, will get the job done but will wander around a little to do it. Yellow and gold people are very intellectual and have flares of energy.

"As these colors blend to secondary and tertiary colors, you get different personalities," Busch said.

Green personalities are down-to-earth and detail-oriented, while a pink person's spirituality makes them a great lover or friend. Violet

Finding your color personality

The best way to find your personality color is to consult an expert or a book on the subject. Or you could just consult the numerology chart below. Add up the score for each letter of your name. If the total is a double digit, add those two numbers together and you'll have your final score. The corresponding color is your personality's dominant color.

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8	H Q Z	Pink
9	I R	Gold

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Campus Life

Bad seats, poor sound make going to movies a 'money trap'

Let me just take a few frames of my life to talk about movies. What's going on in those dimly-lit money traps we call Bowling Green movie theaters anyway?

First off, let me say that I'm a huge fan of the cinema and the escapes it offers from my tawdry existence, but seriously, the government needs to intervene and bring a state of order to these places. Allow me to elaborate...

Upon my first trip to the local Carmike, I purchased my ticket, went to sit down and my seat caved in like Marcia Brady's face in the football episode. You know, there's something vaguely odd about going to see "A Night at the Roxbury" and having the funniest moment be "when the seat fell in." I'm guessing Carmike bought all those seat cushions at the same used airplane auction because I swear I could feel a flotation device nestled in there somewhere. To add to my cinematic chagrin, about half way through the last trailer, the film's vertical hold shot so far out of alignment it reminded me of the steering on my Honda. I can only hope the projectionist didn't have to interrupt his coffee break to come fix our meager film. Knowing a projectionist, he most likely just attributed his faults to the projector.

Anyway, after the confusion ended, the audience put down their swords, and order was once again restored to the theater. I couldn't help but notice that the sound was turned down so low, only those with state-of-the-art hearing aids could hear it. Consequently, the only people in the theater actually hearing the jokes weren't getting them anyway. Right about that time (and this is not the theater's fault, mind you), some loser in the back row began shining his laser pointer at the screen. Yeah Jessup, I know you're thrilled with your new toy, but these other folks came to see the movie, not your magic flashlight. OK? I would appreciate it if I could watch just one film without being interrupted by some lobotomy waiting to happen.

Now, that was just my first visit. It would take me years to regale you with my other stories, but the point is this: If I'm spending more than \$10 on anything and it caves in within the first two minutes, I'm asking for my money back ... or at least a free gift certificate so I can give it to my worst enemy someday.

It doesn't help, however, that modern movies in general are about as insightful and inspiring as a Jerry Springer "final thought." Most of these movies are catastrophes so horrendous they would make Captain Hazelwood of the Exxon Valdez double over. "Wing Commander." The movie? You know ticket sales are headed off the deep end when movie executives are resorting to adapting video games into films. No wonder Stanley Kubrick died. His health was probably degenerating around the release of "Spice World." He started filling out his last will around "Varsity Blues." And finally, when "Wing Commander" hit, it was all over for the Kubester. Open the pod bay door, HAL. Stanley's coming home.

But I feel there's still hope for the silver screen in Bowling Green, albeit a minuscule one. Perhaps if popcorn prices decline (no chance) and the vertical hold stays put long enough for an entire scene (even less of a chance). Even more than that, it will take one movie. I don't want to give away what movie I think that might be, but let's just say I believe it will come from a galaxy far, far away, my friends.

I'll catch up with you after the movie. Look for me; I'll be the one with the souvenir seat cushion.

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Josh James
commentary

COLOR: Wear yellow when studying

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people are dreamers. Oranges are peacemakers. Indigo people are open to the mystic side of life.

Reading your wardrobe

There are several ways a person could use colors to improve everyday life. The most obvious is clothing, which keeps you warm, accentuates the body and camouflages undesired qualities.

Breslin uses red and gold clothing to get in the mood for a special occasion or an event where she'll get a lot of attention. She said the colors don't reflect what's in her personality, but bring out hidden aspects that might not show themselves otherwise. Others use clothing to show what's on the inside.

"I'm an earth-tone kind of person," said Louisville sophomore Nathan Cornet. "I wear a lot of greens and muted colors. They suit me. I don't like bright colors. Earthy colors reflect my mood most of the time — I like to blend in. I'm quiet. I don't like a lot of attention."

Trisha Guffey, a senior from Joliet, Ill., is the opposite of Cornet. She loves the way bright colors make her feel — confident, cheerful, outgoing.

"I wear a lot of bright blues and purples," she said. "I feel more comfortable in them compared to black and darker colors. I'm in a better mood."

While neither expressed a psychic interest in color, Cornet and Guffey agree they feel more attractive in their favorite colors, which could have something to do with their preferences.

"I just feel more confident," Guffey said. "I look better so I feel better. Especially when I get dressed up. I'm more comfortable in khakis and a T-shirt, but it's nice to be presentable every once in a while."

Busch said a person's favorite color says a lot about their personality. Darker colors could express a serious side. Bright shades could indicate a sunny, cheerful personality.

"You can tell a lot about other people by what colors they wear for a particular day or certain interactions," she said.

Busch suggests wearing yellow when studying. It's the color associated with knowledge, logic and the ability to learn.

Wearing white can deflect negative comments or energy being sent your way, while black absorbs it. If you don't want to be noticed, Busch suggests wearing gray, "the ninja color," which will help you blend into the background.

After a break-up, there are several colors that can help you get back into the swing of

things. Wearing orange, the mixture of lively red and intellectual yellow, can make you feel more sociable. Turquoise is the color of change and new directions, a symbol of your moving on. Lavender exudes an esoteric beauty and attracts earthy, stable types.

Taking in the color around you

A more spiritual approach is "to breathe in a color," or make it part of your own personal energy.

"Breathing something in is like psychically surrounding yourself in a color and taking it into your personality," Busch said. "Stand or sit very still, close your eyes and see the color breathing into your self. This can change the color of your aura."

Though the mention of auras and psychic surroundings may sound a little flaky, Busch said using color isn't just for the psychically attuned. Whether he knows it or not, everyone uses color to lift his spirits or look his best.

"You'll find that you're drawn to certain colors at certain times or when facing cer-

tain situations," she said.

Easton said colors influence us on every level and to ignore the spiritual side would be close-minded.

"I do know that it affects us metaphysically," she said. "We are more than what we seem."

As for reading color in someone's aura, Easton said it's just a matter of putting what you sense about a person in terms others can understand.

"When someone is reading an aura, they're simply interpreting what they sense in a person's energy and then using symbolism to put it into a commonality of language so that you can communicate it to someone else."

Living in color

Whether you believe wearing red will make you powerful or you work best in a bright blue room, using color can be a way to look inward, change what's around you and interpret other people.

"Color can change your life," Busch said. "We don't live in black and white. Color is a prism, white light that represents the different colors you need for life. Your body needs them all."

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Southern poet inspired by Robert Penn Warren

BY MATTIAS KAREN
Herald Reporter

Dave Smith describes himself as a teacher, an editor and a poet. A description he shares with the man who influenced him the most — Robert Penn Warren.

Considered by many as perhaps the most important contemporary poet of the South, Smith paid tribute to Warren Sunday afternoon in Gerard Auditorium in Garrett Center at the 12th Annual Robert Penn Warren Symposium.

Smith, who was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1980 and 1982, kept his presentation to 45 minutes, but managed to let his captivating voice and poems take the crowd on a journey through his childhood in Virginia and along the road he traveled to become the poet he is today.

It wasn't until he enrolled at the University of Virginia in 1961 that Smith became interested in literature, he said.

"I did not think then that writing was anything — other than something that would get you through a class," he said.

But that all changed when he became familiar with Warren's "All the King's Men," which he said "would change my life." It was that book, and its "stunning lines" that made him want to become a writer.

"Warren gave me permission to write, and think it was worthwhile labor," he

explained.

But the author of more than a dozen poetry collections and English graduate professor at Louisiana State University, the inspiration he had received from Warren once he graduated from college.

"I wanted to sound like the 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70s and 80s," he said. "Everything I tried to write poorly echoed of Warren."

That is until a librarian at a local bookstore showed him a book by Warren that had not been checked out for years. Smith said and was rejuvenated, he said.

"It was to me a revelation," he writes in the poem "A Librarian's Gift," one of the poems he read at Sunday's presentation.

That is one of several poems Smith has written that tell how much Warren influenced him. He said he even wrote Warren a fan letter once, but then could not bring himself to mail it.

"What do you say to a man who has the brass and balls to write about a grandmother being eaten by a hog?"

— Dave Smith
poet

"What do you say to a man who has the brass and balls to write about a grandmother being eaten by a hog?" he asked.

Smith also shows a lot of "brass and balls" in his poetry. In one of the poems he read, called "Boy With Ringworm," Smith describes his grandfather, dying from ringworm, through the eyes of a child. Using extensive detail and analogy, Smith paints a picture of his grandfather's worm eaten body—and makes it sound beautiful.

Even Warren himself was impressed by Smith, calling his poetry "a splendid and



photo by Robyn Larsen

Dave Smith, of Louisiana State University, read some of his poems Sunday afternoon at the 12th Annual Robert Penn Warren Symposium.

massive achievement."

Jerre Fitts and Ferris Van Meter, volunteers on the Robert Penn Warren Committee, also thought Smith's presentation was "splendid."

"It's so difficult to read poetry so that it interests people," Van Meter said. "And he

certainly does that."

Smith said he gets nervous every time he goes on stage. But in 30 years of doing presentations, he said he has learned to control himself, using emotion in his readings to "take (the crowd) where they wouldn't have gone otherwise."

UFO revival boasts alien nose devices

BY JIM GAINES
Herald reporter

Western hosted a revival for UFO true believers Saturday. At a conference sponsored by the Kentucky chapter of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, about 60 people proclaimed their faith at the altar of Roswell.

They responded to speakers with emphatic nods and occasional vocal affirmations in Thompson Complex Central Wing, room 129. The average crowd member was about 50 years old, and many came from several states away. It's not surprising there were few Western students there: admission was \$25.

Out front, vendors hawked piles of "healing resonance" crystals, Tarot cards, books on angels, a home security system, satellite television and the "X-Files" trading card game.

Physics and astronomy Professor Roger Scott gave a planetary show in the morning and discussed the discovery of a new solar system in the constellation Andromeda.

But Scott only talked about astronomy; he's not a MUFON follower. While there have been

many flying specks we can't explain, Scott said, that doesn't rule out natural events we just don't understand.

"I'm very skeptical of the alien hypothesis," he said.

Speaker Stanton Friedman is not. Friedman, a physicist and prominent author on the UFO circuit, claims he "uncovered" the alleged 1947 UFO crash at Roswell, N.M.

Between plugging his books, Friedman accused scientists of ridiculing UFOs because they think they know everything.

"Let's stop being apologist UFOlogists," he bellowed.

During his speech he threw out numbers: there have been 1,000, 3,500, or 5,000 alien sightings, he said at various points. Friedman told gripping stories, but offered no proof.

Instead, he sneered at scientists, government and media as "noisy negativists."

"These guys live in their own world," he said.

Previous speaker Ted Phillips said much the same. Head of the Physical Trace Research Center on supposed UFO landing sites and wreckage, Phillips attacked

scientists for dismissing strange dents, burn marks and skin rashes as natural occurrences.

The last speaker was John Carpenter. Not the filmmaker, but head of the Abduction Research Center for MUFON.

Carpenter said he has recovered memories of alien abduction for more than 100 people through hypnosis. He outlined typical abduction stories, which often included seeing young human/alien hybrids. The older the hybrid, the more human it looks, Carpenter said.

"Are they walking among us?" he asked.

Millions of Americans may have been abducted, according to a video Carpenter showed. A hand-out from MUFON lists 52 indicators of alien abduction.

Nose references pop up several times. According to Carpenter and Phillips, aliens often stick strange devices up abductees' noses. The crowd reacted with fear to their stories of nasal implants.

One listener asked if a small lump in his son's ear might be an alien device.

"Yeah, ears, noses, ... they put them everywhere," Carpenter said.

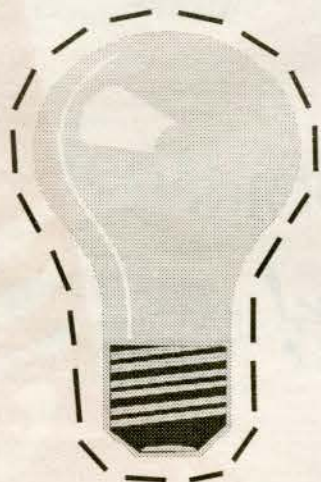
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Swim lessons benefit youth

Western swimmers help teach kids

BY LYNDSEY SUTTON
Herald Reporter

His hand motioned that a black inner tube should be moved more to the left. No, maybe more to the right. Just a little more. Perfect.

Now his little boy frame mimics the instructor, freshman Shawn Dade, who is waiting for him in the water.

"Put your hands over your head," the teacher says. "Now jump."

First hands, then head, then the rest of the body follow suit, straight through the inflatable rubber ring floating in the Diddle Arena swimming pool.

Scenes like this are scattered all across the pool. One kid and one teacher working together for one common goal — to learn how to swim and master those skills.

Men and women from Western's swim teams taught swimming lessons every Saturday morning in April at Diddle Arena.

The lessons were a fund-raiser for the Hilltoppers and the Lady Toppers.

"These swimmers make absolutely nothing," assistant coach Steve Crocker said. "It supplements their budget."

The money raised from the lessons will help pay for the annual Christmas break trip to Venice, Fla., and next spring's National Independent Conference championships in Boca Raton, Fla.

The cost for one child was \$40 for a month, or \$10 a week. Crocker estimated the lessons would bring in \$22,000.

All Western swimmers were required to participate in both the spring and fall four-week long swimming lessons that began at 8 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m.

"It gets them out of bed doing something constructive on a Saturday morning," Crocker said.

Each swimmer worked with one child for 30 minutes, for a total of 10 sessions a day. The swimmers found the long day rewarding.

Freshman Gord Veldman loved seeing how happy the kids were when they accomplished a new task.

"I haven't had a kid yet who's not happy," Veldman said.

Parents found the lessons valuable and rewarding, too. Bowling Green resident Cindy Helfrich's children, Hannah and David, both

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Senior third baseman Anthony Saporito dives for a line drive, but was unsuccessful, during Sunday's game against Southwestern Louisiana at Denes Field. The Hilltoppers won 8-5.

Western evades Cajun rage

Baseball team snags two from Southwestern La.

BY JERRY BREWER
Herald reporter

Beneath cloudy skies, before 235 fans who were on their feet and clapping in unison, sophomore T.J. Johnson hurled the series' final pitch — a strike, another Western win — and the beast was finally slain.

The Hilltoppers can smile now. They can rest easier, too. Southwestern Louisiana's curse over them has been broken.

Sunday's 8-5 Western win capped a doozy of a series filled with superb clutch performances and postseason emotion.

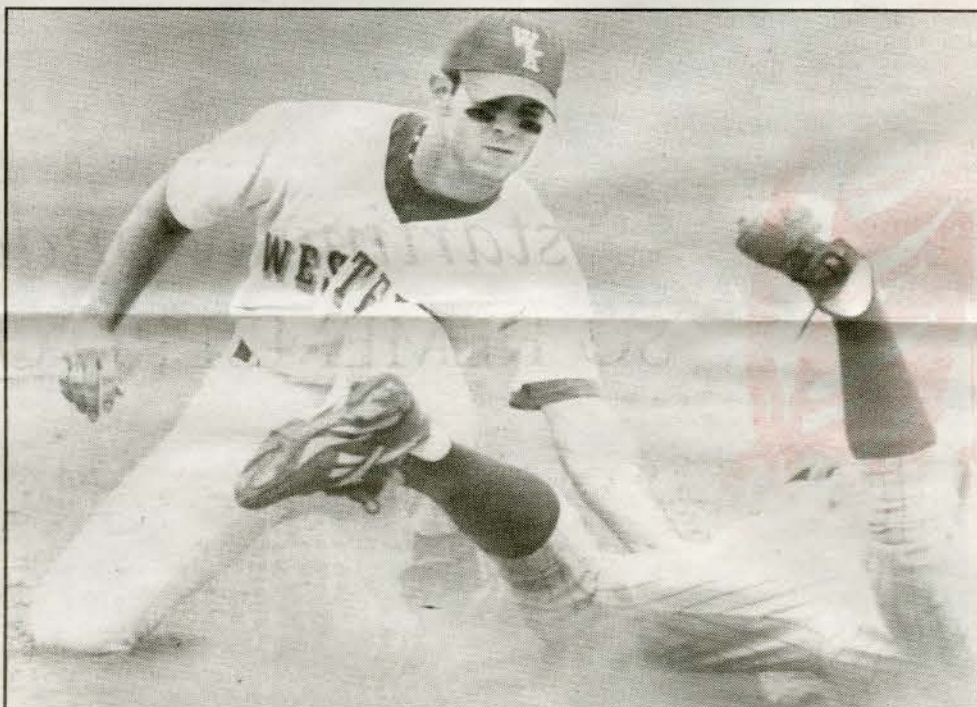
Western won two of three from the Cajuns (30-16, 18-6). The Hilltoppers (23-20, 13-11) outlasted the Cajuns by 9-8 in a 12-inning game on Saturday. Southwestern won 8-4 on Friday as Western left 13 men on base.

"There's a feeling you get when you win series like these, and it's a good feeling," said senior right fielder Chris Yeo, who was 8 for 14 in the series with six runs scored and was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week. "It's a huge confidence builder."

The wins snapped an 11-game losing streak against Southwestern Louisiana, the Hilltoppers' biggest demon.

"You say demons: I'll say execution," Western coach Joel Murrie said. "In the past, they out-performed us. Southwestern has found ways to win close ball games. That was the demons."

"I've always said that if you're going to win a conference championship, a tournament championship, then you're going to have to go through Southwestern Louisiana. This series did two things. One,



H. Rick Mach/Herald

Senior second baseman Matt Idlett tags out Southwestern Louisiana's Steven Feehan as he attempts to steal second base Sunday at Denes Field.

we've proven we can beat them. Two, they know we can beat them."

Western took sole possession of third place in the Sun Belt Conference, one game in front of both Florida International and New Orleans, which are 12-12.

The two losses dropped Southwestern Louisiana to second place, a half game behind South Alabama (27-16, 18-5).

Western, for all its stubborn, "never quit" attitude this season, had been trapped in what some might call mediocrity until this point. But Murrie has said his team's 23-20 record may be deceiving.

Six of the Hilltoppers' 11 conference

losses this season have been by one run. Only twice has Western been beaten by more than three runs in conference play.

After Friday's loss — a winnable game if Western had gotten that one game-changing hit, made that one crucial double play — it seemed as if it would be one of those weekends.

And then came the bottom of the 12th inning Saturday, when the series turned. Western was trailing 8-5 and appeared defeated.

Yeo led off with a double. Senior second baseman Matt Idlett battled back

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Hilltoppers waiting to add to recruit crop

BY JOHN DARR
Herald reporter

Dennis Felton has been a hard man to find in the off season.

"The fixer's" been recruiting, trying to live up to his year-old promise of rebuilding a program. And he didn't waste any time when he stepped on the Hill.

Felton's first real steal came in a trio package only days before he

was to coach his first game for the Hilltoppers. The then-rookie coach pocketed three of the South's best prep jewels when David Boyden, Jimmy Boykin and Nate Williams signed in the fall. USA Today ranked Western's fall recruiting class near the 50th best in the nation.

And then two Fridays ago came Felton's first signee of the spring, Todd County Central High School

star Mike Wells.

Right now, two Bulgarians from Washington College in Tennessee — 6-3 guard Filip Videnov and fellow countryman Todor Pandov, a 6-8 gravity defier — look to be Felton's next best thing. Due to NCAA rules, college coaches are not allowed to talk about individual recruits, but Washington College coach Keith Allsep did comment.

The two foreigners aren't an easy target. Despite incredible efforts by Felton and assistant coach Ken McDonald, Allsep said the two still haven't decided where to go.

"I thought they would have decided by now," Allsep said in response to his signing prediction of last Thursday. "They are going

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Dallas sophomore Michelle Lynch can't manage to hide her frustration any longer after her student, Teylor Watkins, 7, of Smiths Grove, had mastered everything necessary to execute a proper and safe dive, except the actual act of diving, which never happened due to an excess of nerves.



WATER WORLD

They gathered like a flock of ducks every Saturday throughout the winter, all in an effort to enjoy the summer. Old and young alike came to Diddle arena pool to learn from the WKU swim team how to dive, tread water and yes, swim.



Anna Meany, 6, gets a pool side lesson in 'how to breathe and swim at the same time,' from Germantown, Md., freshman Nicole Fisher Saturday morning at Diddle Arena. The WKU swim team conducts swimming classes every Saturday throughout the spring semester.



Elizabethtown junior Aaron Terry ventures out into the deep end with his pupil, Luke Easley, of Bowling Green, Saturday morning at Diddle Arena.



Sally Mayfield, of Bowling Green, likes to sail, but the problem is she "sinks like a rock." Mayfield has been coming to Diddle Arena for Saturday swim classes so she can learn how to tread water.

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Up and down teams meet

Baseball scheduled to play at 5 tonight

By Scott Sisco
Herald reporter

Up and down the season goes, a roller coaster of emotion that Kentucky baseball coach Keith Madison hopes will end in a trip to post-season play.

The Wildcats (18-24) started the season with five straight losses and had three other losing streaks of three games or more.

But they seemed to have turned things around after a loss to Louisville on April 13, winning six out of their last nine games, including two out of three from Florida and Tennessee the past two weekends.

And today the Wildcats will host Western (23-20), a team that has seen its share of ups and downs, at 5 p.m.

"We're gaining a little confidence and maturing a little bit,"

Madison said. "But we've still got a ways to go."

The Wildcats are a young team this year, with only two seniors on the roster. Sophomore catcher John Wilson is a top performer at the plate, hitting .353 (second on the team) with a Southeastern Conference high 18 home runs.

Senior outfielder Chris Yeo is leading Western at the plate, hitting .391. Senior first baseman T.J. Freeman is leading the team in homers with 11.

Madison said he hasn't scouted Western much. He just wants his team to come out and give a good effort.

Western coach Joel Murrie said all he knows about Kentucky is there are several new faces and their season has been up and down. But that doesn't mean the Wildcats are pushovers.

"You're playing a team who has competed against some of the best teams in the nation," Murrie said. "They are a team in our region that we need to go and be capable of beating."

Murrie said Kentucky has good front-line pitching, a great asset in the game of baseball.

"When you have that, you're capable of winning any game you're in," Murrie said.

Freshman shortstop Tanner Townsend said even though this team is an in-state rivalry, it doesn't help them in the conference standings, but the Hilltoppers aren't taking the game lightly.

"Hopefully, we'll still play as well as we can," Townsend said. "We still want to win."

Murrie said there is no more importance to this game than any other, except with some of the students and alumni, who see this as a rivalry.

"What's important to me is that we carry on the momentum of beating a very good team this weekend," Murrie said.

Western took two out of three games from then-Sun Belt Conference leader Southwestern Louisiana. That propelled the Hilltoppers into sole possession of third place in the conference with a 13-11 record.

EVADES: Toppers erase deficit

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from a 1-2 count and walked.

That brought up senior first baseman T.J. Freeman, who lifted a three-run homer to left-center field, the most emphatic moment of the series. The game was tied at 8. It was a new series.

"It got everybody up," Freeman said of the homer, his 11th of the season. "I was looking for something I could drive. I got what I was looking for."

After junior catcher Kevin Clutter was given an intentional walk and the bases were loaded, freshman shortstop Tanner Townsend lined the game-winning hit to left field.

Western had beaten the Cajuns, at last.

Also worthy of note during game two was the relief pitching of senior Nathan Isenberg. Isenberg, who is known as a one- or two-inning specialist, pitched 5 1/3 innings in relief and didn't allow any runs until he tired in the 12th.

Isenberg's performance provided a snapshot of the entire series. It wasn't just about big blasts, but about execution, timely hitting and role players stepping up.

"We did a lot of little things well," Yeo said. "Nate threw five great innings. Make sure you put that in the paper."

Sunday, Western scored four runs in the fifth inning to erase a 3-1 deficit. The Toppers did it with the bottom of the order in that inning. Townsend and junior center fielder Lorenzo Ferguson,

the No. 8 and 9 hitters, respectively, both had key hits to load the bases in that inning before Yeo hit a triple to right field that brought everyone home. Sophomore Ryan Hutchison pitched 8 1/3 innings to get his fifth win of the season.

"Baseball's a pretty simple game," Southwestern coach Tony Robichaux said. "You gotta pitch, play good defense and get timely hitting. We've been very fortunate to put ourselves in the position to win this year. This weekend, we did the same thing, but Western played great, too."

"We had our chances, but you have to tip your hat to the team that beat you. We didn't play all that bad. Western just played good baseball."

SWIM: Lessons good for children

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participated in the program with hopes that they would gain more confidence in the water.

"I like to hear their enthusiasm instead of dread," Helfrich said.

As she dried off, Hannah kept talking about working with the kick boards.

"I used to not be able to kick and go underwater," the 9-year-old said.

Bowling Green resident Claire Meador had the same thoughts as Helfrich when she signed up her

daughter Katherine for the lessons. Even though they don't have a pool at home, Meador and her husband wanted Katherine to have experience in swimming.

"We just want her to be able to have self-confidence in the water," Meador said.

Western has been offering swimming lessons to the Bowling Green and surrounding communities for over 20 years.

"It's a much better program now than it was then," said Crocker, a former Western swimmer, who used to serve as a pro-

gram instructor.

More than anything, Crocker believes it is the women's team that has helped make it better. The women's team allows the children and teachers to be paired up boy-boy or girl-girl, in most cases.

For Crocker, the best part of the program is the kids who return the next time the lessons are offered. Parents love the one-on-one attention their child receives.

"Each day you see a little more accomplished," Crocker said.

CROP: Wells waiting on ACT scores

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to take their time and decide."

Todd Central coach Dennis Pardue said the 6-3, 185-pound Wells took his time and made a mature decision after considering all his options. He also said Felton wasn't like all the other recruiters.

"What really sold Western was how honest Dennis Felton was," Pardue said. "He cared about Mike as much as a person as he

did a player. Most times coaches just care if you can play."

Wells is waiting for his latest ACT scores to come in. He needs a score of a 17 to be eligible his first year.

"Felton talked to my principal for hours about my grades," Wells said.

And since signing with Western, the senior who averaged 23.1 points a game has been study-

ing for the ACT every way he can, usually two hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 30 minutes every other day. Wells attributes it to his desire to play for the Hilltoppers.

"I feel pretty good about my scores," he said. "I'm going to work hard and get what I deserve."

Allsep said his players will make an official visit to Western some time soon, but a date hasn't been set.

Golf battles sloppy tournament course

By Malcolm Knox
Herald reporter

After a sluggish start on a sloppy course, Western's golf teams are hoping to improve their standing.

The Hilltopper men are fifth out of nine teams in the Sun Belt Conference tournament in Jonesboro, Ark., after shooting a 305 yesterday. Defending champion South Alabama and Southwestern Louisiana are tied for the lead at 286.

Despite the soaking wet golf course, Western coach Brian

Tirpak is making no excuses for his team's position.

"If you played well you shot good," he said. "And that wasn't us today."

Freshman Borja LaRoche leads Western with a score of 74 and is tied for 14th position overall.

Women are sixth

Western's women are sixth of seven women's teams in the Sun Belt tournament with a score of 329. Arkansas-Little Rock is alone at the top of the women's standings with a score of 307. The Trojans

will repeat as conference champions if they can hold on to their No. 1 position.

Senior Kellie Brown leads Western with a score of 79. Brown, currently tied for eighth, is the only Western player on either team in the top 10.

The Lady Toppers are expecting to finish in the top three. Even with the slow start, sophomore Jenny Rightmeyer expects to be there when the contest wraps up Wednesday.

"I think it's very possible," she said.

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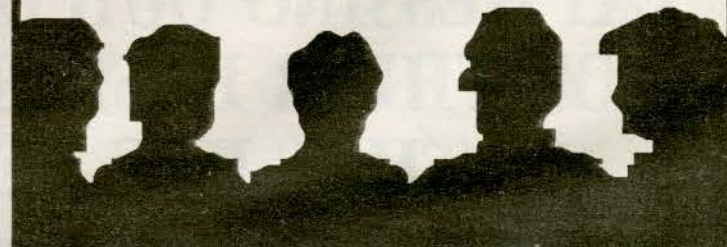
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Sports News

Soccer team played in Vanderbilt tournament

Western's soccer team played three matches at the Vanderbilt tournament Saturday, all of which ended in a tie.

The first game ended in a scoreless tie with Vanderbilt.

Western played Alabama-Birmingham to a 1-1 tie in the second game and finished the third game tied with Memphis 1-1.

—Scott Sisco

Swimming and diving held its banquet Saturday

Junior Kicker Vencil earned

most valuable and most improved swimmer honors. Senior Pete Carey garnered the scholar athlete award and the most dedicated swimmer awards at the annual awards banquet.

Freshman Brandi Beckwith, who was recently named the

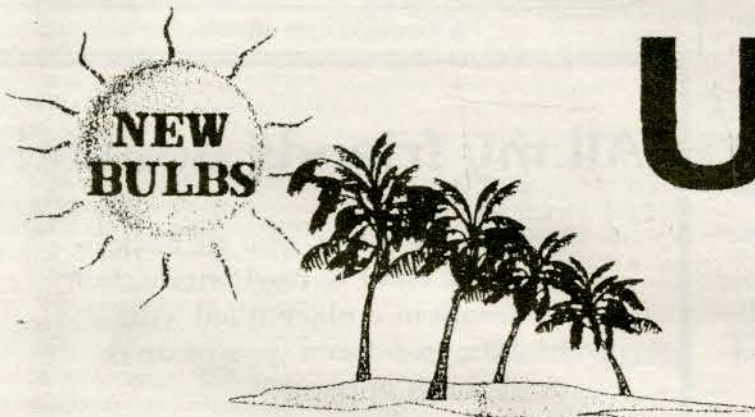
National Independent Championships' female swimmer of the year, was named the team's most valuable swimmer and won the scholar athlete award.

Sophomores Amanda Shafer and Michelle Lynch were named co-most improved swim-

mers.

The men's team finished the season undefeated at 15-0, its second undefeated season in the last three years, and finished second at the NIC where Coach Bill Powell was named coach of the year.

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Track overcomes hazards

Teams run well in Murray State meet

BY LYNDSEY SUTTON
Herald Reporter

A car wreck is a hazard of traveling.

Slow-moving traffic is a hazard of traveling.

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Breaking down is a hazard of traveling.

Members of Western's track and field teams know first hand that breaking down is a hazard of traveling. Headed for the Twilight Invitational at Murray State on Saturday, the team's bus broke down.

"That's just one of the hazards of traveling," Western coach Curtiss Long said.

Hazard or not, the team still missed the first event of the afternoon, the 5,000-meters on both the men's and women's teams. The only other hindrance was that some of the athletes didn't have as much preparation time as usual.

But the bus' breakdown didn't halt Western completely.

The Hilltoppers and the Lady Toppers still achieved 13 seasonal bests and 15 top-three performances.

"We were very fortunate," Long said.

Junior Terri Hennessy, who missed the 5,000, won the 1,500 in a seasonal-best time of 4 minutes, 52.91 seconds.

"You gotta get your mind into it."

— Valerie Lynch
junior distance runner

The men's 4 by 1 relay team won the event the first time it ran it this season. The women's 4 by 1 relay team had a seasonal-best time of 48.72 seconds, which Long found encouraging since the team is still without injured junior Laura Wesseling.

Like the Georgia Invitational, Western used this meet at Murray State to polish off performances in time for the Sun Belt Conference championships next month. It was also a chance for Long to have hands-on instructions with the athletes.

"We tried to take advantage of that and felt like it was an excellent learning experience for us," Long said.

At the conference championships coaches are not allowed in the track area at all.

"The bigger the meet, the less contact you have," Long said.

In other action this weekend, four athletes from Western's track and field program competed in the Penn Relays.

Junior Valerie Lynch timed a school record of 35:50 in her first-ever running of the 10,000, falling just short of an NCAA provisional time.

"You gotta get your mind into it," Lynch said.

Junior Aaron Mullins fell short of an NCAA provisional time in the steeplechase, but he still tabbed a personal best time of 8:54.96 in the event.

"I'm very happy," Mullins said.

Senior Iain Don-Wauchop ran a personal best in the 10,000. Long said senior Duncan Shangase gave a very determined effort in the same event.

"We were just pleased with the overall outcome (of the Penn Relays)," Long said.

WESTERN SPORTS SCORECARD

Team	W—L	Next
Baseball	23-20	Today at Kentucky
Women's Golf	*	Today at Sun Belt championships
Men's Golf	*	Today at Sun Belt championships
Track and Field	#	Saturday at Mississippi

* Golf teams do not keep a record.

Track and field does not keep a record.

Softball team signs first three recruits

Western's softball team has inked three California standouts. Catcher Kati Norris from Antioch, shortstop Sara Alanis from Gilroy and pitcher Katie Swertfager from Chino have signed national letters of intent to play on the Hill in the team's inaugural 1999 season. They are the first players ever to sign with the Lady Toppers.

Norris is a four-year standout at Antioch High School and earned All-Bay Valley Athletic League honors the past two seasons. She also plays for the California Shockers, a perennially-competitive club team in Northern California.

Alanis is a three-time all-league shortstop from Gilroy High School. She earned first-team all-league honors the last two years and has played on one of the nation's top club teams, the San Jose Lady Sharks.

Swertfager is a veteran pitcher from Pomona High School and is a three-time Inland Valley all-league selection, as well as a two-time team most valuable player. She garnered first-team all-state honors in 1997, and won first-team all-region and first-team all-league honors.

Swertfager played on the 1998 Division A national champion club team, the Sante Fe Springs Rebels, and is currently playing with the California Pirettes club team.

— Travis Mayo

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