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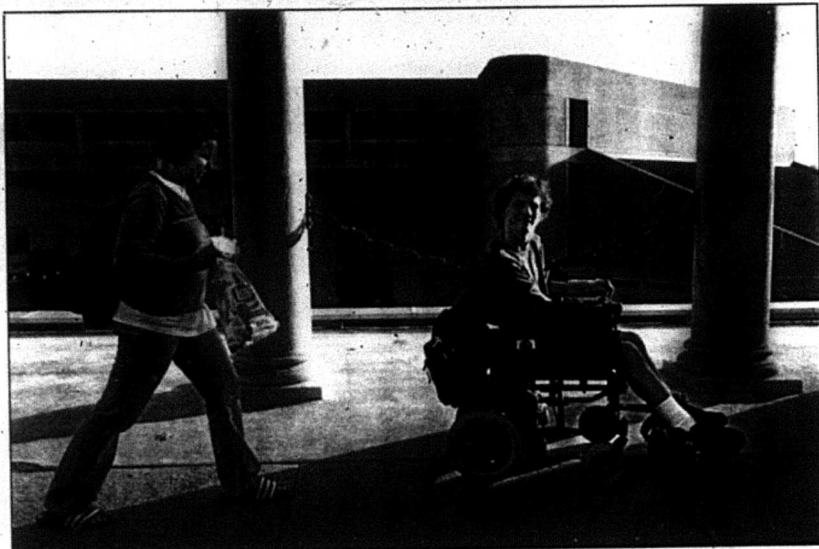
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Erika McComas and Corey Nett go back to Schneider Hall after getting lunch at Garrett Center. McComas is paid by the state Department of Vocational Rehabilitation to assist Corey with the challenges of everyday life.

## ON HIS Own

Corey Nett kicks at blue bedsheets  
and buries his face in a pillow,  
shielding it from the morning sun-  
light. He sleeps only three hours  
this night because pain — the kind  
that 11 pills a day can't pacify —  
stampedes through his body.

Throughout the night, through the pain,  
Corey wonders about his career, love, his unborn  
children.

How to become a successful journalist  
when he types with his nose? How to talk to  
women and get them to ignore his slurred  
speech? How to make people listen to his desire  
to have children when most think he can't have  
sex?

Physical pain. Emotional pain.  
A nightly routine.



A brace supports Corey's wrist, which is healing after he fell getting ready for class one morning.

When Corey awakes, he's drunk on sleep  
deprivation. He could skip class. His professors  
would understand.

It's 7:45, and soon a friend will show up at  
his room in Schneider Hall to feed him oatmeal.

He rolls on his side, careful of the wrist he  
broke recently while trying to put on his pants.  
The fingers on his right hand are so twisted he  
can't tie his shoes. He uses a wheelchair to get  
to class. He can't speak well, so he carries a  
keyboard and types messages with his nose.

Corey, 20, has been at Western for two, and  
a half months, and some days he wants to sur-  
render. His parents and most of his friends at  
home encourage him to move back to Louisville.  
But he goes to class every morning because of a  
promise he made three years ago that he'd grad-  
uate from college — away from home.

That and a need to prove wrong the people  
who said he was stupid and retarded and inca-  
pable of being more than an invalid.

And so Corey gets out of bed.

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STORY BY SHANNON BACK • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JONATHAN KIRSHNER

## Gift will change looks of campus

\$1 million donation  
is anonymous

BY MATTIAS KAREN  
Herald reporter

Western will announce an  
approximately \$1 million donation  
tomorrow to fund the construction  
of a belltower and plaza at the  
south end of campus, the Herald  
has learned from sources close to  
the project.

The plaza and belltower will be  
located between the new  
Journalism and  
Technology  
Building and  
Ditt South  
Lawn, and are  
scheduled to be  
completed at  
the same time  
as the new  
building.

The donor  
for the gift,  
which will be  
announced at  
the Board of  
Regents meet-  
ing tomorrow, wishes to remain  
anonymous. The intention of the  
donor, however, is to build a sort of  
monument for Western alumni who  
have been killed in military ser-  
vice. The name of the tower and  
plaza is yet to be decided.

The belltower and plaza were  
first proposed in February by  
architectural firm Arrasmith, Judd  
and Rapp, of Louisville, the firm

**Inside**  
♦ The Board  
of Regents  
will meet at  
9 a.m.  
Friday to  
put the  
post-merger  
review pol-  
icy on hold  
for changes.  
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## Health fee may go to academics

BY ABBEY BROWN  
Herald reporter

More than half of the Student  
Health Service fee could be redi-  
rected to improve the conditions  
of classrooms and to buy new  
teaching and research equipment.

After the health service was pri-  
vatised, the fee was reduced to \$15,  
leaving \$17 to be either dropped or  
redirected. Ransdell, speaking at  
the Student Government  
Association meeting Tuesday, pro-  
posed that \$7.50 from the fee be  
spent on teaching and research  
equipment and \$7.50 for classroom  
improvements. The remaining \$2  
would be spent on Western's  
marching and concert bands,  
which currently have no budget.

SEE FEE, PAGE 3

## Weather forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
77° 46°	74° 50°	64° 51°	63° 43°	72° 50°
Warm	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

R: 78°/50° warm  
F: 78°/50° warm  
S: 69°/53° warm  
M: 63°/49° partly cloudy  
T: 72°/50° partly cloudy

### • Louisville

R: 78°/50° warm  
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### • Lexington

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### • Paducah

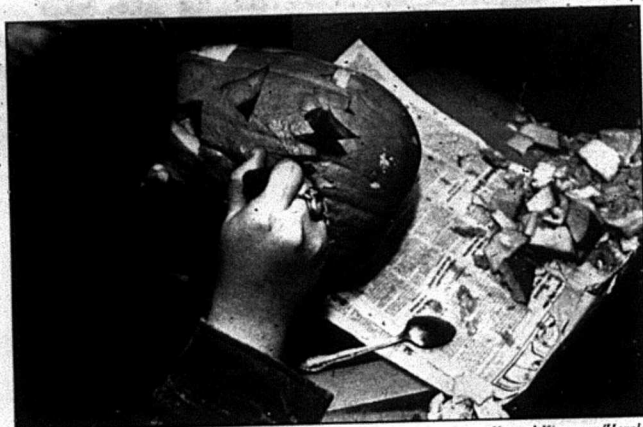
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### • Nashville

R: 78°/50° warm  
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M: 63°/49° partly cloudy  
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Krystal Kinnunen/Herald

**Great pumpkin:** Bowling Green sophomore Marj Schmitz took time last weekend to turn a pumpkin into a jack-o'-lantern for Halloween this Sunday.

## Campus Brief

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is sponsoring a forum on the proposed fairness ordinance for Bowling Green at 8:30 p.m. in the Downing University Center, room 348.

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# FEE: State will match funds

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"I would like to think students would agree that academic priorities are also their priorities," Ransdell said. "We don't want to do something with the student fee that students have no interest in."

Ransdell said if the Student Government Association endorses this proposal, the state will match almost all of the student fees dollar for dollar.

Ransdell said the state has some incentive funds, two for purposes similar to what he wants to be done. These incentive funds require the university to first put forth money and then the state will send the university matching funds.

If SGA does not back the proposal, Ransdell said he would find another way to obtain the matching funds.

Though matching funds are not available for the band, Ransdell said, "the band is important to the quality of campus life."

Regardless of whether the new fee is approved, Ransdell will ask the Board of Regents tomorrow to approve a one-time expenditure of \$75,000 to purchase new band uniforms, the first time in 10 years.

In a recent survey done by SGA of 107 students, 79 said they would like to have \$17 returned to them, while 29 said the money should be

redirected. Three students didn't respond.

The areas where students wanted the fee to go included a new parking structure, a skywalk for University Boulevard, athletics and a food court at the bottom of the Hill. Some also asked for the money to go to bringing back Western's defunct yearbook, the Talsman.

Originally, SGA President Amanda Coates had said the money should go back into the hands of the students.

"The cost of health care is going up, so the students need this money to cover the increased cost of health care," the Brownsville senior said.

But Coates also recently said "I think it is a really creative proposal. This is an option that was not available before. I believe we should consider this. It is a good opportunity, students will get twice the bang for the buck."

Ransdell said improving the conditions and capacity of existing classrooms means the money will be spent specifically on seating, floors, ceilings, technical upgrades, microscopes, computerization, satellite linkages and science and lab equipment.

Coates said she is not sure if she will back the proposal or not. "It is my job to represent the students, and I want to hear

what they want," she said.

Although the destination of the remaining \$17 from the student health fee is still unknown, the \$15 that goes towards health education will remain constant.

"Student Health Service will get the \$15 for health education for each semester for an indefinite future to cover costs that we can't be reimbursed for," Student Health Service Director Charles Lott said.

Lott said the money will be used for healthy lifestyle programs aimed at students. He said the Student Health Service wants to bank a portion of the fee in case there is a health emergency on campus or if a large number of students need to be immunized.

"We are behind a lot of schools with money available for emergencies and health education," Lott said. "We need to develop an emergency safety net."

The proposal is going before the Board of Regents at January's meeting.

"If this isn't passed, I have a decision to make. I will have to find some other way to redirect the funds," Ransdell said. "I don't think it is a possibility for the money to be returned. I can't justify giving away such a revenue stream when we have so many pressing needs."

## Policy up for review by regents

By JIM GAINES  
Herald reporter

At the Board of Regents meeting Friday, faculty should get a reprieve from post-tenure review. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee will ask to reconvene the task force that wrote the policy, and add a list of changes urged by faculty members.

A faculty task force drafted the original post-tenure review policy in spring 1998, attempting to stay ahead of state laws requiring such policies. It said tenured faculty would get performance reviews from a departmental committee every five years. If they failed and did not improve to their department heads' satisfaction within one or two years, they could be fired.

Regents passed the policy in January 1999, but it did not attract much notice until this fall. Then the Faculty Senate asked Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller, an English professor, to get the board to recon-

sider. On Sept. 24, it referred the policy to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

The post-tenure review task force, under Psychology Professor Betsy Shoenfelt's leadership, will add some new members from the senate. It will be asked to produce a revised policy by spring.

"Presumably, by the end of the spring semester it will go to the Board of Regents for approval, to be put into effect the fall of 2000," Faculty Senate Chairman Ed Wolfe, an accounting and finance professor, said. "Basically, what it amounts to is the process is going to be put off for a year."

"It's not quite yet a done deal," he said, but the regents will probably agree to delay the policy.

On a list of about 10 proposed changes, the most important is leaving yearly faculty evaluations by department heads out of the post-tenure review system. Miller said Those evaluations were meant to remain between faculty

members and their department heads, not shared with a committee.

When the policy is revised, the senate will hold another open faculty forum for further suggestions, Wolfe said. That should prevent the lack of publicity that slowed faculty response last year.

"I think it's pretty clear we're going to have a post-tenure review policy," he said. "My opinion is that we could come up with a better one than we had. I'm fairly confident that this time we'll have a lot of faculty input."

In other business, the board will go into closed session near the end of the meeting to discuss litigation or personnel action.

### If you go

What: Board of Regents meeting  
When: 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29  
Where: Regents Room,  
Wetherby Administration  
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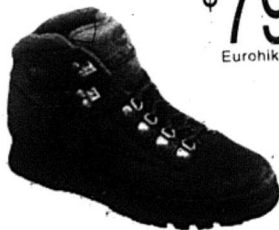


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# Opinion

## Alcohol policy decision stalled by bureaucracy

As the remnants of tailgating are cleared from DUC South Lawn, it's easy to forget that Western has an alcohol policy in the works.

Western's leadership certainly seems to have forgotten.

The last we heard, the proposed campus alcohol policy had been sent off to the state Attorney General to assure it was legal. That was what, two summers ago?

What has happened since? Well, General Counsel Deborah Wilkins says the policy is still being mulled over by the Attorney General.

Students and alumni are openly drinking at tailgating. Faculty are drinking wine at colloquiums.

Yet, the 1999-2000 Hilltopics states that Western is a dry campus.

So, it's okay for students to drink as long as we do it in the bed of a pick-up truck at tailgating rather than our dorms? Is the university trying to encourage drunken driving?

It's a lot safer for someone to drink in their home as opposed to getting soaked somewhere else and trying to drive back.

### The issue:

Western's alcohol policy has been stuck at the state Attorney General's office since June 1998.

### Our view:

The university should make a decision about the policy and strictly enforce it.

We're not saying people shouldn't be allowed to drink at tailgating or any other university function. In fact, if a student is over 21 and feels like having a martini with their Subway combo lunch, they should be able to.

Shaken, not stirred.

But the current system allows certain groups to break the rules while other groups, namely students, are cracked down on. The university is saying one thing and doing another and it's causing confusion.

The university should stop waiting for a cue from the Attorney General and just make a decision.

Stop stalling and take action.



## Cover your eyes, the scary part's coming up

A week ago I was grocery shopping, bopping along to the muzak version of "Livin' La Vida Loca," when a friendly Wal-Martized voice came over the intercom.

"Would the gentleman who needed the 'Scream' mask please come to customer service desk?" the voice echoed.

"We've found one for you."

So, whoever was planning a campus-wide Halloween massacre, your cover's blown.

College campuses are particularly dangerous spots when it comes to Halloween, especially if you're a woman. Movies like "The House on Sorority Row" or "Sorority House Massacre, parts 1-8" show us that if you're a female, an undergrad (and Greek), you might want to reconsider TV/VCR repair school when things start getting altogether ooky.

And sure, Wes Craven outlined how to survive horror movies in "Scream" — don't drink, stay a virgin, don't say "I'll be right back."

But what about the subtle nuances of scary situation survival — especially if you live in a dorm and your best bet for protection is Barney, the campus security guard?

So, just in case some freshman goes nuts and decides to reenact John Carpenter's career highlights, I've composed a list of survival tips to help the average college student cheat death.

◆ Never answer the phone. Ever.

It's just the killer calling to toy with you before moving in for the big slay. In fact, if the phone rings, go ahead and run out the front door, avoiding all closets and hiding places on your way out.

◆ Never taunt the forces of evil. No Ouija boards, no seances, no calling Bloody Mary.

◆ Remember, it's always the calm rational kid who calls the dark, naughty evil that's killed off first. Be the whimpering mass of Jell-O that cowers in the corner. They usually survive the longest by virtue of their own cowardice.

◆ Funny noises coming from the basement, attic, or closet are never just fluffy cat. Run. Run as fast as you can toward the nearest occupied house and scream like a banshee the whole way.

◆ If you're running for your life and someone shows up to help you in the nick of time, they're probably the one that was chasing you in the first place.

◆ If your boyfriend/girlfriend/favorite professor/roommate hasn't "been themselves" lately, they're probably going to end up killing you.

◆ Women should avoid wearing anything too sexy or even too conservative.

Remember, nudity only leads to a horribly embarrassing way to die. So showering is a bad idea too.

◆ Mini skirts and platform shoes are out, as are frothy white nightgowns, or anything that might hinder the running process. Consider wearing track pants and Nikes throughout your ordeal.

◆ When someone says, "Are you sure you'll be OK alone?" Say "No."

◆ If the lights in your fraternity house/sorority house/dorm go out, call the front desk, call the maintenance department. But for the love of Mike don't take a candle into the basement and try to fix the problem yourself.

◆ And finally, if you think you've managed to kill the crazy guy, run. Don't walk over to the body and nudge it to make sure!

You may be thinking that you'll never have to use this advice and that I wasted 15 inches of perfectly good newspaper. Then again, I never thought my little eight-year-old babysitting charge would forget his Ritalin and chase me around the house with a butcher knife. If I had had that tip like these, maybe I would have run out the front door rather than upstairs like a moron. You never know.

I hope everybody gets through the weekend un-maimed. Have a happy Halloween.

Molly Harper is senior print journalism major from Paducah.



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commentary

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## ► Is there a class you would recommend to other students?



"I really liked my Western Civ. class."

Kyle Degapnered  
Radcliff freshman



"The three-week Basic Reporting class with Paula Quinn."

Meghan Nacke  
Louisville freshman



"Public speaking with Charlotte Stickle."

Angela Stewart  
sophomore from Hancock Co.



"The African-American Experience with Martha Sales."

Walter Walker  
Louisville sophomore



"Kathryn Abbott's 'Western Civ. class.'"

Kathryn Abbott  
Radcliff freshman

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# SGA doles out \$12,500 to campus organizations

BY ABBEY BROWN  
Herald reporter

The Student Government Association has announced which student organizations will receive part of the \$12,500 budgeted for Organizational Aid.

Every year, SGA disperses aid money to recognized student organizations and relieves sponsorship credit under its bylaws for each event these grants are used for.

There were 51 organizations, not including the Residence Hall Association, that applied for aid. The Organizational Aid Committee receives applications from recognized student organizations and recommends how much each organization will receive, and under certain conditions if specified.

Each group receiving aid was to attend a mandatory meeting after SGA's meeting on Tuesday. Those groups not in attendance at this meeting will lose their funding. Their money will be split evenly amongst the remaining groups.

At press time, the groups not receiving aid, had, not yet been announced.

The following representatives have applied to SGA for organizational aid. These amounts are tentative.

Air and Waste Management Student Association — \$150  
Alpha Epsilon Delta — \$200  
Alpha Kappa Alpha — \$300 (Miss Black Western Pageant)  
Alpha Psi Omega — \$100  
Amazing Tunes of Joy — \$150  
American Society of Interior Designers — \$100  
American Society of Mechanical Engineers — \$300  
Anthropology Club — \$250  
Association for Undergraduate Scientists — \$175  
Beta Beta Beta — \$150  
Campus Crusade for Christ — \$200  
Center Stage — \$200

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship — \$200  
College Republicans — \$250  
Collegiate Music Educators National Conference — \$250  
Delta Sigma Pi — \$100  
Equestrian Team — \$400  
Eta Sigma Gamma — \$300  
Fashion Inc. — \$200  
Financial Management Association — \$150  
Free the Planet — \$300 (Earth Day Celebration)  
Gamma Sigma Sigma — \$200  
Golden Key National Honor Society — \$150  
Honor Student Society — \$150  
H.O.U.S.E. — \$100  
Institute of Electrical Electronics Engineers — \$250  
International Club — \$250  
International Interior Design

Association — \$200  
Jewish Student Organization — \$200  
Kappa Alpha Psi — \$100  
Kentucky Public Health Association — \$400 (\$150 now and \$250 more if presidential candidate's representatives debate occurs.)  
Lambda Society — \$175 (pending new adviser; to be used for expenses for Greg Louganis speaking engagement)  
National Student Speech Language Hearing Association — \$100  
National Pan Hellenic Council — \$150  
Omega Phi Alpha — \$150  
Peers Encouraging Responsible Choices — \$400  
Phi Alpha Theta — \$250

Phi Beta Lambda — \$250  
Psi Chi/Psychology Club — \$250  
Public Relations Student Society — \$350 (\$100 now and \$250 more if agree to assist SGA in two to three projects)  
Society of Physics Students — \$150  
Society of Professional Journalists — \$300  
Student Alumni Association — \$250  
Student Social Workers — \$150  
WKU Art Guild — \$200  
WKU Cheerleading — \$400  
WKU Horticulture Club — \$150  
WKU H.O.S.A. — \$300  
WKU Topperettes — \$350  
Residence Hall Association — \$1,600 (distributed equally to hall governments that apply to RHA for it)

## GIFT: Top of tower will look like cupola

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hired to design the new \$185 million building. The cost for the belltower project was then estimated at approximately \$800,000. The rest of the gift will be used for scholarships.

President Gary Ransdell said in February the belltower would be "a marvelous enhancement" to that part of campus. Ransdell said Tuesday he can't make an official comment on the gift until tomorrow.

The top of the belltower will look very much like the one on top of Cherry Hall. Potter College Dean David Lee said in February the tower will help tie that part of campus together.

"I think there's a sense that the top of the Hill has a sense of symmetry to it," Lee said in a

Feb. 9 Herald article. "But the lower part is more sprawled out."

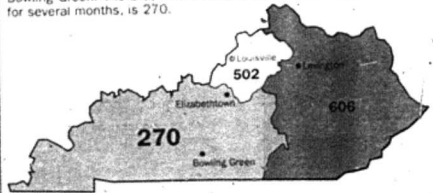
The donation was just recently finalized, but Ransdell gave the go-ahead for Arrasmith to include the belltower into its final design over fall break.

Ground breaking for the new building and plaza is scheduled for April. The project is supposed to be completed by November 2001. Classes in the new building, which will house the School of Journalism and Broadcasting, administrative computing, network computing, microcomputing and a large student computer lab, will start in Spring 2002.

The building will be located along Normal Drive, and will be connected to the Academic Complex. Final designs for the project are expected in December.

### Area code changing

As a reminder, Saturday is the last day area code 502 will work in Bowling Green. The area's new area code, which has been in effect for several months, is 270.



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## Telling tales of terror

By MALCOLM C. KNOX  
Herald reporter

There's a chill in the air, and not just because it's almost November.

It's the season of jack-o'-lanterns, tricks, treats and multi-sequel movies with killers you know on a first-name basis.

But tales of the undead can be even more chilling when they're told by word-of-mouth rather than the big screen.

Lynwood Montell, a retired professor of folk studies, will present Kentucky Ghostlore on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Felts Log House at the Kentucky Museum.

In the program, Montell will describe the abundance of folk beliefs and stories dealing with death and the appearance of ghosts. He will offer several reasons a person's ghost returns.

"I tell people that I don't believe, but I don't necessarily disbelieve," Montell said. "There are some things that take place that can't be explained naturally."

Montell has been gathering and studying folktales for about 40 years and has been giving the Ghostlore presentation for about 10.

Laura Harper Ace, education curator at the Kentucky Museum and organizer of the Ghostlore program, said it's the mystery of ghost stories that people like.

"It's something we can't explain logically," she said. "But Montell said some of them can be explained."

"There are numerous stories where you thought it was a ghost but it turns out to be an animal or person," he said.

Montell guesses about 10 percent of ghost tales turn out to be something else, like the story his father told him about seeing a ghost one night. It turned out to be a white horse.

As for the other 90 percent? "That's not saying they're real," Montell said. "But they can't be explained."

Saturday's program will be free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and audience members will be invited to share their ghost stories.

"We're not going for a haunted house effect," Lee said. "He's a good storyteller. That's the bottom line."

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- 2nd Block & Bridle



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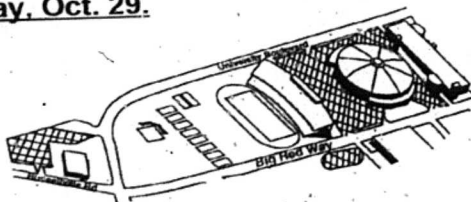
- 1st Alpha Omicron Pi & Pi Kappa Alpha
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## IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

On Saturday, October 30, 1999, WKU will host the Kentucky State High School Marching Band Championships at L.T. Smith Stadium.

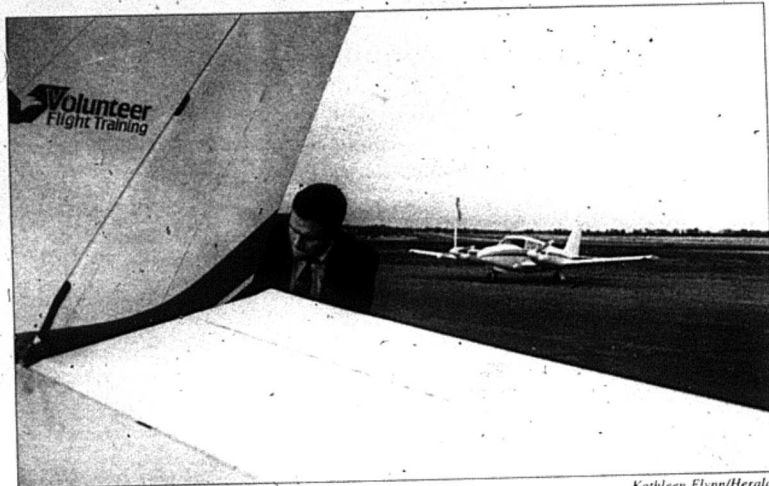
**All vehicles should be removed from the following areas by 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29.**

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  - Service-Supply Building Lot
  - Russellville Road Lot
  - South Lawn Lot
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Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!





Kathleen Flynn/Herald

Andy Alepra, a Western graduate, conducts a "pre-flight" to check the condition of the airplane before he goes up in the Cessna 152 with flight instructor Pete Ashby on Tuesday. Alepra has taken flying lessons for the past two months, and is "on the verge of soloing," said Ashby.

## TEST FLIGHT

Many students get their pilots' licenses in spite of price

By STEPHANIE GLADNEY  
Herald reporter

Upton sophomore John Moseley's grandfather was like a superhero.

He had all the characteristics: He was a protector, fighting for his country and coming home to tell about it. Plus, like all the great superheroes, he could fly.

And now Moseley is following in his grandfather's jet stream as he begins his training to receive a pilot's license. "It's just for fun right now," Moseley said.

Inspired by his grandfather's experience as a World War II pilot, Moseley started his training a few weeks ago, only six months after his grandfather passed away.

Several students at Western have or are working toward their pilots' licenses. Getting a private pilot's license is the first step in a pilot career. However, not everyone who gets it is interested in the profession.

Charles Jewell is a CIS major with little intention of doing anything with his license professionally.

"I'm going to try to fly across the country," the Bonnevillie senior said. Albany sophomore Erik Swicegood received his pilot's license in Somerset two months ago. There are very specific requirements to receive a license, but the training isn't too difficult, he said.

To receive a license, one must complete 40 hours of flight time. Twenty of those hours have to be with an instructor, 10 hours minimum of solo time and five hours of solo cross-country (50 miles or more).

Approximately 100 miles flown during training must be at night with an instructor. Just like getting a driver's license, a written test is required as well as a check run with a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) examiner.

Prior to beginning solo flying during training, a physical examination must be completed by a doctor approved by the FAA. Some medical conditions that might prevent someone



Kathleen Flynn/Herald

Alepra walks with Ashby out to a plane supplied by Dreams of Flight on Tuesday. Ashby has been a professional pilot since December 1998, and has been an instructor with Dreams of Flight since last March.

from getting a license include mental illnesses that require medication, and color blindness. If a person is color blind, it is still possible to get a license, but tests will be conducted at the airport to determine if that person can distinguish between colored lights, according to Swicegood.

The entire process is rather lengthy and could take the average college student six to eight months to complete, said Pete Ashby, certified flight instructor at Dreams of Flight. Dreams of Flight is a flight training school located by the Bowling Green Airport on Woodhurst Street.

The only requirement is you have to be at least 17-years-old to start classes.

But getting your license can also be expensive. At Dreams of Flight, an average of \$4,000 will cover airplane rental, fuel and instruction. Certain private instructors may charge \$2,600 to \$3,000, according to Swicegood.

If one's budget allows for training,

Swicegood said many aspects of flying are fun. "I enjoy flying over water. It's really cool," he said.

Jewell is halfway through his training and said he hasn't had any bad experiences yet. So far, he is not afraid.

Swicegood, however, said night flying can be pretty scary.

"You're risking everything on the dependability of the engine," he said.

But Swicegood says not to let fears prevent someone from getting a license. It's not nearly as scary as it seems once a person starts flying, he said. Most worries can be eliminated if the airplane is kept in good condition.

"Safety comes from how well (an airplane is) maintained and the competency of the pilot," he said.

Dreams of Flight is open seven days a week. Call 796-1980 for more information. There are also several web sites to get more information from, including [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) and [www.landings.com](http://www.landings.com).

## Columnist takes serious approach for one week

I'm not going to lie to you guys. I don't have anything witty planned for this week's SuperPicks.

As my dedicated readers know, this is a departure from my column. But I don't feel like joking around this week. I feel like talking. I feel like introducing you to the other Chris Hutchins, the serious one.

I'm 24 years old. I've been at Western for five and a half years. Like you, I've been through the wringer. I've had good and bad times. I want to share what I've learned in this game we call life. I'm going to pontificate Bear with me.



Weekend SuperPicks  
Chris Hutchins

People, don't define yourself by your job or your academic success. Scantron tests, homework, good wages and diplomas don't make you a better person. Neither do Honors classes, awards or A's.

Don't be enamored with the way people perceive you. I used to do that. It's shallow. Instead, love yourself, all of yourself — the beauty and the blemishes.

The mistakes we make while we're in college — despite how serious they may seem — aren't. We're kids. We're supposed to f— up. That's how we learn. That's what makes us better human beings. We should want that.

And we want so much more, don't we? That's really what I'm trying to say. We want. We spend so much time wanting.

I want to do a lot of stuff. I want to learn how to play the accordion. I want to learn how to play the banjo. I want to start a bluegrass-punk-polka band. I want to be able to distinguish Chopin from Bach. I want to write the three novels rattling around in my little brain.

I want to pass German class. I want to get a good no, a great job when I leave in December. I want to interview Steven Spielberg. And George Lucas. And Harrison Ford.

I want a cat, a car and a computer. I want to forgive my mother for beating me when I was a kid. I want to fall in love. I want kids. Two of 'em.

You want, too. We all want so much, so badly. We can almost taste it. We spin our wheels — and waste so much time — wanting.

Here's the secret

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## WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

### Greenwood 6

Double Jeopardy — (F) 7:15, 9:40 (S&S) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40  
The Story of Us — (F) 7:15, 9:20 (S&S) 2:15, 4:20, 7:15, 9:20  
American Beauty — (F) 6:50, 9:20 (S&S) 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20  
Random Hearts — (F) 6:50 (S&S) 1:30, 4:00  
The House on Haunted Hill — (F) 7:10, 9:10 (S&S) 2:40, 7:30  
Bringing Out the Dead — (F) 7:30 (S&S) 2:40, 7:30, 9:30

### Plaza 6

Three to Tango — (F) 7:15, 9:40 (S&S) 1:30, 4:00, 7:15, 9:40  
The Best Man — (F) 7:30 (S&S) 1:15, 4:15, 7:30, 9:30  
Bats — (F) 7:15, 9:15 (S&S) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15  
Fight Club — (F) 6:50, 9:40 (S&S) 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40  
Superstar — (F) 7:30 (S&S) 1:30, 4:00, 7:30  
The 6th Sense — (F) 6:50, 9:20 (S&S) 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20

### Martin Twin Theatre

Mickey Blue Eyes — (F) 7:15, 9:15 (Sat) 2:45, 7:15, 9:15 (Sun) 2:45, 7:15  
The Astronaut's Wife — (F) 7:15, 9:30 (Sat) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 (Sun) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15



# ON HIS Own

## Away from home, Corey seeks freedom and acceptance

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### No buttons. No Zippers

William Corey Nett, 5-8, 122 pounds, wobbles to the shower — his left arm clinging to his back — and turns on the hot water. He stands still for several minutes while the water soothes his tight muscles and calms the spasms. He puts a bar of soap in a tube sock and uses one arm to hoist the other over his shoulder so he can slide the sock up and down his back.

After about 30 minutes and some difficulty getting the shampoo out of his curly, sandy blonde hair, he begins his next task: getting dressed. He wears black shorts, a blue T-shirt and sneakers. No buttons. No zippers.

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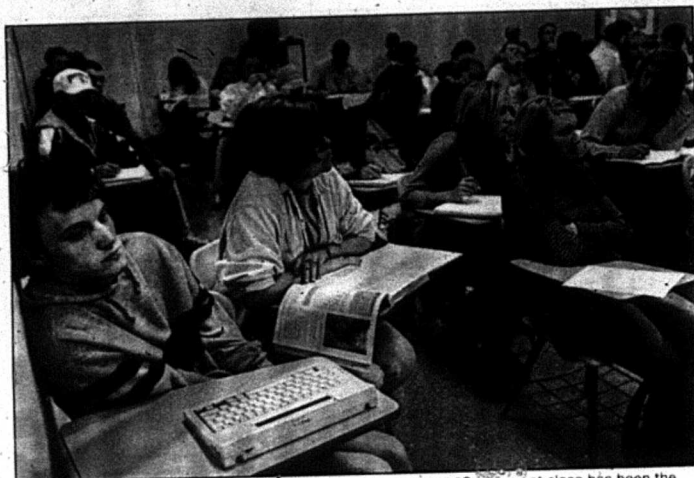
At about 9 a.m. Bowling Green sophomore Erika McComas arrives. She is the first person Corey sees every day. She feeds him every meal, shaves his face, brushes his teeth and ties his shoes. They met four years ago at a summer camp for teenagers with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities. McComas was Corey's counselor.

They wrote letters to each other over the years. McComas helped convince Corey's parents to let him leave Jefferson Community College and come to Western. It took two years of begging and lengthy phone calls, but when McComas promised to do everything for Corey he can't do himself, his parents relented. The state pays her \$10 an hour, but she says she'd do it for free. Corey is her best friend.

"Doing this for Corey increases the value of my life," McComas says. "It's something you can't even describe unless you've experienced it."

### "Things weren't quite right"

At McDonalds, Corey waits in line behind a group of giggling girls. One girl looks back at him several times, and Corey gets nervous. He thinks she's cute and he wants to say something, anything, but he's afraid she'll laugh, or say something mean, so he looks away.



During his 10:30 a.m. health class Corey sits through a lecture. "Government class has been the hardest," Corey said. "Everything else hasn't really been a problem."

He chuckles to soothe his nervousness. The girls hear and stare and roll their eyes. He shakes his head and laughs louder. The girls make faces at each other.

Corey stares at the floor.

His face shows no expression, but his heart plays the drums. He knows he should be like them, like all of the other healthy students in the cafeteria.

He's not angry. But he knows

Corey's parents have told him the story. The delivery had been difficult, and the doctor wanted to speed up the birth. His parents explained how the doctor crushed a section of his brain with forceps. The mistake caused cerebral palsy, a disorder of the nervous system that hinders speech and movement.

Corey suffered a brain hemorrhage and was kept at the hospital for a few days of observation. But doctors told his parents he was "healthy" at the time. Three years later, his disorder was diagnosed.

"I always had a gut feeling that things weren't quite right," said his mother, Pat Nett. "He never relaxed. I couldn't cuddle him."

Immediately after the diagnosis, Corey began

classes at a school for the disabled. He underwent every therapy the school offered. At 3, he learned to type with a pencil. At 5, he enrolled in public school and was placed in a class for slow kids.

He wasn't slow.

"From the beginning, he had perfect mental abilities," Pat said. "Better than perfect."

Corey was trapped in a body that didn't work. Speaking was like pulling words from wet cement. People weren't patient, and would nod their heads without listening. When they did speak to him, they talked like he was a baby.

"People have always treated me like I have no brain," Corey typed with his nose. Then he reached for a framed photo of him and his prom date. When the tips of his fingers touch the blonde girl's face, he sighs.

He looks at the ceiling. A Doors CD plays low, and he mouths a few words while he thinks of what to say next. His brown eyes widen, and he kneels over the keyboard on his bed and types.

"Some call me retarded and tell me I can't live on my own. Others pretend to like me, but they won't take the time to get to know the real me. If they did, maybe they'd really like me."

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With a steady hand, Erika McComas shaves Corey in his Schneider Hall bathroom. "The first time I shaved him, I took a chunk out of his beard," McComas said. "We ended up shaving it all off and trying to grow it again." Corey and McComas met during the summer of '96 when she was a counselor at the Easter Seals Camp KYSOC in Carrollton.



# ON HIS Own



In the doorway to Corey's room, Nashville senior Scott Fink reaches for Corey's hair after saying it was too long and it needed a trim. "He picks on me and I pick on him," Fink said. "It's all-in good fun."

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## Accepting reality

Despite the hardships, Corey says cerebral palsy has given him a gift.

"I see what people are really like," he says with eyes that could cause frostbite. "People don't try too hard to fool me; they figure I'm not worth it."

"If I could choose to have cerebral palsy or not have it, I'd choose it. Being like this allows me to see the world differently than other people do. When people are fake, I pick up on it quickly."

Corey battles a world that does not want to deal with him.

"In high school, I had this teacher who said I would never amount to anything," he typed.

Then he sat up and backed away from the keyboard. A few seconds later, he continued typing, pausing after every sentence to catch his breath. "She was always picking on me because she didn't have patience. I kept a journal of everything she said and did, and I gave it to the principal. After that, she stopped treating me like I was stupid."

And so Corey began to fight.

Four years ago, while crying in his room, he started recording everything anyone did to hurt him. Instead of crying, he writes. He plans to turn his journal into a book.

He says most people seem to understand him more when they read his words. So Corey is majoring in print journalism.

The year after he started his journal, while typing using a pencil wedged between his fingers, Corey tried typing with his nose.

Some days he types faster and more accurate than others. He knows where the keys are, but his nose sometimes bumps other keys. He arches his back when he types, and when he types long papers, he gets backaches and headaches and sweats a lot. It's difficult for him to swallow while typing, and Corey takes frequent breaks to rest.

He didn't let people see him type that way for a year.

Then he showed his parents. "Most people close to him really didn't like it at first," said his mother, adding that the state Department of Vocational Rehabilitation has ordered a device to attach to his chin, so he won't hurt his back while typing with his nose.

"Everyone wants to see him do something that looks a little more normal."



Katie Berta, 9, of Bowling Green, watches closely as Corey gets help from Scott Fink after they finished bowling at Downing University Center. "He's a really funny and intelligent guy once you get to know him," Fink said.

But Corey isn't concerned about the way he looks. "If they don't like it, they can look the other way," he said.

After Corey showed his parents his typing technique, he showed his brother, Ryan, 19, and his sister Kara, 15.

Then he showed his classmates.

"The first day in class, I felt lucky and selfish," said Jamie Petnick, a freshman from Albion, Ind., who had a first bi-term class with Corey. "I didn't really know what he went through."

"He started to be an inspiration. I was so touched that I found myself trying not to cry in class. He's got so much inside of him. It's going to come out someday, and I hope that I'm around to see it."

## Growing old alone

Being on his own has limitations. He can't fall in love on his own. He can't build a family on his own. Corey has learned to deal with the stares and comments. He has learned to deal with depending on people to help keep him alive. But no matter how hard he tries, he cannot teach himself to



Nieka Amburgey, a junior from St. Charles, Ill., listens to Corey while hanging out in his dorm room. "The things he goes through everyday would make me crazy," Amburgey said. "He's an amazing person."

accept the possibility of growing old alone.

"I just can't seem to find anyone," Corey said, tightening his permanently clenched fist. "I'm afraid that no girl will really get to know me before deciding if she wants to date me."

His night time medicine is supposed to relax his body and mind so he can sleep, but these thoughts torment him most at night. He does not bother going to bed before 1 a.m. And most nights, his mind wanders for at least two or three hours, racing through a tunnel of never-ending fears.

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## ON HIS Own



Residents of Schneider Hall gather for a group picture during their "Dinner Under The Stars" cookout on Sept. 21.

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"The thoughts don't stop coming," he said. "It's at night, when you're alone in your bed that you think most. I want to fall in love, just like everybody else."

"I think people look at me and assume I can't have sex. That's the biggest misconception people have about the disabled."

Corey's fear of not having a family of his own also causes some sleepless nights for his mother.

"He tells me everyone tends to be nice to him," Pat Nett said. "I guess it makes people feel good that they have a friend who's handicapped. He wants to fall in love so badly, and it hurts me that I can't help him with that."

### Home at Western

The door to Corey's room is usually propped open with his Big Red Towel. Friends filter in and out like flies through a

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Dennis, like some of Corey's family, didn't think Corey was college material.

"I didn't understand fully how he could manage on his own," said Dennis, a volunteer at Corey's old high school. "I didn't know how he was going to get dressed."

hole in a screen door. He has to shut the door to be alone. And he does that only at night. "Ah, Corey, have you seen this movie before?" asks Nieka Amburgey, a junior from Naperville, Ill.

Corey is eating pizza. McComas is feeding him.

He nods yes and watches his five friends laugh and talk as they watch the movie "The Faculty."

Corey feels at home at Western. He knew he would.

In public school, he always had a tutor. He had the same tutor, Bob Dennis, from sixth grade until he graduated high school.

Dennis, like some of Corey's family, didn't think Corey was college material.

"I didn't understand fully how he could manage on his own," said Dennis, a volunteer at Corey's old high school. "I didn't know how he was going to get dressed."



Using his bed as a table, Corey types on his keyboard. "I'm proving to my parents and everyone else that I can live on my own," Corey said. "I knew I would."

When Corey was in high school, his parents often dressed and bathed him. But when it came closer to graduation, he learned to do those things for himself.

"I finally got to the point where I said the only way he'd know he could do it was to do it," Dennis said. "But I wasn't overly-encouraging as far as him going away."

But Corey insisted. So his parents made a deal: If he attended community college for a year and made good grades without a tutor, he could come to Western the next year.

He earned a 3.2 grade-point-average.

"He shocked me," Pat said.

Before Corey moved to Western, he had never stayed away from home for more than two weeks.

"Dropping him off at school and driving away was the hardest thing our family has had to deal with," Pat said, her throat scratchy. She sighed.

"When he's here, I know his needs are being met. I really appreciate what Ericka is doing, but it is so hard to trust some stranger to take care of

him. It's scary."

When the movie is over, Corey tells his friends he wants to be alone for a while. He says he has homework to do. Hours of homework.

When everyone leaves, Corey dims the lights and puts on a CD, the Beatles, one of his favorite bands. He sits in front of his computer and opens a file, his book in progress.

Corey skims through nearly 50 entries, dating back to 1995, and his eyes water. He's come a long way. Until this year, he couldn't read his journal all the way through.

Corey thinks about this day and what to write. He hasn't made an entry in nearly a week.

He puts his nose to the keyboard and types a few lines.

Then, with great care, he settles into bed — three hours earlier than last night. His mind is still racing, but he is mellow tonight. He swallows a few pain pills and closes his eyes.

Morning will be here soon.



# Meningitis vaccine advised

With flu-like symptoms, deadly disease often goes undetected

**Question:** Should a college student get the new meningococcal vaccine?

**Answer:** A hot topic this year is the vaccine now available to prevent most cases of meningococcal meningitis, a deadly disease which, though rare, has five times the risk in college freshmen as compared to the average population.

In students who smoke and frequent bars the risk can be up to twenty times as great.

One person in seven carries this bacteria in their nose but most do not develop the disease. It can be passed to other people by kissing, sharing toothbrushes, drinking or eating after another person, sharing a cigarette or coughing or sneezing directly into someone's face. It does not live very long outside the human body.

Most people over age 30 are immune to the bacteria, but in a young person, particularly in the 18 to 24 age group, it may strike with deadly and rapid force over as short a time as 12 to 24 hours, causing initially



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Dr. Andrew Donelson

severe headache, muscle aches and fever, much like the flu.

If a doctor sees the patient an hour or two too soon in the course of the illness, the doctor may not be able to distinguish it from the flu. It only becomes diagnosable when a person develops a very stiff neck and/or tiny purple spots on the skin, especially on the extremities, proceeding to large purple bruises.

The disease also causes confusion and even coma. It causes multiple organs of the body to fail and gangrene to develop in the extremities and has about a 20 percent fatality rate.

The best way to attack this dis-

ease, since it is so difficult to diagnose early in its course when it is treatable, is to prevent it in the first place. There is now a vaccine called Menomune available, at a cost of \$70. It can be ordered and given to students, faculty and staff who qualify for its use.

It prevents 75 percent of cases of meningococcal meningitis but does not cover at all the serotype B, which is less common in the United States among college students. This vaccine should not be taken by people who are currently ill, pregnant or allergic to mercury, thimerosal or latex rubber.

The American College Health Association and the Centers for Disease Control strongly recommend that college students, especially those at an increased risk, consider the vaccine.

Would it not be a tragedy to die for lack of having received a \$70 vaccine?

Dr. Andrew Donelson is a physician at the Student Health Service. If you have a health-related topic you would like to know more about, send him an e-mail at [charles.lott@uku.edu](mailto:charles.lott@uku.edu). Just put Ask Doctor D in the subject line.

## Campus News

### Junk collection Saturday

The third annual Warren County Household Hazardous Waste Day happens 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Western Kentucky University Economic Development Center, 2356 Nashville Road. Bulky items can be dropped off at the Monarch Environment Transfer Station on Preston Avenue near the Hobson Grove Golf Course during

The same hours.

— Jason Ragan

### Admissions director hired

Finley Woodard has been appointed as the associate director of admissions at Western.

Woodard was assistant director in charge of minority recruitment at Western for six years. She began her new job on Oct. 1.

Woodard's job involves mostly recruiting students to the university.

"We're beefing up our recruitment efforts in Kentucky, surrounding states and nationally," Woodard said.

She supervises admissions counselors, works with high school guidance counselors and oversees recruitment programs.

— Abbey Brown

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# 130 person choir to perform 'Gloria'

BY KENESHA JOHNSON  
Herald reporter

For the members of the Western choral society, university and chamber choirs, this Friday at 7:30 p.m., will be their time to shine.

The choral department will perform John Rutter's "Gloria" at First Baptist Church, 621 East Twelfth St.

The cost of the event is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. It is sponsored by Western and the Bowling Green-Western Choral Society.

"Gloria" will be conducted by Ronnie Oliver, who also serves as director of choral activities at Western. It contains different styles of music such as Renaissance, 20th century, Celtic, folk, and spiritual.

"There's a wide variety of music," Oliver said. "It's also a nice, big work."

According to Oliver, "Gloria" is considered a contemporary piece because its composer, John Rutter, is still living.

"Gloria," which is the main piece of the concert, requires 130 singers. It will be performed with brass, percussion, and organ.

"I'm very excited," Oliver said. Eight soloists will also perform.

Along with vocal performances, instrumentalists will be featured. Marshall Scott, a trumpet professor at Western, will be accompanying the choirs.

"This is one out of three times that I will perform this piece this year," Scott said. "It's not an easy piece."

Oliver recommends students attend this performance, with someone special.

"I hope students come out. It's a cheap date. It's something different to do than just going to a movie. I think it's going to be a great concert," Oliver said.

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## SERIOUS: Take leap of faith

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We need to start doing. That's frightening. That's different. That's the unknown. Doing is giving want the middle finger. Doing is tuning out that little voice in the back of your head, the voice that proclaims your doom long before you ever try.

Doing is a leap of faith. It's moving your car one more space on the game board of Life.

If you fall, you fall. If you fly, you fly. But you have to leap, right? You'll never know if you can play that accordion if you don't. You'll never interview Lucas, never write those books, never forgive Mom —

until you leap.

And you'll soar. Or you'll scrape your knees. Or you'll fly for a while — and run out of gas. That's OK. It's Life. The adversity we face — whether it be from others or from within — defines us. It forges us into the men and women we are, and will be. It makes us stronger.

In fact, failure makes us stronger than success ever will.

I think I'm done pontificating. Thanks for listening to the other me.

### Pick of the Weekend

This is THE weekend for rock

and roll. At least that's what my buddy Justin says. He plays in two local bands. Both will be rockin' out over the next two days.

Take tonight, for instance. Justin's pulling double shifts. Ray Brauer's Bleedin' Blues and the Magnificent Stink will be playing at 8:30 p.m. at Norma Jean's on Adams Street. There will be a \$3 cover.

If you've never heard either band, you're in for a treat. Ray Brauer's is hard to describe. If Frank Zappa, Johnny Cash, punk music and blues all donated their DNA to science, Ray Brauer's would be the bio-engineered monstrosity the squares in lab coats would come up with. Fun stuff.

Magnificent Stink is more conventional. In fact, the band's mainstream enough to get air play on New Rock 92. Western's alternative radio station.

If you can't come out to Norma Jean's tonight, The Magnificent Stink will be playing with Tweak at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow night at Nite Class. Admission's free.

Hope you dig the shows. Tell Justin Hutch sent ya.

Last week, columnist Chris Hutchins complained about the Christmas lights on the Cherry Hall tower. This week they're off. Coincidence? We think not! Contact Chris at 745-6291 or via email at [chutchins@hotmail.com](mailto:chutchins@hotmail.com).

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# Sports

## Western gears up for weekend matches

Soccer plays  
at Eastern Illinois  
Friday

By LYNDSEY SUTTON  
Herald reporter

Western's soccer team is going to the store this weekend. It doesn't have a whole lot of groceries to buy for the trip to Missouri Valley Conference foes Eastern Illinois and Bradley, but it wants to make sure it takes the right ingredients for a pair of wins.

The Hilltoppers have split both of their weekends in MVC play so far. In 1999, they lost to No. 10 Creighton and No. 6 Southwest Missouri State. Western was only missing one element from its shopping cart: capitalization.

Western had two shots on goal against each team, all of which were either too high or hit crossbars on either side of the goal.

The boy (junior forward Steve Brown) that put it off that crossbar, that's four inches lower. They're (Western) winning 1-0, that could've been the game. Southwest Missouri State coach Jon Leamy said after last Friday's game, "I hate to say it, but sometimes it's a game of breaks and I thought we got a good break with that ball not going in."

Western (12-3, 2-2 MVC) bounced back from two straight losses to defeat conference opponent Evansville 2-1 in the Hilltoppers' last home game on Sunday.

Western wants to win the last three regular season conference games remaining to clinch the No. 3 seed in the MVC tournament, a spot they held a year ago.

### Panthers to host Tops

The Panthers (6-8-1, 0-3-1 MVC) are looking for their first conference win Friday against the Hilltoppers. Eastern Illinois has been outscored

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Senior midfielder Matt Hankey fights for possession of the ball with Evansville freshman forward Casey Stevens, at Smith Stadium during the Hilltoppers last home game Saturday.

Photo by Jeremy Lyverse

## Football to face last conference opponent

Tops looking to stop  
three-game skid

By RYAN CLARK  
Herald reporter

Three to go. Western Kentucky football, plagued by a season of injuries and inconsistency, will enter Saturday's game against Eastern Illinois with momentum.

After taking number two ranked Tennessee State to the wire last week, the Hilltoppers have three more games to play, needing two wins to register a winning season.

But the Toppers feel their chances are good. According to coach Jack Harbaugh, Western could react to their battle with Tennessee State in one of two ways.

"If we look back on this game and say, 'hey, we came really close to winning,' it doesn't mean dilly squat," Harbaugh said. "But if we use what we did, and we become a better team, then it means a lot. There will be a lot of wins for this team. Hopefully, it will be in the next three weeks."

Up first is Eastern Illinois (17-13 OVC), who despite its record, may prove to be a

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### Countdown to Kickoff

#### Toppers vs E. Illinois

When: 1:30 p.m., Saturday  
Where: Charleston, Ill.  
Records: Western (4-4, 3-3 OVC)  
Eastern Illinois (1-7, 1-3)  
Radio: 107.1 The Gator

## Western football fans should stop being fickle with young team

HAND DELIVERED  
October 28, 1999

Mr. Fickle  
Department of Gloom  
Office of the Fanatics

Dear Mr. Fickle:  
Pursuant to the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 et seq., I request access to the following records maintained by your agency:

- Any accounts of visits you have had with Western football fans. I want to know all about the hex you have put on some fans that cause them to doubt this young football team, a team that will be among the best in Division I-AA in a few years.
- Any documents regarding complaints fans have made over Western's offense in which the phrase "but I believe in this team" is omitted.
- Any documents regarding complaints fans have made about

Western being too good for the Ohio Valley Conference. Be sure to include recent OVC standings, which prove Western is not in first place, and therefore is not too good for the conference.

- Any other documents regarding fans saying how bad the OVC is. (Would you rather be losing money by being independent?)
- Any documents regarding fans saying Western should go I-A soon. What illogical thinking. We can't fill Smith Stadium right now!
- Any documents regarding fans saying Coach Jack Harbaugh doesn't have interest in advancing the program.
- Any other documents regarding Harbaugh that fail to mention this man saved this program.
- Any documents regarding fans praising the team in 1999 and then ripping them in 1999.
- Any documents which relate to or prompted some fans to hire



### PLAYGROUND NOTES

Jerry Brewer

you as a confidant, so they will have the ability to praise the team during good times and rip them during the bad ones.

- Any receipts that indicate fans were shopping at the mall during football games.
- Any audio tapes that indicate fans cursing at players or coaches during games.
- Any videotape that still shows anger toward a 1999 Western football team you should be believing in, even though it won't be in the

playoffs this season.

- Any documents regarding fans saying Tennessee State was going to beat Western by three touchdowns or more.
- Any documents regarding fans saying this football season is over, so bring on the hoops!

I understand these records may reveal an affair between you, Mr. Fickle, and Western fans, but these records should be opened for public inspection.

We should all have the right to see all the doubting that has gone on this season because some fans have a superiority complex. This season is supposed to be special because having the Hilltoppers affiliated with the OVC in football again is a benefit to the program and not a step backward.

We're supposed to believe the OVC sucks and we should go I-A, only to lose millions of dollars and go 1-10 every year? That would

make Western a better program? Hidden in all of this is a football team that has extraordinary potential. Sure, Saturday's loss to Tennessee State was the Hilltoppers' third straight loss. But they are 4-4 right now, and most thought they'd be 3-5 or 2-6.

With two wins in their final three games, the Hilltoppers, who have had to replace 17 starters from a year ago, will have a fourth straight winning season.

But no one wants to talk about that. So, please give me all the negative documents. I plan on burning them.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Brewer  
College Heights Herald  
Sports columnist  
cc: Jack Harbaugh

Jerry Brewer's column runs Tuesdays and occasionally Thursdays. Call him at 745-6291, or e-mail him at brewdown@aol.com.

# Lady Tops trying to regroup

## Team to face Denver, Fla. International

By JERRY BREWER  
Herald reporter

The Western volleyball team is hanging onto the edge of a dream, raw hands burning and blistering.

The Lady Toppers are dangling, about to let go and fall into the nothingness of another voidable season.

In the final four weeks of this season, something is going to happen. They can't keep dangling. Western will either let go, or make a move toward its dream winning the Sun Belt Conference tournament.

The latter appears doubtful. Perhaps that is just how Western wants you to feel.

Five consecutive losses have put the Lady Toppers (11-12, 4-6 in Sun Belt) under the 500 mark for the first time in two years.

This team, which rose from a 9-22 season in 1997 to a 26-10 turnaround in 1998, has always played better when it has something prove.

Low expectations produced a

miraculous turnaround last season, but high expectations have produced underachievement this season.

This losing skid has many believing a Sun Belt title is unrealistic. Now the question is: How will this team respond to doubt?

"We're not a team that's just going to quit, give up," senior

**"Our goal from here out is to end up in the upper half of the conference."**

— Travis Hudson  
Volleyball coach

middle hitter Kim Carpenter said. "Of course, it's disappointing. But you have to get over it. We don't have time to think about it."

The Lady Toppers have a chance to get over it this weekend.

Western, in fifth place in the conference, hosts third-place Denver (13-9, 8-2) at 7 p.m. tonight. Then it travels to Miami to face last-place Florida-International (4-15, 0-9)

at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Western volleyball coach Travis Hudson didn't rip his team after consecutive conference losses to Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas-Little Rock last weekend.

Throughout this struggle, which has included injuries to four key players, Hudson has been focused on seeing how his team will respond to the adversity.

"I just asked them to do two things after the match: stick together and keep their heads up," Hudson said after Sunday's loss to Little Rock. "Right now, I don't know where we are."

Hudson seems more concerned with where his team will go.

"Our goal from here out is to end up in the upper half of the conference, get a good draw and make a run in the tournament," Hudson said. "That's the hand we've been dealt."

Carpenter, ever the fighter, said Western will not let go. The Lady Toppers will at least try to climb.

"We have a ton to prove to other people," she said.

In a normal season, that means positive results for Western. But, of course, nothing has been normal about this season.

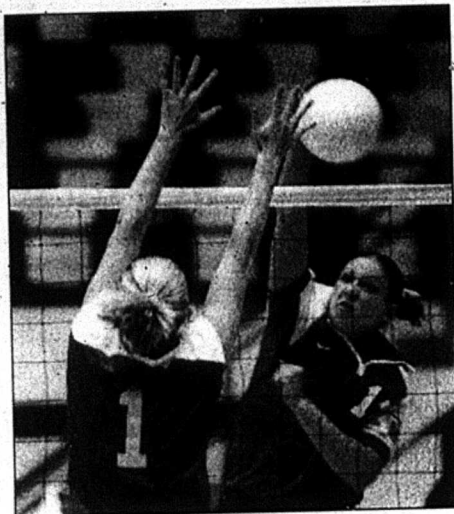


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Louisville junior Melissa Starck spikes the ball over Louisiana Tech junior outside hitter Allison Walker during Friday night's loss at Diddle Arena. Starck registered her fifth double-double of the season.

## Swim teams open seasons tomorrow

### Teams train together in Florida

By LYNDSEY SUTTON  
Herald reporter

Western's men's and women's swimming and diving squads begin their separate quests for perfection tomorrow night at Preston Health and Activities Center.

Wisconsin-Green Bay will be the first outside competition for the Hilltoppers and Lady Toppers this season. All either of these teams want are undefeated dual-meet seasons and conference wins at the end of the season.

"Right now, we're exactly where we want to be," junior Brent Foland said, "maybe even a little ahead."

The Hilltoppers have reached that goal before. In fact, they've been undefeated twice in the last three years. The women, now in their third year, fell one match shy of an undefeated season last year.

Wisconsin-Green Bay's men and women are each 1-0. But how

they'll compete after an 11-hour road trip to Bowling Green will be a major factor in the meet for both squads.

The teams have trained together in Florida for the past several years. Even though Western dominates the men's series, winning the last five, and the women have split their two meetings, there are generally no hard feelings between the two schools. Western coach Bill Powell said.

### Diving key for men

The Phoenix, fourth place finishers in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference championships in the spring, have signed four new swimmers.

"If you add four new guys to your team, it's going to add a lot," Powell said.

The Hilltoppers will add three brand new divers to the competition this year, an advantage Western hasn't had in several years. Powell said Wisconsin-Green Bay usually beats Western in diving.

"In the past we had one (diver)," Powell said. "Now with the three, they're competing against each other and they're pushing each other and they're going to get better because of it."

Western's new diving coaches, Ron and Sue Prieskorn, have pumped new life into the diving program. Powell continued.

Powell expects the two squads to swim equally in the distance events, but Western will outswim them in the freestyle events.

"With (senior captain) Kicker (Yencil) and (sophomore David) Tucker, there are not going to be very many people beating them," Powell said.

At the end of the meet, Powell said Western's depth should be the determining factor.

### Lady Phoenix a mystery

The Lady Phoenix finished second in last year's Midwestern Collegiate Conference championships and fell to the Lady Toppers in the regular season.

Western lost to Wisconsin-Green Bay two years ago, the first year for women's swimming on the Hill.

Powell said he didn't know much about the Lady Phoenix this season, but he's confident his swimmers will win.

"I think the women are going to be a good meet. I don't think we can count them out," Powell said. "I think our girls are quite a bit stronger."

## WESTERN: Hilltoppers on road this weekend

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23-16 so far this season and they're 2-4-1 at home.

"They're (Eastern Illinois) younger in the back and that might be something Western could take advantage of," Leamy said.

Brown said Eastern Illinois has always been a hard place to play.

"They have a lake right next to their field and the wind whistles right off it," Brown said. "It's going to be a tough victory even if they are kind of at the bottom of the table in our league."

The Panthers knocked Western out of the MVC tournament in the first round last year on penalty kicks.

### Bradley up next for Toppers

Last year's MVC regular season champion, Bradley (6-8, 1-3 MVC) has gone from a 24-player roster at the beginning of the season to just two available substitutes. At least five

starters will be out this weekend when the Hilltoppers meet the Braves in Peoria, Ill. on Sunday.

Bradley coach Jim DeRose said despite the injuries and losses, his team has made good progress. Six of the Braves' losses have been 1-0 shutouts.

"For us, we're going to be fighting for a win just to get into the tournament," DeRose said, "and I think that will nullify any home field advantage."

The Hilltoppers have the only losing record in the conference against Bradley. The Braves have won two of the three previous match-ups.

"We have to win these next three games to get a good seed in the conference tournament," senior midfielder Matt Hawkey said.

### Western ranked 4th regionally

The Hilltoppers moved up to fourth in the Great Lakes Region poll this week. This is the highest the team has been ranked in the poll this season.

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# Cross country ready for conference

## Women ranked in national poll

By CHRIS YEO  
Herald reporter

Western's women's cross country team may be on the brink of becoming the next dominant program on the Hill. Their eighth place seeding by the FinishLynx national cross country poll means the women only have to jump two spots in the district meet to gain a team berth in the NCAA championships.

"We're aiming higher than conference," junior Lisa Cronin said. "We've won conference the last two years, we're trying to get noticed."

The women's recent string of team victories has put the 1999 cross country team into a unique position. They have a legitimate chance of qualifying for the

NCAA championships.

The women are enjoying their new role.

"Coming up as underdogs, there isn't that much pressure," sophomore Terri Hennessey said. "We are still making a name for ourselves."

The strength of the women's team is their depth. Unlike last year, when injuries prevented them from having a full team, the women are now six runners deep. Freshmen Olga Cronin and Caroline Daly have run consistently well and solidified the middle of the team for the Lady Toppers.

This weekend will be a final preparation for the women before the district race. Due to injuries to South Alabama's top runner, the level of competition is not going to be that high, Hennessey said.

The men's team will have to get past an improved team from South Alabama if they hope to repeat as conference champions this weekend.

"It's gonna take good races from all five of us," junior Robert Pritchett said.

For a team championship, the first five runners results are used, so the fifth place runner is as important as the first. The top three Western runners, consisting of seniors Duncan Shingase and Aaron Mullins, and Pritchett have been performing well all season.

"For us to win, it will take the top three running how they've been running, then myself and Stefan will have to step up," junior Brandon McKinney said.

The men's goal from the beginning of the season has been to win conference. As the race approaches, the team's workouts are getting more intense while the miles ran are cut back.

Although South Alabama may be the favorite this weekend the Toppers are confident they can overcome this obstacle.

"We can pick it up a notch," Pritchett said. "I'm sure of it."

# FOOTBALL: Panthers better than record

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problem. The Panthers' schedule hasn't been kind. They've played three Division I-A teams on the road — Central Michigan, Hawaii, and Central Florida — while losing to Ohio Valley Conference powers Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, and Murray State.

Western has now dropped three up a few for the first time since 1996, when the team finished 7-4. Both the Toppers and Eastern Illinois are hungry for a win.

"We really need a win," said junior free safety Alan Ogletree. "It just comes down to that — we

need a win. I know this team is a great team. We've shown that if we can put it all together we can be great. We just need to do it. We need to use the Tennessee State game as a building block, not as a step backward."

Saturday's game provides even more importance because Western (4-4, 3-3 OVC) needs a victory this weekend to have a winning record in the conference, especially coming off a 13-year absence, is important to the program.

"All of us players know we just have to go out and make plays," sophomore defensive back Joe Jefferson said. "It's

frustrating sometimes because we go out there and beat ourselves. But if we go out there and do what we can do, we're a tough team to beat. And we're going to have to step up again this week."

Harbaugh stressed while the team is confident, this week's opponent should not be overlooked.

"Don't be fooled by (Eastern Illinois') record," Harbaugh said. "Eastern Illinois has had one of the toughest schedules in the conference this season. We want to build on last week's performance as we look to finish the year on a positive note."

## WESTERN SPORTS SCORECARD

Team	W-L	Next
Football	4-4	Saturday at Eastern Illinois
Volleyball	11-12	Thursday vs. Denver
Soccer	12-3	Friday at Eastern Illinois
Men's cross country	*	Saturday at Sun Belt Championships
Women's cross country	*	Saturday at Sun Belt Championships
Men's swimming	0-0	Friday vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay
Women's swimming	0-0	Friday vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay

\* Cross country does not keep a win-loss record.

## Lady Tops picked to finish third in Sun Belt

Western's women's basketball squad was chosen to finish third in the Sun Belt Coaches' Preseason Poll. Louisiana Tech, which didn't lose a conference game last season, was picked to finish first after receiving all nine first-place votes.

Junior forward ShaRae Mansfield was Western's only selection for the All-Sun Belt Preseason team. The Louisville native was a unanimous selection.

Lyndsay Sutton

### Sun Belt Preseason Poll

1. Louisiana Tech
2. Florida International
3. Western Kentucky
4. Arkansas State
5. New Orleans
6. Denver
7. Arkansas-Little Rock
8. South Alabama
9. Louisiana-Lafayette

## Topper men picked to finish fourth in conference

Western's men's basketball team was chosen to finish fourth in the Sun Belt Coaches' Preseason Poll. Louisiana Tech was picked to finish first after receiving six first-place votes.

Louisiana-Lafayette, formerly Southwest Louisiana, received two first-place votes while Arkansas State received one. Arkansas State won the conference tournament last year and represented the Sun Belt in the NCAA Tournament.

Ryan Clark

### Sun Belt Preseason Poll

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2. Louisiana-Lafayette
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