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## Student robbed in parking structure

### Victim tied up with shoestrings at gunpoint

BY BRIAN MOORE  
Herald reporter

A Western student was allegedly robbed at gunpoint in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Oct. 6 as he was walking to his room in Rodes-Harlin after leaving his vehicle in the parking structure.

Bowling Green sophomore Kelly Parker reported to campus police a black man, about 5-feet, 10-inches tall, wearing light colored jeans, a black sweater, tennis shoes and white cloth gloves, grabbed him from behind near the fourth floor of the structure as he was walking down the stairs at 2:45 a.m. According to the report, the man put a gun to Parker's neck and told him to walk to the seventh floor. Parker climbed the stairs to the seventh floor near the elevators and then

was forced up another level of stairs near a mechanical room. He was tied up by the man with shoe strings and his wallet and keys were taken. The robber fled the scene and stole Parker's 1991 red Ford Explorer parked on the fifth floor. Police have no suspects. Parker doesn't recall the suspect's face. He untied himself, reported the incident to Rodes-Harlin director Camille Johnson and then filed a report with campus police. "I just don't want to think about it

right now," he said yesterday from his room. "I have no idea who it was." Parker's Explorer was found behind the Hillcrest apartments on Normal Drive the following day. It was impounded for a short time and returned to Parker that day. The police report was not made available until yesterday due to a broken typewriter, Capt. Mike Wallace said. However, several non-related reports were typed and made available on

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Cara VanLeuven/Herald

**Sweet relief:** Before his Pi Kappa Alpha brothers take the stage, Owensboro freshman Justin Perkins relieves himself. Kappa Delta sorority sponsored "Boot Scootin' Boogie" at Van Meter Auditorium to help raise money for its philanthropy.

## Women receive phone threats

Eight females filed reports in last 10 days

BY BRIAN MOORE  
Herald reporter

The telephone rings once. It rings a second time. A third time. Some women on campus are just watching it ring, scared of who might be on the line. Eight women have filed police reports for harassing and sometimes terroristic threatening phone calls made in the last 10 days.

Most of those contacted by the Herald spoke about the calls but requested to remain anonymous. "The first one I got was at home," a South Hall resident said. "I went home on a Wednesday night because I was sick. No one knew I went home but a few people in my dorm."

This woman is not from Bowling Green, which is one reason she has become very cautious. She isn't sure how the caller knew she was going home or how he got her home phone number. When she returned to campus four days later, she received a second call in her dorm room from the same man. All of the calls to her have come from off campus.

"He said he was going to rape me and he's been watching me for two weeks," she said. "The police said, 'Don't take it lightly and don't go out by yourself.'" Campus police Capt. Mike Wallace encourages anyone who has received a harassing or threatening phone call to report it to police.

"You have to remember you shouldn't feel obligated to talk to anyone who harasses you," Wallace said. "It's your line. It's your phone. Just go ahead and hang up. They want you to respond in an emotional way. They feed off that." Wallace also advises anyone who has had a problem with calls to take their voices off the

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## Flip-Friday replacement up for faculty review

### Faculty leaders critical of proposal

BY ABBEY BROWN  
Herald reporter

The committee deciding the fate of Western's student scheduling system narrowed its options to one proposal yesterday, planning to present it to faculty for comment before making a final decision.

Starting next fall, alternating Fridays will no longer be in Western's scheduling scheme. The committee discussed many different options for the new schedule, but only one proposal is being presented. The proposal, which is posted on the Academic Affairs web page for faculty comment, calls for Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes to start at 7:30 a.m. and end around 2 p.m. These classes will be 50 minutes long. Monday and Wednesday's classes will then continue after 2 p.m. with 75 minute classes.

Tuesday/Thursday classes will be 75 minutes in length as well. This proposal leaves Friday after 2 p.m. free of classes.

But at least two prominent faculty members won't be posting positive responses on the message board. "The decision to change, as I understand it, comes from the new computer system that we have, which doesn't deal with flip-Fridays," Miller said. "I think it is the worst possible way in the world to make a decision. I think that decisions about the length of class times should not

be mandated by technological considerations."

Faculty Senate Chairman Ed Wolfe said he isn't even sure what the committee wants from the faculty since they are not presenting any alternatives.

"Frankly, I like it the way it is," he said. "The original question goes back to, 'Why did you buy software that you knew wouldn't handle the current system?' It seems to be a peculiar way to do business."

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### Volleyball loses Sun Belt Player of the Year

Despite the loss of senior middle hitter Kim Carpenter, the Lady Tops have begun to turn their season around, winning two matches last weekend. After struggling for the past month, the players' morale and tenacity are back. But they must sustain their level of play without carpenter, the reigning Sun Belt Player of the Year.

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### CPE sets new diversity goals

The Council on Postsecondary Education has recommended that out-of-state minorities be counted toward minority enrollment goals. But there's a catch. Page 8

### OTHER NEWS

#### Statue will be repaired

Western is planning to restore and repair the fall statue, one of the valuable Four Seasons statues behind Snell Hall, which was vandalized last month. Page 3

# Weather forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
69° 49°	79° 43°	77° 49°	67° 48°	55° 47°
Sunny and cool	Sunny and warm	Mostly cloudy	Scattered t-storms	Windy and cloudy

R: 62°/45° sunny  
F: 73°/44° sunny  
S: 75°/51° cloudy  
M: 66°/48° t-storms

• **Louisville**

• **Owensboro**

R: 69°/45° sunny  
F: 79°/44° sunny  
S: 79°/52° cloudy  
M: 67°/48° t-storms

• **Lexington**

R: 61°/47° sunny  
F: 71°/46° sunny  
S: 74°/50° cloudy  
M: 64°/48° t-storms

• **Paducah**

R: 61°/44° sunny  
F: 76°/43° sunny  
S: 76°/50° cloudy  
M: 63°/48° t-storms

• **Nashville**

R: 67°/52° sunny  
F: 75°/49° sunny  
S: 77°/51° cloudy  
M: 65°/48° t-storms

Weather information provided by StormCenter 12, where you can get an updated forecast at 6 tonight.



H. Rick Mach/Herald

**Sign language:** Bowling Green resident Bryan Bostic, 23, owner of Studio 1 Signs and Graphics, hand paints "Western Kentucky University" onto the concrete barrier along Normal Street Tuesday afternoon. "People don't letter anymore," Bostic said. "It's all computerized now. Lettering is how it all began."

## Crime Reports

### Reports

James L. Bailey, Papa John's Pizza, reported Wednesday the lighted Papa John's Pizza sign on top of his car stolen while making a delivery to the

Pearce-Ford Tower lobby on Tuesday.

A woman in McCormack Hall reported Tuesday threatening phone calls between Sept. 26 and Oct. 10.

Penny R. Roth, Nashville

Road, reported Tuesday being threatened by an acquaintance in Grise lot the same day.

Earl W. Drake III, Barnes-Campbell, reported Monday a black box containing \$470 stolen from his room on Oct. 5.

## Around Campus

### Forensic team wins at MTSU

Western's William E. Bivin Forensic Society won the overall sweepstakes award in Middle Tennessee State University, and took second in the Individual sweepstakes.

Andrew Chamberlin, a freshman from Franklin, Tenn., was named Outstanding Novice for the tournament after placing first in after-dinner speaking and second in Varsity prose. Six other team members also placed in the top six and qualified for

the national tournament: Morehead sophomore Sarah Sparks and Shelbyville senior Kerri Richardson in debate, extemporaneous and impromptu speaking; Bardstow sophomore David Wilkins in extemporaneous and impromptu speaking; Florence junior Shellee Knuckles in poetry, duo and programmed interpretation; Florence sophomore Alisa Ponnana in prose and programmed interpretation; and Keith Blazer, a freshman from Evansville, Ind., in poetry and

duo interpretation.

—Jason Ragan

### Kogut becomes controller

Leonard V. Kogut Jr. will join Western's Division of Financial Affairs as controller.

Kogut is a certified public accountant and certified internal auditor. He previously served as auxiliary enterprise director at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. since 1995.

—Jason Ragan

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# Vandalized statue will be repaired, relocated

## Opinions vary on future home of Four Seasons

BY MATTIAS KARÉN  
Herald reporter

Come spring, fall might be restored.

Western is planning to restore and repair the fall statue, one of the valuable Four Seasons statues behind Snell Hall, which was vandalized last month.

The statue, which had its head knocked off when unknown vandals pushed it over in mid-September, will be put back together and cleaned up, said Riley Handy, special collections department head for the Kentucky Museum.

Handy said pictures of the damaged statue have been sent to restoration companies, for a "guesstimate" of what the repairs will cost.

"It's going to be expensive, I'm sure, but it can be put together," he said.

Handy said no time line exists for the repairs, but it could be finished by spring or summer. He said cracks will probably still be visible after the restoration, but it would be worth the cost.

"It can still add to the total of the Four Seasons, and that's better than not having it at all," he said.

The total value of the four statues is between \$800,000 and \$1 million. They were carved from Carrara marble from Tuscany — a first-class type of marble used by

Michelangelo for his David statue and several others. The statues were first publicly seen in Turin, Italy, in 1911 and were later purchased by Warren County native Perry Snell, who donated them to Western in 1927.

"They're the only real art treasure that we have that is extremely valuable and rare, and we need to take care of them," President Gary Ransdell said.

Ransdell said the funding for the restoration will have to come from private donations, and the WKU Foundation is establishing a fund to which people can contribute to the cost.

Tom Hiles, executive director for the foundation, said one person has already expressed interest in paying for most of the cost, but other gifts will be needed as well.

But even after the restoration is completed, the statue might not be returned to its original location. A planned \$46 million renovation of the Thompson Complex would tear down Snell Hall and put a new Ogden Hall in its place, which would force the statues to move.

Handy said he would like to see all four statues put in safe storage right away until a safer, inside space can be found.

"Once people learn you can do something like this, there are usually photocopies that will do it again," he said.

In addition, pollution from cars driving by Snell Hall is sending down acid rain on the statues, slowly deteriorating their surfaces. With all the traffic circling campus, there isn't a safe place outside to put the statues, Handy said. One possible place would be inside the new Ogden Hall, he

said.

"It would be nice to have them in a garden setting, since they're garden statues," he said. "But ... they don't need to be out any more than they have to be. They're becoming more and more damaged for every year that they're out."

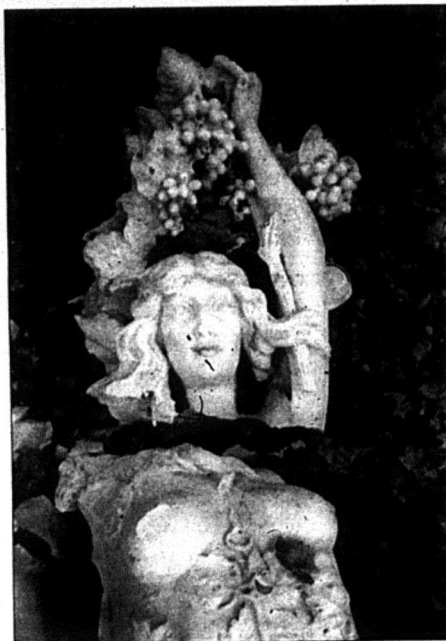
But the Ogden College administration has other wishes. The current design proposal for the new science complex has the statues standing in a reflection pool next to the planetarium, along with a fountain.

The statues would be on platforms in the pool and backed by a wall, keeping them safe from students, said Linda Brown-Ferguson, assistant dean of Ogden College. The new position would let the statues be seen by more people, and "lift them up for greater recognition," Brown-Ferguson said.

But the new complex might not become reality for years. A request for funding for the project was sent to the state, but was not on the list of recommended projects selected by an advisory board to the General Assembly.

Ransdell said he wants the statues to be in as "high-profile, highly visible location as possible." He said one option that has been considered would be to place the statues on a planned South Campus Plaza, next to the new journalism building. But since that plaza also depends on private donations, that's "a long way from reality," Ransdell said.

Brown-Ferguson said she wants the statues to stay by Ogden College's buildings, since Snell donated them to the college before it was even part of Western.



Loaned photo

The WKU Foundation has set up an account to receive donations to repair the statue damaged by vandals. Restoration is expected to be expensive, but the rare Italian marble statues are considered one of Western's artistic treasures.

## Forums for chief start Monday

BY BRIAN MOORE  
Herald reporter

Faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to meet the four campus police chief finalists in open forums beginning next week.

The candidates — Jerry Wells, Scott Shelton, Mark Harris and Robert Deane — will also meet with administrators, departmental staff, the search committee and local and state law enforcement representatives.

"This gives everyone an opportunity to interact," said Sam Evans, search committee chairman.

The successful candidate will replace Horace Johnson, who left the department in March to head police training at the Kentucky Law Enforcement Academy at Eastern Kentucky University.

The candidates will be on campus for the following dates:  
• Wells will meet with members of the Student Government Association and other students at 11 a.m. Monday in room 349 of Downing University Center. At 2:30 p.m., he will meet with faculty and staff in Garrett Conference Center room 100.

• Shelton meets with SGA and students at 11 a.m. on Oct. 25 in DUC room 349. He will meet with faculty and staff the same day at 9:30 a.m. in Garrett 100.

• Harris meets with SGA and students at 11 a.m. on Oct. 27 (location not determined). She will meet with faculty and staff at 9 a.m. on Oct. 28 in Garrett 100.  
• Deane meets with SGA and students at 11 a.m. Oct. 28 in DUC 228. He will meet with faculty and staff at 2:30 p.m. in Garrett 100 the same day.



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# Opinion

## Temporary fix makes street even riskier

Apparently students were misunderstood when we asked for something to be done with University Boulevard. We meant for the administration to do something that made sense.

Starting Monday, students were forced to take their lives into their own hands by jaywalking across the dangerous throughway Orange plastic fencing is herding students away from the crosswalks and into speeding traffic.

Brilliant! That is just the road to make people jaywalk on.

We know it seems that the administration is damned when it does and damned when it doesn't.

We appreciate the fact that some action has finally been taken to remedy the situation. But for now, the solution is making the problem worse.

There have been nine students hit on University Boulevard since 1992. President Gary Ransdell, are you trying to up the number? Is this some sort of weird Darwinism: Only the strongest, fastest students survive? Or are you trying to get Western into the Guinness Book of World Records?

A conspiracy theorist might think this was an elaborate plan to wean students off parking in Egypt lot to make it easier to convert the lot into the new women's water polo complex.

Perhaps you could make a gap in the fencing just across the crosswalk so students could get back and forth. Or maybe a temporary crosswalk could be created nearby — something to alleviate pedestrian stress during construction.

At the very least, the renovation period should be kept as short as possible. There's nothing as frustrating as seeing construction equipment lying dormant while you're waiting for improvements to be made.

You can't make a situation safer by making it temporarily more dangerous. It doesn't make sense. If the price we have to pay for safety is increased risk, it's probably not worth it.

**The Issue:** Temporary fencing is forcing students to jaywalk across University Boulevard.

**Our View:** You can't make a situation safer by herding students into speeding traffic.



### Letters to the Editor

#### Outsiders bring change

David Adam's letter to the editor in last Tuesday's Herald seems to contend only outsiders want Bowling Green to have the Fairness legislation. Assuming this is true (which I believe it isn't), shouldn't outsiders step up and push against a system which is wrong?

Didn't the North believe the South was wrong about slavery during the Civil War? Didn't the U.S. believe Hitler was wrong in World War II? Didn't civil rights leaders from all over the nation believe segregation was wrong in places like Birmingham, Ala.?

All of these "outsiders" stepped in and worked for change in immoral systems and they are now lauded as heroes. Hopefully the "outsiders" for Fairness will have similar results.

Molly Oberhausen  
Louisville junior

#### This is good discrimination

After reading the article on gay rights ("City considering gay rights," Sept. 30), it made me think of how tolerant society has become. Starting in grade school we are told we should not judge others, that we should accept whatever they do and keep our mouths shut. I feel that this attitude is very dangerous. It is a cause of the moral decomposition evident in society today.

I am the father of twin girls, they are young and very impressionable. We live in an apartment complex and therefore we interact with our neighbors frequently. I would be opposed to an openly gay person moving into our complex. I do not want my children exposed to that lifestyle at this point in their lives.

There is discrimination that is good. For example, what

if we had more tolerance towards terrorists or sex offenders? Would we allow them legislation that would give them more rights? I would hope not.

So it is with homosexuality, its name has been changed to "alternative lifestyle." They got the attention of people in Hollywood and our government and we are expected to tolerate the lifestyle. Well, I say no. I don't want it in my apartment complex and I don't want any law that forces it into my family's lives.

Eric Chesley  
Franklin junior

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The deadline for Tuesday's edition is 4 p.m. Friday. For Thursday's paper, the deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday.

### What is a credenza?



"A foot pedestal?"  
Candice Johnson  
Louisville freshman



"An antique type of desk with lots of shelves."  
Allison Hardesty  
Brandensbourg junior



"A tall wooden desk."  
Dean Claycomb  
Stephensport freshman



"Maybe a couch? That's my best guess."  
Heather Davis  
Louisville freshman



"A really nice, big expensive desk."  
Laura Carroll  
Hawsville freshman

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# Nation & World

## Houston named new U.S. smog capital

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles basin has been dethroned as the smog capital of the United States — at least for 1999.

This year is the first in more than 50 years that no full-scale smog alert has been recorded anywhere in the region. Also, for the first time, another U.S. city has claimed the title as the smoggiest place in the nation.

Houston, by all indicators, has had a worse year, experiencing 44 days when ozone levels exceeded national health standards — one more day than the Los Angeles region.

Air-quality experts, however, stress they aren't yet ready to declare a winner and a loser in the smog wars. Weather is critical to smog formation, and conditions can vary so much that it takes three to five years to confirm a trend in air quality.

"I'm not impressed yet. Levels can go up and down from one year to the next," said Beverly Lambeth, meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. "I suspect both areas are going to

see-saw back and forth."

Most of the credit for this year's light smog in the Los Angeles region goes to weather conditions, although ongoing reductions in smog-forming emissions also helped. Air quality in Southern California has been steadily improving because the region has the toughest anti-smog rules in the world, regulating everything from automobiles and motorcycles to hairspray and paint.

In contrast, Houston's air pollution declined in the late 1980s but has remained at roughly the same level over the last five to 10 years. It hasn't worsened, Lambeth said, but it hasn't improved, either.

"Certainly there's plenty of evidence that conditions are getting better in Los Angeles," Lambeth said, "and if the improvement is faster in Los Angeles than it is in Houston, then Houston may actually have worse pollution levels — not because Houston is getting worse, but because Los Angeles got so much better."

Houston's highest smog reading came on Oct. 7 — the same day the Texas city beat Los Angeles in a competition for a new professional football team.

"People are saying the good thing is we got their team. The bad thing is we got their air," said Patrick Crimmins, a spokesman for the Texas conservation commission.

Texans joke they should name their new team the Houston Haze. "Maybe, their team should come out here for preseason," suggested Wallerstein. "The air's cleaner."

The specific title of smog king isn't even a competition between the cities of Houston and Los Angeles. Los Angeles has cleaner air than many people think.

The air in downtown Los Angeles has violated the health standard on only one day this year, compared with 36 in the San Bernardino Mountains town of Crestline and three in the eastern San Gabriel Valley. Orange County has had no violations this year. Riverside has had three.

— The Los Angeles Times

## French National Assembly approves same-sex marriage

PARIS — France became the largest country in Europe to legalize same-sex unions Wednesday when the Socialist-dominated National Assembly pushed through legislation creating "civil solidarity pacts."

As a result of the action, unmarried French couples, including homosexuals, will be able to register their unions at courthouses for the first time next year and come away with most of the rights of traditional married couples.

Justice Minister Elisabeth Guigou said the law will "offer a solution to 5 million people who live as couples without being married." An estimated 4.4 million of them are heterosexual couples.

Many of France's small-town mayors, including Socialists and Communists, made it clear they would have nothing to do with blessing homosexual quasi-marriages.

Under the legislation, after three years of stated fidelity,

unmarried couples can file tax forms jointly and claim rights of married couples such as simultaneous vacation time from employers and lighter inheritance taxes. Citizens of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Netherlands all enjoy similar rights.

Opponents of the bill, including Catholic, Jewish and Muslim leaders, said it would fray the bonds of family in France.

Already, some 40 percent of French children are born of unwed parents. The French still call themselves Catholics, but fewer than one in 10 people attends church.

The legislation could be challenged by an appeal to France's highest constitutional court. According to center-right politician Patrick Devedjian, the novel grounds for the appeal would be that official same-sex marriages would create a national register of individuals based on sexual preference.

— The Washington Post

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# Thompson fails to get state recommendation

## Legislature could reconsider

BY JACOB BENNETT  
Herald reporter

No Western building proposals were listed Tuesday when a state legislative advisory committee recommended top research building projects for funding approval in the 2000 legislature. The announcement by the Capital Planning Advisory Board

and an unexpected shortfall in revenue puts the proposed \$46 million renovation of the Thompson Complex further in doubt.

The list does not eliminate Western from a grant for the project, but with \$86 million less revenue than anticipated, deputy state budget director Bill Hintze said the legislature will be careful before granting money for new projects.

"Renovations are a higher priority than new construction, but they have to sustain what is already authorized before taking over new obligations," he said.

President Gary Ransdell was not worried about the recommendations.

"It's still early in the process, and this list is just suggestions," he said. "I would rather be in the final budget than on a preliminary list."

The board made its recommendations after presentations from universities on Sept. 15 and after meeting with the Council on Postsecondary Education on Tuesday.

Recommendations to the General Assembly were made by the Council on Higher Education in previous years. The revamped

CPE presumably holds more clout than the Council on Higher Education, said government department head John Parker.

"I would say the General Assembly would be less likely, in a year with shortened funds, to give money to a project that did not do as well in the initial scrutiny," he said. "But these are new players, so I would hesitate to predict what legislature will do."

Ransdell said the university has worked with the CPE to improve the chances of the grant for the Thompson Complex. "They asked us if we could split

the project into phases, and we are willing to ask for funds for the first part of the project and ask for the rest for the next budget," he said. "That's probably a good plan because it's going to take three or four years anyway."

The recommendations came after state universities outlined their six-year capital plans to the CPE. Next month, the universities will request funds for their biannual budgets before the government makes his recommendations to the General Assembly in January. The assembly will include the granted funds in the state budget.

## Campus heating delayed

### Completion of repairs pushed back

BY CAROLINE LYNCH  
Herald reporter

The Big Red Way steam pipe repairs scheduled for completion this Friday have been pushed back another two weeks. This delay will postpone the start-up of Western's heat plant for more than a week.

The heat plant, which is usually started up on Oct. 18, will not be working until Oct. 29, but Facilities Management Director Mark Struss said he doesn't think there will be a delay in the time students get heat in their rooms.

"Unless the weather were to turn bitterly cold very early, we don't anticipate any problems," he said.

Struss said though it takes a few weeks to get the buildings on campus connected to the plant, the process can be rushed. The lost time will be made up during the connection time, Struss said, and the campus will have heat by mid-November — the same time as usual.

If the project isn't finished by its expected date, dorms and academic buildings on the Hill will be heading into the cold without a jacket. The steam pipes heat all building except those on the outside of Big Red Way, which have a separate heating source and won't be affected by the repairs.

The steam lines, which are about 30 years old, were working properly until early April. A leak in the tunnel alerted workers that there was a break in one of the pipes, and a closer inspection showed that one of the pipes had to be replaced, Struss said.

"The piping was in worse shape than we thought just from the corrosion that had taken place over the years," he said.

The school applied to the State Emergency Repair Fund to get money for the project. It agreed to fund the \$350,000 project, said Ed West, director of Construction Management Services.

Construction workers are now putting in 10-hour days, six days a week to get the project finished. West said the final repairs to Big Red Way will be complete and the road will probably be opened by Thanksgiving.

# New Tech VP hits Hill at pentium speed

## Kirchmeyer spent time at NASA

BY JACOB BENNETT  
Herald reporter

He helped man land on the moon, now he's helping Western.

After working for organizations like NASA and the Royal Saudi Navy — and then spending years working for universities in New York and Arkansas — Richard Kirchmeyer brings his expertise to Western as the new Information Technology Vice President.

His experience set him apart from the many other candidates for the position, Provost Barbara Burch said.

"He was absolutely the right person for the job," she said.

His background was a big reason why he was hired, but none of it was part of his original plan.

Driving to school at the University of Rhode Island one day in 1964, Kirchmeyer saw a billboard announcing a test by RCA, Inc. for technicians and engineers who wanted to help the space program.

Kirchmeyer took the test "as a lark." He had studied electronics in the Navy, and he passed. RCA offered him a position on Grand Bahama Island.

"It sounded like a good deal, especially considering I was in Rhode Island, where there's always five feet of snow," Kirchmeyer said. So he dropped out of school to work with RCA as a telemetry technician in America's blossoming space program.

Four years later, in 1968, he took a similar position with

Bendix Field Engineering Corporation, which moved him to the NASA tracking station in Madrid, Spain. He was monitoring Apollo 11's computers when Neil Armstrong made one giant leap for mankind.

"When he stepped down, everyone in the room was cheering and celebrating," he said. "On that mission, everything went fine."

Although he was not monitoring the mission when Apollo 13 suffered major equipment malfunction, Kirchmeyer had been involved in the mission earlier on.

"That was a real tense time for everyone involved in NASA," he said.

Kirchmeyer was given the responsibility of creating a data processing center for the Royal Saudi Naval Forces in 1981.

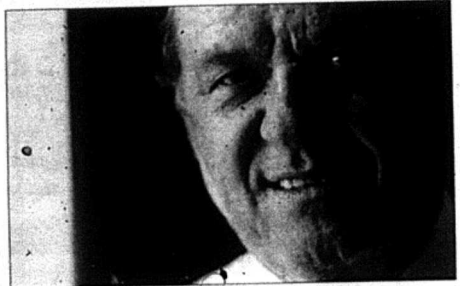
He had to start from scratch to create the system.

"When I got there, I walked into a huge building on the coast," he said. "It was empty. I was the only person there, and I had a desk, a chair, and a telephone. It had been the King's Banquet Hall, and they wanted it to be a fully functional data processing center."

While employed at Bendix, Kirchmeyer completed his associates' bachelors and masters degrees. He left Bendix to be computer services director from 1985 to 1995 at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, N.Y.

In October 1995 he accepted the Chief Information Officer position at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and enrolled in the school's doctoral program. Taking night classes, he earned his degree in three years and began looking for a residential university east of Arkansas.

He interviewed for the position



Michael Bunch/Herald

Richard Kirchmeyer is the new Information Technology Vice President. He replaced 25-year Western veteran Charles Anderson.

of Information Technology Vice President at Western in July.

Kirchmeyer heads a division responsible for all information systems on campus, including the telephone and computer systems, and the television and radio stations.

He had similar responsibilities at his previous university jobs. Bob Ferguson, campus information associate at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, said he handled them well.

"He was in charge of the Y2K preparedness thing," Ferguson said. "We've done the testing and debugging. It was a major undertaking, and it's going well."

Burch said it is Kirchmeyer's responsibility to lead Western to the front of information technology and ensure the university gets the maximum benefits of new technology. Kirchmeyer is meeting with all campus-groups to determine how technology can

best meet their needs in the future. He plans to have talked to everyone by the end of the semester, and then develop a plan for the future.

Right now, the information technology department is implementing the new Banner 2000 computer system. Although the project will not be completed until 2001, the financial aid part of the system is already in place, and the part that deals with student registration and other needs is being installed now. Then the finance and human resource sections will be installed.

Kirchmeyer looks forward to the new Journalism and Technology building due to be finished in the next couple of years. The building will feature smart classrooms, an open student lab, and the latest technology, Kirchmeyer said.

"It will be the technology showcase for the university."

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# THREATS: 'He said he was going ... to rape me'

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answering machine. He suggests using an automated voice or a relative's voice on the machine. He says a harassing caller may get emotional satisfaction from the voice. Students should not leave their names on the answering machine.

Susan Sanborn, Networking and Communications assistant director, said campus telephone services does not have the capability to track incoming calls. She has been working with campus police in an effort to crack down on the harassing phone calls.

"We can only report on outgoing calls," she said. "We're working with a very old system here."

A woman in Central Hall reported a rape threat on Oct. 4.

"He asked if I was in some place private," she said, "I walked out in the hallway and he said not to interrupt him. He said he was going to come down the hall and rape me and my roommate."

She hung up, went back into her room, locked the door and immediately called the police. She doesn't know who called or why. Campus police issued her a

## What to do if you get threatening calls:

Capt. Mike Wallace offers these suggestions if you receive a harassing phone call:

- Don't talk to a harassing caller.
- Remove your voice and your roommate's voice from the answering machine. Use an automated voice if possible.
- Call campus police immediately. They will issue you a harassing phone log to record all of these calls.
- Take these calls seriously and be cautious.

harassing phone log to record all harassing calls. The log is a means of recording the date, time and various characteristics of a call including the caller's gender, approximate age, whether it was an obscene message, nuisance or hang up. The log aides investigators.

"I don't know if he has some sort of fixation on me or what," I do know that he knew way more about me than he should have."

# 'Wings' skydives into Bowling Green airport

BY LINH TRAN  
Herald reporter

For the first time in five years, Bowling Green will host an air show featuring aerial performances, military demonstrations with all the armed forces branches present, skydivers, static displays and live music.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Bowling Green/Warren County Regional Airport will present the "Wings Over Bowling Green Airshow." The event is free to the public.

"Airshows appeal to people of all ages," said Jennifer Mize Smith, president of Prime Time Events, Inc., an events and planning organization for Bowling Green. "You don't have to be an airplane buff to enjoy looking at the planes and to appreciate the show."

The Northern Lights Aerobatics Team has traveled all over the world to do shows. It will perform an air show with four planes and various types of aerobatics. Other performances

will include Aerial All Stars Skydiving Team, the Bud Light Micro Jet (the smallest jet in the world), and the Pepsi Skydancer.

Children will be able to enjoy crafts, games, virtual simulators and interaction with pilots.

Brian Flavin, of St. Louis, is the narrator of the Northern Lights Aerobatics team. He said spectators should expect a fast and dynamic air show with the best of formation aerobatics.

The planes used will have lots of power going, at rates that exceed 200 mph.

## Coming Soon For all the Homecoming news, check out Thursday's Herald

# A CENTURY ON THE HILL

A look back at the people and events in Western's past

In 1992, Western football fought off a recommendation by President Thomas Meredith that the program be eliminated. Excerpts have been taken from the story written by John Martin that ran on Friday, May 1, 1992.

## Board votes to keep football

◆ The team will have a budget of \$450,000 next season

Football coach Jack Harbaugh looked into the glare of the television cameras with dabs of sweat on his forehead and a gleam in his eye.

"It's fourth and one," he exclaimed. "Are we going to be able to push it over the goal line or not?"

The Board of Regents' vote yesterday to allow \$450,000 of university money for football in 1992 pushed the ball over the line for Harbaugh and other who wanted football to stay. The board voted with the understanding that the rest of the sport's budget be raised privately.

Western's budget committee, of which President Thomas Meredith is chairman, recommended that the football program be suspended as a way to handle a state mandated \$6.1 million budget reduction.

But the committee left the door open for football to continue if no more than \$450,000 was spent on the program. If Western did not fund a team in 1992, the university would still have to spend about that amount on football-related items.

Football normally has a budget of \$900,000 to \$1 million a year. The Hilltopper Athletic Foundation and the athletics department kicked off a drive April 22 to sell season tickets and increase athletic foundation membership.

The plan placed on the table by the budget committee was countered yesterday by a second proposal from board chair-

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After the Board of Regents voted yesterday to keep football at Western, football coach Jack Harbaugh and Bowling Green quarterback J.J. Jewell shake hands before a game at the stadium in Bowling Green, Ky.

man Joe Ircane that would have allowed \$516,909 of university money for football.

The budget committee's proposal passed the board 6-4. Ircane's plan did not come to a vote.

Ircane proposed further cuts in the athletics director's office than the budget committee had planned. Recently two new marketing positions have been added in athletics and the administrator of women's athletics has been moved to full-time.

Ircane criticized the wisdom of those changes in the face of losing the football program altogether and even suggested eliminating the athletics director position. But Meredith said the additions in the athletics office were necessary in order to maintain academic and fiscal integrity. He added that the two marketing positions should become self-supporting within a year.

Either proposals would have required the same number

of dollars be raised privately — \$150,000 in ticket sales, \$85,000 in game guarantees, \$10,000 each in concession and corporate sponsorships and \$60,000 from the athletic foundation.

Some regents sparred with Meredith and Ircane over items common to both of their proposals.

Regent Robert Chambless, who voted against the budget committee's recommendation, said he was concerned about what would happen if the revenue targets weren't hit. Money to make up the difference would have to come from the university.

"I'm concerned that we'll get so far along and have to pay an additional \$200,000," he said.

Faculty Regent Eugene Evans, another "no" vote, said the world wouldn't come to an end if there were no football. He said all university expenditures have an effect on one another.

"I don't think we should approach this as if suspending football is genocide," he said.

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# Virtual University setting enrollment records

## 256 students taking 12 online-courses

By **MATTIAS KAREN**  
Herald reporter

Eric Dickerson goes to school in cyberspace.

And with no classrooms, no commuting, no times to be in class, and no lectures on which to take notes, school is pretty sweet.

"I can't see a bad thing about it," said Dickerson, who is one of the first people ever to enroll in the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University which opened up this fall.

He is one of about 20 students virtually working on their master's degree in communications disorders, one of KCVU's pilot programs.

The virtual university set a record by having 256 students enroll for its 21 courses. That is a

higher inaugural enrollment than for any other virtual university in the nation. Next semester, more than 1,000 students are expected to be enrolled.

A full-time special education teacher for sixth-grade students in Warsaw, Dickerson saw the three-year, part-time program as his chance to get his degree while "not getting any further into debt," working and starting his life at the same time.

Studying at his own pace, around his own schedule, Dickerson and the other students in the program get their assignments and information from the class' home page, run by Integrated Studies Professor Stan Cooke.

Written lectures are posted on the page for students to print out when they want. No note taking is required, "so you don't mess anything up," Dickerson said. "My mind's not split — half on what (the teacher is) saying and half on taking notes."

Everything is done via the computer — even the tests are taken online.

The format also fits Priscilla Cordell, one of Dickerson's "classmates."

"It just gives you a bigger vari-

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— **Eric Dickerson**  
Virtual University student

ety of what you can do," Cordell said.

Cordell, a middle school speech therapist, enrolled for the same reason Dickerson did — to work and study at the same time. A master's degree is required for communication disorders jobs at

hospitals and clinics in Kentucky. But since many in the field must start working right after receiving their bachelor's degree, KCVU provides the perfect solution.

Cordell said she can't imagine going back to school, quitting her job and being a full-time graduate student.

But it does take a certain kind of person to be able to pull off being a "virtual student," Dickerson said.

"You've got to have the drive to do it," he said. "You can't just sit around and let it happen. You've got to be actively involved."

The program requires students to take 54 hours over the three-year period. Two classes are being offered this semester: Cooke's, which is taught strictly over the Internet, and a second taught by an Eastern Kentucky University professor.

That class is also Internet-based, but meets monthly via

interactive television as well.

## Contact is still there

But the isolation of students and teachers do not hinder communication.

E-mails are sent back and forth, within the class, and Cooke holds chat sessions three times a week on the class' home page. So personal contact still exists.

"It's kind of hard to believe that we don't meet," Cordell said.

In fact, Cooke said he has more interaction with his virtual class than his regular on-campus students.

Cooke is the director for the new program, and will be joined in cyberspace by another 35 Western faculty next semester, who will start teaching KCVU courses too.

"It's really given me a shot in the arm and a new lease on life, as far as teaching," Cooke said.

## ROBBED: Opinions mixed on safety

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related reports were typed and made available on Monday and Tuesday.

Students have mixed opinions about how safe the structure is at night. The amount of lighting is a concern to some students.

The structure is patrolled regularly by campus police, but preventing crime in secluded areas like stairwells is difficult, Wallace said.

That worries Louisville freshman Mark Rawlings, who also parks regularly in the structure.

"I've never seen anything happen in there," he said. "The guy getting robbed makes me think twice about it."

## Campus News

### RHA to hold open mic

The Residence Hall Association will hold an open mic night at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in West Hall Cellar. Admission is free.

Those interested in performing should call Molly Oberhausen at 745-2162 or arrive early at the event. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome.

— Matt Batchelder

### Documentaries explore women and religion

Two short documentaries about women and religion will be featured tonight as part of this semester's Gender Images Film Series.

"Sweating Indian Style" scrutinizes the appropriation of Native American traditions by non-natives. The 1994 film runs 54 minutes.

The second film, "My Heart is My Witness," is renowned French Canadian filmmaker Louise Carré's investigation of the status of women in Islam. This 1996 film runs 56 minutes. Showtime begins at 7 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium.

— Matt Batchelder

## CPE plan urges out-of-state black enrollment

Proposal will help reach diversity goals

By **JIM GAINES**  
Herald reporter

Western may get to count out-of-state students toward its minority enrollment goals, but there's a catch. Each out-of-state student counted must be matched by another minority student recruited from areas in Kentucky with low rates of college attendance.

Western defines minority students as black students only.

The state Committee on Equal Opportunity met in Frankfort on Monday and recommended the Council on Postsecondary Education allow the change, which is suggested in the state blueprint for ethnic diversity in higher education.

That blueprint, called the Kentucky Plan, started in 1982 as a higher education desegregation plan from the Council on Civil Rights, said Howard Bailey, dean of student life.

Bailey is also co-chairman of the University Diversity Committee, an advisory body that makes recommendations to President Gary Ransdell on how to meet state diversity goals.

The other co-chairman is psychology department head John O'Connor. He said that of the eight diversity goals in the Kentucky Plan, Western only met

three last year. To meet its goals, Western needs more black faculty and administrators, must retain and graduate substantially more black students and nearly double its number of black graduate students.

If Western doesn't reach its goals, the CPE can bar Western from creating new academic programs, said Sherron Jackson, CPE senior associate for equal opportunity and facilities.

That's where the new proposal can help. If Western recruits any additional black students from 66 Kentucky counties, plus one district each in Jefferson and Fayette counties, all of which have low college attendance rates, then any new out-of-state black students can also be counted toward meeting the CPE's overall minority attendance goals.

Right now, only black students from inside Kentucky count for that purpose. That leaves about 200 out-of-state black students uncounted for diversity goals.

The purpose of giving universities an incentive to recruit more out-of-state black students is to improve the overall "level of comfort" for black students by ensuring a larger community, wherever it comes from, Jackson said.

Most of the counties Western recruits heavily from are among the 66 for which the CPE gives "extra credit," O'Connor said. But the problem is that some of those counties have few black residents, so Western's recruiting there can hardly be improved.

"When you don't even have a black family in the community, you can hardly recruit one," he said.

## New committee to monitor diversity

By **JIM GAINES**  
Herald reporter

In addition to the University Diversity Committee that advises President Gary Ransdell, the Board of Regents has appointed its own Diversity and International Issues Committee to keep it apprised of changing minority issues.

The board formed the four-member committee in July, and first met Aug. 27, said Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller, who chairs the committee. The other members are Student Regent Amanda Coates, Staff Regent Joy Gramling, and Regent Peggy Loafman.

Its purpose is to "enhance, support and assist the campus diversity committee on campus and international programs," Miller said. One of their primary actions "will be to keep the board aware of what's going on in Western's many international programs, she said.

Coates said she wants to focus on getting more professors from abroad to teach at Western. An instructor from Mexico helped expand her cultural horizons, she said.

"I hope every student on campus will have a similar opportunity."

John O'Connor, co-chairman of the University Diversity Committee, has already briefed the new regents committee.

With changes in Kentucky's ethnic composition and the current court challenges to Affirmative Action, added attention to diversity issues will be very important, O'Connor said.

"It's a very, very changing scene right now," he said.

## Campus Clean-Up

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# Groovin' with Tuvan

Siberian nomads create music from another time, another world

### STORIES BY JIM GAINES

No, there's nothing wrong with the stereo. Those weird low groans like Popeye gargling, mixed with high, reedy whistles, are coming from one mouth — two notes, or more, at the same time. Mixed with banjo-like stringed instruments and sheep-knucklebone percussion, the sound lets you know how far you are from Bowling Green.

On the other side of the planet, actually. These unbelievable sounds come from Tuva, echoing out from the mountains in the heart of Asia.

Tuvan music is gaining popularity as Americans take note of music from other cultures. For those interested in unique music from faraway places, Tuva is about as foreign as you get.

"The Tuvans will ride into your brain and leave hoofprints up and down your spine," a reviewer for the San Francisco Bay Guardian wrote about an album by the group Huun-Huur-Tu. None of the group's albums have hit the pop charts, but all have sold respectably well — well enough to prompt other performers to bring their sound to America.

In Tuvan singing, a deep lower tone provides the bass line, but the melody usually plays higher, as singers produce a second, or even third and fourth notes, sounding like they're accompanied by a disembodied choir.

Performers produce the deeper tone in their throats, and set up additional vibrations at the top of the throat by manipulating their tongues, lips and jaws, making sounds in the same way you can whistle across a piece of paper.

It originated as sympathetic music, imitating the sound of wind on the steppes, the gurgling of waterfalls and the noise of animal herds.

This hallucinatory sound is called *khoomei* in Central Asia, but in the West it's known as throat-singing or overtone singing. It's unique to Central Asia, and spread out from its origin in Tuva to appear in some Tibetan Buddhist chants.

It's also made brief appearances in student ethnomusicology projects, according to Johnston A. K.

Njoku, a modern languages and intercultural studies associate professor.

"I remember once, about three years ago, someone did a project on it," he said. "Their sense of natural harmony is fascinating to me."

Tuva, dwarfed by its neighbors Russia and China, nestles at the headwaters of the Yenisei River in a wet, thickly overgrown valley between the Altai and Sayaq mountain ranges in south Siberia. The indigenous people, who originally called themselves *Uriankhai*, are nomadic herders who have roamed the steppes for thousands of years.

Obscure for centuries.



The Tuvan band Huun-Huur-Tu poses on their CD cover.

Tuva has emerged into the world's view twice: once in the 13th century, when Tuvans rode with Genghis Khan's conquering Mongols across Europe and Asia. Subodai, Genghis Khan's greatest general, was Tuvan.

The second period of prominence began in 1977 when Nobel-prizewinning physicist Richard Feynman recalled his childhood collection of strange and beautiful stamps from "Tannu Tuva," and wondered whatever happened to the place.

From then until the end of his life in 1988, he and friend Ralph

Leighton tried to learn all they could about Tuva, going so far as to write letters to anonymous Tuvan teachers, using a pocket Tuvan-Russian phrasebook and a Russian-English dictionary.

The contacts they made blossomed into museum exhibit exchanges and long-distance friendships, but Feynman never made it to Tuva. An official government invitation arrived less than a month after he died.

Leighton could think of no better way to honor his famous friend than by immortalizing his last enthusiasm. He founded the "Friends of Tuva" society, dedicated to connecting the rest of the world with Tuva and preserving its unique history, culture and music.

"Appreciating her music may help bring Tuva a little closer," Leighton wrote.

Although nominally independent from 1921 to 1944, Tuva existed in the

shadow of the Soviet Union. Since 1992 it's been part of the Russian Federation, with internal self-rule. Much of the last seven years has been spent trying to recover traditional Tuvan culture, which the Soviets made a determined effort to destroy: banning shamanism and destroying Buddhist shrines, forbidding teaching of the Tuvan language, outlawing traditional festivals and forcing nomads into towns.

In an area of 65,830 square miles, or about the size of Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia put together, the current population is slightly more than 360,000. Almost one-third are Russian settlers. The rest are ethnic Tuvans.

Today Tuvan music has carved out a prominent niche for itself, with performers like Kongar-ol Ondar and the group Huun-Huur-Tu touring the United States, performing with well-known international groups like the Bulgarian "Angelite" choir and stars like Willie Nelson.

But Tuvan culture hasn't been very prominent in Bowling Green yet, according to Jeff Sweeney, manager of Disc Jockey in Greenwood Mall.

"This is a phenomenon that has escaped me to this point," he said. "Usually things happen somewhere else, and take a little time to filter into here."

### Music to buy

Want to hear Tuvan music for yourself? Find these titles in record stores or on the Internet:

◆ "Deep in the Heart of Tuva: Cowboy Music from the Wild East," compiled by Ralph Leighton, on Ellipsis Arts records.

Get a taste of Tuvan music with this sampler album that introduced many rising Tuvan stars to America.

◆ "Tuva: Voices from the Center of Asia," Smithsonian Folkways, distributed by Rounder Records.

Another compilation of various artists, this one gives lots of technical details and has lyrics in Tuvan.

◆ "Echoes of Tuva, 1995," and "Back Tuva Future" by Kongar-ol Ondar. "Echoes of Tuva, 1995" is available from Friends of Tuva, and "Back Tuva Future" from Warner Brothers.

Be patient to hear the hidden track on "Back Tuva Future."

◆ "Ondar & Pena: Genghis Blues," TuvaMud Records, available from Friends of Tuva.

Ondar joins his friend, blind American bluesman Paul "Earthquake" Pena.

◆ "60 Horses in my Herd," "The Orphan's Lament" and "If I'd Been Born an Eagle," Huun-Huur-Tu on Shanachie Records.

Hear the best-known Tuvan group move from traditional songs to their own new music. Huun-Huur-Tu has toured the U.S. several times.

### Getting information on Tuva

If you want to find out more about Tuva, a wealth of information has become available in the last few years. First, check out the Friends of Tuva Website at [www.feynman.com](http://www.feynman.com), or write to: Friends of Tuva, Box 182, Belvedere, CA, 94920. They offer the best central points for all kinds of Tuva information, including personal contacts with Tuvans and the Tuvan Trader Online.

If you'd rather read about it, check out "Tuva or Bust!" by Ralph Leighton, describing how he and Feynman became interested in Tuva and tried to travel there. There aren't many books specifically on Tuva, but there are chapters on it in "The Lost Country: Mongolia Revealed," by Jasper Becker, and "Unknown Mongolia" by Douglas Carruthers.

For a study on *khoomei*, see "The Throat Singers of Tuva" in the September 1999 issue of Scientific American.

# 'Random Hearts' lacking chemistry

Grade: C-

By MOLLY HARPER  
Herald reporter

From the beginning frame, "Random Hearts" starts out with deducted points due to the sheer lunacy of its premise. Who on Earth would cheat on Harrison Ford?

As Washington D.C. internal affairs detective Dutch Van Den Broeck, Ford tries to find just that. In the span of a few minutes, Van Den Broeck finds out that not only has his wife died in a plane crash on her way to Miami, but she lied to him about why she was on the plane and who she was with.

Meanwhile, Congresswoman Kay Chandler, played by British ice-maiden Kristin Scott-Thomas, has been informed her husband was also on that plane, when he told her he was heading for New York. Van Den Broeck copes with his wife's death by treating her tomcatting like any other case. He tracks down which man she was seated next to — Chandler's late husband — promptly contacts Chandler, and begins harassing her about the relationship their spouses were having.

Sounds like the makings of a great romantic thriller, right?

Well, it would have been if the plot hadn't drug like a funeral dirge. Two hours into the movie, you don't care whether Ford and Scott-Thomas' characters get together.

After Van Den Broeck pops up in Chandler's life a couple of times (with stalker-caliber precision), you start to wonder why she doesn't get a restraining order.

A third-grader's vinegar and baking soda volcano has more chemistry than Ford and Scott-Thomas. Watching the cold-fish Brit trying to emote is almost painful. You start to hope they get on a crash-bound plane themselves.

The obsessive rage Van Den Broeck applies to dissecting his late wife's indiscretions wears by the end of the film, losing its poignancy. Even after the two begin their relationship, he's fixated on finding out why he was cheated on.

He just can't let it go. It's irritating.

On top of all of the problems with the main storyline, screenwriter Warren Adler bogs the pace down with a cumbersome secondary storyline meant to show Van Den Broeck's intelligence and integrity and as an investigator. All it does is slow the movie down and make you wonder whether your watching a love story or "Cop Land."

Meanwhile, powerhouse Charles S. Dutton is wasted in the role of Van Den Broeck's partner, Alcee. He's only seen in every fifth scene or so.

As a final nail in the coffin, director Sydney Pollack uses Chandler's media advisor as an excuse to comment on the banality of Washington politics. It's tired, much like the rest of the movie.

If you want to spend \$6 on two and half hours worth of pins and needles in your leg, go see "Random Hearts." For a poignant love story, I'd think you'd do better seeing "Dudley Do-Right."

# Thoughts from the land of insomnia

Stolen from the files at Bellvue Mental Hospital:  
Case file #18878  
Subject name: John Christopher Hutchins  
Sanity status: Questionable  
Testimonial: Written on Oct. 13, 1999

Welcome to my world, ladies and gentlemen... the world of all-nighters and insomnia.

For the last week, I've been busting my butt trying to finish a freelance story for a magazine. It's a 6,000-word feature, a nightmare, a seemingly endless vortex of adjectives, quotes and active verbs. It's going to be nine pages long. I think I lost my mind at four.

Page four? 4 a.m.? The fourth day of staying up 'til 4 a.m. working on page four? I don't remember.

Nevertheless, I'm trapped in the world of Insomnia. It's a strange and interesting land. Everything is funny and nothing makes sense. It's like being stoned... but without that whole "Duuuuude! Where are the cupcakes?" side-effect.



Weekend SuperPicks  
Chris Hutchins

And when you can't sleep, you think So here are the ramblings I've had during the last week:

◆ The male man. Well of course he is.

◆ At the end of our meals, the restaurant server brings the check. Why do we thank him? He should thank us!

◆ The Student Government Association currently has a budget of around \$70,000. Here's a way it can keep students here on the weekend.

At Western home basketball games, you swipe your student ID card to get in. Theoretically, SGA can track those names.

Here's the cool part:

Students would have to attend five designated home games in a row. SGA would track those who went to all five games. At the sixth game, SGA would draw one of the names for a prize. You'd have to be present to win.

The prize? \$20,000. You know you'd go.

◆ Baby butts: the staple of diaper commercials. They're the cutest things on TV, but come on. When you change a diaper, the last thing on your mind is "cute." In fact, the dominant thought is, "Whoa. Guacamole."

◆ Things that come from heaven: Corn dogs, beer, roller coasters, cleavage and manna.

Use this information for good. Never for evil.

I'm going to sleep now.

### Pick of the weekend

I'm sending a little love out to Gear, a Glasgow-based band that's swinging through Bowling Green this weekend.

Gear plays original hard rock tunes, and it's good stuff. Think

Alice in Chains meets Guns 'N Roses meets cracked-out Creedence Clearwater Revival.

I talked to Horse Cave senior David Robbins, the band's drummer, yesterday. Here are three reasons to see Gear play: "One, we rock," he said, laughing. "Two, we've got a cool melodic sound to us. Three, we love playing. And when the crowd's into the music, our vibe is contagious."

Cool. Gear will be jamming on tomorrow and Saturday nights at Norma Jean's on Adams Street. Local band Mad Lyric will open for the guys; things should get goin' around 9 p.m. Gear will play around 11.

If you want a sneak peek at what Gear's all about, check out the band's web site at [www.glasgow-ky.com/gear](http://www.glasgow-ky.com/gear). You'll be able to hear some tunes. Check 'em out!

Who's been putting Vivarin in columnist Chris Hutchins' cans of Mountain Dew? Call 745-6291 and tell him, email at [jchutchins@hotmail.com](mailto:jchutchins@hotmail.com).

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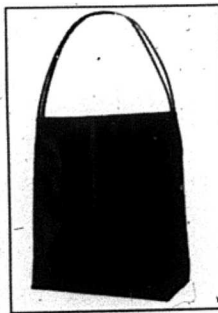
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Nashville sophomore Melissa Nason gets ready to go onstage during last month's Children's Theatre performance of "The Ant and the Grasshopper." Nason played a caterpillar who turns into a butterfly. The production was in Gordon Wilson Hall.

## Play puts twist on classic tale

By ERICA WALSH  
Herald reporter

Students in the theater and dance department are finally seeing one of their "babes" reach maturity.

After weeks of rehearsals, the next show of the 1999 Children's Theater Series is ready to debut.

"Anne of Green Gables," an adapted version of the classic novel of the same name, is a love and never giving up. It will be performed at 4 p.m. on Oct. 15 and at 3 p.m. on Oct. 16-17 in Gordon Wilson Hall Theater. Admission is \$1.

Like the other shows in the series, "Anne of Green Gables" is completely student-run. Students direct, act and are in charge of the costumes. Often students volunteer to work on more than one production, whether through acting, costuming or other positions.

Forty people auditioned for parts in the production, and most of the eight-member cast for "Anne of Green Gables" are theater or performing arts majors.

Summer Dawn Wallace, a senior from Crossville, Tenn., plays Anne in the production.

"It's a part I always wanted to play," Wallace said. "The

### If you go

What: "Anne of Green Gables"  
When: Oct. 15-17, 4 p.m.,  
Friday, 3 p.m. Sat-Sun.  
Where: Gordon Wilson Hall  
Theater  
Admission: \$1

show) has a great message." Wallace also thinks "the fact the show is completely student-run is a good idea."

"The opportunity is a good experience for everyone, it gives you something to fall back on and it makes you more well-rounded," Wallace said.

"Anne of Green Gables" is the second of the five student-run plays in this year's Children's Theater Series.

Tasha Fry, director of the show, says it thrills her to be able to do these productions for the children.

"I love to see the expressions on their little faces," the Nashville senior said.

Despite the fact it is a children's series, the audience for most of the shows is usually comprised of many different age groups, Fry said.

To get publicity for the shows, the Department of Theater and Dance distributes flyers to local elementary schools, and other local busi-

nesses. They also encourage Western students to attend.

"Most of the students in the theater and dance department attend the shows to support their friends," Fry said. "But I feel that everyone should attend as many plays as they possibly can."

Elizabethtown sophomore Nancy Hutcherson, who plays the part of Diana in the production, agrees with Fry.

"Any kind of theater experience is worthwhile," Hutcherson said.

During the story a young girl, Anne Shirley, begins a new life when she is sent to live with Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, a brother and sister team who offer to take the young Anne in.

Through Anne's experiences with the Cuthberts, her best friend Diana, local townspeople, and her love interest Gilbert, Anne searches for her own place in her new life and her new town.

Upcoming shows for the children's series include "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," which will be performed Halloween weekend, and "Tails of the Jungle," an original production written by a member of Western's own theater department which will run Nov. 5-7. For more info call 745-5845.

## FRIDAYS: Reaction mixed

### CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Students weren't represented at yesterday's meeting, as representatives Matt Bastin, a Shelbyville senior, and Dwight Campbell, a Lexington senior, weren't present.

Other students had mixed reaction to the news. Student Government Association President Amanda Coates said she felt confident in the proposed plan. "I think it will be better for commuter and non-traditional students," she said.

Scottsville sophomore Daniel Hagan said he thinks the committee should leave the schedule the way it is.

"If classes start at 7:30 a.m. I will be a zombie," he said. "They can drop classes on Friday if they want to, though."

Others students expressed interest in the new proposal.

"I like the new idea myself, I would like to have Friday's off, at

least the afternoons," Russell Springs junior Jeremy Roy said. "I think it would be nice to have that time to do homework or for writing papers."

Since no classes will be held after 2 p.m. on Fridays under the new proposal, the problem of low-class attendance will be solved, said psychology Professor Retta Poe, a member of the scheduling committee. Poe also discussed the option of having university-wide convocations on these afternoons.

Hughes said posting the proposal on the Internet is an efficient way to get faculty response.

"We decided these might be little situations that we could work on as a committee for a week and still not know all the situations that might arise in departments."

But Miller expressed relief that a decision wasn't made before consulting faculty.

"I'm pleased to know that they will have a chance to comment some more about the issue."

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The Ultimate Club Experience

## Food fest features Victorian cuisine

By RACHAEL SLOAN  
Herald reporter

After eight weeks of eating at the Downing University Center, students may want a new selection of food to appease the appetite. Try apricot chicken, speed pineapple, cheesy herb bread and cranberry upside down cake.

Sound good? These and other Victorian delicacies will be served at "A Taste of Riverview" on Saturday.

The outdoor food tasting festival will allow the public to sample a few of the Victorian recipes featured in a new cookbook titled, "Riverview Recipe Book." The event is hosted by the Friends at Riverview at Hobson Grove, two miles west of the Square on Main Street, in celebration of the coming fall.

Director of Hudson House Catherine Klignman feels there is a reason for everyone to attend. "Western students will get the kind of home cooking they are not used to, or have not had in a while," she

### If you go

What: "A Taste of Riverview"  
When: 2-5 p.m., Saturday  
Where: The Hobson House  
Admission: \$15/\$7.50 with student ID

said. Western students who bring their student ID will be given a 50 percent discount, making admission only \$7.50.

It sounded like a good price to Nashville freshman Zack Helton. "I would be willing to pay the \$7.50 to get something new to eat," he said.

General tickets are \$15 per person or \$25.00 for a family of six or less. They can be purchased in advance or at the door.

The festival will feature 20 out of the 500 recipes published in the book. Selections will range from main courses to breads to desserts and even wassail (a warm Old English drink).

Although food is the main attraction of the festival, there are other activities to

take part in. For children, there will be face painting, a coloring contest and a special Victorian Christmas ornament craft-making session.

In addition to the taste temptations and children's activities, door prizes and guided tours through the historic Hobson House will be available free to ticket holders.

Gayla Warner, an organizer with the event, said it's a great opportunity for friends and family to come and enjoy the wonderful fall weather. "We look forward to a great autumn afternoon," she said.

There will also be opportunities to purchase baked goods, preserves and the new cookbook. Or take the opportunity to do a little shopping in the Victorian gift shop while sampling the fare.

All proceeds go to benefit and sustain Hobson House, the grounds and the memory of historic Riverview.

For tickets, call 843-5565 or fill out ticket forms available at the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce or at the Bowling Green/Warren County Tourist Commission.

# News of the Weird *by Chuck Shepherd*

## A time to kill

Israel rolled back its clocks one hour in September to support Orthodox Jewish prayer schedules, but the Palestinian West Bank remained on summer time, and Israeli security sources said reporters that the time change resulted in the deaths of three Palestinian terrorist bombers. At 5 p.m. on Sept. 5, as terrorists were en route to targets in Haifa and Tiberias, their bombs exploded in their cars, killing three of the men. The security sources said bomb-makers in the West Bank had set the timers for 6 p.m. but that the bomb-carriers incorrectly assumed that the hour's difference had been factored in.

## Fighting and feelings

In September, just after fighting broke out in East Timor, Indonesia's strongest defense minister, General Wiranto, dropped by a large party in Jakarta hosting retired military people, gave a moving speech defending the government's stand against East Timorese independence, and, to dramatize his patriotic emotions, sang the song "Feelings." According to an Associated Press reporter in attendance, Wiranto nailed the high notes.

## White collar perverts

Among those charged recently with possession of child pornography, and now awaiting trial: Gerald Ackerman, former mayor of Port Huron, Mich. (April), Warren Ernest Campbell, a chief of the Cannington, Ontario, fire department (August), Jeremy Lacey, president of the University of Vermont's only alcohol-free fraternity (August), George Edward Davis, former Lonoke, Ark. high school principal (August), Joe Dan Dwyer, mayor of Reeds Spring, Mo. (January), Jonathan I. Weinstein, Herndon, Va., pediatrician (May).

## Great art!

Berlin artist Anton Henning, 35, unveiled his brown-spotted work, whose title translates to "Meatballs." Beetroot, Potatoes, Watermelon, Lemon Juice and a Large Brownie, which will run through January 2000 at the prestigious Museum of Modern Art in Frankfurt. The title signifies what Henning ate to produce the splashes, which are sealed with resin so as not to smell.

## An art of tasteful dress

According to a June Agence France Press report, the second annual Fair of Edible Contemporary Art in Seville, Spain, was a success. The report was accompanied by a photo of a model in a traditional Andalusian dress made entirely of raw ham.

## Slizzing skin spirituality

Artistic human skin-branding has picked up devotees recently, according to reports in Time magazine and the Tampa Tribune, but only, said one technician, for people "intensely into their spirituality who are wishing to release some power." Branding guru Fakir Musafar teaches two techniques at his San Francisco school: the strike method (a design plate is heated and applied to the skin), and sketching by a 2,200-degree cauterizing scalpel. Branding produces a third-degree burn, takes at least three weeks to heal, and, in addition to the pain, increases the risk of the most

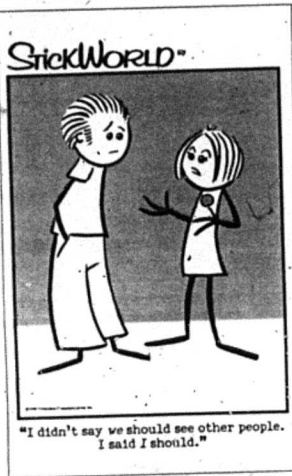
## aggressive form of skin cancer.

## Wrong place, wrong time

In March in Knoxville, Tenn., hobo Lester Hurley, 51, was arrested when he happened to emerge from a night's sleep in a boxcar at just the time that a police press conference was breaking up a few yards away on how police plan to crack down on boxcar trespassing. And in August, Ricky Lynn Caudill, 43, was arrested when he happened to attempt a robbery of a Bank One in Columbus, Ohio, at just the time that police officer Duane Ward was in the lobby briefing employees on what to do in case of a bank robbery.

## Herbal interest rising

In August, Richard James McClean, 21, and David Delasantos, 22, were arrested in Petaluma, Calif., and charged with breaking into a home at gunpoint and uprooting and stealing about a dozen marijuana plants.



## Across

1. Spoil
4. Cell aloft
8. Sufficient
13. Reduced price
14. Formality
15. Bashes
16. Chief deity
17. Anything ... something more
18. Muscular organ
19. Dessert specialty
22. Ref.'s decision
23. Guides
24. Follow
26. Tiny unit
29. Capital city
32. Man of the cloth
36. Di, to Beatrice
38. Part of SMTWFS
39. Passage
40. City on the Rhone
41. Architect Saarinen
42. Riyadh resident
43. Purposes
44. Star of *Our Miss Brooks*
45. Doing
47. Octagon word
49. Mount
51. One involved in a public disturbance
56. Do a tailor's job
58. Court procedure
61. Interweave
63. City in India
64. Bet
65. Continue
66. Manner
67. ... d'oeuvres
68. Fine, residence
69. Conjunctions
70. Suffix for station or custom

6. "... girl"
7. Fowl
8. Shocked
9. West
10. Levelled off
11. Songbird
12. This: Sp.
13. Sounds of distress
20. Rats!
21. Entanglements
25. Say
27. Boatman's items
28. Stubborn ones
30. Common verb
31. "You shall conceive and bear ..." (Lk. 1:31)
32. West of *Batman*
33. Tirsome companion
34. Petty officer
35. Planer's path
37. 11 Down's home
40. Carpenter's tool
44. "See ... and pick it up. And all the day you'll have good luck."

46. More orderly
48. Church features
50. Ibsen's specialty
52. Marlon Brando's birthplace
53. Choir member
54. Access
55. Postmen's beats: abbr
56. Canned meat
57. Italian island
59. Opposed to: dial.
60. Filled
62. Groom's promise

## Answer to last week's puzzle:



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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  
 Runway Bride — (F) 7:30 (S&S) 2:40, 7:30  
 For Love of the Game — (F) 6:50, 9:40 (S&S) 1:4, 6:50, 9:40  
 American Beauty — (F) 7:10, 9:45 (S&S) 1:30, 4, 7:10, 9:45  
 Random Hearts — (F) 6:50, 9:30 (S&S) 1, 3:45, 6:50, 9:30

- Plaza 6**  
 Fight Club — (F) 6:50, 9:40 (S&S) 1, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40  
 Superstar — (F) 7:9 (S&S) 1,3,5,7,9  
 Three Kings — (F) 7, 9:30 (S&S) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30  
 Drive Me Crazy — (F) 7:15, 9:20 (S&S) 2:15, 4:20, 7:15, 9:20  
 The 6th Sense — (F) 6:50, 9:20 (S&S) 1:30, 4, 6:50, 9:20  
 Elmo in Grouchland — (F) 7:10 (S&S) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15  
 Blue Streak — (F) 9:30 (S&S) 7:10, 9:30

- Martin Twin Theatre**  
 Deep Blue Sea — (F&S) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 (Sun) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15  
 The Haunting — (F&S) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30 (Sun) 2, 4:30, 7

- DUC Theatre**  
 The General's Daughter — (F, S) 7

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# Sports



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Senior right side hitter Beth Rawlings (back) and freshman setter Sara Noe (front) prepare to serve the ball during practice Tuesday at Diddle Arena.

## Volleyball looks to win without killer

Lady Tops refocus for conference run

BY JERRY BREWER  
Herald reporter

Short on personnel last weekend, the Western volleyball team put its game on an elevator and pressed the arrow pointing upward.

Onlookers learned that even without Kim Carpenter, a murderer on the court, the killing must go on. And the blocking,

too. And the "get a mean on mentality the senior middle hitter totes like a purse.

The result was two dominating performances — one with Carpenter playing only the opening minutes and the other with both Carpenter and junior left side hitter Andria Humpert (sprained ankle) out.

Those two matches, 3-0 wins over both South Alabama and New Orleans, may have bumped Western (11-7, 4-2 in Sun Belt Conference) back in the direction of that elusive conference championship. After struggling for the past month, the players'

morale and tenacity are back. But now Western faces another challenge — sustaining that level of play without Carpenter, the reigning Sun Belt Player of the Year, who was hitting .285 and leading the team in kills (214, 3.89 per game) and blocks (53) this season.

Humpert has practiced this week and will play during weekend road matches against Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas State. The Lady Toppers play the program formerly known as Southwestern Louisiana at 7 p.m. Friday. They visit Jonesboro, Ark. for a 1

p.m. match Sunday. Carpenter, who injured her right knee during a collision with Humpert last Friday, is out indefinitely. She had an MRI done on the knee Sunday, but because of swelling the results were inconclusive. The MRI did show no ligament damage had been done, but Carpenter's status will be unclear until doctors take another look at the knee, which could be as early as today.

"I still don't think it's that big of a deal," Carpenter said

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## Soccer gears up for MVC

Western opens conference play

BY LINDSAY SUTTON  
Herald reporter

The blackboard has been erased. It's time to start with a clean, unblemished slate. For Western's soccer team the score is now 0-0.

It's a Hilltopper team with the best start in school history, but now it's time for Missouri Valley Conference play. Now is the real beginning of the season.

The previous 11 games erased in the minds of Western players. Those matches helped the team build unity, but conference play is all that matters now. The Hilltoppers, ranked 5th in the Great Lakes Region, view their record as 0-0-0, not 10-1.

"Whether we'd gone undefeated before we got there (Missouri Valley Conference) or whether we'd lost every game up until now," junior forward Steven Brown said, "our real season starts Friday night when we play Drake."

And the Hilltoppers have something to prove. They were picked in the preseason to finish sixth in the conference again this year. And last season, Western finished third and made its first conference tournament appearance.

Western coach David Holmes said he wants the team to take one more step this year, make it to the conference championship semifinals.

"I think a realistic goal is to progress to that next stage and be one of the final four teams in the conference tournament," Holmes said.

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## BIG BEN

Senior leads defense, upholds family tradition

Football to face Tenn. Tech Saturday

BY RYAN CLARK  
Herald reporter

Ben Wittman's voice is hard and biting, what you'd expect from a 6-1, 242-pound senior who barks at offenses on

autumn Saturdays. But every now and then, when he reflects on his past, his voice reveals an admiration for the game and the tradition it exudes.

The game is football, and Wittman plays defensive end like a hornet — he'll sting you when he gets mad. He's already notched 6.5 sacks (a career high) in just six games, while wreaking havoc for a defense allowing only 15 points per contest.

The tradition — and you may be surprised by this — isn't found in the trophies and pictures outside Western's locker room.

The tradition is found in Wittman's name.

"There are a lot of members of my family who play sports," Wittman said, his voice losing that tough-guy edge. "I'm just doing it, too."

There's cousin Drew, who coaches tennis at James Madison. And cousin Jeff, who played foot-

ball at Ithaca College in New York. Don't forget Uncle Gene, who coaches high school wrestling.

And then there's Matt Ben's brother, who protected NFL first-round draft pick Daunte Culpepper as an offensive lineman at Central Florida.

"I remember when I was younger just saying to Matt, 'Hey, let's go out and play football,' and we would," Wittman said. "Nobody ever made us play, we just did."

And the voice grew softer still. It was on those days — when he and his brother would go out and play — that Wittman learned the game. He learned it so well, he received all-state honors in high school, a scholarship to college and a mention on this year's preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference team.

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Senior defensive end Ben Wittman (91) prepares to make a tackle during last Saturday's game against Eastern in Richmond.

Countdown to Kickoff

Toppers vs Tenn. Tech

When: 1 p.m., Saturday  
Where: Cookeville, Tenn.  
Where: Western (4-2, 3-1 MVC)  
Tenn. Tech (3-1, 2-0)

# Tops and Lady Tops basketball teams bounce into practice

## Men won't have Midnight Madness

BY TRAVIS MAYO  
Herald reporter

It's been a long seven months. To some Western basketball players, it's like being in a hurry on a Los Angeles freeway. They know where they want to go, but have to suffer through rush hour traffic. The bumpers are so close you couldn't squeeze a quarter between them.

But Saturday, the exits 99 and 00 will begin clearing, when both the Hilltoppers and Lady Toppers begin practicing.

The women hit the hardwood at noon Saturday in Diddle Arena. The practice is open, while the men's two Saturday practices (9 a.m. to noon; 6 to 9 p.m.) will be closed.

"I'm eager to go out there and I'm going to give it my 110 percent like I do all the time," junior guard Nashon McPherson said. "As a team, to tell you the truth, I haven't been on a team that feels like this. They really wanna get out and play."

It's a Hilltopper team that lost three starters and five players in all, but dropped eight new names to the roster. It's a team that last year was on the edge of the mountain that is the NCAA Tournament. And it's a 13-16 team that has expectations — both in the community and the locker room — as high as the 27th floor of Pearce-Ford Tower.

Western coach Dennis Felton thinks the now one-year-old program is starting to turn the corner. But, as last year, there won't be a midnight madness. It's just not time yet.

"I'm not interested in doing

one until it can truly be a fanatical affair," Felton said. "And based on the year I've been here — I know people are more excited than they've ever been — but it's still not there. My idea of midnight madness isn't a half-full arena. That's why we're not having one. I'd love to have one when I think our fans are ready, to really support it."

"Fans make a midnight madness — not the recruits, not the team, fans do. It's put on by them and for them, or else it's not madness."

The Lady Toppers are coming off a 21-7 season that ended with

the biggest upset of all, not getting an at-large selection to the NCAA tournament. But they have a new-year mentality and are focused on the task at hand. The Lady Toppers also realize what it's going to take to tackle those tasks.

"It's going to be an interesting year," senior guard Jaime Walk said. "We have such a tough schedule, probably one of the hardest schedules since I've been here. It's gonna take all 12 of us to go to it and give it everything we have, every day in practice and every game, and not give up."

# Men and women run in separate competitions this weekend

## Women want revenge in Bloomington

BY CHRIS YEO  
Herald reporter

The women's cross country team heads back to Bloomington, Ind. this weekend with redemption in its mind and confidence in its legs.

The Lady Toppers will run in the second section against 23 teams at the Pre-NCAA Championship at Indiana University.

A poor showing the last time

the women were in Bloomington has caused the hopeful Sun Belt Champions to be seeded lower than expected. Coach Curtis Long said. The low seeding is not representative of the strong results the women have produced this season. Last weekend's team victory at the Furman Invitational, in which six Western runners finished in the top 20, continued the season's string of solid performances.

"This one has better team potential than any one we've had," Long said.

Long cautions that the team is still on a potential stage, that it is still seeking an identity. Senior Valerie Lynch is confident the team can win the con-

ference this year, as long as it can get similar results in the next three weeks like it did at

**"This one has better team potential than any one we've had."**

— Curtis Long  
Western cross country coach

the Furman Invitational.

"Having a closely-knit group with a good leader is ideal," Long said of Lynch.

With an individual Sun Belt Championship already notched

on her sneakers, and two performer-of-the-week awards this season, Lynch could lead the Lady Toppers to a new height on the Hill.

The men's team is the opposite of the women's. Long said there is a significant gap between the first and fifth runners. And so narrow that gap the Hilltoppers need to get healthy. Western competes in the Chili Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. this weekend.

Long said the men have experienced a series of nagging problems, including 1998 Sun Belt champion Aaron Mullins' back spasms.

Junior Brandon McKinney

and sophomore Stefan Devillers have suffered ailments all season, but seem to be healing at the right time.

Challenging the men for the Sun Belt title this year will be a strong team from South Alabama. "They're considered the favorites in the conference, at least on paper it would appear that way," Long said.

Western is led by seniors Aaron Mullins and Duncan Shangase, who have both run well this year. Another major factor in the men's quest for success in 1999 is junior Rob Pritchett.

"Rob is a key on the men's team, he is in a position to make a quality move up," Long said.

# BEN: Hilltopper senior defensive end helps team grow up in quiet way

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"The defense has been something we really hang our hats on and Ben Wittman is a big part of that," said coach Jack Harbaugh after Western's first home victory, a 55-7 spanking of Cumberland. "He's been a huge contribution to this team."

Ironically, it has been the defense, and not the much-publicized offense, that has been drawing rave reviews for its stellar play this season. Several quarterback problems have produced inconsistent scoring (55 points against Cumberland, six against South

Florida) and have forced the defense to grow up fast.

And they've done it, with the help of Wittman, posting a 4-2 record.

"I'm playing my position this year," he said. "Last year, because of personnel problems, I played defensive tackle and noseguard. Now I'm at my natural position."

But Wittman said that, in the last two weeks, he hasn't performed as well as he could have. In last week's 31-10 defeat at Eastern, he managed just two tackles, although one was for a 10-yard loss.

Wittman wants more. Just like all those years ago,

when he played with his brother, he wanted more. And he got it.

He says he'll get it again. Hopefully, against Tennessee Tech (3-1, 2-0) this Saturday.

"The defense can win ball games, but they can lose them, too," he said. "I'm a fifth-year senior, so I should be expected to do good. I'm going to try to come out and do more this week — try to dominate, try to do things to win."

"I'm really not emotional or vocal. I just go out and play. It's what I've always done."

But he is vocal. It's just softer when he talks about the game.

# KILLER: Furry hitting well

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"It wasn't, like, horrible pain. I just don't want this to overshadow how my team played. We're finally playing. The last thing I want is to take attention away from that. With or without me, this team is going to get it done."

The Lady Toppers certainly did the job this past weekend. Sophomore right side hitter Natalie Furry continued her superstar evolution. She now leads the team in hitting percentage at .315. Furry is hitting better than 400 during conference matches. And this weekend, with Carpenter out, she hit better than 350 in both matches — with defenses keying on her.

Western didn't miss Carpenter this weekend in the middle, either, as both sophomore middle hitter Jessica Willard and junior middle Christie Turnipseed played well. Willard posted a career-high 14 kills against New Orleans, and Turnipseed hit 429 with seven kills against South Alabama.

"After that girl blocked me, I was like, 'That's not going to happen again,'" Turnipseed

said after the South Alabama match Sunday. "I was so mad. It was a great swing and I felt like I was going to get a kill. And she was right there. I really couldn't see her. After that, I was like, 'I'm going to show her.' I was ready to play. I got motivated."

The Lady Toppers know they need Carpenter to reach all their goals. And it was obvious this weekend New Orleans and South Alabama won't be teams vying for the conference championship in November.

But dominating — not just winning — without Carpenter provides hope. Western yielded only 12 points to South Alabama, the lowest it has allowed in six years. It also held the Jaguars to a negative .013 hitting percentage, while it hit .423.

"I'm getting better at it," Hudson said of handling injuries. "I handled it better than I have in years past."

In five years of coaching, all of the teams Hudson has coached in odd years — Year 1, Year 3 and now Year 5 — have had players suffer major injuries.

"After my sixth year, I guess I'll retire," Hudson said.

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# SOCCER: Weekend opponent is first nationally-ranked foe for Hilltoppers

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Western will start working toward its goal tomorrow at Drake, its first MVC opponent of the season. From there, the Hilltoppers will head to Omaha, Neb., to take on their first nationally-ranked opponent of the season on Sunday, No. 17 Creighton. The Bluejays (6-2-1) have been ranked as high as No. 1 this season.

"We've been fortunate to recruit some good players," Creighton coach Bret Simon said. "(And) we play a terrific schedule."

Two of the nine teams Creighton has faced this season are currently ranked in the top 25. Several others have been ranked at various times, including Gonzaga, who ended the Bluejays' home win streak Sept. 26 — a streak that had stood since 1997.

Simon said Creighton averages a home crowd of 2,000.

"Certainly, the crowd has been helpful," Simon said. "But I don't think it's going to play a big role (in the Western game)."

Senior defender Bryan Robbins said the team has to stay disciplined and not get intimidated by Creighton's national ranking.

**"I don't think there's any team in the conference that we can't beat."**

— Bryan Robbins  
Western senior defender

"I don't think there's any team in the conference that we can't beat," Robbins said.

Brown, the MVC Offensive Player of the Week, said another key is maintaining the Hilltoppers' consistent defense. Western has allowed only six goals in 11 games, 15 less than

the Hilltoppers had given up at the same point last season.

But Creighton has allowed just three goals in nine games.

"I think they'll be a real good measuring stick for us to tell where we're at and where we stand nationally," Brown said.

Holmes said Western's main concern right now, though, is tomorrow's game at Drake (2-8). The Bulldogs are 0-3 when down at halftime, and Western has only trailed at halftime once this season.

"Drake's having a little bit of a down year, but even so, once conference play comes around, everyone starts off with a clean slate," Robbins said.

### Mills out for week

Sophomore midfielder Zach Mills suffered a mild concussion in practice and his doctor advised him to stay away from practice and games. He will not make the trip this weekend to Drake and Creighton.

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Team	W-L	Next
Football	4-2	Saturday at Tennessee Tech
Volleyball	11-7	Tomorrow at Louisiana-Lafayette
Soccer	10-1	Tomorrow at Drake
Women's golf	4-12	Oct. 15-16 at Eastern Ky.
Men's golf	49-26	Today at Xavier Invitational
Men's cross country	*	Saturday at Chili Pepper Invitational
Women's cross country	*	Saturday at Bloomington, Ind.

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## Topper Tidbits

### Golf slides with 15th place finish at Xavier

The men's golf team continued its recent downward slide yesterday and finished 15th in the Xavier Intercollegiate Tournament. After starting the season with three impressive tournament performances, the Hilltoppers have failed to break the top 10 in their last two events. Western was looking to bounce back from last week's 12th place finish, but ran into steep competition in Ohio Tuesday.

Sophomore Eric Mason shot a low round of 70 and finished tied for 23rd in the individual standings.

"The strength of the field was the difference (between the first two tournaments and the last two)," Coach Brian Tirpak said. "No one lit it up, we just played average and when you play against that kind of field you're gonna get beat."

The team will try to end the fall season on a positive note next weekend when it competes in the Persimmon Ridge Intercollegiate in Louisville.

— Travis Williams

### Felton to speak at basketball luncheon tomorrow

Western men's basketball coach Dennis Felton will be the featured speaker at the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation's Tip-Off Luncheon tomorrow at the Bowling Green County Club. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12 per person, but reservations must be made today. To make a reservation, contact the HAF Office at 745-5321.

Western officially starts practicing Saturday morning at Diddle Arena and opens the season at Southern Illinois on Nov. 20. The Hilltoppers play their first home game Nov. 23.

— Travis Mayo

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