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Bowling Green senior Angela Plano, left, plays in the snow in front of Van Meter Hall with her sister, Amanda Plano, a sophomore at Greenwood High School, on Saturday afternoon. Many students took time to enjoy the winter weather on Saturday.

Wendi Thompson/Herald

## No class? Please

Nothing less than a foot  
would cancel class

By ERICA WALSH  
Herald reporter

When the first flakes drifted down from the sky, one thought raced through the mind of Nashville freshman Camille Bourne.

If it snows enough, classes will be canceled.

"I was hoping that they would be canceled, but I heard that classes don't get canceled for anything," Bourne said with a hint of disappointment in her voice.

It seems Western students are out of luck when it comes to classes being called off because of snow or bad weather. According to Greg Fear, manager of Campus Services, it would take a major meteorological event for students to have permission to sleep in.

"It would take a big snow, a huge snow, a 'hundred years' snow, to cancel school," Fear said.

In inches, he translated a huge snow to about a foot, and a foot is a far cry from the



Cassandra Shie/Herald

Bowling Green sophomore Paula Micheletti, left, Brenda Lord of Georgia Tech, and Louisville freshman Abbie Basham build a snowman between Bernis Lawrence and Barnes-Campbell halls on Sunday.

two to three inches of snow Bowling Green got Saturday.

"A loss of power or a heavy ice storm could be cause for classes to be canceled, but not the two or three inches we got," Fear said.

According to a supervisor at Facilities Management, the last time classes were

canceled because of a severe ice storm or a power problem was almost 10 years ago.

Facilities Management has a snow plan that effectively clears the roads and walkways, making it next to impossible for snow or ice to keep students from classes.

"The first things we hit are major intersections, walkways and the steps of the dorms and buildings," Fear said. "Our grounds crew was here Saturday morning when the snow started, so we had Diddle Arena cleared in time for the basketball game that night."

With main roads cleared, there was no excuse for students and faculty not to go to class yesterday. But that bit of disappointment didn't stop the inner child that was ready to come out in some students.

"I made snow angels," Bourne said. "Some people looked at me like I was crazy, but oh well."

Others expressed pent-up aggression in the time-honored tradition of pelting their friends with ice and snow.

"We threw a few snowballs," Rineyville

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## Police ignore state law

Questions arise after  
Felton disregards alarm

By JASON RAGAN  
Herald reporter

A fire alarm in Diddle Arena Wednesday, during which Hilltopper coach Dennis Felton refused to evacuate his team, has caused confusion about whether campus police ignored state law.

Felton's team practiced for at least nine minutes while the fire alarm buzzed. When police arrived, he continued practice and ignored an officer's request to leave, according to a police report. Police did not persist, failing to enforce state law which requires evacuation during a fire alarm.

Felton's offense was not made public, as other reports are. Yesterday, the Herald received a copy of the report through campus mail, accompanied by a typed anonymous note saying "a sure thing you never would have seen this one."

According to the report, officer Gordon Turner arrived at Diddle and told an assistant coach the team needed to leave the building. The assistant coach asked the officer if the players could get their sweats before leaving the building.

As the Bowling Green Fire Department was searching the building for a fire, "the same assistant coach looked at me and held his arms up and then pointed at Coach Felton as if to say that he was not letting the team leave," Turner's police report says. "As I was leaving the building, the assistant coach told me that he told Coach Felton

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made available to students**

The Student Government Association has proposed a plan to create its own faculty evaluations that would be posted on the SGA website. **Page 6**

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From chicken soup to hot toddies, there are many different ways to treat the flu at home. Here's how Western students cure themselves. **Features, Page 9**

**Tops win second straight**

The Western men's basketball team beat Denver 83-71 last night behind 24 points from senior forward Lee Lampley. The win gives the Hilltoppers consecutive wins for just the second time this season. **Sports, Page 13**

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## Western officials planning capital campaign

University has raised \$30 million  
in past two years

By MATTIAS KARÉN  
Herald reporter

After almost two years of planning and preparation, Western is coming close to launching its first-ever capital campaign.

President Gary Ransdell, who started planning for a capital campaign almost as soon as he was elected president, said the

university will know by the end of the semester whether a campaign will be feasible.

A campaign would focus and centralize Western's already ferocious fund raising efforts, said Tom Hiles, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations. Specific goals would be set for how much money the university has to raise within the next few years, and for what purposes.

Ransdell said the main focuses of the campaign would be raising money for new scholarships, professorships and building projects. Before a campaign can be officially launched, however, there is still a lot to be done, such as establishing its specific goals and how to reach them. And once those goals

are established, a campaign is usually not officially launched until the university is halfway toward meeting them, he said. Ransdell said volunteers are being recruited to help set those goals.

The campaign would be a five-year plan, and would include about \$30 million that Hiles and his staff have raised over the last two years. The campaign would last until 2003. But Ransdell said \$30 million is not enough to launch a campaign.

"We need a lot more than that before we can get serious about it," he said.

Neither Ransdell nor Hiles would discuss

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## Weather forecast

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
33° 20°	26° 15°	31° 20°	36° 27°	45° 36°
Mostly cloudy	Cold	Slightly warmer	Cloudy, warmer	Rain and snow

T: 32°/19° snow  
W: 24°/14° cold  
R: 29°/18° cloudy  
F: 34°/26° warmer  
S: 42°/34° cloudy

## • Louisville

T: 27°/18° snow  
W: 22°/12° cold  
R: 31°/17° cloudy  
F: 39°/23° warmer  
S: 42°/32° sunny

## • Owensboro

T: 33°/18° cloudy  
W: 29°/16° cold  
R: 34°/20° cloudy  
F: 39°/27° warmer  
S: 44°/32° cloudy

## • Paducah

T: 36°/18° cloudy  
W: 27°/13° cold  
R: 31°/18° cloudy  
F: 39°/26° warmer  
S: 43°/35° rain and snow

## • Nashville

T: 39°/20° cloudy  
W: 27°/13° cold  
R: 31°/18° cloudy  
F: 39°/26° warmer  
S: 43°/35° rain and snow

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**Sparks fly:** Farm House members LaCenter junior Curtis Moss, left, Jay Michaelson, a sophomore from Smyrna, Tenn., Fancy Farm junior Chad Ringo, and fraternity president Joe Stuecker, a senior from Elizabethtown, light sparklers during the lunar eclipse last Thursday at the fraternity house. "These sparklers were the best idea we ever had," Stuecker said.

## Crime Reports

• Journalism professor Paula Quinn received a harassing phone call Friday at her Gordon Wilson office.

• Antonio Manuel Lopez reported Saturday that someone threw snowballs and rocks at his car and threatened physical violence toward him.

• David Matthew Robert reported damage and theft to his car in the Services-Supply lot. There was \$270 worth of damage and items worth \$675 were stolen.

• Justin Aron Bowen, Keen Hall, reported Thursday that his green Honda was broken into in the Services-Supply lot. The driver's side window was smashed and his CD-player and about 25 CD's were stolen. The damage was estimated at \$300 and around \$775 worth of stolen items were reported.

• Amanda Elizabeth White reported Thursday that her blue Chevrolet Cavalier was broken into. Damage worth \$300 was reported along with

\$1,630 worth of stolen items.

• Cary Wayne Jessup, Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported Thursday that his Toyota Camry had been broken into. There was \$300 worth of damage and \$850 worth of stolen items.

• Kenneth Eugene Bullock, Keen Hall, reported Thursday that his 1967 Impala was broken into in the Russellville Road lot. There was \$450 worth of damage and \$515 in stolen items.

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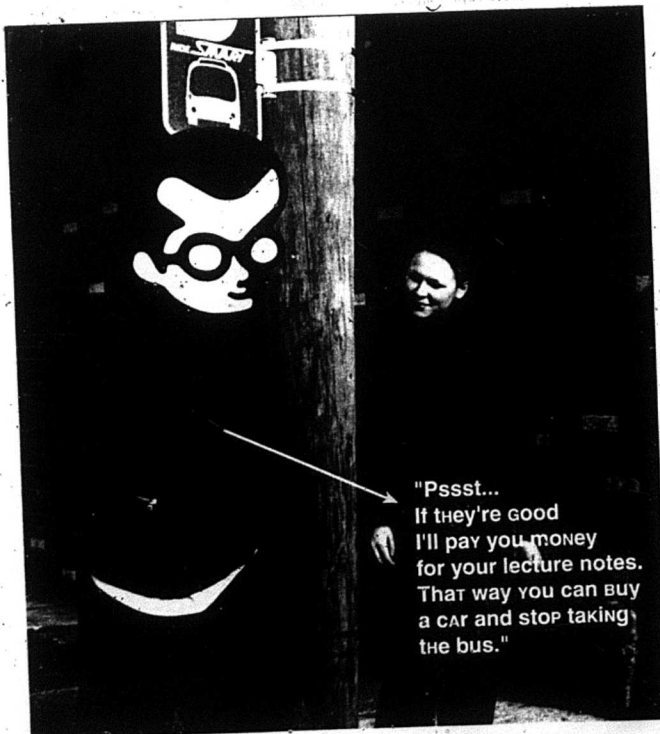
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# Governor approves more money for colleges

## Ransdell happy with Western's position

By **MATTIAS KAREN**  
Herald reporter

Gov. Paul Patton has approved the Council on Postsecondary Education's proposal to raise funding for higher education by \$186 million — or 19 percent — over the next two fiscal years.

Patton announced his decision at yesterday's CPE meeting and will present the proposal to the state legislature tonight. The legislature will vote on the recommendation — which is the largest dollar increase ever for postsecondary education funding — by the end of its session in March.

Patton called the recommendation a "quantum leap" for higher education funding in Kentucky, according to a press release from the governor's office.

"We must persevere in our commitment to postsecondary education and fulfill the promise we made to the people of Kentucky almost three years ago, when we enacted the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997," Patton said at the CPE meeting.

For Western, the recommendation would mean a \$2.9 million increase in operating budgets for the first year of the next biennium, bringing that figure to \$63.9 million. A \$2.6 million increase is planned for the second year.

The CPE and Patton also rec-

**"We must persevere in our commitment to post-secondary education and fulfill the promise we made to the people of Kentucky almost three years ago ..."**

— Gov. Paul Patton  
at the CPE meeting

ommends giving Western \$15 million over the next two years for a complete renovation of the Thompson Complex.

"I could not be more pleased," President Gary Ransdell said about Patton's decision. "I think Western is positioned reasonably well in this budget."

Western had asked for \$26 million for the Thompson project, but will have to find the extra \$11 million somewhere else.

The university could, however, receive up to \$10 million more in matching funds from the state, thanks to a larger pool of incentive money. The CPE decided to double the pool of incentive funds for the six comprehensive universities from \$10 million to \$20 million for the next biennium. The schools will divide \$10 million of that, of which Western would get about \$2.4 million.

The remaining \$10 million will then be available on a first-come, first-served basis for the schools that can match its initial money the fastest. This bodes well for Western, which was able to use up its matching funds

faster than any other comprehensive school over the last two years.

Tom Hiles, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, was glad to hear about Patton's decision, and said his staff already has a plan for how to secure as much as possible of that money.

"I think it would put the incentives in the right place," Hiles said. "We're going to do our best in maximizing our (fund raising) efforts."

Of the total budget, \$120 million will be used for the state's "Bucks for Brains" program. Another \$16 million will be given to schools for enrollment growth and retention. Almost \$60 million will be used for merit-based scholarships, and \$19 million will go to adult education and literacy programs.

# Fate of University Senate to be decided by faculty

## Ballots in department offices for two-day vote

By **JIM GAINES**  
Herald reporter

The long-running debate on how Western's faculty will govern themselves comes to an end as full-time, tenure-track faculty get their say today and tomorrow.

But the Faculty Senate has already spoken, voting 24-18 last Thursday not to recommend the University Senate charter. It urged faculty to vote against it.

Many senate members said their voice in the administration should be strengthened, but worried that the University Senate would have the opposite effect. The proposed senate would

include half a dozen high-level administrators as nonvoting members, and some faculty expressed concerns that their presence might keep junior faculty from speaking as freely as they do now in the Faculty Senate.

But the university president and the provost are already ex officio members of the Faculty Senate. Provost Barbara Burch said, so if debate hasn't been dampened there, it shouldn't be in the University Senate.

"People have to value and respect one another, and one another's roles," Burch said. "And want to communicate."

Today and Wednesday, faculty can vote in their department offices on whether they want to be represented by a single University Senate or remain under the two current bodies, the Academic Council and the Faculty Senate.

Full-time faculty on leave, administrators with faculty status and some instructors on continuing full-time appointments can also vote. Institutional Research Director Bob Cobb said in e-mails to faculty last Tuesday and Wednesday. Institutional Research will announce the results by e-mail on Wednesday evening.

If a majority of faculty are in favor of the University Senate, the Board of Regents will vote to approve it on Jan. 28. The Academic Council and Faculty Senate would serve out their current terms and disband, and the University Senate would be seated by next fall.

If the faculty vote fails, the University Senate will not appear on the regents' agenda and the plan will be dropped. A committee headed by philosophy and religion Professor

Arvin Vos, then chairman of the Faculty Senate, wrote the charter for the University Senate. Vos' committee worked in response to the Fisher Report, a 1997 independent study of Western that criticized current faculty governance and urged a more "meaningful and workable system."

But open debate shouldn't be sacrificed for convenience, said Patricia Minter, a history assistant professor who attended Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting.

"The value of efficiency can be vastly overrated," Minter said. "Democracy can often be very inefficient, and totalitarianism can be remarkably efficient."

There was much discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting on whether a University Senate would really strengthen the faculty voice, Burch said.

The main concern is still

whether the administration would pay any more attention to a University Senate than they do to the two current bodies. Even a unified senate would only be another advisory body that could be ignored, Minter said.

But some direct communication between faculty and administration is vital, Burch said. "If administrators just talk to administrators, faculty just talk to faculty and students just talk to students, our perceptions kind of get locked in," she said. "It takes a lot of different individuals with different roles to make a university function."

Everyone involved, from Burch and Vos to Faculty Senate Chairman Ed Wolfe, has urged all faculty to read the University Senate charter and make an informed vote. The document can be read online at [www.wku.edu/Dept/org/FISreports/facgov.html](http://www.wku.edu/Dept/org/FISreports/facgov.html).

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### 1999-2000 FACULTY AWARDS

Faculty Award for Teaching  
Faculty Award for Research/Creativity  
Faculty Award for Public Service

Nominations for WKU full-time faculty members are now being accepted for the 1999-2000 college and university-wide awards. The Community College will select two awardees: one for teaching and one for public service. The areas of University Libraries and Information Technology will jointly select two awardees: one for research/creativity and one for public service. Each of the colleges, The Gordon Ford College of Business, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health and Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, will select three awardees from each college: one for teaching, one for research/creativity, and one for public service.

Nominations may be made by using the form below or completing the nomination form available in the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Academic Dean, and Departmental offices. **The deadline for submitting nominations is February 7, 2000.**

The WKU Alumni Association makes a cash award to each recipient of the university-wide awards, and the university provides an engraved silver bowl to each. The award winners are recognized annually at an appropriate ceremony.

#### Faculty Awards 1999-2000 Deadline: February 7

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_, a full-time faculty member in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_, for the following award: \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching \_\_\_\_\_ Research/Creativity \_\_\_\_\_ Public Service

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# Opinion

## Faculty need to vote now or be quiet later

Western faculty have the chance to participate in direct democracy at its best today and tomorrow as they decide whether to ditch their own Faculty Senate for a University Senate.

How faculty vote is up to them since the final decision has no serious effect on students.

Whether they vote, however, is an entirely different matter.

Our message to faculty: If you don't vote, you can't complain.

That's it. We don't want to hear it. Talk to the hand and all that jazz.

This message is prompted by your recent reaction to a certain scheduling change.

We recall you remaining silent while plenty of opportunities to be heard passed you by.

And when a decision was made, the whining soon followed.

That can't happen with this Faculty Senate vote, because the Board of Regents will consider the results a university-wide consensus on the issue.

The Board will make a decision whether you like it or not. Trust us on this one.

Students are all too familiar with the Board's tendency to turn a deaf ear on the very people it is supposed to look out for.

Some have argued the University Senate is a ploy by administrators to effectively silence the faculty voice.

Others believe the voice will be more effective and less confusing if the Faculty Senate and Academic Council are consolidated.

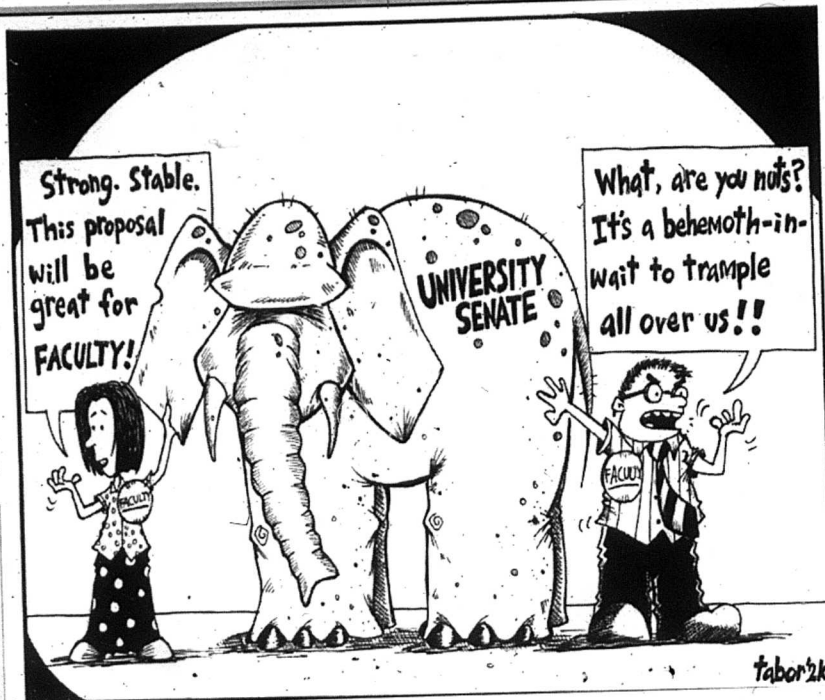
We're not endorsing either plan, but we do know this: Any representative body, be it a Faculty Senate, Academic Council or University Senate, is completely worthless if its constituents are apathetic.

The solution is simple, regardless of plan preference. Stand up and be counted, or sit down and zip it.

### The Issue:

Faculty are voting on whether to keep the Faculty Senate

**Our view:** If they don't vote, they have no right to complain about the outcome.



Here's a big steaming pile of ... commentary

I don't have a thing to write about. The words you're now reading, believe it or not, were written for the sole purpose of filling space. This is a commentary with no real comment.

You won't find me ranting about campus parking. Nope. Not here. Tuition, class, politics — nothing has me really upset right now.

It's going to make for a pretty boring commentary, isn't it?

Well, it's ALL YOUR FAULT!

That's right you.

You — yeah, you, sitting at home playing Playstation all day. You in front of the TV with the Ben & Jerry's. You surfing the Web in the library.

If you are reading this right now, you are invited to write a commentary for publication. In fact, you were originally invited in the first Herald of the semester, but you didn't respond.

No, you weren't listening. At least I hope you weren't listening.

I hope you didn't wake up and decide your opinions are too good for me.

You left me hanging.

You reduced me to cranking out



Charlie Lanter  
commentary

really long sentences like this that are run-ons that I wrote just to make the commentary look longer than it really is because at the time I wrote it I didn't have strong feelings on any pertinent issues.

So you think you can't write? The sad truth is some of you are right.

Others say, "I suck. Nobody wants to read my opinion."

I do.

From now on, it doesn't matter how badly you write or how wacky your opinions are. Your commentary

couldn't possibly be worse than this.

In fact, if you can throw together a few original thoughts and a topic sentence, you've pretty much destroyed me here.

Please, don't mistake this as a plea for letters to the editor. If I wanted letters I would have used this space to poke fun at homeless people or something offensive like that.

I want a full-fledged, totally creative commentary, chock-full of the things you really care about.

Write about the weather, the presidential campaign, a class you really love or hate. I really don't care as long as you write.

So please, call me at 6011 or e-mail me at [herald@wku.edu](mailto:herald@wku.edu) and tell me you want to write. And do it soon.

Otherwise, when the next Forum page runs again in two weeks, I'll still be spoon-feeding you meaningless loads of ... well, you know.

There. That should be long enough.

Charlie Lanter is a senior print journalism and government double major from Lexington. He'll sell his soul for a commentary.

## Do you feel safe from fire in your dorm room?



"I'm not a heavy sleeper, so yeah, I feel safe."

Rachel Goodman  
Russellville sophomore



"Yeah. The RAS always make sure we know where the closest exit is."

Brandon Warren  
freshman from Virginia Beach, Va.



"Yes, I'm close to the fire exit."

Keya Ritchie  
Lexington freshman



"Yes, I think the fire alarms are safe."

John Allen  
Morehead sophomore



"Yes, because we haven't had a fire yet."

Kendra Hollinshead  
Lexington freshman

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# Forum

## Eliminating Faculty Senate dangerous University Senate chance to expand faculty voice, input

It's about culture, not structure. This statement by my fellow faculty senator, Robert Dietle, at last Thursday's forum on the proposed University Senate goes right to the heart of the matter. It has been a culture of administrative indifference to faculty concerns that has been the problem, not our faculty governance structure.

Short of the faculty taking over the university or having a union (I am not suggesting either), there is no governance structure that can be devised that will "force" administrators to heed our collective voice. Simply put, the culture of indifference is what must change. At best, a change in our faculty governance structure is cosmetic.

An aside on last Thursday's forum: I only wish all of the faculty could have been there to see the thoughtful observations made on both sides of this issue. As you probably know, a poll of the Faculty Senate resulted in a 24-13 vote against the proposal for a University Senate to replace our Faculty Senate.

In fact, we already have strong evidence of their opposition in the "Supplement to the Proposed Charter of the University Senate" which was handed out just last week.

Every one of the changes made in this last minute Supplement had the effect of weakening the role of the faculty! The culture continues.

Further, from that same Supplement, the President has put us on notice that "the Board will have the last prerogative on language in the document." Sounds to me like we are being asked to sign a blank check!

If we approve this proposal, it will go to the Board on Friday, and at that meeting those same folks that Dr. (Arvin) Vos told us are in opposition within the administration will be able to influence further the language and intent of the final document. If that were not a possibility, there was no reason for the President to make that statement.

An argument that has come up time and again needs to be dis-

missed once and for all. We are told that because there are two faculty bodies (Academic Council and the Faculty Senate), administrators were often confused as to which body to consult. Thus, they claim, forced them to repeatedly appoint ad hoc committees without consulting either body.

First, we're talking about TWO bodies, not twenty.

Second, if there was confusion, how difficult would it be to contact both bodies and ask for their opinion as to who should be involved?

Third, the "faculty governance committee," which authored this proposal, is an ad hoc committee appointed by the Provost. It was born out of the same process that this proposal is said to prevent in the future. What an irony!

Essentially we are being told that we need to reinvent our faculty governance structure to get the President and the Provost to simply do what is right, i.e., whenever there are faculty issues involved, both faculty bodies should be consulted and let those two bodies sort out who should be involved. We are told that the new University Senate will "force" them to do just that, but when you look at the last two paragraphs of the above-mentioned Supplement, you see that they changed the language from "...faculty input will be through having one or more faculty members serve on the committee in question" to "...faculty input may be through having one or more faculty members serve on the committee in question."

If someone didn't think that was an important change, why was it made? The effect of that single word change is to remove any "force" the original statement intended. Again, the culture is still at work.

So is this about "us versus them?" I think not. We all serve on committees where there is student, faculty, and administrative representation, and that's exactly as it should be — and we get along! But someone tell me why we should give up our only chance to have a single, unfiltered faculty voice?

The irony of ironies is that this proposal takes us back to where it all began. The original faculty governance structure at Western was composed of faculty and administrators. Ask those folks how well that worked and why they moved to a Faculty Senate without administrators.

Ed Wolfe, an accounting and finance professor, is chairman of the Faculty Senate.



Ed Wolfe  
commentary

Tuesday and Wednesday are important days at Western as we, the faculty, are deciding whether to adopt the University Senate or to maintain the present system with the Faculty Senate and the Academic Council. My plea to faculty is to study the proposed system and compare it to the present system and then make an informed vote.

In the past four years the Council on Postsecondary Education has changed the landscape in higher education. The Council routinely issues directives that do not fall within the scope of the Faculty Senate or the Academic Council.

The proposed governance

system would be responsive to such directives.

Currently the response to directives is through task forces independent from the Faculty Senate and the Academic Council. Faculty will enhance their voice as the proposed system has built-in responsiveness to the Council on Postsecondary Education. Some people are saying that



Julia Roberts  
commentary

the faculty will be losing a voice, but the fact is that the voice will be enhanced.

Although administrators are ex-officio members of the University Senate, all voting members will be members of the faculty. Department heads, as faculty, will be elected to the University Senate only if voted to that position by faculty members in their department.

I will be voting for the University Senate because I believe it will strengthen the faculty voice and provide a more responsive governance structure.

Julia Roberts, a professor of teacher education, is a member of the faculty governance committee.



## Wrap it, zap it, pluck it, tuck it and you'll still be middle-aged

Beauty's in the eye of the beholder.

Not bloody likely.

Beauty's in the eye of the jerk that's still buying Playboy.

Picture it. When it's 2:30 in the morning, the average TV viewer isn't too discriminating. In the clawed clutches of insomnia, anything that doesn't have "Bikini Babes" in the title will hold my interest.

That's how I ended up in the grips of an infomercial featuring my favorite primetime soap has been hocking what is no doubt the most disturbing beauty product ever made.

It consisted of some sort of generator and a creepy looking mask that sent electric current into the skin through little electrodes. It looked like a torture device used by secret police. It was supposed to tone and tighten

the muscles of the face without "those time-consuming facial exercises."

Facial exercises? I just mastered the Stair Master. I didn't know I was supposed to be doing actual "chin-ups."

The paid spokeswoman claimed the process was painless. But if I had a nickel for every time an infomercial said at-home waxing treatments didn't hurt, I could pay for electrolysis.

I'm still sort of creeped out by the idea that women are actually using an at-home electrocution kit to achieve a youthful look. I howled at the TV and threw whatever I could at the offending sales pitch.

Why? Why would anybody put themselves through this sort of thing? But then I realized this isn't the weirdest thing women have done to themselves in the

pursuit of beauty. Throughout



Molly Harper  
commentary

We pluck, zap, shave and put searing hot wax in the most uncomfortable of areas in the interest of being hairless. But it's culturally forgivable for a guy to

grow enough hair on his back to braid.

We use stinging toners, abrasive scrubs, and facials that eat through the first layer of skin in the crusade for a clear complexion. Let's not even go into what exfoliating really means.

I'm not even blaming men for this. It's not their fault women have gone to ridiculous lengths to appease their absurd expectations of the female form.

I blame advertisers who put 12-year-old girls in wedding dress ads. I blame the fashion industry that dictates the new ideal dress size is a zero. A zero! How the hell are you a size nothing? I blame Hollywood — an establishment which has no problem putting Catherine Zeta-Jones and the gorgeous (but fossilic) Sean Connery together in

"Entrapment," and then pats itself on the back for casting Rene Russo, a beautiful woman in her mid-forties, as a love interest in "The Thomas Crown Affair" for a man her own age!

I've had enough. I'm not the first to take this stand, but damn it I'm going to take it anyway. Women of Western, we have to unite in an effort to end these torturous traditions of grooming.

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any one around you even

notices. I'm probably going to be

blamed for the ugliest class to

graduate from Western. But I

don't care. If it means one

woman breaks the cycle of

abuse, it's worth it.

Molly Harper is a senior print

journalism major from Paducah.

# SGA enrollment numbers down

## Congress has 50 open positions

By REX HALL JR.  
Herald reporter

Empty seats at Tuesday Congress meetings and low student input are becoming a fact of life for Student Government Association and its members. The organization has close to 50 empty positions in its Student Congress.

At the beginning of last semester SGA's enrollment was steady, but since then 20 positions have opened up in the Congress and attendance has dropped.

SGA Vice President Cassie Martin said she thinks the biggest reason behind the enrollment problem is a lack of time for students. Martin said members of SGA give up three hours of their week to the organization attending a one hour Congress meeting and two one-hour committee meetings.

It's time commitment that we need from members," Martin said. "A whole lot of people don't have that time."

SGA President Amanda Coates said the low attendance is unfortunate, and "detrimental to our efforts."

"It's just harder for us to keep a finger on the pulse of the student body," Coates said.

She said SGA is currently working out a plan for raising its enrollment. To bring more students in, the organization is planning an open house for any student to come in and talk during a Congress meeting.

Another effort would be to have all Congress members bring in a friend to one of the meetings, Coates said. Hopefully, some of those students would get interested in SGA and decide to come back, she said.

Martin said another tool will be recruiting students during their freshman year at Western, and even earlier, talking to students during their senior year of high school.

"That's the first step we are going to take toward getting higher enrollment," she said.

Louisville freshman and SGA Congress member Mark Rawlings said he credited ignorance among students to SGA's low turnout.

"Students really don't know what SGA does and how far

reaching their programs are," Rawlings said. "I feel like SGA is a big help to the student body."

Martin also said that a lot of students really don't know what SGA does for them.

"People say they don't see the impact we make on campus," Martin said. "SGA was how we got Fall Break, and the Dead Day on finals week. It's going to take PR to get it out there and let students know what SGA is doing for them."

Ty Martin, a Prestonsburg freshman who is not an SGA member, said for him it's just a matter of not having enough time.

"If I had the time, I would join," he said. "I think it's a good organization. They are trying to help, and that's a good thing."

As far as PR goes for SGA, Martin said that during last spring's elections, SGA got horrible PR from Andy Spears and Doug Mory who ran on the presidential and vice presidential ticket.

"They organized fliers around campus saying abolish SGA," Martin said. "I don't know if it actually had an impact on enrollment, but I think that people see that and ask, 'What has SGA done for us?'"

# SGA proposes new faculty evaluations

## Faculty reaction is yet to be heard

By REX HALL JR.  
Herald reporter

Western students may soon gain a tool that will help them choose teachers that better meet their needs.

Student Government Association is working on a proposal to distribute its own version of teacher evaluations that would be made available for students to view. Currently teacher evaluations are shown only to department heads and professors.

SGA President Amanda Coates said the evaluations would be used for student feedback, not to voice complaints about teachers.

"It would be very beneficial to our student body if it had access to this information," Coates said.

She said the new evaluations would consist of about 10 questions, such as "Does this teacher take attendance," something that might be important for non-traditional students who can't always make it to class.

"Just things that students would really want to know," Coates said. "Not 'Does this teacher seem prepared for class,' like the current evaluations."

So far, however, the proposal is only in its "early, early developmental stages," SGA Vice President Cassie Martin said. "Nothing is set in stone."

Martin said if the evaluations become reality, they will probably be conducted through Institutional Research. Martin said Bob Cobb, Institutional Research director, told him that the new evaluations are feasible, but that there are a few kinks to work out first.

The evaluations would then probably be posted for student viewing on the not often visited SGA website.

"With enough publicity, we can get people to come to our website to see the evaluations," Martin said.

Another possible benefit

students may see is an increase in the number of students who decide to stay at Western instead of going elsewhere, Martin said.

"I think the retention rate will go higher if they use these evaluations," she said.

Faculty reaction to the new evaluation proposal is yet to be heard. Neither Faculty Senate chairman Ed Wolfe nor Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller could be reached for comment.

Vice President for Student Affairs Jerry Wilder, however, said he supports students evaluating faculty, but he believes for them to be successful the effort must be a collaboration among faculty and SGA.

It will never work unless students and faculty work together to develop it, Wilder said. "It has to be a win-win situation."

Wilder said some categories that could be included on the evaluations might be how many exams an instructor gives, opportunities for extra credit in a course, course attendance policies, course grading scale

and course grade distribution.

"It needs to be an instrument the faculty supports and feels benefits the students," Wilder added.

But first everyone in SGA needs to be persuaded, Coates said when the proposal was introduced during SGA's annual retreat this weekend, many congress members were against it. She said many brought up Murray State University, where the student regent last spring filed an open records request for all faculty evaluations and then posted them on the Internet. The result was a furious faculty senate, which SGA doesn't want here, Coates said.

Therefore, faculty input will be taken into consideration by SGA when this proposal is drawn up into a final draft, Martin said.

"I want to work with faculty and show them that we are not trying to sabotage their careers," Martin said. "Truly good teachers should have nothing to hide."

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# Burch pushes pay raise plan for part-time faculty

Lowest level average below minimum wage

By JIM GAINES  
Herald reporter

Western's part-time faculty may soon get a raise, but it still won't bring their pay in line with other state universities. In some cases, it may not bring them up to minimum wage.

Part-time faculty make from \$1,100 to \$1,500 per three-hour class at Western. At a maximum of three classes each, that's a possible yearly take-home of \$6,600 to \$9,000.

"Actually, I think if you break it down, it's way less than minimum wage," said Carey Brown, a part-time instructor in the Women's Studies and Sociology departments.

She's right. Brown earns \$1,000 each for three classes in the Women's Studies and Sociology

departments. She works on each class about 15 hours per week, she said.

At 15 hours per class over a 16-week semester, Brown earns \$458 per hour for teaching at Western.

She made more as a graduate assistant. A nonprofit organization, the United Way Family Enhancement Center, pays Brown almost twice Western's rate for the classes she teaches there, she said.

In mid-December 1999, Provost Barbara Burch asked the university Budget Council to give Academic Affairs \$150,000 more for part-time salaries this year as part of a three-year plan to reach benchmark levels.

The Budget Council could decide on the request within six weeks, said council member Tom Hiles, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations. But that's only one of many funding requests the council receives.

If it passes the Budget Council, the raise must still be approved by

President Gary Ransdell and the state Council on Postsecondary Education before it becomes part of the governor's budget sent to the state legislature.

A study in fall 1996 found that part-time faculty pay at Western lagged as much as \$730 per class behind other schools used as benchmarks by the state Council on Higher Education, predecessor to the CPE. About half of those benchmark schools have changed, but the problem remains.

"We really are shamefully behind where we ought to be," Burch said.

On Jan. 1, 1999, Academic Affairs managed to raise part-time faculty pay about 10 percent by using lapsed salary money, which is pay for unfilled jobs that's still in the budget, Burch said.

If the Budget Council doesn't approve a pay raise this year, Academic Affairs could use lapsed salary money again, said Michael Dale, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs. But that's a temporary and uncertain

fix since the money supply varies with the number of salaried jobs unfilled each year.

For full-time faculty, the lowest pay is about \$26,000 for teaching four classes, or five at the Community College, Dale said. That's an average of \$6,500 per class. But full-time faculty do much more than just teach. They must also research and publish in their fields and join in university affairs like departmental committees or faculty government.

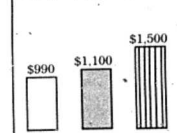
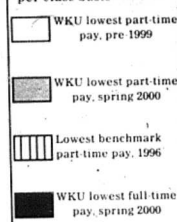
Of the more than 300 part-time faculty, most don't rely on a university paycheck for survival, Dale said. Many have other full-time jobs in business or are Western administrators still teaching a class or two.

That explains why part-timers have stood by in the past while full-time faculty and staff received raises, Burch said.

"They surely must love teaching and Western," she said "because they don't do it for the money."

## Faculty pay comparison \$6,500

\*per class basis



◆ Benchmark statistics were compiled in 1996. Some schools used as benchmarks have changed.

## SURGE: Success expected in first major fund drive

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a likely goal for the campaign, but acknowledged that a campaign is usually not launched before the university is halfway toward meeting its goal. A likely goal to be reached by 2003 would be around \$60 to \$70 million, depending on how much can be raised by the end of the semester.

But no matter what the goal, Western is likely to go over it. A general rule in capital campaigns is setting a goal that is almost certain to be reached and surpassed.

"You better not set it if you don't think you can reach it," Ransdell said. "Once you state all those goals, you're out on that limb and you simply have to be successful." To not reach that goal, he added, "would be devastating, in my opinion, for an institution."

For Western, this would be the first capital campaign in the university's history. Thomas Meredith, who was president before Ransdell, discussed the possibility of starting one, but never did.

"Western has not had a fundraising history to speak of," Ransdell said, and we're trying to build one."

That is why it's taken almost two years for the university to get ready for a campaign.

"(When I came) we didn't have the infrastructure, we didn't have the research ... and there were just so many things we weren't prepared to do."

For Ransdell, however, a campaign would not be the first. He orchestrated Clemson University's first-ever campaign from 1987-1992. That campaign raised \$101 million in cash and another \$18 million in deferred gifts, increasing annual cash flow from \$6 million to \$25 million.

The original goal for that campaign was \$60 million, almost \$40 million below what was eventually raised. But Ransdell said whatever goal Western sets will be closer to the end result, since Western is collecting much more data than Clemson did before starting.

"We're doing this one a lot more thoroughly," he said.

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# Construction hampers parking

By ABNEY BROWN  
Herald reporter

Driving and parking on campus may be even more inconvenient this week, and in the weeks to come, because of a series of construction projects.

Western began construction to improve campus electrical service on Nov. 1 and is digging trenches and placing electrical conduits and vaults to transfer power from the substation throughout campus, at the expense of parking spots.

Part of the project has taken up the first 50 feet of the Diddle Lot and that construction will not be complete until February.

The University Boulevard entrance to the parking structure will be closed Wednesday. Captain Mike Wallace said construction will also cause Dogwood Avenue to be closed to through traffic Thursday and Friday, he said.

An even bigger chunk of parking will be taken up in about two weeks, Johnson said, when the McCormack 10-minute lot will be closed for about two weeks.

Despite the inconvenience, the outcome of all the construction will be a benefit to all Western students and faculty, said project manager Ben Johnson. The construction is part of phase two of a 10-phase project to rescue Western from its electrical starvation. Western is currently using its electrical service at full capacity and can't get anymore power. But there is still a need to connect more appliances.

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities has four substations providing electrical services to the campus, but it can't provide anymore. So BGMU is constructing a new electrical substation on the other side of the railroad tracks on University Boulevard to help alleviate Western's problem.

In conjunction with improving the electrical distribution systems, the new project will also provide a better means of providing fiber optics/communication system cables.

Johnson said one of his bigger worries about construction is around Gilbert and McCormack Halls.

"There will be a lot of noise, but we aren't going to be out there at 6 a.m. pounding rock," Johnson said.

Johnson said each phase will take about a year to complete, so the whole project won't be finished for about nine years.

He hopes the inconvenience to students and faculty will be to a minimum. Johnson said, "But it is kind of hard to do work without making some noise."

## Campus News

### Forensics team third in competition

Western's Forensic Society placed third in the overall sweepstakes competition at Bradley University.

The competition, held Jan. 14-17 in Peoria, Ill., featured 21 of the nation's best forensic schools, and Western finished behind only Illinois State and Kansas State.

Morehead junior Amy Jones placed fourth in after-dinner speaking, third in communication analysis, fourth in informative speaking and made the semifinals in impromptu.

Andrew Chamberlain, a freshman from Franklin, Tenn., placed second in after-dinner speaking.

Keith Blaser, a freshman from Evansville, Ind., placed fourth in dramatic interpretation, third in duo interpretation and made the semifinals in poetry.

Matt Gerbig, a senior from Evansville, Ind., placed third in duo interpretation.

Adairville sophomore Shadana Dickerson placed sixth in poetry, first in programmed oral interpretation and made the semifinals in poetry and dramatic interpretation.

Florence junior Shellel Knuckles placed fifth in poetry.

Hodgenville senior Wesley Shirley made the semifinals in persuasive speaking.

Jace Lux, a senior from Evansville, Ind., made the semifinals in prose and dramatic interpretation.

Florence sophomore Alisa Pomananta made the semifinals in prose.

Morehead sophomore Sarah Sparks made the semifinals in impromptu.

—Mattias Karen

## ALARM: Questions linger over incident

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about the alarm but Coach Felton wanted to conduct practice while avoiding the alarm and my request for his team to leave the building.

But Felton's story doesn't coincide with the report. Felton said to one approached him about leaving practice.

"I was quite certain it wasn't a real threat because it had been going off all day," Felton said. "I didn't see it as anything more than just a pest. We only had that time not to practice. We just weren't going to respond to it knowing it was nothing. I barely noticed it. You don't really hear it that much in the gym."

The reason for the false alarm was a short in two wires in the fire alarm system, causing the alarm to go off several times last week including twice on Wednesday.

The problem with the alarm has since been fixed.

But people still disagree about whether the report was handled properly.

When Capt. Mike Wallace was asked about the report, he said it did not have to be made as viable to media because it was an inci-

dent report, not a crime report. Incident reports, Wallace said, are not subject to Kentucky's open records statutes if there is no criminal offense involved.

Fire Marshal Richard Story, however, said that not evacuating the building was a violation of state law.

And Mike Hiestand, attorney for the Student Press Law Center, said no report can be withheld because it is an incident report.

"That alone doesn't do it," Hiestand said. According to Hiestand, Kentucky law only allows reports to be withheld if it involves an ongoing investigation, or discloses secret police procedures.

Jerry Wilder, vice president of Student Affairs, and Wallace's superior, also questioned campus police's decision not to make the report public.

"It seems to me that should have been public information but then again there may be something here that we're not thinking about," Wilder said.

When Wallace was told the incident was a criminal offense, he said, "I'm not in a position to comment at this time."

When Turner was asked about

the incident he said he could not comment either, and that all questions would have to go through Wallace.

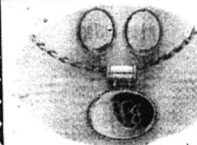
Wilder also said the incident should have been reported to the athletics department, but Wood Selig, athletics director, said he was "totally unaware" that the basketball team had been asked to leave. He also said, given the many previous alarms, he didn't question Felton's decision.

"It wasn't like that was an isolated incident," Selig said. "The alarm tells you exactly where the problem is and it can be resolved quickly. I'm not saying we don't respect local fire marshals or police or Diddle officials, but I can certainly understand Coach Felton's intentions and reason for keeping the team on the floor."

BGFD Fire Chief Gerry Brown, however, said all alarms should be taken seriously.

"We're concerned when anybody, whether it be basketball players or anybody else doesn't treat a fire alarm as the real thing," Brown said.

—Herald reporters Brian Moore, Travis Mayo and Mattias Karen contributed to this report.



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# Features



## SQUASHING the flu bug



By CAROLINE LYNCH  
Herald reporter

A month ago, 3-year-old Chloe Cassidy was sick with a slight cough and a fever. And unfortunately Chloe is very picky about medicine.

But her mother, Bowling Green freshman Jennifer Cassidy didn't take her to the doctor. Instead she tried a home remedy that had done the job before.

"I gave her a cup of hot chamomile tea to help her sleep," Cassidy said. "I had heard that it was really good for coughing and sore throats, so I tried giving it to her once when she was about a year and a half old — and it worked. I've been doing it ever since."

With flu season in full swing, people are looking for fast fixes to their aches and chills. Home remedies like chamomile tea seem to be increasing in popularity these days as doctor bills continue to rise and students find their pockets empty.

Whether it's Vick's VapoRub or grandma's chicken soup, some remedies are passed down through families, while others are just simple common sense tips from the doctor.

Valerie Lynch, an exchange student from Ireland, avoids both herbal remedies and doctor's offices. She says in Ireland, her parents had a quick fix called a "hot toddy."

"It's a mixture of hot water, whiskey and lemon," she said, smiling. "If you have one of those and go to bed, you will sleep soundly."

While doctors still seem to remain at the top of the list for any serious illness, this flu season, herbal fixes and new age remedies have also piqued the interest of some especially brave souls who are searching for a cure to the common cold.

### Home grown

The gurgling sound of a stream mixed with soft chimes and flute music tickles your ears when you enter the Twigs and Berries Herbal Shop on



Scottsville Road.

Tall shelves hold hundreds of glass and plastic bottles filled with leaves and spices of every shape and color. There are teas, pills, creams and powders that claim to be able to do anything from curing premenstrual syndrome to recovering memory loss.

Six years ago, Jacki Feldes, who owns the store, was working as an aerobics instructor. When she became ill because of hormonal imbalances in her body, she visited a doctor who

prescribed medication that didn't help. That was when her daughter suggested trying herbs as a remedy.

"I was not on a good road," she explained, touching a crystal pendant that hangs from her neck. "Then my daughter suggested the herbs, and that was what got me well."

Feldes now sells herbs to local residents to help prevent sickness or catch it in its early stages.

"We definitely need our doctors," she said. "But with the cold and flu there are a lot of things that you can do for yourself before going to the doctor."

### Cheaper than a doctor's visit

Feldes said that two herbal treatments that were helpful in preventing colds and flu were echinacea and goldenseal. Echinacea is a natural antibiotic that boosts the immune system and purifies the blood. A bottle of 50 pills runs \$13.20. Goldenseal provides a natural insulin to the body, helps get rid of infection and detoxifies the system.

She also suggested some homeopathic remedies for people who are already suffering from the flu. One brand called Oscillocinum sells for \$12.69 a bottle.

Feldes says the mind plays an integral part in the healing process and that people who believe the herbs work may get more out of them. It's also important to find what works for you, and you need to work with someone knowledgeable to help in that process.

"If you don't know about it, it could be dangerous," Feldes said. "Herbs are not regulated by the FDA, so you have to go somewhere where they can help you, not where they just want to make a sales pitch."

### Time-tested home remedies

Though she doesn't know about herbal treatments, the best home remedies that Beth Rush, Assistant Director of Western's Student Health Services, knows of are consuming fluids, reducing stress, getting sleep and taking Tylenol.

"Students at many times are burning their candles at both ends because they are working and

going to class and maybe partying," she said. "A lifestyle like that makes them

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## Campus Life

### Four years tick away quickly

I just realized something the other day.

I'm old. Really old. I looked around the Herald office at all of the freshmen and sophomores who make up the bulk of our staff.

There was a time when I was one of those young uns. It seems like I should still be that young.

But now I'm the one who the reporters, designers and photographers come to when they have questions. The scary part is most of the time I actually know the answer.

Another scary thing is that people I came to Western with four years ago are running this paper.

Where did all the old people go? The class that came in the year before we did was a big part of the Herald since I started three years ago.

Now they are all gone. Some graduated and some just left. I look in the mirror now and I see a few more gray hairs coming in every day.

Soon it will be my turn to walk across that stage, shake hands with President Gary Ransdell, grab the little piece of paper that symbolizes my diploma (the real thing will be mailed in 4-6 weeks) and run.

Then I'll have to start thinking about looking for a real job. There are so many more things to look for in a job when it's for real. In high school, I just looked for anyone who would hire me. If I found a job with more money, I would quit that job and move to the other one.

Now I have to look for the most money, a good location, good people to work for, insurance — the list goes on.

Why didn't I listen to all of my friends who were in college for five or six years? They told me to slow down and not worry so much about graduating on time.

But when I do graduate in May, just four short years after I stepped onto this campus, I'll be leaving behind a lot of good friends, a great program and carrying with me a lot of great memories.

But I guess I need to focus on the future. I knew it would be coming sooner instead of later. I know that the faculty here have prepared me to go out and make a success of my career. I know my parents have prepared me to live on my own.

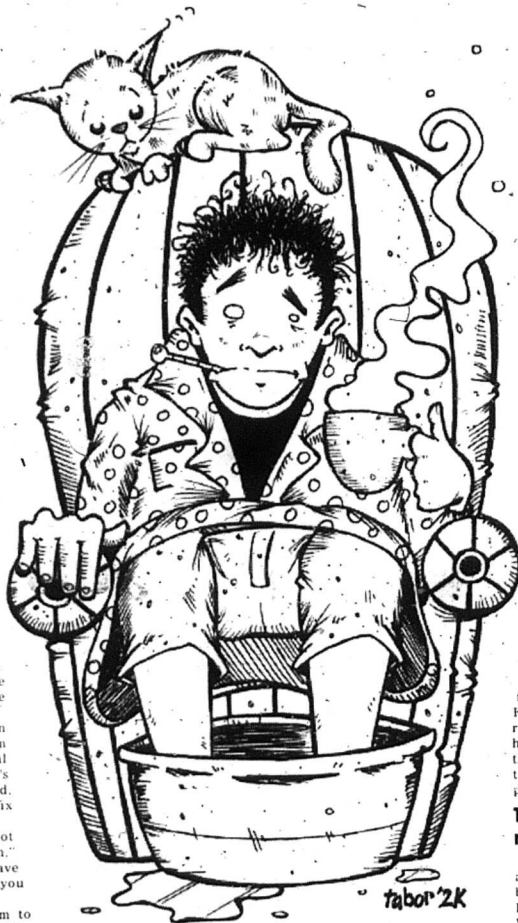
Now, I have about three months to let loose and be a kid. Then it's time to get busy and make everyone proud of me.

And I know I will.

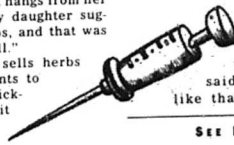
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## Around Campus

### New roller hockey club

The newly-formed Western Roller Hockey Club is looking for members. The club's members hope to get enough players to play in an amateur league or in a Kentucky-Tennessee college league. The club practices 4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Basil Griffin Park on Three Springs Road.

For more information, contact Richard Bond at 745-3245.

Molly Harper

### Concert rescheduled

Because of scheduling conflicts, Owensboro Crisis Relief, the benefit concert for Owensboro tornado victims, has been moved to 8 p.m. Monday at DUC Theatre.

Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for students.

Featured acts include Jack Ingram with special guest Pat Harvey and surprise guests throughout the night.

Molly Harper

### A night for theatre

The Public Theater of

Kentucky presents "Sand Mountain," two short plays by Romulus Linney. The plays run Feb. 3-20 at the Phoenix Theater at 545 Morris Alley. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

For reservations, call 781-6233.

Molly Harper

## FLU: Flu shot still helpful

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more susceptible than other people their age.

Rush suggested that it might still be helpful to get a vaccination against the flu at the health department. She said even though it is too late to get the full protection, the vaccine would offer some protection against the disease. Also, stay away from anyone who is sick and remember to wash your hands as much as possible.

Both Rush and Feldes agreed on some fundamental ways to stay healthy. They urged students to take a vitamin supplement, eat healthy, exercise regularly and sleep to keep their bodies in the best condition possible.

## SNOW:

## Canceled classes unlikely

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freshman Holly Lewis said "It was fun."

Dodging snowballs wasn't the only thing that Lewis was concerned with because of the weekend's snow fall. Since the cancellation of classes was about as probable as Dave Matthews coming to campus, that left only one concern on Lewis' mind.

"What I was really dreading about the snow was waking up the Hill in it," she said.

## Campus News

### Herald writer snags Hearst Award

Herald columnist Matt Batchelder won first place for editorial writing in the William Randolph Hearst Awards. The award includes \$2,000 and trip to San Francisco for the annual Hearst competition. This is the second first-place award for the Bardstown senior.

### Area scholars recognized

President Gary Ransdell honored 51 Bowling Green area high school scholars in a reception January 19 at Western's South Campus.

The students had an average GPA of 3.93 and an ACT score of 29.5. The group included 12 Kentucky Governor's scholars and six National Merit or National Achievement semifinalists.

"We're this partly to let them know that we would like to have them at Western," said associate vice-president for Academic Affairs Luther Hughes. "They are the very best students."

All of the students qualify for at least a Regents Scholarship, which covers tuition and is renewable for four years.

# Making time means planning ahead

By LINH TRAN  
Herald reporter

Tick, tock, tick, tock. Oh, the peaceful sounds of a clock.

It's already a month into 2000, and it's safe to say that a lot of New Year's resolutions had something to do with time management.

Are you one of the many college students resolving to manage your time better this semester?

With classes, homework, jobs, a significant other, volleyball practice and friends, it's easy to forget why you came to college in the first place.

Being a first-time college

student is tough. It's a big change from high school. Emily Schmitt, a Louisville sophomore, is the first to agree.

"College is totally different from high school," she said. "It's not as set. Here I never know when I'm going to eat."

### "I prioritize day by day. School always comes first."

— Emily Schmitt  
Louisville sophomore

to use her day off to do homework for other classes. But sometimes she's tempted to waste that time.

"As much as it is easy to have Wednesday off, it's easier to just go out on Tuesday night," she said. "That makes

me tired and I'm more likely to do nothing the next day."

Schmitt said that pressure to go out with friends makes it all too easy to procrastinate. She tries to overcome this by being organized.

"I prioritize day by day," she said. "School always comes first."

How does she do this? One word.

"Abacus," Schmitt said. "That's my life. I write everything down. If I didn't have it, I don't know what I'd do."

While Schmitt has been at Western longer than freshman Jamar Hester, Hester still uses the same ideas as Schmitt.

This Dayton, Ohio native manages to juggle 13 hours of class and a full-time job.

His biggest problem is that he feels rushed sometimes. He tries to manage this by pre-planning his study time before

he heads out to work or class. "You have to set your priorities," he said. "If you don't, you lose track and get unorganized."

The biggest lesson he learned his first semester here?

Two words.  
"Don't procrastinate."

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# Sports

## High Tech: 85-61

### No. 3 La Tech ends Lady Toppers' streak

Early 16-5 run puts Western away early

BY LYNDSEY SUTTON  
Herald reporter

It was in the effortless way that Betty Lennox drained shot after shot. It was in the composed way Ayana "Bird" Walker built her nest under Louisiana Tech's basket and scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. It was in the inspiring way Tamicha Jackson sprinted down court on fast break plays and dropped feathery shots through the net.

It was in the early, way too early, way that the No. 3 Lady

Techsters jumped ahead of Western 16-5 in the first seven minutes of the first half of Sunday afternoon's game.

La Tech said nothing, but showed everything on every possession before the Lady Toppers even had a chance to speak up. The Lady Techsters muffled the frustrated efforts of the Western women's basketball team in an easy 85-61 victory.

"I don't think this was a performance indicative of the way we've been playing," Western coach Steve Small said. "La Tech's a great basketball team that will make a run for a national championship, and they got all the weapons."

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### Game generates little excitement, fan support



OUT OF BOUNDS  
Travis Mayo

In case anyone was wondering, Western did play Louisiana Tech Sunday. The Lady Tops did welcome their most storied rival to Diddle Arena.

That was the nation's No. 3 women's hoops team, breezing through another matinee performance. That was the right stat: 2,150 fans. That was the right stat, too: 21 of 60, 35 percent.

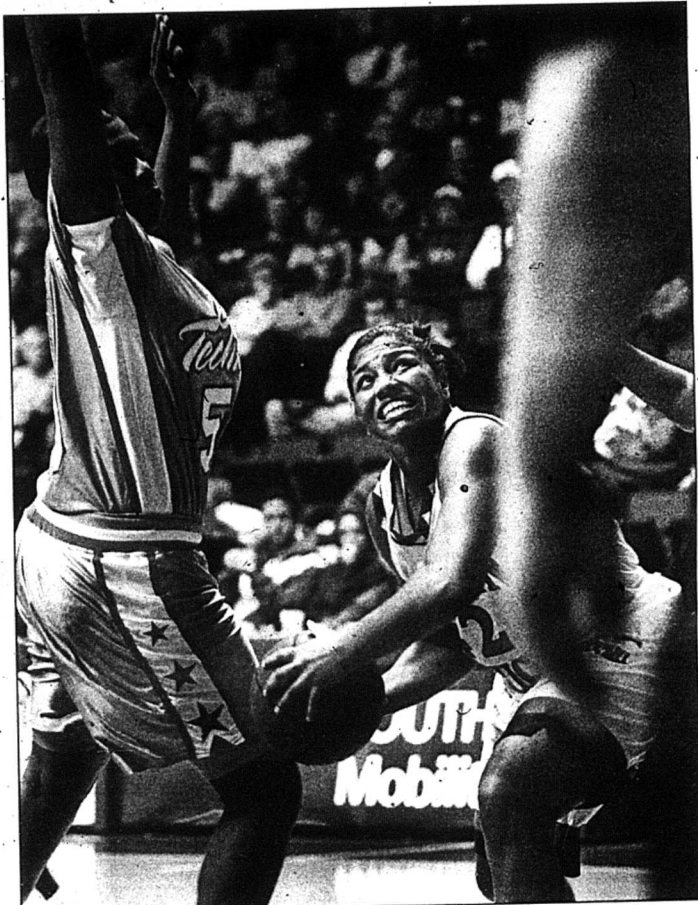
That wasn't a misprint: 85-61. Could someone please point

me in the direction of the real Lady Tops Lady Techsters epic?

Oh, and did the Titans win? Beneath all that Titan slush, Western and La Tech celebrated the retiring of Lillie Mason Stockton's jersey with the most uncommon of all its battles. There were no comebacks, no last second coast-to-coast winning layup and no storming the floor. There was as much electricity as a kerosene heater, about as much thrill as taking out the trash and about as much emotion as felt on those standardized test days.

The biggest ovation came when the Tennessee Titans final score was blared throughout the sparse gym. To think, Lady Topper faithful cheering for a team with the same colors as La Tech.

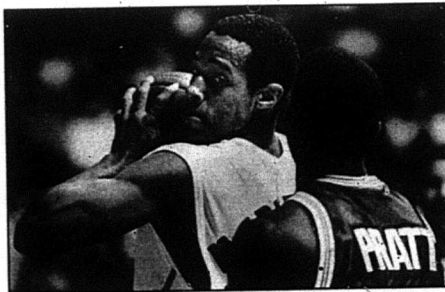
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Western senior forward Jamie Britt eyes the basket during the first half of the Lady Toppers game Sunday afternoon in Diddle Arena. Britt finished the game 0-8 from the field, scoring two points and grabbing five rebounds. The Lady Tops lost the game 85-61, and have not defeated La Tech since 1998.

## Hilltoppers maintain balance, nudge past conference foe



Andrew Otto/Herald

Western junior guard Nashon McPherson holds onto the ball against Denver guard B.J. Pratt on a rebound under the Western basket during the first half of play last night in Diddle Arena.

### Western gets second straight win, 83-71

BY TRAVIS MAYO  
Herald reporter

After a scuffle had cleared at midcourt and a melee had calmed last night, five Hilltoppers tramped toward their side of the Diddle Arena court for two technical foul free throws. With each passing play, Dennis Felton came into sight, like something on the other side of a swirling fan.

With both index fingers sternly pointing to the ground, Felton delivered his final instructions: Finish it — finish this game.

One minute later, it was finished. Western had staved off

Denver, 83-71.

"You can see us," Felton said. "We never struggle from the standpoint of effort and trying. We're feeling our way. We're growing up right before your very eyes."

He would finish his sentence after a brief pause that seemed much longer. A soothsayer in a suit.

The Hilltoppers (5-11, 3-2 Sun Belt Conference), in only their second home game in 44 days, had another test of poise in the opening half. When Denver freshman guard B.J. Pratt drained a three-pointer with 15:16 remaining, the Pioneers (3-16, 1-8) were enjoying a 10-0 run and leading 16-11. But out of a quick timeout, the Hilltoppers dug deeper than its early hole and finished the half with a 31-17 flurry. Behind sophomore center Chris Marcus' swat session,

sophomore guard Derek Robinson's already career-high seven rebounds and senior forward Lee Lampley's twinkling touch, Western refused to mirror recent collapses and held its ground. The Hilltoppers led the conference rookies 42-33 at the break.

"I think a month ago, we might've folded a game like this," Robinson said.

But this time, Western didn't panic.

Denver stirred the waters again and pulled to within 67-66 when junior guard Arthur Ireland nailed a lightning-quick trey with 5:27 left in the game. Then Lampley caught a pass, pump-faked and coasted to a layup, only to have two Pioneer free throws bring it back to 69-68.

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# Hilltoppers brave winter weather, gear up for season

By BRIAN MOORE  
Herald reporter

A steady freezing rain and a 15-degree windchill pounded the Deneb Field turf as 31 determined Hilltoppers — many layered in hooded sweatshirts, thick gloves and red jackets — struggled to stay warm and dry while sharpening their baseball skills for the upcoming season.

Winter was in full effect, forcing Coach Joel Murrie to strip his colossal gloves when "Take me out to the ballgame" rang out from his cell phone during the intrasquad scrimmage. As Murrie fielded the call, its ring signaled the beginning of a new baseball season.

The Hilltoppers are charging through the punishing consequences of January baseball in Kentucky. They are about to enter an expectation-filled season fueled by a pitching staff that returns all but one and finished last season ranked 15th in the nation in earned-run average.

Senior Josh Novotney and juniors Ryan Hutchison and Brian Houdek will get the nod as the top three starting pitchers early on. Houdek will also start at second base. But as other pitchers improve, Houdek may move to a permanent position at second later in the year.

"The strength of our pitching is the guys we brought in and what we have in the middle," Murrie said.

What they brought in is a talented group. Murrie feels will only improve with experience. Six-foot freshman Matt Wilhite has played well in the middle infield defensively and may emerge as a reliable closer. Juniors Mike Belch, John Bartsch, Jeff Lincoln and Taylor

Miller bring experience and talent to the log jam of contenders for substantial appearances.

"We have a lot more options off the bench this year," said Murrie, whose club finished 38-24 last season, narrowly missing an NCAA Tournament berth. "We'll be able to use the best lineup based on the teams we're playing."

Novotney, a 1999 South Region selection, will be the only senior in the starting rotation.

"I think our pitching will establish winning for the whole year," Novotney said. "We've got some new guys coming in that will step up."

Western's defense was the best in the Sun Belt Conference in 1999. Murrie says defensive positions will be determined by which players step up and produce.

Returning senior starter Kevin Clutter will exhibit his arm behind the plate. Senior Curtis Bliss will also see time at the catching position.

Junior Eric Hammer will replace standout TJ Freeman at first base. Freeman also garnered South Region honors last year. Hammer's 6-foot, 3-inch, 240-pound frame will enable him to stretch out to make plays, but he will be strongly challenged for the job by freshman D.J. Johnson.

Talent is sure to be found up the middle, but by whom is still questionable. Houdek will start at second when he's not pitching, and sophomore walk on Patrick Ransdell is comfortable at second or third. Junior Luis Rodriguez holds the job at shortstop, but don't be surprised to see Wilhite make a strong bid for playing time.

Third base looks promising



Jonathan Miano/Herald  
Coach Joel Murrie, right, helps freshman catcher Kenneth Yaeger with his swing during batting practice Friday afternoon.

for sophomore Tanner Townsend, but junior college transfer Justin Herrguth has experience at the left corner, and he's a good hitter.

The outfield starters have been established for the beginning of the season, but changes in personnel could happen at anytime.

"Cleland has done a great job offensively and defensively," Murrie said of Tim Cleland, who will get the nod in rightfield. "(Matt) Fox and (Lorenzo) Ferguson will start early in the season (in left and center field, but we've got some other players

that have shown they can play."

Replacing the team's one through four hitters will be the team's biggest challenge offensively. Ransdell, Herrguth and Bliss have hit particularly well in practice and could see roles in the designated hitter position when not in the game defensively. Clutter has shown power and realizes the implications of losing the bulk of the lineup.

"They will be really tough shoes to fill," Clutter said. "We might not be able to expect the long ball as much. We'll have to manufacture some runs."

The Toppers are predicted to finish fourth in the conference by the league's coaches, but Murrie and his players believe they can be a contender for the league championship. They eliminated two of the teams placed ahead of them in the conference tournament last season.

Houdek likes the team's chances and its chemistry.

"I think the main thing about us is our togetherness," Houdek said. "We bond really well and are very similar in our interests. We've established good camaraderie."



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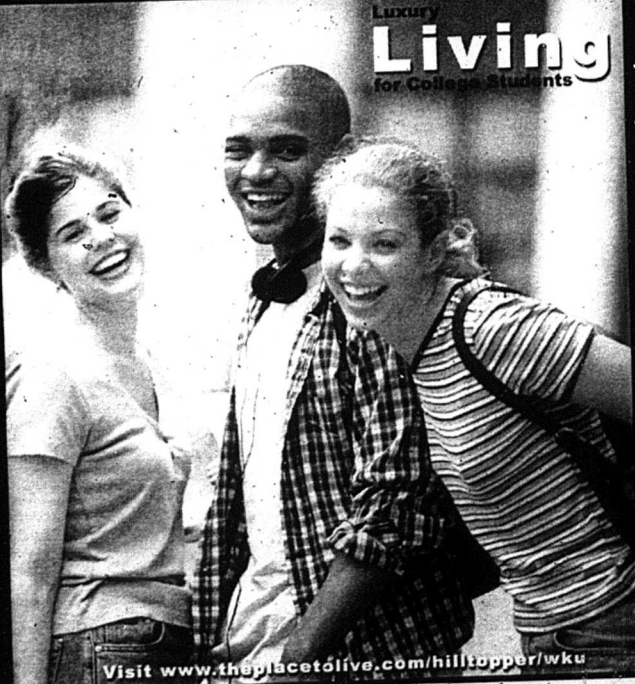
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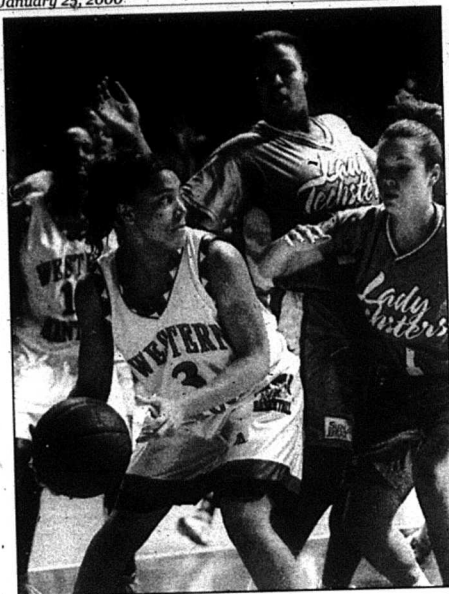
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Western guard LaVonda Johnson looks to pass the ball in the second half of the game against Louisiana Tech in Diddle Arena.

## STREAK: Powers nets 17 points

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"But, we didn't do what we wanted to do to find out if we could beat them. We played flat on our heels and just didn't do it."

For every run Western tried to initiate, La Tech had an immediate response. Back-to-back baskets from junior guard LaVonda Johnson and a three-pointer from sophomore guard Natalie Powers with 16:58 left cut the Lady Techsters' lead to 16- at 46-30, but the Lady Toppers got no closer.

Walker, a sophomore center, immediately halted Western's attempt to chisel the lead with a putback of Lennox's missed layup at the other end 20 seconds later.

Western sorely needed an answer for Lennox, a senior guard, who scorched the Lady Toppers (10-7, 4-2 Sun Belt Conference) for 31 points, matching her career-high.

Lennox also had six steals as La Tech (13-2, 4-0) forced Western into 27 turnovers.

"Lennox played under control and was outstanding as is pretty obvious by her percentage of shooting (62 percent)," La Tech coach Leon Barmore said. "I thought she waited for the shot."

Barmore's defensive strategy concentrated on stopping senior guard Jaime Britt and junior forward ShaRae Mansfield.

Britt had perhaps her worst game of the season, missing all eight of her shots and scoring just two points on a pair of free throws in the second half.

Walz only scored five points in the first half but finished with 15. Magsfield, an All-America candidate, tabbed her 10th double-double of the season with 17 points and as many rebounds.

"I thought we had to defense two of the big three," Barmore said. "And I thought we did that, it didn't matter which two."

Small said he might have overcoached his team, giving La Tech too much credit, and didn't prepare the Lady Toppers enough mentally.

But he thinks Western also lost its appetite for winning after a 90-63 thrashing of then-No. 26 Arkansas State 10 days ago.

"Not only were we not ready to play, but once we got down, we kind of hung our heads, like, 'Can we come back?'" Powers said. "And we shouldn't think like that because there's always a point in the game where you can turn the game around, and I just think we

kind of hung our heads."

Powers, who scored all 17 of her points in the second half, didn't think the Lady Toppers lost their hunger. They just didn't execute.

"We haven't executed like the last couple games that we won, the five in a row that we've won," Powers said. "It all boils down to execution... but we're going to bounce back."

### Western (61)

Britt 0 8 2 2 2, Mansfield 7 17 33 17, Johnson 4 7 0 3 8, Powers 5 14 5 6 17, Walz 4 10 4 5 15, Hutcherson 12 0 0 2, Slaughter 0 2 0 0 0.

### La Tech (85)

Walker 8 11 0 0 16, Massey 2 7 0 4, Sides 14 0 0 3, Lennox 13 21 1 31, Jackson 5 10 2 2 12, Lassiter 2 4 0 0 5, Ford 1 3 1 2 3, Lewis 1 5 4 7 6, Frisner 2 6 1 2 5.

Three-point shooting — Western 5-16, La Tech 6-13.

Rebounds — Western 40, La Tech 39.

Turnovers — Western 27, La Tech 18.

Assists — Western 12, La Tech 18.

Attendance — 2,150

## GAME: At least the Titans won

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What was the final score of that Titans game?

La Tech clocked in and clocked out, with no serious labor in between and no lunch break. When senior guard Tamicha Jackson took a rare seat in the first half, she kept her mouthpiece in her mouth, guzzling water and speaking onto the court, scary eyes blazing toward the next work shift.

Any moment the Lady Toppers crept closer to a run, senior guard Betty Lennox would drop bucket after bucket. Jackson earned 12 points in wages. Lennox filled her pockets with 31 points, 13 of 21 shooting, five rebounds, seven assists and six steals.

Good thing she only played 34 minutes.

"Are they gonna graduate?" Western coach Steve Small said. "Are they gonna graduate?"

Usually, the Lady Toppers are pumped for this one. Usually, they come close to swiping the Lady Techsters of their perennial

kingdom. This time, La Tech was the dominant of dominance. La Tech is scary. Thriller scary. Final Four scary. Three hundred and fifty-two weeks out of 592 possible weeks ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 scary.

Frightening. But who snagged the AFC championship?

La Tech coach Leon Barmore tossed out answers as he glared at an overhead television, intent on checking out the NFC title game. Then he sprinted away, along with his team. They had to get off the Hill quickly, to catch a flight in Nashville.

No need for overtime pay this work week. Just clock in and clock out. Devour and destroy opponents.

"If we continue to play like this, it'd be very difficult for us to lose the conference," Barmore said.

Then he looked up again, maybe to catch the score of the early NFL game scrolling at the bottom of the screen.

Hey coach, who won?

Better yet, what game did we just watch?

We were under the impression it was going to be La Tech-Western. The church van on Big Red Way dropping off fans relayed the message a brawl was in store, a duke-it-out bloodsport, like the ones that commonly pull more than 5,000 under the tin roof.

The Super Bowl of Lady Topper basketball homestands.

Someone should make these maps to La Tech Western easier to understand. Maybe next time we should get a Triple-A Trip-Tick. Then we could see the one that seems more real. Just for finality's sake — Titans 33, Jaguars 14.

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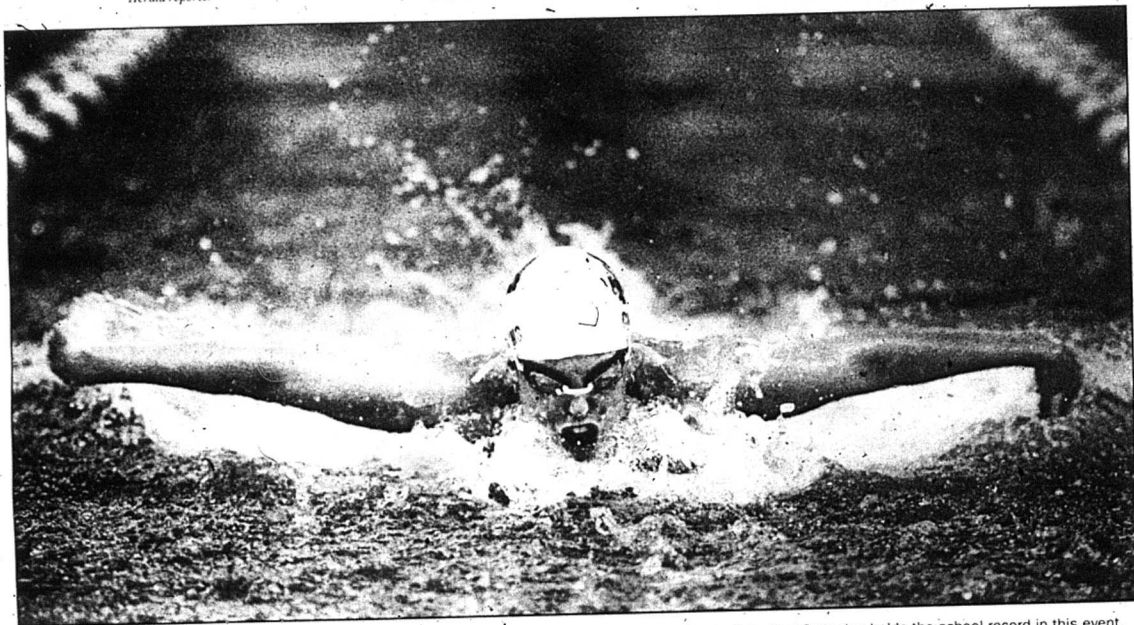
In the last leg of the last race, Western left everyone in their wake

STORY BY BRETT CORBIN,  
Herald reporter

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Herald photographer



Western swimmers, from left, Beverly Robertson, Lori Faulk, Deanne Thomas, Chuck DeLong and Amanda Shafer give enthusiastic support to a teammate during a race on Saturday.



Louisville junior Lisa Cummins swims a leg of the 200-meter butterfly during the meet in Preston Center Saturday. Cummins holds the school record in this event.

Drama and dominance were prime ingredients in a swim meet Saturday that had a little of everything — from record-breaking times and underdog victories to an exciting final leg of the last event.

That event decided who won or lost — by half a second.

In an all afternoon battle, Western's men's and women's swim teams picked up two wins apiece in a dual meet that broke 20 school or pool records.

The women blew their competition out of the pool and back into the snow, winning all but one event for a victory over Southern Illinois 150-81 and Western Illinois 182-61.

"I really thought we could beat Southern Illinois in the women's, but not how we did," Coach Bill Powell said. "They step it up when they have to."

Stepping up this week was sophomore Sydney Mountford, who began the day with a school record in the 1000-yard freestyle and 10 minutes later got back in the pool and won the 200-yard freestyle. Later in the afternoon she took first in the 500-yard freestyle. Also getting in on the action was sophomore Megan Zerhusen, who won the 100-yard and 50-yard freestyle.

Sophomore Brandi Beckwith won the 200-yard

backstroke and the 200-yard individual medley, charting pool records in both races. A still recuperating Beverly Robertson, a freshman, had a strong showing as she won the 200-yard breaststroke by almost five seconds.

The women are now 11-0 and, according to the coaches, won't see much of a threat until the National Independent Championships in February.

The men's two meets were closer, resulting in two wins and a still undefeated record of 9-0. The men's squad won 125-116 over Southern Illinois University and 166-77 over Western Illinois University.

The Toppers started the day with a close first in the 400-yard medley relay and faltered in a distance race which was won by Western Illinois.

The 200-yard freestyle showcased senior Kicker Vencill against SIU's Herman Louw. Vencill came in second to the South African who set a new pool record with a time of 1:39.04.

A win in the 50-yard freestyle by sophomore David Tucker and a strong swim in the 200-yard butterfly by senior Craig Evans helped the men shake up some ground.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Vencill defeated a confident Louw for a come-from-behind win that fired up

the Western crowd in attendance for a big match on parents' weekend.

In the men's 200-yard backstroke, sophomore Gord Veldman perplexed the crowd by somehow coming from behind, catching the leader, and pulling away — all within the last 10 feet of the race for a huge win.

"I was just trying to catch him," Veldman said. "I knew it was going to be really close."

The dive team contributed a sizable upset over a strong Saluki squad in the three-meter event. Freshman Travis Murphy led the divers with a second-place showing, giving SIU the third-place spot.

A roaring crowd and a rabid crew of teammates weren't enough to push junior Andrew Priest past a strong swimmer from SIU in the 200-yard breaststroke. Priest finished second and set the stage for the final event of the day.

The 400-yard freestyle relay would decide the match and the Toppers' perfect record. The two teams ran the first three legs evenly and a collective breath was taken as it came down to the fourth and final leg between Vencill and Louw. As Western junior Josh Barret hit the wall, Vencill's well-timed jump was the difference as he kept the lead and brought home the win for Western.



Left: Assistant coach Darrick Thomas, far left, assistant coach Steve Crocker, and head coach Bill Powell celebrate after Kicker Vencill finished first in a race.

Above: Swimmer Kicker Vencill looks over his performance as taped by James "Doc" Brown, a WKU professor. "He's our number one fan," Coach Bill Powell said.



# Track teams get stuck at Western

Field athletes compete, runners stay home

By Travis Williams  
Herald reporter

Mother Nature prevailed above and beyond all others Saturday as she held off would-be track and field competitors.

Western coach Curtiss Long wasn't even able to bear the weather, as he couldn't stay to watch the short-handed meet.

"Normally when we go down to Middle Tennessee, the field event athletes go down first and compete," Long said. "Then the runners go down."

Icy roads and continuous snow limited the field to three teams during the Middle Tennessee Invitational track meet.

"When I first arrived at the stadium, there was no snow," Long said. "It was just dusting."

Some bus drivers carrying team members decided not to drive because of hazardous

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— Curtiss Long  
track coach

road conditions, light snowfall and black ice, hampering a few Hilltoppers and other teams from making the trip to Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"Under the advisement of the bus drivers, we decided not to send the runners down," Long explained. "They just used good judgment."

Members of the team participating in field events were among the many left stranded at home.

Others who attended the meet competed late or in unusual situations.

Women's high jumper Holly Wilder, a sophomore, was forced to compete alongside the men because of late teams and the lack of competition.

"When I got there I had to go with the guys, which was kind of different," Wilder said. "It was good to get out there and practice — sometimes you just have to go with whatever happens."

Long said that Wilder was definitely one of the high lights of the limited weekend. But overall, Mother Nature is still getting the last laugh. Results and official scores haven't come in yet as a result of the confusion left by the snowstorm.

The team will travel to Indiana on Feb. 4, with a trip to Butler coming the following week. Last year, the meets occurred on the same day, but this year will allow the entire team to be together.

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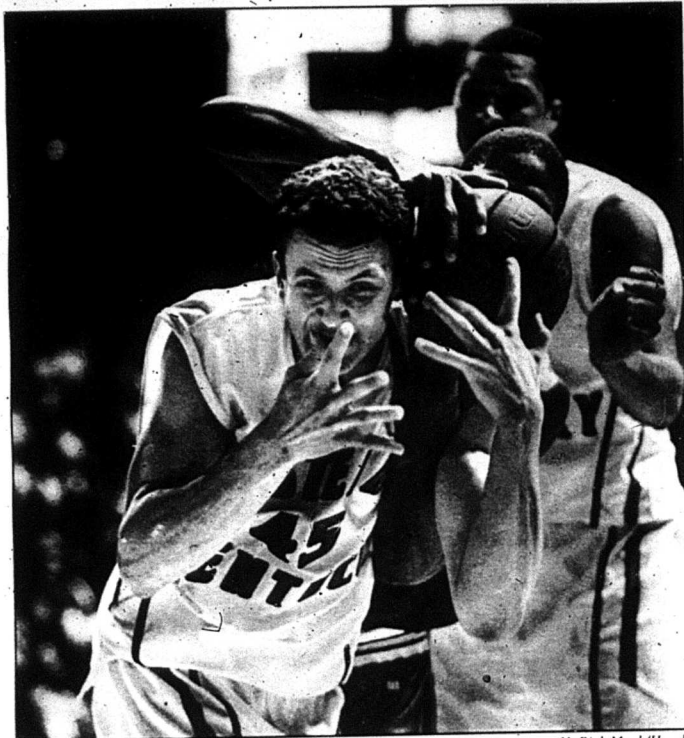
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Freshman forward Todor Pandev fights for a loose ball with Denver forward Wahhab Carter during last night's game at Diddle Arena.

Check out the basketball notebooks online at  
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## WESTERN SPORTS SCORECARD

Team	W-L	Next
Men's basketball	5-11	Thursday vs. Louisiana Tech
Women's basketball	10-7	Thursday at South Alabama
Men's swimming	9-0	Saturday vs. Evansville
Women's swimming	11-0	Saturday vs. Evansville
Track	*	February 4 at Indiana
Baseball	0-0	Friday at Florida State

\* Track does not keep win-loss records.

## TOPPERS: Home crowd provides energy for win

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That's when Robinson, then shooting 1-for-6, cruised around his defender for two, caressed the net with a three from the corner, and hit three clutch free throws to cap the contest.

He finished with 13 points, 10 in the final four minutes, and nine boards. Lamprey was tops for Western with 24 points on 9 of 13 shooting, and Marcus hauled in another double-double with 17 points and 13 rebounds. He added four rejections.

"It's playing at home, man," Marcus said. "It's just playin' in front of our fans. We feed off 'em and we feed off that energy."

Sophomore forward Wahhab Carter's 20 points led Denver, along with Pratt's 19 and Arthur's 17. The Pioneers were without starting center Steve Simmons, who was out with a

sprained right ankle.

The Pioneer press was equalized by Western's season-high 54.5 percent accuracy.

And Felton could finish his prophecy.

"This is going to be a special group," he said.

### Western (83)

Lamprey 9-13 3-4 24, Boyden 3-9 0-0 6, Marcus 8-9 1-3 17, McPherson 4-7 2-2 11, Robinson 2-7 8-10 13, Videncov 2-4 2-2 6, Boykin 0-1 0-0 0, Rowles 1-3 0-1 2, Allenspach 1-2 2-3 4.

### Denver (71)

Overton 1-7 2-2 4, Carter 6-19 7-7 20, Ireland 5-14 4-6 17, Pratt 4-12 8-8 19, Church 2-6 0-0 6, Starkey 1-4 0-0 3, Paul 0-3 0-0 0, Turner 0-1 0-0 0, Wilcox 1-2 0-0 2.

### Three point shooting — Western 4-

12, Denver 10-30

Rebounds — Western 44, Denver 31

Assists — Western 11, Denver 7

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