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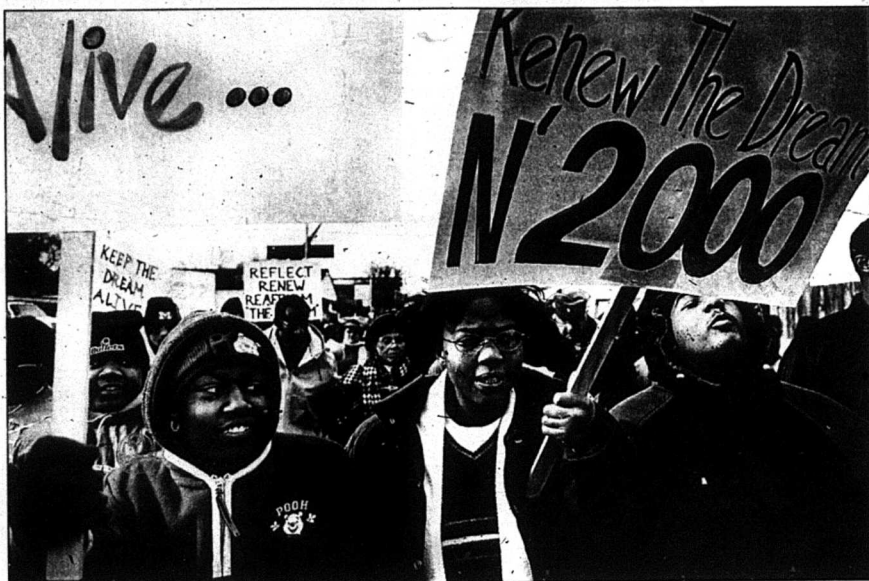
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Bowling Green residents, from left, Jerice Thomas, 13, Candace Ray, 14, and Malcolm Bailey, 14, march up State Street from Fountain Square toward State Street Baptist Church on Monday morning in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Andrew Otto/Herald

New bill addresses fire safety

Michael Minger Act in honor of Murray victim

BY JASON RAGAN
Herald reporter

The fatal 1998 Murray State dorm fire may spawn preventive legislation to increase the safety of college students.

House Bill 322, known as the Michael Minger Act in honor of the victim of the Murray State fire, would make crime reports more available to the public to help prevent similar tragedies.

The proposed bill may gain momentum after yesterday morning's deadly dorm fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. The fire in Boland Hall killed three and injured 58 others, three critically, according to USA Today.

State Rep. Jim Wayne (D-Louisville), who filed the bill last Tuesday, said the Seton Hall tragedy will heighten awareness of the dangers.

"It focuses awareness on how safe university campuses are," Wayne said.

The bill would require every institution to report on-campus crimes within 24 hours. It also includes a portion mandating that campus security immediately report a fire or threat of fire to the state fire marshal and local authorities.

Wayne said there was an unpublicized arson attempt at Murray in the same building two days before the fire. He also said if the arson attempt had been made public, the deadly fire may have been prevented.

Wayne hopes this bill could

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Reliving his dream

BY ABBEY BROWN
Herald reporter

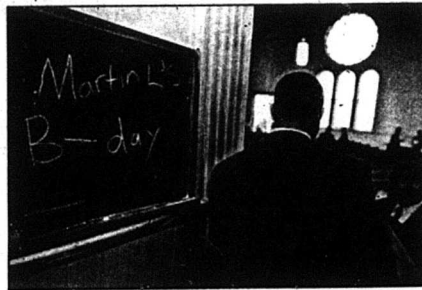
Minister Carl Whitfield gave more than just an average sermon Monday. Addressing a cheering crowd of about 500 at State Street Baptist Church on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Whitfield vividly relayed the ideals of King's dream.

In between the 'amen's' 'uh-huhs' and 'oh yeahs' streaming from the crowd, Whitfield told the story of a goat that fell into a huge pit. The owner, unable to retrieve his pet, decided to put it out of its misery by burying it. Whitfield said. But the goat shook off each shovelful of dirt and trampled on top of it, finally reaching the top of the pit

and walking out. "This, Whitfield said with a booming voice and vivid gestures, is what all people should do when faced with adversity.

"You just have to shake it off, tramp it under and overcome," Whitfield said shaking his shoulders and stomping his feet. "And when we finally reach the top you can say 'Free at last, free at last thank God almighty, I'm free at last.'"

The Dreaming New Dreams celebration started at Bowling Green's Downtown Square at 9:30 a.m. The song "We Shall Overcome" rang out in the crisp winter air as people of many races began to march with



A chalkboard inside the State Street Baptist Church announces the day's celebration.

John Lok/Herald

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Faculty to vote on University Senate proposal

Faculty Senate and Academic Council may be combined

BY JIM GAINES
Herald reporter

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, faculty members have a chance to say how they want to be represented at Western. They can vote for or against creating the much-debated University Senate, which would replace the Academic Council and Faculty Senate, and combine their functions.

Yes-or-no ballots will be available in all departmental offices on Jan. 25 and 26. Faculty can place their ballots in sealed envelopes and give them to their department head or office associates. They must also sign a register to account for all ballots.

The result will be announced by e-mail on Wednesday evening, said Bob Cobb, Institutional Review director.

If the University Senate charter passes, it will go to the Board of Regents for

approval Jan. 28.

Faculty Senate Chairman Ed Wolfe said the senate will vote on a recommendation to all faculty about the University Senate at 4:30 p.m. today. While he doesn't know how that vote will go, he plans to vote against it.

"I think the question is: whose voice is it when the new University Senate comes out with something?" Wolfe said.

Academic Council Chairwoman Retta Poe wonders the same.

Since the University Senate would also include administrators and students, said Poe, it wouldn't represent purely faculty interests. Just over half of the current Academic Council are administrators. The Faculty Senate includes only faculty, and bars department heads from membership.

With many high-level administrators in the new body, she worries that junior faculty could be intimidated by their deans and department heads.

"I think we have the potential for more faculty influence and faculty input in the system that we have," she said.

Philosophy and Religion Professor Arvin Vos disagrees. Vos, who is chairman of the Faculty Governance Committee and former

chairman of the Faculty Senate, says faculty members should not be afraid to express their opinions in an open forum.

"If you're not willing to express your views in front of administrators, what kind of mark are you going to make in the scholarly world in which you have to express yourself in front of people prominent in your field?" Vos asked. "Any faculty member worth his salt will be willing to speak in both places."

Poe also said the smaller committees of the University Senate would let too many important decisions be made at a low level.

"I think there's a real potential there for fragmentation of the oversight," she said.

But University Senate committees would sort out minor issues, Vos said. More important things would be dealt with by the full body, instead of wasting time on minor business.

If approved, the University Senate would have a voting member elected from each department, plus 12 at-large members. The president, the provost, all the deans and the faculty regent would be nonvoting members.

There would also be three voting student

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INSIDE

Theater closes its doors

Martin Twin Theatre, Bowling Green's discount theater, saw its "End of Days" last Thursday, closing because of financial woes. Page 3

Local band makes good

Dry Land Fish, a "y" alternative band comprised of five Western students, discuss its meager beginnings and predict its musical future. Diversions, Page 11

Lady Tops edge Denver

Sharae Mansfield hit two free throws with 25.3 seconds remaining last night to lift the Lady Toppers to their fifth win in a row, a 57-56 come-from-behind victory at Denver. Sports, Page 15



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Weather forecast

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Cara Van Leuven/Herald

Shake it: Richmond junior Leslie Easter, left, Kim Miller, center, and Pam Melancamp react to the Chippendales' performance Saturday night at Good Tymes. The sold-out show attracted women from 21 years old to those with silver hair.

Crime Reports

- Arrests**
- Joseph Gordon Jr. was charged Sunday for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, second offense, driving on a suspended or revoked license and operating a motor vehicle on a substance that impairs, third offense.
 - Ishaya Dean Martin, of McLean Hall, was charged with shoplifting at the WKU Bookstore Jan. 12. The theft was valued at \$232.75.
 - Leslie Wallace Darnell and Kerenski Jerrod McGee were charged with possession of marijuana Jan. 12 in Poland Hall.
- Reports**
- Brittany Renee Wilson, of Sorority Hall, reported Friday that her black 1997 Pontiac Sunfire parked in the Normal lot had a long scratch along the driver's side door. There was approximately \$650.00 worth of damage.
 - Tate Kennetra Carolyn, of Florence, Schneider, reported her cell phone stolen from her car last Wednesday at the Schneider lot. The cell phone is valued at \$110.00.
 - Laurie Ann Ryan reported the theft of her purse from the bottom floor of Downing University Center. The purse and possessions were valued at \$338.
 - Jason Cory Harrington, of Barnes Campbell Hall, reported his bookstore stolen outside the WKU Bookstore. The bookstore was valued at \$242.00.

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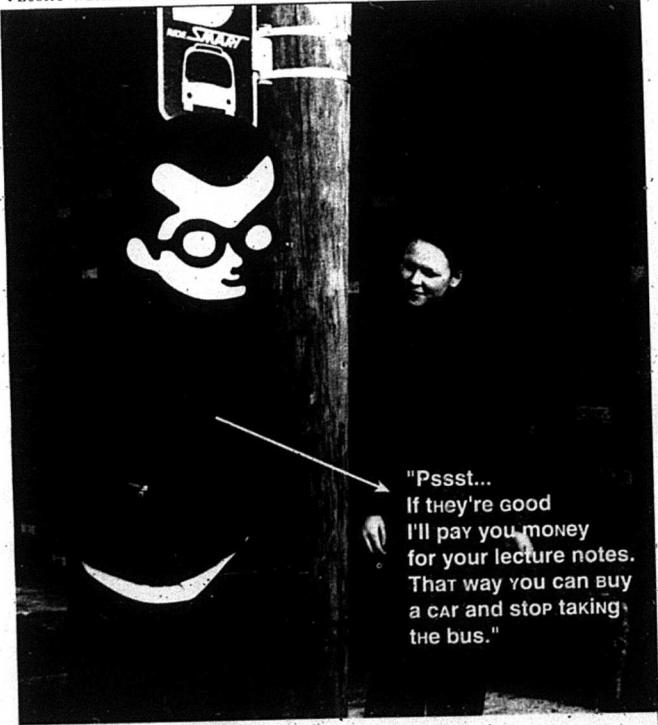
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Martin Twin Theatre employees Nova Chandler and Barry McCandless, both of Bowling Green, hug during the theater's last hour of business. The theater has been around since 1964, but closed last Thursday because of financial issues.

Martin Twin closes doors for good

By REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

The line of people at Martin Twin Theatre streamed outside the doors for the last time Thursday night.

Popcorn sent a relaxing aroma through Bowling Green Mall as the Arnold Schwarzenegger flick "End Of Days" was one of two movies playing. It put an ironic twist to the closing of the theater because it was an End of Days — the end of an era, when the movie reels stopped rolling, and Martin Twin closed its doors for good.

The individuals standing in line waiting for a ticket with their \$1.50 in hand were there not only for entertainment but to support the workers and cinema that has been a staple in the Bowling Green community for 35 years.

"We've come here in the past," Bowling Green resident Larry Burden said. "The only reason we came tonight is because it's closing down."

For manager Frank Spradlin,

the mood around the theater was not only sad, but a little bitter. Spradlin will lose his job at the theater only six weeks into his tenure, without really being given the opportunity to improve the theater or a shot at being manager.

"It's depressing. I started out as a doorman in a vest here two years ago," Spradlin said. "All of us who work here are friends. A lot of employees are quitting instead of taking jobs at another theater."

"I was hired here. I worked my way up from the bottom here."

Spradlin said financial problems were the cause of the theater's closing.

"We've lost money for years and years," he said.

Most of the customers passing the ticket desk took the opportunity to state their regrets and feelings about the closing to the young lady sitting behind the desk.

"The mood around here has been pretty sad," said theater employee and Greenwood High School senior Rachael Stayer. "We enjoy each other's company. This

is a good place to work. We've been doing good since Frank took over as manager and fixed things up. Now that we are closing down, it's really sad."

If there was anything to smile about Thursday night, it was the fact that so many residents of Bowling Green showed up to say goodbye to the Martin Twin Theatre and in the process show the workers behind the counters that they cared. The cash register drawers opened and closed with rampant speed before the movies, and the smiles of the customers and workers kept the place alive.

The closing of Martin Twin didn't really seem official until an employee standing on a ladder removed the plastic letters from the marquee showing the names of the movies playing Thursday night. When he got down, the letters no longer told of the movies playing, but spelled out the theater's fate: CLOSED. The words of an onlooker said it all.

"It's sort of depressing, isn't it?"

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Opinion

Fewer programs means cuts in choice, quality

No hablo español.

Every student on campus may be saying that if Western is forced to comply with standards set by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Every major in the Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies department, and several other departments, is insufficiently "productive," according to CPE standards.

These Frankfurt bureaucrats seem to think a major's success or failure depends on how many graduates it produces.

Mais non. Classes in foreign languages, music and theater as well as other "insufficient" courses, are a crucial part of the broad liberal arts curriculum students should expect at Western.

Can we raise academic standards while trimming from the list of available courses? Of course not.

What if the English department wasn't graduating enough students? Would the CPE see fit to eliminate it?

That's an extreme case, but certainly not an impossibility considering the track the CPE has set. A program is not only as good as its graduates.

Of course, not all unproductive programs would be eliminated under this standard. Some may be combined with other majors.

This, too, poses a problem.

First, we had the Department of Journalism. Then the School of Journalism and Broadcasting. Next, it's the Department of Communications, Broadcasting and Journalism.

Pretty soon, we'd all be majoring in the communication of print journalism in Spanish, French and English while doing physical education to the hokey pokey and learning to teach elementary math.

Size of faculty for that major? Three. The CPE needs to get its priorities straight.

We understand the need to keep costs and waste under control, and there are probably some majors that could be combined or eliminated without significant cost to the academic community.

CPE members need to ask how many students are taking courses — not how many are graduating with a particular major.

Majors should be retained, combined or eliminated on the basis of quality, not quantity.

The issue: Some programs at Western aren't producing enough graduates.

Our view: Administrators and state officials should worry about quality, not quantity.



Taylor '2K

Letters to the Editor

Look elsewhere for concerts

For the last year or so, the Herald has run numerous articles dealing with the "big name concert" issue. It really bothers me that only two sides of this issue have been discussed, as it is my understanding that a university paper should deal with all aspects of a topic.

On one hand, (Amanda) Coates, SGA, University Center Board and the newly-formed university concert committee are trying to get the likes of Fiona Apple, Tori Amos and, dare I say, Dave Matthews Great, that appeals to lots of white, middle-class, suburban students, which is a large population of this institution.

On the other hand, mean university bureaucrats say we don't have the money or facilities to accommodate such events.

What many students have failed to realize is that when campaigning for SGA president, Coates used the Dave Matthews ticket to get votes from a lot of people. When she was elected, she realized she'd better come through, or a lot of people would be angry. It's sad that someone so young has learned to avoid real issues that actually concern the people who elected her and replaced them with something so trivial as to what MTV sensation to bring to Western. God help us if she ever becomes president.

Has anyone looked at Coates' record collection? Does she have every import and bootleg of America's South African sweethearts?

Another problem with this whole concert thing is that, well, I would rather see some talented local bands play who not many people have heard of than see a mediocre millionaire capitalize on college students' willingness to settle for whatever Spin magazine gives them. Besides, lots of fairly "big" people have been to Western. I think Wilco played here a few years ago, Goldfinger too. Even Jello Biafra came to this hellhole to do a brilliant spoken word last March. Check the costs of those people, and I'll bet it was lots less than \$60,000.

Do the right thing for once and don't let a few people in power tell us what we want.

Terri Whitehouse
Owensboro senior

Greek village taxes students

Regarding Mattias Karen's January 13 article that building a Greek village is a good idea: everyone knows why the Greeks live in shabby housing.

It's also common knowledge that the Greeks have the funds and also the

manpower to repair their housing but choose to spend their funds and their time on other activities. Please explain to me again why it's a good idea for Western to reward irresponsible people who trash their own housing by building them a new house.

As for President Ransdell's statement that "we can't lose," well I beg to differ. Maybe he can't lose, but Joe Tax/Tuition Payer can certainly lose if Joe Tax/Tuition Payer is financing this project.

This would be a grand idea if some rich Greek alumnus would step forward and foot the bill. Surely this university has something worthwhile to spend the money on, otherwise Joe Tax/Tuition Payer would like to have his hard-earned money back.

Frankly, Greeks have the same choices as the rest of us students regarding housing options. No one is forcing them to live in those houses, and the rest of us could care less about their condition. Leave university funds out of this.

Finally, congrats to the KAs on rebuilding your own house without sticking the burden on people not involved in your organization. Let that serve as an example for the rest of the Greeks.

Ben Murphy
Owensboro sophomore

Have you ridden the internal-loop shuttle?



"No, it's not beneficial for me."

Carlos Taylor
Nashville junior



"Yes, it was too cold and I was too lazy to walk."

Tiffany Holmes
Henderson junior



"No, I like to walk."

Renee Grise
Lewisburg sophomore



"No, I hadn't really thought about it."

Andy Hoover
Russellville freshman



"Yes, I was in a hurry."

April Graves
Tompkinsville sophomore

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MLK Day missing something

It seems The Dream hasn't quite come true yet.

Sure, Martin Luther King Jr. would probably have been happy Monday, as hundreds of people gathered at Fountain Square in his honor, as did countless others across the nation.

But, here in Bowling Green at least, there was something that wasn't worth cheering about. The crowd, marching from the square to State Street Baptist Church and celebrating the fight for racial equality, tolerance and the end of segregation, was the most segregated this town has seen in a long time.

Where was the unity King so often talked about? Not in Bowling Green. The parade was (shockingly enough) overwhelmingly black. There were black ministers, black teachers, black students, black workers.

But where were the whites? I don't know, but they were not out marching the streets, honoring one of the greatest men this country has ever produced and what he stood for. Most white teachers weren't there. Most white workers weren't there. Most white Western students definitely weren't there. I wasn't there.

Instead, for some reason, I found it more important to snuggle with my pillows for a couple of more hours, sacrificing King's dream to have one of my own. That's pathetic, and so are most of the reasons other whites in this town probably gave for not coming.

Black or white, if you believe in what King preached and stood for (which I hope most people do), there really was no excuse for not being there. If this town can gather thousands of people to cheer in unity for a struggling basketball team every time it plays at home, why can't the same thing happen once a year for something that really matters?

Sure there were some white people there (about 25 out of 500 according to the Herald reporter who was there). However, most of them were either ministers (kudos to them) or people holding or running for office (kudos to them, if their intentions for going there were right, which I doubt).

For the rest of us, I'm handing out a collective kick on the shin. We should have been there. Everyone keeps talking about making King's visions reality, but how is it ever going to happen if blacks are the only ones willing to get up early on a day off to show support for it?

For the white people who did show up as well as all the blacks, you're better people for doing so.



News & Notes
Mattias Karén

I can't say the dream I dreamt while sound asleep that morning made me a better man. In fact, I've already forgotten it. It seems too many have forgotten King's dream as well.

New fire shows sprinklers are needed

For anyone still doubting whether it was right for the Board of Regents to raise housing fees by \$85 last year, Wednesday morning's fatal fire at Seton Hall University should prove that it was.

As much as some students might struggle to come up with the extra money, it's a very cheap price to pay if it in any way helps prevent what happened in South Orange, N.J. The fire in one of Seton Hall's dorms

claimed the life of three students and injured about 60 more.

As tragic as these deaths are, the really tragic thing is that they could have been prevented: the building didn't have sprinklers.

Nor did many of the 640 residents of Boland Hall take the fire alarm seriously when it went off. Having heard that sound many times before, many of them went back to sleep. It wasn't until they smelled the smoke and heard the screams that they realized their mistake.

I guess the point of the story is this: next time you hear that alarm go off at 3 a.m. and have to run outside in the freezing weather, don't complain. You could be saving your own life.

And next time you go to pay your housing fee, coughing up an extra \$85, don't complain. You could be saving your own life.

And whenever the university shuts down the dorm you live in for renovations, maybe forcing you to give up your private room, don't complain.

It could be saving your life. Mattias Karén is a junior print journalism major from Uppsala, Sweden. Contact him at 745-6011 or by e-mail at mattekaren@hotmail.com.

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Bookstore sees profit in new year

By REX HALE JR.
Herald reporter

After a bleak 1997-98 fiscal year, the WKU Bookstore saw things turn around in the 1998-99 fiscal year. Halfway into this fiscal year, it is on track to meet its financial goal for the second year in a row.

In 1997-1998, the bookstore fell \$12,000 short of the promised \$450,000 for the university auxiliary budget. Despite the drawback, the bookstore promised \$550,000 to the university for this past fiscal year. And the 1998-99 year saw the bookstore bring in over \$30,000 more than promised.

WKU Bookstore Director Paul McDougal credited many things to the bookstore's turnaround, mainly noting book sales.

"The increase in enrollment provided the opportunity to sell more textbooks, which is our biggest revenue producer in terms of sales," McDougal said.

Vice President of Campus Services and Facilities

Management John Osborne credited the bookstore's improvement to the work of McDougal.

"It's really a combination of the many things that Paul has done to build revenue and keep costs down," Osborne said. "The sales of non-textbook items also helped. We are trying to keep the cost of textbooks down."

For the 1999-2000 fiscal year which is underway, the bookstore has set its financial goals even higher.

"We're looking to make \$600,000," McDougal said. "I think we are on target to reach those goals."

Osborne said he thinks the bookstore's goal for the 1999-2000 fiscal year is a logical one.

"Paul came close to \$600,000 this time so I think we will be able to meet that goal," he said.

Western considered privatizing the bookstore in 1997, at which time the bookstore set up a five-year plan for how much money it will contribute to the university's bud-

get. By 2002, that amount is scheduled to have grown to \$700,000.

When Western took bids from outside companies, Barnes & Noble Booksellers promised to give at least \$425,000, and Wallace's Bookstores guaranteed \$475,000 per year.

To help keep profits up, the bookstore will also be adding a copy center in about two weeks for student use. McDougal expects the new center to be a positive venture for the bookstore. The center will offer two digital copiers, one color and the other black and white.

"We completed the electrical rewiring for the service over the holiday break," McDougal said. "We think it will be an attractive service for students."

Osborne said the bookstore is also trying to improve its Website so that students will be able to order their textbooks through the WKU Bookstore Website.

"We're going to continue to look for ways in the bookstore to better meet the needs of students."

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SENATE: New assembly could be seated by fall

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representatives selected by the Student Government Association, one on each standing in committee.

The University Senate would include committees to deal with faculty affairs, curriculum and general education, and would provide for ad hoc committees for any subject it was asked to study.

After the spring 1997 publication of the Fisher Report, an outside study of Western's methods which was very critical of faculty's lack of self-governance, the Board of Regents asked for a committee to study faculty governance in fall 1998.

Preoccupation with minor matters and division of the faculty voice are what the University Senate is intended to end, just as the Academic Council and Faculty Senate

were created to do, but both failed, Vos said.

But Poe said it's not the system that failed. Too often, Poe said, the administration selects its own task force for policy matters.

"The administration can ignore the University Senate just as easily as they ignore two bodies," Poe said.

But as Kentucky higher education changes, Vos says the time is now right for a unified faculty voice. Faculty's first chance to express that unified voice comes with the vote on Tuesday.

"Whichever way it goes, I hope we have a good turnout of the faculty," Wolfe said.

"Otherwise, the message is that the faculty don't care about their governance, and I just think that's an awful message to send, especially to the Board of Regents."

"Whichever way it goes, I hope we have a good turnout of the faculty."

— Ed Wolfe

Faculty Senate Chairman

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Crume leaves for new post

Alumni director heading for Virginia

BY BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

Gene Crume, director of Alumni Relations, will be leaving Western for a job in Norfolk, Va.

Crume will become the executive director of institutional development at Tidewater Community College beginning Feb. 1.

"Leaving Western was a hard decision," Crume said, but added that he couldn't pass up the opportunity to work with his old friend Deborah DiCroce.

DiCroce, whom Crume described as inspiring and demanding, was the president of a community college Crume worked at while on his doctoral internship at the University of Virginia. She is now the president at Tidewater.

"I've really loved my time at Western," Crume said, "but it's time to move on."

The position at Tidewater is brand new and will cover seven primary areas: alumni, educational foundations, development, communications, marketing, print shop and grants and contracts.

Crume's long history with Western made the decision to leave difficult, he said. He is a third generation Western student and graduated from Western in 1988 with a degree in public relations and a minor in psychology. Crume met his wife Cindy at Western while working as a Spirit Master.

Crume has worked for Western for 10 years, four as the coordinator of special events and six years as the director of Alumni Relations.

In his six years as director, he has energized the alumni program, said Ameer Meyers, the assistant director of Alumni Relations.

Meyers said since Crume took over as director, the alumni program has changed into a self-supporting entity. The additional funding that the program has brought in has allowed the alumni program to travel three times as much as they have in the past.

Crume also helped with the 1998 formation of the Society of African-American Alumni.

Crume has been successful in revitalizing several aspects of the alumni program. The Student Alumni Association has become that active on campus. Crume also said in the past few years, the Alumni Board has grown in diversity, consisting of people from a variety of graduation

years and geographic locations. "It takes a lot of people working together to make something happen," Crume said.

Tom Hiles, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, also praised Crume.

"He's been a very supportive team player," Hiles said. "It's a great loss to us."

The director of Alumni Relations position has since been posted. Hiles said interviewing for the job will begin in mid-February. A search committee has been formed and will narrow down the list of possible candidates and give those recommendations to Hiles. In consultation with the Alumni Association Board, Hiles will make the final decision as to who is hired.

The job will temporarily be filled by two people: Rick Dubose, the director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, and Donald Smith, the director of Annual Giving. Smith complimented Crume's job as director, saying that he brought a national focus to the alumni association.

Meyers will also help Dubose and Smith until a new person is hired.

"Western will miss (Crume's) leadership," Meyers said. "I will miss my friend."

Crume's last day at Western will be Jan. 31.

Bill: Western speeding up sprinkler project

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help make people more aware of potentially dangerous situations.

"Everyone on campus needs to deal with the truth," Wayne said.

Wayne has previously criticized Western for being one of the slowest universities in the state to install sprinkler systems in all dorms. After the Murray fire, the state required all public universities to equip dorms with sprinkler systems.

But Brian Kuster, director of Housing and Residence Life, said yesterday Western's original plan of having all dorms equipped

with sprinkler systems might be finished before the original date of 2004.

Western plans to speed up the process by combining the sprinkler system project with the ongoing total renovations of the dorms. The recently formed Student Life Foundation will sell bonds to pay for the renovation and help with the cost of the sprinkler systems.

Sprinklers are slated to be installed in Rodes-Harlin Hall this summer.

The proposed bill would not bring much change to Western.

Campus police currently have an open records policy where crime reports are posted within a day, Capt. Mike Wallace said.

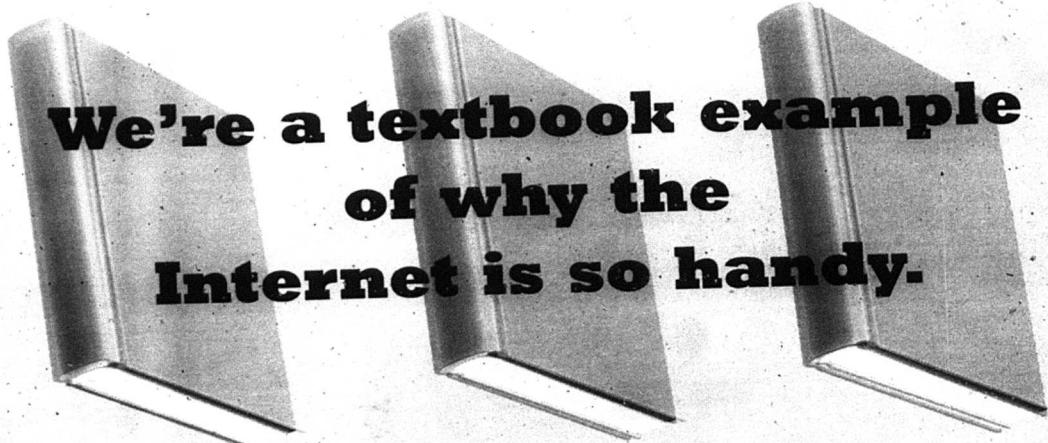
"We are ahead of the curve," said Wallace, adding that Western's police records have been open since 1974 when the station began operating.

"In order for the community to help, they have to be informed," he said.

The bill is scheduled to come before the state House of Representatives at the end of January or the first part of February.

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SGA plans weekend retreat

Election codes a top priority

By REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

The Student Government Association will focus on establishing its goals for this spring semester at its annual retreat this weekend.

The organization's retreat will take place at Barren River Lake State Park, and SGA President Amanda Coates expects a lot of work to be done.

"This retreat is going to be intense," Coates said. "We will split up into our different committees and set our goals for the semester. Each committee will establish three solid goals so they can get their feet planted for the semester."

Coates will also sit down with the judicial committee to

go over the proposed election code changes. Some of the changes being recommended include the size of candidates' posters on campus bulletin boards.

"I've seen three pages of proposed changes," Coates said. "The Legislative Research Committee has to approve the changes."

"The changes are so everyone can have an equal chance and so the election can be fair."

Many SGA members will not only be working with SGA, but also with the University Center Board, which will be meeting during the same weekend.

"We have many of the same members and same goals," Coates said.

"We would like to try to establish a better relationship between the two (SGA and UCB) for the future."

Other upcoming events for SGA include its joint sponsor-

ship of "Coming Home" along with the W-Club, Alumni Association and Hilltopper Athletic Foundation.

"Coming Home" is basketball's version of the football homecoming. SGA Vice President of Public Relations Matt Bastin said SGA has sponsored the "Coming Home King Contest" for the last five years.

Bastin said any organization can sponsor an individual as their king candidate for the contest. To enter a candidate, organizations have to fill out an entry form and pay \$20. All entries must be in by Feb. 4.

The winner of the contest will be announced before the Hilltoppers take on Florida International Feb. 12, Bastin said.

Western's theme for this year's basketball homecoming is "Western Salutes Its All-Americans." Western's past All-American basketball players will be recognized at the halftime of the Feb. 12 game.

News Briefs

Kentucky feminists to read at Barnes & Noble

About a dozen poets will be reading from "Writing Who We Are: Poems by Kentucky Feminists" on Jan. 20 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Bowling Green.

The book, published by Western, is a collection exploring feminist issues and is written by authors of all ages. The book was edited by associate English Professor Elizabeth Oakes and Women's Studies Director Jane Olmsted. "Writing Who We Are" is available at the WKU

Bookstore, the Kentucky Museum Store and Barnes & Noble.

The reading will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Olmsted at 745-5787, or Oakes at 745-3634.

—Mattias Karén

New scholarship will honor two students

A new Flora Lanham Ford Berry Scholarship has been established by Berry's sons to honor two students. One scholarship will be awarded to a senior

at Dawson Springs High School or a Western student who graduated from the school.

The second scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or returning Western student who is a direct descendant of Berry. If no descendants apply, the scholarship will be awarded to a Dawson Springs student.

The scholarship will be awarded for the academic year beginning with the summer or fall of 2001. For more information, contact Andy Wagener, assistant director of admissions, at 745-2551.

—Jason Ragan

Campus News

Derby Festival Princesses selected

Shelbyville senior Kerri Richardson has been nominated for Kentucky Derby Festival Princess. She is majoring in broadcasting and government at Western where she serves as the News Director for Western's NewsChannel 12 and is a member of the Forensics and Debate team.

Richardson is one of five women nominated to serve as Princess for the Derby Festival, which will last between April 14 and May 7.

Gallery featuring former professor's art work

The Ervin G. Houchins Gallery in the fine arts center is featuring the first show in the New Works Series. Former Western professor Neil Peterie's work will be on exhibit until February 1. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special showing and groups may be arranged by calling 782-ARTS.

—Jason Ragan



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Dry Land Fish, winners of Western's Battle of the Bands contest last semester, are clockwise from back left: Darren Doyle, Jonathan Hodges, Mark Whitley, Josh Hampton, and Frank Lawrence.

Fish out of Water

Dry Land Fish testing the waters of professional music

By CHRIS YEO
Herald reporter

Everybody's gotta start some where. For the band Dry Land Fish it was a hardware store in Smiths Grove.

Since its beginnings, the band has added two new members, won the 1999 Battle of the Bands at Western and recorded their first tape this month at Pattington Studios in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Despite their laid-back country roots, the group is reluctant to put themselves in any particular musical category. The band takes classic country songs and puts an energetic rock spin into them.

"We're looking for a sound that defines us, but can't be defined," rhythm guitarist Mark Whitley said. "It's something fresh, something new ... not country, not rock."

Dry Land Fish was hatched by Chalybeate junior Jonathan Hodges. In the interest of safer Bowling Green streets, Hodges called his lifelong friend, Chalybeate junior Darren Doyle, and suggested starting a band.

"If we weren't together making music, we'd probably be out somewhere causing trouble,"

said drummer Josh Hampton, a Morgantown junior who later joined the band. "It's better to be together doing something positive."

Whitley, a former Western student from Hydro rounded out the group. Whitley's father runs a hardware store and gave the group their first break.

Before the band had a name or a single rehearsal under their belt, they were booked at an antique festival in Smiths Grove.

Doyle admits that when they started practicing for the performance they expected to have some fun and get some laughs, but not much more.

Instead, people asked the band members if they had any tapes and when they were going to perform again. The group was at a loss.

"The only time we'd ever played anything was some acoustic guitars out at the campfire," Doyle said.

Last-minute preparations seem to work for the band. Just before Western's Battle of the Bands last spring, Doyle bumped

into Hampton on his way to class. Hampton and bassist Frank Lawrence joined the group for the competition. The new members practiced with the band once before winning the competition.

"The first time I practiced with Dry Land Fish it was just like 'Yeah, this is it! This is where I need to be,'" Hampton said.

Still reeling from their first recording experience, the guys hope to get back into the studio in a couple of weeks to fine tune a few tracks.

Meanwhile Dry Land Fish is searching for a record deal. They have begun sending copies of their eight song (seven original) tape to record companies in Nashville.

"It seems like a shot in the dark," Hampton said, "but everybody has got to have a dream. Mine is to play music professionally."

The band's musical influences range from Johnny Cash and the Kentucky Headhunters (where they got their name) to the Beatles and Metallica.

"It's something fresh, something new ... not country, not rock."

— Mark Whitley
rhythm guitarist for Dry Land Fish

The group members' musical experience go from the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, where Doyle and Lawrence sang, to Hodges' back porch where he learned to play the harmonica.

"The big thing that sets us apart, from most groups is the three-part harmonies and vocals in most of the songs," Hampton said.

Dry Land Fish doesn't want to limit themselves to one specific audience or style. In fact, they hope to write and sing songs that everyone will enjoy.

"Senior citizens, children, middle ages, teenagers, college students, it's just a blend of everything everyone likes," Doyle said.

Instead of being stuck into a tired old music genre, Dry Land Fish has come up with their own distinction for their sound.

"We like to call it Y'allternative," Hodges said.

More info

If you want to check them out or pick up a tape for \$10, you can hit their website at www.homestead.com/drylandfish/drylandfish.html or e-mail the guys at drylandfish1@hotmail.com.

'The View,' the flu and the big 13



SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK
Matt Batchelder

I have a confession to make. I watched "The View" the other day.

I don't view "The View" on any regular basis. My roommate and I attend so that — he's watched "The View" too. I know it's kind of a girl thing.

I know.

It's just that the only channel I get on TV is that hometown television. I wake up to a stocky, friendly, toothsome weatherman and doze off to one. My day is brought to you by the letters "B," "C," and "D."

And so ... "The View" isn't so bad, right? Are you with me on this, ladies? It's just a bunch of women paid to sit around and gossip. I don't mean that in a bad way. We men do the same thing. It's called "NFL Today."

The topic du jour? There's good old Elian Gonzales. Should that boy be deported to Cuba? I don't know either, but Star Jones assures me she's a lawyer, and she knows what's going on. You know, as a lawyer.

It's not like I'm full — but I don't like pro-creating either.

As my kid will tell you, "same old, same old."

And here's the nightly news where else can you get the egos that are BKO personalities Gene Stark and Jeff Noble together?

I'm haunted by the question: Are Gene's teeth real? Can you stare at them directly — or just off to the side a little bit to avoid the glare? Will the glare leave those little red spots that stay on your eyes for a while?

Why does Jeff salute us at the end of every newscast? And why

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Around Campus

PRISM back on the Hill

Western's music department will present the fifth annual PRISM concert at 8 p.m. Friday in Van Meter Auditorium.

The concert will feature Western's Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Basketball Band and smaller ensembles.

General admission is \$10. Students and children will be admitted for \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door. But to guarantee seating, tickets can be picked up in the music office at FAC 351 or Royal Music.

Linux Group Meeting

The WKU Linux Users Group will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Barnes & Noble Community Room to discuss job opportunities in Linux.

Plants liven up rooms with pizzazz

By LINH TRAN
Herald reporter

Your dorm room is getting a little boring. Suddenly the Christmas lights you've put up seem a little tacky. Your apartment lacks that pizzazz it once had.

What is one to do?
A simple remedy is to get a plant.

"Plants simply clean the oxygen in the air," Russellville junior Theresa Sheldon said. "And because they are alive, they bring a better environment to the living experience."

Sheldon works at the Northern Nursery in Russellville. Because she works with plants all day, she chooses not to have one in her home.

For many students, the most popular reasons to have a plant are aesthetic reasons.

Barry Lindsey, general manager of the Frank Otte Nursery on Scottsville Road, has been in the

plant business for 15 years.

"Plants definitely add beauty to a room," he said. "They help people's attitudes and make them more comfortable."

Debra, a senior from Bowling Green, has a potted vine in her apartment. She said she got it to add a little more color to the place.

"It makes my room more cheerful," she said. "It's just pretty."

Though a plant can easily add life to a room, there are not many students going out to purchase plants, according to Lindsey. He said that many people think taking care of a plant is really hard work.

"I wouldn't have time to take care of it," Brownsville freshman Kristie Vincent said. "It'd probably get lost in my room."

For Patrick, maintenance isn't an issue. She waters her vine once a week, and since it's by the window, she turns it once a week also.

One doesn't have to be an expert to have a plant. Lindsey said that there are a few common mistakes college students can avoid to

have plant success. "Most students put plants by drafty areas next to the heat or A/C," he said. "Plants need to be inspected for insects weekly. A big mistake is overwatering and underwatering plants." Before you run to the local

nursery to purchase a plant, there are some other things to consider.

Lawrence Alice has been a biology assistant professor since this past fall. He said the best plants for college students are the ones that can tolerate low light conditions because the dorms are not well-lit.

These kind of plants are usually tropical in origin and require fairly high levels of moisture. They are harder than other types of plants.

Lindsey recommends getting African violet plants for extra color. He also suggested Bonsai trees, cacti and fig trees.

Sheldon also suggested Pothos Philodendron plants for the typical college student, because they don't require a lot of light and only need watering once a week.

For Kristie Vincent, she probably won't get a plant in the near future.

"I'm not one of those people who are, like, 'Whoa a plant,'" she said. "I have to have one."

10 Golden Rules for Indoor Plants from www.evergreen-shopplace.com/10rules.html

1. Don't drown them — water properly.
2. Give them a rest — in the winter, plants need less water, feeding and heat.
3. Accept the loss of (temporary plant) — if you want a long-lasting plant, don't get the types that live for short periods of time.
4. Give them extra humidity.
5. Treat troubles promptly.
6. Group plants together.
7. Learn to repot — after a year or two, plants simply need repotting into a larger container.
8. Choose plants wisely.
9. Have the proper tools.
10. Check the plant's specific needs.

Believe it or not, 'Ripley' stunk

Grade: D+

By MOLLY HARPER
Herald reporter

Disturbing. Sociopathic. Talented? Not so much.

Let's just say "The Talented Mr. Ripley" is the only movie to inspire this reviewer to yell obscenities as the credits rolled.

Matt Damon is eerily convincing as sociopath Tom Ripley. Ripley is the kind of guy the neighbors describe as quiet and shy when the body parts are found under his house. He's just a little too charming and agreeable.

Thanks to a little white lie, Tom finds himself traveling to Italy to convince a shipping tycoon's prodigal son, Dickie Greenleaf, to return home.

But when he finds himself immersed in Dickie's world, Tom desperately wants to become part of it. Unnecessary time is spent skirting around the issue of Tom's infatuation with Dickie, but it does let the audience know that Tom is even lying to himself about who he is.

Tom ingratiates himself into Dickie's house and begins driv-

ing a wedge between the unlikely socialite and his girlfriend Marge, played by an impeccably vulnerable Gwyneth Paltrow. After his charm wears off, Dickie lets Tom know (floating vulnerably in a rowboat in the middle of nowhere) that he is creeped out by Tom's behavior. Tom responds by whacking Dickie over the head with an oar.

Note to self: When you suspect someone's a psychopath, don't confront them when there aren't any witnesses around.

Tom's maritime violence leads a series of plot twists that confuse and frustrate the audience. Tom tells so many stories. He twists the truth in so many ways that it's impossible to keep up. Everyone can see the train wreck coming but Tom.

What the movie lacks is empathy for the victims. Dickie is practically irredeemable. He cheats on his girlfriend. He treats people badly. He's an utter snob.

You feel sorry for Tom. You feel sorry for Marge. You feel sorry for everyone but the snotty socialites he deceives and tortures.

From the opening shot, you can tell things will not end well for Tom Ripley. You know the

movie's going to end on a disturbing note. For the last third of the two and a half hour cavalcade of pain, you keep waiting for the movie to end.

You, keep thinking "Okay, that was weird, it can't get much worse. This has to be the end." But it just keeps on going!

Ultimately, "The Talented Mr. Ripley" was a masterpiece that could have been, if only the plot had been trimmed down by half. It was beautifully shot. The breezy Italian locations are luscious. The cast bring their roles to life with stunning clarity.

But eventually you just want to scream, "OK, we get it! Ripley's a sensitive and mistreated guy who only attacks when cornered. He's a desperate man in a desperate situation. Move on!"

Half the people in the theater left long before the movie ended, presumably to find director Anthony Minghella and beat him with a shovel.

The only reason I resisted peer pressure and remained in my seat is because I was reviewing the movie and figured I should know how it ended. Ultimately, I think I would have walked out of "Deuce Bigelow, Male Gigolo" a more fulfilled person.

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Lambert one gang member, "We were trying to do something special. What are we going to give our people now?"

Ouch!!!

On July 17, Michael Adams, 13, got his arm caught in an irrigation machine while working alone on his family's alfalfa farm near Crane, Ore., and watched as the arm was severed just above the elbow. He picked up the arm, walked 100 yards to a vehicle, and drove for help. Unable to steer well, he crashed, but walked to another vehicle, which he drove to a friend's home, and still comforted his distraught parents when they arrived. The arm was reattached, and Michael is doing fine.

English shopkeeper Samantha Munns punctured her thigh two weeks earlier when she fell on the nozzle of a balloon-inflating canister and within seconds enough helium gas had entered the subcutaneous tissue in her leg and abdomen to cause them to swell painfully to twice their normal size.

Munns was treated at Cheltenham General Hospital by

physician Alison Moon, who said she could find only one similar case in medical textbooks and prescribed rest in order to let the gas dissipate.

Chutzpah!

Inmate Timothy Marshall, 39, petitioned a Florida Court of Appeal judge recently to release him early in 2000, as per the terms of his 1985 15-year cocaine-trafficking sentence. The only problem, said the judge, was that Marshall had escaped in 1987 and was recaptured only two years ago and now accuses the state of "wrongfully refusing to give him credit" for time served while on the run. (Petition denied)

Suicide chic

A September story in London's Sunday Times described Venice, Italy, as a new trendy site for unhappy Europeans and Americans' suicides, inspired by the movie "Death in Venice." (About 50 people attempted suicide in the past year, all but a half-dozen were unsuccessful, usually because the canals into which they leap are deceptively shallow.

Life imitates soap operas

A vigorously protesting Enrique Salinas, 37, was arrested in Detroit in September on a New Mexico shoplifting warrant, held there 38 days, then returned to a Santa Fe jail; authorities have now decided they had the wrong Enrique Salinas, although the one they had was born

on the same day in 1962 as the one they wanted and had a similar facial scar. And Los Angeles County agreed in December to pay Ray Nugent \$150,000 for wrongly jailing him in 1988 (and again on the same warrant in 1993) on armed robbery charges; authorities have since concluded that the robbery was committed by Ray's evil twin brother, Jay Nugent, who is believed to be hiding in Canada.

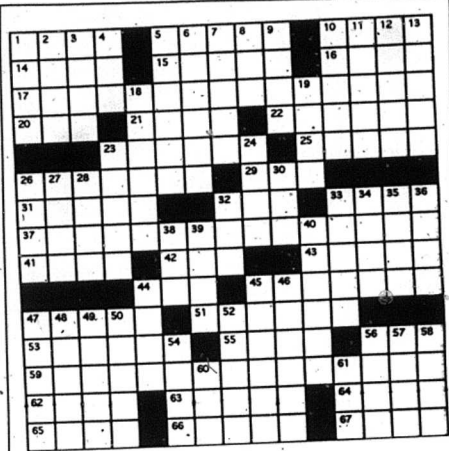
Crime doesn't pay

Shoplifters Malcolm Sloan, 27 (\$68 designer shirt), and Ryan M. Keyes, 18 (loot unreported), had dashed out of stores in, respectively, Warwick, R.I., in September, and Pittsburgh in June, and led police in foot chases. The Sloan chase ended when he drowned in the Allegheny River, the Keyes chase ended when he was fatally hit by a truck crossing a street.

Sweet, sweet irony

A practice bombe fell off an F-16 flying over a Phoenix golf course, making divots over a 300-yard swath. A 48-year-old St. Paul, Minn., ex-cop who played "Officer Friendly," teaching kids to avoid strangers was convicted of indecent exposure in a shopping mall.

Two inmates who escaped from a prison in Tanzania soon gave up after being forced up a tree by lions. The \$300,000 President's Pace horse race in Edmonton, Alberta, was won by the favorite, Clintons (sic) Cigar.



Across

1. Tranquil spot
5. Rica
10. Adjutant; abbr.
14. Place of refuge
15. External
16. Met's stadium
17. City in the Empire State
20. Weather vane dir.
21. Comedian Johnson
22. Gather grain into a bundle
23. State positively
25. Furry, playful swimmer
26. More joyful
29. Provide with a rifle
31. Oriental
32. Friend who carries trunks
33. Heavyweight Max
37. City in the Blackwater State
41. This: Sp.
42. Dine
43. Strange
44. Bath towel letters
45. Attached lists
47. Sidestep
51. Petrified
53. On the train
55. Footed vases
56. "What's the ___?" words of despair
59. City in the Great Lake State
62. Changed from pink to purple
63. Holy item
64. Three decks
65. South African fox
66. Boxed
67. Looked at

13. Recipient
18. Gambler's milieu
19. Pronoun
23. Swifty
24. Manageable
28. Healthy
27. Without any changes
28. Cup + cup
30. Bone
32. Crawling creature
33. Worked with hay
34. Zebra
35. ___ out a living; got by
36. ___ tight ship; demanded excellence
38. Garland
39. Space flight agcy.
40. Relish tray item
44. Story's star
45. Come
46. Emulated Baryshnikov
47. Baby's word
48. Follows orders
49. Is overly adoring
50. Avant-___
52. Becomes very angry
54. Record
56. Not pleasant to look at
57. Redeem
58. ___ Oklahoma
60. Madre's sister
61. Word with pack or pick

Answer to last week's puzzle:



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WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

- Greenwood 6**
 Down to You — (F) 7:15, 9:15 (S&S) 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:15
 Girl, Interrupted — (F) 6:50, 9:30 (S&S) 12:30, 3:15, 6:50, 9:30
 Toy Story 2 — (F) 7:50 (S&S) 12:30, 5, 7:20
 The Green Mile — (F) 7 (S&S) 12, 3:30, 7
 Stuart Little — (F) 7, 9 (S&S) 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 7, 9
 Play It to the Bone — (F) 6:50, 9:30 (S&S) 12:30, 3:15, 6:50, 9:30
 Anna and the King — (F) 9:30 (S&S) 9:30
- Plaza 6**
 The Hurricane — (F) 7:10, 10:10 (S&S) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
- Supernova** — (F) 7:20, 9:20 (S&S) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
 Any Given Sunday — (F) 6:50, 9:30 (S&S) 1, 4, 6:50, 9:40
 Bicentennial Man — (F) 6:50, 9:30 (S&S) 1, 3:45, 6:50, 9:30
 Galaxy Quest — (F) 7:10, 9:20 (S&S) 1:30, 3:45, 7:10, 9:20
 The Talented Mr. Ripley — (F) 7, 9:45 (S&S) 1:10, 4, 7, 9:45
- DUC Theatre**
 Casablanca—7 p.m.
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MADAME MOONBEAM'S PREDICTIONS



ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

This week is all about careful and conscientious workmanship in everything you do. Don't panic. Finishing your work quickly won't do you any good if the end result is shoddy.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 21)

Get out of the house now. Resist the urge to vegetate in front of the TV and go do something. Eventually the late-night Yoo-hoo and Doritos will catch up to you, and before you know it, Richard Simmons will come a callin'.



GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may be asked to explain your actions by co-workers or professors. Avoid defensiveness, be objective. We all need feedback sometimes. After it's all over, you'll be able to relax.



CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

You may be faced with a creative dilemma. You shouldn't copy someone else's ideas out of last-minute desperation. Be yourself. Take a creative risk. No one remembers the copycat. Everybody remembers the original.



LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

If your relationships are little rocky right now, this is probably as good a time as any to resolve those mounting problems. Avoid exaggerating. It will only make you seem that much more dumpable and add to the emotional confusion.



VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Right now, you could be easily irritated by

small matters and may not appreciate constructive criticism. Despite what the voices in your head are saying, everyone is not out to get you. Take suggestions as the positive recommendations they were meant to be and move on.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

It probably seems like a friend or lover has betrayed you, but don't jump to conclusions. Keep a civil tongue and a cool head until you see real evidence. Otherwise, you'll end up pretty embarrassed when your grand accusations turn out to be nothing.



SCORPIO (Dec. 23 - Nov. 22)

A friend may tell you some really good gossip, or you may have a really juicy secret yourself. Either way, discretion is key, although you

may be tempted to spread the word (or print it in the campus newspaper). Just because you know something doesn't mean you should tell everyone.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Now is not the time to be the simmering mass of Jell-O. Someone is pushing you around. Stand up for yourself! Bottling up all that resentment isn't healthy.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You're an intuitive person, but you're not a mind reader. Don't assume you know what those around you are thinking. Ask them and actually listen to what they have to say. Ultimately, you'll be a more productive person. And people won't run away when you're looking for a lab partner.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Your insecurities are probably running rampant right now about school, relationships, whether your pets like you, etc. Take a deep breath. If you break your monument of problems down to the individual components, you'll probably realize that it can't be all that bad.



PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

Your maturity is being put to the test. While lashing out with a sound schoolyard-style beating would feel really good right about now, you'll regret rash actions immediately. And probably end up arrested for assault.

As usual, the best advice comes from Mom — just ignore it.

These horoscopes are intended for entertainment only.

SCHOOLHOUSE: Columnist gets hate mail from across the country

does he say south central Kentucky 20 kajillion times? Where is south central Kentucky?

You gotta love these guys. You don't get this on the ultra-competitive Louisville stations.

I think I've been at home with the flu too long.

MailBag

I'm still getting hate mail from stuff I wrote last semester! Apparently, the civil criticism of the dorms I wrote in the waning days of the last millennium was forwarded to the whole South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

(SAACURCH), going out to 10 southeastern states.

Jenny LaBelle, a University of Florida senior and SAACURCH PR coordinator, e-mailed me a three-page manifesto. Now Jenny, we don't print three-page letters. I'll post the whole thing on the website, herald.wku.edu/under/Schoolhouse/Rock.

Here's a sample of Miss LaBelle's comments: "I guess your idea of social interaction is getting plastered and puking all over your friends, and I guess, your idea of education is fulfilled by simply attending classes, taking tests and graduating. No offense or anything." None taken. I guess.

SuperPicks

I can't get the pick of the week end out of my mind. That's because the Harlem Globetrotters' jacthy as all get-out theme song has been playing on television, radio and my head all week.

But that doesn't mean the Globetrotters aren't the best — or at least the most visually fantastic basketball team ever assembled. And they're coming to Diddle Arena at 7, tonight. Students pay \$14 for chair seats, \$11 for bleachers and \$9 for general admission.

Did any of you guys see "Citizen Kane" last week? I sure wanted to. I was just too sick.

Luckily, DUC Theatre has decided to keep the classics coming. Tonight through Saturday at 7, the campus theater is showing "Casablanca." Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman need no introduction. For \$2, you can see the best romantic movie ever made. It'll send tingles down your spine.

The small stage is busy this weekend, too. Western's theater department is presenting Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie" today through Sunday in Gordon Wilson Theatre.

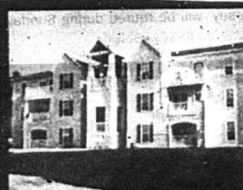
If you've never seen a play in the cozy, intimate theater on the first level of Gordon Wilson, you

need to. The play begins nightly at 7 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Students pay just \$5.

Finally, we have some rock 'n' roll to talk about! David Robbins, drummer from the local alt-rock band Gear, wanted to get the word out about his show Friday.

Gear is opening for Mad Lyrick, another rock band from Bowling Green. The show starts at 7 p.m. Friday in NiteClass, the Subway shop below Downing University Center. It's free, kids, so go out and support your local scene.

Y'all are my hometown heroes. If your band is playing next weekend, or your show is opening or if you just love local television, gimme a buzz at 745-2697 or batchme@wku.edu.



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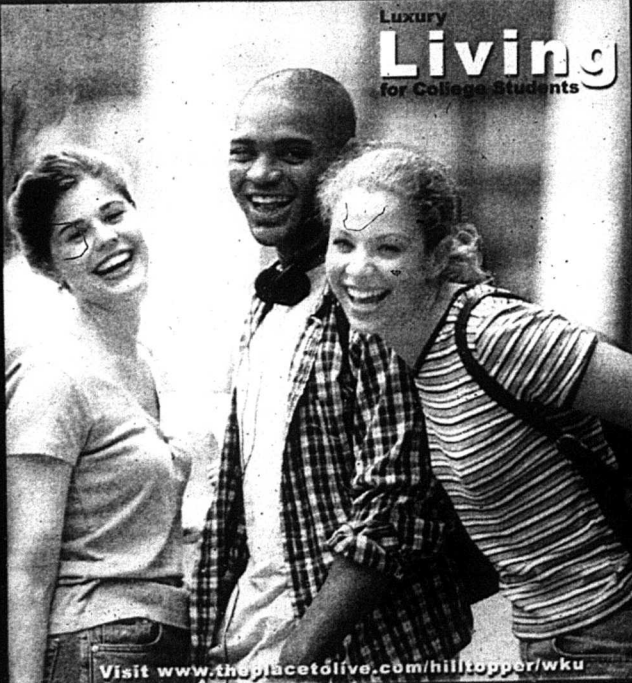
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Sports



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Former Lady Topper Lillie Mason Stockton is an assistant basketball coach and teacher at Warren Central High School. Her jersey will be retired during Sunday's game against Louisiana Tech. Below: Jim McDaniels, a three-time All-American at Western, will return to the Hill Saturday to have his jersey retired.

Living Legends

Two players. One Hill. And legacies forever hemmed in hoops history.

BY TRAVIS MAYO
Herald reporter

The lucky basketball programs can boast a hero, an Apollo on the hardwood, casting blinding light onto the game. The lucky-ones can remember a 7-foot center who runs with the guards, knowing it will keep his defenders standing in his swirling dust. They can still see the giant nailing shots from what is now three-point range.

This Hill was lucky. This program will raise its greatest hoops name into the rafters Saturday night in Diddle Arena when it retires Jim McDaniels' jersey, forever creating a glow above the same floor he dominated.

"Oh, Lord, I can't even put it into words," McDaniels said from his Charlotte home.

"I look back at my life and how it started, and to be honored like this — it's a very humbling experience for me, because I realize how good God has been to me. How can God take a kid from that and bring a kid to this?"

He's at the top of nearly every Western men's basketball record list: points (2,238 in just 81 games); scoring average (27.6); single-season scoring record (29.3); 500 points in a season (all three seasons); and best field goal percentage in three seasons (53 percent).

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Lillie Mason Stockton just played to win

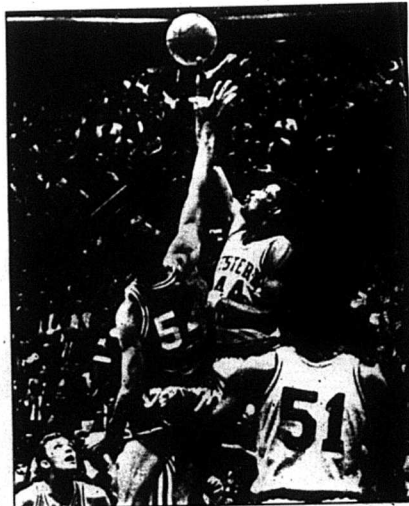
BY LYNDSAY SUTTON
Herald reporter

Don't call her the greatest. Even though she did score 2,262 points in her four-year basketball career at Western, more than any other men's or women's player in Western history.

Don't call her the best. Even though she was a three-time All-American who led two Lady Topper teams to the Final Four in 1985 and 1986.

Don't call her amazing. Even though she still holds eight school records, nearly 14 years after she graduated.

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Lady Toppers sneak past Denver, 57-56; La Tech visits Sunday

Lady Toppers vs Louisiana Tech

When: Sunday at Diddle Arena
Records: Western (10-6, 4-1)
No. 3 La Tech (11-2, 2-0)
Radio: 107.1 The Gator
Series: La Tech leads 16-8
Lady Tops last won 88-86 in 1998

BY LYNDSAY SUTTON
Herald reporter

Down by as many as 14 points in the second half last night, the Hilltopper women's basketball team fought back to beat Denver 57-56 on the road on a pair of free throws from junior forward and All-America candidate ShaRae Mansfield.

Junior guard LaVonda Johnson deflected a Lady Pioneer pass before giving the

ball to senior guard Jaime Walz, who tossed it into Mansfield, who drew the foul with 25.3 seconds remaining.

"We were very lucky to come out with a W," Walz said on the postgame radio show. "Somehow, some way, we came out with a win."

Denver (10-5, 4-1 in Sun Belt Conference) led until Mansfield hit two free throws with 2:24 left, tying the game at 55 all. Junior center, Michaela Pavlickova hit

one of two free throws with 55 seconds remaining, putting the Lady Pioneers ahead 56-55.

But Denver turned the ball over with less than 30 seconds to go and set Mansfield up for the game-winning free throws on the other end.

Western coach Steve Small said the Lady Toppers (10-6, 4-1) struggled to find a constant on the defensive end.

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Hilltoppers bow to Belmont, 80-52

Loss brings Western record to 3-11

BY TRAVIS MAYO
Herald reporter

NASHVILLE — Jimmy Boykin wasn't supposed to stagger to the Western bench Tuesday night. The freshman forward wasn't supposed to plunge into that seat with 9:52 remaining.

But with Belmont buckling the Hilltoppers 57-33, he might have wanted the night to be finished.

"Jimmy, I didn't take you out," Felton yelled.

And Boykin rejoined his teammates on the hollow playing floor just inches away, as Western (3-11) suffered its sixth defeat in seven games, 80-52.

On paper, this looked like an opportunity for the Hilltoppers to reverse a losing skid before coming home for four Sun Belt Conference contests. Belmont (4-13) had dropped 12 straight. The Bruins had last won at home on Nov. 29, when it downed Milligan 96-61. Their tallest player was listed at 6-8, going against Western's 7-1 Chris Marcus most of the night.

And the high school atmosphere — Striplin Gymnasium had only 700 in the 2,500 seat hotbox — could have provided a chance to regain some of those basketball roots.

But Belmont's 10 three-pointers per game is the nation's third-best average, and it also hit an NCAA single-game record 19 threes against Valparaiso on Jan. 10. Those same Bruins started their skid by losing at Auburn by nine last month.

This game was a tug-of-war for more than 12 minutes of the first half, until Belmont started flinging it in. The Bruins turned a 22-18 game with 7:36 remaining in the opening half into a 41-18 trampling, crutched by a five-minute, 19-0 run.

And when the rain ended, the Hilltoppers had tumbled into a 42-21 hole.

"They just shot the ball so, so well from the outside," Felton said. "We knew they were capable of doing it. Basically, them coming out and shooting so well from the three was our worst nightmare coming into the game, and it occurred."

Western's only lead was 2-0, when freshman forward David Boyden opened the contest with a jumper. He finished with a team-high 14 points on 7 of 11 shooting and pulled in seven rebounds. Junior guard Nashon McPherson added 13 points.

Belmont sophomore guard B.J. Proffitt led all scorers with 20 points and hammered in six threes. Junior guard Jay Lannin's 19 first-half points would be his total after he left the game with an injury in the second half. The Bruins shot 60 percent overall and 50 percent from behind the arc.

"Obviously, defense wins ballgames, but they hit a lot of clutch three-pointers when we were on 'em, but they would just make 'em," Boyden said.

When it seemed close, then quickly transformed into simple math, Western seemed to rush its offense and force shots, only to see heavens drop through the net on the other end. And an early press out of the locker room nearly brought the Hilltoppers back to within reasonable reach, only to have a couple Bruin buckets silence the whisper again.

"Both teams have been losing more than they have been winning, and when you're on the road, particularly, and you get



Daniel Wallace/Herald

Belmont center Jason Lathrem, a senior center formerly from Greenwood High School, deflects the rebound from Western sophomore guard Derek Robinson during first half play in Nashville Tuesday night.

down 10 early, it's easy to not finish well and they didn't," Belmont coach Rick Byrd said. "We played like we believed we were a good team and we haven't played like that in a while."

The end result frustrated faces departing on one side and smiles coming out of the other.

While Felton admitted the atmosphere was different for his players, he was quick to point out that it was just one of several reasons the Hilltoppers had a long night.

"They've wanted to try to continue the series where we'd come back here," Felton said, "but the way we were treated by the officials and everything, there's not a chance in hell we'll ever see the inside of this gym again, as long as I'm the coach. I don't know if they got caught up in the hype, but I thought we were severely mistreated in that way, too."

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WIN: Mason now teaching the future as assistant hoops coach

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Don't call her spectacular. Even though everybody remembers "Lillie's Shot," the last-second one, against then-undefeated and No. 1 Texas in 1985.

Don't call her fabulous. Don't call her extraordinary. Don't call her marvelous.

Just call her Lillie. Lillie Mason Stockton. A mother of one, Lariah, with whom Lillie has been busy doctoring of late thanks to the chicken pox.

Lillie Mason is Stockton. An assistant coach at Warren Central High School where she works primarily with the girl's freshmen team and helps with the junior varsity and varsity squads.

Lillie Mason Stockton. A quietly proud and shy woman who was one of Western's most explosive players on the basketball court.

Lillie Mason Stockton. A woman whose jersey will be formally retired this Sunday, during halftime of the Lady Topper-Louisiana Tech 2 p.m. matchup, in honor of her contributions to Western basketball.

To tell the truth, I just never really looked at honors or awards," Stockton said. "I just loved winning. That was mainly on my mind all the time."

Stockton arrived on the Hill in 1981 as Western's first Miss Basketball, and scored 488 points in her first season, the most for any freshman before or since. Then, as a senior, she set the single-season scoring record with 721 points. In between, Stockton was a three-time All-American and Western's first Kodak All-American in 1988.

But on her birthday, Nov. 5, 1983, she blew her knee out in a scrimmage game.

"And I was like, 'Oh, what a birthday present,'" Stockton said. "I knew so much things was wrong because usually I can get up and go again. But I couldn't get up that time."

"I thought 'Something's really wrong.' Scrimmage game, it's my birthday, about a minute and a half left in the whole game I went through all that conditioning and then tear up my knee."

But her coach, Paul

Sanderford, said the injury turned out to be an asset in the end.

"It gave her an extra year," Sanderford said. "She came back and basically took the team to two Final Fours. She deserves having her jersey retired. She put Westerv women's basketball on the map."

And she especially put Lady Topper basketball on the map in Texas — Austin to be precise. Stockton remembers "that shot." She remembers how unbeaten Texas was (they were 32-0 at the time) when they came to Diddle Arena for a 1985 NCAA Midwest Regional game and just how beaten they were when the Longhorns traveled home.

"I think we had one second left on the clock," Stockton said. "Kami Thomas takes the ball out of bounds and just throws it up toward the basket, and all I knew was I had to catch it and get it in before one second goes off."

"It just happened to go in and hit the right angle on the backboard and we ended up winning. It's a memorable moment. I remember it the most of all things. We knocked the top team out of the tournament ... and here it was, the tournament being held in their gym and they weren't playing."

Sanderford is still bewildered, even today.

"Lillie made an unbelievable catch and shot," he said. "I've seen it on tape, 100 times and it's still amazing."

The Lady Toppers went on to lose to Georgia in their first-ever Final Four appearance.

Western returned to the Final Four the next year, too, but Texas got the last laugh, winning 90-65.

Stockton graduated and since there weren't any professional playing opportunities in the United States, moved to Turin, Italy, where she played for a team called Ibi, picking up Italian as best she could.

"When I first got there, it was so nerve-wracking," Stockton said. "They were just talking away and I couldn't understand a word they were talking about."

"Some of the girls on the team would translate for us, and being around them every day, you

picked up some. And of course I had my little Italian book."

Stockton returned to Western in 1997 as the restricted earnings coach for the Lady Toppers, where her main duties were making travel arrangements for road trips.

Now, Stockton is a special education teacher at Warren Central and an assistant coach under her hometown buddy, Todd Steward. Steward and Stockton grew up together in Olmstead, a small community in Logan County. They both graduated from Olmstead High School, which consolidated with Logan County High School in 1981.

"We got to know each other real well because ... in those days, girls and boys basketball, we traveled together on the same bus," Steward said. "I thought I was pretty good. I'd get 20 a game, but she'd get 50 a game."

Naturally, Stockton was Steward's first choice for the assistant coaching position. He knew her experience would only help Warren Central's program get better.

"I think she loves the game and she wants to stay involved," Steward said. "I can remember, one of the things that we liked to do was get to school early so we could go out back."

"We had these old basketball rims and backboards that were nailed to trees behind our school, and we used to go out there and play and she used to come out and play with the boys. She was treated like a boy too, because she was good."

But don't call her good. She's not comfortable with those sorts of titles.

Just call her Lillie, because, in her eyes, she's just one piece of the puzzle, she's just one of five players on the basketball court. Don't single her out because, in her eyes, she's just another basketball player who loved winning and hated losing.

"I never even think that much of it (awards and honors) until someone mentions it to me. My main concern was winning. I never even cared about reading the paper. I didn't care about this and that. All I wanted to do was win."

1999-2000 FACULTY AWARDS

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Faculty Award for Public Service

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LEGENDS: Former great rose from uncommon roots

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McDaniels does not top the list in rebounding, but he was third with 1.18, the best for any three-season player. The three-time All-American dropped 35 or more points 14 times.

"When you mention his name, you're talking about the best that's ever been at Western," said John Oldham, McDaniels' coach, who had his jersey retired last month.

But McDaniels is a legend who nearly wasn't.

Outside roots

McDaniels doesn't laugh when he hears the tales of having to trudge eight miles to school, because he did. He and his classmates would drag firewood out of a building behind the two-room, all-black Scottsville Elementary School and warm up before lessons began — lessons for all eight grades in those two rooms. Each row was a different class.

And when they laced up their shoes for ball, they had to weather the climate. McDaniels remembers how he and his classmates sliced down a tree, built a backboard and put up a basket. Then, after Scottsville schools integrated, McDaniels found warmth.

As a 6-1 eighth-grader, he finally stumbled into a gym.

"I looked around at that gymnasium and would not believe you could play inside without rain or snow," McDaniels said. "The basket wasn't blowing over the floor was even. My mouth dropped wide open and my eyes got big. It was incredible."

And then he played, uncorrupted that first season, and nearly gave up after game one. When the opening tip landed in his hands, McDaniels ran to the wrong goal and hit a bucket. Embarrassed by the mishap, he wanted to quit, but his teammates talked him into staying.

The dream had gotten its pulse.

Growing larger than life

McDaniels averaged 16 points per game as a high school freshman, but a move to Allen County High before his sophomore year elevated his game. He switched because of legendary coaches Jimmy Bazzell and Tommy Long, who helped shake the coal off the diamond during the year McDaniels sat out because of

transfer rules.

"I had to practice with the guys for two hours, and then after practice, they'd keep me in the gym another hour or more working on things," McDaniels said. "But when the game came, I couldn't play. It was tough. It got that momentum and drive in me, that will that, 'Okay, somebody's gonna pay — everybody, as a matter of fact — when I do play.'"

The next year, he returned with 42 points and snagged his letter jacket after the debut. He slept in it much of the rest of the week. The next year, McDaniels averaged about 39 points and 25 boards.

His squad fed off the talent, finishing 33-2 that final year and losing to Louisville Central in the state semifinals. By the time McDaniels had netted his final high school points, everyone was knocking on his door and stuffing his mailbox with recruitment letters.

"I guess he was the No. 1 recruit in the nation that year," Long said. "I think after he laid out a year and worked pretty hard, and didn't get to play, he realized what the game meant to him."

He visited Kentucky, but didn't feel comfortable about sliding into a program that had not yet chosen to integrate. So he went with his heart and, with five other Kentucky All-Stars, hiked to the Hill.

New heights

Once here, Oldham could easily see that McDaniels was something more than a 7-foot court ornament.

"I never raised my voice to him in four years," Oldham said. "He worked hard. He perspired so much sometimes that when we took five-minute breaks, he'd go put on a fresh uniform."

The Hilltoppers finished 16-10 his sophomore season, then reached the NCAA tournament the next, losing to Jacksonville in the first round and ending a 22-3 year.

Western had a taste of the meal it wanted to devour.

"Our motto that year was that we would be back, and we meant to be back and kick some butt," McDaniels said.

They did return, for the most magical season in Hilltopper history. They got payback and beat Jacksonville at Freedom Hall in December on the way to a 24-6 record.

If snow kept people from getting to work, it didn't keep them from Diddle Arena. The noise would reach such high decibels that fans have told McDaniels they couldn't hear the basketball bouncing. McDaniels never lost a game in Diddle Arena.

And Western thanked everyone with an incredible run. First came Jacksonville in the first round of the 1971 NCAA tournament. Down 18 points at halftime, the Hilltoppers edged Jacksonville 74-72. Then came a matchup with Kentucky, the same Wildcats that had lodged facing Western for so long.

"We knew it was a time for us to make history, and we didn't want to make a little-bitty history either," McDaniels said. "We wanted to make history that nobody would ever forget."

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Try magic, something that McDaniels says can only be topped by his giving his life to Christ.

Still a legend

Despite forcing Western to forfeit its earnings from the 1971 Final Four and putting an asterisk next to its finish because he signed with an agent too early, his name is far from tarnished. It still sparkles.

He was the first pick of the Carolina Cougars, and played professional ball for seven years before eventually returning to Bowling Green and becoming a car salesman. McDaniels and his wife, Carolyn, are now in a Lincoln Mercury dealership.

He still wears that giant Final Four ring, but only lets young athletes try it on. It's his way of giving something back to the game that blessed him so much.

He can't say enough about his family, his brothers, his sisters, his wife, his two sons and his stepdaughter. And McDaniels is quick to point out they're all Christians.

"I'm a blessed man," he said. "Saturday night will be proof that Western is a blessed program, honoring its dream."



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SNEAKS:

Lady Tops win on road

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With his Lady Toppers down 29-21 at halftime, Small pointed to lack of communication as the problem.

"We got outplayed really for the first 37 and a half minutes," Small said.

The Lady Toppers shot 29 percent in the first half and committed nine turnovers. Mansfield and senior forward Jamie Britt each scored just five points in the first 20 minutes.

"In the second half, we knew it would take the whole team to win," Waiz said.

She netted 20 points and added seven rebounds. Mansfield also scored 20, the eighth time she's reached that mark.

This win, Western's fifth in a row, puts them in a tie with Denver for second place in the conference. No. 3 Louisiana Tech (11-2, 2-0) is at the top, and will play the Lady Toppers at 2 p.m. Sunday in Diddle Arena.

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Jed Conkin

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This is a gloomy time of year for outdoor sports. The trees stand bare against gray skies, and visions of outdoor adventures are buried under goose down and fleece winterwear. But do not let nature's barren landscape keep you demoralized.

The cool nip of winter's breath forces sneezes but warms the soul, a reminder of my winter adventures over the past years. The northeast ski adven-

ture provided a great release from the stress of cabin fever, and a student's daily life of deadlines and headaches. Although my trip was to New York, there are much closer destinations.

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Jed Conkin's column appears every other Thursday. He can be reached at Jed41.N99@aol.com.

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Sports Briefs

Britt named Sun Belt Player of the Week

Senior forward Jamie Britt was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week for her 30-point plus efforts in two conference games last weekend.

Britt scored 30 points against Louisiana-Lafayette on Thursday and 31 against Arkansas State on Sunday.

Britt is the first women's player at Western to ever score back-to-back 30-point games.

This is also the first time in three years that a Sun Belt player has recorded multiple 30-point games in one season and the first one in five years to tab consecutive 30-point performances.

Britt is the first Lady Topper to be named Sun Belt Player of the Week this season.

It is also the first time in her career that she has received the award. Britt and the rest of the Lady Toppers will resume play next Sunday in Diddle Arena against conference rival Louisiana Tech.

—Missy Sutton

Western swim teams struggle; then dominate against Wright St.

Vencill asks team to get "stuff together"

By BRETT CORBIN
Herald reporter

Last Saturday, Western's men's swim team was in more of a competition with Wright State than it knew. Their thought was appropriate.

As the meet began, the three captains, too nervous to be in the locker room

and told them losing was not an option. Back in the pool, a final, up Western squad swept the next two events, placing the top three in the 200-meter butterfly and finishing 1-2 in the 100-meter freestyle.

They were swimming us and that situation never happened. Vencill said, "I said we needed to get our stuff together."

With a strong finish in the 400-meter freestyle relay shutting Wright State out of the final event, Western won 132-110.

ing their return to a meet where they may meet one of their toughest opponents when Southern Illinois comes to town fresh off a win over Top-25 Kansas.

The Lady Toppers had less trouble, winning handily 122-87, improving their all-time record to 4-0. Sophomore Brian Beckwith displayed his dominance once again with a 1:10 in the 200-meter butterfly setting her seventh school record and with a first in the 50-meter freestyle. Megan Zebushen, a sophomore, won the 100-meter

individual medley and the 100-meter freestyle along with a strong time in the 400-meter freestyle relay.

"Our women had it pretty easy or pretty relaxed," coach Bill Powell said. "But our men came out thinking they (Wright State) weren't as good as they were."

According to the coaches, the men did not swim their best against Wright State because they were still recovering from a Florida trip they made over Christmas break. They may do

have been looking ahead to the Southern Illinois Saukis this weekend.

"The way the teams match up creates a recipe for a great college swim match," Powell said. "They are strong where we are and weak where we are."

The meet may be the toughest hurdle on the road to a perfect season.

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