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College Heights

Student News. Faculty News. Alumni News. All News.

Volume 75, Number 42

Western Kentucky University . Bowling Green, Kentucky

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Clinic delayed; prices still going

Collegiate wants to add \$450 to \$550 to fees

BY ABBEY BROWN.
Herald reporter

Construction of the new Collegiate Health Care clinic has been delayed by

Health Care clinic has been delayed of almost five months, and the project is not scheduled to be completed until December. Prices for health services, however, will go up this fall as scheduled. Cellegiate is also proposing to add a 5450 to \$550 health insurance plan to be tagged

on to student tuition. The insurance plan would cover all treatments at the new clinic for one year, and give partial coverage at other Aetna previders.

Students not wanting this coverage would either have to let the university of the provider of the pr

would either have to let the university know or the fee would automatically be added to their tuition.

Libby Greaney, director for Western's health center, said this plan is not final, but merely a proposal. She said they are planning to pitch the idea to the Student Government Association, Student Affairs and other outlets to get feedback After hearing what students, faculty and staff feel about the proposal, it will be altered accommodate the needs of students.

"Our number one goal is to provide stu-

dents with the best health care we can at an affordable price," Greaney said. "This is an extremely good price for the com-

is an extremely good price for the com-prehensiveness of the plan ...
Unfortunately, health care is expensive "Vice President of Student Affairs Serry Wilder said Connecticut-based Collegiate originally wanted Western to adopt a hard-waiver plan for the insurance, but the university would not go along with it With a hard waiver, students who could not provide proof of insurance would be forced to purchase it through the institution. through the institution.

through the institution.
President Gary Ransdell said yesterday
he had not yet heard about the insurance
proposal, but said it would probably affect
a "relatively small number of students."

Ransdell also said he wished construction had already begun.
"It has taken an awful lot of time to do this." Ransdell said. "but I guess there is nothing we can do about it."

The clinic, which was to be completed by August, will not open until January John Osborne, assistant vice president of Campus Services and Facilities, said con-Campus Services and Facilities, said con-struction should begin sometime in

struction should begin sometime in March
Communication problems about the lease for the building site, between Keen
Hall, and the Preston Health and Activities Center, caused the delay, General Counsel Deborah Wilkins said.

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Bill would allow bias in renting

Churches could refuse gays, atheists

BY JACOB BENNETT AND BRANDY WARREN Herald reporters

Minority issues and people with strong opinions have dominated the legislature this session, putting three bills in the spotlight — one that would protect minorities, two that would deny them that protection.

deny them that protection.

Civil rights groups and religious organizations have been flooding state representatives offices with letters and phone calls expressing their opinions.

The battle between those rights for

The battle between those wanting to give more rights to minorities, specifically gays and lesbians, is heating up. And last week, a bill that would tighten the freedom of other minority groups passed through the

Tops have sickening experience

BY BRIAN MOORE Herald reporter

Half of Western's baseball players became ill, including three who sought medical atten-tion, between Thursday and Friday night, forcing the Hilltoppers to shake up their lineup for Friday's game with

Purdue.

Sixteen team members, including Coach Joel Murrie. came down with similar symptoms, including nausea and voniting. Sophomore infielder Patrick Ransdell was hospitalized for two nights at the Medical Center. Sophomore third baseman Tanner. third baseman Tanner

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Bowling Green senior and ROTC Cadet Brandt Cashion watches Junior ROTC Cadet Wade Pendley, a Logan County High School Student, during the one-rope bhoge competition Friday morning. Pendley and his fellow cadets taped their mouths to avoid cursing

Ultimate Challenge

High school students from across the state invaded Western's campus this weekend for the Challenge, hosted by Western's ROTC

Western's ROTC.
Each high school Junior ROTC
group was led by ROTC cadets
from Western. JROTC cadets participated in events such as the
one-rope bridge, a physical fitness test, and a marksmanship
competition.

competition.
Cadets built and crossed a

bridge made from a rope spanning a distance of about 30 yards between two trees in front of McCormack Hall.

Students also toured the campus and ate lunch in Downing University Center. Bowling Green senior and ROTC. Cadet Brandt Cashion said the competition was designed, "to build camaraderie, but it's also for Western to be able to pro-mote itself."



nathan Miano/Herald Junior ROTC Cadet Brian Rose, 17, of Warren Central High School, recovers after the one-rope bridge competition.



The men's basketball team finshed the regular season with its 17th loss after losing 55-52 at Denver last night. The Toppers had a chance to tie the game, but junior guard Nashon McPherson missed a desperation three-pointer as the buzzer sounded. Sports, Page 11

Leap year goes

Happy birthday, leap year babiest Being born on this day was a long shot to begin with, so why do you have 50 put up with the teasing today?

Are you really 20, or are you 5?

just when should you celebrate your birthday? Here is an explanation of how leap year came to be and why it is so rare.

Features, Page 9

OTHER NEWS IFC honored at conference

The Interfraternity Council as honored as one of the top 15 Greek council's in the Southeast at the Interfraternity Conference in Atlanta. It is the 10th time in 11 years the council has received the award.

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Weather forecast

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Laid Back: Radcliff sophomore Erin Cantwell and Scottsville sophomore Brandi Dyer enjoy the pleasant weather while lying on the bleachers by the fine arts center yesterday. "Our English class was canceled, so we are enjoying the sunny day instead," Cantwell said. "We met in MASTER Plan our freshman year. We're best buddies."

Crime Reports

♦ Philip Douglas Stultz, College Pinlip Douglas Stuttz, College Street, was charged Sunday with disregarding a traffic control device, public intoxication and DUI. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$750 unsecured hond.

◆ Lindsay Christine Bertuleit ority Hall, was charged with DUI under the age of 21. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail Friday on a court

order ◆ Emily Layne Jackson,

Sorority Hall, was charged with DUI Friday. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail that same day on a court order.

◆ David Gabriel Alexander, Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported Friday that \$45 was missing from his wallet that was left in his

David Storey Grain reported \$225 worth of paint stolen from a locker in the fine arts center \$\infty\$ Samantha Michelle Ivery, Keen Hall, reported \$9 stolen

from the front Besk counter

Daniel Tile Woods, BarnesCampbell Hall, reported Sunday
that the window in the driver's
side door of her car was broken
Damages were about \$150

Billy Ray Goley, with USA
Rental and Supply-reported
Thursday that a Bobeat tractor
site next to the softball complex It
is valued at \$19.500

Kennie Joe Kennedy, PearceFord Tower, reported Wednesday
that his graphic calculator was
stolen from the study lounge on
the 27th floor of PFT

Campus News

English Club book sale tomorrow and Thursday

The WKU English Club is have The WKU English Club is naving a used book sale from 10 30 am to 2 00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at the Robert Penn Warren Room (101) of Cherry

Midnite Basketball tournament Thursday

Midnite Basketball is tipping off at 10 pm. Thursday at the Preston Center There will be free food and beverages, mocktails and a track and fitness room, as well as

the basketball tournament Dry Land Fish will also be playing A Western ID is required for entrance This event is co-spon sored by Western's health center. Peers Encouraging Responsible Choices) Housing and Kesidence Life, the Preston Center and Intramural and Recreational Sports.

News conference for **Festival of Books**

Organizers of the Southern Kentucky Festival of Books will hold a news conference at 9 a.m. Thursday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers on 1680 Campbell

Lane. The festival will be held from March 25 to 26 at the Bowling Green/Warren County Convention Center.

Parking structure entrance to close

The upper entrance to the Diddle Arena parking lot from University Boulevard will be closed today and tomorrow. The University Boulevard entrance to the Porting Structure will be the Parking Structure will be closed Wednesday.

Dogwood Avenue will remain closed to through traffic until Friday afternoon

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Departments discuss changes

All majors in four areas endangered

BY JIM GAINES

As the deadline approaches for Western to change or cut its smaller programs. Academic Affairs has decided to let the affected departments make the

first choices.
The Academic Program
Review Committee sent copies of Review Committee sent copies of its criteria to each department, said Jim Flynn, English profes-sor and Academic Affairs' liai-son to the committee. Provost Barbara Burch asked

department heads to consult with their faculty. Departmental recommendations will go to the college deans by the end of

March. Burch will then take them to the Academic Council before a final draft goes to the Board of Regents on May 5, said John Pefersen, academic pro-grams and personnel associate vice president

vice president.

The Council on Postsecondary The Council of Possecondary Education sent all state universi-ties a list of majors that don't pro-duce a certain average number of graduates. By May. 8, the schools must give the CPE a report on which programs to close, which to which programs to close, which to combine or teach in conjunction with other schools and which to teach online through the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University.

Seventy-six active programs at Western don't meet the new standard. The CPE can order program closings or changes if the universities fail to meet the requirements

All the majors in four depart

dents music, theatre and dance, philosophy and religion and modern languages and intercultural studies

Theatre and dance professors. have discussed their options informally, but rely on Department Head William Legnard for an official plan, the-atre and dance professor James Brown said

"The department head has to respond to them as to why we feel that we should continue to exist, and he is working on that

report," Brown said.

The music department is trying to combine its programs, but its work is just getting started Department Head John Duff

"We have a group of faculty that are meeting, and what we are doing is our own internal

Miller's prepaid tuition plan sailing through state legislature

Herald reporter

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller, wants to help the next generation of college students

His plan for prepaid college tuition at today's rates is sailing through the state legislature, and could be filling up with cash spring

Miller is touring the state to pitch his plan, and spoke to about a dozen at a meeting of Western's Young Democrats last

Thursday.

The prepaid tuition plan lets parents, prospective students or anyone else set up a state account where they can pay in enough for four years of tuition at any Kentucky state school based on today's tuition rates. The rate is guaranteed not to rise from the day they start the account. Thursday

account account.
"All in all, what it does is make it easier for families to send their children to college." Miller said. "Any person who cares about the education of a child. can do this."
The state will use the money

to make low-risk investments, like U.S. Treasury bonds, to stay ahead of increases in tuition. When the student goes to college, the state pays the school. If students go to a less

expensive school than planned, the state will refund the difference. But if the pavestments grow faster than faition rises, the state will keep the extra money to provide scholarships.
Miller said.
Kentucky will also defer taxes

on the money until it's actually used and will then count it as student income, which is usually taxed less than parents' income. he said. If the state's

investments don't grow fast "All in all, what it does is make it easinough to cover tuition costs, the fund will borrow from Kentucky's \$37 million er for families to send their children to college."

rty fund.

The guarantee only applies
at Kentucky celleges. Those planning to go out of state can still use the plan, but can only invest an amount equal-ing tuition at the University of Kentucky, the most expensive in-state public university. Over the past 20 years, pub-

Over the past 20 years, pub-lic university tuttion in Kentucky has risen about 7.25 percent per year statewide, said Jay Blanton, a spokesman for the treasurer's office. U.S. Treasury bonds, 'among the safest and most conservative

rate, he said

rate, he said.

The shortest-term Treasury bonds may average about that rate for the last 20 years, but that's because interest rates were very high in the 1980s, economics professor Stephen Lile said Current rates are just over

6 percent
This type of plan is not unique, but potential users have to decide if they want to trust their money to the state's investment decisions. Lile

said "The "The government is taking on a risk that we generally reserve for individuals in a market economy.

The guaranteed rate and tax deferment are advantages, since tuition is currently rising faster than parents could earn through low-risk investments, Lile said

- Jonathan Miller

Miller learned during his campaign last fall that 19 other campaign last fail that is other states have, similar plans, Blanton said. Last week the state House of Representatives passed the bill 98-0, and now it moves on to the Senate. Twenty-two of the 38 senators have endorsed it so far, Miller said

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News Briefs

Former area coordinator goes before court

Kim Collins, a former area coordinator for Housing and Residence Life, has a court date today at 9 a.m. on 2nd degree forgery charges. Collins was arrested Peb. Tor forging a Phi Mu Sorority check, and is under investigation for embezzling money over a year's time.
Collins was released on a \$250 unsecured bond Peb 8. She resigned from her position the day after her arrest.

Global Automotive Conference coming up

This year's Global Automotive Conference is cosponsored by Wester and leading automotive companies. It will be held March 28-30 at the University Plaza hotel. The program will feature sessions on ecommerce, modular integration,
supply chain management,
strategic alliances and international trade issues. This event provides many networking opportunities with all levels of management from the automo-tive industry.

- Jason Ragan

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Opinion

Cloud of secrecy should concern all

The issue:

Western officials

don't want us to

know when they

make mistakes. Our view: If students, faculty

and staff don't rise up, they'll keep us in the

he founders of this nation left England for the New World to found a govern-ment that would serve its

people.

The government they escaped oppressed the people, in part, by conducting business under an umbrella of secrecy. The newly formed state of the people protected its constituency by allowing them access to the system. In theory, it meant the government would, keep ho secrets from those it.

secrets from those it served, but would protect the citizenry by operating in the

Fast forward to the

Fast forward to the
21st century
Laws like the
Kentucky Open
Meetings and Open
Records Act hold
state institutions

state institutions accountable by allowing the people access to the process. And at Western, a state-operated institution subject to these laws, there is an effort to suppress that access through subversion of these "government in shine" statutes.

Earlier this semester, a Herald reporter was denied access to-a

triese "government in the sunshine" statutes.
Earlier this semester, a Herald
reporter was denied access to a
Budget Council meeting because
members felt the public didn't
need to know about the process.
When the reporter challenged
this effort to quash the people's
right to know, Gegeral Counsel
Deborah Wilkins called
President Gary Ransdell to get
his opinion on whether the meeting should be held in the open.
The reporter was finally let in.
But that's not the point
Wilkins ignored the law.
Ransdell's opinion, however
important it is at this institution,
does not carry the weight of law.
Wilkins knows that because
she's an attorney. But she's a part
of the effort to keep the people
here, the people means the students, faculty and staff of Western
out of the loop.
Another example: Former faculty regent Ray Mendel says
Wilkins was formally reprimanded for her part in misleading the
Board of Regents with regard to a
land deal in 1997.
Mendel' is telling the truth
Whatever doubts some may have
about his motive. Mendel has
absolutely no reason to risk the

respect and dignity in his earlied over many years.

We believe that Wilkins was reprimanded, yet every request for evidence of this has been denied.

Presumably, the "formal" reprimand was conveniently misplaced. But that doesn't give administrators the right to claim

administrators the right to-claim it never happened.
According to former board chairwoman Peggy Loafman, current-chairman Cornelius Martin "has asked the university to no longer respond" to this issue "Martin and the board members are obviously trying to cover their own typing to cover their own they takes.

The list of examples goes on and on beyond the board.
Housing and Housing and

beyond the board.
Housing
Residence Life Director
Brian Kuster sits in his
office each day, lips
typhty sealed, knowing
that a former employee
in his department may
have stolen from the people who

have stolen from the people who pay his salary.
When men's basketball coach Dennis Felton 'ignored a fire alarm in Diddle Arena, campus police deliberately kept the story under wraps.
All of this should serve as a call to arms for the people these officials are supposed to serve. This is not about the Herald versus the administration. This issue has much deeper roots.

sus the administration. This issue has much deeper roots. Western's government has turned on its people. It has decided the students, faculty, staff and community have no business knowing how they are protected, how their money is spent or how their officials are behaving.

And it's time for a change. The people at Western need to rise up against this plague of suppression.

pression.

E-mail Ransdell at garyransdell@wku.edu and tell him to stöp
spending your money under the
table Call Cornelius Martin at
home (his number is 781-7134)
and tell him to be open and honest about what's going on in the

and tell film to be open an in the sest about what's going on in the secret meetings his board holds. If the people don't rise up against those bent on keeping them in the dark, they are destined to go blind.



Letters to the Editor

Mendel speaks the truth

There have recently been many faculty, or There have recently been many faculty, or staff, inspired editorial or e-mail comments concerning former faculty regent Ray Mendel and his publicly stated responses/positions on past university deci-sions and how/why such decisions were responses/positions on past university decisions and how/why such decisions were made. The bottom line is this. Ray Mendel does not speak, act or write without accurate data or verifiable evidence which supports his positions. He represents, as the saying goes, "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." This is why his integrity is beyond reproach and why he will be remembered as a pósitive force on campus long after the retirements and/op/exits of all the rest of us on the university payroll rest of us on the university payroll

Rart White purnalism and broadcasting professor

Attorney's behavior 'dishonorable'

I have read with some dismay comments from members of the faculty, the student body and a regent concerning the deception of the Board (of Regents) by the university attorney apparently in collusion with the past president. Don't any of you get it? As a member of the Kentucky Bar, an attorney is bound by an ethical constraint greater than

the requirements of law and clearly dishon-

the requirements of law and clearly dishonorable. Yet, a past and present board chair choose to dismiss this out of hand.

Some faculty and students seem more concerned that these events are too disruptive of the peace of a sleepy campus and wish they would simply go away. Again I ask, don't any foy ou get it? I wonder of the meaning of Western's motto. "The Spirit makes the Master?" What Spirits at work here? What is to be mastered from these events? How can we respect actions taken by the administration through (post tenure review) and other we respect actions taken by the administra-tion through (post tenure review) and other means 10 "clean up" perceived problems among the faculty when they seem to show little desire to keep their own house in order? What has happened to that Spirit, or is it just a meth? is it just a myth?

Charles Henrickson

bound by an ethical constraint greater than

bound by an etnical constraint greater than that of most any profession. The tape recording of the board meeting reported in the Herald offers in ontrovert-ible evidence of behavior that was outside

chemistry professor etters to the editor

Could you learn a foreign language on the Internet?





"Yes, if they transcribed it into IPA, International Phonetic Alphabet

laceb Walters junior from helburne Falls, Mass.



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Interfraternity Council among the best in Southeast region

Herald reporter

Once again, Western's Interfraternity Council ranks among the top Greek councils among universities in the Southeast The IFC was one of 15 schools to win the Fraternal Excellence

Award at the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference in Atlanta on Feb. 20.

Atlance on Feb. 20.

"Ws an honor to be ranked, just on the basis of the strength of the Southeastern Conference," said Alan Gordon, vice president Southeastern the Interfraternity Conference Area Interfraternity Conference Area 4 and former president of western's IFC. He pointed out that the conference includes schools like Florida State. Georgia Tech and Alabama.

The award is given to all the schools who excel in 11 catggories, including leadership development, philanthropy and

development, philanthropy and community services, and

"it's an honor to be ranked, just on the basis of the strength of the Southeastern Conference.

-Alan Gordon

vice president for the Southeastern Interfraternity .Conference Area 4

recruitment. It was the 10th

recruitment. It was the total time in 11 years that Western has come home with the honor. "It's a tradition to do the things that will win the award," said Charley Pride, student activities and organizations coordinator. "It presents our

fraternities in a good light."

IF/C President Dan Gilbert said the council did not stand out in any specific categories. but performed well overall, and

added that they're working hard to do even better next year. "We're getting feedback from various chapters to see what we

Gilbert also mentioned commu-nity service as a category he uld like to improve.

In the last year, the IFC has developed two new policies to help curb underage drinking d other alcohol violations; one was implementing a new point-system that hands out points to fraternities that commit alcohol violations. If a fraternity gets enough points, it is put on tem-porary probation. The other was to ban parties in fraternity hous

es on Thursday nights.
In the coming months, the
IFC hopes to organize a Greek
dance to raise money for a char-

dance to raise money for a char-ity of their choice. Gordon, who was attending his last SIC conference, said Western's IFC is in good hands. "You couldn't ask for better leaders," he said. "I have the

utmost respect for Dan Gilbert. He's going to turn some heads. He's going to expand on IFC policies and make them better."

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Former intramurals directors will be honored at Preston tomorrow

Western's intramurals department will hold a tribute and special presentation for James E. Pickens and the late Frank Griffin, two of its former directors, at 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Preston Health and Activities Center.

Griffin, a former Hilltopper football and track athlete,

became Western's filst intra-mural director in 1946 and held that job until 1984. Pickens, a standout football and baseball player here in the

and baseball player as Western's baseball coach (1965-1976) and then took over intramural director reigns in 1984. During his tenure, Pickens was instru

mentai in developing a master plan, which led to the creation of the Preston Center in 1994. Western's athletics depart-ment honored Pickens, who was diagnosed with Low Gehrig's Disease last December, last Thursday dur-ling a halflim ecremony. ing a halftime ceremony

-Jerry Brewer



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Where to go when you need to know."

Western graduate invents faster computer technology

A recent research project by a A recent research project by a western graduate could come to revolutionize the computer industry, making personal computers process information up to a million times faster than they do today.

Islamshah Amlani, who graduated from Western in 1994, has

ated from Western in 1994, has \$50,000 to show for his efforts, as well as the honor of being the grand prize winner in Merrill Lynch's Innovation Grants Competition

Amlani won the contest for his Amani won the contest of the study of Quantum Dot Cellular Automata, also called QCA, which drastically changes the which drastically changes the was computations in computers are carried out Instead of today's computations, which use transistors that open and close depending on currents and voltages QCA computations, are carried out by the positions of single electrons. Amiam said So how does this affect the prefere person."

average person

rage person It can revolutionize the com puter industry and all consumer products based on digital elec-tronics. Amiani said

tronics. Amiam said QCA technology will be fast cheap and have a low demand for power Amlani's entry proposal says it could even allow for the creation of a desktop computer that could process a million-bit

lion instructions per second
In his proposal, Amlani said
Americans have an "inextin
guishable hunger for higher com

putational power and speed Amiani was one of over 150

applicants who participated in the Merrill Lynch contest. The contest was open to Ph.Ds who could explain commercial appli-cation of their dissertation research Entries were judged by research. Entries were judged by a panel of nine entrepenuers, venture capitalists and journal-ists. Winning proposals were those which judges thought had the potential to create change in industries as well as in the way people live their lives Amlani said

years

"(Quantum Dot Cellular he has been working / on QCA research for nearly five and a half Automata) can revolutionize the computer industry and all consumer products based on digital electronics." At Western.

while studying physics and mathematics - Islamshah Amlani grand prize winner in Merrill Evncri innovation Grants Competitio Amiani already

showed poten ttal for a promising career He graduated with honors, having a 3.97 grade point average "I enjoyed honors projects which created a diversion from my other science courses." he

Amilani was also a member of the Society of Physics Students and participated in all activities organized by the group White at Western Amilani worked as a research ascieta.

worked as a research assistant or physics professor Doug

He was always very eager to fearn "Harper said "Everyone here in the department is very proud of what he has accom-

After graduating from Western, Amlani moved on to Notre Dame to work on his mas-ter's degree and doctorate in Electrical Engineering. His dis-sertation was in the area of QCA technology

In addition to winhing the grand prize in the Merrill Lynch Innovation Grants Competition. Amlani has won several other

awards 1999. he won Helen Shaheen Award from the University of Notre Dame

award given for excellence in research In 1994. Amlanı received

Page award which is awarded to one senior in the physics depart ment based on GPA and academic achievements

Amlani recently accepted a senior engineer position at Motorola, where he will be work ing in the field of nanoelectrics research which involves the research which involves the extreme miniaturization of elec-

Amiani stijl hasn't completely decided what he plans to do with the \$60,000 from the Merrill

After I pay taxes. I m going to invest a significant portion of it he said



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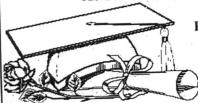
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SGA bill would offer newspapers in all dorn

BY REX HALL JR. Herald reporter

Students may soon have a tool delivered daily to their dorms to help keep them up on current

events: a newspaper.
The Campus Improvements
Committee of the Student
Government Association current-Government Association currently has a bill in legislation that calls for the organization to buy two different newspapers to be made available for free in all dorms for the remainder of the semester.

"I think it's a great service to provide for students," SGA President Amanda Coates said. "Often, students have to use newspapers to do research,'and I think this will give students the

necessary tool to help them be successful in the classroom. And while newspapers are provided in the library, it will be even more convenient to provide news-napers in the residence halls." papers in the residence halls.

papers in the residence halls."

Campus Improvements

Committee co-chairs Billy Lyons
and Andrea Lovell, could not be
reached for comment, but the
proposed bill states that the reason for the legislation is to help
"students gain access to newspapers Biffa will cover a variety of
issues in national, state, and local
government."

government."

The bill also states that "students will possess another opportunity to gain information about current events. A national newspaper is an important source of knowledge which students can

utilize as an educational resource."
Coates said one possibility would be to buy one national newspaper, such as USA Today, and one regional newspaper, like The Courier Journal.
President Gary Ransdell proposed the idea to SGA. He said the access to newspapers would increase awareness of local, state and national issues among stuand national issues among stu-dents.

Chief Public Affairs Officer Fred Hensley echoed Ransdell, saying access to newspapers is a help to students.

saying access to newspapers is a help to students. "I think any time the campus community has access to various forms of communication whether it be local or national media, it is positive," he said.

Transpark concerns to be addressed

By JIM GAINES Herald reporter

Kentucky TriModal Transpark controversy comes to Western tomorrow as the transpark head speaks at 6 p.m. in Garrett Conference Center Room

Dan Cherry, president of the Inter-Modal Transportation Authority, will talk to the Public Relations Student Society of America and anyone else with

questions about the transpark.

"They wanted me to give a presentation on it and give them an update on the project," Cherry

The transpark is a 4,600-acre industrial park and airport, connected to major roads and rail lines, to be partially open by 2005. The ITA tentatively chose a site northeast of Bowling Green. between Plam Springs and Oakland.

The group invited Cherry because his job in organizing and promoting the transpark is simi-lar to what public relations students will do in their careers, said

PRSSA Agency Director Allison Coffey, a Manassas, Va., senior. "We periodically, through PRSSA, try to bring in speakers for P.R. students specifically,' Coffey said.

The lecture was opened to the public because the local impact of the transpark will be so great, she said.

Its impact on Western is already felt. The JTA paid Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health about \$11,000 for studying the location of utility connections at five potential transpark sites, said Ed Houston. director of water quality research in Ogden College. Engineering Technology associate professor Matthew Dettman conducted the study.

We anticipate that Western will have a major cooperative effort with the transpark," Houston said. The applied research and technology program is expecting to do numerous stud-ies over the next few-years.

President Gary Ransdell asked him to help the ITA in another way, Houston said.

"I serve on a working group to evaluate and recommend to the transpark how to deal with the citizens' committees," he said.

The group is advising Cherry on what information to give out on transpark land use and environmental concerns



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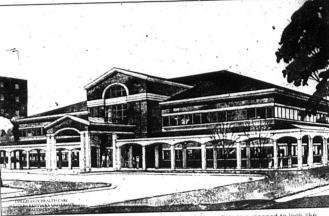
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CLINIC: Several problems put construction behind schedule

Since so many departments are involved in the process, it has taken more time than originalnected

ly expected Wikins said the process of leasing land to a private company "is unique to the university" and has been "a learning process for all involved.

She added that both parts become confertable taking "what."

She added that both parts are comfortable taking "whatever time necessary to bring
this to a satisfactory closure."
For the fall semester,
Collegiate will be operating in
its, current location jir the
Academic Complex Unlike Academic Complex United previous years, however, office visits to the health center will hot be free. Half of the student health and activities fee has been allocated to other programs and will no longer b able to cover basic office visits Greaney said Prices for other services are also expected to

rise, but Greaney could not yet say what the exact prices for different services will be Paul Ferguson, vice president for Health Center Operations at Collegiate, said the project was also held upbecause of logistical problems. Collegiate wanted to be sure the facility met building and health codes and was up to national standards

national standards
"It just took longer than we had anticipated." Ferguson said "The design is excellent.

Ferguson said the part of the health and activities fee being retained will be used to provide support for services that can't be charged to insur-ance, including indigent health care and health education pro-

Greaney said the new clinic and services will be "state of the art, cleaner and better"

The plans for the first floor w building include a pharmacy: 15 exam rooms, a provider mation for nurses and doctors, to work in, x ray facili doctors, to work in, x;ray facili-ties, an optical clinic, a medi-cal lab, observation rooms, immunization areas, medical records, billing, a waiting room and reception. The second floor will house physical thera-py, health education, a dental clinic, more exam rooms, another provider station, more Observation rooms, recention, &

another provider station, more observation rooms, reception, a waiting room, offices and a conference room Ferguson said some services, like the dental and optical clinics, will not be available right away, but will be phased in over time

"We are moving forward with the construction," Ferguson said, "and look for-ward to the inception of the

Tops: Players dehydrated

Townsend and senior shortstop Luis Rodriguez were treated at Greenview Regional Hospital and released, and did not play in Friday's game. "They were dehydrated and weak," Murrie said. "It put a lot of people out of commission for Friday's and Saturday's gaines." "I started vomiting on Thursday might." Ransdell said, "I threw up a few times. I went to the hospital at about II and they admitted me."

a few times. I want to at about 11 and they admitted me Some players have speculated that a catered meal they ate from O'Deli's on the bus to Louisville

O'Deli's has a contract with the O'Deli's has a contract with the university to cater some athletic events, including baseball road trips. The meal from O'Deli's was the only meal the team ate together Wednesday or Thursday. O'Deli's will not be catering today's trip to Murray State.

Woody Wilson, director of human resources for Minit Mart said he had not heard of the baseball players' illnesses. Ransdell said his doctor and the nurses told him "most likely it was some type of food poisoning."

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BILL: Human rights legislation stuck in Judicial Committee

Senate and awaits the governor's approval it is the only bill of the three to make it to the governor's effice. The others are stuck in the Judicial Committee.

House Bill 70 would allow religious organizations to refuse to rent their facilities or property to gays. Jesbians, atheists or others with whom they disagreed on religious ground. gious grounds

rounas endolyn'Downs, executive

director of the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, is "It's a very dangerous hoping the gov-ernor vetoes the bill

We're against it because it gos know the bill is not against every thing our organization stands for," she said.

The bill was executive director of Kentuci against

introduced Jan and at first

oked like it would not go far. But looked like it would not go lar. But it passed when an amendment was added stipulating that churches have to give a reason for denying people, said Beverly Watts, execu-tive director of the Kentucky Human Rights Commission. But that clarification doesn't ease her

worries.
"We don't think this bill will serve any useful purpose at

all," she said House Bills 7 and 485 have been in the Judiciary Committee since January, and neither appear likely to get out. The bills will be officially considered "dead" at the end of March The bills are oppo-sites. House Bill 7 would provide sites House Bill 7 would provide equal protection for gays and lesbians under civil rights laws, while House Bill 485 would end farmess ordinances designed to protect gays and minorities

"They're resting comfortably," said Judiciary

said Judiciary Chairman Gross Lindsay, adding that such ordinances should be handled locally "If a city wants it, fine. If it doesn't, fine. The same goes for coun-

- Jeff Vessels

executive director of Kentucky's ACLU

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sigh of relief until the

session is over and I

House Bill 7, fairness amendment. would prevent

would prevent insurance agen-cies and other financial institu-tions from discriminating based on sexual orientation Discrimination would be prevent-ed in housing and mortgage relat-

ed transactions.

Jeff Vessels, executive director
of Kentucky's American Civil
Liberties Union, said he wished
the bill was not being stalled.

"We are disappointed that the ed transactions.

bill is not going to go forward because we feel all people need to have access to vital services like housing and employment," he

Judiciary Committee Vice Judiciary Committee Vice
Chairman Rob Wilkey said he
didn't feel House Billy had support to pass and, likel, lindsay,
didn't, think state legislators
should "impose their will" on
cutes or counties
"Sometimes the best thing we
can do is nothing," he said. "Why

can do is nothing," he said. "Why should we tell the city of Bowling

can do is nothing. He saw in should we tell the city of Bowling Green, or wherever, they can't pass an ordinance dealing with their citizens?"

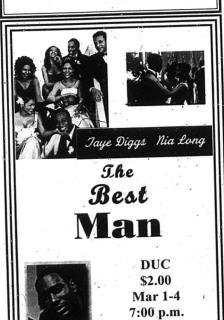
House Bill 485, which some legislators referred to as the "unfairness amendment," is also in a resting position. House Bill 485 would cancel all city and county fairness ordinances in Kentucky. The bill would also threaten to close small human rights commissions like the one in Bowling Green.

"It's a very dangerous bill," Vessels said. "I will not breathe a sigh of relief until the session is over and I know the bill is not going anywhere."

The Judiciary Committee has

going anywhere.

The Judiciary Committee has The Judiciary Committee has said that if the sponsors of the two bills could come up with a compromise and rewrite the bill, it could be heard on the floor. A compromise, however, appears unlikely because the bills contradict each other.



Leap Year Loopholes



Although most people overlook leap years, the few who have birthdays on Feb. 29 will definitely be leaping for joy today

BY ERICA WALSH Herald reporter

Kelly Moody is a pretty unusual 9-year-old. He's in col-lege. He witnessed the end of the Vietnam War. He can get into a bar without being carded. Moody has spent 36 years on this planet, but only celebrated

nine birthdays He's a leap year

The actual length of one ne mal year is about 365.25 days. Every four years, an extra day is thrown into the calendar, so

thrown into the calendar, so seasons are kept in order. Moody says he's always felt a little bit different, but he does n't mind. In fact, he likes it.

"If you think about it, it's unique. I mean, when you actually work out the odds, it's a long shot," the Bowling Green are difficult freehman said. non-traditional freshman said.

Leap year babies

When you work out the odds, there is a 1 in 1,506 chance that a person will be born on Feb.

Moody is one of a select group. According to the U.S. Census, there are only 187,000 people in the United States and only 4.1 million people in the world with leap year birthdays. Most of these people cele-

• In 1882, Pope Gregory XIII moved the end of the year to December, because he wanted Easter to be in the spring. More importantly, he discovered that for Easter to stay in spring foreer, he had to change the leap year rules slightly. Pope Gregory made every century year that was divisible by 400 a leap year, and left out the other century years.

How did Feb. 29 get to be leap day?

How did Feb. 29 get to be leap day?

♦ In 45 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar proclaimed the last day of February to be leap day. Back then, February was the last month of the year and 30 days long. That didn't last, tanks to another greedy emperor and a spring loving pope.

♦ In 4 A.D., emperor Caesar Augustus corrected a counting error in the calendar. Apparently, this gave him free rein to name the month of August after himself. Not to be outdone by Julius' July, he stole a day from February so that August would have 31 days. So Feb. 29 became leap day.

After all the changes were made, the seasons were fixed and everything seemed fine. Except for those people who only get a birthday every four years.

brate their birthdays on either Feb. 28 on March 1. And of course, there are the occasional birthday jokes.

'I've had people say 'Oh, in the had people say on, we didn't get you a present this year, because you don't have a birthday for us to give it to you." Moody said. "But they're

always joking. Moody puts up with the teasmoody plant ap minks it's because of when his birthday falls astrologically. "It helps being a Pisces," he

said. "We're all easy to get along

with. There are a few famous Pisces who share the special day Actor Antonio Sabato Jr. is a leap year baby, along with NFL linebacker Bryce Paup and NBA forward Chucky Brown Not many professional athletes can claim to be 8.

Brand-new holiday

The millennial leap year is special because it falls during a century year. When Pope

Gregory XIII designed leap year, he declared only century years divisible by 400 would be years divisible by 400 would be leap years, and left the other century years out in the cold. Sure, those people that have a Feb 29 birthday eagerly await

leap years, but are leap years a big deal for those of us who have a birthday every year?

"It's just another day; it's not really a big deal," Lakeside Park freshman Tiffany Best-said "It's only fun if it falls on

the weekend "

Brownsville senior Sarah
Kinser thinks it's kind of sad that no one pays much attention to the day anymore. Moody, however, has a reason

to celebrate. He is excited about having a real birthday

"Usually I celebrate on Feb "Usually I celebrate on Peo-28 or March 1. This year will be fun," he said. Kinser said people should treat leap years like a holiday. She said she's having a leap day

party this year.
She had a different idea for when leap year babies could celebrate their day during non-

leap years.
"If it was me, I'd celebrate at midnight, at that millisecond right between the days," she grinned

Just a shot away from \$10,000

Eve watched more than a dozen helpless fans badly misfire during the Toot's Restaurant during the \$10,000 half

time shoot time
out at
Western bas
ketball games
this season
and never quite under-stood how the absolutely, positively anath ienc people could most lene picked, every



Brian Moore

commentary

game.

The idea of the contest, for the many who aren't among the Hilltopper faithful, is to make five three pointers in five attempts. Hit all five and Toot's will award you a T-shirt Grom a \$10 gft certificate and \$10,000 on the side.

But no one ever wins Why The contestants are terrible. I'm talkin' people that can't fit the rim, can't hit the backboard, couldn't throw it in the stands if they were standing on the press table

And now I know why
On Jan 19, I went to the Lady
Toppers game against South
Alabama I went with four other

Alabama I went with four other guys and we sat in the second row just beyond the visitors' bench I knew this would be my lucky day With about 14 minutes left in the first half, a gentleman approached our row inquiring for someone to shoot at halftime. Actually, he appeared to be begging

Actually, he appeared to be obs-ging
Maybe he had already asked half the crowd, and maybe they all declined because they've seen the guinea pigs dragged out to shoot in the past
The fellow started asking the guys I was with from right to left if they'd like to shoot

SEE \$10,000, PAGE 10

Around Campus

Zerbe and Browne to perform at Western

The Cultural Enhancement committee will present "Behind the Broken Words" at 8 tonight at

the Broken Words" at 8 tonight at Van Meter Auditorium as part of Western's Black 'History Month celebration.

Emmy-winning actors Anthony Zerbe and Roscoe Lee Browne will be performing the works of 20th century poets such as Dylan Thomas, e.e. cummings, and William Butler Yeats in a combi-nation of lyric poetry and drama.

Students may recognize Browne from his appearances on "The Cosby Show" and "A Different World." Zerbe has been

Different World." Zerbe has been credited in films such as "The Turning Point" and the James Bond flick "License to Kill."

The pair will be performing the show at college campuses throughout the country. Admission is free.

— Molly Harper

Restaurant Review

Tex-Mex worth the drive

Grade: A

BY PATTI DE HAAS Herald reporter

When it comes to Tex-Mex, a little taste goes a long way. A Little Taste of Texas in

Glasgow brings you great home cooking and good service I've always wondered what Tex Mex 18, and Taste of Texas' friendly staff showed me Apparently, you take a Texan's appreciation for good beef and the fiery spices from south of the border and mix them together for an experi-

Taste of Texas isn't your, ordinary roadhouse restaurant ordinary roadhouse restaurant that you see popping up every where nowadays. You don't have to worry about-slipping on peanut shells on the floor. It's clear that this restaurant is all about food — lots of it. While most roadhouse restaurants offer the same old

What: A Little Taste of Texas Where: 1003 W. Main St. Glasgow, KY Phone: (270) 651-5191 Hours: Mon. - Thurs, 11 a.m.

2 p.m.

Fri. Sat. 4:30 p.m: -8 p.m. Sun. 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

standard appetizers - the bloomin onion and cheese fries - Taste of Texas broke the mold

First there were Texasor Toothpicks, slivered onions and jalapeno peppers batter-dipped and deep fried Then there were Armadillo Eggs. jalapenos and chili wrapped in Monterey Jack cheese and deep fried

See a theme here? They were so good I could forget the astronomical fat count

I ordered the barbecue, plate, which included a barbe-cue sandwich, cole slaw and baked beans for §4.95. And

here, brisket cooked in a smok out back, not some stringy

er out back, not some strings muck covered in enough sauce to mask the taste. The food arrived hot and fresh in less than 15 minutes. And the waitress didn't mind nit-picky little things like leaving the cole slaw off and refill-ing my drink whenever it was empty

Though I was too stuffed to try it, the waitress suggested one of their most popular items, the BBQ Baked Potato It items, the BBQ Baked Potato It sure did sound good, a loaded baked-potato with butter, sour eream, cheese and onions, and finally smothered with home-made Texas BBQ. If you can find from, I highly recommend it.

Was it a long way to drive for lunch? Maybe But I had a great meal for less than \$7 and you can't beat

Before leaving, make sure you try their homemade black-berry cobbler — it can't be beat, either

\$10,000: Lucrative daydreams shattered

Joe: No. Ryan: No

Charlie: Hell, no. Brian: Sure, I'll do it

Brian Sure, I ii do it.
A release form signature
later I was ready to go In
about half an hour I would be
five shots away from winning \$10,000

\$10,000

My heart started racing as soon as 1 lifted my pen from the paper. My breaths became few and far between. My mind was riding the roller coaster of possibility. By the time 1 stepped onto the floor at half-time. I had already decided where that money was going. I was thinking, that 1999 red Mercury Cougar is finally mine.

I've beên looking at them since they came out over a year ago Wait, maybe I should save some of the money. Yeah, at least \$4,000 for college expenses. I should invest \$2,000 in the stock market and enjoy the

remaining \$4,000.

No. No. I'm getting the Cougar and I'm getting it as

soon as I get my \$10,000 check. I wonder if I'll get any props from Jaime Walz for making all

five.
The announcer introduced me as the night's shooter. I stepped to the three-point line, bounced the ball, sound back-wards, let it bounce again. I was money tonight.

Clank hopes shattered \$10,000. No Cougar. No post-game conversation with Jaime Walz. My pride in tatters, I nailed shots two, three and

natiled shots two, three and four Shot number five was not meant to be.

Hitting five three's in a row 'isn't easy, especially for aver-age students pulled from the stands with \$10,000 flashing in their eyes.

And sorry I poked fun at my fellow shooters Sometimes we don't realize how hard some-thing actually might be until we're in the spotlight our-

print journalism major from Louisville Brian Moore is a freshman

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Sports

Hilltoppers succumb to hapless Denver, 55-52

Felton says scheduling isn't fair

By TRAVIS MAYO Herald reporter

The final score last night did n't surprise Dennis Felton Last April, he thought his basketball would come up gasping for air and reaching for adrenaline

by season's end.
That's when Western's men's

basketball coach approached the Sun Belt Conference. He saw a schedule that ended with the schedule that ended with the Hilltoppers playing six games in 12 days and ending the regular season in the Rocky Mountains against a Denver squad that would have a week off.

That was April. Felton's shouts the sead choof their goal and

was April Petion's should be stopped shy of their goal, and Western (10-17, 8-8 Sun Belt) ended the year with its season-best three-game win streak iced,

55-52.
"I'm not totally surprised," said Felton in an obviously disgusted tone. "You can chalk up

part of the reason for this loss to the Sun Belt Conference's lack of making everything a fair playing table. It was asking a lot of our players to do what they've been mandated to do the past two weeks

weeks.

"We need to use this as a cold reminder of what can happen where the protest crept out of Felton's hoarse voice as he tried to plead his case again—the only two Sun Belt teams playing last night. Western and Denver a sine-day layoff earlier in the season that could have been filled.

weary legs because of overtime and poor scheduling "Our guys were focused. I know that." he said. "They want-ed to win badly, they wanted to keep that momentum going, and they wanted to finish 9-7 in the league. It just doesn't make any sense."

The Hilltoppers and Pioneers The Hilltoppers and rioneers (621, 343) reeled off ugly games from the floor. Western hit 21 of 53, 4 of 14 from behind the three point arc, while Denver wasn't much better with a 19 of 60 and 4 of 20 performance. That's 32 per cent and 36 percent, numbers as

chilly as the ree that covered the Magness Arena floor for hockey the day before

The ones in red led only doce. 10-7, six minutes into the contest Them Denger scored right traight points, and led by as many as six in the first half But the chill remained on both ends of the floor, which accounted for the close 30-26 halftime spread. The Proneers pulled out to 32-27 lead after the break when

27 lead after the break when sophomore forward Wahhab Carter the league's leading point k when Wahhab

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Swimmers finish 2nd, 5th at NIC title meet

BY BRETT CORBIN

Last year Western's swim team fell to Cincinnati in the National pendent Championships

Independent Championships
It did not want a repeat performance
But a loss in one race by six one hundredths of a second turned into a 15-point turnaround

benefiting Cincinnati benefiting Cincinnau.
Coming so close to an upset left
the squad with two emotions — they
were hurt by falling just short, but
proud of the threat they provided.
"We were less than a tenth of
second, from winning that

second from winning that "After three days and 20

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Softball team wins first game

Herald reporte

It was a weekend that was, all it was a weekend that was, all andeous for freshman pitcher Amber Garlington.
It was beautiful in terms of on-

field performance It was hideous in terms of her

hand.
Garlington, who won three games over the weekend, pitched in both games Sunday with a hand that looked like a mangled blue-black bruise with a few fingers sticking out.

blue-black bruise with a few the sers sticking out.

Eastern Kentucky couldn't stop her on Saturday, Indiana State had no answer on Sunday, even Garlington's injury couldn't shut down the California phenom.

Aided by her performance, the Western softball team (4-f-1) won all four games played this weekend, sweeping Eastern (4-5) in a



Senior forward Lee Lampley embraces sophomore center Chris Marcus after playing in his final home game against Sun Belt Conference rival Arkansas-Little Rock Saturday night at Diddle Arena. Western wón 77-51.

Bold or Passive?

That's the question when dissecting Western's two faces

'A pattern exists in their madness

A pattern exists in their madness, which is more chewable and even delectable as we enter tournament time.

For all the point guard pondering, personnel posturing and perhaps panic that has muddied this men's baskethall season, one thing remains clear. The thilltoppers are two teams: the passive and the bold.

Their season, seemingly on the upswing at the right time, has been an exhibition of imbalance, and that has caused a community of dicey followers who rightfully sandwich question and worry between scarce good times.

It's not an ideal way to follow a team, exactly the type of mayhem that legitimizes 12-step programs.

You have known the passive Hilltoppers They have frustrated you often. They were beaten five straight times to begin the season.

Then they whip Murray State by 22

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PLAYGROUND NOTES Jerry Brewer

and Virginia Commonwealth by 17. Senior forward Lee Lampley explodes for 55 points (32 against Murray) in the

Then they were beaten in six of the next seven games. Two-blowout losses were included in those games. They were beaten by 30 at Florida were beaten by 30 at Florida International. They were beaten by Belmont By 28 points. During the Florida International fiasco, Coach Dennis Felton was given three technical fouls and tossed. After the Belmont embarrassment, Felton was heard complaining about fan treatment. The crowd was believed to be hostile.

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Then they win consecutive games, including a scintillating 92-88 double-overtime victory over South Alabama. Former Topper All-American center Jim McDaniels, on hand for his jersey retirent, claps and gives standing ovations for the effort.

Then they were defeated in time of

for the effort.

Then they were defeated in five of the next seven games.

Now they've won three of four games. But they were beaten, 55-52, by a hapless Denver team last night.

The Sun Bett Conference Tournament begins Friday, and we're

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Freshman outfielder Jessie Richardson.slides into second base as Fastern Kentucky freshman shortstop Bethany Herrington turns for a double play during Saturday's doubleheader at the Western Softball Field. Richardson was tagged out on the play. .

FIRST: Tennessee St. next for Western

Saturday doubleheader and twice beating Indiana State (0-7) on Sunday to cap the weekend

The first-year Lady Toppers began the weekend with their program's first victory, a 4-2 triumph over Eastern Garlington went the distance in the victory, allowing only one hit, but it was fellow freshman pitcher Kristalyn Smith playing right field in this game, who provided the electricity.

Smith frove in three runs with a wind-aided home run to right-center field in the second inning. I was excited because I thought it was deep enough to score the runner on third. Smith said—I had no idea that I first tout.

Western added a run in the game over to Garlington. She faltered only briefly in the fourth inning, allowing a pair of runs, and the their dinning and then turned the fourth inning, allowing a pair of runs, and then went back to being unhit.

fourth inning, allowing a pair of runs

fourth inning, anowing a plan or trib-and then went back to being unhi-table, sitting down the last 10 Colonels norder to preserve the victory Coach Lestre Phelan gave the ball to Smith, fresh off her first game herorics, to pitch the second game. She pitched effectively, but

allowed three hits and two runs in

allowed three hits and two runs in the fourth inning.

The score remained 2-0 into the sixth inning, when the Lady Toppers rallied Freshman out fielder Jessie Richardson doubled into the gap to score the first Western run and scored on an error later in the inning.

The game then went into extra innings. Smith worked into the eighth inning, when Phelan relieved her in favor of Garlington, who went on to retire the strive. Eastern batters

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Garlington smacked a double which scored freshman pinch runner Emily Hartzell to end the game as a 3-2 Western win and complete the sweep.

Sunday's games weren't quite as dramatic The Lady Toppers whipped Indiana State 13-5 in a mercy rule shortened first game and held on for a 3-2 win in the

mercy rule shortened first game and held on for a 3.2 win in the second

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T was very pleased." Phelan said "Our goal is to always get bet ter each game, each outing, and we did that"

Freshman shortstop Sara Alanis had six RBIs Sunday to

lead the offensive attack, two con

lead the offensive attack, two coming on a single in the first inning which gave the Lady Toppers a lead that they would not lose. Indiana State closed the gap to 8.5 in the fifth before Western answered with a six-run sixth inning, ending with a double by junior outfielder Laura King that brought the Lady Toppers over the eight-run lead required to end a game early.

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In the second game, Alants-again jump-started the offense, this time with a two-run double. Western increased the lead to 3-0 on a double by King.

Garlington pitched her second-tirring only in the sixth inning when the Sycamores managed two runs with no one out. She then sat down six batters in a row, concluding the 3-2 victory and bringing the Lady Toppers win streak to four. heading into tonight's double-header al Tennessee State.

"There was no doubt in anyones mud on our-team—that we could do that," junior third baseman Shanon Searlie said. "We went out there to win and we did." There's no surprises."

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events, after 18 hours of swimming it came down to less than a tenth of a second."

Out of six teams, Western's en lost to Cincinnati again, 696-

The Lady Toppers placed fourth out of nine, improving from a fifth place finish last

Western monopolized the Western monopolized the individual awards. Sophomore Brandi Beckwith, who was the NIC Women's Swimmer of the Year, also took home two NIC records. Western Senior Kicker Vencill won the Men's Swimmer of the Year award, and he set a NIC record in the 100 freestyle. The award for Coach of the Year was a tie between Powell and Florifa Atlantic's coach. Florida Atlantic's coach.

Florida Atlantic's coach.
As a team, the men broke
nine school and NIC records,
and the women broke 11.
The women's relay team, consisting of junior Amanda Shafer.

freshman Beverly Robertson, Beckwith and sophomore Megan

Zerhusen, broke the school record in the 400 medley relay

yes yes conds.

In the 200 freestyle sophomore sydney Mountford put up a quick time of 1:49.24 — good enough to break the school-

record.

Beckwith broke the two
minute mark in the 200 backstroke and finished second for
the week in that event.

"It wasn't that long ago I

didn't have backstrokers that fast in men!" Powell said with a laugh

The women went on to finish fourth with 501 points. First place Cincinnati totaled 726

The conditions for the meet were uncustomary as it rained some during the final night's competition and the tempera-ture went down into the 60s on occasion.

sophomore For Veldman, swimming outside was enough of a rarity. He didn't need wind and precipitation too

Veldman@a backstroker who relies on the ceiling to keep him straight, is a native of Kingston. Ontario where outside swimming pools are known as ponds. This outdoor meet was only the third time in his life that he swam out. time in his life that he swam out

doors.

Going into the third day,
Western was down by 70 to
Cincinnati and swam strong to
come as close as 17.

By the third day Veldman By the third day Veidman showed growing skill butdoors when he finished first in the 200 backstroke. Vencill then took the meet record in the 100 freestyle.

With the momentum behind then the fillronner team took

them, the Hilltopper team took 2nd and 6th in the 200 breast-stroke, led by a strong time from junior Andrew Priest. The final record for the day was senior Craig Evans in the 200 butterfly with a personal best and school record time of 1:50.25:

"Boy we gave them a battle," Powell said. "And we swam so

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BOLD: Tops too passive at times

all wondering which Western team will show. If the team will show. If the Hilltoppers (10-17) are indeed peaking, perhaps they can one up last year's postseason run in which they reached for the NCAA Tournament's doorbell, finishing one win shy of danc-

ing in March.
But they could just as easily devolve into that passive state as they did last night against a 6-21 team

where the It's 'a state Hilltoppers, the tallest team in school history, get outrebound-ed by vertically challenged

teams.
Where the players toss the ball everywhere but to each

Where teammates scramble, pleading for the point-guard to

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call a play.

Or they come out bold.

Sophomore guard Derek

Bobinson dishes it assists and

commits no twice of the commits on twice of the commits on the commits on the commits of the

Boyden shoots feathery mitrangle jumpers.

There are so many theories on why the Hilltoppers, youthful and brimming with potential, have not won big this season. Hoops masterminds can point to all sorts of technical things the Toppers do wrong.

But none of that matters much when Western plays bold, does it?

It doesn't matter when

bold, does it?

It doesn't matter when
Western stops being mechanical, laboratory models of their
coach's beliefs and starts exe-

cuting the game plan with fire and intensity. It doesn't matter when the players stop thinking and throw that 40-foot bounce

Talent is enhanced by strat

Talent is enhanced by strat-egy, but talent is suppressed when you don't aflow for instinct in the equation. The players must continue not to worry about plays and strategies and where they need to be in certain situations. Don't overanalyze. Keep it sim-

They have been beaten far too often by being passive

Be bold. Bold is beautiful.

Jerry Brewer's column nor-mally runs Tuesday and occa-sionally on Thursday. He can be reached at 745-6291 or at brew-down⊛aol.com.

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Hilltoppers sweep Ohio 10-1, 7-3 in series at home

7 Tops lose to Purdue 6-3, bounce back against Bobcats

BY BRIAN MOORE

Tim Clefand is now cashing in

Tim Cleland is now; cushing in on his persistence Sunday the jumor right field or went 3 for 5 and scored twice as the Hillioppers completed a two game sweep over Ohio with (highly).

a 13 sectory of the section and former was the section baseball standout Christyeo have helped the says get a little brighter for Cleiana who transferred from Lasyen Junor college in California and is in his Birst season for the Hilltoppers Hilltoppers

Hilltoppers
After going hitless in 11 at
bats it his first series playing
Division I baseball four weeks
ago against No I ranked Florida
State Cleland has rebounded
with the guidance from others
- Definition

that I struggled

nappy with my performance as

But it was Western's defense in Sunday's game that provided the most consistency

In the first inning, junior In the first fining, years starting pitcher Brian Houdek retired the first three Ohio bat ters with the help of three solid defensive plays, setting the tone for the defense, which gave up

only three hits in the first eight

standing defense on Sunday and close to outstanding defense on

I thought we played out

"I thought we played ... outstanding defense on Sunday and close to out-Lerand said Florida State standing defense on is a big school to open up with your parst time Saturday."

- Joel Murrie

stem baseball coach inning when c'leland reached with a one out single Junior first baseman Hammer drove in Cleland with a single to right field then scored on Fox's third

Rell of the game
Western scored a pair of
insurance runs in the seventh
inning Bliss and Fox got on base
after being hit by pitches, soon
scoring off RBIs by sophomore
shortstop Tanner Townsend and
senior second baseman Luis

Rodriguez Highlight worthy defensive plays by Townsend and Rodriguez smothered a ninth

Saturday "Coach Joel Murrie, and "We've got the personnel to go out and make difficult plays look easy Eric Hammer has done a great job at first and Justin Herrguth at third. This good defense; is something that

we expect."

Cleand doubled to begin
things offensively in the bottom
of the first inning, and senior
catcher Curtis Bliss singled to
score Cleland. Then junior third
baseman Herrguth singled
Junior outfielder Matt Fox's
two run double secored Herreuth

n double scored Herrguth and Bliss and gave Western a 3-0

and Bliss and gave
lead

"We've had 100 percent confidence in Tim." Murrie said
He's very conscientjous
overall, by doing the little
htings, our offense has
improved Brian Houdek had
done a great
job at the top
of the order;
and Tim comjim entied

pirmented in the two hole

Toppers (5.5)

struck again in the fifth

steal as Ohio junior infielder Ryan Kyes tried to make the tag during Sunday's game at Denes Field. Western won 7-3. inning flurry by Ohio A double

inning flurry by Ohio A double, two ungles and one batter hit by a pitch led to a run and a bases-loaded situation for freshman pitcher Matt Wilhite, put in the game to close with two outs. Townsend charged a slow-rolling ball in the infield and mond for the first out. Rodriguez damage by sucking up a hard-hit ball of the middle that nearly with the middle that nearly with the middle that nearly issued the game by jumping in rount of another hard hit ball, shuffling it to second base from

his knees for the out Our pitching and defense is

"Our pitching and detense is what's going to win us games." Cleland said. "We've only had one home run the whole year. We have a wonderful infield, and we've worked more than anything in practice on pitching."

Junior infleider Eric Hammer checks for the umpire's call after reaching second base safely on a

Western 10, Ohio 1

Junior spitcher Brandon Miller (2-0) picked up the win against Ohio on Saturday as Western won 10-1 Miller struck out four and gave up one earned

run on five hits in seven innings

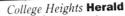
Purdue 6, Western 3

Purdue o, Western 3

Purdue defeated Western 63 Friday afternoon Junior
pitcher Ryan Hutchison (1-2)
got the loss Townsend and
Rodriguez, usually starters,
did not play in the game
because of illness

Junior Jeff Lincoln (0-1) will
start on the mound when

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Lady Tops defeat UALR 90-63, gear up for Denver

Herald reporter

In a practice before Western's matchup with Arkansas-Little Rock, Lady Topper coach Steve Small yelled for improved intensity from his team.

"Get your hands up!" he screamed. "We've lost our inten-sity and we'll stay here all day until you get it back. So get your

nands up!
As the regular season winds, down, the Lady Toppers know they must remain focused and intense for a strong finish. A 90-63 win over UALR (4-20, 1-13 Sun Belt Conference) on Thursday night was another step toward that strong finish, one they hope will be good enough for a bid to the NCAA

The Lady Toppers pushed the Lady Trojans aside in Western's next to last regular western's next to haz regular season game and its third win in a row. Poor shooting in the last 11 minutes of the second half killed the first-year UALR team. They hit just four field goals in the remaining 10:49,

shooting 34 percent overall.

The Lady Toppers shot 50 percent overall with all five starters scoring in double figures, including a team-high 26 oints from senior guard Jaime

Walz.
"I think our shooting was excellent in that game," Small Western (18-8, 12-3) passed

the ball well, too, dishing out 21 assists. "We were just driving and

point total equals her career-high set against Florida point total equals her career-high set against Florida International earlier this month. "The open person was knocking down the jump shot. We would have a lot more assists in games if we would knock down the first Florida

jump shot. "ShaRae (Mansfield, a junior "ShaRae (Manstield, a Junior forward and All-America candi-date) gets a lot of her points off the rebounds. So we were mak-ing the jump shot right off the

UALR's freshman guard UALR's freshman guard Musi Haris burned the Lady Topper defense for 28 points, a familiar situation that Western's coaches hope to change before playing Denver at 7 p.m. Saturday "We feel pretty good about where our defense is, but there's

player has been the primary scorer for our opponent," assis-tant coach Blane Embry said. "We felt-like there have been many games where if we

many games where if we could've just taken that one player out, that we really could've held people to low

numbers."

The Lady Toppers had the weekend off after the UALR game but jumped right info practice Monday morning to prepare for Denver and the conference tournament starting March 8 Small wants 5,000 fans at the Denver game where Walz and nior forward Jamie Britt will

be honored.

"If we take care of business
Saturday and take care of our
business in the Sun Belt (tournament), then I think we've done

everything we possibly could," Walz said. "This was a team that was 5-6. Now we're 18-8 ... so I think we've done what people have asked of us.

Western (90) Johnson 3-8 4-4 11, Powers 4-6-4-5 5 14, Walz 8-19 4-4 26, Britt 2-6 7-8 11, Mansfield 7-12 3-5 17, Wright 1-1 0.0 3 Hutcherson 2-3 0-0 4. Slaughter Wulf 2-2 0-0 4.

UALR (63) Brooks 3-9 2-2 8, Haris 11-24-0-2 28, Strong 0-5-1-2 1, Burley 2-9-0-0-4, Drennon 4-13-2-4-10, Sweat 1-4-0-0-3. Skoro 4-10 1-1 9

Three-point shooting — Western 10-22, UALR 7-17. Rebounds — Western 43, UALR 39 Turnovers — Western 20, UALR 17 Assists — Western 21, UALR 11 Attendance — 284

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Saturday at Tennessee State

Saturday vs. Denver

Today at Murray State

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Lynch races past own teammates

Herald reporter

The seniors of Western's track

The seniors of western's track steam showed why veterans are always looked upon to step up dur-ing crucial times. Freland senior Valerie Lynch won the 3,000 and 5,000 meter run shelp taking home Co Performer of the Meet honors at the Sun Belt (Chammonships this). of the Meet honors at the Sun Belt Conference Championships this weekend. In both events Lynch barely edged by her own team-mates, squeaking past freshmen. Olga Cronin by three hundreths of a second in the 3,000 and Casoline. Delay it her So (200 mark).

a second in the 3,000 and Careline
Daily in the 5,000 neter
Despite failing short to Lynch,
stress than dup performed
aroung in the meet
—Every time they got on the
track they did better than before,
explained Coach Curtiss Long,
"Caroline made All Conference
for the first time and Olga was
right with Val (in the 3,000 meter)."

Lynch is a NCAA provisional qualifier who has a chance to compete in March at Fayetteville, Ark.

"I feel that I'm a strong enough competitor that if Fgo III do good," Lynch said. "But if I don't go I'm happ with my time."

Fellow senior Aaron Mulinary in the placed second in the 3,000 meter Pawid Kimani Kimani, who Long calls a "world class athlete," was named Performer of the Meet and is also a NCAA qualifier.

anned Performer of the Meet and is also a NCAA qualifier
"Im really happy with my performance." Multins said "I achieved my goals that I had for the meet A few people pulled out probably Rod's."
Senior Rod Smart, who is known better for gaining yards on the football field, won the 55-meter race, making it the scanning wards on the event. Smart also finished second in the 200 meter run.
"Special thanks to Coach Jack

Harbaugh and the football recruit-ing staff." Long said with a short laugh. "Rod has been outstanding this year, he gained experience from that false start he had earlier (in the year)."

(in the year)."
Western ended the meet with a sixth place finish scoring in every

sixth place thish scoring in every event except one. "This renews confidence." Long said. "On the track we were superb and the seniors were out-standing. We maximized our chances. We missed (senior Dungan Shangase's) points sorely Duncan Shangase's) points sorely (strained calf)."

Overall, Long seemed satisfied

with his runner's performances in the conference championship, an atmosphere which he says is very different than an ordinary meet.

different than an ordinary meet
"Every time" I go to one of these
it redefines to me how intense
they are. "Long said. "Other meets
are competitive but conference is
like you've chosen up.sides in a
war."

fall short, 55-52

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man, spun and shot. Then, in the midst of a frantic pace up and down the court and denials by the rims, senior guard Ty Church nailed an open jumper and Denverled 46-39.

Then the Hilltoppers thawed a bit, and with a string of treys by sophomore guard Tremain Rowjes, knotted the game at 49 with only 5-10 showing. The scorebbard was frozen for-four minutes, as each team missed changes at buckets. Then with 148-seconds remaining Church, with 13 points and seven assists, lead after hitting four free threes. had given the Pioneers a 55-52 lead after hitting four free

Western had one final shot at Western nad one tima sopho-more center Chris Marcus intentionally missed a free throw with 19 ticks left and the ball was tipped to junior guard Nashon McPherson. A' desperation three seemed

A desperation three seemed to silence the blaring buzzer, but didn't fall

"We came out flat in the first couldn't pull it out," freshman forward David Boyden said.

He led Western with 19 points and seven boards. Rowles: 11 points made him the only other was the man of the night with 16 points and of the night with 16 points and 10 rebounds. The Hilltoppers won the battle on the glass, 44-43.

But Felton said his team should have dominated the hoards, attributing the close margin to lack of energy. He kept coming back to the scheduling, the fauld stomping and the hopeful lesson learned.

But there were no excuses in Hilltoppers Their focus should remain on this weekend's conference tournament in Little Rock, where the No. 5 seed Western will face No. 4 Florida International. International.

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"We found out what can hap-pen when a team outplays us, what can happen when we don't bring it every night." Felton said. said.

Hilltoppers face Tennessee State next

Herald reporter The men's tennis team had a

The main's tennis team and test on Sunday
Coming off a 34 weekend in
Clarksville-last week and win
ning a two-day tournament, the
Hilltoppers had to travel to
Louisville and take on the
Cardinals, ranked in the top 50

"Louisville is a brand new team compared to last year," assistant coach Andrew Kolessine said "They have this new lineup is the best they have had an a few years".

Although Western stayed chose for most of their matches, they lost 0.7 and moved their pyerall record to 6.6. The

Hilltoppers were defeated in all

Hilltoppers were declared in of their singles matches but were able to win one doubles match. In singles action. Andrei Makarevitch was defeated by Tyrtko Kuiuudzic 66, 63, Michael View of the state o Tyriko Kuiudzić 66, 6-3, antake Lindskog was defeated by Joachim Lien 6-2, 6-2, Chossican Raumanns was defeated by Alex Siversten 63, 6-1, Evalds Septias lost the match to Paulo Cayvalho 7-6, 6-7, 7-6, (6) in a tie-breaker. Randyll Brooks was defeated by Cody Couley 6-2, 7-6, and Wimal Wijenayake was defeated by Oliver Centvell 6.2M-1 In doubles, the teams of

Makarevitch and Landskog and Brooks and Jurans were both defeated 8-6 and Kaumanns and Wijenayake defeated Louisville's ott Schutzmay and

They did give us a few "They did give us a few chances, but we were unable to take over on those." Kolessine said. "We were also in a good situation to take the double's point and couldn't do it."

Western's players also realized what needed to be done to win.

Western's players also realized what needed to be done to win "We could have played better." Brooks said. "Louisville Just outshined us that day." Western now has their attention on the second half of the although head coach Jeff True time to get ready. Western has been playing and practicing on indoor courts since the season started in January. started in January

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Next they will travel to
Nashville on Saturday where
they will face Tennessee State

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