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## NEWTON'S REBELLION



Twenty-year-old Lisa Newton of Tell City, Ind., was diagnosed with glaucoma soon after she was born. Fifteen years and 25 surgeries later, a prediction that she could lose her vision became a reality.

### "I have learned that sight is a privilege and not a necessity"

At age 15, glaucoma stole Lisa Newton's sight, but it did not rob her of vision

The customer must have assumed that she could be seen through the clear plastic bread container that separated her from the Subway employee. She waited for service.

**Lisa Newton** was slicing bread. "Lisa, there's a customer," another employee whispered. "Hello, customer," she said, smiling, looking in the wrong direction. "White or wheat?"

The blond woman was confused. "Uh, wheat," she said to the other employee. "And turkey." Lisa patted the counter for a few seconds until she found the cheese and the turkey. She looked straight ahead. The woman leaned into the glass plate over the counter in Garrett Conference Center and watched. She told Lisa what she wanted on her sandwich, then hesitated, "and mayonnaise."

Lisa reached for the plastic bottle, but the other employee grabbed it and handed it to her.

"Hey!" Lisa said. "You're making me feel blind!"

Lisa has been blind since she was 15 years old. She was born with glaucoma, a condition that affects the pressure in the eyes; it is usually found in the elderly. Although her vision was never perfect, she didn't notice it was failing until she was in kindergarten. It gradually worsened.

No one ever said it, but she knew she'd be blind someday.

Doctors led her to believe that if it happened, she'd be an adult. But when a surgery to correct her vision went wrong, she was left blind.

"So, Lisa, how many people from the media

have approached you this year?" one employee asked as he handed her trays of bread to stack in the oven.

"Oh, I don't know," she said. "More than a dozen. A man from the local television station came in today. I don't know why they're so interested."

"They say I'm ambitious. I don't think I'm ambitious. Everybody else does the kind of things I do. Just because I'm blind, it's not like, 'Wow.'"

### Fighting perceptions

When Lisa, a freshman from Tell City, Ind., walks to the bus stop in the mornings, people notice.

She can hear their whispers.

Is that girl blind?

I can't believe she's walking by herself.

She rolls her eyes and shrugs. Sometimes she smiles. Or laughs.

She uses her cane and her memory to find her way. She counts the cracks in the sidewalk. When she gets to the deep, long one between Zacharias Hall and Normal Street, she knows that she's halfway there.

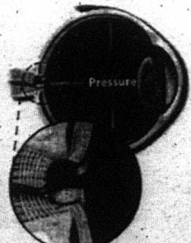
She swings her red and gray cane to either side in front of her until it hits the "big rock."

"Stand back and watch my procedure," she says, giggling.

As she walks, she slides the cane back and forth across the sidewalk. She counts the number of times it hits the grass. This method helps her find about any spot on campus.

She came to Western about a week before classes started in August and memorized the path up the Hill. She decided to take her first year of classes at South Campus, so she rides the

### ABOUT GLAUCOMA



Glaucoma is caused by a build-up of fluid, which leads to a rise in intraocular pressure. That pressure is transferred to all parts of the eye. Over a period of time, the pressure results in nerve damage, a loss of peripheral vision and, in some cases, permanent blindness.

Glaucoma usually afflicts people 50 years and older. Lisa Newton has been blind since she was 15.

*Jerry Brewer/Herald*

## Spring fling ends in arrest

### Stolen credit cards used for Florida trip

BY JASON RAGAN  
Herald reporter

A resident assistant in North Hall was arrested last Thursday for stealing two credit cards from a student mailbox and using them during his Spring Break trip to Florida.

Robert Groce, a sophomore from Mt. Juliet, Tenn., ran up total charges of \$941 on the two cards, which he admitted to having stolen from Andrew Johnson and Dustin Ross, who are roommates according to the police report.

Groce refused to comment on the thefts.

According to the report, Johnson and Ross, both freshmen from Evansville, Ind., had applied for the credit cards from the Associated Credit Card Company. Last Thursday, when they had not received them, Johnson called the company to see what had happened. He was informed that the card had been sent on March 6.

Both cards had been activated and had charges in both Florida and Bowling Green, the

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## Greek Village won't fly

BY JIM GAINES  
Herald reporter

There goes Mr. Ransdell's neighborhood.

The deadline for Greeks to agree to President Gary Ransdell's plan for a "Greek Village" is Saturday, and only two organizations have signed on, said Charlie Pride, Student Activities and Organizations coordinator.

That's not enough, Dean of Student Life Howard Bailey said.

"In order for it to be viable, we need six to seven," Bailey said.

On Dec. 2, 1999, President Gary Ransdell urged the university to buy two lots adjacent to his house at 1700 Chestnut St. He wanted Western to parcel the land out to Greek organizations, building a Greek Village consisting of at least six new Greek houses.

There are six lots on the property plus one existing house.

On Dec. 17, the Board of Regents authorized buying the land for \$750,000. The Student Life office and Pride's Student Organizations office then met with 18 Greek organizations and told them what the university

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# Weather forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
58°-40°	67°-43°	70°-49°	73°-53°	75°-49°
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Scattered showers	Sunny

R: 6:17/37, sunny  
 F: 6:37/43, sunny  
 S: 6:27/44, cloudy  
 M: 7:17/50, partly sunny  
 T: 7:27/51, scul. showers

**Louisville**  
 R: 5:57/38, partly cloudy  
 F: 6:07/41, mostly sunny  
 S: 6:37/40, mostly cloudy  
 M: 7:17/48, partly sunny  
 T: 7:17/53, scul. showers

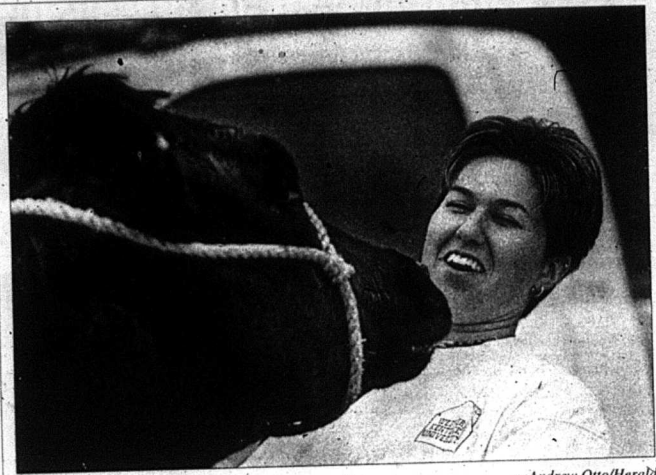
**Lexington**  
 R: 6:37/41, mostly sunny  
 F: 6:57/47, sunny  
 S: 6:57/47, cloudy  
 M: 7:27/54, showers  
 T: 7:47/58, scul. showers

**Owensboro**  
 R: 6:37/41, mostly sunny  
 F: 6:57/47, sunny  
 S: 6:57/47, cloudy  
 M: 7:27/54, showers  
 T: 7:47/58, scul. showers

**Paducah**  
 R: 6:37/41, partly cloudy  
 F: 6:57/47, sunny  
 S: 6:57/47, scul. showers  
 M: 7:27/54, scul. showers  
 T: 7:47/58, scul. showers

**Nashville**  
 R: 6:37/41, mostly sunny  
 F: 6:57/47, sunny  
 S: 6:57/47, cloudy  
 M: 7:27/54, showers  
 T: 7:47/58, scul. showers

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



Andrew Otto/Herald

**MOO-ve over:** Columbia freshman Dana White trains a Holstein dairy heifer Wednesday afternoon. White will show the heifer this weekend at the B&B Little North American Livestock Show at the L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center.

## Crime Reports

Shelly Renee Cecil, McCormack Hall, reported Tuesday that her blue Subaru had been entered and was found disheveled. Nothing was stolen.

## Campus News

### Journalism, broadcasting students capture top regional awards

The College Heights Herald won first place in the Society of Professional Journalist's regional Mark of Excellence contest.

The Herald won 17 awards, including best non-daily student newspaper.

NewsChannel 12 took top honors in the non-daily television category in the Region 5 contest that includes schools from Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. Western broadcasters collected eight other awards and finished second overall behind Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Bardstown senior Matt Batchelor won first in editorial writing and third in general news reporting.

Paducah senior Jerry Brewer won first in sports writing and sports column writing. Mt. Sterling senior Shannon Back won first in spot news reporting.

Bowling Green senior, Jim

Gaines won first in general news reporting.

Jonathan Kirshner, a senior from Santa Cruz, Calif., won first for feature photography.

Mark Weber, a senior from West Chester, Ohio, won first in photo illustration and first in sports photography.

Louisville senior Kathryn Leech won first place in television in-depth story and second place in television feature.

Robert Crivello, a senior from Brown Deer, Wis., placed second in television general news reporting.

Chris Freeman, a junior from Newburgh, Ind., placed second in television sports reporting.

Shelbyville senior Kerri Richardson placed second in television feature photography.

Scottsville sophomore Lisa Hughes placed second in radio feature reporting.

Heath Myrick, a senior from Carthage, N.C., placed third in television feature. Hodgenville senior Wesley Shirley won third place, television in-depth.

Regional first-place winners will compete for national honors.

Jason Ragan

## Clearing the air

In a story that ran in Tuesday's Herald, the name of the Student Life director at Aurora University, Ron Beauchamp, was misspelled.

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Brad Hutchinson  
Allison Brooke Jarvis  
Melinda Johnson  
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# More money needed for surveillance

## Library officials hope to install cameras

BY REX HALL JR.  
Herald reporter

Helm-Cravens Library officials are considering installation of a video surveillance system to cut down on thefts and other criminal activity in the libraries.

Mark Wiles, library public services security officer, said the library is looking into whether it will have enough money to fund the system.

Brian Coutts, Library Public Services department head, said his department has been looking at surveillance systems, and trying to get money for the project, for the past three years. One system being looked at has four cameras and is estimated to cost \$7,000.

Coutts said the first cameras would be placed at the entrance and exit on the fourth floor of Cravens. If possible, the library would like to expand the system to include more areas. "If we get

the money for the system, we would very much like to put (it) in," Coutts said.

On March 3, Christopher Brian Harrison, a student employee in Helm, was charged in connection with the theft of 231 library books valued at over \$12,000. Coutts said this one event did not trigger the library's interest in a surveillance system.

"We have had some criminal activity take place in the library over the years and only descriptions of the people involved," Coutts said. "If we would have had them on tape and a more accurate picture, we may have been able to apprehend them."

Campus police Capt. Mike Wallace said he sees no problem with the proposed surveillance system.

"Any additional information that can be provided (to the police) is always helpful," Wallace said.

The library is working with Integral Technologies Inc., an Indianapolis-based company, to work out what the exact cost of the system will be. Coutts said the library is looking at a surveillance system that has a

motion feature, meaning it could run continuously or be set to record when it detects motion.

The library will know "within the next few weeks" what the exact cost will be, Coutts said.

Wiles said the system from Integral has the ability for eight to 16 cameras to be added on, if needed.

"We will look at the critical areas where cameras need to be placed and then assess the need for more cameras over time," Wiles said. "We are obviously not going to be able to buy everything we want. You have to balance your needs with the funding available."

The money to pay for the system may have to come from the library's own budget. If that's not possible, Coutts said they will look to Academic Affairs for funding.

"We are looking at the most affordable, lowest cost system right now," Coutts said.

The timeline for the system's installation is not finalized, but Coutts said the library wants to work toward installing it by the fall semester.

Wiles said installation will take about a month.

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## Campus News

### Hughes honored with Student Advocate Award

Luther Hughes, associate vice president for enrollment management, has been awarded the Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate Award from the University of South Carolina.

Hughes was one of 10 recipients of the award, which is handed out for outstanding work on behalf of first-year students.

Hughes called the award "a wonderful honor," saying he views it "as a national affirmation for the quality of our program at Western."

The award was given at the annual First Year Experience Conference hosted by USC.

### No parking

There will be no parking allowed Monday from the intersection of 14th Street and State

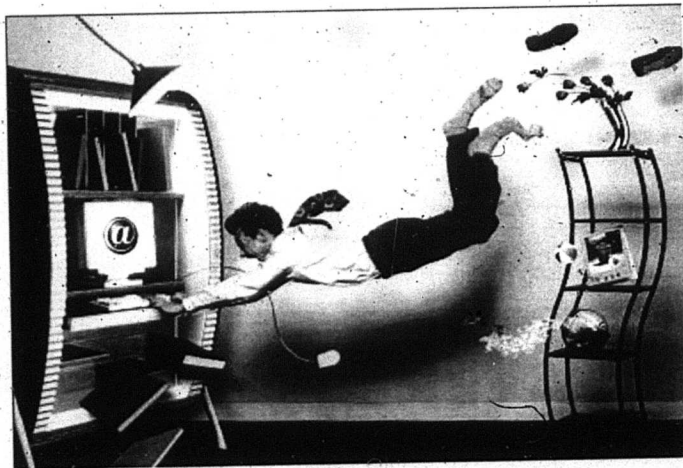
Street to the fork in front of the Cravens Graduate Library.

In addition, there will be no parking on 13th Street and Center Street from Jr. Food Store to Domino's Pizza.

Any vehicle on those two streets will be towed.

Bowling Green Public Works will be repaving the roads.

On April 4 starting at 6 a.m., there could also be delays on Chestnut Street due to paving.



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# Opinion

## Census is more than junk mail

The roll call of the decade is being taken this year, and Western students should take care not to be counted absent.

Census 2000, a count of how many people live in the United States and where they live, is more important to Bowling Green and the Western community than many students may realize.

After the 1990 census, Bowling Green's population was listed as less than 50,000. That means the city must have the state request many federal grants on its behalf. If Bowling Green's population exceeds 50,000 after this census, and officials anticipate it will, the city will be able to go directly to the federal government to request funds.

That can mean better roads, nicer parks and more jobs. In general, it means a better quality of life for all Bowling Green residents, including Western students.

**The issue:** The 2000 census is being taken right now.

**Our view:** Western students have a responsibility to make sure they are counted.

For the first time this year, Western students will be counted as residents of Bowling Green, not their respective hometowns.

That means you live here, not with your parents, no matter how often you go home.

Many off-campus students should have already received their Census 2000 forms. They arrive in a plain-looking envelope and could be mistaken for junk mail.

Everyone should fill these out and mail them back immediately.

But if you've thrown yours away, don't worry. The information desk at DUC is being set up as a Be Counted center with forms available. Be sure to stop by and fill one out.

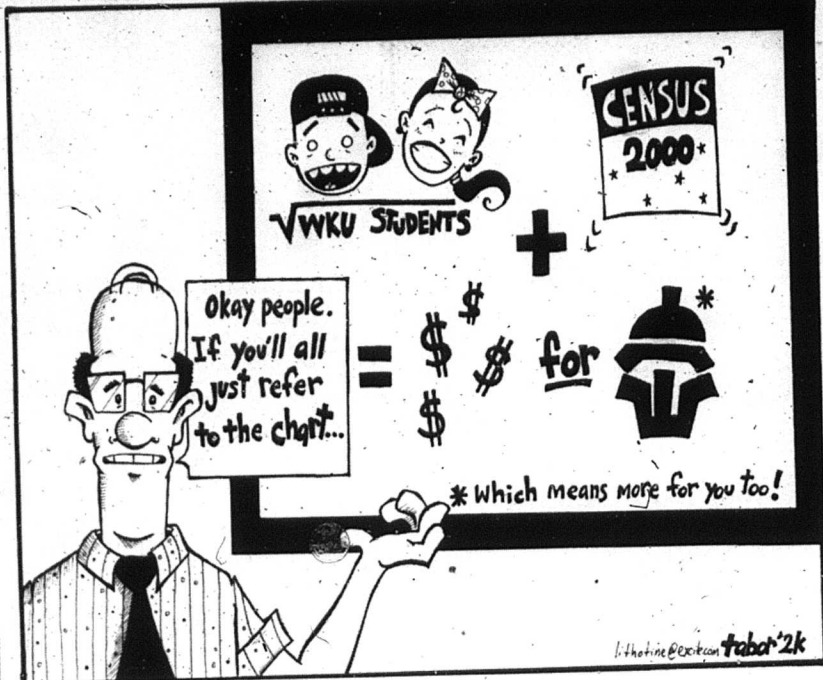
On-campus students may be receiving forms shortly. Census officials plan to work with hall directors on getting the on-campus count.

In all likelihood, students should be getting census forms in their dorm mailboxes shortly.

The importance of the census cannot be stressed enough.

It paints a picture of our society that's only as accurate as the response rate. Western students have a responsibility to the community to make sure they're counted.

There won't be a makeup exam for another ten years, so this is a class we can't afford to skip.



### Commentary

## Social workers like any other professional

BY JEFF JOHNSON

March is social work month. Just for a minute, can we play word association? What is the first thing that comes to mind when we say the words "social worker"? If I'd bet the farm the word professional did not come to mind at first thought. I would like to use this commentary to educate and pay tribute to a professional occupation — social work.

Remember the movie "Ghostbusters"? The theme song mentioned the words "who ya gonna call?" or, for a more current example, which lifeline would you use for "your final answer"? Pretend there is a problem at the company you manage. Communication between two internal departments has diminished, production is lacking because of it and change is needed. Both managers are very valuable employees. The department personnel are very experienced and valuable too. Could a social worker help in this situation?

Johnny is attending an elementary school and is a good student. Over the course of two weeks, Johnny starts acting out and his homework is late and sloppy. Could a social worker help in this situa-

tion? In both cases, a social worker has the training and skills to intervene. Social workers are trained to work with communities, small groups or individuals to facilitate solutions. The social worker is also trained to connect clients with services available in the community to enhance quality of life and educate clients on how to utilize these services.

Our society values professional service people. We appreciate teachers, doctors, lawyers, accountants, economists, mechanics, administrators and many others. Each profession has a certain contribution to our society, and we place a certain intrinsic value on these services. During tax season, an accountant is more important to us than maybe our lawyer. During legal situations, our lawyer is more important to us than our auto mechanic, etc. Professional services from many disciplines are required in our society, this includes social work.

When a marriage is failing or needs counseling, when disaster strikes a community, when we become unemployed or when groups or individuals need intervention, we depend on the professional ser-

vices of the social worker. But most of all, when our children are in jeopardy, or when parents abandon, molest, abuse or need education on child care and family concerns, society expects professional service from social workers. They are trained to handle situations from birth concerns to dealing with death issues and almost everything in between. With the same intrinsic need for the mechanic or lawyer, society needs the professional service of the social worker.

Western has a solid social work department, of which this state and community should be proud. Each year this department contributes over 15,000 hours of volunteer work in Bowling Green and surrounding counties. This volunteer service helps many agencies complete work for clients where budgeted dollars fail, adding to many peoples' lives appreciation for the services rendered by trained professionals when they needed it.

March is a small tribute to a great profession.

Jeff Johnson is a senior social work major from Evansville.

### What can be done to improve the dorms?



"I like them the way they are. The bathrooms are a little dirty sometimes."

**Daniel Withrow**  
Bowling Green  
freshman



"More lighting in the rooms."

**Robert Hill**  
Rineyville  
freshman



"Right now ... turn off the heat."

**Katherine Stanton**  
Florence  
freshman



"Better sanitation."

**Deepthi Mohamalarari**  
Madras graduate student  
from India



"Just basic renovation."

**Jeff Payton**  
freshman from  
Portland, Tenn.

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# It's that time of year again ...

This week's column comes to you from a mysterious location: somewhere in between consciousness and dream land.

It's almost 3 a.m. (yawn) and, in a moment of total boredom and writer's block, I'm trying to fill out my schedule for next semester. Because it is, I've heard, that time of the year.

Should probably be writing a paper for class, like I intended, but I'm too tired. Wouldn't want to misspell any words or for it to have any grammatical errors in there.

So I'm filling out my schedule (did I say that already?). Here's the punchline, or point, or whatever (didn't think there was one, did you?): don't try to decide your future class load when you don't know what you're doing.

Here's what happens: OK, let's see, Mattias, how many hours do you need?

Have no idea. Fifteen sounds good.

So what classes do you have left to take?

Have no idea. Hmmmm. Didn't you fill out a degree program that tells you what classes you need to take?

Uh, yea... Where is that at?

Have no idea. Let's make something up. After all, chances are I won't be going to the classes very often anyway.

Oh, this one sounds exciting. But what the ...? Since when do



News & Notes  
Mattias Karén

classes start at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays? And 11:15 on Mondays?

Oh, yeah, we spent a fortune on that glorious software that can handle anything under the sun, from rocket launches to nuclear defense systems. Except flip-Fridays.

Or maybe I should sign up for this other one that is taught in building "GLAS," room "GOW." Never had class in a glass building. That should be interesting. It'll get hot if the sun is shining through. Maybe if the sun rays would shine through the glass at exactly the right angle, it'd set fire to my notebook. That'd be cool, man.

Oh yeah, the schedule. Focus. Besides, I don't think I need "Str bus concepts & apps" anyway. They put out a 56-page bulletin, and they can't even spell out the damn classes so you know what the hell you're signing up for?

If I don't watch it, I'll wake up tomorrow and my schedule

will be "Bus prin/prac/int design," "Qual/svc/magt/hospitality," "Ind spec prob spec ed" and "Meth/teach/voc/agric."

Maybe then I'd actually be motivated to go to class, just to find out what they are.

Other classes I'm curious about:  
♦ "Weed science." I thought that stuff was illegal, even in this state. It even has a lab with it. What do you there, grow the stuff? Let's see who the teacher is. "Nelson, Willie." Oh.

♦ Here's my favorite: "Calc/Anal Geom II." Without further comment, I think I'll stay away from that one. Ain't nobody gonna measure my shapes and forms down there. And that's the second class. People are crazy.

I'm gonna need more coffee to sit this one through. Only need one more class, but I've skimmed through probably a thousand listings, and I still haven't found anything like "Disney Cartoons 101" or "Easy A 300." They have to be in here somewhere...

Oops, spilled the coffee on my scheduling sheet. That's no good. Got to do it all over before I fall a...

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# SGA recognizes 12 for teaching excellence

BY JACOB BENNETT  
Herald reporter

Last week, some students gave something back to their favorite teachers.

Twelve teachers received the annual Excellence in Teaching award Thursday at the Faculty House. The awards were given to two teachers from each college after students nominated them on ballots distributed by the Student Government Association.

"It's the best award I have ever received," said Johnstón Njoku, an associate professor of modern languages and intercultural studies. "When students say I am a good teacher, I don't have to prove anything else to anybody."

The teachers were chosen based on their teaching style, availability to students, knowledge in their respective subject areas and the number of nominations they received.

"At a lot of universities, teachers don't know their students' names," said Jennifer Englert, chairwoman of SGA's Academic Affairs committee. "We wanted to recognize outstanding teachers. Their enthusiasm for teaching was a big factor, and also their willingness to meet students outside of class."

Englert said 75 students sent in nominations, writing essays praising their favorite teachers. Most teachers received only one or two nominations, so other criteria were the deciding factors. Englert said English assistant professor

Linda Uhlenkott received the most nominations, with four.

"I was pretty tickled about the award," Uhlenkott said. "I just like being around students."

Economics and Marketing Professor Louis Turley said he "deeply appreciated" the award. He said he likes getting to know students and watching them learn and grow.

"My favorite part of the job is giving a hard test and seeing students do well," he said. "That means whatever happened in the classroom worked."

Anthony Norman, a psychology associate professor, said his favorite part of the job is working with students.

"I had so many people that helped me when I was a student, and I find it rewarding to be in a position to help others," he said.

Mathematics instructor Robin Ayers was grateful to SGA for giving the awards.

"Sometimes you wonder if all the work you do means anything," she said. "It's really nice when students step forward and let you know it does."

After years of teaching, Accounting and Finance Professor Richard Aldridge keeps going because he loves his students and his subject.

"I still like what I do and have enthusiasm for the material," he said. "That may sound hard to believe for accounting, but I think that enthusiasm can be contagious."

### Winners of Excellence in Teaching

#### College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Mary Cobb, physical education and recreation instructor  
Anthony Norman, psychology associate professor

#### Potter College of Arts

Ed Yager, government associate professor  
Linda Uhlenkott, English associate professor

#### Graduate Studies and Research

Johnston Njoku, modern language and intercultural studies associate professor  
Erija Brady, modern language and intercultural studies associate professor

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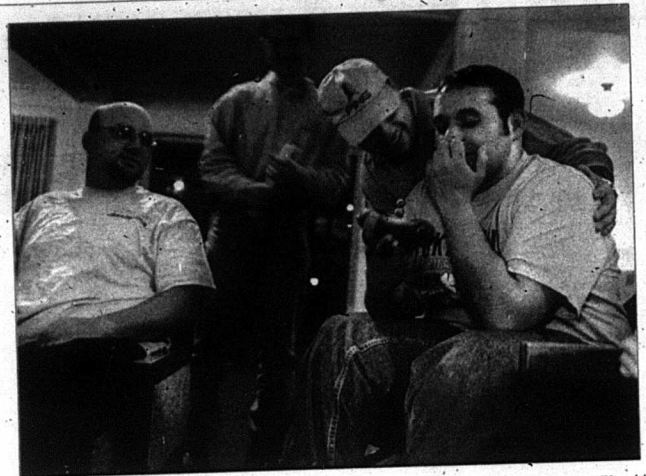
Louis Turley, economic and marketing professor  
Richard Aldridge, accounting and finance professor

#### Bowling Green Community College of Western Kentucky University

Charles Borders, part time-temp faculty  
Ruth Hand, part time-temp faculty

#### Ogden College of Science, Technology and Health

Cheryl Davis, biology associate professor  
Robin Ayers, mathematics instructor



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**Fun raiser:** Bowling Green junior Matt King is comforted by Pat Frazier, a Chicago junior, after bidding \$10 to pie a friend in the face at Schneider Hall. Lewisburg senior Scott Brown (left) was one of 15 students and staff in the hall helping to raise money for a cookout and a pie-in-the-face contest to be held toward the end of the semester.

## Campus News

### Forensics win big in national tournament

The William E. Bivin Forensic Society successfully defended its championship at the Delta Sigma Rho National Tournament at Texas Tech University.

Three students, Bowling Green sophomore Phillip Wininger, Morehead junior Amy Jones and Jace Lux, a senior from Evansville, Ind., also won individual national championships.

### Faculty members to present research in Indianapolis

Two faculty members will present their research during the annual meeting of the North Central Section of the Geological Society of America.

Assistant professors Michael T. May and Fredrick D. Siewers, both of the department of geography and geology, will make their presentation on April 6-7 in Indianapolis.

— Jason Ragan

## ARREST: Items returned

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company representative said. When Hall Director Heather Dykes heard about the thefts, she remembered hearing Groce talk about his trip to Florida over Spring Break, the report said.

Police then talked to Groce, who admitted to stealing the cards, including a camcorder, a paintball gun and a ping-pong set he purchased at Wal-Mart.

Johnson would not comment on the thefts. Ross could not be reached for comment.

Groce charged Johnson's card with a total of \$165 and Ross's card had over \$370 of charges on it.

Brian Kuster, director of Housing and Residence Life, said Groce is no longer employed.

Kuster said current rules which say only desk clerks, RAs and the hall director are allowed behind the front desk are designed to help prevent incidents like this from happening. "The procedure we have in place keeps honest people honest," Kuster said.

Kuster applauds the majority of his 134 RAs for being hardworking, dedicated and honest individuals.

"To have one issue tarnish the group is unfair," Kuster said.

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# Artists to play benefit concert

BY BRANDY WARREN  
Herald reporter

Students are planning a benefit concert to raise money for former Western employee Kaye Cantrell, who was left paralyzed from the neck down after a car accident last August.

Western alumni of the Walt Disney World College Program are sponsoring the event, which will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on April 1 in DUC Theatre. Performers for the concert include Kurtis Matthew, the Bobby Baldwin Blues Band, Curtis Burch, Greg Martin of the Kentucky Headhunters and the Muckrakers.

All of the artists are performing "out of the goodness of their hearts," said Whitley City senior Tiffany King. King, a member of WDWCP Alumni Association, said they learned of Cantrell's situation after an article about her ran in the Herald last semester.

"This was someone that was here and was part of this university," King said.

Cantrell currently lives with her parents in Auburn and is continuing rehabilitation.

Clara Crump, Cantrell's mother, cares for her.

Cantrell said that although she still has some difficulty using her arms, she can feed herself.

"I feel not too bad," she said, but added that she feels aches and that her arthritis is causing some discomfort.

The WDWCP Alumni Association began working on the concert after Christmas. The group helps with recruiting for the Walt Disney World College Program, which allows students to work at Walt Disney World in Florida for a summer or semester. It also does a lot of community service activities, said Shelbyville senior Sam Montgomery, presi-

dent of the group.

"We saw (Cantrell's) situation as the perfect opportunity to help," Montgomery said.

Several sponsors have joined the cause, including Buffalo Wild Wings, Liberty Printing, Kinko's, Pepsi, Aramark and University Center Board.

Tickets for students, which can be purchased at the DUC ticket office, will be \$5 and general admission tickets will be \$10.

"We're hoping for a packed house," King said.

Raffle tickets will also be sold for \$1, and winners will get giveaways from Disc Jockey, Buffalo Wild Wings and Maria's.

All proceeds from the concert will go directly to Cantrell to help with medical bills.

Cantrell said she plans to attend the concert.

"I think that'll be fun since I don't get out much," she said.

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### Students participate in business policy competition

Two teams of Western students are set to participate in the 36th Annual International Collegiate Business Policy Competition in San Diego April 13-15.

The teams will make business decisions based on their company every week for a semester, then submit the decisions via the Internet. The students are competing against 33 universities from around the world.

### Spirit Master applications now being accepted

Applications to be a Western Spirit Master are now available. The deadline to apply is April 5. Applicants are required to have one faculty reference, one faculty/staff/community reference and one student reference. First-round interviews will be held April 10-12 in DUC Room 310. For those advancing to the second round, interviews will be held in the Regents Room of the Wetherby Administration Building. To qualify, applicants must

be enrolled full time, have at least sophomore status and have a grade point average of 2.0.

### Student research conference set for Saturday

The WKU Student Research Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at South Campus. The event is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to present independent research or creative efforts to an audience of their peers in a professional setting.

—Jason Ragan



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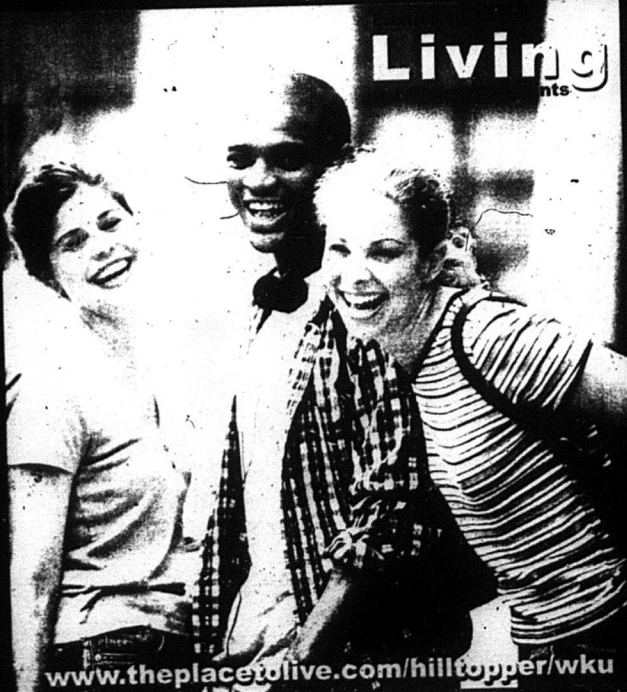
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# Nameless café sees sluggish start in bookstore

## Name contest ends April 24

BY JACOB BENNETT  
Herald reporter

While working at the new café in the University Bookstore yesterday, Rachel Martin sat at a table and watched people go by. There wasn't much else for her to do right then. Martin, a Morgantown freshman, hadn't had any customers for the first hour of her first day.

"I'm probably going to be bored today," she said at noon. "I don't get off until 6:30."

Her co-worker, Madisonville junior Katrina Flasch, had the same problem when she worked Monday and things weren't much better when she worked yesterday morning.

"It's been kind of slow, but I don't think people have heard about it yet," she said.

The as-yet-unnamed café opened last Monday, with eight tables and about that many flavors of espresso.

Bookstore director Paul McDougal said he thinks it will be something customers appreciate.

"I thought it would be more convenient than driving to Barnes and Noble," he said, adding that he didn't expect to see a huge flow of business. "I don't think we're in competition with the Freshens downstairs."

McDougal said it cost \$20,000 to install the café. He doesn't expect to see a profit for a couple of years, but he said the café was a good investment.

"The good thing about coffee is, if you don't make it, you can keep it and use it later," he said.

Martin thinks students would enjoy themselves if they came.

"I like the French vanilla and the muffins are ... oh, great. And we've got a lot of magazines that people like, like Maxim and Men's Health and Cosmo," she

said. "I think every guy loves Maxim. It's like the male bible."

Martin thinks more people will come once the café is named and has its own identity. The bookstore is holding a contest to name it. Students can make their suggestions and a winner will be chosen April 24. The winner gets a free eight-ounce cup of coffee once a week for a year.

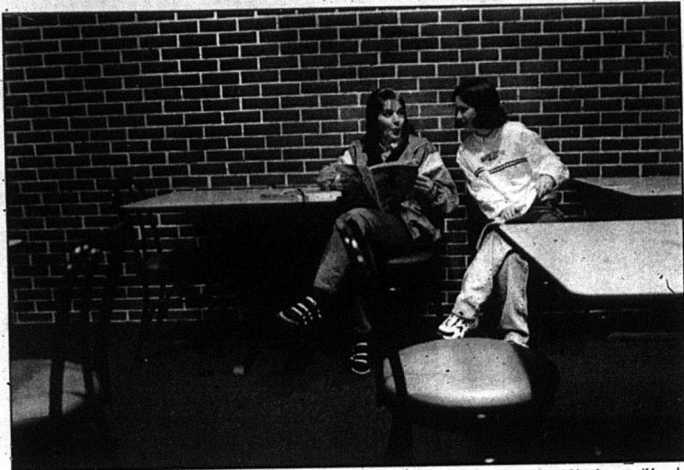
"That would kind of suck if you won and you were a senior," Martin said, because they could not collect the prize.

McDougal said the contest would get students involved and provide the shop with an interesting name.

"We'd like a name for the coffee shop other than 'The Bookstore Coffee Shop,'" he said. "We thought the people who are going to use it might have some kind of identity they'd like to dub it."

McDougal said he doesn't think people drink as much coffee in the spring, but that the café would not close if business wasn't good immediately.

"It's complimentary to the bookstore," he said. "We would like it to do well right away, but if it doesn't, we aren't going to close it down."



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Evon Bryant, left, shares a laugh with her co-worker, Morgantown freshman Rachel Martin, in the unnamed café in the College Heights Bookstore in Downing University Center. The café opened seven days ago, and business is off to a slow start.

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# Western to get more money; exact amount in doubt as committee debates

## Math and science academy in limbo

By JIM GAINES  
Herald reporter

Western will get more money from the state budget next year, but just how much remains uncertain as a House and Senate conference committee haggles over details.

The committee had not settled the disputed items by last night and adjourned until 10 a.m. today, a spokesman for the Appropriations and Revenue Committee said.

The House and Senate passed different versions of a budget for fiscal 2000-2002, which begins July 1. Before then, the conference committee must compromise and send the result to Gov. Paul Patton for approval.

The nature of that compromise will determine whether Western will receive funding for its proposed Kentucky Academy of Math and Science.

Other than that, "there aren't many changes" needed to make the House and Senate versions agree as it relates to Western, said Western's legislative liaison, Chief Public Affairs Officer Fred Hensley.

The committee only has until April 15 to reach agreement, when the legislature must adjourn.

In both versions, the budget recommended by the Council on Postsecondary Education includes a 4.9 percent increase in base funding for Western, Hensley said. About half of that will disappear in compensating for inflation.

The percentage that remains translates to about \$2.6 million in extra money. Western's Budget Council has been work-

ing on a budget based on that amount, Hensley said. Western's budget must also be finished by June 30.

Most of the Council on Postsecondary Education's recommendations survived both the House and Senate, council spokesman George Graves said. That includes \$15 million the council approved last fall to start renovating Western's science complex.

The House approved \$500,000 for 2001 to start the proposed Kentucky Academy of Mathematics and Science, an advanced program for high school students that President Gary Ransdell wants to see housed in Schneider Hall. The academy was cut-out of the Senate budget.

When Western handed over 17 dorms to the private Student Life Foundation for refinancing and renovation on March 15, Schneider remained the sole

university-owned dorm in anticipation of housing the academy.

If funding for the academy does not emerge in the final budget, Schneider will remain student housing, Ransdell said.

Apart from funding the academy, the other major change is not in the higher education budget. For the last few years, \$200,000 from the state Department of Agriculture budget has gone to Western's agriculture department, Hensley said. The House version includes the money again, but senators deleted it from their version.

If the committee can't reach an agreement, the legislature will probably return for a special session by early June, Ransdell said.

"Obviously, I hope that the House and Senate can get together without going into a special session," Ransdell said. "But I don't know if we'll get there or not this week."

**2000-2002 Legislative Budget**  
Here is what two current proposals for the legislative budget has in store for Western:

**House Version:**

- \* A 4.9 percent increase in base funding
- \* \$500,000 in 2001 for the Kentucky Academy of Mathematics and Science
- \* \$200,000 from Department of Agriculture for Western's agriculture department

**Senate Version:**

- \* A 4.9 percent increase in base funding
- \* No money in 2001 for the Kentucky Academy of Mathematics and Science
- \* No money from Department of Agriculture for Western's agriculture department

The House and Senate must reach a compromise before April 15, or a special session will be forced.


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# Patton signs Minger Act as victim's family watches

BY JASON RAGAN  
Herald reporter

Amidst singing of the Lord's Prayer at the Rotunda in Frankfort yesterday, Gov. Paul Patton signed the Michael Minger Act into law.

The bill will make it mandatory for reports of all major on-campus crimes and attempted crimes to be made public within 24 hours. It also requires campus police to post these reports on the campus computer network so they can be viewed from any computer on campus.

Minger's family, including his mother, Gail, who has been a big

supporter of the bill, were present at the signing.

Minger was the student who died in the 1998 fire at Hester Hall at Murray State University. Two days before the fatal fire, an arson attempt in that same dorm went unpublished.

Rep. Jim Wayne (D-Louisville) is the sponsor of House Bill 322, which carries Minger's name in honor of his death and is aimed to prevent tragedies like the Murray fire. Wayne said if the previous arson attempt at Murray had been made public, Minger's death may have been prevented.

"This is tremendous progress

for the students and people who work and live on campus," Wayne said.

All colleges and universities licensed by the Council on Postsecondary Education have to be in compliance with the Michael Minger Act by September 1 of this year.

Any campus official who violates the new rules will be fined between \$500 and \$1,500. Violators can also face up to 30 days in jail or a combination of both jail time and a fine.

"The campus security and campus officials can no longer cover up crimes," Wayne said. "All of the truth has to now

come forth, and with that information people can make their campuses safer and won't have to live in the illusion that they're safer."

For Western, however, the bill will not mean a drastic change. Campus police have already done most of what the bill outlines; crime records here have been open since the police station began operating in 1974.

"It is the way we have done things in the past," Capt. Mike Wallace said.

Records are not currently posted online, however.

The act originally contained a provision taking away sovereign

immunity for universities, but it was trimmed on the floor of the state House of Representatives.

Sovereign immunity, under the Kentucky constitution, protects state government agencies from lawsuits, which means a resident in a dorm cannot sue the university for damages in cases such as the Murray fire.

Western students living on campus, however, are in a unique position. Western transferred the deeds for its dorms to the Student Life Foundation on March 15, and since the foundation is a private organization, sovereign immunity no longer applies, Wayne said.

# Human rights commissions safe as legislative session closes

## Bills bogged down in committees

BY BRANDY WARREN  
Herald reporter

Human rights commissions across the state can breathe a sigh of relief after two legislative bills that could have potentially closed the commissions have been stalled in committees.

A stir among human rights commissions and other fairness groups in Kentucky was caused last week after an amendment to Senate Bill 74 threatened to shut down all local commissions in the state and prohibit local governments from creating civil rights legislation.

But yesterday was the last day of the legislative session, and the bill was not voted on. Neither was House Bill 485, which also caused a stir in January. The bill would have had the same effect as the amendment to SB 74, but got stuck in judiciary committee because of the strong opposition against it.

State Rep. Ricky Cox (R-Adair) drafted the amendment to SB 74 after HB 485 died. Cox was in session all day yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

The author of the bill, David Boswell (D-Daviess) was also unavailable for comment.

Human rights commissions across the state are responsible for accepting possible discrimination complaints. After accepting the complaints, the commissions decide which cases are legitimate. Last year, the Bowling Green Human Rights

Commission received 98 legitimate discrimination complaints.

Without local commissions, all discrimination complaints would have to be sent to the state level. According to Gwendolyn Downs, executive director of the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, the state commission is too small to handle the level of complaints for the entire state.

In addition to accepting discrimination complaints, Bowling

Green's human rights commission also sponsors workshops and seminars for local employers.

Last fall, the commission was also involved in trying to pass a fairness ordinance in Bowling Green. The commission recommended that the city council pass a city ordinance that would ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, public accommodations and employment. City commissioners, how-

ever, refused the ordinance.

Linda McCray, administrative coordinator of public relations for the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission, had strong feelings about the amendment.

"They're tacking totally unrelated amendments to bills that look harmless," she said. "... I hope it dies a peaceful, lonely death wherever it is."

Beverly Watts, director of the Kentucky Human Rights Commission, lobbied strongly

against the two bills. The group sent e-mails across the state urging people to oppose them.

"It's been a concern to us," she said.

Jan Garrett, a history and philosophy professor, started a chain of e-mails about the bill among Western faculty as well, urging them and other groups on campus to call legislators about it.

"We think it would be a very bad thing," Garrett said.

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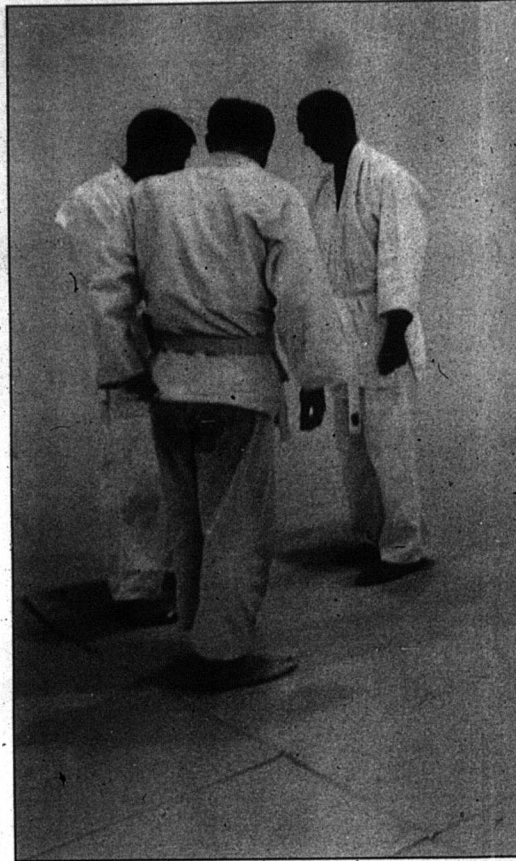
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Lisa walks with her cane beside her friend Matthew Webb on Normal Drive last Friday. Lisa does not need to be guided at all times and can walk to bus stops and around campus on her own. "Certain landmarks tell me where I am like signs and echoing sounds," Newton says.



# NEWTON'S REBELLION

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shuttle. But she's on top of the Hill almost everyday, either for work or a school function, and says she's counting the days until she can walk to class.

Lisa averages about one new friend a week. Some weeks she's met two or three "close" friends. Many of her friends are journalism students who have come begging for a story.

"Everybody who meets her likes her, I promise," says her roommate, Whitley freshman Tana Justus.

But even her friends give funny looks and ask stupid questions at first. Lisa can't see faces, but she knows when one is staring at her. She says she can feel it.

For the most part, she forgives people for being innocently dumb.

Like reporters.

"Of course I can use the curling iron on my hair."

"No, I don't need help picking out my clothes."

"Being in the shower isn't any different than being in my room. It's dark both places."

When people meet Lisa, she wants them to remember that she's funny and "cute." Most of her friends say they've never seen her frown, she's usually making them laugh.

But sometimes, Lisa reflects on bad times.

### When the lights went out

She was 15. It was six months after a cornea graft, some predicted, a 70 percent chance that the operation would improve her vision. Doctors wanted to do the surgery when she was 10, but she refused. When she was 14, after about 25 surgeries to stabilize the pressure in her eyes, she agreed to the cornea graft. It was her only chance to prevent her nightmare from happening: waking up to darkness.

"She's usually smiling, but when she steps on that mat, the smile disappears," says Matt Woodring, who has practiced judo with Lisa for 3 1/2 years. "I've seen her throw grown men, and believe me, they are not letting her."

After the surgery, her vision worsened, then improved. Two months later she walked into a wall at school.

"All I could see was red," she said, fiddling with a wadded piece of paper.

That was because she was looking through blood. Her father rushed her to the doctor, who said Lisa had a blood clot behind her eyes. The clot was pulling on the retina and detaching it from her eyeball. His recommendation: another cornea graft two days later. He couldn't guarantee anything, but said when the bleeding stopped, she should be able to see again.

"I had never cried in front of my dad until then," she said, dry-eyed. "I just knew. I didn't say it, but I knew right then that that was the end."

"I went home, went to my room, and stared at everything and tried to capture it in my mind."

The morning of the surgery, Lisa "knelt by my sister's bed and watched her sleep. She looked so peaceful. I didn't want to wake her; I just watched so I could remember what she looked like."

When she returned from the hospital, Lisa was blind.

"The doctor removed the bandages and shined a blue light in my eyes. He was smiling; then he sighed and the smile went away. He asked if I could see the light. I said 'yes.' Then I looked at my mom's shoes tapping the floor:

I looked back at the light, and it went off."

### A little fire, a lot of whippings

Her classmates are laughing and pointing. Practice is over, they say. Lisa lunges over her opponent like a wild animal hunting prey. She doesn't care that he is 13 years old and has been practicing judo for only a few months.

The boy squirms and tries to free himself, but he is pinned, twisted, a pretzel.

"She's usually smiling, but when she steps on that mat, the smile disappears," says Matt Woodring, who has practiced judo with Lisa for 3 1/2 years. "I've seen her throw grown men, and believe-me, they are not letting her."

Lisa has an advantage on the judo mat. People advanced in judo blindfold themselves to become faster. They train to rely on their senses instead of their eyes to predict their opponent's moves.

"I don't think I could do judo if I were blind," Woodring said. "I tried it blindfolded, and it's scary."

"She's got a lot more courage than most humans. It takes a lot of guts to fight judo, even when you have all your senses."

Lisa is a yellow belt, the second level in judo. But her teachers say she is more skilled than most yellow belts.

"She's got a little fire inside of her," Woodring said, watching Lisa hold down a woman with a brown belt, a level behind black. "People do judo for different reasons."

She says she'll try anything once.

When asked what she likes to do for fun, Lisa gives a detailed list.

"I swim, I camp, I go ice skating, I cook, and I love to fish," she says. "I wanna go out of the United States, I wanna bungee jump and skydive, and I wanna fly on an airplane."

"Everybody thinks it's amazing, but I am so lazy. I have a friend at another school who is just into everything. There is so much other stuff that I could do, but I am lazy."

### The Rebel

When Lisa was in first grade, her vision drastically worsened, and her teachers placed her in a class for slow kids even though her IQ was above normal. The Newtons sent her to a school for the blind in Indianapolis, about three hours from home. She visited her parents on the weekends.

Being around people who were completely blind was



Lisa and her friend Matthew Webb relax on a double slide after swinging on swings at Ogden Park last Friday. "I've known Lisa about a year," Webb says, and it's been one crazy trip after another. She's always full of surprises. Once someone meets her they think she's shy and reserved, but she's not. She's up for anything and she's not afraid to speak her mind."

scary at first. She couldn't figure out why her classmates couldn't walk straight, and she was uncomfortable when they touched her during conversations.

"I looked at them the way I know people look at me now," she says.

Lisa's mom, Sharon Newton, had thought her daughter would live with her until she went to college. But she dropped her off at the school for the blind when she was 6 years old. She was reluctant, but says she knew it had to be done.

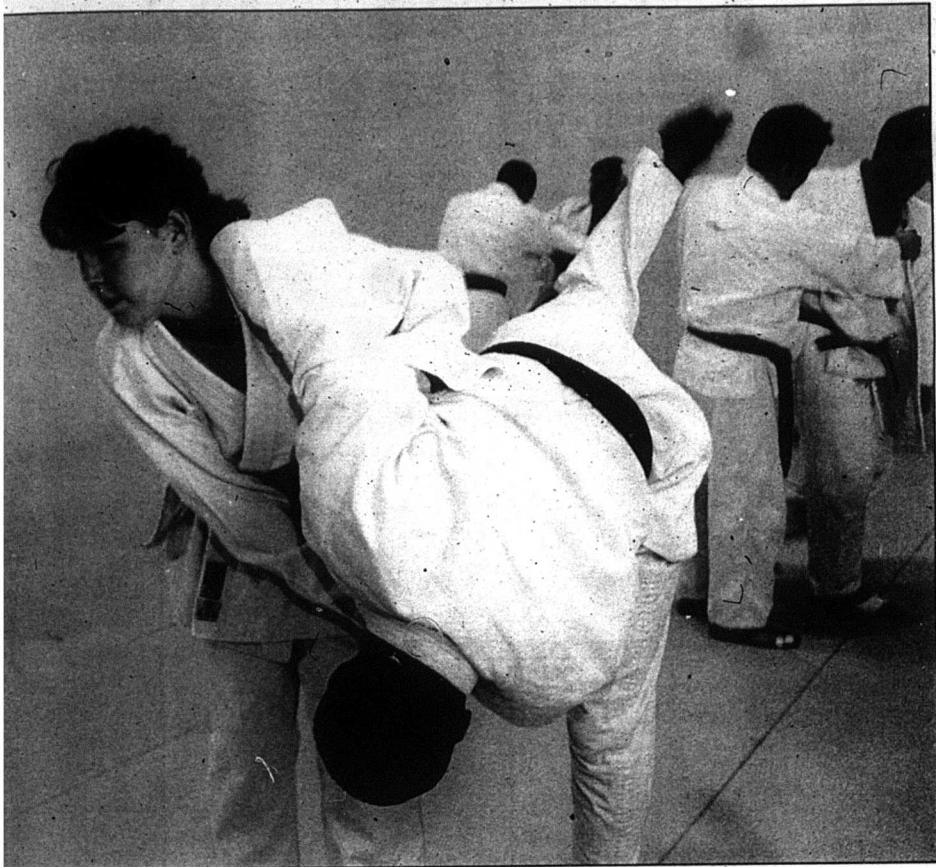
"We didn't want her education to suffer," Sharon said. "It broke my heart to leave her; she was crying. At the same time, though, it broke my heart that her teachers wanted to put her in a class where she couldn't learn anything."

Lisa begged to come home for the first two weeks, then she liked the school.

"When she was born, we didn't know anything was wrong," Sharon said. "Then we noticed that she couldn't see in the light. She acted as if light hurt her. Then night

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**Lisa executes a throw** on Serge Wandji, 31, a former Olympian in Judo from Cameroon, Africa, during a Thursday night practice at the Bowling Green YMCA. "She's a very tenacious and determined fighter," said brown belt instructor Rebecca Smith. "Lisa has shown a lot of perseverance. She has really worked hard and stuck with it. It takes a lot of courage, a tremendous amount of courage for anyone. I really admire her."



**Before her English 100 class,** Lisa chats with classmate Misty Morris at Western's South Campus last semester.

before her first surgery at 6 weeks old, her eyes became bloody; the doctors at first thought she had pink eye."

After 10th grade Lisa was ready to move back home. She couldn't stand the rules.

"It was like prison, and I was having to sneak around to live like I wanted to."

Lisa was popular in public high school, had several boyfriends and worked at Papa John's.

"I will do anything people think I shouldn't, or couldn't do, or anything that I want to do," she said with a mischievous grin.

She was nicknamed "The Rebel."

**"She has horns"**

Lisa pulls dresses out of her closet two at a time and drapes them over chairs in her dorm room.

"What about this one?" she says, holding a black slip dress in front of her and bending one knee like a model at the end of a runway. "Do I look cute?"

"I can't wait until the weather gets warmer so I can wear sundresses. I want a pink one with spaghetti strings. But I don't want to be pale. I've been going to the tanning bed. Can you tell?"

So looks matter even when you can't see?

"I know it's wrong, but yeah, it does matter," she says, bending her head toward the floor and blushing. "I get my friends to describe guys to me, then I can imagine them."

"Last semester I broke up with a guy after my friends said he wasn't very cute. Knowing that just made me lose interest."

Lisa wears little or no makeup and has long, straight-

brown hair with bangs. Her friends tease her that she looks innocent.

"But she has horns," says her roommate, Justus. "She can party with the best of 'em."

Most of the time Lisa gets mad when people give her extra attention because she is blind.

"One time at Wal-Mart, an older woman treated Lisa like she was retarded because she's blind," Justus said. "That kind of stuff happens all the time. And since I know her so well, it makes me mad."

But sometimes the attention is good. And the girls get a kick out of taking advantage of it.

"Some guys are intrigued that I'm blind," Lisa said, holding back a laugh. "Next semester I am going to get a seeing-eye dog. I think it'll attract more guys."

"Aren't I bad?"

# Registering online may soon be an option

Banner 2000 will enable change

BY REX HALL JR.  
Herald reporter

Busy signals at Topline may be a thing of the past, or at least an option, for students when it comes time to register for spring 2001 courses next fall.

The Student Government Association passed a resolution March 21 requesting the university to consider Web-based registration.

SGA Information Technology Director Adam Howard said the service would allow students the opportunity to register online anytime after they are approved to do so.

"Topline will still exist," Howard said. "The resolution requests Web-based registration, but not the removal of Topline."

Registrar Freida Eggleton said it is too early to speculate whether Topline will stick around if Internet registration is implemented.

"A lot of decisions go into this and decisions still have to be made," Eggleton said. "I do think the Web registration will be preferred by students."

Administrative Computing Service Director Gordon Johnson said the new Banner 2000 program, which forced the university to drop its flip-Friday scheduling system, includes a Web-based registration function.

"It is a feature with Banner 2000 so there is no additional expense," Johnson said. "It came with the system when we bought it."

Eggleton said students may be able to understand the registration process better by using the Web-based option rather than Topline.

"It's visual and we prefer to see things instead of hearing them, and it has great functionality students will like," Eggleton said.

Johnson said some options students will be able to access include dropping and adding courses, viewing grades and viewing their schedule.

Grades and schedules can already be looked up on Western's Intranet site.

The exact date when the system may be implemented has not been decided, Johnson said the plan right now is to have the program up and running by October.

Eggleton said Web-based registration will have little effect on her office. She believes students on extended campuses may be impacted more than anyone.

"Everyone has a telephone, but not a PC," Eggleton said. "I wonder what access students on extended campuses have to PCs in their homes."

Howard said he hopes students will be able to register for spring 2001 classes using the program.

"From SGA's perspective, we want this," Howard said. "And we want the administration to get it."

# VILLAGE: Greeks can't afford new houses

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required for them to have a house in the Greek Village.

It would cost them between \$140,000 and \$150,000 each, and they had to have the money by June 30, the end of Western's fiscal year. Several Greek organizations liked the idea but couldn't afford it, Pride said.

"Currently, we do not have enough groups that are interested to make it work for the proposal that we gave them," Pride said.

No others will commit by the deadline, Pride said. But that's not from lack of trying on the part of Student Organizations.

"We've talked to many of the organizations several different

**"Currently, we do not have enough groups that are interested to make it work for the proposal that we gave them."**

— Charlie Pride  
student activities and organizations coordinator

times," he said.

In deciding whether they could afford a new house, Greeks had to meet many different standards, Bailey said. Some had strict guidelines from their national organizations. Some groups could draw on

their own housing corporations or national funds, but others would have to borrow from banks. Most couldn't do it.

Pride would not say which two organizations have agreed to the plan, and Interfraternity Council President Dan Gilbert would not be reached for comment.

Now Western must decide what to do with the land.

If "Plan A," the Greek Village, does not work out, Western will consider "Plan B," selling the land to the Student Life Foundation as a site for adult student housing, Ransdell said.

"My hunch is that the Student Life Foundation and Housing and Residence Life are beginning to turn their attention in that direction," he said.

If the foundation doesn't want it, "Plan C" would put the land up for sale.

"It's likely if we put it on the market, somebody is going to buy it and put in apartments," Ransdell said.

"In any of the three scenarios, the reserve fund has to be replenished," he said. The Board of Regents wants to maintain a \$3 million reserve, so Ransdell wants to dispose of the property, one way or another, within a few months.

Whatever its fate, Ransdell, Bailey and Pride agree that it's unlikely the Greek Village plan will survive.

"I think the proposal will not live past April 1," Pride said.

## Class registration schedule:

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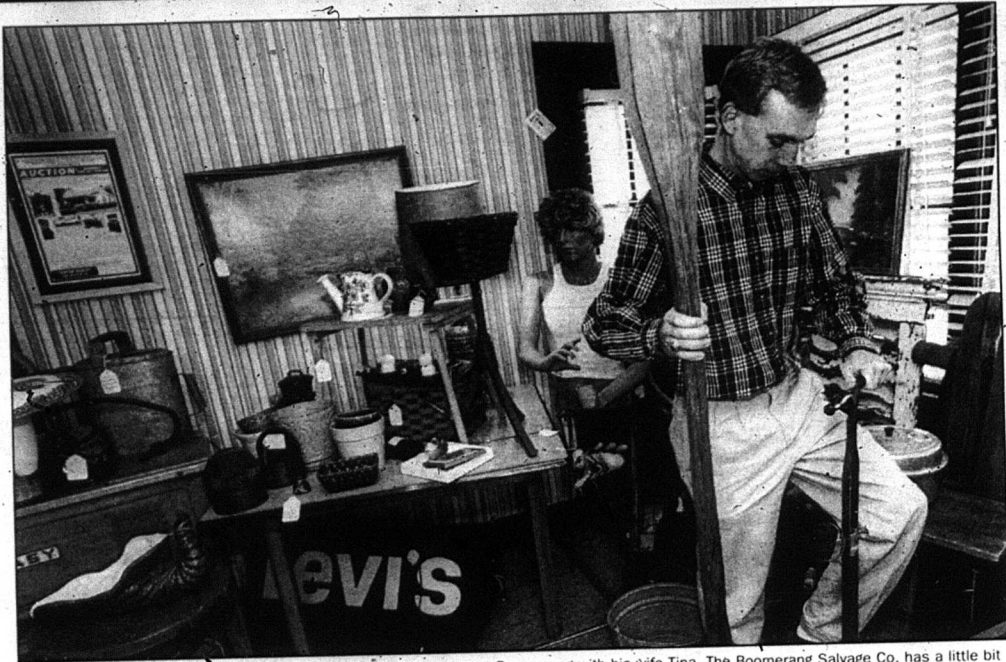
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# diversions



"We're buying oars!" exclaimed John Roberts, who was shopping at Boomerang with his wife Tina. The Boomerang Salvage Co. has a little bit of everything, from pogo sticks to boat oars. **Bottom:** "Just because you're a poor college student doesn't mean you have to have junk furniture," Boomerang proprietor Sabrina Erskine said. Erskine, right, talks with Bowling Green resident Donita Cassaday, who stopped by to see if there was any new merchandise.

## Junk with Style

Story by Michelle Pearson  
Photos by Daniel Wallace



One person's junk is another person's treasure.

Whether it's gaudy plastic cups or large plastic pineapples, everything has a price and a value. Junk is in demand.

And in Bowling Green, that demand is supplied by a store at 735 E. 12th St., called the Boomerang Salvage Co.

The owners, Sebrina Erskine and her husband, John, do not consider themselves antiquers. They wanted a funky junk shop.

"We wanted a shop that wasn't quiet. A place where college kids could get cool things at a good price without breaking their pockets," Erskine said.

On Fridays and Saturdays, people mill through the chairs, claw-foot bathtubs, shelves and tables littering the lawn. It all has the look of a successful garage sale.

The rest of the week is spent going to auctions, estate sales and flea

markets to find those things that people can't do without.

"John and I love to go junking," Sebrina said. "The kind of stuff that is in the shows 'Caroline in the City' or 'Dharma and Greg' you will find here."

Directly in the path of the front door is a long counter with glass panes and shelves that hold vases, jewelry and teapots. Behind the counter is Sebrina. She stands about 5-4 with short brown hair and a bright smile for everyone.

"There are free RC Colas out on the porch, diet and regular, help yourself," she says to each customer. Cave City senior Sonya Wilson was awed by the store.

"We use to have one exactly like this growing up," she said, cradling a brown ceramic bowl in her hands.

"It is a lot cooler to decorate your house with odd and ends," she said. "I graduate in May, and I wanted to decorate my new apartment. I love

old retro stuff."

Each room is filled to the capacity with retro or kitch items — plastic green chairs, loud orange pitchers with funky designs, bright yellow clocks and ice buckets, mushroom print hand towels. And did anyone's parents ever have those metal drinking cups that got frosty on the outside when they were filled with cold drinks? Well, guess what? They have those, too.

The living room is wallpapered in a bright, gaudy red that looks more suited to a Victorian brothel.

Original works of art decorate the walls while the rest of the room is a jumble of old drinking glasses, bowls, coffee pots, jugs, decanters with matching glasses, chairs, ashtrays and the list could go on and on. You name it, they've probably got it, or know where to get it.

The big item in the room is a yellow formica chrome table with matching chairs that dates back to

the 1950s.

"We just got that in and, already people have been asking about it," she said. "I don't think we will be able to keep it long."

But Boomerang also stocks what might be called real antiques. One room — dubbed the Hemingway Room — is brimming with old typewriters, old Super 8 cameras; pictures, books, suitcases and even an old library card catalog.

Erskine is particularly proud of the paintings that grace her shop's walls. "Local artists and Western students bring their works here," Erskine said. "They need a place where they can display their stuff."

Above all, Sebrina hopes that people will be able to find whatever it is that they are looking for. And she's willing to go the distance if they can't.

"If they can't find it here," she said, "I will do the hunting for them."

## 4REAL: Budding boy band coming 2 a campus near U



**SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK**  
Matt Batchelor

They were at the Oscars. They dominated the Grammys.

And you might also catch them on "Mickey Mouse Club" reruns.

If you guessed "boy bands," you may already be a winner.

What was once New Kids on the Block has morphed into an all-out boy band explosion. You got your Backstreet Boys, your 'N Sync, Five, 96 Degrees, not to mention your non-boy-bands-that-play-boy-band-style music. Namely, there's Brinney Spears, Jessica Simpson, Mandy Moore, etc. etc.

I knew the craze had hit its peak when Bowling Green Middle School was chosen last month to launch the career of John Foster, a British theater player-turned "rock 'n' roll star" (his words). Literally everyone has joined this bandwagon.

Except me. But if you can't beat 'em, join 'em, I say.

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What qualifies me for this, you ask?

The better question is, "What doesn't?" I've dabbled in the the-

ater -- at Western and elsewhere. I grew up on the Disney Channel and brushed by Orlando a time or two. Though I never appeared on "Star Search," I watched it as a boy. I'm all-American — apple pie, mom, rock 'n' roll, all that good stuff.

I have all the qualities of those personal ads you see in the paper: attractive, sensitive, funny, likes long strolls on the beach and fire-side chats, cuddling, likes to laugh, likes to party.

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# 4REAL: Columnist jumps boy bandwagon

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Pay no mind to the fact that I've never so much as played "Three Blind Mice" on guitar. My voice is the instrument, and when mixed in harmonic bliss with my furious foursome, it will glide off the CD like butta.

I'll call the band "4real," because it's not about the number of CDs we sell. No indeed, it is about the music.

This will signify just how much of our lives we are pouring into it. This reminds me of something. This is a band, you see. Fittingly, I must cast — uh, discover — my bandmates.

I must have four other band members!

Who will they be? Well, I think I have decided on two almost immediately.

Next, writing songs, recording, producing videos, meeting Carson Daly.

I guess the really hard part about this whole thing is this: which "4real" boy am I? Am I the "the one" or the wild one? The shy one? Or the little one? Stay

## Mailbag

We've got mail!  
Julie Coyle, a sophomore from Tell City, Ind., said she too loved her experience in the old, old world of Naples, Fla.

Julie's Spring Break was almost more exciting.

"I visited my parents and bought a Volkswagen Jetta. Two actually. The first one I bought on Tuesday (of the break) in Nashville. It overheated and burned up on me when I got it back to Bowling Green, so I had it towed back. Needless to say, I didn't keep the car.

"Luckily, I found another one in Evansville. This one didn't have any mechanical problems and it was a lot cheaper. So I'm very happy with it."

Glad that all worked out, Julie. Thanks for writing!

winning play is half comedy, half drama. It deals with a very serious matter — a woman's bout with incest — and manages to show her rise from this in a comedic way.

This I have to see. Be warned of adult themes and situations.

The play, which runs through April 16, shows Thursdays through Saturdays at 8, Sundays at 3. Tickets are \$8 for students.

♦ Calling all bands! New Rock 92 will be hosting a "Battle of the Bands" contest April 30 in DUC Theatre.

Call the station at 745-5350 for more details.

♦ The Muckrakers, that semi-legendary John Denver-style guitar duo, are coming to Happy Inn this Friday and Saturday. The performances each night begin at 10 p.m.

♦ Hometown heroes Nappy Roots will be making their triumphant return to Bowling Green to showcase their new album. They will be hosting a mini-concert Friday night at Club Deluxe.

Baby, baby, this is 4real. Write Matt: batchme@wku.edu or at 109 Garrett Center, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101.

## SuperPicks

♦ Pick O' the Weekend goes to "How I Learned to Drive," opening tonight at 8 at the Phoenix Theatre, 545 Morris Alley.  
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# Greeks continue decades of spirit

By ERICA WALSH  
Herald reporter

The biggest Greek event of the year is coming up, and Greeks have been practicing for months. Greek Week starts next week, which means one thing.

Tug is just around the corner. Tug is vital. It's what gets everybody's juices flowing," said Corbin senior Mike Croley, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and co-chairman of Greek Week. "Some people have been practicing for months now."

Greek Week has been a tradition at Western since the Greek system was introduced in the '60s. "Spring Sing, a talent show featuring acts from the fraternities and sororities, kicks off Greek Week Sunday night."

"Almost every fraternity and sorority on campus is going to participate in Spring Sing," said Angela Burnett, a junior from Newburgh, Ind., a member of Phi Mu sorority and co-chairwoman of Greek Week.

Other events for the week include Greek Feud, a trivia contest that's a cross between "Jeopardy!" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"; Events Day, the Greeks' version of Field Day and the mother of all events — the Tug.

With more than 1,000 people attending, Charley Pride, student activities and organizations coordinator, said Tug is the most popular event of the week.

More than 1,000 people will be there, Pride said. Croley recommended Spring Sing and Tug as the must-sees of the week.

Every event during Greek Week is graded on a point system, the more events you win, the more points you get. At the end of the week, the fraternity or sorority with the most points wins Greek Week — and bragging rights.

It's not all fun and games, though. Greek Week also includes a blood drive and Philanthropic Day.

"The blood drive is always a big success. We get almost 75 percent of every chapter to donate blood," Burnett said. "I know in my chapter, if someone can't donate blood, we asked them to find someone to donate for them."

Whether it's donating blood or tugging, Greeks are eager for their week to begin.

"It's the biggest friendly competition other than Homecoming that the Greeks have," Burnett said.

**Schedule:**

- Spring Sing — 7 p.m. Sunday, April 2, in Van Meter Auditorium. Admission is \$3.
- Banner Competition — Banners on display from 3 a.m. Monday until 5 p.m. Thursday in DFC.
- Blood Drive — 12-6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at Preston Health and Activities Center.
- Greek Feud — 8:15 p.m. Tuesday in Grise Hall Auditorium.
- Faculty Appreciation Dinner — 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Marsh's. Only open to one representative and the nominator faculty member.
- Events Day — 3 p.m. Thursday in the practice field.
- Tug — 1 p.m. Friday at Western's Farm.
- Philanthropic Day — Saturday at River Cafe.
- Events Celebration — In Banner April 9, in DFC Theater.

# MADAME MOONBEAM'S PREDICTIONS

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20)  
You might do well to tiptoe around someone who is irritable. You haven't done anything wrong, they're just well, cranky. The best thing to do is avoid them and when they catch up to you ignore the ego-crushing barbs. And if they're REALLY irritable, bob and weave.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 20)  
You're really detail-oriented right now, so it's a good time to focus on research papers, long-term projects or anything that will require a lot of concentration. Channel your energy in the right direction and the work will fly by before you even know it. And you'll be able to devote that attention to more fun details.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21)  
You might be feeling financially pinched, but don't let that shut down your plans for a good time. The company you keep could lift your spirits and remind you that fun doesn't have to be expensive. One of the cheapest ways to alleviate stress is to simply express your concerns to someone who cares. They're the best source of advice — and low-interest loans.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22)  
You could be easily irritated by small matters and may not appreciate others criticizing your methods. Try not to turn this into a war. There are two ways to approach the problem — one involves being arrested for assault, the other is listening to what the person has to say and then doing it the way you were going to in the first place.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22)  
You're probably plotting the slow and torturous death of that co-worker who's screwed you over repeatedly this semester. But before you grab the shovel and the plastic dropcloths, remember that what goes around comes around. Your boss will eventually realize who's been carrying the weight and you'll receive your just rewards.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)  
You're tired of being compared to that one person who always seems to one-up you, no matter what you do. You get an "A" on a biology test, they cure cancer. The problem is you're never going to beat this person if you make that your life's objective. You'll always be in their shadow because you've put yourself there. Every dog has its

day. Eventually you'll beat them at SOMETHING, whether it's a better-looking spouse or a round of mini-golf.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)  
An opportunity to come clean on an old lie is heading your way. Instead of trying your tracks (again,) just admit to whatever it is you did or said. You'll feel a lot better, and by now whatever you've done has probably blown over. You've just let it build in your head.


**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
You need a change of scenery. Go out this weekend and do something weird. Not "you have the right to one phone call and a public defender" weird, mind you. Try an exotic food you've always wondered about. Get something pierced. Well, maybe not that last one, but be sure to go out and have some fun.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
You're being pushed in a lot of different directions. You're feeling pressured to make a choice. Don't let that cloud your objectivity. While a bright shiny solution seems to glisten in the distance, you'll find it's probably not the best way to go.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
You're feeling particularly outgoing at the moment. Unfortunately, you're also feeling very broke. But fun doesn't have to be expensive. Call everyone you can fit in your house and organize a very cheap party. Ask everyone to bring their favorite video and some sort of junk food. If you're particularly brave, ask them to cook.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18)  
A tense situation at home or at work requires the diplomatic skills of the UN. Unfortunately, all you have is, well, you. Don't skirt around the issue, but make sure you don't trample over the other person like an elephant in platform shoes. Keep a smile on your face and you'll be amazed at what you can get away with.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)  
A partner could change directions without telling you. Don't feel betrayed or left out. Keep your mind open and accept the suggestions they have. They may have felt they had to change the focus of the project because you were ruling it with an iron fist.



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# News of the Weird *by Chuck Shepherd*

## Do unto others....

In Boston, chemical engineer Glenn Elion was sentenced to nearly four years in prison in February on a federal charge that he defrauded investors of \$3.8 million by claiming to have duplicated the potentially incredibly lucrative genetic code of spider silk.

According to the prosecutor, Elion needed the money because he himself had just been ripped off for at least \$700,000 in a familiar Nigerian scam in which a man claims he found millions in U.S. currency that has been ruined by indelible ink applied by the Nigerian government, but that he knows an expensive process to remove the ink and will split the proceeds with whoever funds the cleaning.

## Why kids really fear the dentist

In February, Union City, New Jersey prosecutors began looking into the dental practice of Kevin P. Ward, 42, after a 5-year-old boy emerged from a routine office visit with a broken leg. The boy told his mother that Dr. Ward had reacted after the boy kicked him because of pain. Also, in January, Dr. Ward was sued by the parents of an 8-year-old girl who suffered a broken wrist while having a tooth pulled in 1996.

## Arguments against the Virtual University

Malone College of Canton, Ohio announced in October that it would offer an eight week exercise and fitness class entirely online. Instructor Charles Grimes said he was confident that he could detect whether students were really doing the exercises through online chats and by requiring students to keep journals.

## Doh!

Kind-hearted Lee Ming Chi, 31, was sentenced to five years in prison in Hong Kong in December for two taxicab robberies totaling about \$200. Lee had taken pity on one victim and given him back about \$12 of the

loot, but wary of leaving fingerprints, he removed the money from the stash with his teeth and dropped it in the cabble's hand. However, police matched the DNA from the saliva on the money with DNA from Lee's blood.

## Taking Little League too seriously

East Township, Penn., police officer Shawn Phillips was charged in December with conspiracy to commit assault after a Little League pitcher said that Phillips had paid him \$2 to hit a batter with a pitch in the game in May 1999. The pitcher complied and was paid, but so far Phillips has been silent as to a motive.

## Smoking IS dangerous

In Cleveland, Charlie Smiley, 44, was charged in February with fatally stabbing a 40-year-old woman in a dispute over smoking in Smiley's boyfriend's house. And Michael Raines, 20, was charged with fatally shooting a 40-year-old man in Benton, Tennessee in October because the man would not return the cigarette lighter Raines had loaned him.

## Law enforcement made easy

Highway Patrol officers in Spearfish, South Dakota arrested a 17-year-old boy on February 19 and charged him with stealing a

car in his hometown of Madison, South Dakota.

According to police records in the Madison Daily Leader, the troopers were finishing a meal at a Perkins Restaurant when the boy, in an adjacent booth, suddenly approached them, spread-eagled himself on the floor, and said, "Please don't shoot me," and "The car is in the parking lot."

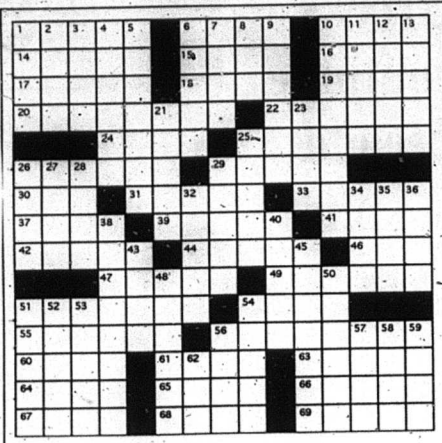
## Paging Dr. Laura...

Police in New Albany, Indiana said that Charles E. Adams, 28, convinced buddy Clifton "Scooter" Foster in January to stab him so that Adams' ex-girlfriend would visit him in the hospital.

Frederick Alex Hunchak, 35, pled guilty in Wynyard, Saskatchewan in January to puncturing the tires of three cars driven by women. He said he wanted to "rescue" them, hoping to find true love.

An Arizona State student let football player J.R. Redmond use her cell phone, then convinced him that it was an NCAA rules violation unless they got married. They did, but annulment was scheduled for March.

Michael David Rostoker, 41, an electronics firm CEO, was arrested in San Francisco in September while allegedly on his way to meet his 13-year-old Vietnamese bride-to-be. According to U.S. Customs agents, Rostoker spent \$450,000 on the girl and her family and e-mail messages to her mentioned his "need" for her to stay thin, learn English and have sex with him often.



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### Across

1. Suited
6. Hazed's position
10. Poet's contraction
14. "... an inch and they'll take ..."
15. Wheel rod
16. Cockney mare
17. Assigns a value to
18. Long body of water
19. On the ... increasing
20. Drawings done on transparent paper
22. Cement-sand-water mixture
24. Word with TV or ash
25. Saves
26. Ran after
29. Burdened
30. One of two before "hoary"
31. Lump of turf
33. Era part
37. Angered
39. Ohio, for one
41. Unassisted
42. Apostile
44. Wood
46. Fitting
47. Kitchen implement
49. Attached dwellings
51. Predicaments
54. Foreign currency
55. Straightens; var.
56. Sears and Roebuck, e.g.
60. Fast period
61. Singer Billy
63. Brilliant success
64. Table centerpiece
65. Break bread
66. Famous river
67. Matchless individual
68. Preceding periods
69. Refine ore

6. Like some stray dogs
7. WWII power
8. Laid up
9. Believed
10. Heavy rainfall
11. Corpse
12. State in India
13. Foretellers
21. Low point
23. Lyrical works
25. Assessed
26. Cookie ingredient
27. Employ
28. In ... mitted
29. Sweetheart
32. Faults
34. Course
35. Dog food maker
38. Stop going up
38. Beverage container
40. Unser or Andrett
43. Lasso
45. Lists
48. Live
50. Petty officer, for short
51. Burst of applause
52. Unsuited
53. Beethoven's solution
54. Loose color
56. Southern specialty
57. In a different way
58. Metal bar
59. Editor's notation
62. Hall of MVIII

### Answer to this week's puzzle:



### Down

1. Trading center
2. Sitar General Bradley
3. Purchase from a Middle East bakery
4. Chooses
5. Wished for

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## Small's contract extended through 2002

BY LINDSAY SUTTON  
Herald reporter

Western's athletic department made a statement about the immediate future of women's basketball yesterday by extending head coach Steve Small's contract one more year through June 30, 2002. As a matter of formality, the contract will have to be approved at next month's Board

of Regents meeting, Athletics Director Wood Selig said.

"It's hard to argue with the level of competition and the win/loss record and the individuals he has brought into the program," Selig said. "It's just been a very well-run program."

While the immediate future is secure and Small is happy with that, he has left the door open. Small is pleased with the univer-

sity's decision and indicated that he would like to retire at Western. But during the same conversation, he didn't rule out the possibility of leaving for another job.

"I'd basically like to finish my career at Western," he said. "It's always been a dream of mine ... I'm just taking it one day at a time. Whether something else opens up in the next month ... I

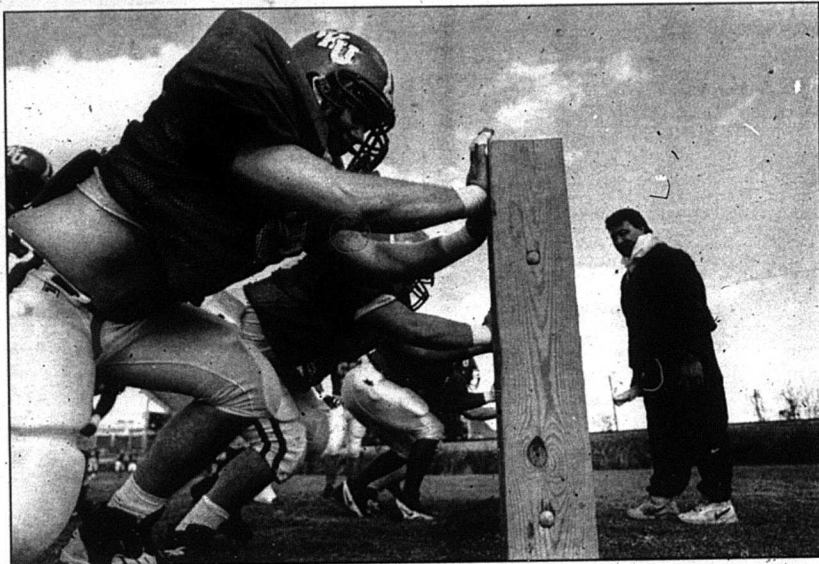
don't have a timetable.

"As long as you're productive and successful, and you're helping the university and you're helping the players, in my eyes, you just wanna keep doing it."

Small led the Lady Toppers to a 22-10 record this year en route to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, where Western lost to Duke 90-70. It's the second time

in Small's three-year reign as head coach that the Lady Toppers have advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Prior to the NCAA Tournament, Western lost to third-ranked La Tech 97-94 in the Sun Belt Conference championship game March 11 on a last-second shot.

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Daniel Wallace/Herald

New assistant football coach Mike Fanoga drills the defensive line, including Louisville freshman Chad Kincaid, left, during practice Tuesday. Fanoga was previously an assistant coach at Kentucky since 1996.

## Wisham leads spring defense

BY TRAVIS WILLIAMS  
Herald reporter

The words of senior Melvin Wisham pour slowly from his mouth like thick syrup. Laid back, that's Mel, never in a rush. But did somebody say "Swim move! Cross chop! Hit the quarterback! Take out the fullback! Wisham knows about the rush.

"You gotta get nasty out there, the competition brings that out in me," Wisham said. "When you get on the field it's a whole different attitude."

Wisham isn't just a regular student. He's an All-Ohio Valley Conference line-backer for a stingy Hilltopper defense. Before he came to Western, Wisham played a little offense at the tight end position. That didn't work out. Wisham was meant to play line-backer. After all, you don't ask a five-star restaurant for

curly fries, and you don't ask Wisham to play on the offensive side of the ball.

"I like defense better," Wisham said. "You get a chance to punish other people on defense more than when you're on offense."

"Both of them go hand in hand. They say offense wins ballgames, but defense wins championships."

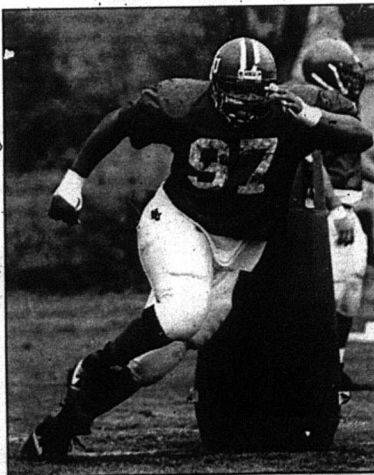
Wisham and the Hilltopper defense have some high goals this year and with their personnel, Wisham believes all are attainable. Some of those goals include: having the No. 1 defense in the OVC, being one of the top teams in forced turnovers and putting a few points on the board.

Those goals will have to be accomplished without graduating senior Ben Wittman. Wittman was a big piece of the defense last year, which now

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THE HERALD IS FOLLOWING TOPPER SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. TODAY WE EXAMINE THE DEFENSE.

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Daniel Wallace/Herald

Sophomore defensive tackle Arthur Wilson weaves through obstacles during practice Wednesday.

## Arena study begins to take shape

Decision could be made in August

BY TRAVIS MAYO  
Herald reporter

A selection committee could soon be one step closer to giving its final answer regarding Western's arena future.

Athletics director Wood Selig said that the committee of representatives from Western, the city of Bowling Green and Warren County is negotiating a contract with one of seven firms that were sought to conduct a feasibility study. The firm, when chosen, will study the options — building an off-campus arena or renovating Diddle Arena.

"Best-case scenario is that we start this study in April, it's conducted in May, June and July, and sometime in August we get the results and know what our options are," Selig said.

The name of the firm will not be released until negotiations conclude, which Selig hopes will be in the next two weeks.

"This firm was by far the best firm that we interviewed with," said Student Government Association President Amanda Coates.

He said when a deal is reached, a press conference could be called to outline the scope and details of the feasibility study.

The original plan was to have the study finished by mid-May, but Selig said the committee slowed the process to generate a more extensive study. Public meetings will be held, but the dates and times won't be announced until that press conference.

"Obviously, we want to get some of those meetings in before the students leave, because we really value the input and desires of our student body," Selig said.

The city, county and Hilltopper Athletic Foundation will each fund 1/3 of the study, with the university portion coming from strictly donations, gift dollars and private support. The firms estimated that a new off-campus arena could cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per seat. Selig guesses that an 8,000-seat venue would cost between \$25 million and \$40 million, while a 10,000-seat arena could reach anywhere from \$30 million to \$50 million.

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# Finally, football season has arrived

What's that? Football? Nah, not in late March. Can't be. Something else must be going on between that row of houses and circle of mobile homes. Construction must be at the end of the gravel trail tucked behind University Boulevard.

Betting that it's football would be like betting Pat Buchanan still has a shot at the White House, right?

Maybe another trip to the betting window would be best.

There are hard hats at this site — helmets.

It's fitting that the stage for spring cleaning is dropped next to an electric field. It's fitting that the yells from the cast on this makeshift gridiron are often drowned by the rattle and hum of trams.

It's fitting that a run of mild temperatures, shorts and hints of golf are interrupted by an afternoon with chilling bite.

In the heat of the craziest time in college basketball, a time when tournament brackets are paper wads for trash-cans-turned-hoops and there's

no question about what to check out on television on Monday, the pigskin shows its seams.

Baseball is just now polishing its diamond for opening day, warming up its ballpark bratwursts and training its vendors' selling chants — but the ball in the spotlight for a few days is a bit bigger.

Finally, football. Spring football, but still football.

Football because of the slew of rants, each from a different group of padded players and each at the same time. You can't help but crack a smile at the chorus of screams, instructions and whistles. They race through the air in jumbled unison, not understandable yet as clear as spring water. It's football.

Football because of the constant clashes on the turf that's cut a little higher than the frame. They come in all forms: quick and painful, slow and painful, loud and painful. Some clutching the ball are dragged down, shoulders crunched into the ground.



**OUT OF BOUNDS**  
Travis Mayo

Others are pounced into the air, losing the ball sometimes and barely holding on the rest of time.

Most feeling the impact send the sideline scrambling, tapping the chorus back into the game.

Grunt, chant, scream, prep. Finally, football.

Spring football, yes, but don't say that with a light tone. Don't halfway utter the term, or say it as if it's nothing important to a football squad. It's one of the key points in the making of a team, a looking glass for coaches and ballers to peer into, to snag a taste of what's to come.

The game is serious in the

spring.

Just ask the Hilltoppers clad in red taking a breather between drills, holding the water tube in one hand and pointing at their teammates inside the lines with the other. Just try to not hear Western coach Jack Harbaugh instantly break a play with a shriek that sends his students back to square one. And just try to stand in the way of one of those hits. Then, you'll know that even so close to April, football is serious.

If there were spring flowers sprouting between the blades of grass, cleats would slice them like machetes. There's no call for tulips in a time of tackling.

Finally, football.

"You've gotta go out there and act like a bunch of crazed dogs!"

That's not Lawrence Taylor giving an inspirational speech to Western's football team. It's sophomore cornerback/kick returner Joe Jefferson biting at his teammates. Maybe, he should sport a dawning "JJ" earring.

Nursing a banged-up knee this spring, Jefferson roams around, defending the defense when anyone says a harsh word toward it, even in joking.

He eventually finds his way into the offensive line huddle to get them riled up. Just ask him how serious of a game these two weeks spawn.

If you say it passively, Jefferson will bite your head off.

"I hate Kentucky weather," Jefferson said.

But he loves football. Everyone who strides along that field must. Everyone who comes just to watch must.

Anyone who finds the hidden treasure that is spring football must.

Finally, football.

Kinda makes you want August to come quicker than usual.

Travis Mayo's column normally runs Thursday and occasionally Tuesday. He can be reached at 745-6291 or at mizbro@hotmail.com.

## CONTRACT: Critics are silenced

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"This just tells me that Western still thinks I'm the person for the job," said Small, who has an overall record of 69-26. "The university still thinks I'm the person to keep the program where it's at."

Junior forward and All-American ShaTae Mansfield is glad Small's contract has been extended. The Louisville native underwent a coaching change after her junior year at Manual High School and said it's a hard transition.

"I'm so thankful he's going to be around," Mansfield said. "He really believes in himself and he believes in what he can bring to (the team). Coach Small's done an excellent job of being a motivator and a friend."

Small is bringing in a recruiting class that currently includes one junior college player and five Kentucky high school players. Hart County High School guard/forward Leslie Logsdon was named to the Associated Press's first-team All-State team. Owensboro Apollo guard/forward Jamie Truitt and Marshall County forward Leah Lineberry were named second-team. Danika Cox of Montgomery County High School made the third team. Warren East High School, was injured and didn't play the entire season. The Lady Toppers aren't looking to add any more freshmen but could add one or two more junior college players.

Before this season began, Small faced criticism, because he inked only one scholarship player, freshman guard Jennifer Slaughter from Edmonson County, in the signing period. Doubters jumped to conclusions, saying the team would be unsuccessful this year and that the program was in a slump with him at the helm.

Small doesn't expect this season's success or his contract extension to silence critics completely. But he hopes it will help them rethink doubts about his and his players' abilities.

"It's pretty obvious that the rumors in September and October were unjustified," Small said. "We probably would've liked more support, but when my back was against the wall and the players' backs were against the wall, we came out like a bolt of lightning."

"We pretty well told the doubters to quit doubting Lady Topper basketball."

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# Sadowski gradually working way into pitching rotation

Western wins 5-4 over Tennessee Tech

By BRIAN MOORE  
Herald reporter

He underwent major surgery on his golden right shoulder in the spring of 1998.

Then he did it again in the spring of 1999.

Doctors said he might never throw a baseball for the rest of his life. They were even more sure that he wouldn't return to pitch in a collegiate baseball game.

But now junior right-handed hurler Kevin Sadowski is turning two years' worth of rehabilitation into one of the most inspirational stories in Western athletics' history.

Sadowski is gradually working his way back into Western's rotation, but nothing appeared to be gradual about his six-inning performance Tuesday night. That's when he gave up just three hits to lead the Hilltoppers over Tennessee Tech 5-4.

Western (12-14, 4-4 in Sun Belt) used five one-run innings to build a big enough lead to hold off the Golden Eagles (12-12), despite giving up three runs in the ninth inning.

"It felt awesome," Sadowski said about his outing. "I've been waiting three years to feel that way. I pitched stronger and stronger as the game went on. It's hard to explain... I haven't felt it in so long. I felt like I was in a zone."

Western coach Joel Murrie shares Sadowski's excitement.

"Kevin was just outstanding," Murrie said. "It's so satisfying to me to see him out on the mound. This is a guy who could very well be done with his baseball career and he's fought back so hard and he's

**"I've been waiting three years to feel that way. I pitched stronger and stronger as the game went on."**

— Kevin Sadowski  
Western junior pitcher

getting better every time out."

Western tallied a run in the first, second, fourth, fifth and ninth innings. Junior first baseman Eric Hammer went 3 for 4 including a first-inning double, which put him in a position to score the game's first run.

Junior left fielder Matt Fox went 2 for 3 at the plate and scored in the sixth inning.

Freshman Matt Wilhite closed in the final three innings for the Hilltoppers and gave up three runs on four hits.

"Matthew did an outstanding job as well and fought through a couple difficulties in the ninth inning," Murrie said. "I don't look at him as a freshman. I just look at him as the guy who's got the most appearances on our team and is very capable of getting anybody out."

Although the Toppers have lost six of their last eight games, another three-game Sun Belt Conference series is headed their way this weekend.

South Alabama (8-18, 3-5) will visit Western and try to boost their conference record after taking three losses to ninth-ranked Louisiana-Lafayette two weeks ago. The Jaguars have shown they can play with nationally-ranked opponents by winning at eighth-ranked Auburn 9-4 and at 17th-ranked Alabama 4-1.

Traditionally a strong pitching and base-running team, South Alabama has been nationally ranked in recent years and has advanced to the postseason 12 of the last 16 years under head coach Steve

Kittrell. They were picked to win the Sun Belt by the conference's coaches in the preseason.

"South Alabama is just a sleeping dog right now," Murrie said. "I'm not looking at them with any more enthusiasm at 8-18 as I would if they were 18-8. They're a good ball club. They have been the premier club in this league for many years and they've gotten there with talent and good coaching."

To win the series would be a tremendous boost for Western in the conference standings. They are tied with Arkansas State for third behind Louisiana-Lafayette (8-1) and New Orleans (5-3).

Fifth-year senior pitcher Josh Novotney may see action this weekend but will not start. Novotney has been nursing a sore elbow and hasn't taken the mound since late January when he gave up just two runs in seven hits at top-ranked Florida State.

"This is a huge series for us," Sadowski said. "Whoever wants it the most will come away with it. We need two out of three this weekend. If we could sweep them it would be even better."

**Townsend out for three weeks**

Sophomore third baseman Tanner Townsend was just about to return from a minor break in a knucklebone sustained in a freak golfing accident when he came down with severe stomach pains during Sunday's game against Louisiana Tech.

Townsend sought medical attention at Greenview Hospital where doctors decided to remove his appendix immediately. Townsend expects to be sidelined for about three weeks.

"I'm in pain right now," Townsend said. "My stomach is all messed up."

**KA Bulletin Board**

- Great Job at the Run for Children: Kelly Gill, Lee Humble, Camille Johnson and Megan Proud
- Great Job to Kelly Bright in the MS Walk!
- Keep up the good work KD softball teams!
- Thanks to Winn Dixie, all 3 Kroger stores, K-Mart and Toys 'R' Us for allowing us to have our Shamrock Collection Day at their businesses.
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# DEFENSE: Hilltoppers want to use mix of experience, youth

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has to look to some new faces for contributions.

"Ben Tittman was about 40 percent of our productivity last year," head coach Jack Harbaugh said. "Sacks, tackles and big plays — most of them came from Ben and somebody has to come and lift that position for us."

Harbaugh would like for his defense to have a certain attitude about them, almost cocky. In this case, he has to look no further than sophomore defensive end Tyreece Lawless. A 6-3 227-pound Nashville native, Lawless thinks the Topper defense is going to be more than all right.

"Basically teams are gonna have problems," Lawless said. "A lot of problems."

And his plans for this season? "Seek and destroy," he said. The secondary of the defense will consist of a group of highly athletic players, including

sophomore standout Joe Jefferson, junior Mr. Do-It-All Alan Ogletree (who has played up to five positions in his career), last year's Conference Freshman of the Year Bobby Sippio and track sprinter/safety Sherrod Coates.

All are capable of making the secondary a definite "no-fly zone."

The defense, as well as the whole team, took a major hit when it was handed a sound beating at the hands of a mediocre Southern Illinois team in the last game of last season. Throwing salt in old wounds is never a good feeling, but the team definitely wants to redeem themselves.

"They put it on us," sophomore defensive lineman Arthur Wilson said. "They beat us from the beginning to the end, running, passing, kickoff returns; everything. They gave us a nice hit."

It took Harbaugh a long while to review the game. It was six

months before he even looked at the game film. It was too uncharacteristic of Western football, but he finally admitted what happened at Southern Illinois.

"Someone obviously hijacked the bus," Harbaugh said. "Tied up all the players and put people in there that weren't us, including the coach."

"I don't think I was prepared for that game," he continued. "The defense carries no more responsibility for it than the offense, the offense carries no more responsibility for it than I do."

But the sun was still shining the next day and the Hilltoppers put the game behind them. It's a new season with new faces and new attitudes. OVC teams are going to promise that they have a plan to stop the Western defense.

But everybody has a plan, the Hilltoppers say. Until they get hit.

# ARENA: Studies will continue

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New arena or not, one of the questions surrounding the outcome is the decision on serving alcohol. It will depend on the landlord. Owners or lessors of

the planned luxury suites will have the option to serve alcohol, regardless of the event.

But any presumption that a new arena is in the works is just that — presumption. "I think that's critical,

because there are a lot of emotions associated with maintaining Diddle," Selig said. "That still could be a very good option. We wouldn't be spending the money if we knew the answers already."

## Sports Briefs

### Golf team's got game

Coach Brian Tirpak's men's golf squad once again leads the nation in short-game statistics. Senior Nate Gilchrist is helping lead the way, ranking second in the nation in non-sand up and downs and third in total short game. Western will play in the Johnny Owens Inv. in Lexington, Ky. this weekend.

— Ryan Clark

### WESTERN SPORTS SCORECARD

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Men's Tennis	7-7	Saturday at Belmont
Women's Tennis	1-13	Today at Louisville
Softball	15-16-1	Today at Austin Peay

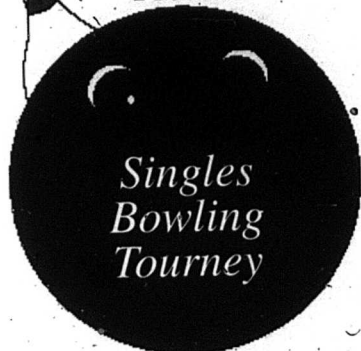
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# Dancing with two Topperettes during a drought

We interrupt this Western spring sports drought for a dance.

Let's dance. Specifically, let's dance with Topperettes captain Alison Cobb and co-captain Janet Thompson. Let's dance with them through their inspiring tale of determination. From kiddie dancing to the pros. From the Topperettes, Western's dance team, to the Arena Football team, the Nashville Kats, the pros.

They are charming gals, really. Let's dance, Cobb, a Frankfort senior, was kicked out of tap class "because I wouldn't stop tapping my shoes." Thompson, a Leitchfield senior, says her fiancée "tries to get on my good side and dance" every once in a while. Let's dance.

Cobb started the Franklin County High School dance team from scratch. Thompson was a cheerleader for three years at Grayson County High School, then joined the Topperettes "since I couldn't tumble." Let's dance.

Together, they have helped the Topperettes gain national prominence. The Topperettes are among the top 10 teams in their division. This year, the team placed seventh. Let's dance.

The duo has their pro debut with the Kats at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in Nashville. They will cheer for quarterbacks who hope to be the next Kurt Warner. For linebackers who try to seduce NFL scouts with their talent. For wide receivers, once headed to stardom, who had run-ins with the law. Welcome to the world of



## PLAYGROUND NOTES

Jerry Brewer

semi-pro football and its complex stories. Let's dance.

Cobb and Thompson are now cheerleaders, mind you. Dancers and cheerleaders aren't as strictly defined in the pros. It is a departure from being a Topperette. "It's little girls in tight clothes," Cobb says. Let's dance.

But wait! Why dance? Why dance for a group that somewhat belittles your accomplishments in the name of sexiness? "It's the excitement and the publicity and just the fact that you're a semi-professional cheerleader," Thompson says. It's a dream. It's a chance to stay young. It's an avenue to do what they love and, along the way, maybe bring legitimacy to professional cheerleading.

"It'll never be sanctioned as a sport," Cobb says of dancing and cheerleading. "It's something I will always work to achieve, though."

Let's dance. But, no doubt, it will be tough to handle professional cheerleading. The 22 Kats cheerleaders have their waists checked to make sure they're not too big. Some major professional cheerleaders, like the ones who cheer for the Washington Redskins, must

wear makeup during practice. "I'm not sure if I'm cut out for that," Thompson says.

Let's... dance. Yes, let's dance! Let's dance legitimately. Sure, you have to wear tight stuff, but "that's just dancers," Cobb says. But Cobb and Thompson can still do it right. They can still be sharp while bobbing, dipping, jiggling, moving, swinging.

They can still be "old-school dancers," as Cobb describes them. "Sharp, hard movements. I mean, not like the Roger Rabbit or anything."

Note to the old-old-old school: the Roger Rabbit was a 1980s dance fad. Let's dance.

Saturday will be the culmination of hard work and fret. The hard work being traveling back and forth from Nashville twice a week for practice.

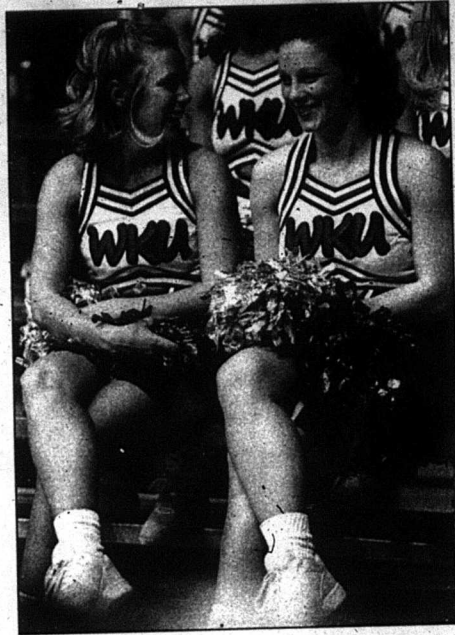
During basketball season, while they were still leading the Topperettes-full time, it was hectic. The Topperettes practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the same day as the Kats. Let's dance.

Too tired, huh? That much dancing hurts the legs like it hurts the eyes to read long paragraphs.

"I don't know how I could function if I had a lot of free time," Cobb says. "We work hard, so we look good, and that makes us feel better about ourselves," Thompson says.

Now you know what they've been through. Now you know the sacrifice it has taken to fulfill a dream. Now you know that, even though they do not get athletic scholarships, they are still athletes.

We now return to our regularly scheduled drought.



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Frankfort senior Alison Cobb, left, and Leitchfield senior Janet Thompson have been selected to be on the Nashville Kats Arena Football cheerleading squad. Cobb was the captain of the Topperettes, Western's dance team, and Thompson was her co-captain. During their four years at Western, they have helped the Topperettes gain national prominence.



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