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Louisville freshman Nicole Simpson performs during the talent portion of the Miss Black Western pageant in the DUC Theatre on Thursday night.

photo by Lavondia Majors

## A Gala night

### Hartsfield wins Miss Black Western

BY KENESHA JOHNSON  
Herald reporter

From the moment they took the stage Thursday, there was nonstop applause for the 12 contestants of the 29th annual Miss Black Western Gala.

The women were judged in categories like evening wear, personal narratives and talent. In the talent portion, they did everything from spiritual dancing to singing.

At the end of the long night, Paducah sophomore Melissa Hartsfield was crowned the

new Miss Black Western.

In the talent portion of the program, Hartsfield did a passionate monologue about a tragedy resulting from drunk driving. She combined acting and singing, creating a show stopping performance.

"I couldn't believe it," Hartsfield said. "I am so happy I did this because it gave me a chance to get to know all of the other wonderful contestants."

Second runner-up Aaron Taste, a sophomore from Eutawville, S.C., said she liked her experience in the pageant.

"Crown or no crown; it was all worth it, every bit of it," Taste said.

After every performance, there was a roar of standing

And the Winner is ...



Cassandra Shie/Herald

Paducah sophomore Melissa Hartsfield walks the stage in DUC Theatre after winning the Miss Black Western Gala 2000 on Thursday night. Hartsfield was one of 12 contestants competing for the title.

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## Firm chosen for study

Arena answers should  
come by mid-July

BY TRAVIS MAYO  
Herald reporter

Now, there's a name to Western's arena plans.

A contract for the feasibility study to determine whether a new off-campus arena be built or the existing Diddle Arena be renovated, has been awarded to a group headed by Louisville architectural firm Louis and Henry.

The announcement came Thursday in a Downing University Center room filled with university, city and county representatives, along with members of the arena project team. After a feasibility review committee heard proposals from the three final groups the past couple of months, the biggest step to this point in answering the arena questions has been taken.

"There was stiff competition for this project," Western athletics director Wood Selig said. "This represented what we felt to be the best team. When you talk about teams that win national championships, you talk about chemistry and the makeup of the team."

Louis and Henry, and the team it collected, fit the Big Red bill.

The study, which will cost just below \$130,000, is now rolling along a 90-day timeline, which puts the finished findings at mid-July. The cost will be split between the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, Bowling Green and Warren County. The university portion will come strictly from donations, gift dollars and private support.

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### INSIDE

#### Richardson named queen

Shelbyville senior Kerri Richardson was named this year's Kentucky Derby Queen. She beat out four other candidates, all from the University of Louisville. Page 10

#### All you need to know about the loveable mascot, Big Red

Big Red has been on the Hill since 1979. Now find out about a day in the life of the most loveable character on the Hill. Features, Page 11

#### Football spring scrimmage

The Hilltopper football team had its annual Red/White scrimmage on Saturday. The Red squad beat the White squad 37-14.

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## Martin-Bedo end long day as SGA leaders

### Caswell beats Lyons for finance post

BY REX HALL JR.  
Herald reporter

Student Government Association vice president Cassie Martin and Duan Wright sat silent on the third floor of Downing University Center Thursday. They were tired. Tired of campaigning and ready for an end to their bout for president of SGA.

The two opponents took the time to wish each other luck before being called back in along

with the other candidates to hear the results of the election. Luck and the greater number of votes were on Martin's side.

She, along with her running mate Leslie Bedo, chairwoman of SGA's Public Relations committee, walked away victorious over Wright and his running mate, Dwight Campbell, chairman of the Legislative Research Committee, and will lead SGA next year.



Cassie Martin

"I am just overwhelmed and excited," Martin said, wiping tears from her eyes. "I really didn't think we had won, but everyone just pulled together in the end."

Martin, a Glasgow junior, and Bedo, a Bowling Green sophomore, received 654 votes, while Wright and Campbell tallied 541.

Bedo said now that the elections are over, a weight has been lifted from her and Martin's shoulders.

"I am thrilled," Bedo said. "Cassie and I worked so hard on this, and we both put in a big effort."

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### SGA executive officers

President/Vice President  
Cassie Martin/Leslie Bedo  
654 votes  
Duan Wright/Dwight Campbell  
541 votes

Vice President of Finance  
Amy Caswell 706 votes  
Billy Lyons 463 votes

Vice President of Public Relations  
Leslie Bedo (unopposed)

Vice President of Administration  
Adam Howard (unopposed)

## Weather forecast

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
72° 47°	83° 60°	82° 56°	73° 50°	71° 50°
Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Partly cloudy

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W: 79°/60°  
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F: 66°/48°  
S: 69°/50°

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F: 66°/48°  
S: 69°/50°

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S: 69°/50°

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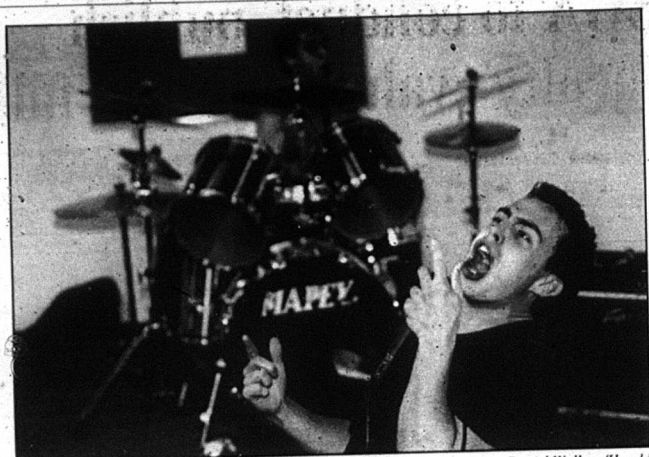
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F: 68°/49°  
S: 69°/49°

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F: 66°/48°  
S: 69°/50°

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Daniel Wallace/Herald

**Basement rock:** Red Headed Step-Children lead singer Mike O'Connor, 19, a student of the University of Kentucky, and drummer Rocky Borders, 19, from Berea, rock the basement of Broadway United Methodist Church Friday night. The band drove from Lexington to perform with local hardcore/punk band Milk Chocolate Break-Up.

## Crime Reports

## Arrests

◆ Natalie Dawn Brown, Morgantown, was charged Sunday with DUI and disregarding a traffic control device. She was released from the Warren County Regional Jail on the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

◆ Derrick Shane Weaver, Spring Hollow Apartments, was charged Friday with disregarding a stop sign and DUI. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail on the same day on a court order.

◆ Shawn Nathan Lee, Shannon Court, was charged Friday with speeding in a restricted zone and DUI. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail on the same day on a court order.

◆ Joseph Allen Lewis, Chestnut Street, was charged Friday with DUI and disregarding a traffic control device. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail on the same day on time served.

◆ Raleigh Warren Williams II,

was charged Friday with DUI and disregarding a traffic control device. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a court order.

◆ Timothy Ryah McBride, Barnes-Campbell, was charged Thursday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He was released the next day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

◆ Matthew Paul Sims, Pearce-Ford Tower, was charged Thursday with ignoring a red light, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a court order.

## Reports

◆ Fire alarms were activated Monday on the third and fourth floor of Keen Hall.

◆ Whitney Nicole Sheaffer, Central Hall, reported Monday she was assaulted.

◆ David Matthew Carter,

Rodes-Harlin Hall, reported Sunday that his passenger side window was broken and his CD player was stolen while parked in the Adams street lot. The damage to his car was valued at \$100 and the CD player was valued at \$35.66.

◆ Jeffery Joseph Davis, Rodes, reported Sunday that he received threatening phone calls.

◆ Stefani Ann Hodgkins, Rodes, reported Sunday that the driver's side window was broken and \$63 cash was stolen from her car. The damage to the window was valued at \$100.

◆ Melinda Sue Dollens, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported her parking permit stolen on Wednesday. The value of the permit is \$60.

◆ Heather Lynn Dykes, hall director of North Hall, reported Wednesday that six fund raiser cups were stolen from the front desk. There was about \$12 in the cups.

◆ Nick V. Lellers, North, reported a letter missing from the mail.

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Jamie Bailey  
Amy Beck  
Denise Billingsley  
Shannon Bullington  
Aaron Davis  
Leslie Davis  
David Denton  
Ted Eysenbach  
Ashley Garmon  
Courtney Goodwin  
Barrett Hammer  
Darin Helm  
Joanna Hendrix  
Jeremy Hood  
John Hughes  
Andrea Humpert

Shannon Jackson  
Yonghee Jang  
Anna Jindrich  
Matthew Keaton  
Michelle Kingrey  
Leslie Kinnett  
Patricia Kist  
Maryana Kushnir  
Matthew Lanius  
Matt Larson  
Michael Lindskog  
Rhonda Logsdon  
Amy Luckett  
Jaime Lutz  
Tracy Madison  
Larri Ann Mahoney  
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Ryan Meredith  
Matthew Miller  
Jeremy Mooneyhan  
Ryan Ashley Morrison  
Daniel Myers  
Stephen Newby  
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Callan Yeoman  
Ling Zhao



# SGA to conduct, publish faculty evaluations next fall

## Motion passes with surprising ease

By REX HALL JR.  
Herald reporter

Starting next fall, the Student Government Association will administer its own faculty evaluations and publish them for student viewing.

SGA and the Faculty Senate finally reached an agreement Thursday, when the senate passed a motion saying SGA will be given class time to conduct its own evaluations. SGA's evaluations will be done on a different day than the university's evaluations and will be mandatory for teachers to conduct.

Unexpectedly to some, the motion passed overwhelmingly. "It surprised me," Faculty Senate Chairman Ed Wolfe said. "I thought it would be a close vote. I assume SGA can live with this." SGA president Amanda Coates originally wanted to compile 10 to 15 questions to be added on to the current faculty evaluations

and then posted on the Internet. But faculty did not want SGA piggybacking their questions onto the current evaluations.

Coates said she was ecstatic about the Faculty Senate and SGA reaching an agreement.

"It renews my faith in faculty-student relations on the Hill," Coates said.

The evaluations will be administered during both the fall and spring semesters. SGA's resolution did not stipulate who would assume responsibility for the evaluations. Coates said it was originally thought by SGA that the university would bear the burden, but the faculty senate's motion puts all legal responsibility on SGA.

The senate and Coates also agreed that a joint committee of faculty and SGA representatives will meet annually to approve SGA's evaluations.

Now that SGA and Coates have gotten something to their liking, the organization must focus on how it is going to implement the evaluations.

"We have made a big step, but the executive committee (of SGA) is going to have to work things out," Coates said.

At Thursday's meeting, Adam Howard, SGA information technology director, said the results of the evaluations could be done in cooperation with Institutional Research, or by SGA alone, and then put on the Internet. Students would be able to gain access to the evaluations with their personal access code (PAC) and their social security number. Coates said if the organization takes this route, the results would have to be posted on the university's Web page.

How SGA will pay for the evaluation process has not yet been decided, but Coates said, like Provide-A-Ride, faculty evaluations are a major service SGA can provide for students.

"Whatever it costs, it will be worth it," Coates said.

Coates and SGA are still waiting on the attorney general's ruling on whether or not the current faculty evaluations are public records. But, Coates said, since SGA and faculty have reached an agreement, the ruling will not affect them.

"We are just doing it to let other universities see the outcome of the ruling," Coates said. "They are interested."

# Bonds will help upgrade dorms

## Ordinance must pass second reading

By ABBEY BROWN  
Herald reporter

The Student Life Foundation took a big step toward the renovation of Western's dorms Friday afternoon. The Warren County Fiscal Court gave the first reading, approving the sale of the foundation's revenue bonds, a total \$75 million.

Student Life Foundation attorney Stephen Catron said Warren County acts as a conduit for financing the bond, meaning the bonds will be sold in the county's name, but it is not liable for them. This is done for tax purposes, making the bonds tax exempt.

"It is a marvelous project," Catron said. "It would be impossible for Western to renovate the facilities under any other circumstances. This project is going to permit the university to renovate all of the dorms and bring them up to modern standards over the next five years."

Kentucky law requires all ordinances to go through two readings. Attorney Parker Duncan, who is the bond counsel for the project, said because all magistrates voted for the sale of the bonds during the first reading, it will most likely pass the second reading on April 28.

President Gary Ransdell said the project is unfolding on schedule.

"I am anxious to get the bonds sold and the contracts bid over summer," Ransdell said. "I am anxious to get it under way."

The bonds are sold through First Union Securities, the lead underwriter/investment banking firm, Natcity Investments Inc. and Hilliard Lyons, all firms selected by the Student Life Foundation board to act as investment advisors on the project.

After the second reading of the ordinance, the foundation will be able to sell the bonds. It plans on doing this some time around May 15, Catron said. First Union Securities will find investors who are interested in purchasing the bonds. Catron said they already know these investors are committed to purchasing the bonds.

"It is a good investment," Catron said. "They are high quality bonds. Western's project is very financially sound."

Catron said the bonds will be sold in big chunks to corporations or banks. For example, \$20 million in bonds could be sold to a single investor.

The Student Life Foundation will probably only sell \$63 million of the \$75 million in bonds. They purchased the surplus of bonds as a security so they would not have to go through the approval process twice if more money was needed.

About \$20 million will be used to pay off existing debts for dining and housing bonds. Roughly \$35 million will be used to renovate the dorms. The remaining balance will create debt service reserves and maintenance reserves to provide a cushion for the debt.

Western is required, under current tax laws, to spend the

"This project is going to permit the university to renovate all of the dorms and bring them up to modern standards...."

— Stephen Catron  
Student Life Foundation attorney

entire \$35 million during a five-year period. Catron said this won't be a hard

"This is perhaps the only one-project of its kind done in this matter,"

Catron said. "The dorms aren't going to be privatized, and it will be clear to students by the end of the project what's going on; they will end up with new buildings."

Duncan said the project is a great thing for Western. "The students will be very pleased once all the work gets done," Duncan said. "It is a unique and innovative way to vastly improve dorm inventory in a way no one expected to occur."

Ransdell said he is excited about the project and what it will do for Western's students.

"It's a transformational project for our students and their quality of life," Ransdell said.

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# Opinion

## Martin must stand up on tough issues

Welcome to the throne, Cassie Martin. Hope that you had fun celebrating your win in last week's clean, uncontroversial Student Government Association presidential election.

Now the hard part begins for you and, fortunately, you have a head start.

We thought we'd offer some additional help, so here's a few suggestions:

You need to continue President Amanda Coates' work to make faculty evaluations available to students. The Faculty Senate has finally agreed to let SGA do its own evaluations during class time. Now it's up to you to make sure this actually happens, and that the evaluations actually answer what students want to know.

Another issue you are sure to tackle is plans to make freshmen and sophomores purchase meal plans. This plan is an abomination and must be put down before university administrators run it through under our noses.

Then there's the unfinished business that is WKU. Health Center. Western students still don't know what getting sick will cost them next semester.

You have already worked closely with officials on this issue, and we hope you'll continue to represent student interests. That means keeping costs down and making sure students aren't buying an insurance plan they don't want or need.

Finally, Western will hire a replacement this summer for Jerry Wilder, vice president of Student Affairs.

Wilder has been an excellent voice for students, sometimes taking an unpopular stand to ensure what is best for students.

You have the daunting task of keeping Wilder's replacement in line with the standards he set. The student body will not stand for a vice president that ignores its needs.

Vice President-elect Leslie Bedo doesn't get off easy either.

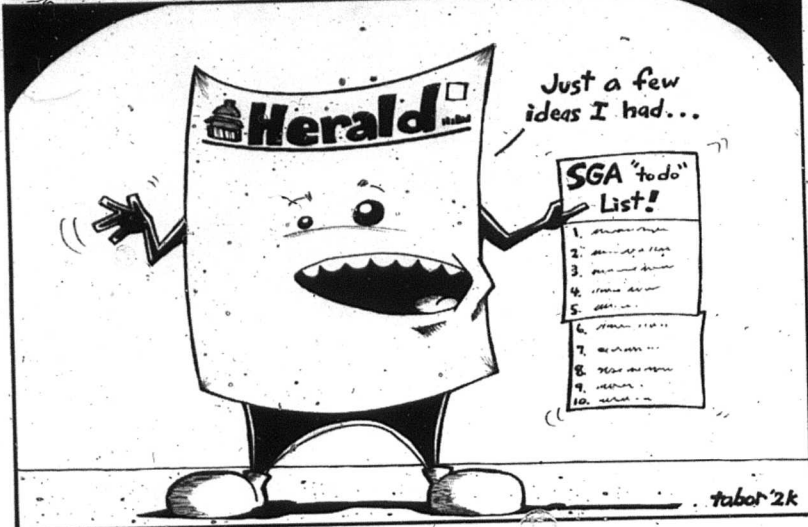
Bedo will serve on the Student Life Foundation where she will play an important role in the renovation of Western's dorms. She must ensure that students' needs are met while costs are kept reasonable.

SGA has a chance to make some real progress next semester. It will take strong leadership to stand up and fight over each of these issues.

We believe you and Bedo show the potential to make a real difference. We just hope you two will follow through.

**The issue:** SGA Vice President Cassie Martin was elected president for next year.

**Our view:** Martin will deal with important issues and must be a voice for students.



## Post-election voter's guide to SGA elections

Quick — what's the difference between Halloween and SGA elections?

Give up? For Halloween, people dress up and go around getting candy.

For SGA elections, people dress up and go around giving other people candy... along with threats of physical violence.

"Vote for Wright... or I'll break your legs."

"Take this gum, and if you don't vote for Martin, I hope you choke to death on it."

OK, so the workers aren't quite this pushy, but they're certainly not much better.

I think I actually tricked one of Billy Lyons' workers into feeling bad for being so pushy. She apologized. I laughed.

I get kind of nostalgic around this time of year, because it was a letter about SGA elections that got me my start at the Herald.

You can look it up in your voluminous collection of Herald back issues... or just believe me.

I stuck up for Charlie Lanter, who wrote an opinion column with his picks for the election.

Friends tell me Charlie celebrated all this by getting drunk and busing a window with his butt at a party.

That's arguably the best thing ever to come of SGA elections.

This year, the voting choices were more difficult than the ones I've made in the past.

At the presidential level, the options were two candidates I don't know. I didn't know vice presidential candidate Leslie Bedo either. So aside from the obvious charms of the fine ladies, I'm pretty nonplussed at this stage of my voting experience.

But I do know D.J. Campbell, the vice presidential candidate. Once, D.J. actually climbed onto the high overhang at McCormack Hall to pull down an errant throw (by sports editor Ryan Clark) to save my football. That made my decision for me.

I believe Campbell's promises to do something for the students, mainly because he already did more for me by saving that football than I ever remember SGA doing.

Then it was Amy Caswell versus Billy Lyons for vice president of Finance. Billy lives in my dorm, so one point for him. But Amy and I are friends because we have shared a mildly obscene joke about a former SGA member for two years now. I'm reduced to tears just by hearing this individual's name, and I assure you all that I'd let you in on the joke, but I don't really need the libel charges that would follow.

Advantage: Caswell.

Then it was time for the Constitutional amendments.

I could have just voted "yes" for all three, like around 80 percent of voters did. But I wanted to vote against something.

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The second one didn't look good at first, but it did have a number which was written out and then repeated in parentheses. That's a selling point for me, so it got a yes vote.

The third amendment was very long. It had a lot of numbers. I'm 12 for all 398 sorts of 4,218.22 random numbers 6 popping up 81 all over the place! So I gave it a yes and went on my way, knowing that my educated decisions would help Western shape its highly important governmental policy.

OK, so I laughed about the whole thing and got a haircut. I'm a softball writer, for God's sake. What did you expect?

One thing that does give me hope is that approximately eight percent of Western students actually voted in the election. Martin and Bedo won the election with the full and hearty support of just over four percent of all students.

Why does this give me hope? It's time for my campaign.

If I could get five percent of Western students — yes, one out of every 20 — to go out and vote for me, I could win.

I know somewhere out there, at least one person out of 20 is just sick enough to support my campaign. If I can keep all of you out of the insane asylum long enough, I'm counting on you to follow me in my journey to the top in 2001.

It's kind of a low key campaign — meaning I'm not going to talk about it again. I don't make any promises. I'm not going to hassle you about voting for me. Frankly, I don't care. But if in your heart of hearts, you know that the best answer for Western's SGA is to elect me as its president... then I just might take the job.

Especially if I get an intern.

Joe Cox is a sophomore government and English double major from Middlesboro.



Joe Cox  
commentary

## What would you do if you were the SGA president?



"I would try to give SGA a more meaningful voice with school administrators."

John Agos  
senior from  
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.



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Clarkson  
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# Bowling Green, county won't support Diddle renovations

By TRAVIS MAYO  
Herald reporter

No decision for Western's arena future has been reached, but Bowling Green and Warren County officials have made one for sure. When the feasibility study ends in about three months, if the proposal is to renovate Diddle Arena, the city and county will not help pick up the bill.

Mayor Eldon Renaud said at a press conference Thursday that if renovation is the plan, it will be the university's project from then on, as far as funding goes. County officials agreed.

"The city will be interested if it is something outside of Diddle," Renaud said. "With this feasibility study, we're hoping that it will bring back an opportunity for us to build a new arena. That's my hope."

"I'm hoping that it's something that our community will be able to support, that will actually be a beacon for this region. We need something that attracts people to our community. I can't say enough for what it would do for the city of Bowling Green. I can see it; I picture it in different locations around the city."

The choice raises even more questions. If renovation is the chosen route, then other funding sources will have to be uncovered. President Gary Ransdell said determining whether the university

could fund such a project will be answered by the study.

"The revenue options, if it's a renovation, are limited to the revenue of the facility itself," he said.

All parties will have to wait, because there are no answers yet. Thursday was the first official day on the job for the selected team to conduct the study, headed by the Louisville-based Louis and Henry architectural firm. It will study both options — renovating Diddle and building an off-site arena — just the same.

"We're coming in with a really fresh eye," said Larry Leis, chairman of Louis and Henry. "We have no preconceived notions about anything."

It's a point that the selection committee — which consists of city, county and university representatives — want to keep stressing.

Nothing has been decided; this is the first phase.

"This is the beginning of a feasibility study, and it is just that," said Ron Sowell, Hilltopper Athletic Foundation president. "We do not know whether we're going to renovate Diddle; we do not know whether we're going to build a new arena. We do not know how large it would be, how many seats might be added or taken out of Diddle."

That's the whole purpose of this study.

## FIRM: Company's resumé impressive

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"We're incredibly excited about this," said Rick Kremer, president of Louis and Henry. "I fully understand the rich tradition of athletics here at Western and remember very well some of those great ball teams. So I understand this very well, and I hope our team understands what this means to the entire region."

The firm is familiar with the area. It is currently working on the Village Manor and Christian Church Homes projects, and renovated the lower level of city hall. Louis and Henry is best known for its renovation of Freedom Hall in Louisville. Experience, chairman Larry Leis said, should help with this venture.

The rest of the team has a hefty resume.

Dallas-based Pricewaterhouse Coopers, the leading arena consultant for construction in the United States, has also provided consultation for projects in Canada, South America, Mexico and the United Kingdom. HOK Sports, based in Kansas City, is considered by many the premier sports facility architecture firm in the nation; it's been involved in such venues as Chicago's United Center.

Then there's Turner Construction, the country's largest general builder, based in Cincinnati. The Goal Group, out of Virginia, rounds out the roster and will offer strategic planning and implementation services.

In all, the team has been involved in the development of 150 arenas and more than 500 sports facilities in the United States, and has had its hands in the management and operation of five arenas in the past 10 years.

"They were by far the most prepared, had done a lot of homework and brought the expertise to the table that we needed," City Manager Chuck Coates said.

Selig said bringing in a Kentucky company to head the study was a big factor, especially since Louis and Henry had already set roots in the area. It gave the committee a comfort level that neither of the other two finalists possessed. And the group showed that it had no intention of discarding the thought of a Diddle renovation.

Now Selig will try to hold through the next 90 days.

"I've had two children and I think this might be like having a third, except you don't have to wait nine months; you only have to wait three," he said. "This is going to be an exciting three months."

In the meantime, all involved want to hear as much feedback from the community as possible. A date for a public meeting, where the group and committee could hear from students and the community, could be determined soon.

"Our process will be very, very inclusive," Leis said. "We want to talk to virtually anybody who wants to talk to us, to get the real feel of this community."

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# Western faculty honored

## Professor given third public service award

By JACOB BENNETT  
Herald reporter

Vernon Sheeley appreciates all the awards, but they're not what he's after.

The education leadership professor received Western's faculty public service award for the third time last week, along with 15 other teachers from Western's six colleges.

"I tried to be a winner for Western," Sheeley said. "I think it's a professional duty to contribute to the community and to society in general."

The full-time faculty members were nominated by alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, students and community members. Winners were chosen by each college for three categories — teaching, public service and research/creativity.

Psychology assistant professor James Norman won the award for research/creativity for a project on human perception of 3-D objects. For 15 years he has continued the work of one of his professors at Vanderbilt.

He showed me the ropes, and hopefully the students in my lab get the same kind of knowledge," he said.

Besides the three public service awards, Sheeley also won the teaching award in 1991 and the research award in 1978 and 1988.

He wants to help people so much, he gets to work at 6:30

a.m. to check his e-mail so he can help people in other time zones.

"Generally I do, or earlier," he said.

In his 32nd year at Western, he is on the Warren County Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Community Partners Council with the State Department of Juvenile Justice Committee, he represents Kentucky for the National Career Development Association, he's on the ADA advisory committee at Western, and is an adviser for about 375 graduate students, among other things.

He's not exactly slowing down.

"I know it's got to end sometime, but it hasn't yet," he said.

Psychology professor Joseph Bilotta shares Sheeley's love for their work.

"The best part about teaching is knowing I've had an impact on students," he said.

Each teacher gets \$500 and a certificate. Western's overall Teacher of the Year will be chosen at the end of the semester. That teacher will receive \$1,000.

Management and Information System Associate Professor Linda Parry said she felt good about her teaching award, but she said she didn't think she deserved all the credit for her students' success.

"Anyone who teaches knows that it's never a one-person effort," she said. "In today's day and time, I'm counting on the accounting people to do their part, I'm counting on the finance people to do their part, so that I can do my part."

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Linda Parry, Management  
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## Campus News

### Criminology Club to host job fair in Grise Hall

The Criminology Club will hold a job fair Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lobby on the first floor of Grise Hall.

There will be representatives from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, FBI, U.S. Marshall's office, Bowling Green Police Department, U.S. Army, Navy and Federal Probation.

Free food will be provided. For more information, contact Criminology Club President

David Murff at 783-0762.

—Abbey Brown

### Congressman to speak on presidential campaign

U.S. Rep. Ron Lewis will be speaking today at 7 p.m. in Garrett Auditorium. Lewis will be discussing important issues in the 2000 presidential campaign. There will also be a meet and greet session at 6 p.m.

The program is sponsored by the College Republicans and University Center Board.

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SGA President-elect Cassie Martin hugs Regan Rosado, 6, at Downing University Center last Friday after the SGA election results were announced.

## LEADERS: Losers to stay active

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Wright, who was the first to exit the room after hearing the election results, said both he and Martin were highly qualified for the position of president.

"I think SGA truly has won here today, and it was a good battle," said Wright, a Bowling Green senior. "I hope in the next few years we are able to get more members to increase the number of candidates running."

On the vice president of finance ticket, Amy Caswell, chairwoman of the organization's Hillraisers committee, beat out Billy Lyons, co-chairman of SGA's Campus Improvements committee, for the position. Caswell received 706 votes to Lyons' 461.

"I am so excited and glad that it is over," Caswell said. Caswell, a Paris sophomore, also said her and Lyons had a friendly arm wrestling match after the results were announced. Even though Lyons, a Beechmont senior, lost the election, he won the arm wrestling match.

"He beat me bad," Caswell said.

In the early morning and afternoon, long before election results were ever announced, the candidates stood in front of DUC pitching their names to passers-by, passing out candy and trying to get that one last vote that could be the difference between winning and losing the election.

Around noon, Lyons said he had passed out about 1,000

pieces of candy.

"In between classes, the number of students picks up," Lyons said. "I will just be glad when it is all over."

Scottsville junior Leslie McClard and Florence junior Adam Howard will take on the duties of vice president of public relations and vice president of administration. The two were unopposed in their candidacies.

Of the many students who walked by the polling locations at the Preston Health and Activities Center, DUC and Helm-Cravens Library, 1207 took the time to cast a vote. Troy Cole, a senior from Hartford stopped and voted in DUC. He said he voted in hopes that his vote would elect the candidates that would get the ball rolling in the right direction for SGA.

"In the past I think SGA has been a place for high school preps to hang out with college preps and they haven't got the job done," Cole said. "They haven't done anything that the administration hasn't done already."

Although Wright and Campbell were defeated by 113 votes, and Lyons by 245 votes, they all plan to play an active part in SGA next year.

Campbell, a Lexington junior, said he wants to be chief justice of SGA's Judicial Council next year. Wright said he wants to make sure SGA stays effective.

"I want us to stay active and increase membership," Wright said.

Lyons said no matter what, he will have a role in SGA next year.

"I've put three years into SGA," Lyons said. "I know I'll be there next year."

In the end, for Martin, her victory was a long time coming. More than halfway through her day of campaigning in front of DUC, she said her feet hurt.

But, after hearing the election results and knowing her quest was complete, Martin said, "It has been a long day, but a good day."

### Amendments to SGA Constitution

**Amendment 1**  
Outlines eligibility requirements for candidates running for executive office. Passed: 908 votes to 141 votes

**Amendment 2**  
Outlines academic qualifications for candidates running for Vice President of Finance, VP of Public Relations and VP of Administration. Passed: 903 votes to 146 votes

**Amendment 3**  
Outlines revised makeup of SGA Congress and eligibility requirements for Academic College representatives. Passed: 885 votes to 158 votes

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## Campus News

### Magazine receives excellence award

On Campus, Western's faculty-staff magazine, has been honored by the Kentucky chapter of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

On Campus received an award of excellence in the 1999 CASE-K competition.

Sheila Conway Eison, director of University Communication, is the editor. Kimberly Shain Parsley, communication specialist, is the assistant editor.

—Western Online



Cassandra Shie/Herald  
Miss Black Western contestant Aaron Taste (right), a sophomore from Eutawville, S.C., hugs senior Laytoya Ramesey of Nashville, after she was awarded the trophy for second runner-up.

## GALA: Contest a quality show

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ovations and cheers. Miss Congeniality, Carisha Thornton said all the hard work was worth it.

"I feel better now that it's all behind me, but it was worth the hard work," Thornton said.

The intensity of the performances was even surprising to the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, who sponsored the event. Nashville senior Latoya Ramsey, a member of AKA, said they were shocked by the quality of the performances.

"I hope that when you think of Miss Black Western, you think class."

— Latoya Ramsey

Nashville senior and member of AKA

"The girls were holding back in rehearsals," Ramsey said. "The girls that sang, hit notes that they never hit before."

Contestants like Franklin sophomore Vicki Potter said the

best part of her experience was the bond that the contestants formed.

"I encourage every African-American female at Western to do this," Potter said. "I wouldn't do it again, but I'm glad I made so many friends."

Ramsey said the members of AKA were pleased with how the show turned out.

"I think the quality of the show made it good," Ramsey said. "I hope that when you think of Miss Black Western, you think class."

## Campus News

### Applied Research and Technology Program to receive \$400,000

The Applied Research and Technology Program, Western's first program of distinction, is ready to expand and will benefit from an additional \$400,000 in state funding.

The Council on Postsecondary Education recently allocated the additional money to enhance the program's 10 existing centers and to help develop others, including a center in astronomy.

Western will match the \$400,000 with funds from a \$1 million NASA grant that is part of a \$2 million space science project. The Department of

Physics and Astronomy is developing a Starbase Network (Students Training for Achievement in Research Based on Analytical Space-Science Experiences), which includes a robotic ground-based telescope system.

The projects and accompanying research will help launch Western's astronomy department into national prominence and attract more students for hands-on learning, Department Head Charles McGruder said.

The \$400,000 was left in the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund when the program of distinction was approved in July 1998. Western plans for a second program of distinction in journalism and broadcasting.

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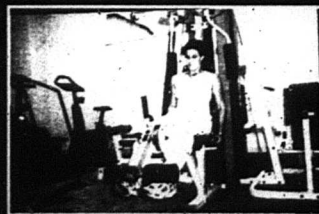


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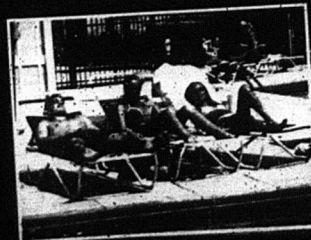
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## Proposed UCB Constitution creates positions; gives students more power

Includes longer hours for officers

BY BRANDY WARREN  
Herald reporter

The University Center Board will vote on a new constitution Monday in order to put more of the organizational power in the hands of students.

UCB members have been working on a new constitution since the beginning of the spring semester. The proposed revision will hopefully eliminate some of the problems the board has had in the past.

Lexington junior Dwight Campbell is the vice chairman of UCB and has been in charge of the revision. Campbell said one of the problems with the old constitution was that it was disorganized and too long. The current constitution has 11 documents. The new one will only have five.

The new constitution will also feature new offices including treasurer and public relations director.

Paducah sophomore John Bradley said the new constitution

will benefit the board, because it will balance the power more equally.

"It gives more power to the students as opposed to giving the power to the adviser," Bradley said.

The creation of a treasurer position was one of the most important additions to the new constitution. Committee chairpersons have had problems knowing exactly how much money they've had in their accounts. Because of that, planning for events has been postponed in some cases.

Campbell said he hopes that by having a treasurer, committee chairpeople will know exactly how much money they have, not just an estimate. This would also give students more control in UCB financial matters.

"We want one of our own to tell us how much money we have," Campbell said.

A public relations director has also been added to the constitution. The board currently has a public relations director, but the position will become official if the new constitution is passed. The person will publicize all of UCB's planned events.

Campbell said the addition

of a public relations director will hopefully get the word out about the board.

In addition to adding new positions, all positions are clearly defined in the proposed constitution. Each of the powers and duties of the executive chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and public relations director are clearly defined.

Officers will also be required to have longer office hours. The executive chair and vice chair will be expected to work a minimum of six hours per week in the UCB office.

Board members will vote on the proposed constitution at Monday's meeting, and will be allowed to add amendments to it. The new constitution must be passed by a majority of the members and then be approved by Dean of Student Life Howard Bailey.

The proposed constitution was originally planned to be presented at the March 6 meeting. Because of scheduling conflicts, however, the vote was delayed.

Campbell said rewriting the constitution took more time than he had originally intended. "I underestimated the time it would take to get it done," he said.

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## Campus News

### First recipient of scholarship

Columbia junior Shelli Ann Farris is the first recipient of the Bowling Green Professional Marketing Association Marketing Scholarship.

Farris will graduate with a bachelor's degree in May 2001. She is a 1997 graduate of Adair County High School.

As part of the scholarship application process, Farris had to write an essay on "The Future of Marketing." She will present the essay to the Professional Marketing Association member-

ship at its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 18 at Maria's Restaurant.

### Portfolio wins second place

An investment portfolio that returned almost three times the S&P 500 for 1999 boosted Western to a second-place finish in TVA's Investment Challenge.

Western's portfolio of 18 to 24 diversified stocks grew at 60 percent for 1999 while the S&P 500 grew an average of 21 percent.

Students decide which stocks to buy or sell and manage a \$100,000

portfolio funded by TVA with a portion of money set aside to retire its nuclear plants.

Western received \$10,000 and a trophy for its second-place finish. TVA Director Skila Harris, a Bowling Green native and WKU alumnus, presented the awards during a conference last week in Nashville.

Tennessee Tech University finished first with the University of Tennessee-Martin third. The return on investments of the 19 schools in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi grew at an average of 36 percent.

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# Western student named Kentucky Derby Queen

## Title carries many responsibilities

By JACOB BENNETT  
Herald reporter

Kerri Richardson has been busy since she was named Kentucky Derby Queen on Friday. The Shelbyville senior was so busy, in fact, that the night the Derby Princess became a Derby Queen, her family had to charter a flight to take her to Louisville from Ohio, where she was competing for the national title with Western's world champion forensics team.

She was so busy that she had to apply her makeup while she was on the plane.

She was so busy that she had to take that same plane back to Ohio on Saturday morning, after about four hours of sleep. She had to participate in a debate,

for which she had just won the individual world title.

She was so busy, in fact, that she could not be reached for comment for this article.

Now, in addition to all that, she's going to have to find the time to participate in more than 50 Derby Festival activities.

"(Kerri will be) everywhere," said John Perkins Jr., director of support services for the festival.

"Queens have a pretty strenuous two to three weeks."

Richardson will be on a float for the parade, and she will give out awards at several events, among other things. She will

take a seat on Millionaire's Row for the Derby, where movie stars like Jack Nicholson have been known to appear.

She will be on national TV at least twice. She will be on ESPN when straws are drawn for pole position, and she will be interviewed by NBC's Willard Scott on "Today" the day before the Derby.

Brenda Richardson, Kerri's mom, doesn't know exactly how Kerri feels about her upcoming schedule.

"I really haven't talked to her," she said, because her daughter didn't have time. "She knew if she were the winner, this is what she was in for. This is what she wanted."

About 80 girls showed up at a meeting late last year to try to become queen. Before

you can be queen, you have to be a resident of Kentucky, a full-time student, a girl, of course, and either you or mom has to attend

the meeting. Kerri's schedule did not permit her to be at the meeting.

"I went because Kerri was busy, as usual," her mom said.

After that meeting, 35 of the original 80 interviewed in December. Of those 35, Kerri was one of the five chosen to be Derby Princesses.

"She's extremely poised," Perkins said. "The Queen and Court are out meeting people, and they're on TV and radio. Kerri is comfortable in the public eye and speaks well spontaneously."

Part of that probably comes from her practice with the forensics team. She is also news director at NewsChannel 12, which comes after her time as an anchor with Shelby County High School's broadcasting program.

Retired Shelby County High School broadcasting teacher Jane Martin said Kerri was an original member of the school's news team.

"I probably saw her more than her parents did," she said. "She's

always been very active in everything she's done."

Despite all her qualifications, it took some magic — or at least luck — for Princess Kerri to become Queen Kerri.

The queen is chosen by spinning a wheel, so the five princesses have a 20 percent chance of selection.

"All five of the women are outstanding, so we don't want to make it competitive," Perkins said.

When the wheel was spun the first time, a judge ruled that it stopped on a line, and not a princess's number. Kerri's mom said the wheel was nowhere near Kerri's number.

The second time around, Kerri was the Queen.

Though there was luck involved, Martin thinks Kerri will represent her hometown well.

"I think the Derby Festival people will enjoy meeting Kerri," she said. "She's got a bubbly, vivacious personality. She's never met a stranger."

**"She's (Kerri) always been very active in everything she's done."**

— Jane Martin

Retired Shelby County High School broadcasting teacher

## Campus News

### Ingle signs with Western

Golden Ingle officially became part of Western's men's basketball team Thursday by signing to play his college ball on the Hill. The 5-10, 170-pound all-state point guard from Orem, Utah averaged a Timpanogos High School-record 19.8 points his senior season, and dished out about 4 assists per game.

Ingle also set school records for three-pointers made in a season by nailing 49 last year, just better than the 45 he hit as a junior. His assist-to-turnover ratio was 88 to 75.

During his time here, Ingle could venture on a two-year mission as part of his Mormon faith. He would come back after the mission to finish his college career. But no decision has been made as to when the trip will come.

— Travis Mayo

### Former Lady Topper attends WNBA camp

Former Western forward Shea (Lunsford) Mahoney participated in the 2000 WNBA Pre-Draft Camp at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago this weekend. Mahoney played for the Lady Toppers from 1996-99.

A total of 107 players and one Sports Illustrated reporter participated in the pre-draft camp, which gives WNBA coaches and general managers the chance to evaluate prospective players prior to the league's annual draft on Tuesday, April 25.

Mahoney played with Felicia Karhut in the Finnish Basketball League this season, averaging 22.3 ppg and 10.8 rpg. Her team finished third in its league with a 22-10 record. Mahoney ranked in the top 10 in seven statistical categories while recording 20 double-doubles, three 30-point games and five 15-rebound performances in 32 games.

She was a 1999 All-Sun Belt Conference selection, two-time Sun Belt Player of the Week and two-time Defensive Player of the Week while at Western.

—Lyndsay Sutton

### State budget director, will be honored

Jim Ramsey, state budget director, will be honored by the Gordon Ford College of Business Friday. An award established in Ramsey's name will be presented by Ramsey at

the annual student awards ceremony, which will be held at the Institute for Economic Development at 6 p.m.

The Ramsey "Best Paper" Award is based on grade point average, external good deeds, and a submitted paper in the area of public policy/finance.

—Mattias Karen

### Broadcasting major a national finalist

In the broadcasting program's first year of competition in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards Program, a Western student is a national finalist.

Aimee Reed, a senior from Columbia, will travel to San Francisco on May 19 for the finals in radio broadcasting.

Reed and four other finalists will receive on-the-spot assignments May 20 and 21 with final rankings announced on May 22.

Julie Goodwin, a junior from Louisville, qualified as a national semifinalist and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

—WKU Online

### Forum to discuss Kentucky Timodal Transpark

An open forum will be held tomorrow to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed Kentucky Timodal Transpark.

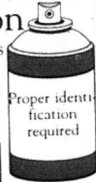
The forum will be held at 4 p.m. in Grise Hall Auditorium, and will feature one panel of supporters and one panel of opposers of the transpark.

—Mattias Karen

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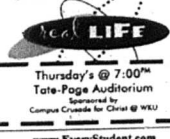
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# Features

## BIG Red

COMES TO LIFE

BY CAROLINE LYNCH  
Herald reporter

At 12:30 p.m. Florence Freshman Kate Stanton sits Indian-style on her bed in East Hall room 220. She looks athletic, from her short curly brown hair to her ankle socks and tennis shoes.

Ten minutes later she emerges, transformed.

She's 10 pounds heavier with red hair and a gaping black mouth. Stanton no longer uses her voice, but then again, she doesn't need it — her actions say it all.

Meet Big Red: the mischievous mascot that no one, not even the makers of the ESPN commercial that made it famous, can figure out. Neither male nor female, Big Red has been called a Hiltopper, a blob and a big red towel.

Then meet the personalities that make the costume come alive: there's Stanton, who became Big Red because she wanted first-row seats to the games, Beaver Dam sophomore Wade Raymer, who loves to be the center of attention, and Bowling Green junior Amanda Kirby, who fell for Big Red while watching Western games as a child.

This semester these three students have inspired crowds, embarrassed fans, harassed referees and delighted children. Though they have little more than two years combined experience, the Big Red tradition is much older.

### Laughing with the crowd

Big Red was first introduced as a present to men's basketball coach Gene Keady at the last game of the season in 1979. President Gary Ransdell, then the Assistant Alumni Director, along with Assistant Dean of Students Ron Beck and a student, Ralph Carey, came up

with the idea. Big Red was born after a mountaineer and a man with a top hat, a red suit and a cane were jeered out of the stadium.

"Sometimes there's a fine line between whether they are laughing at you or whether they are laughing with you," Ransdell said.

Big Red was wrapped as a present for the coach and pre-

sented to the crowd by Santa Claus Carey, cloaked in a makeshift costume of red material and chicken wire, made sure the crowd laughed with him.

"He was an instant hit," Ransdell said. "He irritated officials, took hats, ate purses and most importantly, he followed the game — Big Red lived and died with every shot."

In carrying on that tradition, Stanton, Raymer and Kirby each add their own personality to make Big Red a success.

### Stanton acts like a blob

"I like it because no one knows what to expect from you," she said. "If you're a bear, I guess you kind of act like a bear. But when you're a blob you get to do whatever

you want."

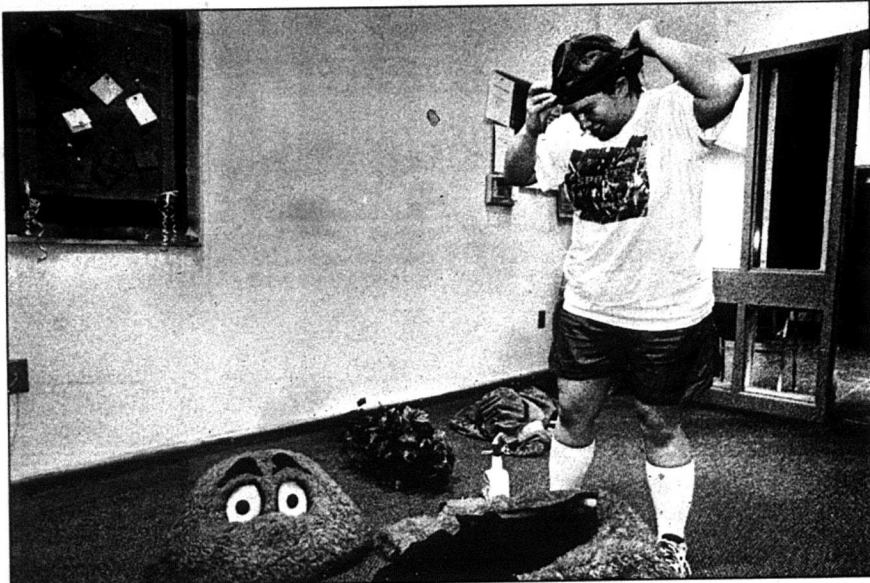
The moment Stanton bounds down the stairs of East Hall, all eyes are on her.

On the sidewalk she gets cheers of "Go Big Red! Go Big Red!" from a passing student. Just outside the gates of the baseball game she's invited to play with two young boys and

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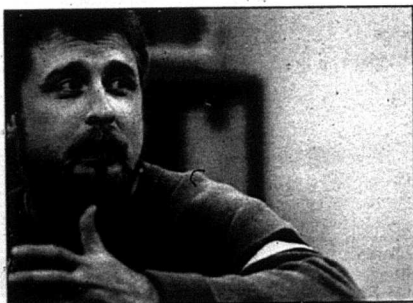


Trying to liven up the crowd at Western's softball game last Friday afternoon, Big Red gets down with Garrick Straub, a graduate student from Louisville.



photos by John Lok/Herald

Bowling Green junior Amanda Kirby prepares for her appearance as Big Red for a softball game last Friday afternoon. Kirby is one of three Western students behind the mascot. "The kids come up to you and give you the biggest hugs," Kirby said. "They sometimes cry because they don't want to go back to their seats. I love that."



Jeremy Lyverse/Herald

Western alumnus Gregg Hale, of Henderson, speaks about his film, "The Blair Witch Project," which was shown Sunday night at DUC Theatre to begin the sixth annual Western Film and Video festival

## 'Blair Witch' producer has ties to Hill

BY MICHAEL COMPTON  
Herald reporter

When Gregg Hale was watching a midnight showing of "Eraserhead" in the DUC Theatre in 1984, he never imagined his return to Western would draw such interest.

Hale returned Sunday night with his film "The Blair Witch Project" and any advice he could offer to about 100 people who attended the opening night of the Western Kentucky Film Festival.

The Henderson native was part of the creative team behind last year's box office success, serving as the film's producer.

"It was a lucky year for us," Hale said, referring to himself and the co-directors and co-writers

Eduardo Sanchez and Daniel Myrick.

"The Blair Witch Project" is considered the blueprint for success in the independent film market. Shot for \$20,000, the film grossed more than \$140 million domestically.

But the film's success didn't come easy. The trio first came up with the idea for the movie in 1992. From there, they spent the next year and a half trying to get money for the film.

Getting money proved to be one of the most difficult tasks in completing the film, but they found ways to cut costs — like returning the camcorder they purchased from Circuit City once they finished using it, so they

could have enough money to edit the movie.

The film was then shown at Cannes Film Festival in 1998 and at the Sundance Film Festival in the winter of 1999. It was at Sundance where the film first began to generate the buzz that would turn it into one of the most profitable independent films in history.

Hale said he is overwhelmed by all the hype the film produced, but thinks the movie was a success because it succeeded in being scary.

"The film's marketing played a large part," Hale said. "But it was a really good movie that really

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## Toppers sweep on Indians' own turf

By BRIAN MOORE  
Herald reporter

Players and coaches said in January that strong pitching would carry this Western baseball team.

The prophecy was money last weekend.

Western traveled to Jonesboro, Ark., Friday for a three-game conference series with Arkansas State coming off its 7-1 triumph over Eastern Kentucky last Wednesday.

The Hilltoppers were hoping to win their second conference series in six tries this season.

They did, doing it with style and golden arms.

The Hilltoppers walked only two Indians in three games and returned Sunday evening with their chins up and three wins in the books.

After defeating the Indians 4-0, 8-2 and 5-0, the Toppers have a huge week ahead of them. They'll face Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tenn., tonight, Kentucky at Denes Field tomorrow and eighth-ranked Louisiana-Lafayette on the road in a three-

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## Look small and win big at Western



### BEST WESTERN

Jerry Brewer's reflections on four years of Topper sports. Part 1 of 2

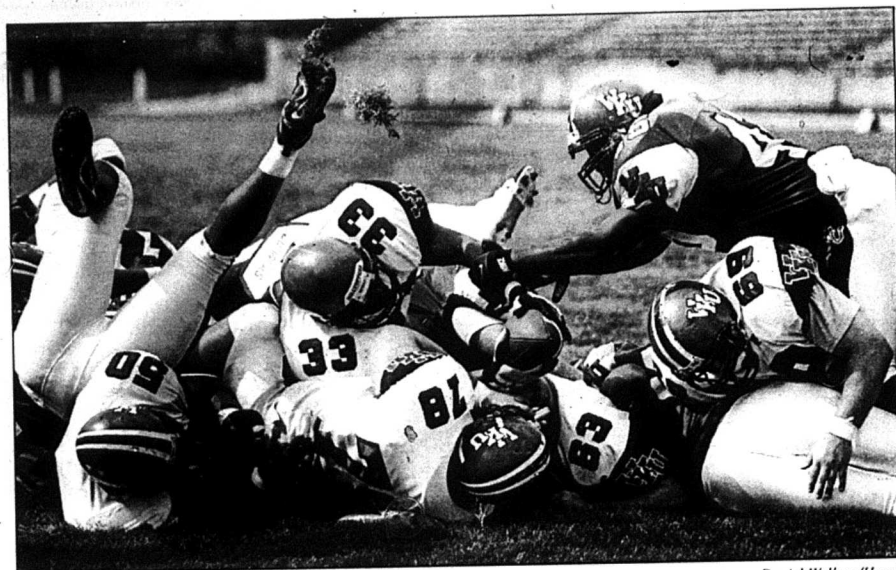
The first Western coach I ever talked with was Travis Hudson. Kentucky isn't what you'd call a volleyball hotbed, so Coach Hudson is far from a glamour coach.

He makes enough money to dine at Wendy's. If you see him in Middle Arena with a suit on, you think, "Whoa, something special is about to go down!"

So I began my Western sports journey with one of the little guys, covering a team that drew crowds of 185, watching a passionate coach construct a program with—at that time—only a part-time assistant coach and a volunteer assistant helping him.

Covering that 1996 volleyball team, a squad that could win five straight and then drop seven in a row, a team that finished the season 18-17, remains my favorite Western sports experience.

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Daniel Wallace/Herald

Sophomore DeWayne Feacher stretches for a touchdown during the annual Red-White scrimmage game Saturday at Smith Stadium.

## QB's sharp in Spring Game

By TRAVIS WILLIAMS  
Herald reporter

In the final minutes of the annual red and white scrimmage, the white team, led by sophomore quarterback Jason Michael, had the ball on the 50-yard line. Usually this situation would call for the good ole' option (pick your side), but Saturday was different.

Instead the Toppers ran a tight-end reverse to senior James Richie. Richie got two yards of oohs and ahhs before being flipped as coach Jack Harbaugh looked on with amusement.

As the game wound down to the last play, there was an odd figure in the backfield. It was sophomore offensive lineman Chris Price.

The ball was snapped, and Price took a handoff from Michael. The 280-pound Price rumbled 30 yards to the end zone.

The Falcons do the "Dirty Bird" and the Rams "Bob and Weave," but Price did a different dance — a dance made popular by his Florida teammates — before he was swarmed by fellow Western players.

The Topper offense wasn't supposed to open up that much, was it?

Maybe Harbaugh wasn't planning to go that far, but he wasn't calling the plays in the fourth quarter Saturday.

He left that up to the fans. That tight-end reverse was the idea of former Hilltopper basketball player Lee Lampley.

Lampley, as well as other fans, was allowed to do the coaching in the fourth quarter, which resulted in a flea flicker, a halfback option, and the game-

ending touchdown run by Price. Things were actually serious earlier as the two teams showed a balanced attack that included a new variety of passing and rushing plays.

"I think our big key difference has been our wingback," Richie said. "Guys like (freshman Scott) Mingsu, (freshman Jon) Frazier and our new transfer, Keith (Brooks, a junior) — he's good at dipping his shoulder and running cats over."

Junior college transfer Jason Johnson accounted for two touchdowns, including a 37-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Leroy Littles. Returning junior quarterback Donte Pimpton found junior DeShun Walker on

a 30-yard pass that slipped through a defender's hands.

The white team added six more points when junior tailback DeWayne Gallishaw cut through traffic for a 17-yard TD. Despite the new wrinkles in the offense, the defense bent slightly, but showed no signs of coming close to breaking.

"We have a much quicker defense than last year," sophomore Mel Mitchell said. "From the D-lineman to the linebackers to the secondary, I see a lot of red jerseys to the ball."

At one point in the second quarter, those red jerseys only gave up 38 yards on 11 plays. Linebackers Melvin Wisham, a senior, and Jon Drummond, a junior, led the team with seven tackles each.

The red team eventually came out on top, 37-14, before handing the game over to the fans.

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## Spring Ballin'

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RED 37, WHITE 14

D. Pimpton: 69 yards passing, 1 TD, 26 yards rushing.

J. Johnson: 73 yards passing, 2 TDs.

K. Cnsp: 54 yards rushing, 1 TD.

## Lady Toppers win three as Richardson stays hot

By JOE COX  
Herald reporter

Hot.  
En fuego.

In the zone.

Whatever you want to call it, Jessie Richardson is all of these terms.

The freshman outfielder is playing the best softball of her career, leading Western (24-18-1) to three wins this weekend.

Richardson homered three times and knocked in six runs, half of Western's total this weekend. She also continued to play excellent defense in center field, gunning down a run at the plate on Friday and making a difficult running catch on Saturday to end a threat.

"She's playing great," Western coach Leslie Phelan said. "She's playing with a great deal of confidence right now and swinging the bat very well."

Despite Richardson's heroics, Western had to settle for a split on Friday against Tennessee Tech. Western edged the Golden Eagles (25-23) by a 3-2 score in game one but dropped the second game 6-5 in extra innings.

Western jumped on Tech quickly in the first game, scoring two first inning runs, one on a double by freshman shortstop Sara Alanis and the other on an infield single from junior catcher Carrie Palmer.

In the third, Richardson

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H. Rick Mach/Herald

Freshman outfielder Jessie Richardson prepares to meet her cheering teammates at home plate Friday.

# BEST: Great stories are found around Western's smaller teams

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Better than the splendid 10-2 football season in 1997.

Better than the excitement that surrounded men's basketball coach Dennis Felton's hiring.

There's volleyball setter Jenni Miller playing on a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee, excelling on a torn ACL, winning on a defying on a torn ACL.

Better than the Lady Topper basketball team's star aligned run this season.

That volleyball team was not a great team by any means, but the ladies provided great memories and great lessons. They taught me much about Western and its spirit. It was also a pretty innocent environment.

Innocent in the sense that I didn't view them as jocks, the self-serving, unmotivated athletes that have been stereotyped in this era. They didn't see me as the headhunting reporter, who favors the scoop over the truth.

It was a good time. It was Hudson, on the first day. So how much do

you know about volleyball?"

"Not a lot." He pulled out a stat sheet. "OK, here is how it works..."

It was left side hitter Melissa Starck, then a freshman, asking, "Is that a good quote?" after each of her answers.

It was middle hitter Marni Denton telling me, "That story you wrote gave me goose bumps. You're just a freshman."

Above all, that Western team taught me something that I always kept in mind.

The best stories are where most people don't look.

The little guys play the leading roles in the best stories.

There's volleyball setter Jenni Miller, four years after I met her, playing on a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee, excelling on a torn ACL, winning on a defying on a torn ACL.

There's senior runner Valerie Lynch winning long distance races with injuries that momma can't kiss and make better.

There's that delightful men's cross country program winning Sun Belt Conference titles and there's the women's team doing the same, both getting little recognition.

There's sophomore golfer Eric Mason, the best we've had

here in a while.

There's junior pitcher Ryan Hutchison on an incredible run of late, keeping the baseball team welded.

There's the swim team — oh, let's not even go into detail about those men and women — other than to say they are probably the finest collection of athletes on the Hill.

These are the short stories and briefs.

One day in 1996, the volleyball team was preparing for a trip to Arkansas.

The bus was roaring in the parking lot, and the ladies were in the locker room, gathering equipment. Denton was roaming through Diddle when I ran into her. She was telling me what an important trip it was, and how I needed to go. She grabbed my hand as if to pull me in the direction of the bus.

"Come on!" she said. "This is a trip you don't want to miss."

I made an excuse and went toward the sports information office.

I did miss that stop, but I'm glad I was along for most of the ride.

Next Tuesday: How Western athletes taught me that champions do not always wear rings

## SWEEP: Hutchison captures shutout

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game set this weekend.

"I think for the most part we're a very confident ball club," coach Joel Murrie said.

"People are showing up with the right attitude. Combine that with good fundamentals, and you see how we've played in the last four games."

Junior pitcher Ryan Hutchison threw his second consecutive complete game shutout Western (18-20, 9-8 in Sun Belt) scored four runs in two innings, but it was Hutchison (6-2) who again terrorized opposing hitters.

Hutchison allowed just seven hits, struck out five and walked only one. He was named the Sun Belt Conference's Pitcher of the Week yesterday.

"It seems like we play with a

"I think for the most part we're a very confident ball club... People are showing up with the right attitude."

— Joel Murrie

Western baseball coach

lot of confidence when I'm pitching," Hutchison said. "This season has been pretty weird. If you'd have told me before the season we'd have 20 losses the whole year, I would've never believed that. We've got to win the midweek games this week. We need to beat Kentucky and we can't look past Austin Peay."

Strong pitching guided Western in games two and three, too. Three pitchers combined

for a two-hitter Sunday in the 5-0 win. Senior Jay Meyer started on the mound, throwing three hitless innings.

Freshman Matt Wilhite threw the next three innings and junior Brian Houdek closed in the final three. Wilhite and Houdek allowed one hit apiece.

A host of hitters provided the offensive punch.

Houdek went 3 for 3, junior right fielder Tim Cleland went 3 for 4, junior shortstop Luis Rodriguez went 2 for 3, and senior pinch hitter Lorenzo Ferguson tripled in one at bat.

Junior Brandon Miller (4-3) threw eight innings Saturday and gave up two runs on ten hits.

"The fact that they (Arkansas State) only scored one inning out of 27 pretty much says it all," Murrie said.

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### Football News

#### Western announces 2000 football schedule

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Sept. 30 — at Murray State\*  
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Oct. 14 — Tennessee Tech\*  
Oct. 21 — at Tennessee State\*  
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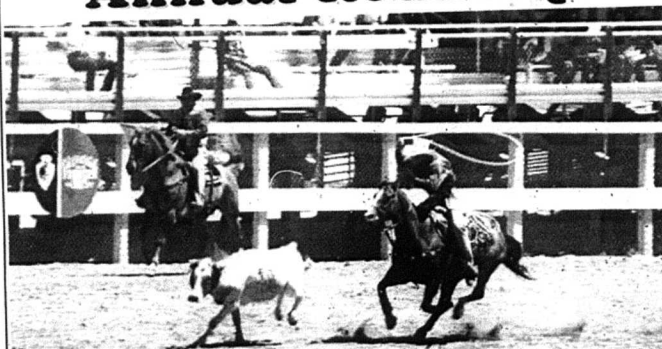
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## THREE: Toppers win

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offered an omen of what was to come when she blasted a Brandy Henry pitch out of the ballpark, far over the left-center field fence, in what may be the longest home run hit at Western's softball field.

With freshman ace Amber Garlington staked to a 3-0 lead, the game looked safe. However, Tennessee Tech got back into the game with two sixth-inning runs. But Garlington made the lead stand up, picking up her 14th win of the season.

"I felt like I came out strong and tried to do my best and come back with runners in scoring position," Garlington said. "I did my job."

Western was in excellent position to take the second game, as the Lady Toppers took a 5-2 lead in the fourth inning courtesy of a two-out, two-strike grand slam from Richardson.

"We've been working on the two-strike mode," Richardson said. "We're just supposed to hit it up the middle, but coach just said, 'Well, that'll work too, I guess.'"

Tennessee Tech rallied for three runs in the fifth to tie the game and held momentum from that point on. They scored the winning run on a passed ball in

the eighth inning, and thus emerged with the split.

Richardson began Saturday's sweep of Belmont in much the same fashion she left off on Friday, leading off with a towering home run to left. The Bruins (15-35) tied the game in the second, but Garlington helped her own cause by singling in a run in Western's half of the frame. The Lady Toppers would add another run to pick up the 3-1 victory.

In the second game, freshman Kristalyn Smith, making her first start since Feb. 29, pitched her first career shutout.

The only run of the game came in the fourth inning, when Palmer grounded to third, where the ball was booted. Alanis scored on the play and Smith made the slim lead stand up for the victory.

"Our pitchers are doing a wonderful job right now," Palmer said. "Kristalyn Smith did a wonderful job to go out there and pitch a shutout."

Phelan was not that happy with the weekend, especially since Lexington is the next stop for Western. Thursday brings a doubleheader with Kentucky that will kick off an eight-game, four-day road trip.

"I'm relieved to walk away with two wins," Phelan said after



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Sophomore outfielder Sarah Beth Heaton tries to regain her balance after reaching second base as Belmont's Sabrina Ryals tries to tag her during Saturday's doubleheader.

the Belmont doubleheader. "We are definitely going to have to bring our A-game to compete at Kentucky."

Western will also take on

Tennessee in Knoxville on Friday.

With two SEC squads on the schedule, the Lady Toppers are hoping for a more consistent effort

"I think it's good that we can still pull off a 'W' when we don't have our A-game on," Smith said. "A win's a win, no matter what it looks like."

## SHARP: Wittman signs with NFL's Baltimore Ravens

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"The D, I mean those guys really like to fly around and make plays," Richie said. "I just want to take from the last scrimmage and build on it."

"And I as I said before

we're gonna roll right into our new season. Full effect. I mean we're steamrolling!"

**Wittman signs as a free agent with Ravens**

Former Hilltopper football

player Ben Wittman signed as a free agent with the Baltimore Ravens yesterday.

Wittman was the team's defensive MVP last year and was a Dan Hansen's Gazette third team All American.

Wittman was also first team

All-Ohio Valley Conference. He led the Toppers in sacks and tackles for losses.

The details of Wittman's contract were not disclosed as of press time.

The Ravens barely missed the playoffs last season at 8-8.

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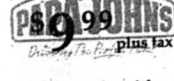
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