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Shults fighting meningitis

Program changes in works

Plans for small majors materializing

BY JIM GAINES
Herald reporter

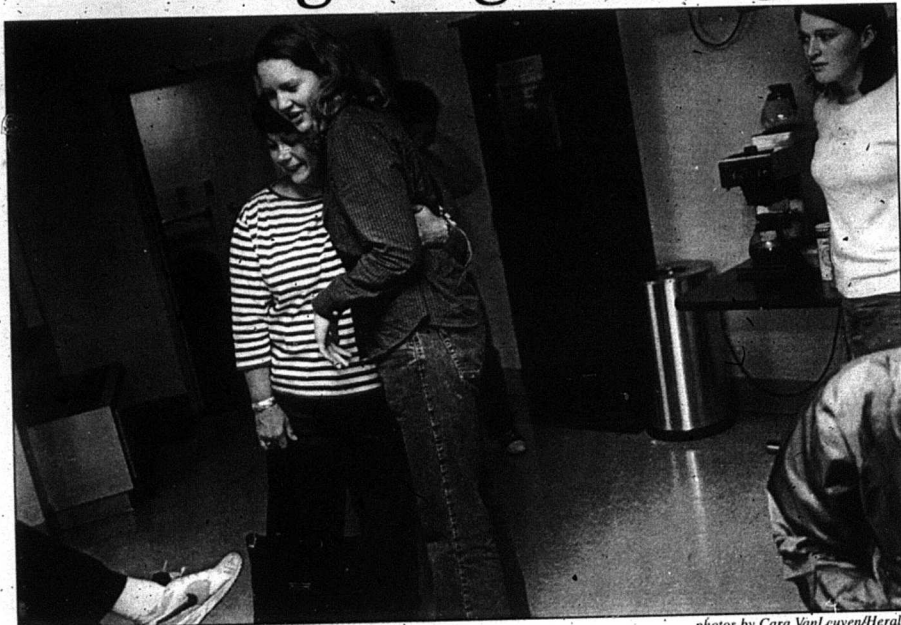
As the deadline approaches to close, change or consolidate 76 majors, Western is getting its act together.

This spring, the Council on Postsecondary Education ordered state universities to study and classify all of their programs that produced below a certain average number of graduates. Seventy-six majors at Western fell below the council's standard.

By May 8, Provost Barbara Burch must present the council a plan to close some of those programs, consolidate or change others and teach some over the Internet or in partnership with other state universities. Burch asked each department to present a plan to its college dean, who turned in an overall college plan by last Friday.

Jim Flynn, an English professor and assistant to the provost for planning, is the "central collection agent and facilitator." He has gathered the plans and explanations from the five colleges.

"We have heard from every-



photos by Cara VanLeuven/Herald

Rebecca Shults, one of Emily Shults' sisters, receives a hug from Linda Kelly, a family friend. Friends and family have crowded the intensive care waiting room since Emily was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis five days ago at the Bowling Green Medical Center. Below: Nashville junior Racheal Lopez (left) helps Emily Shults' younger sister, Martha, sew patches to be made as part of a get-well quilt.

'Every day is a gift. It has been a rollercoaster of emotions.'

Family is hoping for a full recovery

BY BRANDY WARREN
AND ABBEY BROWN
Herald reporters

After nearly five days of intensive treatment for bacterial meningitis, Bowling Green senior Emily Q. Shults seems to be on the way to recovery.

Shults was rushed to the intensive care unit at the Medical Center of Bowling Green Thursday morning after some students heard her screaming from her room on the fourth floor of Rodes-Harlin Hall. They contacted Camille Johnson, hall director in Rodes, who unlocked Shults' door and contacted paramedics.

Mariann Shults, Emily's mother, said Emily was comatose when she arrived at the hospital and was given a 50-50 chance for survival. She was in and out of consciousness over the weekend, but was awake and talking yesterday. Mariann said she hopes any physical damage caused by the bacteria can be corrected through physical therapy. She has feeling everywhere, but a lot of mobility, especially in her left arm, will have to be regained through rehabilitation, she said.

"It was bad, so she's come a long way," Mariann said yesterday in the hospital waiting room. "We are excited she is here. I don't know if she realizes everything that has to be done from here on in."

Mark Shults, Emily's father, expressed the same feelings while waiting to visit Emily during one of the visitation times.

"Every day is a gift," he said. "It has been a rollercoaster of emotions."

Because of Emily's fragile condition, the hospital waiting room is where Mariann and the rest of her family has spent most of their time since Thursday.

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How dangerous is this feared disease?

BY JACOB BENNETT
AND REX HALL JR.
Herald reporters

Campus-wide fear of bacterial meningitis broke out last week, after a student was rushed to the hospital with the disease, but health workers say students have no reason to panic.

Bowling Green senior Emily Q. Shults, a resident of Rodes-Harlin Hall, was hospitalized Thursday. More than 100 college students are infected with the disease annually, but the case is the first at Western in about 25

years, said Beth Rush, head nurse at the WKU Health Center.

Since Thursday, students have flocked to the health center for preventive treatment. Libby Greaney, assistant director of Intramural and Recreational Sports, said there is a list of 180 students waiting to receive the meningitis vaccine. The clinic is treating 30 to 40 students daily with the vaccine while covering other appointments. The cost for the vaccination is \$70.

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INSIDE

New University Senate members announced

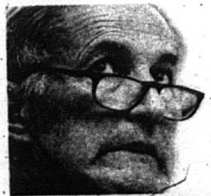
Find out who's on the University Senate, Western's new faculty governance body, which combines the Faculty Senate and the Academic Council. News, Page 5

Spring Sing

Greek Week began Sunday night with Spring Sing. Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity won the event. Greek Week continues until Saturday. Features, Page 13

Passionate Powell

A look at the life of Western swim coach Bill Powell, who is the winningest active men's Division-I swim coach and the winningest coach on the Hill. Sports, Page 19



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Weather forecast

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Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

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photo by: Adam Mooney

Seeing red: Eight-year-old Shelby Hutchison from Vincennes, Ind., followed Big Red's every step Friday evening as he entertained the home fans during the Western baseball game against South Alabama. Hutchison came down from Vincennes to watch her brother, Ryan Hutchison, who pitched his third complete game in the Sun Belt Conference this season.

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Arrests
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♦ Brian Kelly Goins, Lovers Lane, was charged Sunday with DUI, disregarding a traffic control device and speeding in a restricted zone. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$501 unsecured bond.
♦ Chad Winston Clark, State Street, was charged Sunday with DUI. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$467.50 unsecured bond.
♦ Joshua Lanny-Shane Reeder, North Hill, was

charged Monday with possession of marijuana. He is being held at Warren County Regional Jail.
♦ Charles Todd Shomo, Pearce-Ford Tower, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for fourth-degree assault.
♦ Jeremy Allen Pedigo, Austin, was charged Thursday with disregarding a traffic control device and DUI second degree. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.
♦ Joshua Cohen Couts, Keen Hall, was charged Wednesday with DUI, possession of marijuana and driving with no insurance. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$1,517.50 cash bond.

Reports
♦ Tim Terrell Thomas, O'Shea Avenue, reported Monday that he was assaulted Sunday.
♦ Rodney Shawn Warthan, Facilities Management, reported a vending machine turned over in the fine arts center causing \$50 worth of damage to the carpet.
♦ Cheryl Lynn Kincaid, McLean Hall, reported Friday that her wallet was missing and almost \$150 in charges were made to her VISA card.
♦ Alaina McCombs Conner, Regents Avenue, reported Friday that her parking permit was stolen and then recovered. Value of the permit is \$60.
♦ Brian Lee Penn, Keen, reported Thursday that \$25 in cash and a \$1,700 laptop was stolen from his room.

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Howard looks to keep old, new legislation on track

Office draws only one candidate for next year

By REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

Adam Howard will have to mix the old with the new when he takes the helm as vice president of Administration of the Student Government Association next fall.

Old, because it will be his job to make sure some previously passed legislation is finally acted on. New, because there are plenty of current issues he wants to see resolved.

Howard, a Florence junior, is running unopposed. His responsibilities will be to keep track of legislation, keep attendance and record and meeting minutes up to date and be the office secretaries' supervisor.

The position is currently held by Olmstead junior Brandon Griffey.

A corporate and organizational communication major, Howard has been a member of SGA for two years and serves as the organization's information technology director. Last year he served as a sophomore representative in Congress. Howard will take on a position he thinks he is ready to fill.

"I felt the position was one where I could put the majority of my strength to work for the student body," Howard said.

Howard hopes to use that strength to promote SGA to the student body. Low membership in Congress has plagued the organization all year, and Howard hopes to change that.

"I hope to do everything possible to make sure students know the accomplishments of SGA," Howard said. "I hope to work with the new VP of Public Relations to promote SGA to the student body."

Howard said one of his main goals will be to make sure all legislation passed in SGA Congress in previous years is executed properly. The organization has yet to take action on some legislation that passed last year, including a bill concerning orientation for incoming SGA members.

"I want to try and develop the idea and create that within the organization so that new members can better understand the functions of SGA," Howard said.

One current issue Howard said he wants to make sure happens is a Web-based class registration system scheduled to start next semester.

Howard also said he wants to come to a resolution regarding making teacher evaluations available for students.

Matt Bastin, vice president of Public Relations who served as VP of Administration last year, said he couldn't think of anyone better suited for the job than Howard.

"He's very organized, and he'll do a wonderful job," Bastin said. "All (aspects) of (the job) require organizational skills. Adam has a great personality, and he is a good people person."

Howard said he hopes to keep SGA moving in a positive direction to help the organization better serve students' needs.

"I hope with the cooperation of the other elected officers that we can make SGA an organization focused not on change, but on progress," Howard said. "Progress is very important and something we need to keep a focus on. We also need to do the best job we can to represent the students of Western Kentucky University."

"If we do all of that, we will be doing the best job we can."

Increased membership main goal for McClard

PR classes provide solid background for job

By LYNDSEY SUTTON
Herald reporter

Increased membership will be Leslie McClard's primary goal as the Student Government Association vice president of Public Relations next year.

The Scottsville junior is unopposed in the election race but feels her background as a public relations major more than qualifies her for the position.

"The stuff I've learned in class is great background," McClard said.

After talking to current vice president of Public Relations, Shelbyville senior Matt Bastin, McClard thought the job would be appropriate for her.

She serves as the SGA committee head for the Senior Awards Banquet. Along with the University Center Board and

the Alumni Association, this committee is organizing a dinner and establishing a Hall of Distinguished Seniors, which is similar to the Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

"This has been a good springboard for her to move into that position," SGA President Amanda Coates said.

McClard is also a student representative for both the Athletics Committee and Student Publications Committee.

As vice president of Public Relations, McClard will serve on the Homecoming Committee and be in charge of all the float contests and

Coming Home activities. Coates said the hardest part of the job sometimes is being able to communicate with the entire student body.

"The only medium we really have is with the Herald," Coates said. "Sometimes that's good and sometimes that's bad."

McClard has been in SGA since her sophomore year when Cassie Martin, vice president and current presidential candidate, encouraged her to join. That serves as motivation for her hope of increasing SGA membership. As a freshman, she didn't know what SGA or its purpose was, just like many students now, McClard said.

"I would like to send information to each registered organization on campus telling what SGA is," she said.

SGA has tried several activities this year to raise student interest and awareness, such as suggestion boxes and informational brochures in the dorms and J.U.M.P. (Join Us in Making Progress) tables set up periodically in DUC. Bastin said they have also worked closely with the OAR programs to inform incoming students about SGA.

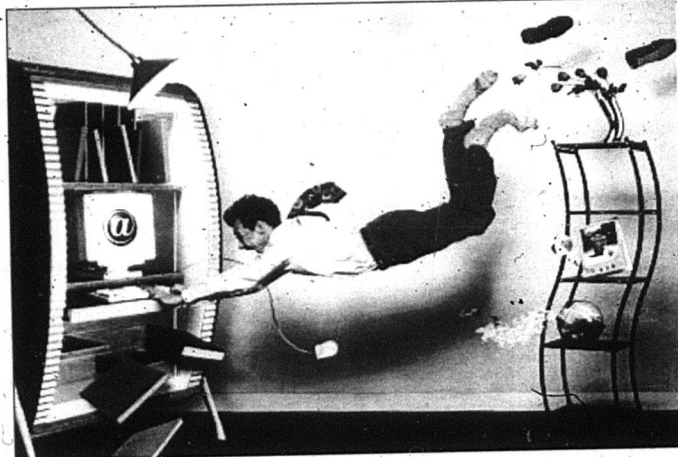
Bastin said organization and creativity are the two most important aspects of the job.

"The biggest challenge I see is ... the challenge of effectively publicizing what we're doing," Bastin said. "Still many say they don't know."

McClard has a hand in many campus activities which could help her get the word out about SGA. She is the public relations chairwoman for Alpha Delta Pi sorority and secretary for Western's Panhellenic Council.

"My job is to make sure Greeks as a whole are represented well," McClard said.

SGA Elections
In the next two weeks the Herald will profile the candidates in this year's election.



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Opinion

Dissenting voice needed on Board

Welcome back, Mary Ellen Miller. Miller, who first served as Western's faculty regent from 1983 to 1987, may have returned to the post last year, but she had not been a great presence until last week, when she spoke out against Western's drafted post-tenure review policy and proclaimed that she is fighting for changes.

Since returning as faculty regent, Miller has voted against the majority of the board on few issues.

But last week, she recommended to the Faculty Senate that Western's post-tenure review policy be struck. She's taking the lead on trying to change an issue.

"I don't know if one single person on the Board of Regents will support me," she told the Herald on March 28.

"However, I have that one vote." Welcome back, Mary Ellen Miller.

This is exactly what Western's board needs — and exactly what former faculty regent Ray Mendel brought to it — someone to see the other side of an issue.

Someone to ensure that a group of "distinguished" elites doesn't turn Western into a country club with books. Someone to hoot. Someone to holler when necessary.

A balance. Mendel, of course, was a most exaggerated version of this during his six-year reign, and his outspokenness ultimately led to his downfall.

Miller should not be expected to be another Mendel. But the faculty and student regents, more than any other of the board's nine members, are the ones whose voices must be heard.

Miller's refusal to let the post-tenure review policy pass without at least some amending shows that she is ready to be that voice.

We disagree with her stance on the issue, but find her activism encouraging.

Post-tenure review at Western would mean tenured faculty members must go through an additional evaluation process every five years. If severe problems are found in their reviews, it could cause those faculty members to be fired.

Miller may lose this battle, but at least she is fighting for something she and faculty members feel strongly about.

Welcome back, Mary Ellen Miller.

The issue: Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller is taking a stand on post-tenure review.

Our view: We're glad to see a dissenting voice on the Board of Regents.



Bullies don't deserve the death penalty

I'm mad as Hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore.

I don't know if you've heard about this little nugget of news, but it has completely pissed me off. The story is about a new Texas law designed to bring discipline and order to the classroom by sentencing bullies to death. That's right, the good Republicans in the state of Texas believe that killing bullies will set a good example in a post-Columbine classroom.

Here's most of the story from a March 27 article in the Dallas Observer-Chronicle.

Eight-year-old convicted of bullying a classmate is to be sentenced today.

Denny Hagstrom, a first-grader from Gerald Ford Elementary School, was found guilty of first degree bullying yesterday.

Under Texas' new tough on-crime, anti-bully legislation, Hagstrom could face the death penalty.

Hagstrom was convicted of aggravated assault in 1996 and was twice convicted of first-degree roughhousing in 1997.

"I could not argue he didn't do it," Tom Bealmer, Hagstrom's attorney, said. "All I can do now is plead for his life."

Hagstrom was arrested after giving fellow classmate Jerry Osmo, 7, a bloody nose and stealing his Transformer. On the afternoon of February 23, Hagstrom proceeded to wait on his face. Osmo dropped the toy and cried

out, "Mommy," according to an affidavit. Glenda Ledson, the boy's teacher, caught Hagstrom fleeing the scene.

Of course, the Hagstrom case (or "BullyGate" as the press has dubbed it) is becoming a political issue.

Vice President Al Gore has been very vocal on the issue. Gore addressed the issue last week during a visit to a Carbondale, Ill., Rotary Club meeting.

"This is a miscarriage of justice," he said. "This type of thing you can expect from a Bush administration. We need to foster an understanding in our children; violence only breeds violence."

George W. Bush has been surprisingly mute on the issue.

"The Hagstrom case is a very sensitive issue," he told USA Today. "I think it is important to look at the facts before coming to a decision."

Pretty strong words when a boy's life is on the line, Governor.

This is not just a problem for Texans.

We need to be concerned as well. During the past legislative session, the issue of an anti-bully law reared its ugly head in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Sandra Westerburg, a republican from Covington, believes strongly that Kentucky schools must definitely need some sort of bully protection.

"Respect and discipline no longer rule supreme in our schools," she said to The Courier-Journal on March 5. "I believe that this law would send a strong message to bullies: We don't want you in our schools."

She does not support the idea of killing children for bullying, but does support "shipping all of the bullies to an island or something, where they can elect their own bully king and live under their own bully laws — you know, something like that."

I say this abortion of justice needs to end. Call your representatives today and tell them how you feel on the issue of bully rights. Don't let radical Republicans take away our right to bully freely in an open society. Set an example by pushing someone smaller than you around, stealing someone's lunch money or joining a local street gang. Do something to stand up to those bully Republicans!

Justin Eslinger is a senior print journalism and government double major from London.



Justin Eslinger
commentary

What's the best April Fools' Day joke you've been a part of?



"It was a professor telling me I got an F on a test."

Scott Payne
Owensboro senior



"A friend and I moved a friend's car ... so she thought it was towed."

Stephanie Franke
Louisville sophomore



"I've never been a part of a good April Fools' joke."

Adam McFarland
Henderson sophomore



"We ordered a pizza and let smoke bombs off in the pizza guy's truck."

B.J. Millay
Central City sophomore



"With all the crazy things I've done, it's hard to tell which are April Fools'."

Emily Schmitt
Louisville sophomore

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New faculty senate to take charge

By JIM GAINES
Herald reporter

Western's two faculty governance bodies, the Academic Council and the Faculty Senate, will fade away over the summer, but they won't really disappear. One-third of the new University Senate members, elected last month, comes from the membership of its predecessors.

Faculty voted to create the new senate on Jan. 26 after months of debate. A faculty governance committee headed by philosophy professor Arvin Vos drew up the charter, which passed by a bare majority of four votes out of 402.

Two weeks ago, faculty voted to elect a new senator from each of 37 departments, and last week they voted again for 23 at-large representatives. The at-large representatives were distributed among the colleges based on number of faculty in each one, said John Petersen, Academic Programs and Personnel associate vice president. He oversaw both votes and counted at-large ballots yesterday afternoon.

Academic Affairs will schedule an organizational meeting for new senators within the next two weeks, but the senate won't start business until fall, Petersen said. The new senate will elect officers and assign committees this spring.

"They will then be making plans of how they will be working their way into their jobs," he said.

But three more senators remain to be chosen: student representatives from the Student Government Association, Petersen said. He doesn't want to proceed without them.

He may have to, SGA President Amanda Coates said.

Next year SGA will have representatives from each college, but they won't take office until fall. The student senators will probably be chosen from among the college representatives, Coates said. She would happily send current SGA members, but they'd only hold office for the organizational meeting.

Until then, the Faculty Senate and Academic Council will do business as usual anyway, said Academic Council chairwoman Retta Poe, a psychology professor.

"I've been told that we are more or less going to be responsible for curricular things through the summer," Poe said. The last

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| Allied Health and Human Services: | Dale Smith/Janelle Peeler |
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regularly scheduled meeting will be in April, she said.

When its members' terms run out, the council will just fade away, its functions taken over by the University Senate, she said.

But the ghosts of the Faculty Senate and Academic Council will live on, since 41 of the 60 senators and 60 alternates are members on the Faculty Senate, the Academic Council or both.

Jim Becker, a teacher education professor, serves on both. Yesterday he was also elected as an at-large university senator from the College of Education. But that broad perspective still gives no clues as to what the new

body will be like. Sociology professor John Faine — an alternate in the University Senate, just finished his second term in the Faculty Senate.


Faine never served on the Academic Council, so he's unsure what it'll be like to take on its responsibilities as a curriculum committee. But he's glad to see the new body replace the Faculty Senate, which was often ignored by the administration and went unsupported by faculty, he said.

"Whether it lives up to expectations as a faculty voice remains to be seen," Faine said.

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Campus police cracking down on jaywalkers

By Jason Ragan
Herald reporter

Campus police are hoping that tough punishment for jaywalkers will be an effective tool in making University Boulevard safer. Since last Wednesday, a police officer who catches someone crossing any road around campus in places other than designated crosswalks will issue the jaywalker a \$67.50 citation.

The citations are yet another way the university is trying to cut down on pedestrians being hit by cars, Capt. Mike Wallace said. For years, University Boulevard in particular has been a dangerous road to cross, with nine students being hit there since 1992. The last accident occurred on Sept. 7, 1999. "We have had a large number of people struck there -- we have to stop that," Wallace said. Even though some students

may have to pay steep prices because of the new policy, some still support it. "It'll be safer if (students) use the crosswalks," Hopkinsville junior Christy Wood said. The policy's success will probably depend on the number of tickets given out, she said. "I guess if they ticket enough people they will (succeed)," Wood said. Russellville junior Julie Costello, however, doesn't like

the tougher enforcement. "I think that is a little much," Costello said. "The crosswalks are in awkward places." Costello said she thinks people are still going to cross where it is convenient for them when the police are not there. Campus police will mainly concentrate their effort with bike and foot patrol, Wallace said, to prevent patrol cars from blocking a lane of traffic in an already heavily congest-

ed area. Kentucky law requires pedestrians to cross in the designated areas. Wallace said many pedestrians, however, don't realize that if they don't cross at a crosswalk, cars have the right-of-way. Wallace said the university is not interested in making a profit from citations. "What we are interested in is the safety of the public," said Wallace. "Human life can not be replaced."

Amazon.com speaker coming for breakfast

Jeff Peck, operations manager of Amazon.com, will discuss "Selling in the Virtual Marketplace" Friday morning. The breakfast meeting is sponsored by the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce and the Gordon Ford College of Business. The meeting is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Downing University Center Auxiliary Dining Hall. Tickets are \$9 for faculty/staff and \$6 for students. For information, contact Trae Hackett at (270) 846-3765.

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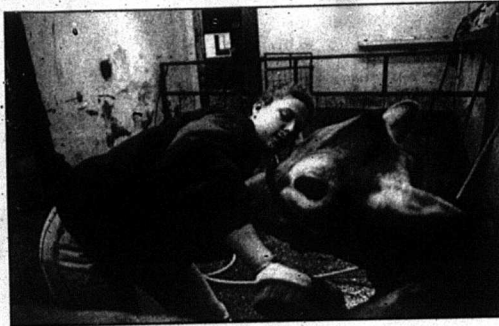
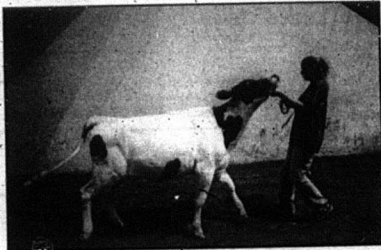
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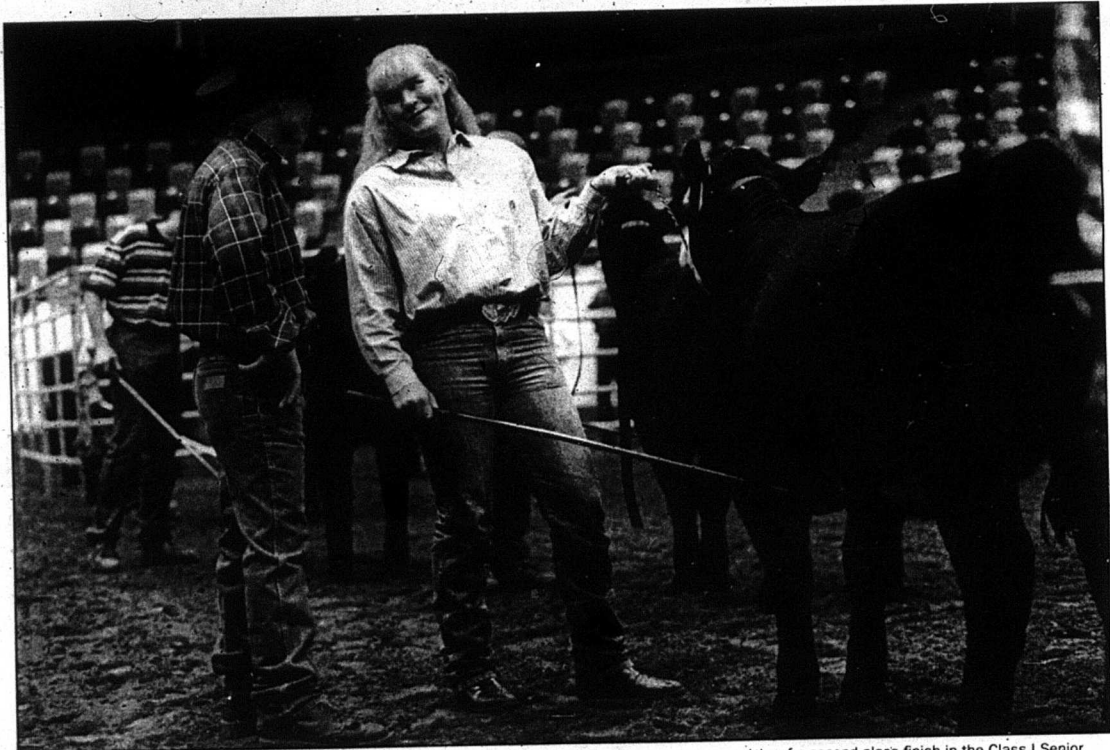
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Melissa Kron, a freshman from Evarlsville, Ind., trains her Holstein dairy heifer for competition posture. "You do this until you feel like your arm is going to fall off," Kron said.



Bowling Green freshman Amanda Oates rolled out of bed at 4:30 a.m. Saturday morning so that she could prepare her Jersey dairy calf for a show beginning at 7:30 a.m.



Emily Hartzell, a freshman from Shawano, Wisc., convinced beef judge Brandon Waterman that she was worthy of a second place finish in the Class I Senior Showmanship beef division: "He told me, 'I'm standing here. Make her look good,'" Hartzell said. "I've never had a judge ask me that before."

A Test of Showmanship

STORY BY ERICA WALSH • PHOTOS BY ANDREW OTTO

They say opposites attract. In the case of Emily Hartzell, a freshman from Shawano, Wis., and Louisville freshman Brooke Stice, opposites also win awards. Hartzell and Stice were just two of the competitors in this year's Little North American Livestock Show. And they couldn't be more different. Hartzell has been showing animals since she was six years old. Stice had never been this close to show animals before. She did this year's competition for the experience.

"And the peer pressure," Hartzell added grinning. Stice agreed. "She's right, all my friends were like 'you've gotta do this, you've gotta do this,'" she said. With a little help from Hartzell, Stice placed third in her junior class for showing beef cattle. Hartzell placed second in her senior class, which is a great experience for a freshman.

"The two people who beat me were older, so they were a little more knowledgeable," Hartzell said. Overall, both Hartzell and Stice were happy with their performances, and the performance by Mertle Mae, the girls' 1,000-pound heifer. "We've been working with her for about two months now," Hartzell said. "This competition can be as time consuming as you make it. I was here at 6 most mornings." Hartzell and Stice, like most of the exhibitors, were up with the roosters to get their animals primped and preened for the show. Today's primping included rinsing, brushing and letting Mertle Mae get her beauty sleep before the show.



Around 2:30p.m. Emily Hartzell, a freshman from Shawano, Wisc., finds time to rest in the bleachers after competing all day.

"We've been here since about 4 this morning to get her ready," Hartzell said. Brad Morehouse, a sophomore from Noblesville, Ind., was this year's LNA chairman. "It's gone real smooth this year," he said. "There are less kids this year than there have been for the past couple of years though." Morehouse said that's something he thinks Block and Bridle, the club that sponsors LNA, should work on for next year. "Definitely try to get more involvement, more exhibitors," he said. Along with exhibitors, Hartzell thinks the public should be more of a presence at the shows. "I think it would be a learning experience for those people who aren't used to it," she said. "A lot of people don't know it, but this show has opened a lot of doors for a long time. Plus, it's just really neat."

Recycling awareness raised

By **ABBEY BROWN**
Herald reporter

The natural setup of Travis Kline's office may seem somewhat second-grade, but considering his job, it's highly appropriate.

The office, located under the first level of the parking structure, has a gravel floor and is furnished by a folding table and some old car seats for chairs. The office is decorated by recycling containers, construction barrels and debris.

The down-to-earth locale is the headquarter for the newly created Green Crew, a group of three students in charge of campus-wide recycling. The group recently started an increased recycling effort on campus, attempting to gather recyclable material other than the cardboard and paper already collected by the university.

Kline, a Louisville sophomore who is also a member of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, said he was so frustrated of just sitting around and complaining that he decided to do something about it.

But when he presented the idea of campus-wide recycling to Facilities Management, it was rejected. Kline then approached

Campus Services Manager Greg Fear who was willing to hire Kline to help out with Western's recycling program.

"It has been well overdue," Fear said. "We have been needing to do more recycling."

Kline's first big project included delivering new phonebooks and recycling the old ones from all academic buildings. During that project two other SEAC members, Shaun Ketterman, a freshman from Spring Hill, Tenn., and Madisonville freshman Lindsay Gilmore, were hired to join the Green Crew.

In the past two months, the program has put recycling boxes in all dorm lobbies as well as Cherry Hall, the fine arts center and Garrett Conference Center.

"We are trying to get people familiar with the idea," Kline said. "It is in a real fragile stage right now, it could go either way depending on student participation."

The recyclable materials include plastic, glass, aluminum, paper and cardboard. All plastic materials put in the bins should have mouths bigger than their bases, and no slick paper, like magazines, can be recycled.

The group makes rounds to all the bins picking up the deposit-

ed items and are currently working on having a more extensive program established by next semester. Gilmore and Ketterman will be working over the summer on advertising and awareness campaigns.

Fear said he was not yet sure how the program was going.

"We haven't had enough time to evaluate the program fully," Fear said. "But I think the student workers are doing great."

Ketterman said he thought the program was going very well considering it has only been around for about a month and many are not aware of it yet. Although little has been recycled yet, Kline said he was not too surprised because a lot of people are not used to recycling.

"We are dealing with a lot of people who just don't know what recycling is or how to do it," Kline said. "This is an organic thing, we expect it to continually grow."

Kline said he hopes the program will not die out next year, even though he is leaving Western in May.

"Hopefully, the program will continue to grow and ideally I envision having recycling programs on every floor in every dorm and academic building," Kline said.

Sunday wreck results in only minor injuries

By **JASON RAGAN**
Herald reporter

The Schafer family was making their usual Sunday night trip from Rockfield to the 12th Street Church of Christ this weekend. But they ended up at the hospital.

The family's pickup truck was hit by a car driven by Patrick Beauchamp of Auburn at the intersection of University Boulevard and Dogwood Avenue 5:15 Sunday evening.

According to the police report, Beauchamp was traveling north on University Boulevard at 10 to 15 miles per hour, turning left onto Dogwood.

The Schafer family was traveling south on University Boulevard at 30 to 35 miles per hour.

The Schafer's could not stop in time because of the sudden turn of Beauchamp's '84 Buick. "He just pulled right out in

front of us and hit us," Debbie Shafer said. "My head went through the windshield."

Her husband Marty was driving, and their daughter, Tobi Jordan, was also in the truck.

Beauchamp could not be reached for comment.

None of the people involved were seriously injured, but Debbie was treated at the Medical Center of Bowling Green with 20 stitches for a cut in her head and cracked bones in her hands. Beauchamp was treated at the scene.

Both vehicles were towed. There were no signs that alcohol or drugs were involved in the accident.

Schafer said she was partially at fault for her injuries since she was not wearing her seatbelt.

"My brother got killed by a drunk driver five years ago and I always wear my seatbelt," she said, "and I don't know why I didn't have it on. I just didn't have it on."

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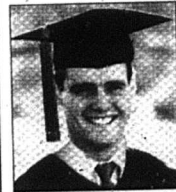
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CHANGES: No decisions final

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body at this point," Flynn said, but the plans will take some work to synchronize. Even though the recommendations have been made, no decisions have been finalized.

Academic Affairs will probably send some of the recommendations back to individual departments for revision before taking a full report to the council on May 8.

"We will be meeting their deadline, of course," said John Petersen, Academic Programs and Personnel associate vice president. "But what responses we're going to give for each of the programs in question hasn't been determined yet."

Burch also wants to consult the Academic Council and Western's standing program review committee, Flynn said.

Deciding on program changes was harder for some deans than others. The Community College and the Gordon Ford College of Business had only a few low-producing programs to worry about, and their solutions were relatively easy, deans Frank Conley and Robert Jefferson said. But there aren't easy answers for Potter College of Arts,

"Essentially, what the committee is asking us is, 'What are you doing that is important, and why do you consider it important?'"

— David Lee
dean of Potter College

Humanities and Social Sciences. Almost half of the 48 Potter College majors listed in the 1999-2000 catalog failed the council's standard. Four departments — philosophy and religion, theatre and dance, music and modern languages and intercultural studies — had no majors that produced enough graduates. All are in Potter.

"A good many of our programs are traditional liberal arts programs that people expect to find at a university," said David Lee, dean of Potter College. "There are also a number of programs in Potter College that are offered in support of teacher education. Even if those numbers are low in terms of productivity, I think we have a responsibility in light of our historic role."

Western began as a teacher's college, and teacher education is still a large part of Western's enrollment. That requires lots of support from other departments, Lee said.

The council recently changed pre-college curriculum standards to require at least two years of foreign language. If the council wants to have foreign language teachers for high school students, it only makes sense to keep foreign language teacher education programs open, he said.

Council Vice President Sue Moore inserted a review category asking to suspend judgment for a better defense or explanation, Lee said. Some departments asked for that, but have to present a final plan by fall.

Despite the hard choices, Potter turned in its plan on schedule, Lee said.

"We've had some practice with this," he said. A similar review in 1993 prepared him to answer the council's questions.

"Essentially, what the committee is asking us is, 'What are you doing that's important, and why do you consider it important?'" Lee said. "Those are questions we should be prepared to answer almost at the drop of a hat."

New director named for Alumni Association

Reorganization reduces extra work

By SCOTT SISCO
Herald reporter

In a move to streamline the giving process, the Development and Alumni Affairs division has reorganized, leaving Donald Smith with some added responsibilities.

Smith, the campaign manager and director of annual giving, has also been named the director of the Alumni Association.

The reorganization will eliminate some duplication of the paperwork that goes along with gifts from alumni and friends of the university.

"Without the coordination of these two, we were doing one thing in the giving office and duplicating them in the alumni office," Smith said.

Smith is stepping in for former director Gene Crume, who left for a new job in December.

"I felt like Donald possessed all the skills I was interested in, plus the experience that the other candidates in the pool lacked," said Tom Hiles, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations.

Smith was named acting director two years ago when Crume went on sabbatical.

Hiles said Smith's people and numerical skills made him the best man for the job.

"He combines both of those aspects in what I deem a combination of aspects perfect for this job," Hiles said.

The two divisions were split about two or three years ago in the infancy of the annual giving department, which handles gifts from \$1 to \$10,000, Smith said.

Smith said the alumni are the only thing about the university that doesn't change. He wants to keep alumni involved in the university.

"The students change, the faculty changes, but the alumni are always there," Smith said. "I think this will serve all of our alumni and friends better."



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RECOVERY: Advice hotline unable to detect disease

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"We are hopeful but we aren't out of the woods yet," Mariann said. Yesterday, Emily underwent several tests including an MRI, a CAT Scan and tests checking for heart damage.

Emily's sister Katie, a freshman at Western, said it is too early to tell whether any permanent damage may have occurred because of the meningitis.

Emily's parents first requested that media not publish Emily's name, because their youngest daughter, Martha, had not yet been told about her sister's disease.

Katie said Emily started feeling sick Wednesday and called Collegiate Health Care's nursing advice hotline for advice. The nurse, however, told Shults to wait until the morning to see a doctor.

Richard Carlson, vice president of Medical Affairs for Collegiate, said the transcript from the conversation shows that the trained nurse who took the call asked the necessary questions to detect any possible diseases, including a question about meningitis.

"They bring up everything the student could have," Carlson said. "Eliminations are then made based on the patient's answers."

Carlson said, given Emily's answers, the nurse gave the right advice. He said her symptoms were somewhat general and flu-like, and there were no signs of meningitis. He said one of the big problems with the

disease is that a person can "go from being pretty much OK to very sick quickly."

Carlson said if a patient appears to be suffering from a serious illness, they are recommended to go to the hospital immediately. If no emergency can be detected, the patient is given medical advice and told they may want to consider going to their doctor or to the student health center the following day.

Katie said the health center left a message on Emily's answering machine Thursday, asking if she had any further questions.

By that time, however, Shults had already been admitted to the hospital. But Mariann said she lays no blame on the nurse who took the call.

"Western did follow through, although it was a little late," she said.

Katie said doctors believed her sister's illness is an isolated case. They originally thought the disease may have been picked up while Emily was in Nashville, where other cases were reported. Doctors later said there is only a slim chance that the cases are related, however.

Several of Emily's family and friends have been with her throughout the experience. In the beginning of her stay, only immediate family was allowed to visit because of the risk of spreading the disease. Now that Emily has been taken out of isolation, however, other family and friends may visit for a short time. She is expected to be released from intensive care some

time today.

Martha Shults, Emily's youngest sister, was one of the last people to find out about the meningitis.

"I hope she is able to recover totally," she said. "No matter what happens, I am going to love her always," Martha said. "She is a great big sister to have, and I'm glad she's mine."

Emily's third sister, Rebecca, described Shults as a funny and smart person.

"She is a really strong person. I have always looked up to her," she said.

Emily is a member of Western's rugby team and used to be on the equestrian team. Friends said she likes to read and play guitar. Last semester, Shults spent a semester studying abroad in Cambridge, England.

Many of Emily's friends have expressed both concern and hope for her. Nashville junior Rachel Lopez is in the process of making a get-well quilt for Emily. Lopez is having all of Emily's friends and family help with the quilt so it will mean even more to her when she receives it.

Emily's former roommate, Alvaton senior Magen Sears, has also been at the hospital to visit with Emily and her family. She said "everyone's spirits are up" since Emily started doing better.

"It is really hard to see her go through this," she said, "but I know if anybody could make it through this it would be Emily."

What is meningitis?

Meningitis is inflammation of the meninges, the lining which surrounds the brain. The disease should not be confused with encephalitis, which is inflammation of the brain itself.

For bacterial meningitis, it is also important to know which type of bacteria is causing the meningitis because antibiotics can prevent some types from spreading and infecting other people. Before the 1990s, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) was the leading cause of bacterial meningitis, but new vaccinations have reduced the occurrence of their routine immunizations have reduced the occurrence of invasive disease due to H. influenzae. Today, Streptococcus pneumoniae and Neisseria meningitidis are the leading causes of bacterial meningitis. —CDC WEB SITE

Symptoms

High fever, headache, and stiff neck are common symptoms of meningitis in anyone over the age of 2 years. These symptoms can develop over several hours, or they may take one to two days. Other symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, discomfort looking into bright lights, confusion and sleepiness. In newborns and small infants, the classic symptoms of fever, headache, and neck stiffness may be absent or difficult to detect, and the infant may only appear slow or irritable, or be irritable, have vomiting, or be feeding poorly. As the disease progresses, patients of any age may have seizures. —MAYO HEALTH CLINIC WEB SITE

How it is spread

The germ that causes the infection is carried in the nose and throat of many individuals. Many people are naturally immune but can still spread the germ. It spreads in droplets from the nose or mouth, such as from sneezing or coughing, by kissing, sharing eating utensils and sharing a toothbrush. Some studies have linked increased risk to drinking alcohol and smoking, which may suppress immunity. Sharing a drinking glass or cigarette at a party also can increase your risk. —MAYO HEALTH CLINIC WEB SITE

Campus News

Roads to be closed due to paving

The Bowling Green Public Works Department will be paving State Street from 14th Avenue to Mimosa Avenue and Center Street from 13th Avenue to 14th Avenue on Monday, April 3. Parking will be prohibited on these two streets on Monday starting at 6 a.m.

Public Works will also be paving Chestnut Street from 13th Avenue to Cabell Drive on Tuesday, April 4. One lane will be closed at all times and delays should be expected. Motorists and Emergency Services Personnel are asked to seek an alternate route if possible.

Ransdell to meet with Advisory Committee

President Gary Ransdell will meet with the Women's Advisory Committee on Monday, April 24, to discuss issues of interest to women. Anyone wishing this committee to bring an issue or concern to Ransdell's attention should contact one of the members by phone.

Elizabeth Oakes, 745-3634; Martha Jenkins, 745-3993; Pat Jordan, 745-5464; Judy Zibart, 745-3253; Ingrid Villar, 745-5065.

Issues can be raised by e-mail to elizabeth.oakes@wku.edu

Special meeting to be held by Downtown Redevelopment Authority

The Board of Directors of the Downtown Redevelopment Authority will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:30 a.m. at the Milliken Building at 1039 College Street, Suite 100. For more information, contact Cheryl Blaine at 782-0222.

Author Jewel Dimond Taylor to speak

Motivational speaker and author Jewel Dimond Taylor will deliver the keynote address at the Society of African American Alumni's Spring Celebration 2000. Scholarship recipients will be recognized. Spring Celebration is open to the public and tickets are \$25. For more information, contact the WKU Alumni Association at 1-888-WKU-ALUM.

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DISEASE: Danger seems to be over for students

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The danger for students, however, seems to be over.

"Our first approach was to treat anyone who was in close personal contact with the victim with an antibiotic," Greaney said. "Our second approach is for people who are healthy, but want to be treated with the vaccine as a preventive measure."

Close personal contact means being within an arm's length of the infected person. Those who were at the greatest risk were immediately contacted and treated at the health center. Greaney said it was determined at the hospital which individuals were most likely to contract the disease from the victim.

"We got the names of close friends, instructors and others she was in close contact with," she said. "They were all treated within four hours after she was put in the hospital."

According to data from the American College Health Association, meningitis strikes about 3,000 Americans each year and is responsible for approximately 300 deaths

annually.

The organization's Web site said it is estimated that 100 to 125 cases of meningitis occur on college campuses each year, and five to 15 of those students die.

College students are at a greater risk of infection because of their lifestyle, according to a handout from the health center. Students come in close contact with other students in classes, dorm life and other activities, and it can be spread as easily as a student's cough.

Michigan State University is one school that has had a number of cases in the past few years. Two MSU students died between December 1996 and March 1997, and at least three students have been infected since then. The other students recovered, and the school has taken steps to prevent future cases, said Tom Oswald, information officer at the MSU relations office.

"There was lot of discussion regarding what we might do," he said. "We don't have an official policy, but we recommend students get vaccinated before they come here."

Liz Latt, director of Vanderbilt's news service, said her school handles cases similar to the way Western does, giving shots to those in contact and anyone else who is concerned.

Vanderbilt's last case of meningitis was in 1997, she said. "It's certainly something to be taken seriously, and we're lucky that we haven't had more cases," she said.

Approximately 10 percent of the general population carries the disease in their nasal passages and throat in a harmless state at some point in their lives, Greaney said. During an outbreak, up to 95 percent of the population in an area can carry the disease, but less than 1 percent actually develop the disease.

"Why some people develop the disease rather than others is unknown," said Tom Skinner, spokesman for the Center of Disease Control. "Symptoms of the disease can usually be seen within three to four days after contracting it."

Skinner said smoking, exposure to second-hand smoke and lacking a spleen raise the risk of developing the disease.

Facts about Meningitis

- * About 3,000 Americans are infected with the disease each year. Of those, about 300 die.
- * Between 100 to 125 college students get meningitis each year. An average of five to 15 of those cases are lethal.
- * Most people are immune to the disease. About 10 percent of Americans carry the disease in their nasal passages at some point of their life.
- * College students are at a higher risk to contract the disease than other age groups because of their lifestyle.

Web sites with more information

Mayo Health Clinic Online:

www.mayohealth.org/mayo/9909/htm/menin.htm

CDC site on meningitis:

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/meningococcal_g.htm

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Jimmy Ausbrooks,
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College Heights Herald

Student research focus of conference

Thirteen departments represented

By JACOB BENNETT
Herald reporter

Topics ranging from organic clay to bat guano were discussed and presented Saturday morning at South Campus as students showed off months and years of hard work at the 2000 Student Research Conference.

About 60 students presented their findings as any student would present a class project, but if most people had to do class projects like these, they would probably drop out.

For example, Zhaoyang Zhao, a graduate student from China, presented her findings on "Surfactant Mediated Extractions using Alkyltrimethylammonium Surfactants Immobilized onto Strong Cation Exchange Resin."

She started her research in China about three years ago and plans to continue it later.

Zongming Gao, also a graduate student from China, called his presentation "The Study of

"It takes a little time for these things to catch on but next year we are hoping to get as many students as possible."

— Douglas McElroy
director, honors center

Organic Modified Montmorillonite by Thermal Analysis."

Gao said he too has been working on the project for more than three years.

"When I find something new, I get really excited," he said. His project recently received a grant from the Air Force, and he hopes to change the properties of montmorillonite, a form of clay, into something for everyday use. He said one day he would like to see his work applied in the real world.

The conference, sponsored by the Honors Program and Sigma Xi, was practice for future presentations to business leaders, said Douglas McElroy, director of the honors center.

"The purpose was to highlight research and scholarship creative activity and to give graduates a chance to present their

work to their peers," he said. Thirteen departments in three colleges participated in the conference. Until three years ago, it had been solely a science conference.

McElroy said this was the biggest conference he has seen during his seven years at Western.

"It takes a little time for these things to catch on," he said. "But next year we're hoping to get as many students as possible."

Louisville senior Curtis Cary called his presentation "Impact of Elevated Temperature on Cytokine Synthesis and Nitric Oxide Production During Experimental Chagas' Disease." He said the research for these projects will help him and other students continue similar research after they graduate from graduate school.

"This was a familiarization process with the lab and research, to prepare me for a more pressurized environment later on," he said.

An awards banquet will be held April 12 to recognize all presenters. Students with the best presentations will receive awards for several different categories, including best graduate speech and best undergraduate speech.

Class registration schedule:

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O-Z	April 5	O-Z	April 10
A-F	April 6	A-F	April 11
G-N	April 7	G-N	April 12
Sophomores:		Returning Freshman:	
Last name	Date	Last name	Date
O-Z	April 13	R-Z	April 18
A-F	April 14	A-C	April 19
G-N	April 17	D-J	April 20
		K-Q	April 21

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Campus News

Trailmakers needed at Mammoth Cave

Ten workers are needed on April 15, May 20, Sept. 23, and Oct. 21 to help create and maintain mountain bike trails at Mammoth Cave National Park. Workers should meet at Maplesprings Trailhead at 9 a.m. If you can make it, call Johnny Johnson at (270) 780-5500.

Violence prevention workshop to be held

The Kentucky Center for School Safety is holding a free workshop April 20 at 113 Garrett Conference Center for university faculty about violence prevention curriculum for preschool-9th grade children. The workshop is designed to direct faculty members how to incorporate this program into a college level curriculum.

Western's version of Singled Out

Central Hall Government in conjunction with Pearce-Ford Tower Hall Government will be hosting the dating game Singled Out from 8:30 to 10 p.m. April 14 at Nite Class. Everyone is invited to compete for a free date that includes a free meal.

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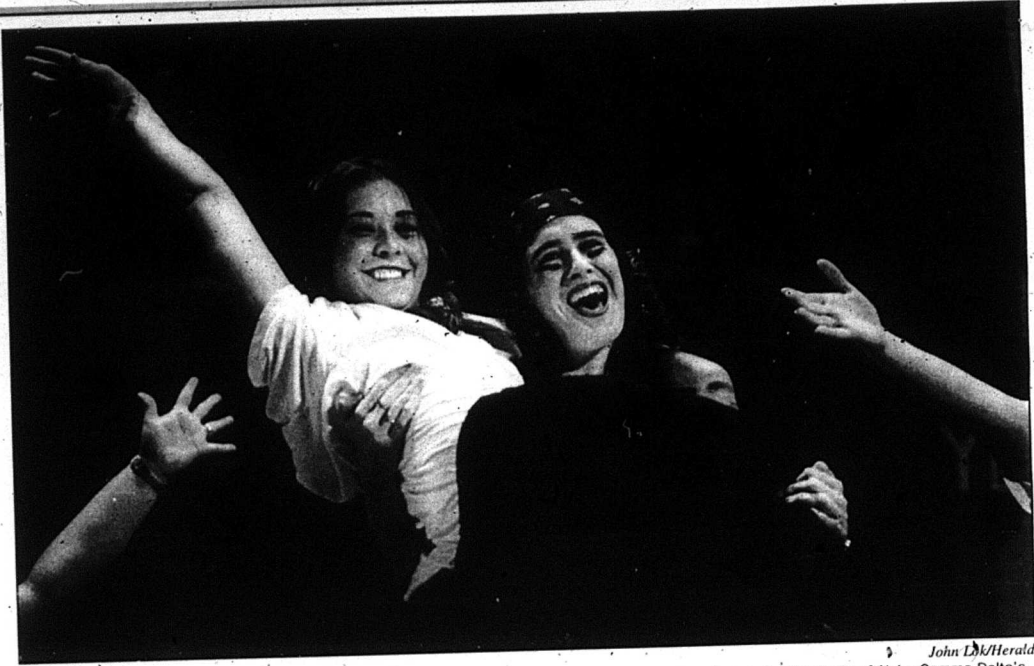
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Jennifer Kiegel, a junior from Boonville, Ind., sweeps Louisville sophomore Heather Johnson off her feet during the finale of Alpha Gamma Delta's skit in Spring Sing, held Sunday night at Van Meter Hall. "We had been practicing every night for the past month," Kiegel said. "We had a great time."

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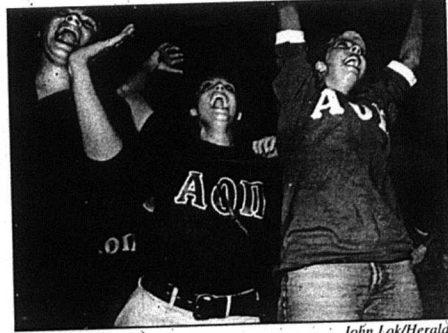
Greek Week festivities get started with the annual 'Spring Sing'

BY ERICA WALSH
Herald reporter

Greek Week began on Sunday with a lot of singing and even more stomping. This year's theme, "Lights, Camera, Greek Action," allowed for a lot of variety from each of the groups, said Owensboro junior Whitney Vanderpool, one of the event's co-chairmen. Acts ranged from parodies of Broadway hits and '70s TV themes to unforgettable anthems like "Lunchlady Land" and "Eye of the Tiger." When the night was over, it was Alpha Omicron Pi and Alpha Gamma Rho that came out on top. AOPi President Erin Leng, a Bowling

Green senior, said her group had been practicing at least four hours a day for the past couple of weeks. Their weeks of practice paid off. They performed a variety of songs, including "Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile," "Blue," — in which they imitated those lovable blue cartoon characters, the Smurfs — "Material Girl" and "Stomp." Even with all the practice, the nerves were still there minutes before showtime. "I'm so nervous," Bowling Green sophomore Jordan Wade said minutes before taking the stage. Wade is a transfer student from Eastern Kentucky University and said that the sorority activities here are much more

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John Lok/Herald

Former and current members of Alpha Omicron Pi cheer on their sorority's stage performance at Spring Sing, held at Van Meter Hall on Sunday night. From left are Greenville alumna Anne Slinker, Nashville junior Amber Mason and Louisville freshman Tiffany Pullen.

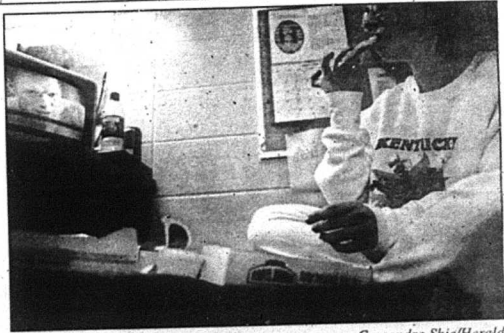
Delivery is a way of life

BY ERICA WALSH
Herald reporter

Western Kentucky mothers everywhere would be ashamed if they knew what their children were doing. Sometimes it's as often as twice or three times a week. Some desk clerks see it happen up to seven times an hour. Whether it's Happy Inn in your lobby or Papa John's calling your room, food is coming to Western dorms by the truckload. "I usually see six or seven deliveries an hour," Gamaliel junior Bill Ekhardt said. **Happy Inn in your lobby** Ekhardt works the desk at Keen Hall.

At Keen, it's mostly pizza. At Sorority Hall, it's mostly Subzone. At McCormack Hall, it's Happy Inn. "Happy Inn is here all the time," said Kara Webster, a sophomore from Cincinnati who works at the McCormack desk. "It's right across the street, you'd think we'd walk over there, but even I have them deliver." Tom Chang, the owner of Happy Inn, is a familiar face on campus. "Oh yeah, I see Tom a lot," said Carlisle senior Shannan Wheaton, who works at the Gilbert Hall desk. It's no surprise that Western students see Chang often — Happy Inn is the only Chinese restaurant in town that delivers.

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Cassandra Shie/Herald

Paintsville sophomore LeAnn Woods takes a pizza break on Sunday in McCormack Hall. "I ran out of food at the dorm and on the weekends, it's a lot easier to order Papa John's than it is to go to DUC," she said.

SING: AGR, AOPi win event

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exciting than they were at Eastern.

Despite the nerves; Long still thought her group was prepared. "We know it. It's just a matter of doing it," she said.

AGR has won Spring Sing for the past four years. This year, members of AGR think their performance of "The Wizard of Oz," which included three members in tutus, won it for them.

"Wizard of Oz" got the crowd excited," Ryan Spence, a junior AGR member from Nashville said.

For the sororities, fourth place went to Kappa Delta, third place went to Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega got second and AOPi was first.

"Everybody was talking towards the end, saying, 'you all got it,' so we felt pretty confident," Long said. "But when they

started naming names, I was nervous again."

For the fraternities, Sigma Alpha Epsilon was fourth, Pi Kappa Alpha came in third, second place went to Farmhouse and first place went to perennial powerhouse AGR.

"It felt good, it felt real good to win," Spence said. "It gives you motivation to win the rest."

Still, some members of the audience thought the winners should have been placed differently.

"Farmhouse got robbed," Hartford freshman Michelle Croley, a member of Chi O, said.

Louisville freshman Jessica Vena, another Chi O member, was excited about the results of Spring Sing and about the upcoming events.

"This is a great way to start off Greek Week," she said. "It got me pumped up!"

DELIVERY: Convenience a factor

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Chang says he drives about 50 miles back and forth between Happy Inn and the dorms each day, with a round 100 orders. Considering Happy Inn is less than a mile from most of the dorms on campus, 50 miles is a whole lot of egg rolls.

"I make a total of 30-40 trips to pretty much everywhere (on campus)," Chang said.

Another familiar face in dorm lobbies is the pizza delivery person.

Over at Domino's Pizza, manager Mike Shanahan and his employees are cranking out a massive amount of dough for Western students.

"I'd say around 40 percent of our business is from the dorms," he said.

Domino's drivers on average make trips to campus every 20 or 30 minutes.

Heather Upton, the manager at the Papa John's that delivers to campus said that a lot of their business comes from the dorms as well.

"We make at least 10-15 trips a night, and most of those have more than one order," she said.

Just like Mom used to order

Upton and her crew at Papa John's definitely do their share of feeding Western students.

So which dorms give restaurants the most business?

In a completely unscientific report, the desk clerks at each dorm were asked to say how often food was delivered to their dorms per hour. After most desk workers got over their giggles because of the question, they were happy to oblige with some guesses.

Based solely on estimates from desk clerks and RAs, it appears that Keen and Bates-Runner halls have the most deliveries per hour, with an average of seven. The rest of the dorms fall somewhere in the middle with an average of two to six visits.

Surprisingly, West Hall claims to have an average of only one visit per hour. According to Leon Buford-Kelly, a senior from Nashville and an RA at West West Hall's kitchens are used pretty often.

"It depends on the people," he said. "With me being an RA though, I see my kitchen used very frequently."

Why no vegetables?

Even though the men of West use the kitchen pretty often, it's not hard to figure out that a meal cooked in a dorm kitchen is no match for mom's. But what's wrong with going to DUC or buying some spaghetti at the store?

"I'd definitely say it's the convenience," Wheaton said.

"That's right, basically, it all comes down to what's easiest."

"Oh yeah, cooking in the dorms, you have to clean up," Ekhardt said. "When it's delivery, you don't have to walk to DUC or clean, they bring it right to the door."

Owensboro junior Todd Hunter, who works the desk at Sorority Hall, agreed.

"You can come out of the room and walk down the hall with pajamas on, and it's waiting for you, it's easy access," he said.

So does easy access compensate for mom's mashed potatoes? Ekhardt doesn't seem to mind. Happy Inn makes up for the lack of home-cooking.

"Happy Inn is just good food," he said.

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► **Movie Review**

Good action, bad acting in 'Romeo Must Die'

Grade: C

BY MICHAEL COMPTON
Herald reporter

William Shakespeare is rolling over in his grave.

"Romeo Must Die" is the latest adaptation of his "Romeo and Juliet." While it does have some entertaining moments, the film is just too unintentionally funny to be taken seriously.

Jet Li stars as Han Sing, a former cop with a family that is involved in mob-like activities. When the movie opens, he is in time because he took the fall to keep the rest of his family from going to jail.

While in prison, Han learns that his younger brother is the casualty of a gang war in Oakland, Calif. Since this is an action movie, Han doesn't wait for parole. Instead, he stages an acrobatic and violent escape.

Of course, if the escape happened in the real world, there is no way this guy could walk around unnoticed so easily.

Han's family controls half of the Oakland harbor district, while an African-American gang led by Isaak O'Day (Delroy Lindo) controls the other half. Both leaders have recently agreed to a truce to finalize a financial deal lucrative to both sides, but there are factions within both gangs that want the war to continue.

While investigating his brother's death, Hans meets Trish O'Day (pop singer Aaliyah). Since she doesn't approve of what her family does, she agrees to help Hans. Somewhere during their Hardy Boys-Nancy Drew adventure, they fall for each other, despite the fact they have no on-screen chemistry whatsoever.

It's hard to decide what is

more brutal in this film, the action sequences or the acting. Jet Li just isn't ready to be a leading man. He is much more suited to play the silent ass-kicking bad guy. Aaliyah needs to stick to singing because a cardboard box has more screen presence than she does.

Someone should tell Delroy Lindo that he needs to be more selective in the roles he chooses.

He is a very good actor, and he is so much above the material here, you have to hope he got paid well for taking this part.

Despite its flaws, the movie does have some moments. The action sequences are shot with a very energetic style by first-time director Andrew Bartkowiak, who previously worked as a cinematographer on "The Matrix." There is a

clever running visual where the camera zooms in on an X-ray of the body part that Li's character has massively destroyed on his opponent. It is an unintentionally funny sight gag. Chuckles like this help soften the fact that Shakespeare just isn't meant to be interpreted as a martial arts film, no matter how many people are critically injured.

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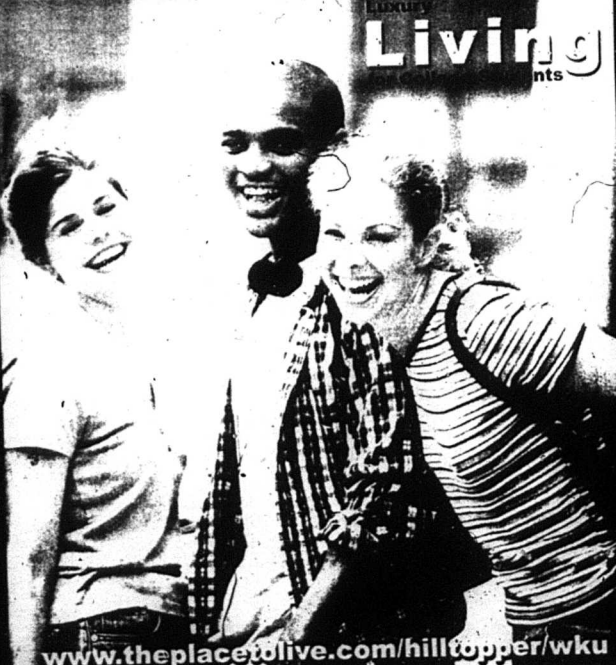
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The Muckrakers not ordinary in any fashion

Band comes home to familiar faces

BY TAYLOR LOVAL
Herald reporter

Cigarette smoke and expensive perfume lingered throughout Happy Inn Friday night as an audience of about 150 wedged themselves in to watch The Muckrakers play.

The crowd, mostly Western students, consisted of fans new and old who came to laugh, sing along and have a good time.

But it seemed that no one had more fun than The Muckrakers.

Ordinarily when a singer forgets his lyrics, it is frustrating to the rest of the band and insulting to the audience. Ordinarily when the audience slow dances to a U2 cover, it is in an insane asylum. Ordinarily bands don't follow songs about true love with a tune about the life of a male stripper.

But The Muckrakers isn't your ordinary band. The Muckrakers consists of Rob Carpenter, vocals and guitar, Jonathan Ruby, acoustic and electric guitars, Brian Meurer, bass, and David "Boomer" Sparks, drums.

Meurer, Sparks and Ruby all currently reside in Louisville, while Carpenter lives in South Bend, Ind.

Carpenter and Ruby originally started playing as a duet in dorms while attending Western several years ago. After realizing they would benefit from a drummer and bassist, the duo hooked up with Meurer and Spark, Ruby's childhood friends.

"I'm a stripper. It's what I do for a living. Taking my clothes off for very large and sweaty women," was the chorus that echoed through the speakers right before Carpenter and Ruby debated over which of them would live the lyrics of the song.

What happened next? Should have been there. For Tom Riggins, 28, Saturday night was the first time seeing the band. He agreed that The Muckrakers weren't the type of band you could put into one category.

"They play a good variety of music," he said.

Riggins, who came with friends, stood in the back of the crowd among beer bottle caps and fortune cookie wrappers, bobbing his head to the music.

Among the songs that had everyone's head bobbing was

"The Rap Medley." In this song, the band parodied Young MC, L.L. Cool J, Digital Underground, The B-52's, Public Enemy, Vanilla Ice and others. You will never know the meaning of the word "hilarious" until you see over 100 middle-class white kids yelling "Fight the power!"

Carpenter pointed out that he knew around half of the people in the Happy Inn crowd.

"This is The Muckrakers' home," Carpenter said.

Tom Chang, owner of Happy Inn, said that The Muckrakers first played there over two years ago. According to Chang, the band performed at the restaurant every two weeks until they graduated.

"What does Chang think of The Muckrakers?"

"They are pretty good," he said. "They bring a nice crowd."

Although they said they haven't traveled the globe as much as they would like, the band seems eager to bring their act to other venues. They have a CD out and even a web page at www.themuckrakers.com

"We're going to do our own thing and have integrity in what we do," Meurer said.

Carpenter agreed.

"We will (continue to) play music as long as it's fun," he said.



Cassandra Shie/Herald

Jon Ruby, left, and Rob Carpenter of The Muckrakers sing at Happy Inn on Sunday. "It's kinda like our homecoming to come back here," says Carpenter, a Western grad. "Our music is acoustically driven rock n' roll with a focus on the harmonies and melodies. But most importantly we are friends who love to play music."

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New research to aid troubled math students

BY LINH TRAN
Herald reporter

Just when you have exhausted "the dog ate my homework" excuse, here comes another excuse to why you can't turn in your math homework.

One word: Dyscalculia. Psychologist Scott Crouse, of the Hopkins School District in Minnesota, has been researching learning disabilities for 20 years. His website, www.hopkins.k12.mn.us/Pages/North/LD_Research/dyscalculia.htm, has been up for about a year.

He said that dyscalculia is the difficulty performing math calculations. Because it's a fairly new concept, there aren't really any statistics on how many people the condition affects, but Crouse said 10 percent of students are probably affected by it.

Bowling Green sophomore Catherine Jones said she had never heard of dyscalculia but doesn't doubt its existence.

"I have a lot of friends that I notice can't do math like other people can," she said.

What causes dyscalculia? Crouse said the most common cause is weak visualization. This is instrumental in mathematics because you need to envision numbers and math situations.

Another cause of dyscalculia is the inability to remember facts and formulas for completing calculations. This is common in students who have trouble with sequencing or organizing information.

"Students who do math well tend to form mental images," Crouse said. "Professors should accommodate those who don't visualize as well by drawing more pictures."

Some students just develop a phobia or fear of math. This can be because of a negative experience in a student's past, inconsistent educational experiences or lack of confidence.

Crouse believes that dyscalculia is innate. "This often runs in the family," he said. "If your parents have difficulty with math, it is more likely you will too."

Don't go running to your college algebra teacher just yet. There are certain criteria, which differ state by state, to determine if a student has a learning disability.

According to education professor Alice Mikovch, a student who believes they are suffering from any learning disability should go to the support services in Jones Jagers Hall.

"They would look at the student's needs, contact their pro-

Scott Crouse's strategies for students with math difficulties

- ◆ Work extra hard to visualize math problems. Draw pictures to help.
- ◆ Read the problem out loud.
- ◆ Ask to see an example in class.
- ◆ Think of a real life application.
- ◆ Be neat. Do math problems on graph paper to keep numbers in line.
- ◆ Spend extra time memorizing math facts.

fessors and talk about modifications," she said.

But before one contacts the support service, Mikovch suggests learning more about one's disability.

"(Students) need to investigate as much as they can about their disability and accommodate their needs to be successful," she said. "For example, take smaller class loads."

Crouse said that anyone who thinks they may have a learning disability shouldn't be discouraged from pursuing math related fields.

"All you need is motivation," he said. "It's not that the person can't do it, it's just a little more difficult."

Mathematics professor Barry Brunson said he has mixed feelings about dyscalculia. He said he has heard it as an inability to process numerical information, but also as an excuse students

semester, we can do things like give more time to take a test."

Neal said that he has had a few students say they failed a test because of math anxiety, but he said that's a common response.

Although Jones said she is an average math student, there have been times when she thought she might have symptoms of dyscalculia.

"Last week I couldn't add fractions," she said. "My mind went blank and I felt helpless because I needed to do this for a quiz."

Despite this, Jones is contemplating a minor in math to go along with her computer science major.


"I practice everything I don't know," she said. "I do problems over and over and I see what I did."

Math department head James Porter suggests doing what Jones does. He also advises students to not only do homework every night, but to study and analyze what was done. He said by doing this, you are prepared everyday and can be ahead, not behind.

And if you still have difficulty with your algebra homework? "There are tutors that will tutor any precalculus course," he said.

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DeGeneres speaks about gay rights

Ellen's mom proud of family

BY KENESHA JOHNSON
Herald reporter

An enthusiastic group gathered Monday night to hear Betty DeGeneres, mother of actress and comedian Ellen DeGeneres, discuss her feelings on gay rights.

Betty DeGeneres is a renowned speaker, speech pathologist and spokesperson for the National Coming Out Project. She also works for PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

After her daughter, Ellen, came out to her family 22 years ago, DeGeneres has made it her mission to educate herself and others about the stereotypes and misconceptions there are about gays and lesbians.

"It's not something that a parent even thinks about hearing," DeGeneres said. "When Ellen told me she was gay, I had to

read up on it because I was completely ignorant."

DeGeneres didn't become nationally known until her interview with Diane Sawyer. After that she found herself in Washington, D.C. working for the Human Rights Commission. She became the oldest non-gay spokesperson for the National Coming Out Project.

She said that she will probably be replaced as spokesperson this year, but it will not shut her up. She will continue to fight for gay rights.

DeGeneres said that most parents can relate to her because she is a mother. She spoke of ways to deal with someone you love coming out.

"Unconditional love is what's important," DeGeneres said. "When your child comes out, the child has not changed. Stop and really listen to your child, and finally celebrate your child's coming out."

DeGeneres said she's proud of her family and how well they've handled Ellen's coming out.

"I didn't think it concerned me," DeGeneres said. "It turns out that we had other family members that were gay. No one knew."

Louisville freshman Megan Resch didn't realize she had prejudices against homosexuals until her friend came out.

"I had to watch what I said around my friend," she said. "I thought I was okay with homosexuality, but I wasn't. It taught me to change my views."

DeGeneres said that there is too much emphasis on sexuality.

"When we find out a person's sexual preference, that determines how we judge that person," she said.

DeGeneres considers her daughter a pioneer because no one came before her. She said there were many reasons why Ellen chose at first to keep her sexuality a secret.



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Betty DeGeneres, mother of actress Ellen DeGeneres, answers questions from Park City senior Gloria Crump after DeGeneres spoke at DUC Theatre last night.

"If she had told everyone when she was doing stand-up comedy, she wouldn't have had a career," DeGeneres said.

DeGeneres made people aware of the prejudices that still

exist against homosexuals.

"I think she had a very positive message," said Erica Smith, a freshman from Rockport, Ind. "We're lucky to have had her on campus."

"Unconditional love is what's important."

— Betty DeGeneres
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Felton gets two-year extension

Contract good through 2004

BY TRAVIS MAYO
Herald reporter

Moving boxes shouldn't be lingering around Dennis Felton's house too soon.

Any thoughts about the future of Western's men's basketball coach were put to rest Sunday when athletics director Wood Selig announced that Felton will hold the reins through June 2004. The extension comes after two years and a 24-34 record and in the midst of a youthful squad.

"I never for one moment doubted my commitment to the university, or the university's commitment to me, because the enthusiasm is genuine," said Felton, on his way back from the NCAA Final Four in Indianapolis.

Selig said in a statement that the decision came to let everyone — the program, the community and Felton — know that Western is behind Felton's intended direction. Felton came to Western after six seasons on Rick Barnes' staffs at Clemson and Providence.

While there could be surprise that an extension could come now, it's not circling around Diddle Arena.

"It's not a surprise because they know it's a rebuilding program," sophomore guard Derek Robinson said. "I believe that the fans and community are behind him and very supportive of him."

"Since Coach Felton first came here and since I've known him, he's always been committed to the job — trying to get the best out of his players, trying to make them play hard, and trying to make sure they do the best things on and off the court."

Nearly 2,000 miles away, the father of Golden Ingle, who has verbally committed to the Hilltoppers, said the extension provides stability. Tony Ingle, former Brigham Young coach, said knowing there is support for Felton played a part in his son's decision to don a Western uniform.

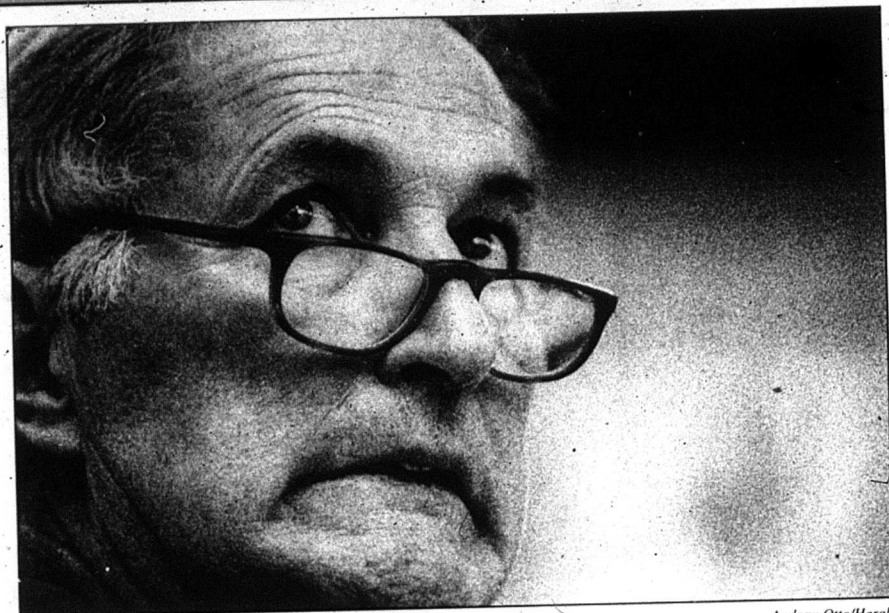
"With the revolving door of coaching now, when a coach gets an extension, that's very, very important, and it was important to us," Ingle said.

But a solid coaching contract isn't all that Western wants to attract talent to the Hill with. It wants to add winning to the brochure.

"We kind of take it upon ourselves," Robinson said. "We still have to set the tone for players that come here. For one, we've got to win some games and make some noise."



Dennis Felton



Andrew Otto/Herald

As he looks to the results board, Western swim team head coach Bill Powell felt the pressure back in January as his team battled Southern Illinois at Preston Center. The swim meet came down to the final event that swimmer Kicker Vencill won by half a second.

Powell's Passion

BY LYNDSEY SUTTON
Herald reporter

His life is written on four walls and a window sill.

Bill Powell swims in a sea of history every day, a tribute to his relentless passion, chronicled by the many photographs and banners in his compact Diddle Arena office.

In a fit of passion, Powell propped his right arm atop a filing cabinet. He pointed his left index finger to a framed newspaper clipping on the wall.

A smile erased the water-induced wrinkles on his face when he explained the significance of the 1965 clipping.

Before beginning, he picked up a small yellow Post-it Note from his cluttered desk. The note reads: "Thirty years ago this week. Still the best moment of my life, Coach."

Powell gazed at the clipping again. A member of Powell's 1965 team mailed the clipping and the note to him in 1995, 30 years after he coached the swim team at St. Joseph's High School to victory over the undefeated Indiana state champions.

"They were so heavily favored over us, it was a joke," Powell explained. "That's the most satisfaction you can get out of coaching."

For Western's swim coach, this is passion.

It's this passion that has made him, to many, the best coach on

the Hill. He guided both the men's and women's squads to undefeated seasons this year, the first time both have mastered the feat in the same year. Powell has had seven total undefeated seasons at the helm of Western swimming. This season, he became the winningest active coach in NCAA Division I men's swimming and third all-time with 282 victories.

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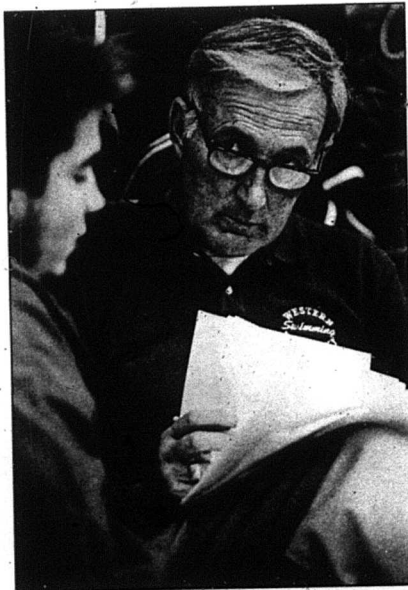
"My whole life has been swimming, and that's my hobby," Powell said. "When I go home at night, I have a drawer next to my easy chair, a whole chest of drawers. Everything in there is swimming. I have every booklet from the 31 years of Western swimming in there."

Powell has crafted each of the men's and women's swimming programs from scratch. He began the men's team in 1969 and is the only head coach in its history. Until three years ago, when Western began a women's swimming team, Powell had coached alone.

"All those years of not having an assistant, I would get kids to stay on for the fifth year, kind of be like an assistant coach, but I never let them do anything," the Wyandotte, Mich., native said.

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He built both the men's and women's swim teams from scratch. He's seen just two losing seasons in 31 years. He is, simply, the best.



Andrew Otto/Herald

Coach Powell goes over strategy with junior swimmer Andrew Priest during their January meet against Southern Illinois.

Western lands point guard, a Golden recruit

Ingle verbally commits to Western

By Travis Mayo
Herald reporter

Western's men's basketball team was looking for someone to polish its point guard slot.

Freshman point guard Raynardo Curry was declared ineligible one day before the season's opener and missed the entire season. He returns next season.

Now, Western can add a Golden tinge to the position.

Golden Ingle, a 5-9 point guard from Utah, has verbally committed to play his college ball on the Hill. Ingle, son of former Brigham Young head coach Tony Ingle, scored 20 points per game as a senior at Timpanogos High School in Orem and was selected an All-Valley player two years in a row.

A visit to Western about two weeks ago, and a peek into the Hilltopper media guide, left a good enough impression on Ingle to take his next step.

"The first thing, being a basketball coach for over 21 years, you want to make sure you take the very best thing you have — your family — and put them with

someone and resources that can make them better," Tony Ingle said. "We were very impressed with coach Dennis Felton and his vision for Western Kentucky basketball."

That, along with the feeling of a staff and players on the same page, a challenging academic setting and supportive community, sealed the deal.

Then there's the commitment to Ingle's church mission as a Mormon. The mission, whenever

he decides to go, would last for at least two years. Ingle would come back to Western to finish his career after the trip. Other schools were not too willing to work with his son.

The Hilltoppers were, and sometime between tomorrow and May 15 — the late signing period — they'll begin their commitment to Ingle.

"I just really feel like Western is getting a pretty good point guard," said Mark Hardman,

Ingle's high school coach. "He brings to the table knowledge of the game, sees the floor extremely well and comes from a family of basketball coaching. He just knows the game."

"And he has range as soon as he steps into the gym."

Golden — named for the Golden Plates found by the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith — hit 34 percent of his three-point shots last year, and his 91 percent free throw accuracy is

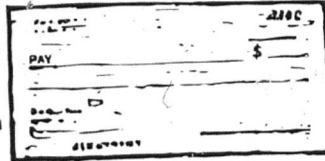
third all-time in Utah history for a single season. He was also rated the 27th-best point guard in the nation at a Nike Camp.

Legend has it that he made 136 free throws in a row as a 12-year-old. At 13, he took on former Brigham Young star and NBA first-round draft pick Michael Smith in a three-point shooting contest and made 20 in a row. Smith won with 21.

"He's a competitor," he said. "He loves to win."

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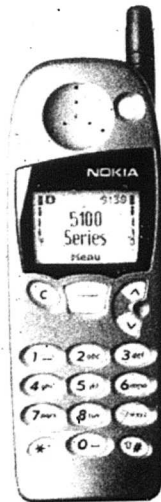
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PASSION: Powell's father a big influence

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When Western hired former Topper All-American Steve Crocker as an assistant three years ago, Powell had to learn to share the work.

"I really feel like I've let Steve almost take it over while he's here," Powell said. "And that's hard, but I've really tried to do that."

It's been hard because Powell has devoted his life to coaching swimming.

Coaching is to Powell what winning the lottery is to a homeless person.

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"I think that a lot of it (success) is just his passion about the sport," Crocker said. "I've got the best job in the world because he and I get to hang out all day and talk about swimming, which we both love like nothing else."

A coach for life

Since he was 12, the 62-year-old Powell knew he wanted to coach or be a police officer. But a paper he wrote in the seventh grade for his Vocational Information class detailed exactly what he's doing now.

"I wrote it on coaching," Powell said. "That was 50 years ago that I wrote that paper."

Powell's father, a high school track coach, influenced him to become a coach. Powell received a track scholarship to Western Michigan.

"I gave up swimming in college to do track 'cause that's where I got the college scholarship," Powell said. "I ran my freshman year and I did fairly well but... I wasn't great at it."

"I kind of missed swimming my freshman year. I used to go over to the YMCA pool and just get in and swim by myself. So then my sophomore year I decided to go out for swimming, and the rest is history, I guess."

Swimming is to Powell what a newborn is to its mother.

It's wondrous and full of surprises.

Too much joy is never, ever enough.

Without it, every day is the same as all the others.

Model of inspiration

If Powell weren't a swim coach, he says he'd be coaching high school track somewhere in Michigan.

It must have broke his high school track coach's heart when he gave up track for swimming. After all, Powell owes most of what he has to that track coach, a man that knew Bill Powell better than stripes on a zebra.

A coach named Milt. Milt Powell.

As a young child, Powell's dad took him to every sporting event imaginable, and Milt could explain every event, too.

"My dad knew more about sports than any man I've ever known," Powell said. "You hope every kid's dad takes him to football, basketball and baseball games, and my dad did."

"But he also took me to swimming meets and track meets and cross country runs and rowing regattas and tennis. If it moved, my dad took me. The wild thing is, he knew about it all. He would describe everything that was going on... I don't know how he learned that much in that short a time."

Milt and his son used to drive the rest of the family crazy at the dinner table talking about sports incessantly. So, Powell's sisters and mother had a code phrase to end the all the sports chat: "My cat has the longest tail."

Milt died 16 years ago, but the mark he left on his son's life is still alive.

Milt is to his son what Martin Luther King Jr. was to the Civil Rights movement.

They're intelligent leaders and visionary thinkers.

Too much of them is never, ever enough.

Without them, the mundane never changes.

The road to Western

Powell has built every team he's ever coached except for one. After he started the first team from scratch, he swore he'd never do it again. It was such a disaster.

"I had 50 kids come out and not a one of them was interested in swimming," Powell said. "We were so bad it was unbelievable... and the first three years was just a disaster. We couldn't beat anybody."

"And I said, 'I'll never go through this again.'"

But in his ninth year of coaching, things changed. His team finished as state runners-up behind four high school All-Americans. Then, college offers started coming in. Powell received offers from four colleges, three with established

programs.

So he chose the nonexistent program with no swimmers and no scholarships. It was a move that cut his salary in half. With four kids between the ages of two and eight, and his wife, Joanne, in tow, Powell trekked to Bowling Green in 1989.

"We were so young, we didn't know enough to be nervous," Joanne said.

The family moved into what Powell called a "little hut," which sat where the Preston Center sits now. They couldn't even fit all their furniture in the house.

"Our kids were all in one room," Powell said. "We had our refrigerator in our bedroom. Our bedroom was just about big enough to turn around in."

Powell got straight to work on building Western's swimming program. He went 3-4 in his first season, but hasn't had another losing men's season since.

His only other losing season happened during the first year of women's swimming on the Hill, when the Lady Toppers finished 5-12-1 in 1997-98. The women have lost just one match in the last two years, including this year's undefeated season.



Andrew Otto/Herald

Powell relaxes at the end of his morning workout in Diddle Arena pool. He tries to swim every morning for exercise. Powell will swim 63 laps next Thursday on his birthday, something he tries to do every year. His goal is always to swim the current year's laps faster than he swam last year's.

His genuine interest in the swimmers and their lives is the key, Crocker said.

"I've worked with a lot of other teams around the country, but none have had the same type of bond," Crocker said.

The personal attention from

the coaches helped make sophomore Gord Veldman's college choice easy. Crocker and Powell both picked up the Canadian from the airport for his official visit.

"He (Powell) puts everything

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INFLUENCE: Powell's passion never dies

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he has into the team," Veldman said. "One thing he has over most is the time he puts in."

Time spent coaching is to Powell what time spent golfing is to Tiger Woods.

It's relaxing and stimulating. Too much is never, ever enough.

Without it, life isn't complete.

A passion that refuses to die

During the season, Powell arrives at the pool around 5:30 a.m. After an early morning practice with the teams, Powell swims a mile and a half himself. Powell says it keeps him young, that it's "the closest thing to the fountain of youth."

He gets up at the crack of dawn because he loves his job with an unquenchable passion. But Powell's been at Western for 31 years now.

"It (retirement) keeps entering in my mind because everybody says that," Powell said. "I always think of Nick Denes, an old football coach Nick retired when I was first here, and he didn't have anything to do. He would come up to Diddle and sit around and talk to the coaches."

"My whole life has been swimming, and that's my hobby. I'm afraid if I quit."

But if he did and when he does, he knows what he'd like to do: be Crocker's volunteer assistant coach. All the dirty work that most head coaches hate, Powell said, he'd jump off the high dive for a chance to do.

Powell doesn't do this job for show. He does it because he loves the sport and the athletes. Coaching isn't a job to him. It's the most exciting thing in life and he's just lucky enough to get paid for it.

Coaching is to Powell what a trip to the zoo is for a small child.

It's engaging and captivating. Too much is never, ever enough.

Without it, the simple pleasures and passions in life are denied.

"I think the main thing is that I love the kids and I love the sport," Powell said.

"Those are the two most important ingredients."

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Western on three-game win streak

By Joe Cox
Herald reporter

Would the real Lady Toppers softball team please stand up? Is it the team that managed to score only a total of 10 runs in a recent seven-game losing streak? Or is it the one that put up 36 runs in their last three games, sweeping the three to open a winning streak right on the heels of the losing streak?

Whichever Western softball team is the "real" one, the most recent incarnation swept Austin Peay in a doubleheader on Thursday and then put a record-setting thumping on UT Martin Sunday.

"I'm definitely happy with the way we've swung the bat these last few games," Western coach Leslie Phelan said. "We really focused on the type of pitching that we were going to face, in practice."

Western's (18-16-1) sweep of Austin Peay (7-25) brought the Lady Toppers out of their season-long losing streak and put their record back above the .500 mark. It took Western extra innings to best the Lady Gobs 5-4 in the opener.

Western and Austin Peay traded runs in the third inning

and from there, freshman pitcher Amber Garlington faced off against Austin Peay's Holly Ricketts in a pitcher's duel.

Western broke the deadlock with a four-run eighth inning, culminating in a double by junior catcher Cassie Palmer which brought home the final three runs. Austin Peay rallied for three runs in the bottom of the frame with only one out before Garlington sat down the last two Lady Gobs to preserve the win.

In the second game, Western got out to a great start with two runs in the first and six more in the second. But two errors and four hits in the home fourth plated seven runs, trimming the lead to 8-7.

From there, Western regained control and added four more runs for the final 12-7 margin. Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week Sara Alanis knocked home six runs in the game, marking a career high for the freshman shortstop.

"I felt that even though they came back, that our team was going to score more runs," Alanis said. "I knew that we could do it."

With the losing streak over, Western focused in on a UT Martin team (11-7) which was

riding a five game winning streak. The end result was annihilation.

Western scored two runs in the first, four in the second, nine in the third and four in the fourth to jump out to a 19-0 lead, holding on for a 19-2 win.

Highlights included two hits in the same inning for sophomore outfielder Sara Beth Heaton and the first career home run by freshman outfielder Angie Head.

Heaton credited a Saturday practice which was "like a home run derby" with aiding the offensive attack.

"Going into Sunday's game, we had a lot of confidence," she said. "Everybody seemed so relaxed," Head said. "It was... a great atmosphere for us to be playing in."

The Lady Toppers will be at home for their next 10 games, two of which are scheduled for this afternoon against the Louisville. With a home record of 7-2-1, the team looks to continue its winning streak. Today's doubleheader will begin at 3 p.m.

"It's good for us (to be home), because we have the mentality that nobody beats us on our field," Head said.

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Tops drop two one-run games to South Alabama in series

By BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

Western baseball players looked into a reflective baseball diamond this weekend.

They saw a broken-down army that still had its fort for defense.

They saw strong pitching and defense, perhaps strong enough to carry them against the toughest offenses in the conference.

However, the diamond's defensive portrait was overshadowed by a mangled, sputtering offense.

South Alabama stumbled into Bowling Green with an 8-18 overall record and an anatomy closely resembling that of the Hilltoppers.

They left with two wins in three games, including a 4-3 extra inning thriller in the series finale Sunday.

The last six games between the Toppers and Jaguars have been decided by one run.

"Obviously, the closeness of the games reflected the fact that we had opportunities to win," Coach Joel Murrie said. "We didn't take advantage of our opportunities in two of those games."

Western (13-16, 5-6 in Sun Belt) struck first Sunday. With two outs in the second inning, junior first baseman Eric Hammer drove a ball to deep center field. Sure to get at least two bases, Hammer looked to Murrie at third base for the sign.

Murrie was jumping and waving his right arm like a windmill in a west Texas dust storm. Hammer approached third, and Murrie continued the wave

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toward home as if reminding Hammer he should have already set his clock forward an hour.

Hammer slid around the tag at the plate for a rare in-the-park home run.

"I was coming around second and about fell on my butt," Hammer said. "I was thinking maybe triple. I stumbled about three-fourths of the way to third, and he kept waving me so I just tried to regain my balance and barely got in."

South Alabama (10-19, 5-6) came right back with two runs in the third inning. Western tied the game at two in the sixth, but the Jaguars countered with a run in the seventh to lead 3-2.

With two outs in the ninth inning, Topper freshman pinch-hitter D. J. Johnson struck out swinging, but the pitch got by catcher Jason Gross. Junior outfielder Matt Fox raced home to score, and Johnson beat the throw to first to send the game to extra innings.

South Alabama ended the deadlock in the 12th inning. Gross doubled to left center field, and outfielder Cameroh Likely collected his fourth consecutive hit in the game with an RBI single.

"They outthusted us,"

Hammer said. "They came here and took two of three from us, which shouldn't have ever happened. We had a lot more energy today. We had guys actually up in there (the dugout) cheering ... instead of making their own conversations. It was a lot better."

Teams split first two

South Alabama coach Steve Kittrell was ejected after arguing a balk called in the fourth inning Saturday, but his Jags rallied to win 4-3.

Fox was the only Topper to garner more than one hit with his 2 for 4 outing. Junior outfielder Matt Johns singled and stole second in the ninth inning but was left stranded.

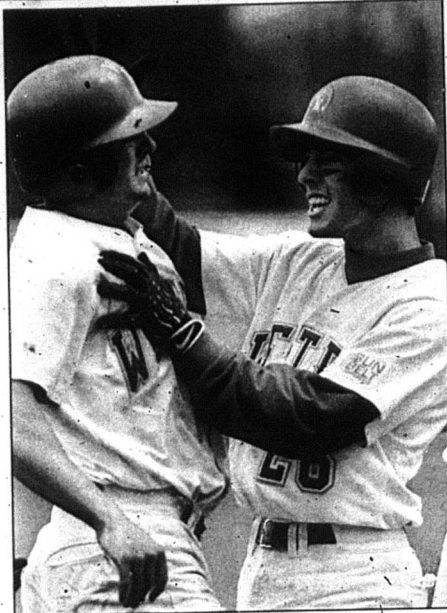
Junior pitcher Ryan Hutchison threw his third consecutive complete game in the Toppers' 4-3 win Friday. Hutchison (4-2) allowed only seven hits and struck out nine.

In the first inning, junior third baseman Justin Herrguth hit his second home run of the season. He finished the game 2 for 4 batting, drove in two runs and scored twice.

Novotney makes appearance

Senior pitcher Josh Novotney made his first appearance on the mound Sunday since Jan. 29. Novotney has been sidelined by a sore elbow and took several weeks off from throwing in games and practices.

Novotney (0-1) relieved starting pitcher Brandon Miller in the eighth and ninth innings, allowing no runs on one hit and a walk.



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Junior center fielder Matt Fox is congratulated by junior infielder Brian Hodek after Fox tied the game 3-3 in the bottom of the ninth by scoring on a throwing error.

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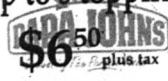
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