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Turning it ON

Preseason All-American Melvin Wisham once again prepares to make the switch from off-season video games to the real thing

BY BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

If Melvin Wisham were an All-American linebacker in a video game, Smith Stadium would be his Playstation. And his defensive teammates would be his Dreamcast.

Welcome to Wisham2000, a production of WKU Sports.

But this high-energy, high-flying character isn't in a video game, although he's not ruffling anything out. Instead, he's just a few hundred yards and a high jump over a train track away on Western's hard, dry practice fields.

In nine days, this St. Louis senior will turn off the football video games he enjoys with his teammates and turn on a new game.

This is Wisham's fifth season in red and white, and had it not been for a high school teammate, who knows where he'd be. In 1995, Western's coaching staff went after Darryl Wahittington, a defensive end at Hazelwood East High School in Missouri's biggest city.

Though Wahittington went to the



John Lok/Herald

St. Louis senior Melvin Wisham will play for a fifth season as a Western linebacker this year. Wisham is one of the team's four captains and was named a preseason All-American by The Sports Network.

University of Missouri, Western's coaching staff spotted Wisham in a game film they were watching to learn about Wahittington.

"I said, 'Man, who is that kid?'" Western coach Jack Harbaugh recalled.

That kid is now a preseason All-American by The Sports Network. He was an All-Ohio Valley Conference selection last year and was second in the league with 118 tackles.

"I wouldn't even be here if they hadn't recruited Darryl," Wisham said. "I had never even heard of Western Kentucky before then."

Wisham has proven himself on and off the field: Last semester, he posted a 3.0 grade point average. He gained the respect of his teammates and opponents on the field for stuffing drives like a Thanksgiving turkey.

A quiet leader

His personality is two-fold. Though Wisham may seem quiet and keeps to himself, he considers himself a leader on the field.

His teammates agree. "He was voted unanimously. I mean

overwhelmingly, captain of our football team by his peers," Harbaugh said. "He epitomizes what a college experience is all about. He's grown into an outstanding student and an outstanding athlete."

And he won't leave the Hill quietly. Wisham plans on "getting hype" and "flying around" the field every Saturday afternoon through November.

Going out on top

"This is our last year in the OVC ... and I'm glad we've got a good team this year," he said. "It's looking good. We can finish strong, play well and win games and go out on top."

Winning the OVC championship would be "just the beginning" to Wisham's scheme to go out on top. Making some noise in the Division I-AA playoffs is also on the November ballot.

Wisham thinks Western has the defense to do just that. His supporting cast includes sophomore Bobby Sippio and juniors Mel Mitchell, Sherrod Coates and Joseph Jefferson. All of them put up big numbers a year ago and have legitimate chances of being all-conference players this season.

But before conquering the regular season of Wisham2000, several tough teams may throw hurdles at this field general.

Because of the team's switch to the Gateway Conference next year, the Hilltoppers may have to drop their annual game with rival Eastern Kentucky. The Colonels have beaten Western two years in a row, including a 30-10 loss in Richmond last fall.

They will square off again Oct. 7.

"We definitely want to take it to Eastern," Wisham said. "It's really disappointing to lose this game. It's important to a lot of people here. I know it's important to people in Eastern Kentucky. It's a rivalry game and it's really a shame it could possibly come to an end."

"I was really excited about being in the OVC and being in a conference. To have that taken away from you after only one year is a slap in the face. It's a motivation to come out and just show everybody that we belong in the OVC."

But when next Saturday's game with Tennessee-Martin ends, Wisham probably won't walk away from the game for the night. He'll just change surfaces, like to his television screen and Wisham2000.

Professor evaluation Web site goes national

Teachers debate
fairness of ratings

BY BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

When Philpot sophomore Gideon Payne launched Profeval.com last semester, it was only meant to be a tool for Western students to rate their professors.

Since then, the Web site has gone national. It now includes evaluations for professors at universities across the country, and has more than 750 evaluations of Western professors.

The Web site gives students a chance to post and view ratings of professors. The ratings include descriptions of tests, attendance policies and how many notes are required for the class. The site also gives additional comments from the students about the professor.

Payne said he decided to make the Web site national after receiving e-mails from students around the country looking for similar Web sites. Now the site features colleges from all 50 states. Although Profeval.com is national, it is mainly used by Western students.

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Teachers, administrators join forces in new senate

Faculty hope their
voice will be stronger

BY CAROLINE LYNCH
Herald Reporter

When the marriage of the Academic Council and the Faculty Senate was proposed last semester, there were numerous objections when it came time for the faculty to speak or forever hold their peace.

In the end, the dissenting voices came up four votes shy and a new combined body of both faculty and administrators was born.

Today is the first meeting of the new University Senate, which combines the efforts of the previous groups. It has been charged with making decisions about curriculum matters and advising administrators on faculty issues.

The Senate president, history associate professor Patricia Minter, said she hopes the faculty voice will be made stronger by the inclusion of administrators on the senate.

"The president has told us that this body is going to be the most important voice for faculty leadership on campus," she said.

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INSIDE

Furry steps out of shadows

Junior outside hitter Natalie Furry may be shy, but has no qualms about taking charge on the volleyball court. With veteran standouts Kim Carpenter and Jenni Miller gone, Furry will be expected to step up as a team leader. **Page 13**

Midnight snacks

When late-night munchies attack, try one of Bowling Green's many 24-hour restaurants. Whether it's Waffle House, White Castle, Steak 'n Shake, or Murray's, hungry students can always find a filling, albeit greasy, meal to share with friends. **Page 9**

Weather forecast

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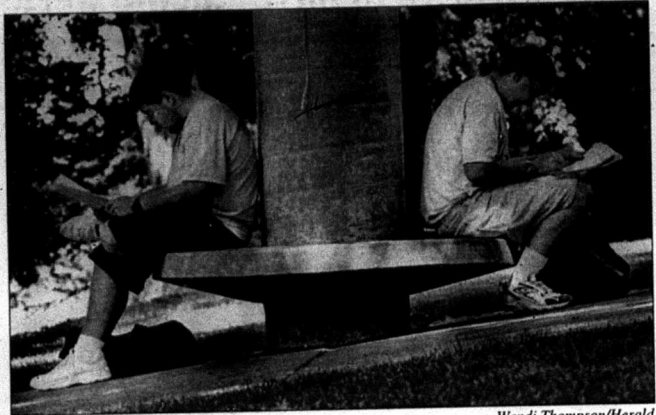
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Reading Room:

The bench under the entrance to Grise Hall supports both leisure and work as Round Hill junior John Haynes makes time to read a newspaper and Scottsville freshman Benjamin Hagan studies. Hagan enjoys studying there because there are not a lot of people or distractions. "I didn't even know he was there," Hagan said of Haynes.

Crime Reports

Arrests

◆ Michael Shawn Pfeiffer, Radcliff, was charged Tuesday with alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released the same day from Warren County Regional Jail on a court order.

Reports

◆ Facilities Management Grounds Office reported Monday \$650 in damage to a locked cabinet and desk between 3 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 a.m. Monday. No items were taken.

◆ Laura W. Boldrick, New Sorority Hall, reported Monday \$100 in damage to the vent window on the rear passenger-side

door of her 1997 Toyota Corolla. \$1,500 worth of CDs were stolen from the vehicle parked in the Normal lot between 2:30 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Monday.

◆ Rachel E. Pratt, Bemission Hall, reported Monday damage to the right rear window of her 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier. A CD player valued at \$310 was stolen from the vehicle parked in the PFT lot between midnight Friday and 3:30 p.m. Monday.

◆ Benjamin J. Stith, Zacharias Hall, reported Tuesday \$200 in damage to the driver-side window of his 1992 Honda Civic parked in the Russellville Road lot between 10:40 a.m. Monday and 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Clearing the air

◆ Editorials on Aug. 22 and 29 referred to Student Government Association President Cassie Martin as the student representative on the Student Life Foundation's board. That seat is held by SGA Vice President Leslie Bedo. Martin held the office last year.

◆ The name of Roger Snell, spokesperson for the Kentucky Department of Insurance, was misspelled in a story on the front page of Tuesday's Herald.

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DUC Theatre to have 'theme weeks'

By MOLLY O'CONNOR
Herald reporter

The lights have gone out, the projectors have stopped and the stars have left DUC Theatre.

But it's only temporary. The theater hasn't been showing movies since the end of the spring semester, mostly because nobody came to see them, senior operations manager Patty Witty said.

At showings last semester, an average of five people would attend, each paying \$2 to see the movie. Attendance has been decreasing for the past five years, Witty said.

"It was not being used," said Scott Taylor, student activities and organizations director. "We would have kept it if it was a service students used."

Witty said she thought the lack of interest was because the theater was showing mainly

second-run movies. When the Preston Health and Activities Center opened in 1992, and the dorms received their own movie channel, Witty said interest dropped.

In a couple of months, the theater is planning to reopen, but with a different format.

Instead of focusing on second-run movies, the theater will have more theme weeks. These showings will be held once every three weeks beginning as soon as mid-October, Taylor said.

The reason behind the delay, Taylor said, is that there is no one to run the projector at the moment. Don Rich, who used to run the projector, retired in May, and DUC Manager Jerry Johnson is on sick leave.

This week, a theme will be chosen for the first week, and activities to go along with it will be planned. Taylor said Halloween will be one of the

themes. A scary movie, like "Frankenstein" or "Dracula" will be shown, and a prize will be awarded to the person who shows up in the best costume.

Another movie will be chosen for Greek Week, like "Animal House" or "Revenge of the Nerds." A heroes week is also being planned, where "Gladiator" may be shown.

So what types of movies do students want to see?

Out of 10 people who were asked Monday, six said their first choice would be comedies, while three said they prefer action movies. Coming in last with one vote was drama.

Five of the 10 students said they had been to the DUC Theatre within the last year.

Pretty soon, they may have a chance to do so again, because, in the end, the lights will come back on, the projectors will start again and the stars will return.

Egypt sinkhole filled

By REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

The void underneath the Egypt lot was filled yesterday and most of the parking spots were opened back up for students.

Charlie Wolfram, utilities manager for Facilities Management, said the hole was either an old septic tank or a catch basin containing old construction materials. The hole settled and heavy truck traffic caused the asphalt to cave in.

Wolfram said Monday he was

told heavy equipment was used in the Egypt lot area the past few weeks.

Greg Fear, campus services manager for Facilities Management, said the hole (nine inches in diameter) was filled, but it may be sometime before the area is repaved.

"We are going to watch it and see what happens and make sure it doesn't crack again," Fear said.

Nineteen parking spots were blocked off Monday because of the hole. Fear said only three spots are now blocked off.

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Birthday celebration lands student in jail

By REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

A Western student was rushed to the hospital Tuesday morning when he suffered a seizure after smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol, police said.

Radcliff freshman Michael Shawn Pfeiffer was taken to The Medical Center at Bowling Green after suffering a seizure and vomiting in front of West Hall.

Campus police officer Jared Rickard said in a police report that he smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from Pfeiffer

and found two marijuana pipes and a cleaning rod next to him. The pipes allegedly contained marijuana residue and Pfeiffer said the pipes and cleaning rod belonged to him, the report said.

Pfeiffer said yesterday he is feeling much better since the Tuesday incident.

"I was celebrating my 21st birthday and got piss drunk by myself," Pfeiffer said. "It got out of hand, that's all it was."

Rickard said Pfeiffer was visibly under the influence and a danger to himself and others.

Capt. Mike Wallace said Pfeiffer tested positive for both

alcohol and marijuana.

After being treated at the Medical Center, Pfeiffer was charged with alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia and taken to Warren County Regional Jail. He was later released on a court order.

Pfeiffer said he smoked some marijuana at a friend's house earlier in the day, but said he did not have any marijuana on him at the time of his arrest.

"I had a pipe that had residue in it and a cleaning kit," Pfeiffer said.

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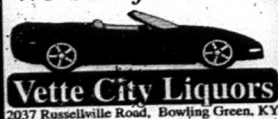
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Renovation better than new arena

Western officials are still wrangling over whether to renovate Diddle Arena or build a new, larger arena somewhere off campus. They've debated for months and gotten the preliminary verdict of a feasibility study in favor of renovation, but the decision is still unmade.

The choice should be clear: renovate Diddle. Even if a new arena is built, Diddle will have to undergo some repairs — so they'll be spending money on it anyway. Renovating Diddle is estimated to cost around \$20 million, one-third the cost of building a new arena.

It's ironic that President Gary Ransdell and Athletics Director Wood Selig can discuss, without batting an eye, the relative merits of spending \$20 million or \$60 million on an arena while a promised health clinic goes unbuild and the Communications and Technology building gets scaled back — but that's Western. Funding always turns up for the things that really matter.

Of course, Diddle renovation would lack the financial support Western hoped the city and county would provide for a new and larger "regional" arena, but a larger arena would also be harder to fill. It would have to fill consistently to pay for itself — and when was the last time Diddle sold out?

Another question is how much more students would have to pay for the privilege of sitting in a new arena. Selig already wants to hike student fees by \$90 to help get Western athletics out of the red.

A new arena won't draw people — winning draws people, but simply playing in a new building doesn't guarantee winning.

Ransdell has referred to Western's decades of tradition at Diddle and how much that means to the basketball program. Why throw that tradition away and give up one of the strongest draws for remaining fans?

But arena repairs won't, or shouldn't, just benefit athletics. Western should go the extra mile and make Diddle a venue for more than just basketball. It would need some extra work to handle major concerts.

Selig has said that Bowling Green isn't a "concert town." Maybe that's because big-time acts prefer not to play in open fields or parking lots. In the 1970s, when Diddle's superstructure could handle professional sound systems, performers just as popular as the Dave Matthews Band played here. If any arena work is to be worthwhile, it should be done on behalf of all students, not just sports fans.

New or renovated, the arena decision will affect Western's students and finances for years to come. Western is not and will never be a Big 10 school. It's a medium-sized public university. Ransdell and Selig should make the sensible choice of improving what we have, rather than reaching for greater glory at too high a price.



Letters to the Editor

Program cuts clarified

Although the article about Western's response to the Council on Postsecondary Education-mandated program review (Aug. 22 Herald, p. 3) is basically accurate, the accompanying box headed "The following 15 programs are being cut by Western" is imprecise to the point of causing confusion and misunderstanding. The listing fails to clarify that specific degree programs within departments were recommended for elimination or suspension, not all programs with that general title.

For example, the programs listed for Educational Policy and Evaluation, Educational Psychology, General Special Education, Vocational Teacher Education, Environmental Biology, Health and Physical Education and General Chemistry are all cooperative doctoral programs that have had few, if any, students enrolled. Undergraduate and master's/specialist's degree programs in these areas are not affected by this review. Our cooperative doctorate in Educational Administration continues to have good enrollments and is not included in this list.

Likewise, some of the program areas are being eliminated because there are more useful and commonly used alternatives for students interested in those areas. For example, Western still offers teacher certification options for students

interested in Agricultural Education, Health Education, Math and Science Education, but this certification can be done through other programs in those disciplines. Also, students will still be able to pursue Communication Disorders degrees at the baccalaureate level. We had two specific degree options in this area and one, which was enrolling very few students, was eliminated. The graduate program in Communication Disorders was not affected.

Finally, the M.A. in Humanities was recommended for suspension, not elimination, and was so accepted by the CPE. No program with any appreciable number of students enrolled was recommended for elimination or suspension, and in most cases students in those areas have alternative programs available to them. Any student currently enrolled in one of the programs to be discontinued or suspended will be allowed to complete the program.

Barbara Burgh
provost and vice president for
Academic Affairs

Preacher was stereotyped

After reading Jim Gaines' twisted portrayal of "Bible" Jim Webber and Jeremiah Baldwin, I'm left only to wonder whether he was too lazy to pay attention or merely lacking in comprehension skills. While I do not share many of Webber's

beliefs, it is a gross inaccuracy to call his message one of hate. It bothers me that some people are going to walk away with an erroneous impression about this man due to a superficial and patently ignorant account.

Every quote attributed to Webber in the Herald was taken out of context. Yes, "Bible Jim" employed controversial tactics to gain attention and subsequently share his thoughts, but he also exhibited a genuine concern for the students. Criticism is the man if you must, some criticism is surely deserved. But let us also be fair.

It is quite easy to just stereotype Webber as a wacko and forget about him. Here's a preacher with a vitriolic style on a college campus. He MUST be nuts, right? This must be a life "so meaningless and petty" that he drives around the country seeking out college students so that he might feel some small morsel of superiority. Rubbish.

Webber, unusual methods or not, clearly is sincere in his beliefs. This visit was hardly the product of hate, but rather the expression of concern. I don't know Jim Webber, but I think it takes courage to stand in the face of angry strangers and profess what you believe, unpopular though it may be. He deserved better than the biased coverage he received in the Herald.

Ricky Cobb
Bowling Green senior

Quotes & Notes

Bowling Green junior Rich Smith, co-host of the "Riding the Pine" sports talk show on New Rock 91.7 FM, Western's student-run radio station.

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Name that regent screw-up

Say what you will about the Board of Regents, but it sure is productive.

Not only do its members try to look out for us students by raising student fees as much as possible, they're also trying to relieve the Student Life Foundation of some of its heavy burdens.

At least when it comes to naming the foundation's buildings.

See, at the regents' Aug. 3 meeting, about five months after they voted to give away Western's dorms to the SLF, they decided to name Sorority Hall after former President Thomas Meredith.

Regent Earl Fischer, a close friend of Meredith's, came up with the proposal for the vote, although the resolution wasn't even on the meeting's agenda.

But Fischer and the rest of the board forgot to consider one little detail: one actually has to own a building to have the authority to name it.

Oops.

Perhaps the law is different in Texas, where Fischer works, but to me that seems kind of fundamental.

Which makes me think that maybe we should put some younger blood on that board. Because shouldn't at least one of them remember a vote that was taken five months earlier?

Maybe the regents should have to take some kind of unan-



News & Notes
Mattias Karén

nounced pop quiz every now and then on what they've done in the last year, so that minor details like that won't be forgotten in the future.

In any case, the senility of the board puts SLF in a pretty tricky situation. President Gary Ransdell sent a letter to foundation members after someone realized the screw-up, asking them to hop on the bandwagon and also name the building after Meredith.

Chances are the SLF will go along with Ransdell's wish. After all, they seem to go along with everything else he says. But thanks to Fischer's impulse, the regents not only made fools of themselves, but they're also squandering a golden fund raising opportunity.

I would have loved to see the face of Tom Hiles, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, when he heard about the idea of naming a building for free. Knowing

Hiles' track record, he was probably schmoozing a handful of wealthy alumni for a multi-million-dollar check in exchange for their name on Sorority.

For Meredith, though, things would sort of come full circle if he was to have the dorm named after him.

Zacharias Hall and Sorority Hall were both built during his reign. He chose to honor former President Donald Zacharias by putting his name on one of the dorms, and — mysteriously — left the second with a generic name.

The only other former president not to have his name on a building is Meredith's immediate predecessor, Kern Alexander.

Alexander resigned about two months after he attracted nationwide media attention when he came up with a proposal to censor the Herald. Given that achievement, I'm guessing the university is waiting to put his name on the new journalism building.

Oh, and one final note to the board: I'm keeping a friend's dog in my apartment. Her name is Lily, but I'm thinking about renaming it. Got any suggestions?

Mattias Karén's column runs most Thursdays. If you think it needs a new name, contact him at 745-6011 or via email at mattekaren@hotmail.com

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SITE: Rating system on student's Web site considered unfair by professors

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The Web site also features a campus events section and a textbook classifieds section. Payne said the site has been slow over the summer.

"Hopefully, it will be used at the end of the semester," Payne said. Wednesday night, 757 ratings of Western faculty were available. Not all faculty members have postings.

Payne said he has received e-mail from faculty who both supported and opposed the Web site.

History professor Marion B. Lucas said some of the evaluations on the Web site are not valid. In his case, a student who dropped the class posted a negative evaluation about Lucas' class even though the student never completed the course. Lucas said evaluations should be posted by students who have completed the class.

"It needs to be basically fair," Lucas said. "It's a problem but I don't know exactly how to solve it."

Adam Howard, vice president

for administration for the Student Government Association, also said the validity of faculty evaluations is a problem. Howard is working with other SGA members and the University Senate to create a more valid faculty evaluation system than Profeval.com.

Howard said one of the problems with current faculty evaluation Web sites like Profeval.com and Teacherratings.com is the information is not collected in a scientific manner. Anyone can post evaluations as often as they want. A student may log on to the Web site and post several negative comments about the same professor. Another scenario may have a professor log on and fill out several positive evaluations about their own class.

"(SGA) is concerned about the integrity of the evaluation on Web sites like Profeval.com," Howard said. "We would like to have a university administered evaluation that has information students would like to know to select the best professor for their learning style."

Payne said there were multiple

postings for professors and they remained consistent.

History associate professor Patricia Minter, who is president of the University Senate, said she appointed three faculty members to work with SGA to help create a faculty evaluation system that can be approved by both bodies.

Howard said he hoped the proposal will be ready sometime this school year.

"We made some great progress," Howard said. "But we still have a long way to go."

Some faculty members, like History Department Head Richard Weigel, said viewing faculty evaluations is not the best way for students to find out about a course. Weigel said word-of-mouth serves students just as well as faculty evaluations or Web sites. He also said that there is no better way to find out about a course's requirements than to call the professor ahead of time.

"I'd be very surprised if (faculty evaluations) were as useful as some people seem to think it would be," Weigel said.

New minors submitted

By SARAH TENGELITZCH
Herald reporter

Western's efforts to create two new minors in film and leadership are coming closer to bearing fruit.

Although neither is a formal go yet, both programs are being submitted for approval this month.

"We are still working on (the film minor)," said English professor Karen Schneider, who helped take the initiative to make the program a reality. "There was a hold-up in the broadcasting department, but the paperwork is ready and we will be submitting it soon."

The film minor would include 21 credit hours with

nine hours of required classes. Many students from a variety of majors have expressed interest in the program.

If Western adds a film class it will be the first Kentucky school to have such a program.

The leadership minor is also going to be submitted in the next month. That program would be designed to teach students the skills to lead in a global economy, and would be divided into four levels based on classification.

"We aren't sure if this program will be a minor or a certificate, but we are hopeful that it will start this spring," said Robert Reber, co-chairman of the Leadership Studies Task Force.

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Many newcomers attend first SGA meeting

More than 30 applications accepted

BY BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

Abby Volz didn't know what to expect.

The Florence sophomore didn't entirely know what possessed her to go to the meeting, but she went.

She knew she wanted to know more about Western. She wanted to know what the Student Government Association was all about. She knew she wanted to see a change.

"It's an opportunity for me to get involved in campus and to have a say in what happens," Volz said.

The thought of change brought many people to SGA's open house meeting Tuesday night. More than 30 applications for Congress were accepted at the open house, in addition to nearly 30 other applications accepted over the summer.

SGA Vice President Leslie Bedo said the meeting was a success, but hopes the numbers aren't misleading.

"We had a really great turnout," Bedo said. "Now we need to focus on retaining those numbers."

Vice President for

Administration Adam Howard said members have to stay focused.

"We're going to maintain the enthusiasm as well as maintain the focus SGA has on the needs of students," the Florence senior said. "These people showed up because they want to see something happen, and we're going to provide them the channel to do that."

Officers, chairpersons, old members and new members gathered at the open house Tuesday night to meet and discuss issues SGA would be working on this semester, such as residence hall renovation, faculty evaluations and parking.

The meeting also allowed

members to meet with other people they would be working with including Gene Tice, vice president for Student Affairs and Campus Services. Tice said he needs as much feedback as he can get from students in order to improve Western.

"You are a voice we need to hear," Tice said at the meeting. "You can make a difference about where the campus is going."

Members also had the opportunity to sign up for committees such as campus research, academic affairs, student affairs, special events and public relations.

Several returning SGA members offered insight on improve-

ments they would like to see in the new school year.

Kettle senior Jamil Sewell, chairman of the Legislative Research Committee, said he hoped new members were open to debate.

Another concern former members had was the overall participation of members in committees. Some said the level of participation in committee work wasn't as high as it should have been.

Bardtown sophomore Brandon Copeland said he wants SGA to do something students can really notice.

"I want to be able to see the improvements I've worked on in Congress," he said.

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SENATE: Better communication between departments possible

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"He has assured us that the faculty voice will be heard and that we won't be impeded in any way in making our voices heard."

There are 62 non-administrative faculty members on the new senate, and the administrators include the president, provost, all of the college deans and the head of the library. There will also be three voting student representatives. The previous Faculty Senate

had no administrative members. Just over half of the Academic Council members were administrators.

The senate has three standing committees: the general education committee, the university senate curriculum committee and the faculty welfare committee.

The committees will be responsible for finalizing revisions for general education, making changes to the curriculum and discussing issues that concern faculty.

Several members of the old senate, including former Chairman Ed Wolfe, expressed concern that the new body would no longer be a pure faculty voice. Others hoped that the inclusion of administrators in discussion would make their voice stronger.

"Some people think that if administrators are sitting in that more will get done," Wolfe said. "I don't personally agree with that."

Better communication between faculty and administrators is one advantage Provost Barbara Burch sees in the body.

"What this new senate provides an opportunity to do, is let people communicate openly," Burch said. "It's not about administrator views versus faculty views."

Minter, who sat on the Academic Council for four years, calls herself "a believer in faculty activism" and says she plans to continue the tradition of the old faculty senate in her new role.

"The faculty are the one con-

stant at the university — many of us are here for the life of our career," she said. "We frequently outlast presidents and regents and generations of students. With that in mind, the issues that affect our well being are important. There could not be more important issues than those."

Minter expects to discuss fee increases and university insurance matters this afternoon, as well as look into reports from the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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Freshman Zlatko Basic, left, and junior Senka Omerdic, both from Yugoslavia, chat with diners at the next table at Steak 'n Shake on Scottsville Road. The two are regulars at the all-night restaurant.

Kathleen Flynn/Herald

Midnight Munchies

Students can still fill up when other places close

BY KATE CORCORAN
Herald reporter

A lot of thoughts can come to mind when you're at a Waffle House in the middle of the night. "I fear for my safety."

"There are country bumpkins galore in here."

"Boy, these are some good

waffles."

And food, of course, is the bottom line.

Long after Domino's has stopped delivering, and that wussy Taco Bell calls it a night, this see-it-from-the-interstate yellow restaurant — along with Steak 'n Shake, White Castle, and Murray's — is there for the hungry college student 24 hours a day (although the last two are only open 24 hours Thursday through Saturday).

Fancy they ain't, but these are the places where some college

friendships are cemented (as in, "Omigosh, remember that night when we went to Murray's and talked for, like, two hours?").

A snack (or full-blown meal) has always been a welcome relief from studying. Put that together with our rather erratic sleeping habits, and the combination of 24-hour restaurants and college students is a match made in Crisco heaven.

Grease is a prevalent theme in all four restaurants: White

SEE MUNCHIES, PAGE 12



Bowling Green freshman Nikki Hagan gets ready to indulge in her shake at Steak 'n Shake on Scottsville Road during dinner with friends.

Kathleen Flynn/Herald

From disco to 'Freebird,' students chime in on Cherry



SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK
Matt Batchelder

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Who knew that this campus could be so cool? I always wanted to go to school in the '60s, when students cared enough about what their government was doing to protest and the Beatles ruled the airwaves.

Now I can. I'm living my groovy life vicariously through the bells of Cherry Hall. The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel and even the funky Fifth Dimension (who sang "Aquarius") are now chiming out of Cherry Hall every hour.

All kidding aside, I think the bells are great. But don't take my word for it. Several of you like the bells. You even chimed in on some music you'd like to hear —

everything from classical to disco.

"I think they're a great addition to campus," Erin Mullins said. "Cuz music makes everything better."

The senior from Asheville, N.C., said if she was picking the music, REM's "Shiny Happy People" would be sounding from the chimes.

Count Versailles sophomore Mandy Hicks in that feel-good

vibe. Her pick: something totally out of the ordinary, like, say, "Pop Goes the Weasel."

"Something nobody expected," she explained. "Students would turn around and they would really laugh about it."

Choosing a chime was no laughing matter for Louisville sophomore Austin Stevens. "Freebird," he said.

SEE ROCK, PAGE 12

Five bands to perform mix of ska, punk music

By TAYLOR LOYAL
Herald reporter

Shaun Ketterman is a part of what he calls a secret world. "It's a thing that people can't understand unless they're in it," the Nashville sophomore said.

In the world of Bowling Green's musical subculture, Ketterman's role is to organize and promote.

The 20-year-old plans to unleash his first project for the fall semester at 6 p.m. tomorrow. The Franks, Pupae, Deep 13, Jigsaw Youth and Brandon Harrod are visitors from Ketterman's world. They will be invading the basement of Broadway United Methodist Church on Melrose Street, playing music that may be alien to many Western students. The show will cost \$5 per person.

If you go

What: The Franks, Pupae, Deep 13, Jigsaw Youth, Brandon Harrod
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Admission: \$5

"It's music you probably won't hear in the record store or on MTV," Ketterman said.

The Franks, a trio of Western students, call themselves a mix of punk, ska and reggae. Cincinnati sophomore Richard Wheeler, guitarist and vocalist, said the band wants to "try to get people movin'."

The Franks want you to dance, but they also want to teach you a lesson.

Wheeler said that most of the lyrics, written by Cincinnati junior Morgan McCloskey, are about social programming and the band's plight against it.

Unlike The Franks, Pupae is lyrically introspective.

Their musical style, according to bassist and vocalist Matt McKeever, is "straight-ahead, short, fast, heavy and mean-sounding."

The Nashville band, whose style Ketterman called "gloomy hardcore," has been together for about a year. And while McKeever said they rarely leave Tennessee, he seemed optimistic about tomorrow's show.

"I just wanna come and have fun," he said.

Also from Nashville is indie-rock band Jigsaw Youth. Playing in Bowling Green won't be a first for them.

After playing at the Java House in July, guitarist and vocalist Chris Schneider said his band was anxious to make it back to Kentucky.

"I love playing in Bowling Green," Schneider said.

Why does he think the Western students should come?

"There's always a chance punk rock could change your life."

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Shuttle expands service to local shopping centers

New service provided from campus to stores

By BO CALVERT
Herald reporter

The Big Red Shuttle smells new.

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And it's providing a new service for some busy shoppers traveling from Science and Technology Hall to places like K-mart, Wal-Mart and the Carmike Cinemas.

The demand for such transit increased this summer, when international students living on campus found themselves within unreasonable walking distance from retail stores and entertain-

ment facilities in Bowling Green.

"I just thought it was one of the things that needed to happen," said Larry Caillouet, a communications associate professor and director of International Student Services, who organized the shuttle service "to improve the life of our international students as well as our local students."

For \$1, the luxury of comfortable, air-conditioned transportation can be accessed by anyone affiliated with Western.

The bus runs on Saturday between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. International students coming from countries where a majority of the population relies on public transit such as Germany, Japan, The Republic of Georgia and beyond were disappointed with Bowling Green's

lack of public transit. Many of the international students didn't have their own cars.

But the \$1 fee doesn't completely cover the cost of rental fees and a certified bus driver's salary.

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"I don't think the students

mind paying the dollar and the local merchants are more than happy to see us deliver business," Caillouet said. "It's a service to the merchant as well as the students."

With student parking a problem, there is a hope that some underclassmen will no longer need to rely on their cars for mobility.

"We're a very individualistic society here," said Caillouet. "Everyone has their own car and they want to go where they want to at their convenience."

Students said the shuttle offers an opportunity to venture around the city.

Caillouet said the program has been a success so far.

"The international students enjoy getting out," Caillouet said. "It will be a permanent part of Western."

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News of the Weird by Chuck Shepherd

Maybe he just liked Coke

In May, an unidentified man burst into a congressional hearing in Washington, D.C., armed with jagged-edged soda bottles and threatened to kill himself if someone didn't stop Pepsi from selling sodas to eastern European countries.

Science goes squish

Queens College professor Harvey Baker told The New York Times in May that he had a dynamic new method for helping people overcome even intense fears of tarantulas. However, he had fallen far short of the 100 volunteers he needed to demonstrate the method because few people who have extreme tarantula phobia would participate in his study.

Safety first

In Romford, England, Philip Pyne, 51, off work last summer and intending to do some heavy drinking but worried that he might fall off his bar stool if he got too drunk, attempted to tack

his legs onto the stool with nails but abandoned the idea in pain and called an ambulance.

Pain in the rear

In July in Ogden, Utah, a Japanese college exchange student, angry that a Baskin-Robbins store had just shut its doors for the evening and would not serve him, suffered a laceration on his buttocks when he pressed too hard on the window while mooning the store's employees.

Their bad

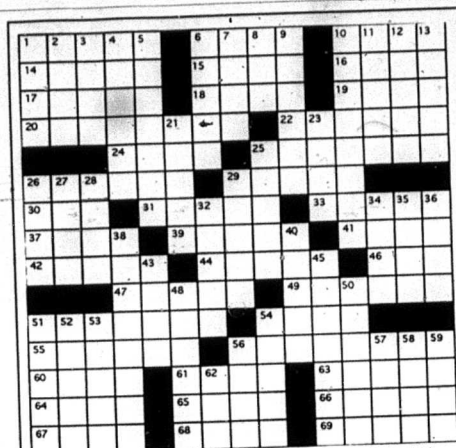
Hong Kong's leading newspaper reported in February that a Chinese TV crew, which had just completed shooting a documentary on the first open-heart surgery ever performed at the Wefang Medical Institute in Shandong, would have to reshoot. Officials had belatedly realized that the open-heart patient was actually a boy who had been admitted for tonsillectomy.

That bites

After police pulled over Kevin Temple, 35, in a routine traffic stop in Bronson, Fla., in October, a police dog sniffing the trunk and backseat, officers found the following live animals: 48 rattlesnakes, a Gila monster, 45 non-poisonous snakes, 67 scorpions, several tarantulas and small lizards, and a parrot. Temple said they were just pets.

Competely quacky

A Tulsa, Okla., physician, reported on a 32-year-old woman whose neighbors had just had a large satellite dish installed in their yard. The woman became convinced that she was being wooed by Donald Duck and that the dish had been placed there to facilitate his communicating with her. She spent lots of time "hovering" around the dish and eventually undressed and climbed into it, where she later said she consummated marriage to Mr. Duck.



ACROSS

1. Room
6. Fermented beverage
10. Completely involved
14. Healer
15. Word of agreement
16. Say with conviction
17. Europe/Asia boundary
18. Mattel products
19. Carrot
20. Facsimiles
22. Harmony
24. Actor Richard
25. Made
26. Items in a Christmas table centerpiece
29. Beach find
30. Three doubled times three tripled
31. Tasteless
33. Pack animal
37. — up, incapacitated
39. Swung around on a pivot
41. Time period
42. Alpine sound
44. Urge
46. Border
47. Bamboo stalks
49. Prison residents
51. Indicate
54. Utah's lily
55. Detenantes
56. Heaten
60. Rhine feeder
61. Farewell
63. Rumbled, disordered
64. Nation split: abbr
65. Yikes!
66. Organic acid
67. Six in Spain
68. Former Venetian magistrate
69. — at, watch carefully

DOWN

1. Stimulate to action
2. Decrease
3. Open
4. Guest
5. Naval personnel

6. Bad guy
7. Hall of a comedy pair
8. Item on a chain
9. Issue a homeowner's policy on
10. Ethnically
11. Sailor's command
12. Tea from Sri Lanka
13. Current style
21. Throws
23. Nickname for Eleanor
25. Bird's word for inexpensive?
26. Friend
27. Florence's aloha
28. Poet who wrote Letters from Pontus
29. Tenements' locations
32. Unfamiliar
34. Prefix for plane & gram
35. Central
36. Rifles
48. Settled in an aerie
50. Crop destroyer
51. Suits
52. Remove chalk
53. Human trunks
54. Digging implement



Movie Capsules

By MICHAEL COMPTON

Opening Tomorrow

Dinosaur (B) An orphaned Dinosaur raised by a family of monkeys. If you're thinking this sounds a lot like "Tarzan," you're correct. Still, it's worth a look just for the incredible visuals created by computer animation.

Gone in Sixty Seconds (D+) A retired car thief (Nicholas Cage) is forced into one more job to save his kidnapped brother (Giovanni Ribisi). While the final chase does have its moments, the film suffers from its shallow attempt at a plot.

Still Playing

Autumn in New York (B-) Richard Gere is a womanizer dating terminally ill Winona Ryder. A by-the-numbers chick flick that has some moments of surprising depth, thanks to director Joan Chen.

Coyote Ugly (C) Piper Perabo plays a wanna-be songwriter who takes a job as a waitress in a rowdy Manhattan bar. Basically just a mix of Cocktail and Flashdance, the film avoids being totally dreadful, thanks to its completely over-the-top bar sequences.

The Crew (D) Burt Reynolds and Richard Dreyfuss are among the group of four retired mobsters, who have relocated to Miami Beach trying to recapture the good ol' days. The movie is as tired as Dreyfuss and Reynolds look. It's one of those comedies that might as well tell the audience what the next punch line is, because they already know.

Hollow Man (C+) Paul Verhoeven's version of the Invisible Man begins with a lot of promise and

WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

Plaza Six

The Cell — (F) 7:15, 9:45

(S&S) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

The Replacements — (F)

7:10 (S&S) 2, 7:10

Autumn in New York — (F)

7, 9:30 (S&S) 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15

Bless the Child — (F) 9:15

(S&S) 4:15, 9:15

Hollow Man — (F) 9:40

(S&S) 4:30, 9:40

Coyote Ugly — (F) 7 (S&S) 2, 7

(S&S) 7:45, 9:45

Whipped — (F) 7:45, 9:45

(S&S) 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45

Double Feature

Dinosaur and Gone in 60

Seconds — (F) 7:30 (S&S) 2:30, 7:30

Greenwood Six

Bring It On — (F) 7:15, 9:40

(S&S) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40

Nutty Professor 2: The Klumps — (F) 7, 9:30 (S&S)

1:15, 4, 7, 9:30

What Lies Beneath — (F)

9:35 (S&S) 1, 4, 6:50, 9:35

Space Cowboys — (F) 9:35

(S&S) 1:15, 4, 6:50, 9:35

The Crew — (F) 7:10, 9:10

(S&S) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

Highlander: End Game —

(F) 7, 9 (S&S) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

some nifty special effects. For a while, the movie does an interesting job of exploring the voyeur in all of us. But then the film tanks, thanks to a pathetic finale in which Kevin Bacon becomes Jason Vorhees.

Nutty Professor 2: The Klumps (B-) Not as consistent, but at times this sequel is funnier than its original. Eddie Murphy returns as Sherman Klump, the good-natured, overweight scientist, who this time discovers a fountain of youth formula. While Murphy is good as Sherman, it's the other roles that provide all the laughs.

The Replacements (C) Keanu Reeves and Gene Hackman star in a film based loosely on the 1987 NFL players' strike. The movie does have some nice comedic touches, but those moments are overshadowed by bizarre moments of philosophical di-

ty by the characters. **Space Cowboys (B)** An enjoyable, if somewhat predictable, film helped by a tremendously likeable cast. Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland and James Garner are a group of Air Force pilots who are called back into action by NASA because they are the only ones who can fix a broken Russian satellite spiraling towards earth.

What Lies Beneath (C) The main problem with this wanna-be thriller, the story of a wife (Michelle Pfeiffer) who is haunted by the ghost of a previous infidelity of her husband (Harrison Ford), is the pacing is so slow boredom sets in long before hour two begins. And then, just when you think it can't move any slower, the film wades endlessly through a ridiculously overstaged finale.

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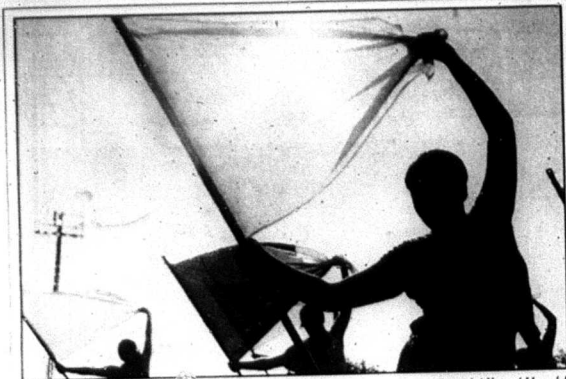
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MUNCHIES: Release the grease

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Castle has its cheese sticks (for those who aren't satisfied with unfried cheese) and one bite of their teeny burgers will remind you why they're called "sliders." Even the buns are glossy. They also have a drive-thru for a speedy "I forgot about my economics paper due tomorrow" exit.

Meanwhile, over at Waffle House, we're enjoying burgers too. They're rounder, bigger — but equally well-sleazy.

Alarming statistic: The House claims to serve the most T-bone steaks in the world. Besides those two choices, the rest of its menu is breakfast eggs (prepared some 20,000 ways, the menu claims), waffles and sunny hash browns. The only

problem is that once you hear the waitress yell, "I need an order of smothered, covered hash browns," you won't be able to stop humming that Discovery Channel song.

This place is like a cheesy music video with the hard-working waitress, but MTV has never seen this much grease. Scientists should drill a core sample and analyze it like layers of ice in Antarctica.

Murray's has an extensive breakfast menu too, but has the other two important meals covered. They have everything from mashed potatoes to roast beef to grilled cheese. It's down-home cookin' at its most comforting, but if your home actually resembles Murray's, God help you. This place is called the "Best hole-in-the-wall in Bowling

Green" and has the actual hole to prove it. Who the heck knows if it has ever really been called that, but that's what's written over the hole.

Steak 'n Shake is less grease and more "Grease." With its '50s diner theme. It has a wider sample of food in addition to the requisite burgers. There's chili, salads and milkshakes, which are best with French fries dipped in them.

For the cleaner environment, it's a little more expensive (\$5 to \$6 compared to \$3 to \$4 at the other three).

No matter how good the food is at any of these restaurants, there will be times when the between-meal craving can only be satisfied by one thing: Doritos and ice cream from the local convenience store.

Rock: Hill filled with Cherry cheer

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After an eight-minute assault of Skynyrd, Cave City junior Billy Vincent would have to hear some more classical favorites, like "The Cannon."

John Osborne's heard it all. As the associate vice president for Campus Services and Facilities (a.k.a. bell guru), he's single-handedly picked the tunes and adjusted the format.

Since he flicked the switch on the \$16,000 chimes on Derby Day, he's been all about variety. Showtunes, '60s pop and cuts from American composers fill out the playlist, not classical.

Osborne said he picked recognizable tunes that people can relate to. That was pretty befuddling when he spent last spring pouring through thousands of Bells' catalog of funeral hymns to German folk songs. He said it came down to this:

"If I had to choose between German folk songs and pop songs and movie themes, I'm gonna go with pop songs and movie themes."

Amen to that. But how about the Munfordville freshman Sheena Dixons of the world? They want disco, "happy, get-out-of-class music."

Is Club 54 coming any time soon?

Well, it's possible to add new music. Osborne has sent in sheet music for special occasions. On Homecoming day, Western's fight song, "Stand Up and Cheer," will play. During Commencement, "College Heights."

And Christmas carols, patriotic hymns and the sounds of spring coming.

That's music to Carlton Brown's ears. The history professor who has spent nearly 40 years in the venerable Cherry remembers when the speakers sounded

old shoe-shining songs.

And now we've gone from five years of silence to the "Sounds of Silence." When the bells first hit the air, it was on a completely random, and acid-free format. The "Star Wars" theme was sharing the stage with Judy Collins' "Send in the Clowns." And folks complained, the bells keep playing the same stuff.

That's changed. It's now Cherry Hall A-Z. Everything in the song's library will play in order now, and in genre. Get set for blocks of showtunes, blocks of Beatles, blocks of American composers.

Any disco? Stay tuned. We've only just begun.

SuperPicks

If you plan to stick around campus this weekend, prepare to rock out. The weekend's pick goes to the big punk rock show going down this Friday at Broadway United Methodist Church on Melrose Street. Scheduled to appear: the Franks, Brandon Harrod, Jigsaw Youth, Remember When, Pupae, Deep 13 and possibly, the Infected.

Looks like a lively mix of emo and hardcore stuff to get the party started this weekend. It's \$5.

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Quiet off the court, volleyball player Natalie Furry is a ferocious competitor on the floor

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Herald reporter

If Natalie Furry doesn't know you, don't expect her to open up.

She is the shy, quiet type. She likes things that are familiar to her.

When she has a free moment, she uses it to spend time by herself — big crowds make her nervous. When she isn't hanging out with friends, she is busy studying. The Western junior had a 4.0 grade point average last season.

If she wants a snack, any kind of ice cream will do, but vanilla is her favorite.

But don't make the mistake of defining Natalie Furry by this single side of her personality. That would be a much too bland definition.

It is weak because at times she can be ferocious. At times she shows glimpses into what is actually a complex personality. And at times she feels free enough to let her hair down.

Driving kills into the hearts of opposing players is what makes her the happiest.

Because on the volleyball court, Furry's free. The volleyball court is her haven.

On the volleyball court she isn't shy.

Shy is as Shy does

The Lady Toppers are engulfed in drills at practice. They're working on their pass-

set-spike transitions.

If you were to gaze across the court too quickly, you might miss Furry. Not because she isn't noticeable when she glides in for a kill, she's hard to miss — but because her 5-10 frame isn't overpowering.

It's the ringing thud the ball makes when it hits the ground that gets all the attention.

From Normal to the Hill

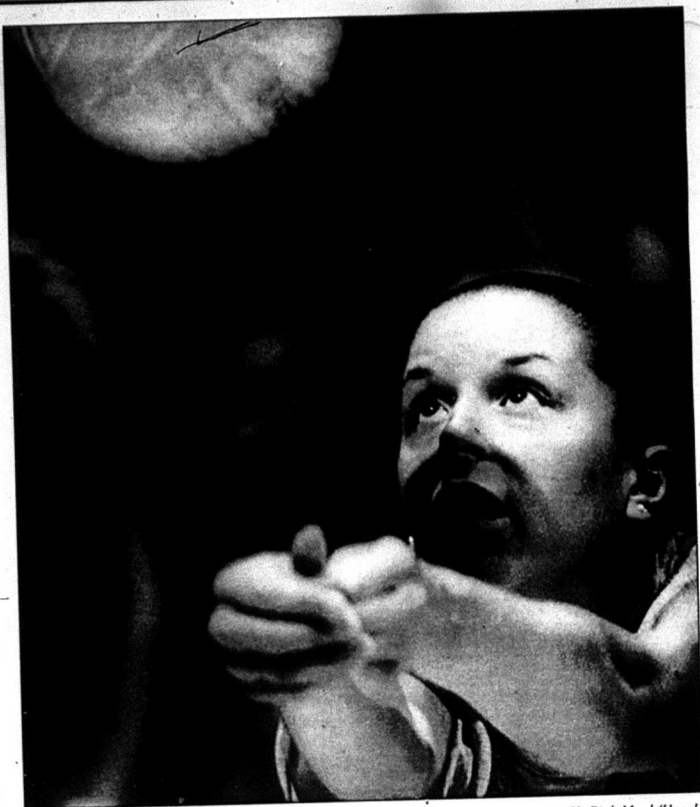
Furry is a family person. She says that her family is the one thing she can't live without. She grew up in Normal, Ill., a town she described as "about the same size as Bowling Green."

"Bowling Green really reminds me a lot of my hometown," Furry said. "One of the first things I said when I got here is just how much it feels like home."

My family has supported me through everything I've done. My hometown is almost six hours away and they still make it to almost every one of my games. It means a lot to have that kind of support from them."

During the summer prior to her junior year of high school, Furry met Western coach Travis Hudson at a volleyball camp at the University of Illinois.

Hudson liked what he saw. "I saw the player everybody is seeing now," Hudson explained.



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Junior outside hitter Natalie Furry makes a dig during practice yesterday at Diddle Arena. With the departure of All-Sun Belt Conference stars Kim Carpenter and Jenni Miller, Furry is looking forward to her new role as a team leader.

"She played in a talented program and I actually thought her talent was being overlooked. She came into our program young, as a 17-year-old freshman. "When I closed my eyes, I envisioned the player people see on the floor today."

Granted, Hudson said Furry didn't become a go-to player candidate for Western overnight.

"It's not been a magical journey by any means," Hudson said. "She's improved because she works her butt off. Success has only made her hungrier."

Furry says she chose Western because of the relationship she developed with Hudson.

"Something just clicked when I met Coach Hudson; I feel so comfortable being around him."

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West Coast tournament may require divine intervention

The men's soccer team's trip out west to play in the Nike Goal Rush Tournament may be so bad that God sent his condolences during Tuesday's practice.

Moments after Western's warriors stretched, a light drizzle fell during their first defensive drills of the day. The temperature was hot but the rain was cold.

And when the team finished, the drizzle stopped.

The past few years' success has been the only break in the clouds of Hilltopper soccer mediocrity.

But if Western wants to outrun that storm, they have to be able to win out west this week against both Fresno State and Stanford, two teams that the sun shines on a lot.

And that's why God got involved. He knows what they're up against. Western has been plagued with injuries to their midfielders and has to move senior forward Donovan Schultz to help out in the midfield. They'll lose a scorer but gain a passer.

And then there's that talent thing.

Fresno State has four players with youth national experience



PLAYGROUND NOTES

John Darr

and Stanford has eight. That means a player has represented his country. Not county — COUNTRY. That's the level of play where people get stamped in the stands.

And New Zealand's Olympic team captain plays for Stanford.

Western has one player with youth national experience and no Olympic team captains.

So why would men's soccer coach David Holmes schedule powerhouses and why is he praying for at least a 1-1 split? Because there are two ways to get into the NCAA tournament. One is to win your conference, the other is an at-

large bid. And at-larges are measured by strength of schedule.

"We have a chance to go out there and do more for our RPI (ratings percentage index) than playing two lesser teams and going 2-0," Holmes said.

That's why Western has to win. The good teams make the tournament and the bad ones don't.

Call it a Hallmark card from God, but as practice was finishing up, a huge rainbow appeared over the field, stretching from a white water tower to a dilapidated barn. As the players left the field, the rainbow disappeared.

"I know things for these are going to be pretty tough ..."

Open card.

"Worry not, look at thy rainbow."

If Western plays well, they could get a welcome card from the NCAA at the end of the regular season. If they don't play well, God may send another rainbow.

John Darr's column runs every Thursday and some Tuesdays. You can reach him at johndarr@hotmail.com or at 745-6291.

Topper soccer team opens season tomorrow at California tournament

By MICHAEL COMPTON
Herald reporter

The Western soccer team opens its season tomorrow night in the Nike Goal Rush Tournament in Fresno, Calif. It hopes to build on the respect earned in the two previous seasons.

Despite returning seven starters from last year's 14-5 team, Western was picked to finish eighth in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason coaches' poll. Three starters graduated.

Senior forward Steven Brown said the team's recent success comes with higher expectations.

"In the past we have been able to sneak up on teams," Brown said. "Now teams are looking at us on the schedule, gunning for us. We feel we can do better."

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Western faces a long road ahead — one paved with four preseason top-25 ranked teams, including conference road trips to Creighton and Southwest Missouri State and regional

respect, fans need to look no further than this week's goal to realize how far the program has come.

"For this team to be invited to a national tournament, it shows the hard work that we have accomplished," Holmes said.

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SILENT: Furry ready to step up

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Furry said, "I know I can go and talk to him about anything, whether it pertains to volleyball or not. Some coaches don't have that kind of rapport with their players."

Out of the shadows

For each of her first two seasons, Furry played alongside standouts Kim Carpenter and Jenni Miller. She surprised many in the Sun Belt Conference last year with her selection to the All-Sun Belt team, along with Carpenter and Miller.

That selection was complemented by a Sun Belt Tournament team selection, her second in as many years. From her freshman to sophomore seasons, Furry improved her hitting percentage from .222 to .285 and led the team in kills last year with 353. Now, with Carpenter and Miller gone, she knows that she may be called upon to lead this year's Lady Toppers.

With Miller and Carpenter gone, Furry will be forced to grow up on the volleyball court, perhaps sooner than she expected. Such a growth spurt could be a huge challenge for the shy girl. "I think I learned a great deal from Jenni and Kim and what they brought to the floor, I want to give to the team now," Furry said. "I know there is an added pressure, but I'm pretty sure I can handle it."

"I don't want to let my teammates down — that is my motivation."

Hudson echoed her leadership qualities. "Offensively, she is one of the premier players in the Sun Belt and I'd say the best right-side hitter in the conference," Hudson said.

"It's hard to point out any weaknesses she has, because if there is something she is weak in, she is working on it."

"Weak is too strong a word for her."

Sports Briefs

Football season tickets on sale, office hours extended

As the Western Kentucky football team nears its season opening game against Tennessee-Martin Sept. 9, season and single game tickets are on sale.

The WKU Athletics Ticket Office, which is normally open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every weekday, will extend its hours until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Fridays before home football games.

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—Lyndsay Sutton

Darrell Horn named director of athletic business affairs at WKU

Darrell Horn, a veteran of nearly three decades of financial administration experiences, has been named director of athletic business affairs at Western.

Horn assumed management duties of the Hilltopper athletic department budget July 10.

"Financial integrity and accountability are paramount to running a first class business operation. Western is extremely fortunate to be able to attract someone with the financial background and the accounting experience that Darrell brings to Hilltopper athletics," Athletics Director Dr. Wood Selig said.

—Kyle Hightower

Hudson says a leadership role wouldn't be anything new for Furry, who stepped up during Carpenter and Miller's injury problems last season. He doesn't, however, feel she has reached her full potential.

"I don't think she's there yet," Hudson said. "I see no reason that before she leaves she can't become an All-American. Transformation hits at the heart of it. I don't think coming in she knew how good she could be."

"Now, she has made the transition all go to players make and is making those kind of plays."

It's all about the team

Furry is opening up now. It still isn't because she wants to,

but because she feels it's required of her. She says the team's goal is the same as it has been for 20 years — to win a conference championship.

The Lady Toppers have been labeled underdogs by many this season.

Furry likes that. She says it is added motivation.

Because, for Furry, personal accolades and awards are just an added bonus — icing on the cake.

"If I had to sit on the bench, but could watch the team go to the NCAA tournament, I'd do it for the team," Furry said.

She was blunt about it. She isn't shy about winning.

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By LEE HANDEL
Herald reporter

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According to Kyle Sonneman and Rich Smith, 91.7 FM is the place to kick back on Tuesday nights at 8 and take in some solid sports radio.

Smith, a broadcasting major, and Sonneman, a communications major, say their show isn't just about sports.

"We're kind of like a mix between 'The Man Show' and ESPN, the perfect blend," Smith said.

"We're a highly competitive duo," Sonneman added. "It's not just in the booth, but in real life, too."

The show blends statistics, game results and humor to keep die-hard fans wanting more. Segments include the NASCAR Minute, the Baseball Buddha and "Where's Anna Now?" which chronicles the exploits of tennis player/model Anna Kournikova. Sonneman jokes on the show that he has a three-years-and-counting relationship with Kournikova.

More of the favorites include

Johnny Espen, who covered American League baseball and The Master Batter, who covered the National League.

The show also features guests, usually a Western athlete.

"We try to cover all of the sports," Smith said. "We've had Donte Pimpton (football), Sharae Mansfield (women's basketball) and Andrew 'Preacher' Priest (swimming). Hopefully we'll get all of them covered by the end of the year."

For more information:

You can look up more information about the show at www.wku.edu/ridingthepine.html. The show is also audiotaped on campus TV channel 11.

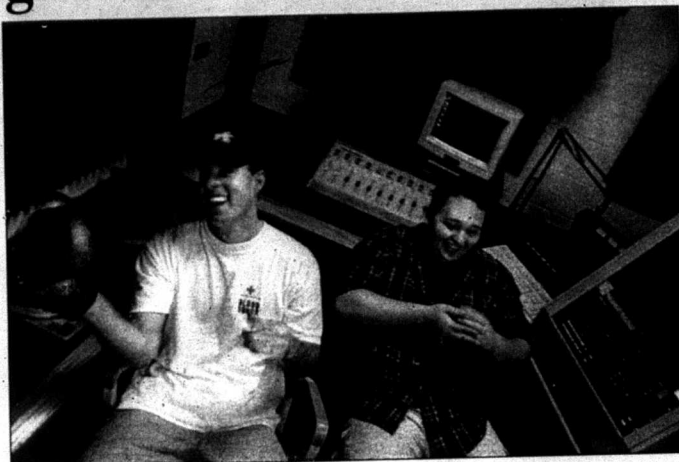
Smith also gives prizes like T-shirts and gift certificates to callers who can answer trivia questions.

Official show T-shirts around campus read "Chicks dig 'Riding the Pine.'"

"We just try to be ourselves on the air," Smith said. "I think that's the best way to be successful. We're like the Ren and Stimpy of sports talk radio."

Smith and Sonneman also credit the professor who gave them their break.

"We have the utmost respect for Mr. Bart White," Smith said. "He really stepped in and gave us a chance when no one else would."



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Rich Smith, left, and Kyle Sonneman host the radio show "Riding the Pine" Tuesday nights from 8 to 10. This is the second season Smith and Sonneman have hosted the show.

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clashes with Kentucky and Memphis.

Even with a veteran-laden team, Western will enter tomorrow night's game against Fresno State still trying to find its strongest combination. After losing Buerger earlier in the week, the Hilltoppers' mid-field took another hit, losing junior Zach Mills to a recurring muscle injury. Mills did not make the trip to California.

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— David Holmes
Western soccer coach

Because of the recent injuries, Holmes has decided to move senior Donovan Schultz from forward to mid-field to stabilize the team's biggest area of concern.

"Schultz is a good goal scorer, so we might lose a bit up front," Holmes said. "But he is a very good passer and has been working well in practice."

Western's other battle is at the goalkeeper position, where junior Ryan Lossie and red-shirt freshman Daryl Sattler are competing for the starting spot. The two have had a close battle in camp, but Lossie appears to have won the job, at least for now.

"Ryan is doing extremely well and looks to be the starter Friday against Fresno State," Holmes said Tuesday night on the Hilltopper call in radio show "Extra Points."

Western plays Fresno State tomorrow at 9 p.m. and No. 23 Stanford Sunday at 2 p.m. before returning home to play UC-Santa Barbara next Friday.

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