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Committee endorses \$80 fee increase

Final decision will come on Oct. 27

BY CAROLINE LYNCH Herald reporter

The executive committee of the Board of Regents voted unanimously yesterday to increase the student athletics fee by \$80 in two phases, with the first phase starting next semester.

If the motion is also passed at the Oct. 27 Board of Regents meeting, student athletics fees will go from \$16 to \$56 for next semester and up again in fall 2001 to \$96.

Students already pay another \$26.50 to help the university achieve Title IX compliance, so next fall they will give a total of \$122.50 toward athletics.

The new athletics fee would go to renovate Diddle Arena, build a new parking lot and make Western athletic teams more competitive, Athletics

Director Wood Selig said.

Two weeks ago the University Senate passed a resolution to oppose the increase.

Several non-voting attendants, including Faculty Regent Mary Ellen Miller and Student Government Association President Cassie Martin, spoke against the proposal.

Martin said students don't want a fee increase and suggested that if a fee was to be added, it could be better used for other improvements, like a skywalk for University

Boulevard.

"We still have problems with other places on campus," Martin said. "There was a student hit on University Boulevard just three weeks ago. He's now walking around campus with a cane."

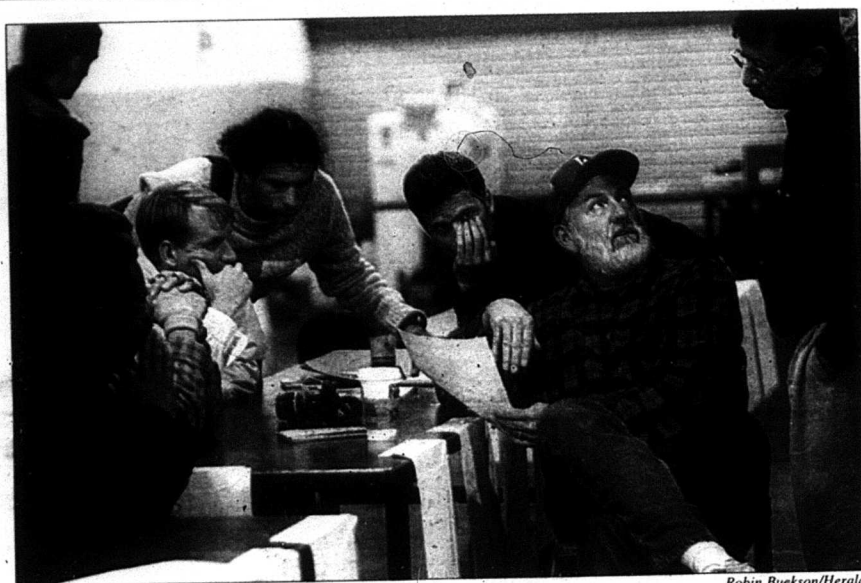
Miller agreed and said that although she would be willing to vote for a smaller athletics fee increase, she thought \$80 was "astronomical." She also opposed raising fees mid-year.

"It seems like a violation of the students' contract with the

university to increase student fees in the middle of the year," she said. "I wouldn't want to be the person in the recruitment office and have to say, 'Oh, by the way, your fees aren't \$16, they're 16, plus 26, plus 80.'"

President Ransdell said the Board of Regents and the Council on Postsecondary Education both have the power to change student fees and tuition at any time.

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Robin Buckson/Herald

Groupthink: Photojournalism coach Dave LaBelle of Ventura, Calif., seated right, gives instructions to Mountain Workshop participants Gary D. Miller from the Harrisburg Patriot-News, left; Tom A. Smith of Eustis, Fla., photo lab assistant Andreas Fuhrmann of Breckenridge, Colo., Sherman Carson of Queensburg, N.C., and Hall Gould of Whitmore Lake, Mich. The Mountain Workshops, which take place this week, draw professional photojournalists from around the world to Western for a chance to hone their skills. See page 7.

Ransdell approves \$100 contribution increase

Money to be taken from reserve fund

BY CAROLINE LYNCH Herald reporter

After hearing recommendations from both the budget committee and the university health insurance committee, President Gary Ransdell agreed to increase the university's contribution to health care premiums by \$100 per employee per month.

"I am going to approve increasing the university contribution by \$100 on Jan. 1, knowing that there will be a draw on the reserve fund," Ransdell told the executive committee of the Board of Regents at a meeting yesterday.

The decision will bring relief to nearly 1,500 university employees, many of whom will pay lower premiums in 2001 than they did this year. The contribution, which was raised June 30 from \$170 to \$215, will now be \$315 next year.

Ransdell warned that raising the contri-

bution would have effects elsewhere.

"This increase in insurance has put additional market adjustments (for salaries) in jeopardy," he said.

The additional contribution until June 30, totaling about \$900,000, will come out of the university's \$3 million reserve fund. Any additional deficit the university runs due to the underfunding of this year's premiums will be paid out of the reserve fund. The current deficit, as of Sept. 30, is \$400,000.

In a meeting Tuesday, the insurance committee presented their recommendations to Ransdell, including their request to increase university contribution. They also passed a motion to increase the amount holders of the single plan will have to pay by 5 percent. The additional cost was added in to cushion the system in case premiums were higher than expected. While the increase will affect the amount singles get back to put into medical spending accounts, both plans will remain free to the purchaser. Before university contribution, Plan A will now cost \$221 and Plan B will cost \$254.

A second motion passed will require that

2001 Health Insurance Premiums

These are the new health insurance rates after the university decided to increase its monthly contributions to \$315.

Type	Plan A	Plan B
Single	\$0	\$0
Employee/Spouse	\$84	\$152
Employee/Children	\$36	\$95
Family	\$171	\$254

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Feminist speaking tonight

Susan Faludi is best-selling author

BY JENNIFER L. DAWES Herald reporter

Feminist.

A word that cuts through mundane conversation and instills apprehension in the minds of some, respect in others.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author speaking tonight at 8 p.m. in Van Meter Auditorium wears her large, scarlet letter "F" quite well, and with pride.

Susan Faludi, a catalyst of fierce debate with her two books, "Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women" and "Stiffed: The Betrayal of the American Man," sees the issue of feminism as simple.

"To be a feminist means you believe that women should be treated like full human beings—nothing more, nothing less," she said in an interview with Brian Lamb of C-SPAN.

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INSIDE

Topnet changes registration

Western's registration system goes online tomorrow, when Topnet becomes functional. Topnet replaces Topline to make registration activities faster and easier for students. Page 3

Other Side of the Tracks

A different world lies just a stone's throw away from campus—one that virtually no one pays attention to. Visit the people and places on the other side of the tracks. Page 9

A Picture of Excellence

For 25 years, the Western photojournalism program has produced some of the finest photographers in the world. Meet the people who began the tradition. Page 18.

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Weather forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
72° 45°	77° 50°	76° 52°	73° 49°	71° 46°
Sunny	Clear	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

R: 76°/51° sunny
F: 76°/53° partly cloudy
S: 76°/53° partly cloudy
M: 73°/49° partly cloudy

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• Lexington

• Owensboro

R: 77°/50° sunny
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S: 77°/52° partly cloudy
M: 74°/49° partly cloudy

R: 70°/51° sunny
F: 70°/53° sunny
S: 70°/53° partly cloudy
M: 70°/49° partly cloudy

• Paducah

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F: 76°/52° sunny
S: 77°/52° partly cloudy
M: 74°/49° partly cloudy

• Nashville

R: 70°/51° sunny
F: 70°/53° sunny
S: 70°/53° partly cloudy
M: 70°/49° partly cloudy

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

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David Albers/Herald

Wave goodbye: Chinyere Ogbonna McGrunder of the International Program bids farewell to the guests of the third International Gala & Entertainment Show. The show started at 7 p.m. Tuesday night on South Campus featuring Egyptian belly dancing and traditional Indian dancing.

Crime Reports

Arrests

◆ Andrew Corbitt Alspa Barnes-Campbell Hall, was charged Wednesday, Oct. 4 with receiving stolen property under \$300 and second degree forgery. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail Thursday, Oct. 5 on \$1,000 unsecured bond.

Reports

◆ A fire alarm on the seventh floor of Keen Hall was activated Friday, Sept. 29 at 12:40 a.m. No smoke or fire was found by the

Bowling Green Fire Department.

◆ Chenoa B. Calhoun, East Hall, reported Friday, Sept. 29 \$200 in damage to the right-front fender, right door and right-rear fender of her 1998 Ford Mustang parked in Diddle lot between 3 p.m. Thursday and 3 p.m. Friday.

◆ Penelope M. Snyder, Bemis-Lawrence Hall, reported Wednesday, Oct. 4 a wallet worth \$5 stolen from Environmental Sciences and Technology Building, Room 407 between 10:05 and 11:15 a.m. Wednesday.

◆ Amanda L. Honeycutt, Lost Circle Apartments, reported Wednesday, Oct. 4 keys worth \$3 stolen from a locker in the Preston Center between 1:15 and 1:55 p.m. Wednesday.

◆ Rose Marie Hullett, environmental sciences building, reported Wednesday, Oct. 4 a purse worth \$117 stolen from her office between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday.

◆ Matthew T. Bogard, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Thursday \$909.18 in damage to his 1998 Dodge Dakota parked in the Service Supply lot between 2 p.m. Tuesday and 7:45 a.m. Thursday.

◆ Meredith L. Reeves, New Sorority Hall, reported Monday \$200 in damage to her 1999 Jeep Wrangler parked in the Jones-Jagers lot between 5 p.m. Sunday and 5 p.m. Monday.

◆ Michael D. Bryant, Eastland Street, reported Monday a Palm Pilot computer worth \$250 stolen from the environmental sciences building, Room 407 between 9:45 a.m. Wednesday and 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

◆ Thomas S. Taylor, Downing University Center, reported Monday \$568.53 stolen from money bags between 9:08 a.m. and 12:29 p.m. Monday. The money bags belonged to Western.

◆ Officer Brian P. Ward, campus police, reported Monday marijuana found in a Geo Storm being towed from the Grise Hall lot at 9:15 a.m. Monday.

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Topline replaced with online registration service, Topnet

By BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

Topline has flat lined. Starting Oct. 18, students registering for classes will use Topnet, a registration program on the Internet, rather than using Topline, a voice response system via telephone.

Topline will remain open through Dec. 22 for students to get grades for the fall semester. Beginning Jan. 2, Topline will only be used to access fee balances and to pay balances by credit card.

The new registration system will be available for students to use from 7 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, with plans to extend hours and days in the future. Topnet is accessed at <http://topnet.wku.edu>.

Registrar Freida Eggleton said there were many reasons for moving to Web registration.

"Web registration is now the state of the art method of registration in higher education," she said.

"Other institutions that offer both find that students overwhelmingly prefer the Web version."

Eggleton said one of the primary advantages of the new system is that Topnet is more visual than Topline. She said students can immediately see the results of their transaction and print out a copy of their schedule.

The new program allows students to search for classes by a variety of categories including course, instructor, class, time and campus. After selecting each course, a student may immediately register for the class. Once the class is selected and added, registration is complete. Confirming classes has been completely eliminated from the registration process.

Eggleton also said Web registration will prevent students from making registration errors. The program catches mistakes such as time conflicts, level restrictions and maximum hours.

"It really keeps students from

making mistakes," Eggleton said.

In addition to registration activities, the program allows students to perform tasks they would have previously had to take care of at the registrar's office. Students are able to change their addresses and telephone numbers through Topnet and add additional e-mail information. Students will also be able to get information about financial aid and transcripts.

Gordon Johnson, director of Administrative Computing, said no major problems have plagued the system so far. He said the program will be watched closely in case there are problems. The program underwent a stress test to make sure that it could handle a large load of people registering for classes at the same time.

"It came through that test with flying colors," he said.

Johnson said the recommended browsers for using the system are Netscape 4.5 or higher and Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher.

News Briefs

Trina to perform at Corvette Museum

Trina and Trick Daddy and the Ram Squad, who sing back-up for Nelly, are performing tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Corvette Museum Amphitheater. Big V and Gettin' Gritty Records, a group from Hopkinsville, will be the opening act.

Afterward, there will be a party at Galaxy 2000, where Trina and Trick Daddy are expected to sign autographs.

Tickets are still available and

are \$25 for the public and \$30 for Western students. For ticket information call 782-8228 or (831) 906-5339.

—Andrea Uhde

Denim Day fund raiser planned for tomorrow

Lee National Denim Day will be celebrated tomorrow on Western's campus.

Denim Day is a fund raiser for the fight against Breast Cancer. All the proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The foundation will

use the money for breast cancer research, education and treatment.

Western's Denim Day is being sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda, a business and leadership fraternity and the Volunteer-Bureau.

The idea behind Denim Day is simple: businesses can charge employees \$5 to wear jeans to work, and the money is donated to the fight against breast cancer. Western's faculty and staff are being asked to participate in Denim Day.

—Michelle Slaughter

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Cheer on the Toppers

Go Toppers!

Go see the Toppers!

This is Homecoming weekend. The centerpiece of Western's festivities is the Homecoming football game, this Saturday at 4 p.m. Every loyal Western fan should be there.

For students, it's free; for faculty and staff, just \$2.50 for a whole day of fun.

Before the game there's fireworks and tailgating parties on DUC South Lawn. Across the tracks in Topper Town, there's games and activities for families.

At halftime, Western will crown a new Homecoming Queen.

Oh, yeah then there's the game.

It's going to be a tough game against Tennessee Tech. This game will determine first place in the Ohio Valley Conference. If Western wins and stays on top for two more games, the Hilltoppers will win the conference.

So far the Hilltoppers are 5-0. Coach Jack Harbaugh is fielding his best team in years, ranked 12th in the nation among Division I-AA schools.

So go. Go and back up the Toppers with a full stadium. Take the family to Topper Town, or cruise the tailgating parties all afternoon.

Then go watch a great game.

Passing of old rivalry regretted

Seventy-six times, Kentucky's twin colleges — Eastern and Western — have met on the football field. The longest-running football rivalry in the state has seen Western win 43 times to Eastern's 33. But starting next year, both teams will lose for at least three years.

Nobody really wants it to end — Eastern Coach Roy Kidd included — but that's the politics of football conference membership.

The problem is that this year, the Ohio Valley Conference decided that all its members would have to bring all of their sports into conference play, not just their football teams. President Gary Ransdell and Athletics Director Wood Selig didn't want to do that, so this June they pulled Western out and took the football team to the Gateway Conference.

But the Gateway has an onerous restriction of its own: all its members have to play all of its other members, every season. That only leaves three non-conference slots open, and that schedule has already been set.

Instead of Eastern, Western will play the University of Wisconsin, Elon College and Kentucky State University.

At least one of them is in the same state as Western.

In his bid to increase sports attendance, Selig wants to bring back old fans by appealing to tradition. But by ending the Eastern-Western series, he's losing the oldest football tradition Western has.

Selig says the non-conference schedule is locked in until 2003. Here's hoping that when a slot becomes available, Eastern is first on the list.



Letters to the Editor

Ban local residents' cars

I would like not only to give my opinion on the parking situation, but also to give a couple of possible solutions to the problem. Parking is a problem. I know it, you know it, everyone knows it. And it is extremely easy to suggest taking away car privileges from freshmen. However, freshmen have the same transportation needs as do sophomores or seniors.

I propose that some of the faculty parking be reduced and made into student parking. Every day I walk by the faculty parking lot located between Tate Page Hall and Bemis-Lawrence, and it is half empty. That means that at least 20 or 30 parking spaces are useless and could be used by the students who desperately need them.

Another proposition I would like to bring up is to let freshmen have cars on campus, but take away those privileges from people who live in the immediate Bowling Green area. If someone lives five minutes from campus, why does he or she need a car at Western? Essentially, they don't.

Naturally, there are exceptions to every rule; some people need a car on campus no matter what their status is in the school hierarchy or how far they live from campus. All I am saying is take away privileges from people that

do not need them, not just target a specific group of people (regardless of need). Don't revert to the simple answer of "No cars for freshmen." There are many people out there with good ideas to alleviate the parking strain, so if we stop arguing and start thinking about ways to fix the problem, we will see some results.

Nicholas Choate
Munfordville freshman

Skywalk no higher than Hill

My one and only question to President Ransdell would be a simple one: from where, exactly, did these students come from that were polled about the issue of the skywalk (over University Boulevard)? (Editor's note: In the Sept. 28 edition of the Herald, Ransdell said that a two-year-old survey of students showed they wouldn't use a skywalk.) These students could not possibly be from Western, the same students who trudge up and down a hill several times a day to go to class.

They couldn't be the same Western students who go up and down stairs every day to get to class. Surely these are not the same Western students who have to climb nine flights of stairs to get to their room after a fire drill at two

in the morning.

No, it couldn't be the same students. I have come to the conclusion that these students were, in fact, from another university. This information came from students that attend a university that is flat, not Western Kentucky University. Western students climb a hill every day to get to class; surely they would climb a few steps so that it might help save their lives.

Jácinda Girdler
Somerset junior

Letters to the Editor

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Or you can send them via e-mail to herald@wku.edu.

Quotes & Notes

Regent Cornelius Martin on management company MEDBEN's \$2 million underestimation of costs for Western's self-insurance plan:

“I'm not comfortable with sitting around saying, 'You missed the number, and we're going to let you do it again.' If it was me, I'd be madder than Hell.”

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Director makes Shakespeare simple for 'Dummies'

BY TAYLOR LOVAL
Herald reporter

"Shakespeare for Dummies" author John Doyle said he doesn't particularly think it is insulting to call people "dummies."

In fact, the Scottish director said that his book is doing quite well in America, thanks to Americans' willingness to admit what they don't know.

Starting at 8 tonight, there will be an opportunity to rise above dummy status as Doyle presents his production of "A Winter's Tale" in Russell Miller Theatre. The play will run every day until next Thursday.

Doyle has taken risks in his lifetime. He once cast a woman to play God. He has had actors in operas play their own instruments and carry them around on stage. In "A Winter's Tale," no actor will leave the stage at any moment.

But the director said he doesn't do these things to attract attention or get pats on the back for being brilliant. After over 170 plays and 26 years of directing, Doyle, 47, said he makes his decisions based upon what will make a play both constructive to the cast and accessible to the audience.

Bowling Green senior Derek Wilson, who will be playing Autolycus, said that he is grateful for Doyle's dedication to making the play easy to endure.

"In high school we would sit around in a circle and read Shakespeare and we couldn't understand it," Wilson said. "That was where the negative connotation of Shakespeare came in."

Wilson said he felt that way about the classical playwright until his second year of college

when he first worked with Doyle on "Much Ado About Nothing."

Doyle said he relates to the struggle of students like Wilson.

"I didn't see any Shakespeare as a kid," Doyle said. "I didn't understand it in school."

In a way, Doyle said, studying Shakespeare has helped him in facing his own fears of not being able to understand the often incomprehensible literary legend.

Wilson said it was Doyle's practical insight that attracted

him to the director and made him want to work on the play.

"He shows us how to really see it," Wilson said.

"It's not about flying things in and making it big ... it's just about telling the story."

Theatre and dance professor William Kesler is helping Doyle

tell his version of "A Winter's Tale" by

designing costumes for the characters.

Kesler, who first met Doyle about 25 years ago at the University of Georgia, has tried to keep his cos-

tumes consistent with Doyle's

"The concept of the costumes is a combination of historical and contemporary dress," Kesler said.

Doyle said he wants to create a timelessness with "A Winter's Tale" that any audience could understand because he believes that the themes of lust, envy and greed in Shakespeare's plays have always existed and always will.

"Actually, what we do is very simple," Doyle said.

If you go

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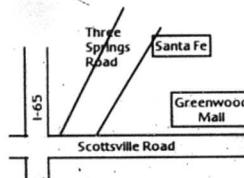
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INSURANCE: Ransdell agrees to increase

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any remaining health care balance at the end of the year go back into the insurance budget.

During the meeting, Ransdell told the committee it may not be possible to raise the contribution by Jan. 1 and suggested that employees may have to wait six months, until the beginning of the next fiscal year, for the raise to be effective.

University Senate President Patricia Minter pointed out that other things have been funded before health insurance and asked Ransdell to increase the fee.

"This is a chance for the university to do something revolutionary — to say that the people that make this campus work come first," she said.

The budget committee agreed to take the money from the reserve fund at a meeting with Ransdell yesterday morning.

Committee member Robert Dietle, who was in favor of upping the university contribution, immediately pointed out that the \$1.8 million the additional contribution would cost per year is about 1 percent of the yearly budget.

"It is important that we meet the health insurance committee's recommendation right now because this campus' mood is ugly," he said.

Ransdell said increasing the university's health care contribution by \$100 would put Western in front of most other Kentucky universities in health care funding.

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Meet Your Neighbors

Alexi Slappy, 12, goes to see a dermatologist because she has a rash all over her body. She's afraid they will have to give her a shot to stop the severe itching.



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Left: Tom Jones bundles up his 10-month-old daughter Kelsey before leaving for his nightly workout. Tom and his wife Sarah are juggling their duties as parents, students and serving co-captains of the Western cheerleading team.



photo by Frank Wiese

STORY BY CYNTHIA MITCHELL
1983 Western journalism graduate

Starting at the Kentucky National Guard Armory, 40 photographers fanned out across Warren County Sunday afternoon. But taking pictures wasn't their mission — not yet, anyway.

Job One on Day One is to broker the deal. Make sure the subject understands that the photographer wants to see all of their life — not just the pretty parts. That'll be back. Every day. For the next four days.

"It can wear thin on people," Photo Coach Alan Berner of the Seattle Times warned his group of six shooters. "You'll have to be aware of when they need a break, and when you need a break."

Finding the subject wasn't necessarily easy. Denise Mushcel's assignment, a canine patrol officer with the Bowling Green Police Department, had recently moved. But she tracked down his dad, who got Bill Jr. to call.

David Elkins didn't have that problem. Sgt. Major Richard Bogle is a top officer at the Kentucky National Guard Armory where the workshop is headquartered. And as the opening meeting broke up, he arrived with about 40 guardsmen who'd spent the weekend at Fort Knox, getting certified on M-16 rifles and 9mm handguns. But Elkins soon found out Bogle's vacation starts Monday. "At first, I panicked," he said. "Then I realized it really wasn't such a bad thing. The purpose is to really show what these people are like — and not just on their jobs."



Kathleen Flynn/Herald

Above: Cora Jane Spiller, 72, right, jokes with lung cancer patient Charlotte Hopkins, 76, as she brings her home from radiation treatment Monday.

Left: Nine-year-old Croslin Pelly warms herself by a woodburning stove in a shed which is a part of The Garden Patch, her mother's greenhouse in Smith's Grove.

"The purpose is to really show what these people are like — and not just on their jobs."

—David Elkins,
Mountain Workshops participant

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Martin called
the proposal
"the best I've
seen."

Ransdell said the reason he proposed to begin the fee in January was because he didn't want to wait any longer to build a new parking lot or eliminate the athletic deficit.

"I am the voice of the students, but one voice isn't going to make that much of a difference."

— **Cassie Martin**
SGA President

Gray said. "It's not giving them a fair shake... I am in favor of the proposal."

proposal before the Board of Regents voted on it. SGA will be setting up survey tables and sending out questionnaires to on-campus students to ask their opinions of the fee increase.

"Students who are opposed are going to have to show up," she said. "I am the voice of the students, but one voice isn't going to make that much of a difference."

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Jane Olmsted, director of women's studies, is very supportive of Faludi's visit and said it will be a great opportunity for all who attend.

In her first book, Faludi dissected the backlash against feminism in the late 1980s and early 1990s in the media. She followed that in 1999 with "Stuffed" where she discussed and researched the effects of a patriarchal society on men and how the feminist movement helps men.

Olivia Smith, a graduate student from Bardstowrn, covers some parts of Faludi's books in the Intro to Women's Studies class she teaches.

"The excerpt from 'Backlash' that I use in class opens their eyes to the fact that women still face oppression today," Smith said. "Somehow people think the struggle is over because women can vote and are breaking glass ceilings."

Faludi has broken a few glass ceilings of her own. She was the managing editor of the Harvard Crimson, the university's student newspaper, before she graduated in 1981. She went on to win the highest honor in journalism, the Pulitzer Prize in 1997 for explanatory journalism while writing for the Wall Street Journal. Her first book, a bestseller, won the National Book Critic Circle Award.

A simple line drawing of a lion sitting down, facing left. It has a large, spiky mane and a friendly expression. A single line from the left edge of the page points towards its eye.

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Other side of the Tracks

a look at what lies beyond the edge of campus



Jesse Burgett works at his in-laws' used furniture store, Little Bit of Old Mexico. "I've only sold one TV in the past two weeks," he said.



Photos by H. Rick Mach/Herald

Anthony Boyd passes time outside his sister's house on Collegeview Road, waving at the occasional passerby. Below: Alena Kuvac, 24, is a native of Sarajevo and has lived in Bowling Green for 17 months.

By JACOB BENNETT
Herald reporter

Harold and Mary Ann Johnson have lived on the other side of the tracks for 31 years.

They've listened to the train rumble through, separating their side of town from Western's campus. Harold says he's used to it.

"I don't pay attention to the train no more," he says. "It don't come by as much as it used to. I hear it, I don't pay attention."

The train doesn't bother Luke Harlow either, unless his windows are open in his room at Gilbert Hall, just a stone's throw from the tracks. Otherwise, the junior from Bethlehem, Pa., said he doesn't notice it.

And he doesn't pay attention to the

community on the other side, either.

"I don't really know anybody that lives over there, so why go over there?" he said.

Other students pass through the area, like trains in the night, and don't stop to see what it has to offer. Evansville freshman Erin Groenert said she has already been lost twice in the neighborhoods west of the parking structure, even though she frequently goes to Island Tan on Old Morgantown Road. "I have no idea what's on this road," she said. "I've never been past this."



Most Western students don't go past the tracks, the Johnsons said. While the Western side of the tracks usually bustles with activity, not much happens in their neighborhood. Harold says the only time traffic gets heavy is when Western has an activity like graduation, and people can't find a place to park.

Harold sits on his porch most days, if the weather's nice, lounging in a wooden swing and puffing on a Captain Black cigar.

Mary Ann sips RC Cola on a mid-September day. She talks to her brother Bill Powell on the other end of the porch.

Powell is visiting from Russellville, which he does from time to time now that he's retired.

Mary Ann says Western students haven't bothered her in the years she has lived here. She says students have lived in some of the houses around her, and they've always been friendly.

Though they live just a couple of minutes away, the Johnsons say Western hasn't affected them much at all.

"When we first moved here," they said Western was gonna buy all this out," Mary Ann says. "That was 31 years ago. If they want to buy me out, tell 'em to come on over here."

Harold's fine with that idea. "We'll live in a tent," he says.

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Coed sorority draws rave reviews from Hilltopper students



SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK
Matt Batchelder

There's only one word to describe the amount of e-mail we've gotten here at Schoolhouse Rock.

ASSloads. It seems everybody on campus is dying to join Alpha Sigma Sigma, Western's first coed sorority, the one I created two weeks ago in this column.

"I wanna be an ASS!" Lisa Stutzman writes.

"ASS! What a hoot! I would definitely join," raves Ashley Vincent.

"ASS kicks ass!" proclaims an anonymous reader. "Great idea ... I've been wanting this for years ... well, maybe not for years. Where do I sign up?? I know a buncha people who would join too!"

"I love ASS!"
"I love ASS too! Last week has been, like totally a blur. We had

our first ASS meeting, got our first international ASS member (thnx Mona! Go India!) and I got my first ASS letter cup (thnx Madelyn!).

Some of you probably think I'm joking.

Christin Keeney writes, "Is this for real?? What are the qualifications on becoming an ASS? We'd like to know more about it." First question first: ASS is

very much for real. Just like any other sorority is for real.

Second: There's been so much demand for ASS that we're holding another meeting, Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the lobby of Downing University Center, on the side facing Central Hall. Just look for the ASS signs. There you can find all about

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TRACKS: 'I must like it pretty well ... I've been here 31 years'

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The Johnsons' neighbors are as diverse as the businesses down Old Morgantown Road. Branching off of a street that has a drive-in restaurant, a tanning salon, a religious bookstore and a bait and tackle shop are neighborhoods of people from all over the world.

There are people like the Johnsons, who have lived there most of their lives. But there are also younger people living in subsidized housing, a melting pot of races and cultures. Down the street, Bosnian refugees watch their children play on lawns of apartment buildings while Hispanic men listen to their native music in trucks parked next door.

Most of the area is what the City-County Planning Commission calls traditional residential neighborhoods. Alice Burks, director of the commission, said that although the homes may have deteriorated slightly, they are still in good shape, making houses more affordable to buyers.

Family Life

Kellie Allen, a 23-year-old single mother from Bowling Green, is taking advantage of the affordable housing at Campus Manor Apartments on Old Morgantown Road.

"I had a child and I wanted to get away from my mama," she said as she watched the activity in the parking lot.

She saw Jeremy Ferguson, 19, toss a football with a friend as his girlfriend's 2-year-old son Damontre watched.

"You need to start throwing to my son," his girlfriend, Tanika, yelled to them from her apartment window.

"He can't throw and he can't catch," Ferguson said, tossing the ball in Damontre's direction for proof.

Damontre missed it. People move in and out of the apartments all the time, Allen said, for a simple reason.

"They can't afford anything else," she said. "I know I can't

That's the best way to be honest about it. If I can find a better, affordable place, I'll be out in a heartbeat."

Ferguson said most of the people hanging around go inside at night, when the police come out.

Allen said the police and the addition of security guards have helped make the place safer.

"Years ago, it was pretty bad," she said. "My sister lived here for two weeks, but she moved out. She didn't think it was safe for her kids. It's pretty good now. They cleaned it up."

Crime isn't a big issue in many other places on that side of town, according to Barry Pruitt, crime analyst for the Bowling Green Police Department.

"Overall, we don't see a lot of crime there," Pruitt said. "There's some areas of town that we see more activity than others. That's not one of them."

Shop 'til you drop

Tommy Gerrish often walks by Campus Manor Apartments on his way home from Bowling Green Biologicals, the Plasma Center. Gerrish, a sophomore from Clarksville, Tenn., said he's been seven or eight times this semester, but he went more often last semester.

"I was a regular customer," he said. "Now that I got a job it still keeps extra money coming."

Gerrish mentioned the diversity of the stores he walks by on days when he donates plasma.

The stores on Old Morgantown Road are in a transitional phase and have been for several years, Burks said. She said she thought businesses will continue to open and close often, unless there is ever a major redevelopment project.

The unpredictable nature of the businesses probably won't affect the neighborhoods, Burks said.

"I think it's accepted that it will happen along Old Morgantown Road, as long as it doesn't penetrate the residential areas," she said. "I hope it stays pretty stable. There's lots of good neighborhoods there, there's lots of good folks there."

One of the stores that's been there for years is J & F Bait and Tackle. There's a sign in the window that says, "Fisherman Parking Only (All Others Will Be Strung Up)."

James "Magnum" Cook, owner of the store, moved back to Bowling Green after living in Georgia for several years. Cook said when he completed his training at the age of 18, he

became the youngest private investigator ever.

Cook also said that while he was in Georgia in 1991 he was the youngest person to ever run for city commissioner. At the age of 23, he got about one-third of the votes.

Sounds like a fish story, but he has framed newspaper clippings hanging in his apartment.

About five years ago he bought the tackle shop. He said he holds occasional flea markets outside the store and his dad Jim sells socks in the parking lot.

Jim won't say where he gets his supply of socks.

"That's a secret," Jim said. "You don't tell everything you know."

James said he was glad he gave up the political life in Georgia to come home and run the store.

"Yeah, obviously. I got this," he said, looking out at his stock of plastic bait. "I wasn't doing as much in Georgia as I am here."

Hangin' around

Anthony Boyd said he usually doesn't do much more than smoke cigars and watch life pass by.

Boyd, 24, sat in his sister's yard on Collegeview Drive when his father, "Big Mac" Clark, pulled into the driveway in a

burgundy and gold 1980 Ford.

"I sit around in this chair all day and wave at people that go by and hope some women stop by," Boyd said. "It worked a couple of times."

There's not much else to do, Clark said.

"I park up here in this driveway and sit and watch everybody go by," he said.

Just then, a car full of girls drove by.

"Hey!" the passengers yelled.

Boyd and Clark each threw a hand in the air and yelled, "Hey!"

"They come through and holler like that all the time," Boyd said, puffing on his cigar.

"They need to stop."

Staying put

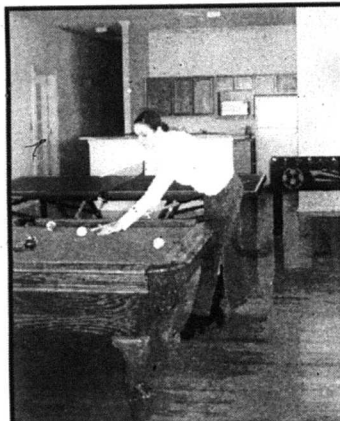
Harold and Mary Ann Johnson aren't as worried about people stopping by. They're losing a guest, as Bill Powell decides to leave.

"I gotta go home and learn how to read my machine," he says. "It's some kind of gizmo my doctor gave me for diabetes."

Harold and Mary Ann stay on the porch.

They aren't going anywhere. It's nice being on the other side of the tracks, Mary Ann says.

"I must like it pretty well. I've been here 31 years."



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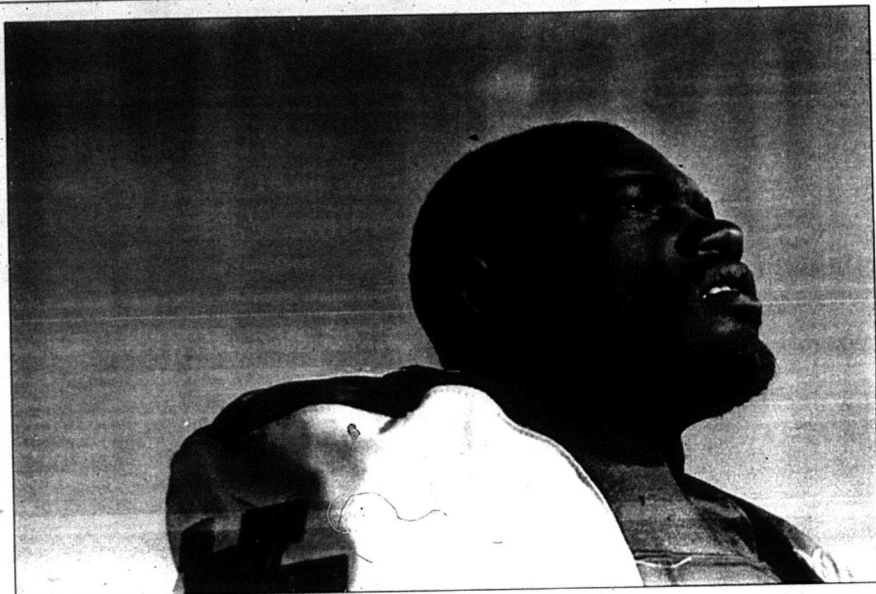
◆ Western's mainstage theater season begins tonight with the much-awaited performance of Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale." Show times are tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Adults pay \$7, students pay just \$5.

◆ It's the second weekend for "Dracula" at the Public Theatre of Kentucky (also known as the Phoenix Theatre), 545 Morris (Alley), downtown.

The show plays tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Adults pay \$10, students pay \$8.

◆ Also, 3 tonight at Nite Class, Western's improv comedy group. Happy Gas, performs. It's free.

Once an ASS, always an ASS. Contact Matt about ASS or anything else on your mind at batchme@wku.edu



David Albers/ Herald

Junior cornerback Joseph Jefferson has been starting for the Hilltoppers for three years. Former Western baseball coach Jim Pickens first saw Jefferson playing basketball and told football coach Jack Harbaugh that he was an "outstanding athlete."

Moving on Up

Junior cornerback Joseph Jefferson, a three-year starter for Western, has leaned on the Lord and used adversity as a springboard in his football and academic career

BY BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

Joseph Jefferson wanted the title, but for a brief period of time he forgot what it was going to take to achieve it.

He had fixed his sights on the karate championship trophy. To the 7-year-old boy, its tall, gold frame might as well have been the NFL's coveted Lombardi Trophy, which goes to the league's Super Bowl champions each year.

Jefferson, now a junior cornerback for the undefeated Hilltoppers, envisioned the illustrious trophy sitting on his chest of drawers. It would make a fantastic addition to his collection of karate mementos, he thought. His father, Joe Jefferson, had worked the night shift that Saturday morning. He drove from Logan County to Cookeville, Tenn., right after he got off work to watch his son's karate match.

Jefferson really wanted the win; his competitive nature would allow nothing less. Mom and Dad were on hand, and the overhead lights reflected off of that trophy like the sun off a southern Kentucky pond.

"I should have won that one, but I wasn't really at the top of my game," Jefferson recalled, admittedly still frustrated 12 years later. "I was really concentrating on the trophy ... instead of focusing on the obstacle at hand. Man, I was mad: I said, 'I'm not losing anymore.'"

His father can attest to that. In a recent interview, the elder Joe Jefferson smiled as he remembered his son's record for the final two years of his karate career: undefeated.

Since his participation in the sport

ended in 1989, Jefferson has persevered. He's stared at some of life's wicked curveballs, the ones that only the strong can turn into positives — and he's triumphed over them.

Now, this Kentucky-home boy is executing at Western something he started preparing for as a freshman in high school. Barring a derailment from the winning column, he and his teammates are a maximum of three games away from winning an Ohio Valley Conference championship.

Playing football has been Jefferson's passion since he could hardly walk. As a young lad, his father said, he was constantly throwing the football around the yard with a cousin who lived nearby. He loved the game, but Jefferson offered another reason for his persistence.

"I lived in the middle of nowhere," he said. "What else is there to do besides throw the football?"

A lot to overcome

He played in August heat. He played in January frost. Regardless of rain, sleet or snow, it was Joseph with his Turbo Screamer — destined for greatness.

Things weren't always so simple.

When Jefferson was 8, his mother, Jean Spencer, passed away. And it has been that misfortune that set Jefferson's sights on goals that still drive him today.

"When you are a Christian, you can overcome these things," Joe Jefferson said. "I believe that he overcame it, but it was certainly hard. He just said that he was going to school to play football, and he was going to do it for his mother."

His mother wanted him to be the best he could be at whatever he did,

Jefferson said.

"I know if she was here I'd be on the same track: in college, trying to pursue a degree. And I can't let her down," he said. "Life goes on. I'm not saying I just let it go, but from that day on, she's gone. And that's like anything that happened in the past, I don't stress about it because it's over with."

Playing football is the ticket Jefferson took to the Hill and Western coach Jack Harbaugh's family-like defensive unit.

Nothing new for Jefferson there. He's all about family, as any of his nine older sisters would testify. And they'll be the first to tell you: their only brother was spoiled from the start.

Family supportive

His sisters played a significant role in his life after his mother died, Jefferson said. Some of them were much older and had moved away, but a few were always around. They'd occasionally cook him a meal or pick up something for him at the store, as his mother often did.

Playing football never strayed from his mind. One of his oldest sisters, Lora Spencer, was an athletic inspiration. She played basketball at the University of Kentucky.

"She was really hard on me like a mother," Jefferson said of Lora. "She always looked out for me."

Lora's athleticism was unique to Jefferson. He felt many in his family were great athletes, but Lora took her game beyond Logan County. Jefferson wanted to do the same, and he did.

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No. 1 at stake for Tops, Tech

BY BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

The similarities are scary, and the stakes are high.

Tennessee Tech will bring its run-stopping, high-energy defense to Western Saturday when they battle the Hilltoppers for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Western's defense has proven itself time and again through its first five games. Ditto for the Golden Eagles' defense, and according to Western coach Jack Harbaugh, the tempo of this game could greatly resemble last week's low-scoring game against Eastern Kentucky.

Tennessee Tech's defense has not allowed a touchdown in the last 12 quarters. Ohio was the last team to put up a touchdown against the Golden Eagles (4-1, 3-0 OVC). That was on Sept. 16 when the Bobcats beat them 52-14.

"They've got a solid defense, maybe as good a defense as any we'll play this season," Harbaugh said. "Their offense is playing to the defense. They're running the ball well and maintaining the clock."

Tech was picked in the

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Lady Tops drop match to U of L

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
Herald reporter

Charlie Brown and Western volleyball have something in common.

No, the Lady Toppers aren't constantly worried about getting rhined out. And unlike Charlie, Western does manage to put together some wins — 16 so far this season.

But each does have trouble getting over the hump. In past years, that has been Western's Achilles heel.

In 1991, then-coach Jeff Hulsmeier led Western to a 30-13 (4-0 Sun Belt) record, by far the program's most wins.

But that same team lost two out of three in the Sun Belt Tournament to Arkansas State that season, with the Lady Indians claiming championship honors.

This season the Lady Toppers must walk through a similar haunted house.

Currently 5-1 in Sun Belt play and halfway through its regular season schedule, Western is looking forward to confronting a different set of ghosts: the Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans.

The Trojans currently lead the Sun Belt's West division at 5-1 and are tied with the Lady Toppers for the overall conference lead.

The Trojans beat Western 3-0 Oct. 7 in Little Rock, but will come to Diddle Arena Oct. 28 for what will be a pivotal matchup.

Tuesday night, Coach Travis

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Men's swim team loses 13 members

By BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

Coach Bill Powell counted the numbers carefully.

He was smiling when he started 1...5...7. Around 9, he sat up a little straighter, and his smile faded into a look of concern. He stopped counting at 13. Half of last year's undefeated men's swimming team are gone due to graduation or nutrition issues like weight gain.

It was a little easier when he counted the women's team. Only 5 out of 20 had graduated or left the team.

He remembered last year's success, and then said this season would be a much greater challenge.

On Thursday and Friday nights, Powell and the swimmers will see how they'll fare this season after so many losses. The team will compete in its 32nd annual intrasquad meet. The meet will help determine who competes in events and who will make up the travel team.

"Last year's intrasquad meet was the best in history," Powell said.

Last year, 10 intrasquad records were broken, including records in all five relays.

This weekend's meet will provide Powell an opportunity to

see what this year's swimmers have to offer.

"It's somewhat of a rebuilding year for the men," Powell said.

The men's squad will be seeking its third-straight undefeated season with a mix of new and old faces, despite losing 13 swimmers.

"We're not going to be able to steamroll like we did last year, but I think we have a chance to go undefeated again this year," senior captain Brent Foland said.

Powell said he's looking for good things from his returning swimmers: junior Gord Veldman, a backstroke; junior David Tucker, a sprinter; and senior Andrew Priest, also a breaststroke.

Powell expects the newcomers to strengthen the team, including freshman Dean Cheek, who is a distance swimmer.

"We've been a little weak in distance," Powell said. "We're happy they're gonna bring something to table."

On the women's side, five members of last year's team are gone, including Beverly Robertson, Robertson, who holds the school record in the breaststroke, was forced to return home because of family problems. Powell said her leave-

ing struck a huge blow to the relays and the breaststroke.

"We've lost a lot of good swimmers, but we're making up for it," senior captain Char Jones said.

She said the team has been practicing longer than in previous years and the upperclassmen are pushing the freshmen to be more competitive, especially in this weekend's event.

Although the team is not very deep, Powell said the swimmers are all very versatile. He said Brandi Carey, formerly Brandi Beckwith, is versatile enough to be used in any event. He's also looking to Megan Zerhusen for leadership in the sprints, the butterfly and the backstroke.

Both the men's and the women's diving is expected to be stronger this season. On the men's side, sophomore Chuck DeLong and sophomore Travis Murphy will return to the team. Redshirt sophomore Donny Glass also will compete.

Junior Shannon Jones and senior Michelle Lynch return for the women and will be joined by freshman Marci Kascir.

"I'm real impressed with diving," Powell said. "We've got three real even divers (on each team) and it's gonna give us some good depth."

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Women's golf	*	Tomorrow at EKU Fall Invitational
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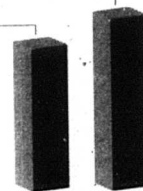
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Follow the Toppers at home and on the road.

Soccer team faces TCU and SMU next

Games important for playoff picture

BY MICHAEL COMPTON
Herald reporter

Even though two of the Missouri Valley Conference's newest members will visit the Soccer Complex this weekend, don't expect Western's soccer team to be very hospitable.

Texas Christian (6-5, 2-2 MVC) will visit Friday night at 7 p.m. Western will host No. 4 Southern Methodist (10-2, 4-0 MVC) on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Both match-ups will be crucial for a Western team still intent on finishing as one of the top four teams in conference play. A top-four finish would give Western a home game advantage in the first round of the MVC playoffs.

"We feel confident because we are playing at home," Coach David Holmes said. "Both games are big, but right now we are focusing on TCU. It will be an extremely tight, hard-fought game."

Both TCU and SMU have made strong impressions in their first two weeks of conference play. TCU has already beaten two ranked opponents, including a 1-0 defeat of conference rival Southwest Missouri State last weekend. SMU has won 10 straight games and have outscored their opponents 39-12 this season.

This will be TCU's only season in the MVC as the program will join the Mountain Pacific

Conference next year. Holmes believes that the Horned Frogs are making the most of their cameo appearance.

"They have done some damage already," Holmes said. "In the first two weeks, they have defeated Bradley and Southwest Missouri, both finalists from last year's conference tournament."

The Horned Frogs are led by sophomore goalkeeper Michael Lahoud. Lahoud has already recorded four shutouts this season and has a 1.32 goals against average.

"He is arguably one of the best goalkeepers in the conference," Holmes said.

The Mustangs are led by the potent scoring duo of senior midfielder Matt Whiteley and junior midfielder Mohamed Fahim. Fahim leads the team with nine goals, while Whiteley is close behind with eight.

— David Holmes
Western soccer coach

As significant as this weekend's games are for the Hilltoppers' season, they will have added importance for freshman midfielder Ron Plute.

"I'm really excited because they are both from my hometown back in Dallas," Plute said. "I will try to play the best I can because these games mean a little more to me since they are from my hometown."

"I think if we play our game how we are capable of playing, we can give both teams a good game and hopefully come out on top."

STAKE: Season dedicated to Pickens

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preseason by OVC coaches to finish fifth in the league. Western (5-0, 4-0 OVC) was picked to finish fourth. Now, each is playing for first. And they're both playing for the memory of someone who has passed away in their respective football families — redshirt freshman Preston Chauncey Birdsong for Tech and former player and coach Jim Pickens for Western.

Birdsong died after collapsing while running a sprint at the Golden Eagles' first day of practice in August. The state corner in Nashville concluded Birdsong suffered a heat stroke, according to Rob Schabert, the team's sports information director.

In this case, Tech's football family was broken up, head coach Mike Hennigan said. But his

troops pulled together and dedicated the season to Birdsong. They wear patches on their jersey with the initials "P.C." and break from team huddles shouting "P.C."

Administrators of the OVC asked all of the conference's members to conduct a moment of silence in Birdsong's memory before each game Tech plays. That moment has been recognized throughout the year at home and on the road, Schabert said.

Tech has gone on. In being united, they stand.

"The last couple of weeks we've done a nice job of keeping people out of the end zone," Hennigan said. "Our kicking team has done well, especially on kick-offs. We're making teams drive further down the field."

"I think the best thing to watch

for Saturday is how our offensive line does against Western's good defensive front. We'll have to allow our quarterback time to throw the ball and maybe hit a few deep."

Western has dedicated its season to Pickens, Harbaugh said. Pickens was a football and baseball standout on the Hill during the late 1940s and coached the baseball team from 1966-1976. A longtime friend of Harbaugh's and an involved member in the athletics department, Pickens won't soon be forgotten, Harbaugh said.

"I anticipate another tough game," Harbaugh said. "They've got good players, good scheme, good coaching. When you put those three things together it's tough to move the ball against them."



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Pickens finds Jefferson

Jefferson's play on the basketball court is what originally caught the eye of former Western baseball coach Jim Pickens. Pickens spotted Jefferson, who played basketball three years in high school, and told Harbaugh he was an "outstanding athlete."

"I had a chance to watch him play basketball over here in Diddle Arena once," Harbaugh said. "I saw him go up and dunk the ball and I thought to myself, 'This guy could play college basketball in a lot of different places.'"

"He's a very, very gifted athlete, and he's really adjusted to college well. He takes his work very seriously in the classroom and his degree is very important to him."

And his teammates, especially on defense, are also very important to him. After starting much of the season as a true freshman two years ago, Jefferson believes the Western defense has gotten better each year. This year, they're faster, stronger and have the chemistry to do "special" things on the field, he said.

He's come a long way himself since his freshman year, defensive coordinator Andy Hendel said. Jefferson remembers his first start as if it were yesterday. It was at Murray State, and he got burned for a touchdown — twice.

"It was a learning experience," he said, smiling. But if the defense isn't playing as a unit, all of its talent will go for naught, he says.

"We have to stay together as a family, regardless of who got the stats, who got the glory," he said. "We haven't and we're not going to get the big head individually. We still have areas we need to improve in, but we have to be together. I cannot emphasize that enough."

Last year, an early-season knee injury put him out of action for the first three games. Depressed? No. Again, the injury was in the past, and there was nothing he could do but move forward and gain his strength back, he said.

The knee still bothers him occasionally. It's not uncommon to see him walk out of the Smith Stadium locker room with an ice pack strapped around his leg. That hasn't stopped him from doing his thing at cornerback, though. He's second on the team with three interceptions this season.

Managing time is key

It takes a lot of time to be a member of the football program. Besides games and practice, there are film study and team meetings almost daily.

Jefferson knows time management. "You have time, it's just not when you want to use it," he said.

Away from the field, he spends a lot of his time with his family, which is spread throughout Kentucky and beyond. He doesn't mind hitting up the locals for food every now and then, or you might catch him at Subway just before 11 p.m. He also finds time for his girlfriend and the Lord.

Jefferson tries to make it home to worship with his family each week, he said. It's all about support. And like his family, he believes the Lord has always been behind him.

"Christ is a part of my life," he said. "I've got to give him some time, too. He's the one that blessed me with the talent to play football and to be at Western. I've got to give praise where praise is due."

Sports Briefs

Ingle found innocent

Freshman guard Golden Ingle has been found innocent of any wrongdoing by the Student Life office. It is unknown whether the decision will have an effect on any NCAA action or discipline from Coach Dennis Felton.

Ingle was one of three men's basketball players arrested on Sept. 16 on charges of receiving stolen property. The Orem, Utah, native has pled not guilty to the charges and is expected to appear in court Oct. 24.

Felton had no comment on the situation.

Dean of Student Life Howard Bailey announced the decision to the Board of Regents and media during a meeting yesterday, saying he wanted to "kill two birds with one stone."

"After thorough review, we (Student Life) found that Golden Ingle broke no university policy," Bailey said.

— Travis Williams

Western has connections to Major League Baseball

When Major League Baseball crowns its champion at the end of this month, don't be surprised if the winner has ties to Western.

Of the four teams remaining in the playoffs, three feature

Western connections

Former Hilltopper All-American and 1991 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year Chris Turner is the backup catcher for the New York Yankees.

Former Western great Marty Mason, who set a team record with 14 complete games, is the bullpen coach for the St. Louis Cardinals.

The New York Mets boast two former Western players. Team trainer Fred Hina played for the Hilltoppers from 1983-1987, and professional scout Larry Doughty graduated from Western in 1964.

— Micheal Compton

Softball splits in tourney

The softball team won a 2-1 game against Louisville Saturday for its first-ever win against the Cardinals.

Cassie Palmer tabbed a double in the top of the eighth inning for the Western victory. Katie Swertfager gave up four hits and struck out two to earn the victory over Louisville.

In the second game of the day, Eastern Kentucky defeated the Lady Toppers 5-0.

They finished the fall season with a 6-1 record.

— Lyndsay Sutton

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LOSE! Tops drop fifth game

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Hudson took his ghostbusters away from that house of cards for a brief clash with the Lady Cardinals of Louisville.

The match had special meaning for six Lady Toppers who played high school volleyball in Louisville - five for Louisville Assumption and one for Sacred Heart.

But Louisville, the defending Conference USA co-champions, rained on the Western homecoming parade and handed the Lady Toppers a 3-1 (5-15, 8-15, 15-13, 6-15) toppling in front of a sellout crowd.

Western showed brief signs of life after falling behind 2-0, winning game three in a slugfest, but the Lady Cardinals were just too overpowering down the stretch.

Louisville native Tara Thomas, a junior left-side hitter, continued to carry a huge chunk of the offensive burden for the Lady Toppers, tallying her 12th double-double of the season with a match-high 17 kills and 10 digs. Junior middle hitter Jessica Willard had 12 kills, and sophomore setter Sara Noe dished out 47 assists to go along with eight digs and four blocks.

The loss is Western's second in a row, the first time it's lost consecutive matches this season.

"I think that was a great help, to play that match," Hudson said. "It was certainly nice to allow so many of our Louisville kids to play at home. To be in that atmosphere can only help us. We came out with a lot of nerves, but once we (Hudson and the coaching staff) got them calmed down I think we represented ourselves pretty well."

Senior defensive specialist Beaven Hill, a Louisville Assumption alum, said the game gave her an opportunity to play in front of many of her friends and family who ordinarily don't get a chance to see her play.

"Tons of people I wasn't even expecting to come made it down," Hill said. "We were a little nervous early on, but we played with Louisville and I think Louisville is a pretty good team. Being able to play with Louisville shows me that we can play with anybody."

Hill also eluded to Western's weekend schedule, which will feature two tough conference games. The Lady Toppers host conference newcomer New Mexico State (who was picked in the preseason to win the West division) Friday and Denver Sunday.

Hudson said this weekend's games will be the test of how good his team really is, with the West division's No. 1 and 2 teams coming to Diddle.

"We're not clicking in the middle right now, and we're not clicking on the right side badly right now," Hudson said. "I think we can get a lot better between now and tournament time. It's just gonna take some work."

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