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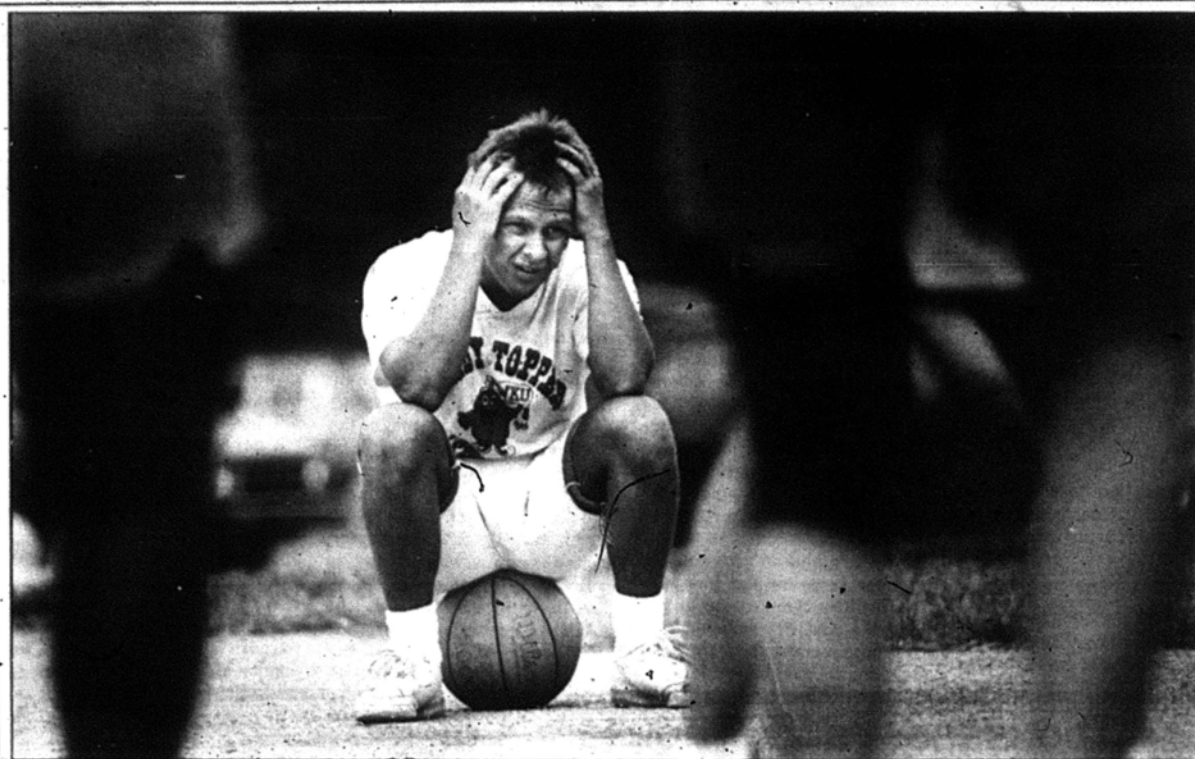
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John Russell/Herald

STOP MOVING SO FAST — James Hummel, a Radcliff senior, is puzzled by the fancy footwork of friends playing basketball on the court outside Barnes-Campbell Hall. "I'm out here to try and learn the game," he said Thursday.

Article offends faculty leaders

By GARY HOUCHENS

Leaders of the Faculty Senate say they are puzzled and offended by an article President Thomas Meredith sent to faculty leaders and members of the Board of Regents in July.

The article, "Academic Politics Can Undermine Leadership," said there is a problem in higher education with faculty members launching personal attacks on administrators, and it suggested that dissent be restricted.

"Who blows the whistle in order to protect the naked and vulnerable CEO against unethical attacks?" asks the article, which was written by a friend of Meredith's for the spring 1989 Educational Record.

Faculty Senate Chairman Bart White, a member of the Executive Committee, said he would like to know why Meredith sent the article.

"My feeling is that he wants everyone to be totally positive about everything, and he views anything contrary to what he believes as negative," White said. "The actions the article criticizes only occur when the administration is not responsive to the needs of faculty."

Eugene Evans, faculty representative to the Board of Regents, would not speculate on Meredith's reasons for sending the article, but said that its message offended him because it was an attack on faculty members.

"I hold that article and anyone

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Soviet psychologist to teach here

By TRACY MALLON

Western will get a dose of glasnost when its new social psychology teacher arrives from the Soviet Union.

Marina Abalakina is expected to arrive at Western about Sept. 13, according to psychology professor Sam McFarland, who has been a research partner with Abalakina for a year and a half.

Abalakina, who researches at Moscow State University, will teach three classes of social psychology this semester. In the spring she may teach some introduction to psychology classes in addition to social psychology.

Until she arrives, her classes are being taught by McFarland, Jacqueline Pope-Tarrence and John O'Connor, all psychology professors.

When Abalakina was here this summer working on a book she is writing with McFarland and Vladimir Ageyev, also of Moscow State University, she gave a presentation to students.

She accepted a one-year appointment, and will stay here until June 30, 1991, when her visa expires.

Abalakina had hoped to be at Western at the beginning of the semester, but she was delayed getting her visa. The next available flight from Moscow to

Washington is Sept. 6.

With the end of the Cold War, it is much easier for Soviets to get approval to travel outside their country, McFarland said. The average wait for permission to travel to the United States is only a day. But before glasnost, he said, Soviets weren't allowed to travel unless they were part of a government program.

Money also could have caused a delay in Abalakina's travel plans, McFarland said. American dollars are in such demand in the Soviet Union that travelers who pay in dollars are given preferred status over people paying in rubles, he said.

"If you can pay for a ticket in

dollars, you can fly almost immediately," said McFarland, who is arranging Abalakina's trip.

Abalakina was born and raised in Siberia, where her parents went to escape the persecutions under Josef Stalin, Communist Party general secretary from 1922 to 1953. She lived in Siberia until she attended Moscow State University, where she got her undergraduate and graduate degrees in social psychology.

She also holds a candidate degree, which is roughly equivalent to the American doctorate, from Moscow State University.

Offbeat jobs perfect cure for summertime blues

By AMY HOOVER

When Shannon Hurley signed on as a toll collector on the Cumberland Parkway, he didn't know his duties would include pulling a pooch from the money collection slot.

While he was working the day

shift at the Bonnieville booth, a couple pulled up and asked the dog to say hello to Hurley. The next thing he knew, the dog barked, jumped out and landed in the slot along with the quarters and dimes.

Hurley, a Park City junior, was just one of many Western

students who worked an offbeat summer job to earn money for school.

Halfway across the country, Nikki Farrar, a senior from Hutchinson, Kan., was riding the airwaves of her hometown's country music station.

"I hated country music, but

now I love it," said Farrar, a broadcasting major who worked as a disc jockey.

Although most of Farrar's time was spent playing Conway Twitty and reading hog reports, she did have a few scary moments during her final night of work.

A thunderstorm blew into town, bringing 50 mph winds and driving rain. The lights from the Emergency Broadcasting System flared, indicating a major storm was in the area.

"I was terrified because that

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ALMANAC

Student delegates needed for conference

Citizens across Kentucky will have the opportunity to apply to be delegates to the second White House Conference on Library and Information Services.

Delegates will be sent to Washington, D.C., for the July conference (expenses paid) to identify library service needs and recommend improvements for services nationwide.

Citizen delegates will be selected from applicants who complete and submit forms available at all public and academic libraries. A statewide delegate selection committee will choose the citizen delegates based on applicants' stated interests and willingness to devote time to improving libraries.

For additional information and application forms, contact the Bowling Green Public Library at 781-4882.

Meet coaches at barbeque

The office of Alumni Affairs and the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation will co-sponsor a meet the coach barbeque for Western alumni and fans in Middle Tennessee.

Hilltopper basketball and football coaches will be on hand at the event. The dinner will be held Friday at Moss-Wright Park in Goodlettsville, Tenn.

For more information on tickets and the event call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 745-4395 or the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, 745-5321.

Campusline

■ WKU's Art Department will present "Work from the 80s" by Tom Pfannerstall beginning tomorrow. The exhibit will continue through Sept. 19. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Forecast

The National Weather Service forecast calls for a hot and muggy day today with the high in the upper 90s. Tomorrow should also be muggy with a 50 percent chance of rain and highs in the lower 90s.

Teachers' group awaits revival

By CHRIS POYNTER

A history professor is trying to rejuvenate a Western chapter of the American Association of University Professors — 14 years after it died from lack of interest.

Marion Lucas's interest in reorganizing a chapter at Western peaked when Steve Finner, an AAUP representative, spoke to the Faculty Senate at its March meeting last semester.

So far 20 of Western's 560 faculty have joined. Lucas said he expects that number to increase as more faculty are informed of the professional organization.

Though it is not a union, the AAUP protects faculty members' rights, investigates questionable firings and offers benefits to members.

The AAUP objectives include protecting freedom of speech and lobbying Congress. The group was also instrumental in implementing the tenure policy, Lucas said.

Western had an active AAUP chapter 14 years ago, but after the Faculty Senate was organized the AAUP weakened.

"There seems to be an interest in reviving the chapter," Lucas

said.

History professor Charles Bussey joined Western's new chapter shortly after Finner spoke to the Faculty Senate last spring.

"It has a long, distinguished history and it seems to be a reasonable organization to join," Bussey said.

One reason he joined was for the power of legislation the group has.

"It's a collective group and has a large membership in the United States," he said. "It's not a fly-by-night group."

Bussey, a member of the Faculty Senate, said he's glad the chapter is reorganizing.

"I believe it will strengthen the university and that's my goal," Bussey said.

"There's a common desire on the parts of the administration and the faculty to make the university stronger," he said. "AAUP works for the best interest of the university."

John DeMarcus, secretary for the Kentucky AAUP chapter, visited campus last Friday to poll faculty opinions on collective bargaining — a topic the AAUP is interested in.

Although his visit was not related to organizing an AAUP

chapter, DeMarcus, president of the Northern Kentucky University AAUP, said a chapter would be beneficial.

"It's a worthwhile organization," DeMarcus said. "It's very interested in protecting academic freedom and it would certainly help all its members."

DeMarcus said the Northern chapter has been involved in all aspects of the university, including reviewing the school's budget and working with the faculty senate.

An AAUP chapter would not take the place of the Faculty Senate, Lucas said. It could participate in some university relations and serve as an advisory to the Faculty Senate.

"The Faculty Senate is doing a great job," Lucas said. "They've given us a much bigger voice. But some priorities in spending are not correct."

One area neglected by the administration is deteriorating buildings. Lucas said an AAUP chapter could pressure the university into doing something about the problem.

Lucas plans to send information packets containing a letter explaining the organization's purpose and an application to faculty members this semester.

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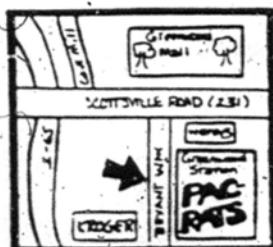
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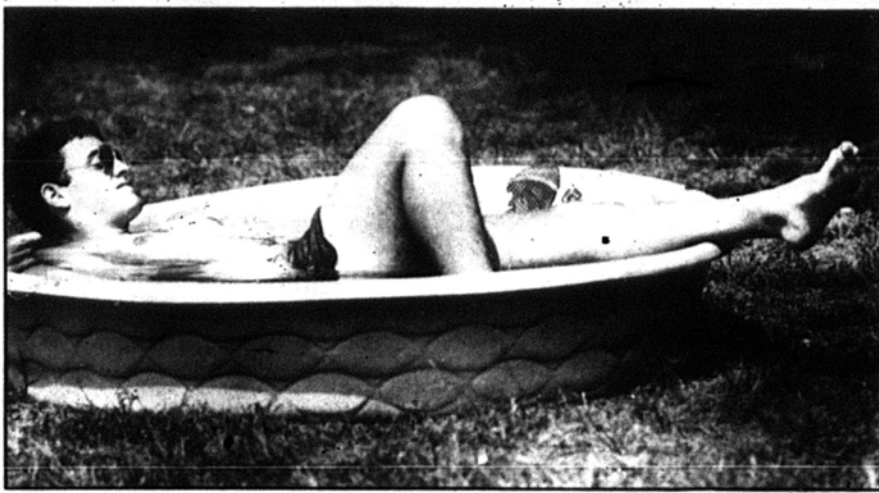
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WATER SPORTS—Lounging in a wading pool is one way for Lexington sophomore Jay Stubbs to keep cool Saturday.

Greenpeace spurs interest

By ROB WEBER

Enfile Gourieux said he wasn't discouraged with his summer job as a door-to-door canvasser for Greenpeace Action in Nashville — even though most of the people he met refused to support the organization.

"I'm just glad I got to talk with them and tell them what's going on," said Gourieux, a Paducah sophomore.

Last week workers from the Greenpeace office in Nashville came to Bowling Green asking for donations and urging people to be concerned with environmental issues such as offshore oil drilling and ocean protection by signing petitions and writing elected officials.

"It's part of a nationwide program," said Leslie Harris, assistant director of the Nashville office. "We go home to home with information on the environment."

Harris said support for Greenpeace in the South isn't as strong as it should be, and going door-to-door is a good way to get people concerned with issues.

Writing letters is a "really good way to pressure representatives to be concerned with environmental issues," Harris said.

The workers also brought literature on the United States' waste exporting and the harm caused by the increased amount of toxic waste flowing across the world's waterways, Harris said.

A newsletter about the

destruction of tropical rain forests was also distributed.

Other recent issues the Greenpeace office in Nashville is asking support for include recycling throughout the city and labeling tuna cans to indicate whether dolphins were killed in the process of catching the tuna.

Heather Sodergren, a Louisville freshman and Greenpeace supporter, said she thinks Greenpeace's influence is growing.

"People are realizing environmental issues are important and need to be taken care of because they haven't been for so long," Sodergren said.

She said it's important for people to be aware of the issues Greenpeace promotes because "We're ruining the environment, which in the end will ruin us."

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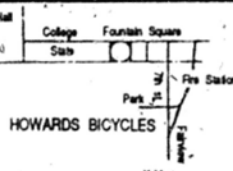
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Opinion



Dissent article offends faculty

If President Thomas Meredith thinks this is an open-minded institution that welcomes discussion about problems, he sure has a funny way of showing it.

Faculty Senate leaders weren't laughing this summer after reading an article, "Academic Politics Can Undermine Leadership," written by one of the president's academic cohorts, the chancellor of Southern Illinois University.

The article suggests that there should be restriction on faculty dissent.

Meredith says he sent the article to the senate leadership and members of the Board of Regents just because he thought it was interesting. He didn't say what was interesting about it, and he declined to make any "editorial judgments" about it.

But he should have considered that the faculty might think he

was trying to point a finger at them, especially after the communication conflicts between the administration and faculty that surfaced last semester.

Meredith said that hadn't even crossed his mind.

He apparently didn't remember his defensive reaction when the Faculty Senate invited United Auto Workers representatives to speak about union organizing in March.

And he must have forgotten about the senate's faculty survey in which the administration's responsiveness to faculty concerns was ranked poor or very poor by 74 percent of 423 respondents.

Yeah, the survey results were released in March — such a horrible month that Meredith blocked it out of his memory.

That's the way his rose-colored glasses work. Talk about the

good. Forget about the bad. That's public relations.

Why a president whose strength has been public relations sent the article is puzzling.

Instead of resolving problems it emphasizes his communication problems with the faculty — which doesn't say much for an open-minded institution that welcomes discussion about problems.

Eugene Evans, faculty representative to the Board of Regents, said the article's message offended him because it was an attack on faculty members.

Meredith said he wasn't suggesting anything about what the faculty has done to him.

But faculty members have a right to be upset and offended, because even if Meredith did not intend for the article's message to be his own, that's certainly the way it appeared.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lighting rules criticized

On Saturday evening (Aug. 25) my brother, Wayne, a Western graduate student, called to invite me to play tennis at Western's tennis courts. I accepted the offer to be thrashed.

When we got to the courts we found the lights were out and the light box padlocked. We went to Public Safety to remedy the light dilemma. The dispatcher on duty was very helpful and notified a unit which was to help. Upon communicating with the unit, we were told that it is policy that the lights are not turned on during the weekend at the tennis courts — or so said unit "X" during his radio communication.

"How asinine," I grumbled. "It sounds like unit 'X' doesn't want to do his job." It wasn't but a minute later unit "X" communicated that he would turn the lights on if the weekend electrician wasn't available to do so. What is this, convenient policy-making? We didn't press the issue any further and left congenially.

Instead, we went back to the courts and read the rules and regulations. No where was such a policy on lights posted. As a Western graduate, I can recall playing tennis at night on numerous weekends — and sometimes the lights were turned on by Public Safety per my request.

Perhaps Western XXI can help in a resolve for such poor policy. With policies like this, Western will no doubt remain a suitcase college. It's time Western's policies parallel the university image that it desires and touts.

Aaron Peters
Manager

Educational Computing Facility

Poor policy detrimental

As the accompanying letter written by my tennis partner and brother, Aaron states, we encountered problems on Saturday, Aug. 25, not only with the lights but also with Western's "policy." Without further belaboring the issue raised, I would like to further call into question some possible ramifications due to this.

One, what is the true policy in place regarding such use of the recreational facilities on the weekends? Two, how is this "university" supposed to keep attracting well-rounded students and faculty if the facility is to be operational only Monday through Thursday? Third, what does this type of overall policy mean for the student body of the future... Western, Twenty-Worst century?

Let's consider two Band-Aid solutions from the past. Instead of paying for four

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Suing not always the answer

Baseball better watch out. Its status as America's pastime is in jeopardy.

What could be taking baseball's place? Suing.

That's right, suing. Americans just love to sue each other. Americans even love to watch people get sued. Take the People's Court, for example.

If anything remotely bad happens to anyone, they're going to sue somebody — anybody — claiming it was the other person's fault.

Nobody believes anything is an accident; someone is negligent. Nobody believes some things just happen; somebody has to be responsible.

Take a case that ended last week in Reno, Nev., for example.

Here are the facts:

The families of two suicide victims sued the British heavy metal band Judas Priest and its record company, CBS Records, for \$6.2 million, claiming the band's 1978 "Stained Class" album contains a subliminal message that caused two fans to commit suicide.

Raymond Belknap, 18, died after shooting himself in his mouth with a sawed-off shotgun on Dec. 23, 1985. James Vance, then 20, blew away the lower

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part of his face with the same shotgun. Vance died three years later on Thanksgiving Day 1988 of complications from the injury.

A judge ruled Friday that although the words "do it" can be heard on the song "Better By You, Better Than Me," they didn't cause the fans to form a suicide pact and shoot themselves. The judge said the words resulted from "a chance combination of sounds."

It is said that justice is blind — at least it's not deaf, too.

This case never should have made it to court. If your child commits suicide, it's natural to want to blame somebody or something. You're trying to figure out why it happened.

But for the parents to blame Judas Priest for causing their children's deaths — just because

Vance and Belknap were listening to "Stained Class" — is wrong.

If the two had been listening to a Pat Boone album, would they have tried to sue him?

The lawyers for the parents hired people to listen to "Stained Class" to see if they could hear subliminal messages. No doubt, these investigators listened diligently to that record for hours. No doubt, they heard "do it."

But if you listen to something long enough you can hear whatever you want to.

Judas Priest didn't have anything to do with the deaths of James Vance and Ray Belknap, two high school dropouts who had been drinking beer the day they shot themselves. Belknap had been smoking marijuana as well.

The two were stuck in dead-end jobs, had police records and had been abused as children.

Could any of those things have caused them to shoot themselves?

Nobody will ever know what really motivated Belknap and Vance to do what they did. When Vance was asked why they did it, he said, "Life sucks."

MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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to six hours of additional electricity at the tennis courts, Western built Niteclass for weekend entertainment — with additional construction and operational costs to the university. In addition, Western is to build an athletic facility for the students. This is commendable and due in no small part to Mr. and Mrs. Preston's generous gift. Is one to think that they would like to see their hard-earned gift used on a facility opened only half the week, or whenever university policy is convenient to execute? I think not.

If we, as students, faculty, staff and alumni, are to trust Western as our educator, employer and alma mater, should it not be cognizant of utilizing its (our) finances to attract and keep the students and faculty that make it what it is?

Wayne S. Peters

Alumnus and graduate student

Aid inadequate

The incompetence of Western's Financial Aid office is appalling. I have been waiting to receive my loan payment in vain from the beginning of the semester.

What possible good does it do for me to receive my money "as soon as we can get this new computer program figured out?"

My instructors are preparing to make a sacrifice out of me if I don't produce a textbook — now! By the time I get the money I probably won't need a book. I wonder if I could defer my loan money for graduation fees and next year's rent?

And what's the deal with this "new program"? They told me that they entered a bunch of information wrong and didn't try the program out until too late.

If the university was a business and the students were paying customers who must be pleased or go elsewhere, Wetherby Administration Building would be a good warehouse to store something useful like whiskey because there wouldn't be anybody there. Hopefully, none of these "lets not read the instructions" chimpanzees will take up brain surgery.

I believe if the administration was processing their own paychecks they would not be so slow.

Bud Caso

Elizabethtown senior

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John Russell/Herald

Major adds Russian insight

By ANN CLINGERMAN

As relations between the Soviet Union and the United States are improving, Western has added a Russian and East European studies major.

"If students are wise, they will take advantage of what is going on," said Luz Maria Umpierre, head of the department of modern languages and intercultural studies. "With such a growing interest in international affairs, the demand for jobs in this field is growing."

Russian professors and international advisers and investors

are especially needed, she said.

Umpierre said she expects a big response to the new major, especially because Russian classes have been full and enrollment in Japanese classes has increased.

Mania Ritter, head of the new program, has been teaching Russian at Western for 22 years.

Ritter is on vacation and unavailable for comment.

"A professor such as Ritter is hard to find," Umpierre said. "With her years of teaching at Western and her knowledge of the Russian culture, she is the driving force of this program."

Erica Card, who is minoring in Russian, said she enjoys learning about the culture.

"When I was a kid, I always heard that the Commies were bad, and I wanted to know why," said the junior from Heidelberg, Germany. "And from what I know now, I don't agree."

Card, who started taking Russian in high school, said she hopes to work at an embassy.

"With the present-day growing relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, there are potential business opportunities opening up all over the place."

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HUDDLE UP — Clockwise from bottom left: Thomas Brown, a sophomore from Inglewood, Calif.; Kyle Hatterick, a Cynthiana sophomore; Ashley Willoughby, a Hardinsburg senior; Patrick Satterfield, a Bowling Green junior; and David Dennis, a Bowling Green senior, huddle Thursday during practice at Smith Stadium for their intramural football team.

Center helps first customers

By NOELLE PHILLIPS

A field of hay is flourishing, thanks to Western's Institute for Economic Development.

And a bank will reach a bit further into the community if the center's brain trust can find a home for a new bank branch.

Since the concept for the economic development center was endorsed by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson in May 1989, plans for the institute have been progressing.

"We want to tap resources available at Western in human expertise and use them in economic development activities," said Steven House, institute director.

Those resources were tapped this summer by Luther Hughes, agriculture department head,

who helped an area farmer determine how to improve his hay crop.

"There is a tremendous market for hay," Hughes said.

This farmer's land was suitable for growing alfalfa hay, he said. "We use available information from the United States Soil and Conservation Service to analyze the type of soil and determine what will do well on the land."

The agriculture department has always assisted farmers with advice on farm management, crops and livestock, Hughes said. Now, more farmers will be aware of the assistance because of the economic development center, he said.

"It serves as a clearinghouse for information to flow so a person needs only to contact one

telephone number for assistance," Hughes said.

Western has people with expertise in business administration, journalism, advertising and agriculture to use at the center, House said.

"There are many needs in this region and the university has the resources to be used," House said.

Western faculty working to improve economics in the region is exactly what the university should be doing, said Wayne Hoffman, geography and geology department head.

Hoffman is the director of the Center for Local Government, which is helping a local bank find a new branch location by using census information and developing a survey, Hoffman said.



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Freshman gala draws 250 people

By ROB WEBER

One of the best ways to welcome freshmen to campus is by proving to them that they're attending a personable school, said Scott Taylor, student activities director.

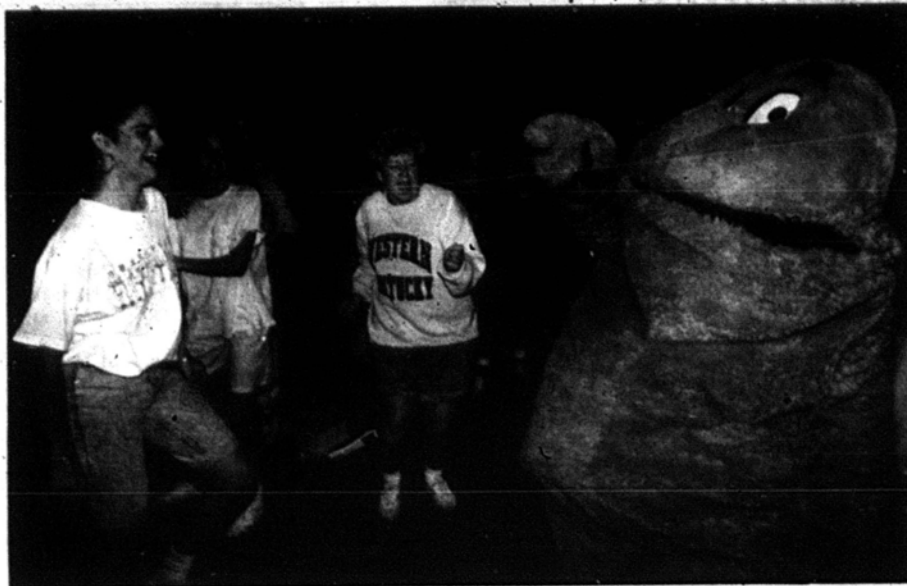
That's why Big Red's Freshman Gala, which was held Thursday at the amphitheatre next to the fine arts center, featured welcomes from President Thomas Meredith and football coach Jack Harbaugh, who introduced some of his players.

"There aren't a lot of schools where the president, vice president and dean will come to this type of a program and mingle with the freshmen," Taylor said.

"There is a special spirit at Western," Meredith told the crowd. "I want you to be a part of that."

The spirit dancers led cheers, and Big Red, Western's mascot, led the crowd in dancing.

About 250 people were at the amphitheatre for the start of the



Marc Piscotty/Herald

Big Red dances with students at the freshman gala held Thursday night at the amphitheater next to the fine arts center. President Thomas Meredith and others addressed the gathering.

gala at 7:30 p.m., but by 9:30 p.m. there were only about 40 people listening to the music of Familiar Faces.

Louisville freshman Mark Kinney said he enjoyed the event.

"I like that the university cared enough to do this to make freshmen feel welcomed," Kin-

ney said. "It helps freshmen meet other freshmen."

But more than just freshmen attended. The opportunity to dance drew some upperclassmen, too.

"This is good dance music," said Kellie Wood, a Glasgow senior. "I think this is a great way for orienting freshmen and

showing them we do have bands and stuff."

The event, sponsored by Associated Student Government, went pretty well for its first time, said ASG president Michael Colvin.

"I hoped for every freshman to be here," Colvin said. "I hope it gets bigger each year."

FOR THE RECORD

For the record contains reports from campus and city police.

Arrests

■ Keith Leonard Mason, 517 Church St., was arrested Thursday by city police after he was stopped by campus police in the Diddle Arena parking lot. He was charged with unlawful taking, second degree robbery, attempting to elude, hit and run, leaving the scene of an accident, having no insurance and disregarding a traffic control device.

Mason is lodged in the Warren County Jail in lieu of a \$5,000 cash bond.

Thefts

■ Debra Chapman Tweddell, 521 Lansdale Ave., reported her wallet, valued at \$35, was stolen Thursday from her office in Cherry Hall.

■ Robert Allen Wilson, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported his book satchel, valued at \$25, was stolen from a book rack in Downing University Center.

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Bids on construction rejected; all too high

By NOELLE PHILLIPS

When Western officials opened construction bids on two new dorms last week, they received bad news.

The bids are 10 percent higher than expected, President Thomas Meredith said. The university had a budget of \$7 million on the dorms, but the bids ran about \$7.7 million.

The dorms were scheduled to be finished by fall 1991, but because of the high bids, a new construction schedule will have to be made, said Paul Cook, vice president for Administrative Affairs.

"We're looking with the state for an alternative," Meredith said.

Meredith said he would prefer to start the bidding process again because Western can't afford the extra \$700,000.

"At this point, that seems to be the direction we're going," Cook

said.

Cook was in Frankfort yesterday to discuss alternatives with architects and engineers within the state Cabinet of Finance and Administration.

No final decision was made, but information is being collected and Cook said he will meet in Frankfort again next week.

One of the new dorms will house sorority members and one will house students who have completed 60 hours and kept a 2.0 grade point average.

The dorms would also enable more students to obtain private rooms and provide housing during renovation of present dorms in the next few years, Meredith said.

The renovation includes adding cable and laundries. There is not enough money to add air conditioning to non air-conditioned dorms, he said.



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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER — Discussing the red and white scrimmage, DeWayne Short, left, a Mercer County senior, and Shawn Likens, a Monroe County sit with Likens dog, Nikki. The scrimmage was held Saturday night in Smith Stadium.

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Joe Rush endures jokes, finishes rush as pledge

By PAUL BALDWIN

A Madisonville freshman's name helped him through fraternity rush.

Joe Rush was a name most could remember.

But when introducing himself at parties, "a couple people thought I was being cocky with them," he said. "Most just made jokes all week."

Rush met members from all the fraternities because of a new policy adopted by the Interfraternity Council.

Enrollment increases despite predictions

Herald staff report

Despite President Thomas Meredith's predictions, Western's enrollment has increased again.

This semester's enrollment is 14,925, up from last fall's record of 14,821.

Meredith expected enrollment to be down by 200 to 300 students, a prediction based on a drop in the number of high school students who graduated last May, he said.

When official counts come in, the number of first-time freshman probably will be lower than usual, he said.

The registrar's office had not released figures yesterday.

Enrollment has increased 31 percent over the last four years, and Meredith said the latest increase is due to Western's sensitivity to its non-traditional students. He noted that a task force was started last year to address those students' needs.

The university is also doing a better job of retaining students, he said.

"Generally, I think Western's reputation is being heard and people are coming," Meredith said.

"I liked the new system," said Rush, who pledged the Kappa Sigma fraternity. "It gives you an opportunity to go through with an open mind."

"The new system gives rushees a chance to see what the fraternity system has to offer," Interfraternity Council adviser Kelly Neill said.

Rush began with an Aug. 16 orientation in Center Theatre and continued on the south lawn of Downing University Center where Nashville band Mel and the Party Hats played.

It gives you an opportunity to go through with an open mind.

Joe Rush

Western's 10 fraternities held parties that weekend and asked

each rushee to have his rush card stamped by every fraternity as the new policy dictates.

Fraternities gave out bids Thursday and Friday to be presented to Neill Saturday along with the stamped card. If students chose not to rush last week, they can participate in informal rush until midnight Thursday.

Unlike sororities, which have a set number bids they can give, fraternities have no limit on the number of people they can pledge.

"Their rush isn't as structured as as the sororities," Neill said. "They may not want to give out that many bids."

As of yesterday, about 110 students had received bids from fraternities, she said.

The new system makes the fraternities work harder for pledges, Sigma Chi president Kevin Cowles said.

"Every brother had to be involved with rush," he said. "We were all busy talking to people and giving tours; we were worn out by the end of the night."



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Robin Crowe plays to a crowd of about 40 on the south lawn of the Downing University Center Friday night.

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Hot stuff Events coax 475 to stay on campus

By RITA ROBERTS

Louisville freshman Shannon Reed — like 475 other students — endured the heat and stayed on campus last weekend, as Red Hot Weekend coordinators had hoped.

"I was bored and saw a sign on the bulletin board and decided to come," Reed said. "I definitely would have gone home otherwise."

Residence Life, the University Center Board and the athletic and music departments organized the third annual three-day weekend of activities to coax students into staying on campus.

The event was kicked off by a

freshman gala in the fine arts amphitheatre Thursday night. Other "red hot" activities included a carnival between Poland Hall, Pearce-Ford Tower and Keen Hall, two midnight movies at Center Theatre, a Robin Crowe concert and a red and white scrimmage football game.

"We try to have different things to draw people out," said Mike Gillilan, residence hall complex director. "The intent is to get students to hang around the first weekend."

Jill Sells, director of Bemis Lawrence Hall, agreed. "It's so hard to keep people here on weekends that we try and plan things to encourage them to

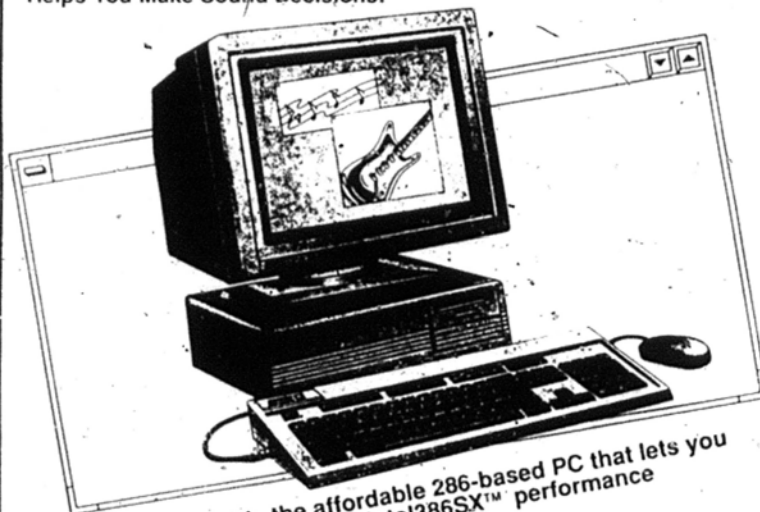
stay."

Gillilan said the turnout was a little better last year, but it was a pretty good crowd considering the heat. "It was extremely hot this year and that kept a lot of people in."

About 100 students came to the Carnival of Residence Halls Saturday to eat free nachos and ice cream, listen to music, play volleyball and throw darts. The Red Hot Sticks, the drummers in Western's band, led the way to the event.

"I heard the music and it sounded interesting and fun," said Twana Austin, a senior from Gallatin, Tenn. She said the activities have gotten better since she arrived at Western.

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Western needs option to landfill, professor says

By CHRIS POYNTER

Western will pay a king's ransom for its garbage unless it finds alternatives to dumping the solid waste, according to Kemble Johnson, Physical Plant administrator.

A study that may have given the university some answers to its dumping dilemma has been put on hold because of money constraints, said John Russell, the engineering professor who designed and suggested the study last semester. Since then, Russell has been seeking outside help.

When Western denied Russell the \$20,000 he said he needed to do the study, he suggested asking outside firms, such as the Environmental Protection

If I were to put forward a goal for the university it would be to reduce the waste by 50 percent.

John Russell

Agency, for help in funding the study.

But those requests, too, have been unfulfilled.

Russell said he isn't discouraged by the lack of support he's receiving.

"We're still seeking external support," Russell said. "As long as a problem exists, we will

continue to pursue money."

Western must find an alternative because the cost of dumping waste in the Butler County Landfill will jump from last year's fee of \$36,000 to \$144,000 this year, Johnson said.

Finding a sponsor for the study would take the burden off Western and would help deter-

mine how money can be saved by recycling, Russell said.

"If I were to put forward a goal for the university it would be to reduce the waste by 50 percent," he said.

The money for the study would include the costs for gathering information, analyzing data and writing a waste-control plan, Russell said. That figure doesn't include putting the plan into action.

The money spent on research will be worth it in the long run, Russell said, since he "doesn't believe in doing anything the wrong way."

"You have to examine the issues and all its characteristics," he said.

Russell's original plan called

for identifying the type and amount of waste produced by each campus building, determining options to the traditional methods of handling wastes, looking specifically at recycling and waste reduction, establishing goals and operating criteria for a waste-management program and implementing a waste-management program.

Russell believes his plan or a similar one eventually will be used by the university.

"It will occur, but it will take time," he said. "It's not a trivial thing — it's a very complex issue."

"If it were up to me," Russell said, "I would have something in place by now."



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Nite Class attendance dwindles despite variety

By CARL D. BALLARD

Debbie Thompson swept the floor slowly. The bartop was already spotless.

Though it wasn't a peak night, there was a time when she and four other frantic servers would have been rushing around filling food and drink orders from dance-worn students.

But then, Nite Class has seen better days.

"It's a nice place," she said of the under-21 student hangout, "if people would only come out and participate."

In the nearly four years since Nite Class opened, it has seen its ups and downs in student participation, said George Thompson, the new manager.

George, a junior broadcasting

major from Mount Sterling, began working for Nite Class — the only night club of its kind at a university in Kentucky — as a disc jockey. He has seen the first-year crowds, which nearly reached the club's capacity of 315, dwindle to an all-time low last year. Now he is responsible for bringing the crowds back.

George became manager of Nite Class in January 1990, and is trying to make Nite Class the student hangout it was originally intended to be.

"We try as much as we can to touch as many people as we can all the time," George said.

George is lining up a variety of special events, and plans to use the big screen TV more often.

"Any time there is a big one-night television event, I'd like to

have it open," George said.

And once the football season starts, he said, Nite Class will show Monday Night Football games, preceded by tapes of Western's intramural sports.

"We want (the students) to think every week that Nite Class is going to be doing something at any moment," George said.

Nite Class opened in October 1987 as the brainchild of then-president Kern Alexander. It cost the university \$90,000 to build, George said, and was designed after a committee visited other under-21 night clubs at universities.

George said the original idea was to have a "student hangout with a non-alcoholic bar. They wanted to give the students somewhere special they could go

to get together and meet and have a good time."

The club employs two DJs, George said, who take turns working the two turntables, compact disc players and cassette decks on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

DJ Wesley Herring says it's his job to "please the crowd as much as possible and take requests if at all possible."

The Louisville sophomore can remember when "Nite Class was the big thing on Thursday nights. I'd been down there a bunch my first semester. Just about every week."

A music budget of \$1,800 a year keeps Nite Class's music files current, George said.

Debbie Thompson, who has

worked at Nite Class since it opened, thinks more variety in music would help.

"They play a majority of rap and top 40," she said. "If they play a variety, then more people will show up."

According to university center recreation manager Tony Leslie, the University Center Board is in charge of programming Monday through Wednesday nights. Those programs include live band performances and VCR movies.

George says he would like to have more money for upkeep of the club, but since Nite Class has no cover charge for Western students and only guests pay a \$3 cover charge, extra money is hard to come by.

Two minors added; sociology department not split

Herald staff report

The Board of Regents approved minors in landscaping and marketing Friday in Owensboro.

But a proposal to split the sociology department into two departments — the sociology

department and the anthropology and social work department — died in the academics committee.

President Thomas Meredith said committee members decided the proposal needed more study.

The marketing minor will

give students a chance to emphasize business in their fields, said Douglas Fugate, interim marketing department head.

"It is hard to put on a Broadway play without extensive marketing," Fugate said. "Wherever there is a consumer

choice there is a need for marketing."

The minor requires 24 hours of classwork.

The marketing department was started July 1 and will use existing courses and faculty until next semester, when some courses and one faculty member

may be added, Fugate said.

The minor in landscaping, which was added in the engineering technology department, could test the waters for an associate degree, said Robert Haynes, vice president for Academic Affairs.

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Faculty find article offensive

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who would write an article like that in low regard," said Evans, a management professor. "The tone is that dissent constitutes disloyalty."

Meredith said he sent the article for information only.

"There was no subliminal message there ... no offense intended."

Meredith said he had not heard any complaints about the article, which was written by Southern Illinois University Chancellor Lawrence Pettit.

"Larry Pettit is a friend of mine and he brought this article to my attention last semester," Meredith said. "I thought it was very interesting because I hadn't seen any writing about this before."

Meredith said he didn't think the article suggested restraints on faculty dissent.

"This is an open-minded ... institution that welcomes discussion about problems," Meredith said.

Asked if he agreed with Pet-

tit's article, Meredith said he would make no "editorial judgments."

Pettit said yesterday there's no reason for faculty members to be offended.

"I don't think the faculty has anything to take umbrage about unless they're guilty."

According to the article, "Campus dissidents may be soliciting the intrusion of politics in the form of legislative or press criticism of the administration for alleged intentions or actions or simply to create an issue in a campaign to bring down the administration."

White said he thought Meredith was using the article to point out problems he saw in Faculty Senate activities last year, which included inviting United Auto Workers representatives to speak to faculty and staff about union organizing.

The senate also conducted a faculty survey in which 42 percent indicated Meredith's performance was "poor" and faculty morale was low.

White noted a sentence in the article: "Doubters need only consider the exposure of a president who becomes the victim of a collective bargaining campaign in which the union strategy is to discredit the administration by whatever means necessary."

But Meredith insisted the senate's activities "hadn't even crossed my mind" when he sent the article.

"I don't even remember last semester," he said. "There's not any place to go with this and find out what I meant. It's all on the surface."

But history professor Charles Bussey doesn't think it was all on the surface.

"I don't know why he sent it unless he thinks his leadership is being undermined," Bussey said.

White said he hopes Meredith didn't agree with the message of the article. "I hope he's not telling us to stop speaking out, because if that's the message then he's promoting an autocracy."

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Summer jobs full of adventure

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area is known as 'Tornado Alley' and we recently had some bad ones," Farrar said.

Because she hadn't been notified over the news wire of a major storm, Farrar wasn't sure what to do. Her solution: call the boss at 3 a.m. He told her not to worry about the lights and to clean up any water that had flooded the studio.

Although Hurley and Farrar would have enjoyed spending a leisurely summer in the sun, bills for the fall semester drove them to work.

"I had to have money for school," Hurley said. Plus, the toll plaza was so close to his home, it made a logical — if boring — job site.

Hurley spent most of his time reading magazines and directing lost tourists and drunks who had wandered into the depths of Barren County.

A Western student with a more glamorous job was Rockport senior Lori Ann Hunsaker, who spent the summer giving backstage tours at the Disney MGM Studios theme park in Orlando, Fla.

While most students were seeing high school friends, Hunsaker was mingling with such stars as Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman.

The highlight of Hunsaker's summer came when she was overrun by an avid audience of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle fans trying to touch one of the amphibious megastars she was escorting.

Another student with an active summer was Victoria Harp, who sang, danced and waited on tables as a cast member of the Hillopper Dinner Theatre.

The Morgantown senior performed three shows at Garrett

Conference Center this summer. During each show, cast members waited tables and entertained the dining guests.

Along with stage experience, Harp received six hours credit for her major. The shows also gave her something new to look forward to each night.

Hurley said his job was also filled with interesting events, such as stalled cars and celebrities passing through on tours. "There's something different every night," he said. "There's always one thing that keeps it from being boring."

Hunsaker, who worked in Studio Attractions, said working with Bette Midler's tour personnel helped make her summer a success.

"I got to meet so many personalities," said the corporate communications major. "I had a blast."

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Spreading the word

Teacher testifies on environment

By CAROL OVERBY

If the world is to be saved, people must learn how to do it.

That's the message Terry Wilson is trying to spread to the nation's educators.

As a part of his campaign, the assistant teacher education professor testified early this summer before a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on behalf of the National Environmental Education Act.

If the bill is passed, Wilson said, "It will set up a national program for environmental education through the Environmental Protection Agency and in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Education."

Several people — including singer and songwriter John Denver — have testified for the education act, and Wilson said their efforts have been effective. The bill has passed through the House subcommittee on Select Education and is up for debate in the House.

Through this act, money will be provided for grants to promote environmental education programs in any non-profit organization, and internships will be established for college students through the EPA, Wilson said.

"We're pushing for some of the money to be set aside to make it easier to network different programs and share what you're doing with other people," he said. "This will help things be done locally."

The bill also will establish an Environmental Education Office to be based in the EPA office.

Although there isn't any coordinated effort by the federal government for environmental education, Wilson said many agencies have jumped on the environmental bandwagon.

The Tennessee Valley Authority began developing environmental education centers at universities 14 years ago. They now have 16 centers in seven states, one of which is based at Western under Wilson's direction.

Wilson said TVA wants each center to fulfill four functions — teacher training, regional outreach, program development and research.

In teacher training, Wilson said, Western's center gives "leadership training for people in environmental education, as well as training for school teachers."

"If you're going to change

behavior, you need to start with children," he said. "When kids get excited, it tends to rub off on their parents."

The center coordinates activities, such as Earth Day, for southcentral Kentucky.

The center also helps to create curriculum and materials for teachers on environmental education, Wilson said. One example of program development is encouraging children to recycle.

Carol Wethington of Hodgenville was involved in the Center for Environmental Education through Earth Day activities last semester.

Wethington, who recently received a master's degree in the health and safety department, is pursuing her teaching certification. "As college students, we sometimes have the attitude that not much can hurt us," she said. "We lose perspective on what is going on around us."

If we don't become concerned, Wethington said, "We're not going to have a suitable place to live."

"Everything we do as a culture is connected to nature," Wilson said. "The more we realize this, the better it will be."

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Western sets up for early Homecoming

By AMY HOOVER

Homecoming queen hopefuls and tailgaters should be prepared to swing into action three weeks earlier this year.

The homecoming game against Youngstown State University will be held on Oct. 6 at 5:30 p.m., according to Ron Beck, Alumni Affairs associate director.

The game is usually held the third weekend in October, but was moved up because an opponent couldn't be found, said Athletic Director Jimmy Feix.

Beck isn't the only one pleased with an earlier Homecoming.

"It's a good weekend for it," said Associated Student Government president Michael Colvin. "I think a lot of students will be inclined to stay here."

Sheryl Karnutch, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, said her sorority feels the earlier homecoming will be helpful.

"There are a lot of other things going on from mid-October to November, and there is such a crunch during the mid-term period," Karnutch said.

The centerpiece of homecoming is the Homecoming Festival, featuring brunches and receptions hosted by clubs and residence halls. Activities will be held in tents for alumni and booths will be sporting foods of all sorts.

Also, a live band will be performing and the traditional tailgating parties will be observed.

Kimberly Summers, assistant hall director at Central Hall, said the change hasn't affected her dorm.

"We are planning a reception for homecoming, but we have been busy with other activities, so we haven't made any definite plans yet."

Events will be held each evening Monday-Friday Homecoming Week at Greenwood Mall in an attempt to arouse school spirit.

"We are expecting wider participation from the community and at least the same amount as in the past from students," Beck said.

Shuttle buses will roll in '91

By LAUREN YATES

Western is using the same shuttle buses despite last year's hopes to have new ones by this fall.

Bids for the new buses, now set to arrive in February, went out last week, said Ewell Scott, assistant director of Physical Plant. The buses could not be ordered until the budget was approved.

Writing the bid specifications to include safety features, getting bids and studying them take time, said Kemble Johnson, Physical Plant director.

Three years ago a shuttle system was established at Western to ease traffic problems on campus, especially during the morning.

"People were driving around campus hunting (for parking spaces) and becoming frustrated," Johnson said. "We didn't want that."

The university leased two buses from the Polaski

County school system for \$25 a month.

There have been no serious breakdowns this semester but in past years the university has had to replace, nearly "every moving part" on the buses, Johnson said.

"They were lemons when they rolled off the production line," he said.

Even though repair costs have been high, Johnson said the shuttle buses, which transport about 3,000 students and faculty each week, have served their purpose.

Paul Bunch, Public Safety director, says there is no doubt that the shuttle has eased traffic on campus. He toured the campus yesterday and found 80 empty parking spaces in the Russellville Road lot and about 70 in the new gravel lot on University Boulevard.

Western will obtain the buses, which cost about \$120,000 each, on a lease-purchase agreement. The uni-

versity will own the buses after six years.

The shuttle picks up students at Bowling Green Mall and makes four stops on campus. The mall was picked as the site because it is close to Mall Apartments, where many students live. There are no plans to add any stops when the new buses arrive.

Last year a mall worker complained that shuttle riders were littering in the parking lot. The university planned to move the pickup spot to the future site of the Economic Development Center near Pizza Hut on Nashville Road, but students, especially those living near the mall, complained.

Last fall, 3,800 students and faculty rode the shuttle in one particularly busy week, and Johnson is convinced the number will grow, particularly as gasoline prices continue to escalate.

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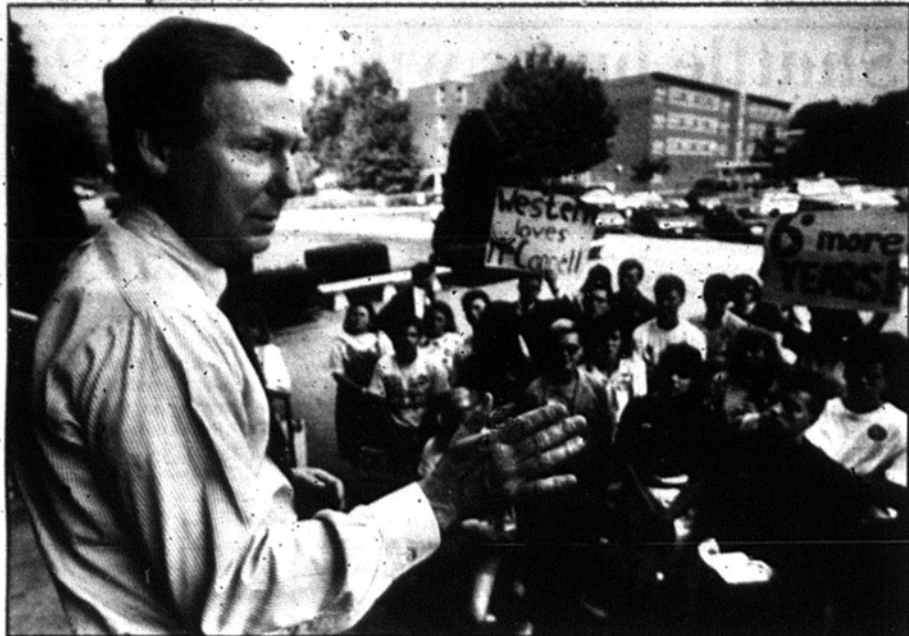
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Senator Mitch McConnell speaks to supporters at a rally on the steps of Downing University Center.

Students rally for McConnell

By TRICIA CARTER

Shouts of "Stick with Mitch" rang through the air Friday as Sen. Mitch McConnell reaffirmed his belief that Kentucky youth know which candidate is the best choice in November.

"I don't think there's much doubt that if we could get the younger voters to the polls, we're going to sweep that age group," said McConnell, who stopped at Western after only four days' notice.

Although McConnell, who

was scheduled to speak around 4 p.m., arrived almost an hour late, the crowd waiting never dwindled.

McConnell, a Republican, is running against former Jefferson County Judge-Executive Harvey Sloane.

What started out in a lecture room ended as a rally with about 50 people on the steps of Downing University Center.

The incumbent U.S. senator, who said young people in particular often don't vote in non-presidential elections, encour-

aged the audience to help students get registered and voting.

Hunter Bates, the senator's state youth chairman, said McConnell has already been endorsed by 26 state student body presidents, including Associated Student Government president Michael Colvin and past president Amos Gott.

Renee Marsella, College Republicans president, said she supports McConnell because "he talks to you like you're a person," comes to campus often and seems personally concerned about students.

U.S. too oil dependent, Ford says

By JOHN MARTIN

U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford said Monday he supports President Bush's Middle East policy, but he hopes the crisis in the Persian Gulf will lead the administration to rethink its energy and defense policies.

"If we were selling apples and oranges, we wouldn't be there," said the Kentucky Democrat. "But we're selling oil and we're dependent more than 50 percent on foreign energy."

Ford was on campus Monday for a taping of the television show "Outlook," which is broadcast weekly on WKYU-TV.

Ford called Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "smart and mean."

"We're a little bit at the mercy of Saddam Hussein, but I think the ball is in his court," Ford said. "I think he's already had to consider (withdrawing from Kuwait), but I'm not sure that he will. Some people think he's been cornered, and a fellow of his



Wendell Ford

nature will often fight back when cornered."

U.S. military intervention in the Persian Gulf has already cost the government about \$2 billion, Ford said, and "that will take away whatever peace dividend we had."

Ford said the only good that can come out of the Gulf crisis is a new U.S. policy to conserve energy.

"We have no energy policy, no energy strategy," he said. "Our deficit in balance of trade was \$108 billion, with \$50 billion in energy. The administration can-

not say that energy hasn't been a sore spot, and part of our economic problem."

The invasion of Kuwait has shown that the U.S. military needs to be ready to move at any time, Ford said.

Ford, a former Kentucky governor who has served in the Senate since 1976, said he again will challenge Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., for House majority whip when congress reconvenes next year.

Ford said he has been stumping constantly during the last three weeks for U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Sloane and other Democrats seeking office in Kentucky. Sloane is running against incumbent Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell.

"I think Sloane has good issues," Ford said, but he questions whether Sloane has the money to sustain an effective television campaign.

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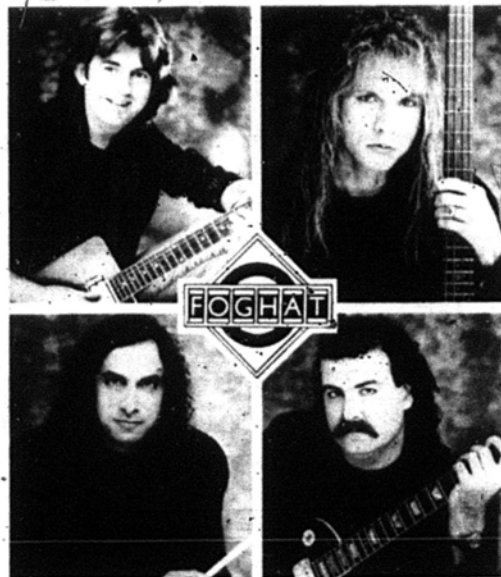
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