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# Reaction mixed to WKU schedule

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By **DONNA LIN STRINGER**  
Daily News Special Writer

Western Kentucky University professors appear to have mixed opinions about the success of Western's new summer class schedule.

Some feel confusion on the part of students has caused some wrinkles — but all those creases may need is a little ironing.

"The new terms are creating some problems for students," said Drew Harrington, a professor in the department of history. "There's overlapping between the classes offered. I had a student who was trying to take a class of mine and a class in Ogden (the college of science) at the same time. He needed both to graduate in August, but there was a week in there where the two classes met at the same time."

There are two five-and-a-half week terms, one which started May 18, about a week after the regular session ended, and one which picked up where that one left off June 24. An eight-week session started June 8 and runs until July 31 and several three-week courses are being offered throughout the entire 11-week summer school period.

Another student Harrington encountered was confused about when her course began.

"She thought her class started at the beginning of the eight-week session, which runs over the same period as last summer's full term, but it was a five-and-a-half week course," said Harrington. "And it was just about over."

Although he enjoyed teaching his five-and-a-half week course, Harrington feels an extra week between the end of the regular spring session and the beginning of the first five-and-a-half week class would give students and teachers more time to relax. In the concentrated course he taught, Harrington believes students actually spent more time in the classroom, but this limited what work he could give them outside class.

"The university has got to go one

way or the other — either two five-and-a-half week terms or one eight-week one. I think the students would prefer the two separate terms because they could get in more courses."

Although it's confusing right now, the new schedule could give students more options in the long run, said Dr. Jack Thacker Jr., another history professor.

"In 11 weeks they can take four courses whereas before they could only fit in three," said Thacker, who has taught summer school for several years. "But even I was confused as to when my course started," he laughed. "The system needs some fine tuning. It appears difficult for students to mesh classes in different colleges together."

Some professors appear more satisfied with the new system, believing the students will end up benefiting from the variety of terms.

Bill Weaver, an art department professor, likes the new schedule's flexibility.

"In our department, each course can be offered for as long as necessary to complete it. I wouldn't change the system a bit, and I believe it will continue next year."

Doyle Satterthwaite, an associate professor in the communications and theater department, believes the new schedule gives students more choice regarding how many classes they want to take and when to take them.

"Students have a variety from which to choose and can fit classes in with the rest of their summer activities," he said. "This new summer schedule will be more successful after the second or third year."

Satterthwaite also likes starting the summer classes sooner than before, referring to the first five-and-a-half week session.

"I think students had trouble getting back in gear after being out of school for five or so weeks. This way they are still in the right frame of mind."

# On-campus housing is being pushed

By ED SEVERS

Daily News Staff Writer

Accompanying the big increases in enrollment at Western are big increases in the demand for on-campus housing.

As of now, that demand has exceeded supply for women and is approaching the same point for men, according to Western Housing Director John Osborne.

But by the time the school year actually begins in August and the spaces assigned to "no shows" become available, Osborne added, there should be enough rooms to take care of everyone who has applied for one, although some students may not get rooms in the dorms they requested.

Osborne this morning predicted that a total of about 5,000 students will be living on campus "after the dust settles" in August — an increase of 11-12 percent over the number of "settled-in" students in August 1986.

If Osborne's prediction is correct, about 99 percent of Western's regular housing spaces will be occupied.

Osborne further predicted that 200-250 students will not show up to claim their housing spaces, and a smaller number of others will "check out" within days of moving in.

In all, he said, enough spaces should open up not only to take care of everyone who has applied for on-campus housing but also to provide "a smidgen" of leftover spaces.

As of now, however, more women have applied for housing than there are spaces available.

Osborne said a waiting list for housing for women upperclassmen had about 10 names on it this morning, and

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Barnes Campbell Hall

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there were about 100 soon-to-be-freshmen and transfer women students who had not yet been assigned rooms because none was available.

Osborne emphasized, however, that the school will provide housing for all freshmen.

Most or all will be assigned regular spaces as they open up, he said, and if there aren't enough regular spaces, they will be assigned to converted study rooms or become third occupants of regular rooms.

As for the upperclassmen, Osborne said, rooms most likely will become available but maybe not until after the school year begins.

Osborne said the number of applications from men was within 50 of the number of men's spaces available and could pass it.

He added, however, that the rate of housing-application cancellations has increased recently, to the point that the school is now receiving more cancellations than new applications for on-campus housing.

Osborne also said students who plan to cancel their housing applications are being offered money incentives to let school

officials know as soon as possible.

Osborne said the school will refund \$50 of \$75 housing deposits to students who inform the school by July 15 that they no longer desire on-campus housing; and \$25 to those who notify the school between July 15 and Aug. 15.

After Aug. 15, there will be no refunds, he said.

Osborne also said students who have been assigned to dorms other than their first — or even second or third — picks should be patient.

He said cancellations create "a domino effect" that moves students closer to the dorms they want through reassignments and that that it is not unusual for a student to be assigned to a room and then reassigned twice before the fall term begins.

Osborne said the dorms with the longest waiting lists for reassignments are Barnes-Campbell Hall for men and Central Hall for women.

He said around 200 applicants are each asking for reassignment to one of the 366 spaces in Barnes-Campbell, 214 applicants are asking for reassignment to Central, which has 400 spaces.

# WKU future: Alexander has big plans

7-1-87

By THOMAS T. ROSS  
Daily News Staff Writer

Western Kentucky University by the mid 1990's will be a major institution of higher education with an enrollment of at least 20,000 students.

That bold prediction was made Tuesday during an interview with Western President Kern Alexander, who said the school's goal of shedding its regional university status to become a major institution is realistic.

Kentucky now has two major universities, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. The other six public institutions in the state, including Western, are regarded as regional universities.



KERN ALEXANDER

Perhaps the best way to distinguish a major university from a regional one is to compare operating budgets.

Western's Board of Regents in April approved a \$79.4 million operating budget for the 1987-88 academic year; while the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees recently approved a \$551.8 million operating budget.

"Without being too outrageously optimistic, we will have 20,000 students by 1994," Alexander said. "That's a realistic goal considering our growth rate."

Alexander made his remarks in a two-hour private interview with the Daily News at the president's Chestnut Street home. He covered a lot of ground, mapping out Western's master plan for the next 10 years.

In December 1985, about 11,000

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and in 1986 enrollment jumped dramatically to 12,257 students.

Alexander, whose initiatives are largely credited with the school's enrollment turnaround, predicts comparative jumps will be made in the coming years.

The university figures 13,400 students will enroll this fall; 14,510 in 1988; and 15,560 in 1989.

"If our projections are right, the fall of 1988 will be the largest enrollment Western has ever had," Alexander said. "This fall we will fully recover from the decline in enrollment we experienced in the early 1980's. We will be back at maximum strength, and we'll be building on that in '88 and '89."

Alexander said he was basing the future enrollment figures on the school's growth rate the past two years and the predicted increase in the number of the state's high school graduates expected to attend college.

"It's almost required of us to do this because we find many high school students want to enroll here," he said. "Apparently we've become very formidable in Kentucky's college market."

"If nurtured properly, Western will emerge as an institution that has to expand, that will continued to expand," he continued. "We want to move toward major university status rather than just being a large undergraduate institution."

To that end, many other intricate pieces of this plan, beside the

enrollment increases, must fall into place to nurture Western's bid at becoming a major university.

Alexander admits it's a gamble, but he lives by the simple policy that it doesn't hurt to ask, nor to lobby, nor to push if it comes to that.

"Philosophically this is a more expansive plan, a different mode of thinking than in the past," Alexander said. "You can't think within the geographical boundaries of your region, but how to better serve the students. The regional complexion begins to fade as you reach a larger number of students. And we're doing that."

The large-scale plan calls for millions of dollars worth of major capital construction expenditures campus-wide, hiring more teachers, better pay for teachers, initiating doctoral studies, and expansion of undergraduate and graduate study offerings, the community college, and an already rapidly growing extended campus program.

Alexander said \$7½ million worth of building renovations this year will put the school back "at ground zero."

Once there, he plans to ask the 1988 General Assembly for debt service to retire bonds on \$16 million to build a student center complete with recreation facilities. This is seen by the administration as the school's No. 1 priority.

He said the school will also seek permission to build three or four new residence halls, at a total cost

of about \$15 million. Each hall would house about 200 students.

Long-range capital construction goals include the building of a \$20 million library, an \$11 million computer and communication center, a Greek row in front of Cherry Hall, and a 200-room university hotel that will also house a new continuing education center.

Alexander said talks are continuing with the City of Bowling Green to help out with the hotel plan. The best option, he said, would be that the university build a hotel and the city build an adjacent 18-hole golf course and recreation center, preferably near the university farm.

"We're meeting weekly with city officials and hotel people on this," Alexander said. "We're taking our time, but then again we're running out of time with this project."

He said the school and the City-County Chamber of Commerce have recently met with representatives from the Radisson and Marriott hotel chains to discuss the project. No deal, though, has come through.

The hotel, he said, would also serve as a training ground for students in Western's hotel management course. He said graduates of that program have a high percentage rate of job placement.

To keep a handle on all of this, Alexander said a planning and budgetary system is about to be established at the school.

"We haven't had such a system before because we didn't need it," he said. "We're working toward a methodology, whereby we can plan for the next five years. And then for each (legislative) biennium, we would revise the plan. We would have continuous projected plans for the university, thereby being proactive instead of reactive."

And as the school grows, Alexander said undergraduate and graduate programs already offered will be expanded along with new ones added to the curriculum.

"There are new areas we'd like to place emphasis on, like the entire area of health care services other than emergency health care," Alexander said. "These would be studies to learn how to care for people after they get out of a hospital."

Alexander, an expert in finance,

said the country is fast approaching spending 15 percent of its Gross National Product (the total market value of all final goods and services produced in a nation during a given period, usually a year) on health care services.

"There are new jobs, and more jobs, out there any time the GNP is being consumed like that," Alexander said. "We need to be training our students in this area."

Alexander also said there are plans for the school's College of Business Administration to take a more active role within the area's business community.

More business seminars for that community will be put on by the college. More continuing education and management services and technical assistance will also be provided, he said.

"And if we do become a major university, then we certainly will expand our graduate study offerings," Alexander said. "We want to introduce more masters programs and reactivate some graduate programs that we've gotten rid of in the past."

He said the school this year wants to offer a master of science degree in economics. He also noted the state Council on Higher Education recently approved a master's program at Western involving genetic studies and recombinant DNA research.

"There's a lot of potential for the university with that program in terms of research grants," Alexander said.

Another step Western would have to take that goes hand in hand with becoming a major school is to provide advanced graduate studies.

Currently, doctoral programs in the state are only provided at UK and U of L. But Alexander said Western is now working toward becoming the state's first regional university to offer a doctoral program.

"It's a cooperative doctoral program in educational leadership with Vanderbilt University," he said. "Students will come to Western and complete all but 12 hours of their graduate work here. The dissertations will be given at Vanderbilt. Now it's just a matter of formalizing it and getting students in the program."

# Hilltopper's latest play hits all the right notes

7-2-87

By THOMAS T. ROSS  
Daily News Staff Writer

Vernon Gersch has a problem. Her name is Sonia Walsk.

She has a problem, too. You guessed it, Vernon is the problem.

That's a simple enough premise to set the stage for Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song," a musical comedy presented this summer by the Hilltopper Dinner Theatre at Western Kentucky University.

The play, which opened last Friday at the Garrett Conference Center, stars Bruce Poteet as the masterful composer Vernon and Julie Bunch as the up and coming lyricist Sonia.

"They're Playing Our Song" and "No Sex Please, We're British," are the two productions the theatre is putting on this summer.

Sonia and Vernon team up to do what they're best at — writing love ballads — and as soon as they meet the sparks begin to fly.

She's always late; he's always on time. She has no fashion sense; he's the conservative type in neckties and sweaters. She's as outgoing as her clothes; he's as boring as his.

Sonia's a flake trying to find the nerve to end her relationship with her just as flakey boyfriend, Leon. The audience never sees Leon, but you can't help knowing him by the end of the show.

Vernon is an Academy Award-winning composer who has gone through three engagements in short order.

He thinks he has got his life well in hand, until he meets Sonia, who manages to show him that he doesn't really know himself.

It doesn't take but a minute of viewing the opening scene to know the two will fall in love, go their separate ways only for love to win out in the end.

Hoke, maybe. Contrived, OK. Predictable, yes. But that's Neil Simon for you and the comforting thing about Simon's writing is he never goes too far out on a limb.

Instead, he keeps you safe and warm by the fire. If you get a chill there's no danger of it lingering too

long. Simon always brings you back by the fire.

And Poteet and Ms. Bunch carry it off beautifully with the direction of D. Whitney Combs. Both actors handled Carol Bayer Sager's lyrics with heartfelt sincerity.

OK, it's not like Tony and Maria singing "Tonight," but what do you expect from Simon, Sager and Marvin Hamlisch (the play's musical composer)? Cute is what you expect and cute is what you get.

But for all of Simon's cuteness, there's also a lot of reality hidden in his scenarios. And a lot of humor, too. He usually manages to mix those ingredients well, as this play reflects.

Poteet and Ms. Bunch not only sing well, they're good actors, too. There were no jitters, at least none that I could tell, nor flubbed lines.

And they quickly grabbed hold of their audience and held it successfully through the two-act play as both Vernon and Sonia each find themselves, then each other once again.

To top it off, both handled the splendid choreography by Beverly Veenker well, too. And the musical direction by Terry Tichenor was first-rate.

Added highlights of the play are "the girls" and "the boys." The girls, or The Voices of Sonia Walsk, are Cathleen Daly, Chritle Dortch and Martha Yates.

The boys are Andy Bristow, David Collins and Jody Mills and they play The Voices of Vernon Gersch. The voices are the subconscious of Sonia and Vernon and they stole virtually every scene they were in.

As always, Louis Cook, Western's director of food services, and his staff set a fine table of roast beef, beef ribs and grilled chicken. A salad, squash and green beans were also served. And not to worry if your picky about desserts. A wide selection is available.

The troupe's next performance of "They're Playing Our Song" will be at 6:30 p.m. today. Call Western's ticket office for complete ticket information.

# WKU delegation to visit China

7-2-87  
By THOMAS T. ROSS

Daily News Staff Writer

Five Western Kentucky University officials, including President Kern Alexander, will leave Monday for China to participate in an educational exchange program.

The 17-day trip was arranged in April after Western and representatives of China signed agreements to continue a further exchange of ideas to help improve China's education system.

The agreements were signed at the first USA/China Teacher Education Consortium, which was conducted at Western.

Made up of 22 U.S. colleges and universities and four school districts, the consortium hosted 13 Chinese government and education delegates during the meeting at Western.

Alexander will be accompanied by J.T. Sandefur, Western's dean of education and behavioral sciences and coordinator of the trip.

Sandefur and other U.S. educators journeyed to China last fall. It was then that Sandefur invited the Chinese to Western for the symposium.

Also participating in the visit to China are three members of Western's Board of Regents, including Chairman Joe Iracane, Joe Cook and Patsy Judd.

Western's delegation won't be the only U.S. education representatives on the trip. Other consortium

members will send deans, professors and presidents to the symposium.

Alexander said the Western delegation's first stop will be in Beijing.

After a three-day stay there, the delegation will travel to the city of Shenyang, which lies in the Liaoning Province. That one province has a population of 37 million people.

The delegation will visit the Liaoning Institute of Education, which is one of the institutions Western agreed to conduct educational exchanges with.

Alexander will give the opening remarks at an educational conference there. His topic will be the American educational system.

From there, the consortium will travel to Urumqi, where explorer Marco Polo first came into contact with China. The city lies in the Xinjiang Autonomous Region and the delegation will visit Xinjiang University.

Alexander said the delegation and Xinjiang representatives will work toward setting up a relationship in teacher training, science and technology development and agriculture.

From there, the consortium will travel to Xian in the Shaanxi Province. Alexander said the delegation will meet with officials from a school in Xian that is contemplating joining the consortium.

# Rising enrollment could boost WKU's status, president says

Associated Press

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky University President Kern Alexander, noting the school's rapidly growing enrollment, said it should be able to win recognition as a major institution by the mid-1990s.

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Long-range capital construction goals include the building of a \$20 million library, an \$11 million computer and communications center, a housing area for sororities and fraternities, and a 200-room university hotel with a new continuing education center.



#### Western Council recognized

The Western Kentucky Council was recently honored during the International Reading Association's 32nd annual convention in Anaheim, Ca.

The Council was cited for its achievement in excellence in the Honor Council program for 1986-87. The program recognizes those who excel in the promotion of reading along with a wide array of activities related to reading and community support of literacy.

Receiving the award was Vivian B. Foe, president of the Council.

Officers for 1986-87 include Eula Ewing Monroe, president-elect; Donna Bingham, vice president and membership; Carole Clark, corresponding secretary; Phyllis Sldens, recording secretary; Dorothy Newbold, treasurer, and Sue Evans, past president.

#### Western awards scholarships

Several area high school students have received scholarships from Western Kentucky University. They include Kurt Cannon of Bowling Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cannon, Regents scholarship; Bernadette Sweatt of Bowling Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sweatt, Regents scholarship; John Parker Strode of Bowling Green, son of John E. Strode and Ruth A. Bowen, Presidential scholarship; Jeff L. Bitterling of Bowling Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bitterling, Regents scholarship, and Nancy Leigh Turner of Bowling Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Turner, Julian W. Potter scholarship.

#### Western awards scholarships

Western Kentucky University has awarded scholarships to the following area high school students; Christopher Hinson of Bowling Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hinson, Regents scholarship; Stacie Day of Bowling Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Day, Regents scholarship; Kenneth Ray Moore of Rockfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore, Regents scholarship; David Thomas Sparks of Bowling Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sparks, Presidential scholarship, and Jennifer Osborne, daughter of Judy Vamvas, Regents scholarship.

#### Students receive scholarships

Western Kentucky University has awarded scholarships to several area high school students. They include Stephen Lynn McCoy of Bowling Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McCoy, J.L. Harmon scholarship; Tina Sue Cherry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Cherry, Julian W. Potter scholarship; Laura Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Flowers, Julian W. Potter scholarship; Karin Cahill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cahill, Julian W. Potter scholarship, and David P. Shoultz of Bowling Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Griffin, J.L. Harmon scholarship. D.N. 7-5-87

#### Workshop draws 77 journalism students

Reporting, writing, yearbook layouts, story ideas and photography were part of the 15th High School Publications Workshop recently at Western Kentucky University.

Students participating in the workshop include Meagan Hoff, Heather McGregor, David Kwok, Pam Priddy, Chris Cohron, Patricia Key, Steve Huntsman, Scott Bray, Denise McDonald and Lee Hatcher, all of Bowling Green High School, and Angela Smith and Jennifer Lindsey, both from Warren East High School.

Besides writing and photography exercises, the students toured the General Motors Corvette Plant, WBKO-TV and the Daily News.

# East to meet Western as Kentucky educators trek to Chinese provinces

By TIM ROBERTS  
Staff Writer

C.J. 7-5-87

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — A delegation of Western Kentucky University professors and administrators will leave tomorrow for the People's Republic of China to visit four remote provinces.

The entourage, which includes university President Kern Alexander, three regents, the dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and educators from several other universities, will also meet with Chinese dignitaries in Beijing, the nation's capital.

The reason? The world's most populous country needs help educating its 200 million students.

China is still recovering from the effects of the Cultural Revolution of 1966-69, when intellectuals were persecuted. It now is facing up to the task of educating its one billion people, said Richard Miller, a professor of psychology at Western and a member of the China tour.

In 1984, China made formal education through high school a requirement, Miller said.

Last year officials of Liaoning province, which borders Korea, approached several educators, including Joseph T. Sandefur, dean of Western's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, for help.

Last summer, Sandefur joined several others in a visit to Liaoning. That led to a conference at Western in April and an invitation to return to China for an extensive look at schools and teacher-education programs.

A number of other universities — many of which, like Western, were once teachers' colleges — joined Western in forming the USA/China Teacher Education Consortium. Those universities are Murray, Morehead and Kentucky State universities in Ken-

tucky; Emporia State University in Kansas; Glassboro State College in New Jersey; Memphis State University in Tennessee; and the University of Colorado.

As the consortium was being formed, three other provinces, Xinjiang, Sichuan and Gansu, signed up.

Tomorrow, Sandefur; Miller; Charles Kupchella, dean of Western's College of Science, Technology and Health; Larry Jones, dean of the College of Professional Studies at Morehead; and 13 others from the consortium will leave for a six-week examination of the teacher-education program in the four provinces.

Another group of five educators will spend two weeks giving lectures to 150 Liaoning province school superintendents.

And Alexander, regent chairman Joseph Iracane and regents Joseph A. Cook and Patsy Judd will spend two weeks meeting with Chinese government and education officials.

China will pay most of the expenses, and a \$60,000 Fulbright-Hays Scholarship will cover most of the rest, Miller said.

Alexander sees the project as a "great laboratory for education research," and hopes that it can become a springboard for a program of Oriental studies at Western, which does not offer Chinese-language courses yet.

The Chinese chose the United States for help because the American system of public education, with its emphasis on reaching the masses, more closely fits Chinese needs than do other educational systems in the West, Alexander said.

But American educators must be careful not to impose their ideas on the Chinese, said Miller, who is trying to relate his ideas

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## Kentucky educators visit China

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on personal motivation to the Chinese collective thinking.

Miller expects the exchange of students to begin this fall. Western already has eight students from the People's Republic of China on campus, including Cheng Xi, who will assist in the administration of the consortium this fall.

Cheng, who is pursuing a master's in English, will be working with Wang Jianliang, who recently worked with the World Bank in identifying Chinese education programs for funding.

Wang will become the consortium's director and an assistant professor of education, Alexander said.

Regent Cook calls the venture "a tremendous opportunity for Western" that he says will "broaden our horizons and increase our stature."

He joins Alexander in seeing the potential for encouraging Chinese trade with Kentucky businesses.

"What, you might ask, does all this have to do with serving the region?" Cook asks. He answers his own question:

"It's impossible to serve this region in Kentucky and keep your head in the sand."

# Tomorrow

D.N. 7-3-87

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Individuals and groups are encouraged to submit items concerning public happenings and events in Southcentral Kentucky to the Tomorrow column, which appears daily and lists significant events scheduled for the next day. There is no charge and items should be submitted by 8 a.m. the day before the event.

## SATURDAY

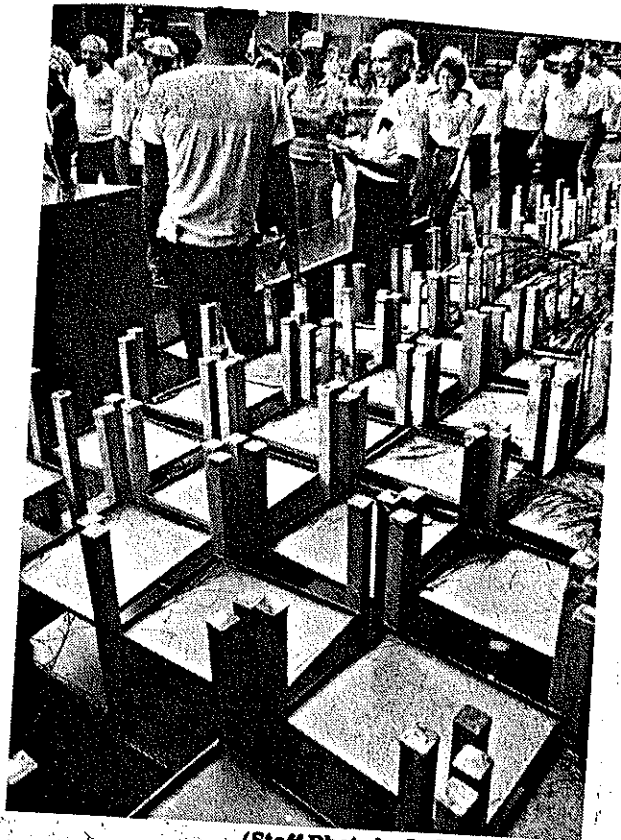
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Kentucky Museum, Annual "Glorious Fourth of July" celebration featuring Ernest "Doc" McConnell and his traveling medicine man show.

Noon, Horse Cave Theater, barbecue buffet in the Canvas cafe prior to matinee performance of "A Flea In Her Ear."

## SUNDAY

All day, Homecoming celebration at Big Springs School in Allen County. Bring a covered dish and a lawn chair.

12:30 p.m., WKU's Garrett Conference Center Ballroom, Hilltopper Dinner Theater matinee, "They're Playing Our Song." Tickets are \$13.50 for adults, \$11.50 for children and may be obtained at the WKU Box Office.



(Staff Photo by LaMar Weaver)

On the block D.N. 7-8-87

**AUCTIONEER** Dick Barnes (center) sells a load of night stands to the highest bidder at this morning's auction of surplus equipment at Western Kentucky University. The load of night stands sold for \$40.

## Western to host French students

For the third year, Western Kentucky University will host 25 French students on its campus July 8-27.

Under the direction of Dr. James Babcock, Western's Office of International Programs will sponsor the program for French students age 16-18 who are visiting the U.S. and wish to enhance their knowledge of English as well as American

culture.

The students will live on campus, attend special lectures by Western's faculty and spend weekends with host families in Bowling Green. The group will also participate in several off-campus learning activities, including an excursion to Mammoth Cave National Park and a trip to Opryland.

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Registration for the fall semester is August 19. Classes start August 24.

## WKU donations up 40 percent

Western Kentucky University's development office recorded a 40 percent increase in gifts this year over last.

More than 8,500 gifts were received in 1986-87 compared to 6,151 in 1985-86.

Of the total, alumni made 5,899 donations and non-alumni made 2,619.

The growth resulted from a successful student phonothon, an effective annual fund campaign and aggressive efforts by the school's colleges and departments, said Development Director John Sweeney.

This year's drive begins in August when appeals will be sent to about 38,000 WKU alumni, asking them to make designated and undesignated contributions.

As part of the appeal, alumni will be given the opportunity to receive a free print of the Kentucky Museum and Library in recognition of alumni giving over the years.

## WKU chapter wins AAF award

Western Kentucky University's student chapter of the American Advertising Federation won its second first-place award in as many years for excellence in initiating programs.

The programs included two ad campaigns for the Lady Hilltopper basketball team, a seminar on creativity and production the "Freshman Record" yearbook.

Ad Club President Stephanie Schilling accepted the award in June at the AAF convention in Orlando, Fla.

The club competed against advertising club chapters from 155 colleges and universities.

**Finley to intern at Capitol Holding**  
Corlis Elizabeth Finley, daughter of Mary Griffin Martin and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Griffin of Bowling Green, has been awarded a summer internship as a student actuary at Capitol Holding Corp. in Louisville.

Finley, a senior majoring in math at Western Kentucky University, was recently named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" and inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

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# Bowling Green Business University alumni return for August reunion

7-12-87  
By ELLEN HOLT REEHER  
Daily News Staff Writer

The three "R's" usually mean "readin', ritin' and 'rithmetic," but for alumni, former faculty members and friends of the Bowling Green Business University, they mean "reminiscing, relaxing and recreating" Aug. 14-15 at the second Bowling Green Business University reunion at Western Kentucky University.

Although now defunct, BGBU was founded in 1875 in Glasgow by educator A.W. Mell. It was one of the first private business schools in Kentucky. After moving the school to Bowling Green in 1884 in search of a larger building, Mell sold the school to brothers H.H. and T.C. Cherry.

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After registering, visit with friends as they arrive or enjoy the cash bar and hors d'oeuvres while you wait for the evening's main attrac-

tion from the picnic will be provided.

On Saturday, reunion guests will be able to relax over coffee at 9:30 a.m. at the Greenwood Executive Inn but save your appetite for the day's first event, a Kentucky breakfast buffet, followed by a program planned by Professor "Top" Orendorf.

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from the picnic will be provided.

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"There are some activities, guided tours of Western's campus and a reception for the Kentucky Museum's special display of BU memorabilia," she said, "but we expect a lot of people want to catch up with their friends."

"Other people might just want to explore Bowling Green again after all these years."

Closing ceremonies for the reunion will include a banquet at 7 p.m. in the Garrett Conference Center Ballroom followed by dancing to the sounds of the Billy Vaughn Combo.

If you are a BU alumnus or friend and haven't received a registration form, they are available through Western's alumni affairs office.

You may register for the whole reunion, \$50 per person or \$95 per couple including all meals and programs, or just for individual meals and program.

Pre-registration is encouraged so the Alumni Affairs office can provide an approximate head count for the reunion's caterers. Late registration (after Aug. 1) and walk-ins on the reunion's opening day are welcome but there will be a limited number of available meals.

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# Coming Attractions

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## CONCERTS

The Downtown Business Association will present its Concert in the Park at noon Wednesday in Fountain Square Park featuring Burch and Hays. The concert is sponsored by Bowling Green Bank and Trust Co.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Hilltopper Dinner Theater will present "They're Playing Our Song" at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Saturday and Wednesday, and "No Sex Please, We're British" at 6:30 p.m. Friday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday at WKU's Garrett Conference Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$13.50 for adults, \$11.50 for children and may be obtained at the WKU Box Office.

The Bowling Green Public Library's "Tots and Moms Activity Time" will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the program room.

The Bowling Green Public Library will present two children's films, "Treasure Hunt" and "Who Are You?" at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday in the program room. The Library will also conduct its Pre-School Story Time at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"Go to Bat Against Crime," a four-game softball tournament, hosted by the Bowling Green Police Department, begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at Basil Griffin Park. Participants include the Kentucky State Police, Western Kentucky University's campus police, the sheriff's office and the BGPD. "McGruff, the Crime Dog" will appear, and G107 will carry the game via live remote.

## EXHIBITS

"Handmade Harvest: Traditional Crafts of Tobacco Farmers" is now on display at the Kentucky Museum. The exhibit, which runs through Dec. 18, features crafts made by tobacco farmers throughout the southern United States.

"The Kentuckians" exhibit is now on display daily at 9 a.m.-4:40 p.m. at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art. Featured artists include Dr. Joseph Gluhman and Walter Stomps, both from the art department at Western Kentucky University.

Works by Tim Allen Jackson will be on display July 17-Aug. 7 in the Ervin G. Houchens Gallery at the Capitol Arts Center. There will be a reception 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Friday.

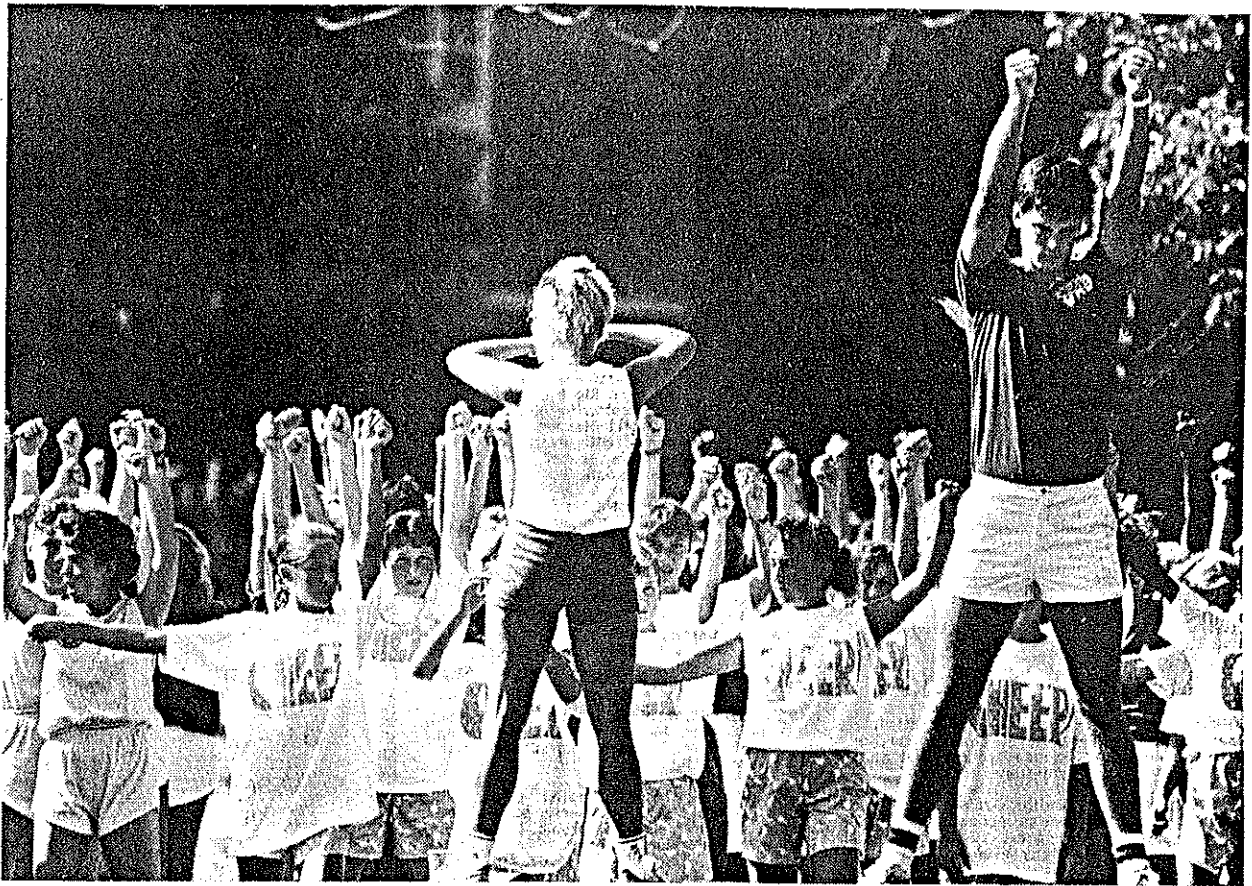
An exhibition of 55 original prints by Western students and alumni is now on display at the University Gallery in the Fine Arts Center at Western Kentucky University. The exhibit runs until August 31. Regular gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Alumni of Bowling Green's former Business University will have a reunion Aug. 14-15 at Greenwood Executive Inn. For information, contact Western Kentucky University's Alumni Office.

## Electrical, steam work contracted

The state Finance and Administration Cabinet has awarded a \$527,938 contract to replace steam and electrical distribution lines at Western Kentucky University to Nashville Machine Co. Inc., the low bidder.

The work will be completed by November. D.N. 7-17-87



(Staff Photo by LaMar Weaver)

## Cheer up

**CHEERLEADERS** from high schools and junior high schools all across Kentucky are being put through their paces by National Cheerleading Association instructors at Western Kentucky University this week. Bennie Beach Jr., student affairs

program coordinator, said 320 high school and junior high school cheerleaders are participating in the camp, which began Wednesday and is to end Saturday.

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## WKU, McConnell host conference

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) will host the second annual Kentucky Ag Day conference 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday at the Agricultural Exposition Center at Western Kentucky University.

McConnell said the conference site is significant because "Western has an agriculture school and because it's an area with a growing significance in agriculture, both in an educational point of view and in terms of the vast number of farmers in that general area."

A variety of agricultural topics will be discussed in open forums and workshops by international, national and state farm experts.

A highlight of the conference will be a keynote speech by Greg Wood, commercial officer from the Australian Embassy, scheduled for 4 p.m.

Admission is free.

Fred Wiche, farm director at WHAS-TV and WHAS-AM radio in Louisville, will serve as master of ceremonies. *D.N. 7-19-87*

## Stewart wins Best Feature award

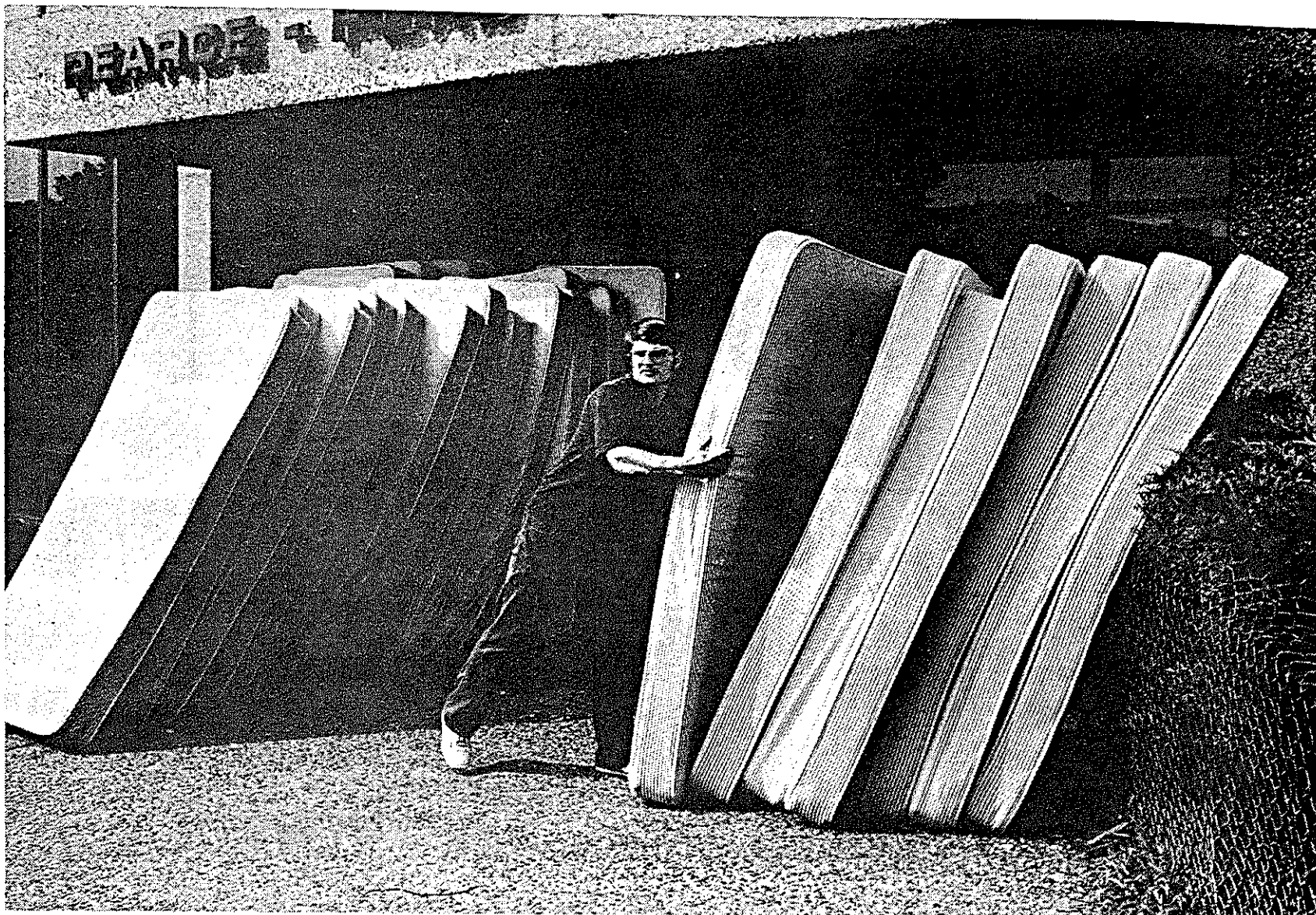
Nikita Stewart, a student at Warren Central High School, won first place in the Best Feature Story category at the Minority Journalism Workshop.

Miss Stewart wrote about Harold Link, an area barber better known as "Scoutchie."

She was one of 11 students from high schools in Tennessee and Kentucky participating in the workshop June 28-July 2 at Western Kentucky University.

Newspapers which sponsored students at the workshop were The Courier-Journal, The Tennessean, The Henderson Gleaner and The Daily News. *D.N. 7-19-87*

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(Staff Photo by Leslie Page)

## Mattresses donated

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY donated 120 mattresses from Pearce-Ford Tower to Memorial Mission, a

shelter for transients at 1430 Old Louisville Road. John Amos gets to transport the bedding. D.N. 7-20-57

# Universities pre-pay loans

D.N. 7-21-87

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 400 colleges and universities, including Western Kentucky University, took advantage of a sale on their old housing loans by pre-paying almost a half-billion dollars to the Treasury, the U.S. Department of Education said today.

Estimated savings for Western is calculated to be about \$170,000.

The inducement for pre-payment of the long-term, low interest loans was a deep discount on the principal. By retiring their debts early, the colleges were required to pay back an average of only 63 percent of the amounts they originally borrowed.

Secretary of Education William J. Bennett said taxpayers, as well as the schools themselves, benefited from the transactions.

Liquidating the loans reduced the Treasury's need for additional borrowing at the current rate of roughly 8 percent. The old loans carried 3 percent interest rates.

Among the campuses that took advantage of the discount offer were: Columbia University; Johns Hopkins; Brown; Oklahoma State University; St. Bonaventure; Ripon; the University of Utah; Fordham; Stetson; Harvey Mudd College; the University of North Carolina, and Bismarck Junior College.

In all, the colleges prepaid \$499 million in loans between last Dec. 23 and June 30, when the offer expired.

The government plans to sell \$80 million in other housing loans from its \$2.5 billion portfolio in September on the open market, and further sales are planned in fiscal 1988. The government will not sell any defaulted loans.

Bennett said in a statement: "We are heartened at the success of this deficit reduction measure. The colleges' enthusiastic participation in this early payment plan benefits not only the schools, but also the American taxpayer."



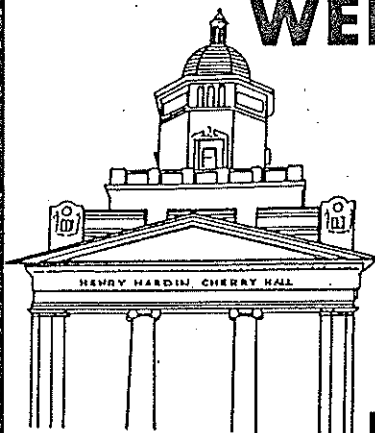
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## Women can be Optimists

D.N. 7-22-87  
OPTIMIST PRESIDENT Bill Hardy Jr. welcomes Donna Johnson, first woman to become a member of the Optimist Club in this district, which includes Kentucky and West Virginia. Ms. Johnson is a student of finance at Western Kentucky University and works at the university's quarter horse sales. The Optimist Club is a civic organization which organizes 75-80 youth service projects yearly.

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## **WEEKEND CLASSES**



Western Kentucky University will offer, on the main campus, classes that meet on Friday evenings and/or Saturday mornings during the 1987 fall semester. These weekend offerings include classes from:

SPEECH COMMUNICATIONS, SOCIOLOGY, ACCOUNTING, ECONOMICS, COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS, MANAGEMENT, REAL ESTATE, SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, COUNSELOR EDUCATION, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, HOME ECONOMICS AND FAMILY LIVING, PSYCHOLOGY, GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION, BIOLOGY, MATHEMATICS.

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## **Tomorrow**

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All day, at Western Kentucky University's Gordon Wilson Hall, The Green Apple Players will present creative drama classes at 1 p.m. for grades 1-3, at 2 p.m. for grades 4-6 and 3 p.m. for grades 7-12. There is a \$20 fee, which includes a \$5 refundable membership fee.

3:45 p.m., at Bowling Green Public Library, children's films will be shown in the program room.

*D.N. 7-27-87*

## **Western to host teleconference**

Western Kentucky University will be one of eight sites throughout the state hosting participants in a statewide economic video teleconference Wednesday, July 29.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the College of Education. There is no fee. Those interested in pre-registration may contact Western's College of Business Administration.

Featured speakers include Robert E. Friedman, president of Corporation for Enterprise Development, Washington, D.C., and Pat Choate, director of the Office of Policy Analysis for TRW, Inc., Arlington, Va.

Information on broadcast locations or other teleconference details is available from the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet, 23rd, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Ky., 40601.

*D.N. 7-26-87*



## Asbestos removal continues at WKU

The asbestos removal project at Western Kentucky University should be completed by the time classes start Aug. 24.

Kemble Johnson, Physical Plant director, said the asbestos removal in the Thompson Science Complex's North Wing is 75 percent completed.

And he said asbestos abatement in the university's steam plant and throughout several underground steam lines will be completed soon.

"Work on the steam plant will either later this week or the beginning of next week," Johnson said. "The asbestos will be encapsulated, thereby making it safe for our people to work in the plant."

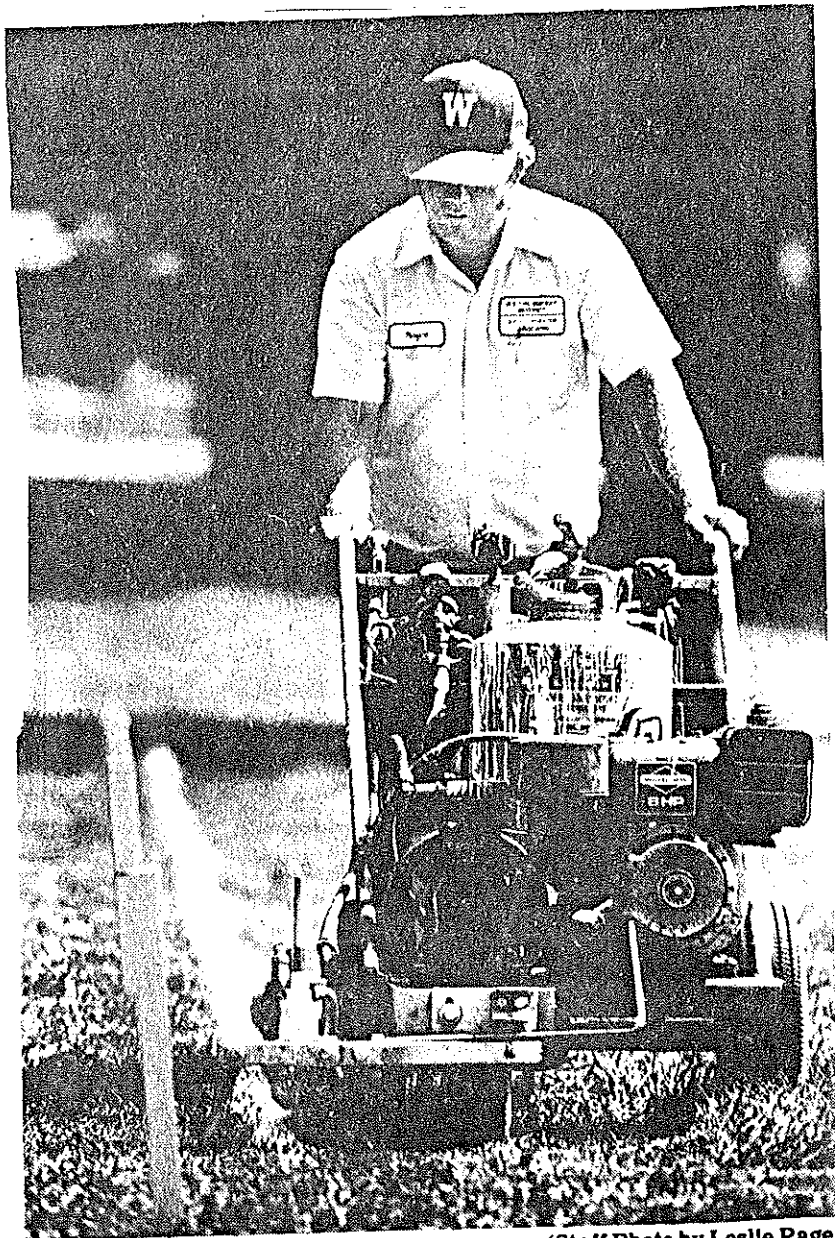
Johnson said the asbestos, which has been found to be carcinogenic and can affect the lungs, will be replaced with a more up-to-date and safer insulation product.

Johnson said there have been no health problems with the abatement projects.

"Nobody but the asbestos removal workers and the air sampling technicians are allowed in the spaces, and they wear the proper protective suits and air respirators. There's been no exposure, whatsoever."

Once the asbestos is removed, it is sealed in double-layered plastic bags, then sealed again in metal containers for transportation. Johnson said the asbestos is then transported to an Environmental Protection Agency-approved landfill for burial.

The contractor for the \$181,855 project is American Diversified, Inc. of Nashville. Read's Asbestos Removal of Glasgow is doing the abatement work. D.N. 7-29-87



(Staff Photo by Leslie Page)

## Walking the line

PREPARING FOR THE high school marching band camps to be held at Western Kentucky University for the next several weeks, Royce Dethridge of the school's landscaping department lined the field Saturday between the College of Education Building and L.T. Smith Stadium. Hardin County's camp began today, and several others schools are scheduled to hold camps there before the fall semester begins.

D.N. 7-27-87

## Summer enrollment up

This year's summer term at Western Kentucky University ends today and school officials report a 6 percent increase in students over last summer.

Final head count was 4,195 students, according to Registrar Freida Eggleton. Last year, 3,861 students were enrolled in Western's summer school.

She attributed the increase primarily to Western's addition of more off-campus course offerings in communities around the state that participate in the extended campus program.

The university is preparing to open the fall semester Aug. 19 when residence halls will reopen for new and returning students.

Western President Kern Alexander will conduct his annual faculty meeting at 2 p.m. Aug. 19 in Van Meter Auditorium.

Registration will be Aug. 20-21 in Diddle Arena and classes will start Aug. 24.

D. N. 7-31-87





(Staff Color Photo by Leslie Page)

## Band practice without instruments

MEMBERS of the West Hardin High School marching band practice routines without their instruments on a field between the College of Education

Building and Downing University Center on the campus of Western Kentucky University. WKU hosted a marching band camp this week.

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