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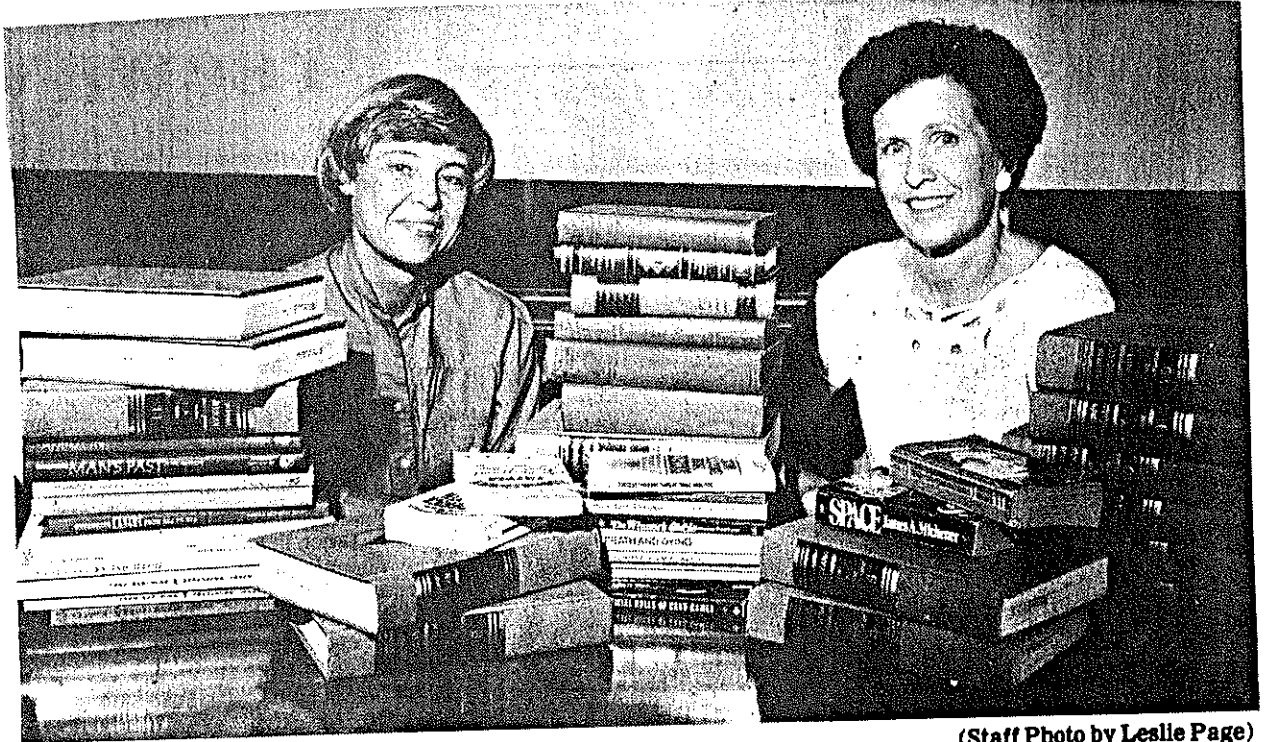
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(Staff Photo by Leslie Page)

Book collection time is here again

CO-CHAIRMEN Carolyn Baseheart, left, and Babs Schnoes display a few of the books they've collected so far for the Bowling Green-Western Kentucky Symphony's second annual book sale Oct 3-4 at the Greenwood Mall. The Symphony is currently accepting donations of hard- and paper-back books, comic books, records and tapes 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesdays-Saturdays and 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. on Sundays at Snyder's main office and the front desk of the Kentucky Museum. If you'd like more information about donating your time or materials to the book fair, contact either Ms. Baseheart or Ms. Schnoes through the Capitol Arts Center.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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The Mufreesboro Antiques Dealers Association will have its 19th annual antique show at 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Aug. 14-15 and at noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16 in Murphy Center at Middle Tennessee State University. Tickets are \$3 and are good for all three days

of the show.

The Southern Kentucky Iris Society will have an Iris Rhizome Sale at 8 a.m. Saturday at Kroger's on Scottsville Road.

Beech Bend Park will have a dance and jamboree at 8 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$3 each.

Applications for the 11th annual Little River Arts and Crafts Fair will be accepted until Saturday, Aug. 15 at the Pennyroyal Arts Council. The fair is a juried show sponsored by the Pennyroyal Arts Council and the Little River Audubon Society and is open to all arts and crafts people.

The Bowling Green Karate Club will have a free martial arts demonstration at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 at Tennistown, located on 542 Three Springs Road.

Greenwood Mall will host NASA's "Help Us Celebrate America's Space Program" exhibit, through Aug 15.

The Castner Knott Co. and D-98 FM will present the 1987-88 Teen Fashion Show "Let's Go" at 7 p.m. Monday at the Capitol Arts Center. Admission is \$2 and all proceeds will benefit the Arts Center's School Day Performances.

The Kentucky Colonels Chapter of

the American Business Women's Association will sponsor a Cat Show at 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Western's Ag Expo Center. Entry fees are \$9 for one cat/kitten, \$16 for two and \$21 for three.

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

Donations of books, comics or music to the Bowling Green/Western Symphony for its annual Book Fair on Oct. 3-4 are currently being accepted. Donations may be left at Snyder's Court in Greenwood Mall or at the Kentucky Museum.

The Horse Cave Theater, off I-65 at Exit 58, will present "Mossie and the Strippers," rotating in repertory with "A Flea In Her Ear" and "The Dining Room" until Aug. 29. Evening performances are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$3 for children, \$4 for students, and \$6.50, \$7.50 or \$9.50 for adults. Box dinners are available before each show until Sept. 1 at \$5.50 for evening performances and \$4.50 for matinees.

The pool elevation at Barren River Lake is 552.08 and water temperature is 89.4 degrees. All boat docks, campsites and interpretive activities are now open at Barren River Lake.

EXHIBITS

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"Handmade Harvest: Traditional Crafts of Tobacco Farmers" is on display at the Kentucky Museum until Dec. 18.

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

WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

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Teaching assistants learned -- and taught -- American culture abroad

8-9-87
BY ELLEN HOLT REEHER
Daily News Staff Writer

Sometimes, the best way to learn something is to teach it. Having to explain it forces you to think.

It worked that way for Alice Wilson Cook and Andy Hedges of Bowling Green. These two Western Kentucky University graduates have just returned from year-long teaching assistant positions in West Germany.

"Sometimes a student would ask, 'Why is this?' or 'Why do they do that?' and I would be flooded," said Ms. Cook. "You have to think of a whole system of relating American topics and places to the German way of life. I really learned a lot about myself in the process."

"You end up testing your own knowledge about America," agreed Hedges. "For instance, when I'd try to explain about Kentucky or Bowling Green, I'd have to link it to something.

"Sports fans knew about the Kentucky Derby. Car people knew about the Corvette plant. Some people even knew about Fruit of the Loom."

"They've got those little fruit people in Europe now, you see," Ms. Cook explained.

They were teaching (and learning) about American culture as part of the International Institute of Education's foreign teaching assistant program.

IIE assistants are hired by foreign governments to help teach English-language classes to university-bound high school students. It is a full-time job and assistants are paid in currency of the country where they are working. Each assistantship lasts a year.

Although Ms. Cook and Hedges

applied for the program in the fall of their senior year at Western, they didn't receive notification of their acceptance until six months later.

"IIE also administers the Fulbright program, so they use the same admission standards for their assistantships. It's very hard to get in," explained Hedges. "We both

very close to our orientation workshop," Ms. Cook said. "The day everyone left on the bus for their schools, my principal just drove over and picked me up.

"It was quite a day. He drove me to my apartment, which the school supplied, showed me around and said, 'See you tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.'"



(Staff Photo by Ellen Reeher)

Andy Hedges and Alice Wilson Cook

knew we'd have a long wait before we found out if we got positions."

Notified in late May, they left for West Germany on Aug. 31.

Five days later, after a short orientation session in Altonberg, West Germany, they were teaching.

"I was at Wermelskirchen in North Rhine-Westphalia, which was

Hedges taught at Nurtigen in the southern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg.

"The first few weeks are a blur, I was meeting so many new people and learning their schedules," he said, "but everyone was really good about making me feel welcome. A lot of our teachers had

been assistants themselves so they knew how I was feeling."

As teaching assistants, most of their time was spent shuttling between different levels of English-language classes.

"Gymnasiums, which are like German high schools, have students in grades 5-13 so we had to plan different things for different age groups," explained Ms. Cook. "I spent a lot of time having them play games or sing songs because that way they learn things without realizing it. I never really had any problems because I was such a novelty -- playing my guitar and singing. The kids payed attention."

Both Ms. Cook and Hedges helped teach American Studies classes -- with a little help.

"Almost every large city has an Amerika Hause, which is an American library and resource center sponsored by the American embassy. Anyone studying American Studies or any American in Europe can go to these libraries for information about America," she said. "If I wasn't sure about how to explain something, they had a lot of the books and magazines that did the job."

Both plan to use their language skills in the future, Hedges as a graduate student at University of Indiana at Bloomington, and Ms. Cook in the business world.

"If there's anything I've really learned it's that you meet the same kinds of people all over. In America, Europe or Germany -- everyone's pretty much the same," she said. "I think the business world is recognizing that as well, with so many businesses crossing international boundaries.

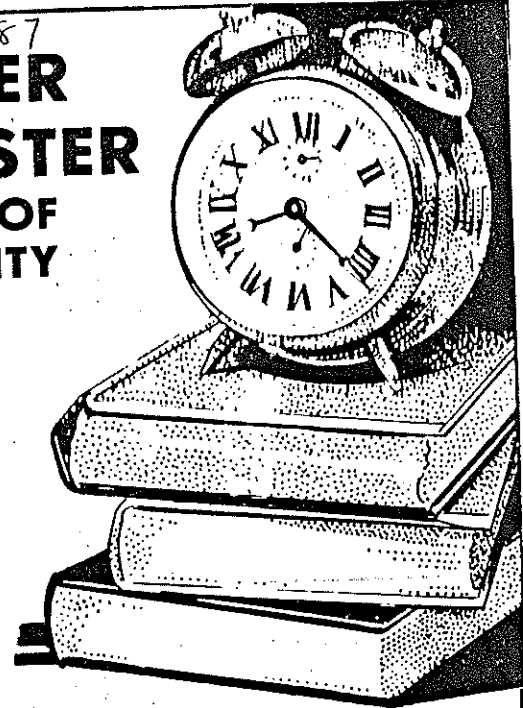
"Maybe I can help."

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Elks Lodge No. 320 will have a dance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 featuring the Billy Vaughn Orchestra.

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The First District of the Kentucky Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Thursday, Aug. 27 at Greenwood Executive Inn. Registration will be at 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served. Luncheon reservations are necessary and may be obtained through Ruby Warden, 1225 College St., Apt. A-206.

There will be a "Back to School" fashion show at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Greenwood Mall.

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The Summer Invitational Art Exhibition is on display at the Capitol Arts Center. There will be a reception Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Ervin G. Houchens Gallery of the Capitol Arts Center. The exhibit runs until Aug. 28. Entry forms for the 7th Annual Juried Art Exhibition and applications for the 1988 Houchens New Works Series are available at the Capitol Arts Center.

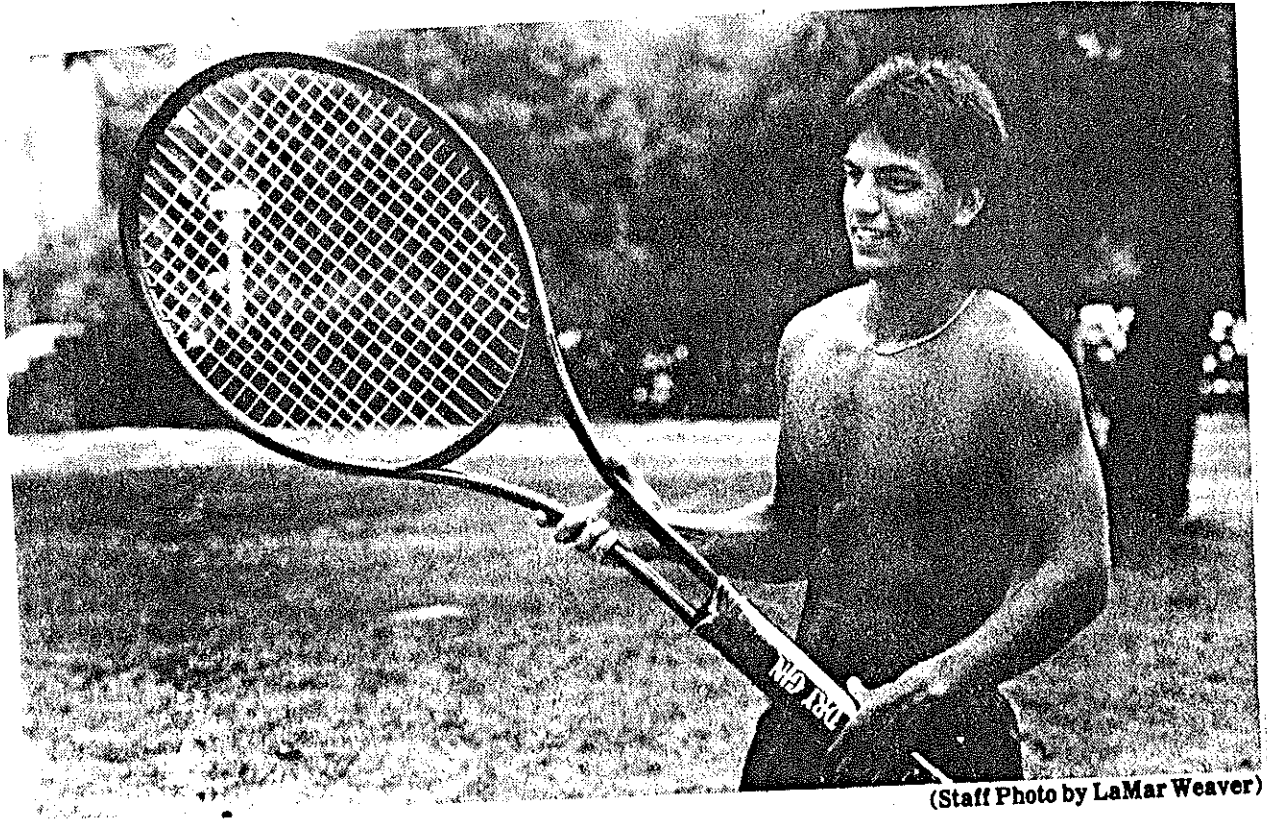
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New student registration for Bowling Green City Schools will be at 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 17-21 at the district's schools.

Tuesday.



(Staff Photo by LaMar Weaver)

A big racket

PAT DILTS of Elizabethtown appears ready for a "big" tennis match Tuesday afternoon. Dilts, a member of the Western Kentucky University soccer

team, showed off the enlarged tennis racket he got while working in California this summer.

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No vacancy

40 WKU students check in at motel because of on-campus housing shortage

8-19-87

By WAYNE BOBLITT
Daily News Staff Writer

Forty Western Kentucky University students won't be walking from their "residence hall" to other campus destinations, at least for the first part of the fall semester.

Western's residence halls open today and classes begin Monday, but 40 men are being housed in the Day's Inn motel on Cumberland Trace Road because of an on-campus housing shortage.

John Osborne, Western housing director, also said 20-30 women will be residing in temporary quarters their first few days.

They will be staying on the third floor of Schneider Hall in an area used by the continuing education department. The fourth floor of that building will be used if necessary, Osborne said.

"We are opening our halls at 100 percent capacity," Osborne said.

Approximately 5,000 students will be living on campus this fall, he said, an 11 to 12 percent increase over August 1986.

Osborne said students will move from temporary quarters to regular residence hall rooms as space becomes available. He estimates 70 men and 70

women who applied for hall rooms won't show up, creating openings.

The number of no-shows this fall is expected to be low, he said. The housing office did follow-up work this summer to determine whether some students were going to stay in the halls.

Temporarily-housed students should be on campus by Tuesday, Osborne said, because Monday is the last day students who haven't yet shown up on campus may claim their reserved rooms.

The halls will probably be filled from 99 to 100 percent capacity on Tuesday, he said. While a housing crunch exists, housing three students to a room is not an option Western is going to try.

Osborne said WKU tried tripling in the fall semesters of 1980 and 1981. "We were not happy with the way it worked out."

Students enrolling in Western's community college may register 4 p.m.-7 p.m. today in the Science and Technology Building, according to Cheryl Chambless, admissions director. She said registration has also been going on through the summer for

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the college.

Registration for evening classes is 4 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Thursday in Diddle Arena, Mrs. Chambless said.

Registration for other classes begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday in Diddle Arena. Senior and graduate students will go first, followed by new freshmen and transfer students, then by returning freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

The registration will be by alphabetical order within the different student classifications, Mrs. Chambless said. She added many students took advantage of advanced registration last March and June.

She said she expects an enrollment increase this fall, with 13,000 students enrolled in either part-time or full-time, undergraduate or graduate, classes.

Frieda Eggleton, WKU registrar, said it is too early to guess the enrollment for this fall but said she expects an increase.

Last fall's enrollment was 12,257 students, Mrs. Eggleton said.

Students getting back into the swing of college life this week will have a hand from campus policemen.

About 10 Western policemen and four student patrolmen will be on duty today to assist traffic flow, according to Horace Johnson, WKU public safety assistant director.

Once students have their belongings unloaded at the residence halls, Johnson said, they will be asked to move their cars away from the hall areas to the

Western parking structure so other students can move their vehicles closer to the halls to unload.

A lane of Dogwood Drive will be blocked, he said, and another lane will be used for street parking to provide hall residents better access to their quarters.

"I believe the traffic will flow smoothly," Johnson said. "There should be more traffic because of an increased enrollment."

Paul Bunch, WKU public safety director, said 400-500 temporary parking spaces are being set up on the grass east and south of Pearce-Ford Tower, and permanent parking spaces are being added off Creason Drive south of the University Boulevard parking lot.

He said the grass parking lot will be looked at in four to six weeks to see if it is still needed.

The first few days at Western will more activities to keep students busy besides registration, moving in, and the purchasing of books.

Scott Taylor, WKU director of student activities, said campus-wide dances are planned for Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

WKU sororities begin formal rush today through Sunday, the Inter-Fraternity Council is sponsoring fraternity rush orientation Thursday, and Western fraternities are sponsoring rushes Friday through Sunday.

Taylor said individual campus organizations and residence halls are also sponsoring welcome-back activities this week and next.

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The House of Fitness and D-98 FM will present a "Tuff Man Contest" at 8 p.m. Friday (semifinals) and Saturday (finals) at the WKU Ag Expo Center. Tickets are \$7 for general admission seating and \$10 for reserve ringside and may be obtained from D-98, the House of Fitness or Diddle Arena Box Office. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning at 6 p.m. Friday. Gates will open at 7 p.m. both nights. The event is sanctioned by the Kentucky State Boxing Association. Those interested may register with Rick Davis, promoter, at 781-7803.

The Omicron Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha will have a fish fry and yard sale at 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at George Washington Carver Center, 200 State St. Proceeds will go to the chapter's scholarship program.

The Arts Alliance will present a fashion show and luncheon at noon Thursday, at O'Charley's Restaurant. Tickets are \$10 each and are

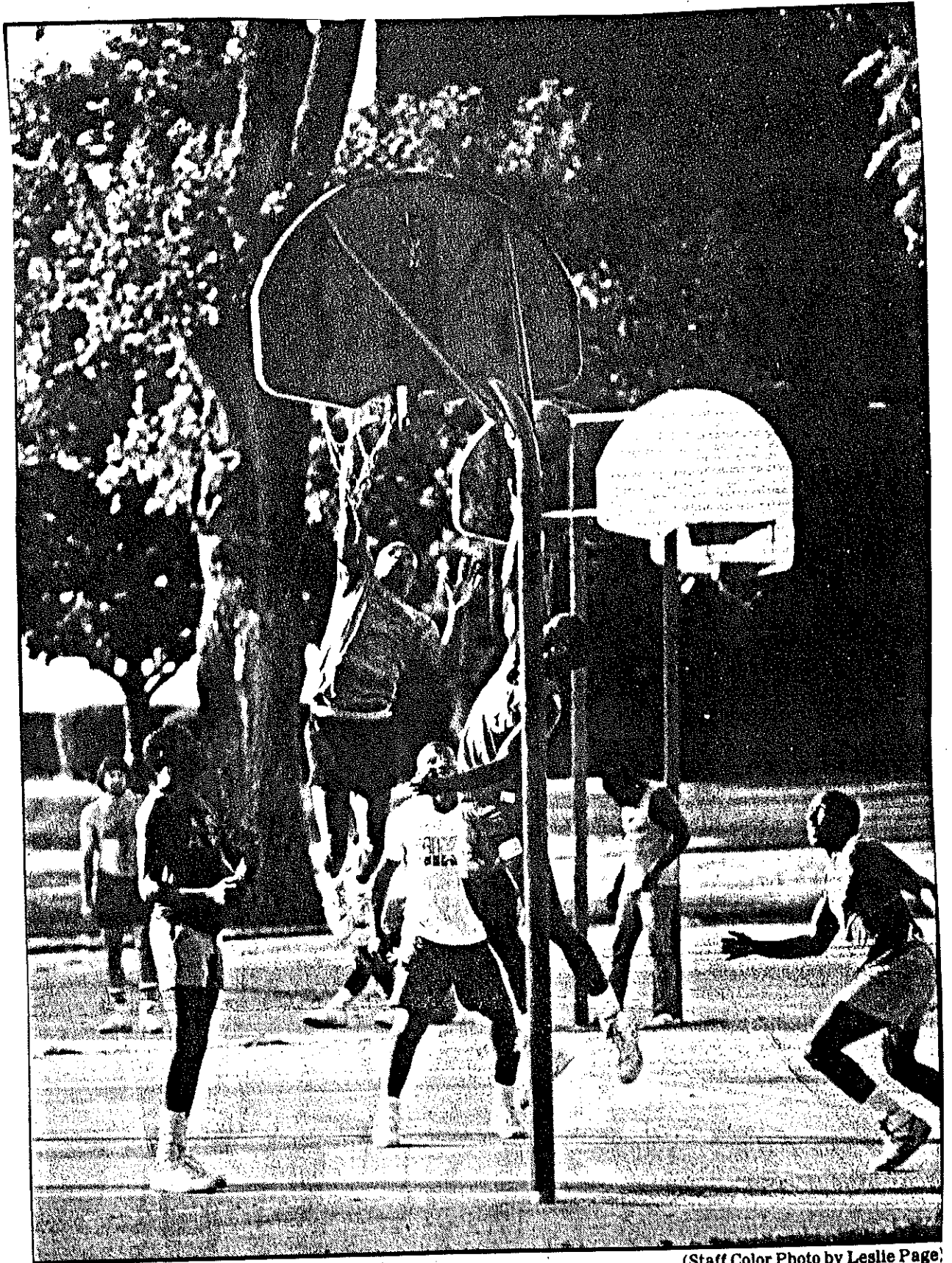
available at the Center and Embry's in Bowling Green; White Plains Decorating Center in Scottsville; Citizens Bank and Trust in Glasgow, and at the door. Two free tickets to the sold-out Sept. 26 Ray Charles concert and party will be given away as door prizes as well as a \$100 Embry's gift certificate and two free dinners to O'Charley's.

The water temperature at Barren River Lake State Park is 86.9 with a pool elevation of 552.20. Weekend events at the park include a karate demonstration at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bailey's Point Campground and a showing of a Walt Disney film at 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, a tour of the dam's tower will be given at 2:30 p.m. Those interested should meet in the Overlook Parking Lot at the north end of the dam on Highway 252. There will be an open forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Barren River State Park Lodge. The forum is co-sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Western Kentucky Saddlebred Association, Inc. will hold its annual Benefit Horse Show at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 at Caldwell County Fairgrounds in Princeton. Proceeds will benefit the Green River Therapeutic Riding Program in Owensboro and will be in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Princeton's Black Patch Festival. The show features 25 classes including the Grass Roots Cup for beginning riders and Arabian, huntseat and pleasure classes. For more information, contact Brenda Swaner or Regina Catlett.

The Bowling Green/Warren County Chamber of Commerce will have its "Summerfest '87" at 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday at Kroger's on Scottsville Road. Events will include a cake cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m., a ping pong drop at 5:30 p.m. and "Moonlight Madness" at 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Free blood pressure tests will be given by the American Red Cross.

The Capitol Arts Center and Houchens Food Stores are offering a special ticket package to WKU students for 1987-88. Students may choose from three performances for only \$12. Tickets go on sale Aug. 24 at Downing Center and choices include The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Oct. 29 and Dizzie Gillespie, Feb. 13.



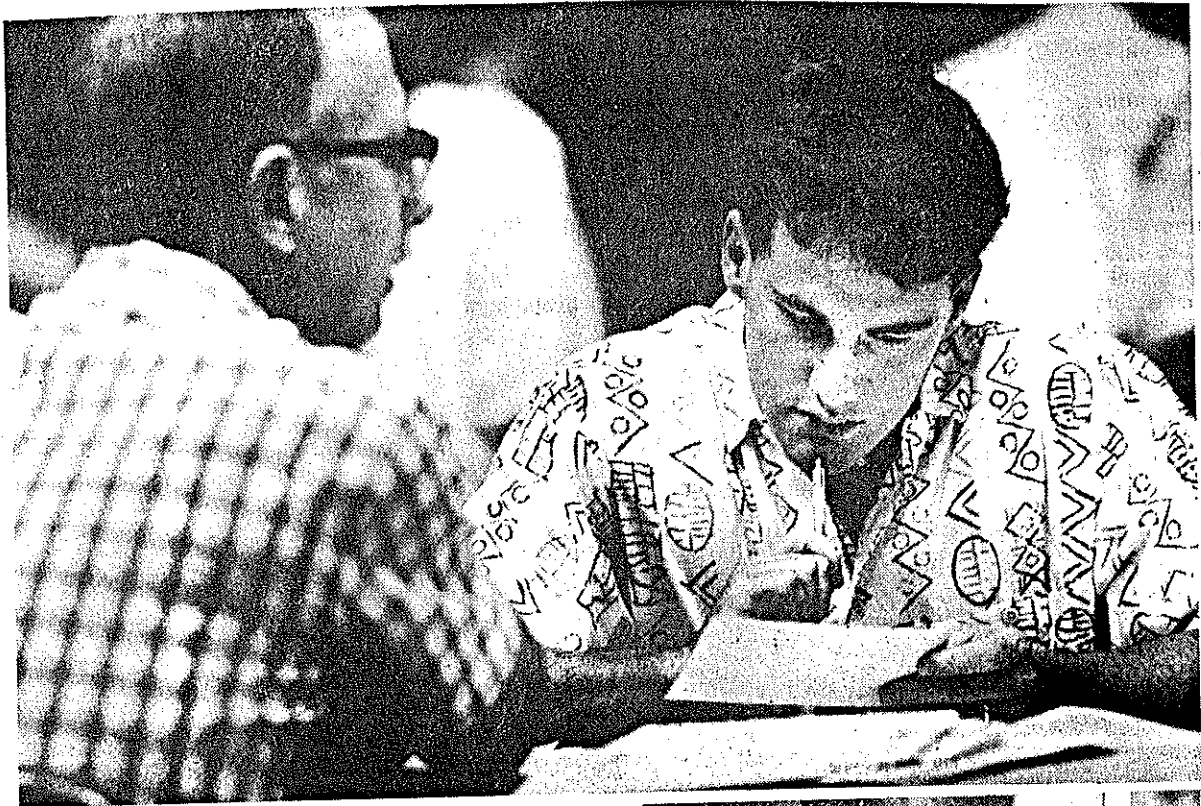
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Time out for basketball

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WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY students took time out from moving into residence halls for the 1987-88 school year Wednesday to shoot hoops on

the courts behind Pearce-Ford Tower. About 5,000 of the school's total enrollment of more than 13,000 will live on campus. Classes begin Monday.



Signing up for classes

WITH FALL semester classes scheduled to begin Monday at Western Kentucky University, students who hadn't participated in advanced registration signed up for classes today in Diddle Arena. ABOVE: Bruce Fane of Louisville, a graduate student in counselor education, studies his WKU fall semester schedule this morning. RIGHT: Valendia Smith of Greenbrier, Tenn., accompanied by daughter Amy, 4, works out a fall schedule prior to the start of registration. Ms. Smith is a speech pathology graduate student.



(Staff Photos by Leslie Page)

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Education funding upsets Alexander

8-23-87

By THOMAS T. ROSS
Daily News Staff Writer

The president of Western Kentucky University says Kentucky's higher education system is in a "dismal" financial state and he has grown tired of his school being shortchanged.

"We are not a well funded institution," Kern Alexander said in a private interview with the **Daily News** at the president's Chestnut Street home.

"We're not getting the dollars to run a quality institution," he continued. "And we're in the position of having to squeeze the orange for all we can get out of it."

Alexander, a financial expert, said Western continues to receive a lower percentage of state General Fund dollars to run the school in comparison to monies given to the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

For example, in 1971-72 Western peaked with a 12.7 percent share of

the state's General Fund. UK received 50.3 percent that same year.

But Alexander points out this school year Western has an 8.1 percent share to UK's 43.2 percent and U of L's 21.3 percent.

Using average revenue increases from 1984-85 to this school year, Alexander takes the prognosis further.

In 1988-89, for every \$100 UK receives from the state, Western gets \$20; for every \$100 U of L receives, Western gets \$34.

Alexander said if the state employs the same funding system, by 1999-2000 Western will receive \$11 for every \$100 that goes to UK and \$25 for every \$100 that goes to U of L.

"There's not much reason to be optimistic with our relative position with UK and U of L," Alexander

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said.

He said he shared his conclusions with members of the state Council on Higher Education last week.

"They asked me what it meant," Alexander said. "I told them it means the quality of education at Western relative to U of L and UK will decline in the next 10 years if something is not done about it."

It's an inequity that has flourished for a long time, Alexander said, and he takes exception to people who hold to that line of thinking.

He said former UK president Otis Singletary, quoted in reference to UK getting the lion's share of state funds, said equity denies excellence.

"The most deprived segment of the higher education enterprise in Kentucky is the regional university," Alexander said. "The statistics show that, salaries indicate that, the percentage of General Fund monies reflect that.

"If excellence means denial to the regional universities, then we have already attained an excellent system," he continued. "What President Singletary said is a false dichotomy. We can be excellent and equitable, too. We need both."

But having to contend with less and less funds allotted each biennium, Alexander says the quality of education at Western is slowly being chipped away.

The school, although it's drawing more and more students through intense recruiting efforts, can't successfully compete to hire quality professors and retain the quality ones it has.

Alexander said the school recently offered an assistant professor \$43,000 to teach in Western's College of Business Administration. And the school offered \$50,000 to a full professor. Both turned Western down because they got better offers.

Alexander said the average salary at Western is \$30,000, while at UK it's \$37,000. A benchmark university of UK, like University of Virginia or Virginia Tech, the average salary is \$45,000.

"It's very difficult for us to compete on the open market for scholars with doctoral degrees who have a track record of productivity," Alexander said.

And keeping key professors is just as difficult, he said, noting the mass exodus the school's music department this year because several teachers, including the department head, received lucrative offers.

"Significant damage was done to us there," he said. "We're not only finding it difficult to compete in the market for science and business, but also selected areas like music or journalism."

The struggle to recruit and retain quality teachers leads to another problem for Western, which has seen dramatic enrollment gains the last two years and predicts successive increases well into the 1990s.

That is the school, because it's losing quality teachers and gaining students, is unable to reduce its student-teacher ratio and thereby increase the quality of education.

"All we can do is raise faculty salaries to those already on board," Alexander said. "Our choices are we can hire new faculty and give no raises or take monies for new faculty and give raises. It's a Catch-22. Either way we're hurting."

Alexander has solutions in mind for what he terms as a "fiscal crunch," but those solutions haven't been met with open arms by the majority of the Legislature or the CHE.

He advocates the state adopting the new federal tax code, saying it would generate revenue to help turn around Kentucky's financially strapped higher education system.

The state already went through two revenue shortfalls this year, and only Western's increase in enrollment last fall was able to help the school thwart the deficit.

And more revenue shortfalls are already being predicted for the next biennium, prompting Alexander to say Kentucky's General Fund is in a "fiscal crisis."

He is also stumping for the CHE to review its funding formula, the structure used to determine the distribution of state funds to the state's eight public institutions of higher learning.

He says it's a good formula, yet it needs to be recalibrated because it bases funding each biennium on

enrollment figures five years old.

"That's very poor fiscal planning," Alexander said. "The monies available to us this year are still influenced by enrollment data five years ago."

"That's an unusual formula in that it straightjackets an institution like Western, which is growing," he continued. "It looks back instead of forward, and we're moving forward."

He admits, however, that both suggestions — which he has made clear to both the Legislature and the CHE — don't have much support.

A special legislative session on tax reform is highly unlikely, although he is still stumping for one.

But Gov. Martha Layne Collins has been even less receptive to calling a special session on tax reform than one on the state's ailing workers' compensation program.

And Democratic gubernatorial nominee Wallace Wilkinson, predicted to win the November general election, has said he is against adopting the federal tax code and has promised no new taxes if he's elected.

But state Sen. Michael Moloney and state Rep. Joe Clarke — chairmen of their respective chamber's Appropriations and Revenue Committees — have called for a modification in the state tax structure, saying it's a golden opportunity for the state.

"Sometimes you can't get legislators to come on record and say we need that," Alexander said. "I agree with them, but I realize they have very little support. It's a difficult problem to address and the Legislature certainly has my sympathies."

Without any tax action, that means many of the education measures passed by the Legislature in 1985 and 1986 are going to be unfunded.

And he said if the tax structure remains the same, Western will have no choice but to "take from its neighbor," meaning other state regional universities.

"If you're squeezed fiscally, it's human nature to start taking from others," he said. "That's an unfortunate circumstance of all this. The

way the system is now, the place Western can get more money is to take it away from somewhere else."

Alexander said the state's reluctance to modify the tax structure is partially behind possibly educator's two worst enemies: fear and ignorance.

"That kind of thinking emanates from the general level of education we have in the state," he said. "With fewer people graduating from high school, the fewer people we have that value education, consequently we have fewer people who are willing to pay for it."

"It's an unfortunate cycle that just produces a lower economic return, a lower standard of living for the state."

He said the state tax structure has several regressive taxes.

A major revenue problem is the state's aversion to taxing its own real property.

"About 45 percent of this state's real property," he said. "You take half the wealth of a state and then tax it at a low level that places a revenue strain on the remainder of the system."

"We're 49th in the nation in taxing real property," he continued. "Being an agrarian state, however, we largely oppose property taxes. Our heritage aside, taxing property is a major source of revenue."

"I'm not advocating regressive property taxes. That's just a part of the problem that has to be addressed by the Legislature this year."

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said he shared his conclusions with members of the state Council on Higher Education last week.

"They asked me what it meant," Alexander said. "I told them it was the quality of education at Western relative to U of L and UK decline in the next 10 years if nothing is not done about it."

"An inequity that has flourished for a long time, Alexander said, he takes exception to people who hold to that line of thinking."

Alexander said former UK president Otis Singletary, quoted in reference to getting the lion's share of state monies, said equity denies excellence.

"The most deprived segment of higher education enterprise in Kentucky is the regional universities," Alexander said.

"The statistics show that, salaries indicate that, the percentage of General Fund monies reflect that.

"Excellence means denial to regional universities, then to those already attained an excellent one," he continued. "What does Singletary said is a false tony. We can be excellent and able, too. We need both."

"Having to contend with less and less funds allotted each biennium, Alexander says the quality of education at Western is slowly being chipped away.

"The school, although it's drawing more and more students through less recruiting efforts, can't successfully compete to hire quality professors and retain the quality that has."

Alexander said the school recently offered an assistant professor to teach in Western's College of Business Administration. The school offered \$50,000 to a professor. Both turned Western because they got better offers.

Alexander said the average salary at Western is \$30,000, while at U of L's \$37,000. A benchmark university of UK, like University of Virginia or Virginia Tech, the average salary is \$45,000.

"It's very difficult for us to compete on the open market for professors with doctoral degrees who have a track record of productivity," Alexander said.

And keeping key professors is just as difficult, he said, noting the mass exodus of the school's music department this year because several teachers, including the department head, received lucrative offers.

"Significant damage was done to us there," he said. "We're not only finding it difficult to compete in the market for science and business, but also selected areas like music or journalism."

The struggle to recruit and retain quality teachers leads to another problem for Western, which has seen dramatic enrollment gains the last two years and predicts successive increases well into the 1990s.

That is the school, because it's losing quality teachers and gaining students, is unable to reduce its student-teacher ratio and thereby increase the quality of education.

"All we can do is raise faculty salaries to those already on board," Alexander said. "Our choices are we can hire new faculty and give no raises or take monies from new faculty and give raises. It's a Catch-22. Either way we're hurting."

Alexander has solutions in mind for what he terms as a "fiscal crunch," but those solutions haven't been met with open arms by the majority of the Legislature or the CHE.

He advocates the state adopting the new federal tax code, saying it would generate revenue to help turn around Kentucky's financially strapped higher education system.

The state already went through two revenue shortfalls this year, and only Western's increase in enrollment last fall was able to help the school thwart the deficit.

And more revenue shortfalls are already being predicted for the next biennium, prompting Alexander to say Kentucky's General Fund is in a "fiscal crisis."

He is also stumping for the CHE to review its funding formula, the structure used to determine the distribution of state funds to the state's eight public institutions of higher learning.

He says it's a good formula, yet it needs to be recalibrated because it bases funding each biennium on

enrollment figures five years old.

"That's very poor fiscal planning," Alexander said. "The monies available to us this year are still influenced by enrollment data five years ago."

"That's an unusual formula in that it straightjackets an institution like Western, which is growing," he continued. "It looks back instead of forward, and we're moving forward."

He admits, however, that both suggestions — which he has made clear to both the Legislature and the CHE — don't have much support.

A special legislative session on tax reform is highly unlikely, although he is still stumping for one.

But Gov. Martha Layne Collins has been even less receptive to calling a special session on tax reform than one on the state's ailing workers' compensation program.

And Democratic gubernatorial nominee Wallace Wilkinson, predicted to win the November general election, has said he is against adopting the federal tax code and has promised no new taxes if he's elected.

But state Sen. Michael Moloney and state Rep. Joe Clarke — chairmen of their respective chamber's Appropriations and Revenue Committees — have called for a modification in the state tax structure, saying it's a golden opportunity for the state.

"Sometimes you can't get legislators to come on record and say we need that," Alexander said. "I agree with them, but I realize they have very little support. It's a difficult problem to address and the Legislature certainly has my sympathies."

Without any tax action, that means many of the education measures passed by the Legislature in 1985 and 1986 are going to be unfunded.

And he said if the tax structure remains the same, Western will have no choice but to "take from its neighbor," meaning other state regional universities.

"If you're squeezed fiscally, it's human nature to start taking from others," he said. "That's an unfortunate circumstance of all this. The

way the system is now, the only place Western can get more money is to take it away from somebody else."

Alexander said the state's refusal to modify the tax structure lies partially behind possibly an educator's two worst enemies — fear and ignorance.

"That kind of thinking emanates from the general level of education we have in the state," he said. "With fewer people graduating from high school, the fewer people we have that value education, and consequently we have fewer people who are willing to pay for it."

"It's an unfortunate cycle that just produces a lower economic return, a lower standard of living, for the state."

He said the state tax structure has several regressive taxes.

A major revenue problem is the state's aversion to taxing its wealth — real property.

"About 45 percent of this state is real property," he said. "When you take half the wealth of a state and then tax it at a low level, then that places a revenue strain on the remainder of the system."

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On the Move:

Western Kentucky University

students take the long haul

More than 13,000 students are expected to return to Western Kentucky University this fall.

And more than a fourth of them will spend the semester in one of the university's 18 residence halls.

The around 5,000 residence hall occupants began moving in on Wednesday, the first day the halls were open.

It's unlikely that many of them are enjoying the move-in task, but most are able to do it with a little ingenuity.

Milk crates appear to be the most popular move-in containers on campus these days.

The crates are easily carried and can be crammed with clothes, record albums and other vital college stuff.

And after they've been emptied, they make terrific stands for

lamps, plants and stereo speakers.

Some students haul their belongings into the residence halls in suitcases. Others use shopping carts. Some use boxes. Still others have found plastic trash bags work just as well.

But perhaps the most ingenious students this fall are the ones that let others do most of the job for them.

The arms and strong backs of relatives and good friends can greatly reduce the workload of moving in.

Of the 5,000 students who will occupy the residence halls this semester, most were expected to be moved in by today.

The next challenge for those students begins on Monday, the first day of fall 1987 classes at Western.



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RIGHT: Three students take a welcomed break as they move into Central Hall. **BELOW:** Shopping carts provided at Western's residence halls make the move-in job a little easier, as one of these two students discovers near Central Hall.

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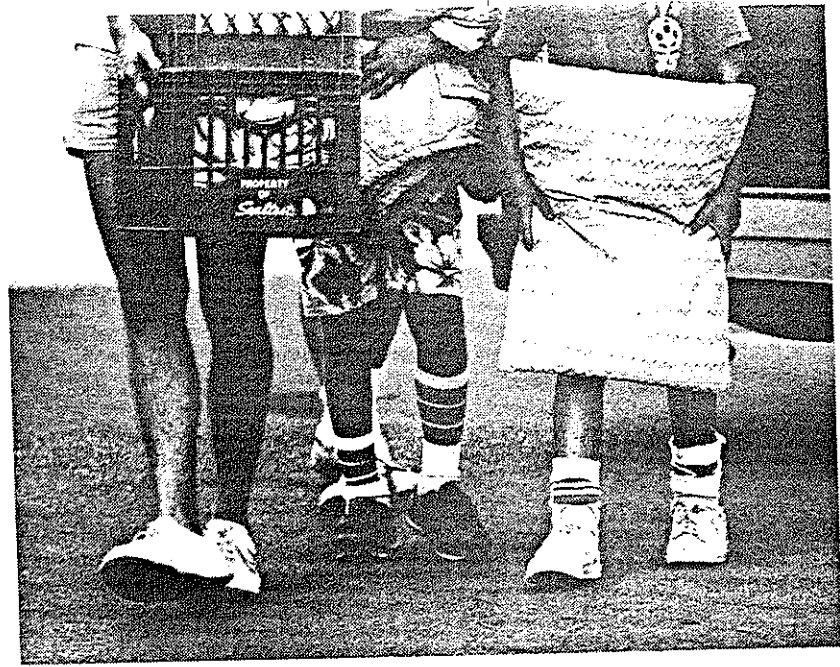
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the long haul



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Staff photos
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Leslie Page
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TOPEWIDE

Stephens represents chapter
Rene A. Stephens of Bowling
Green will attend the Lambda Chi
Alpha International Fraternity
Leadership Seminar Aug. 16-Aug.
20 at Memphis State University.
He will be representing the
Western Kentucky University
chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha. *D.N. 8-23-87*

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WKU announces scholarships
Western Kentucky University has
announced the names of 15 area
students who have been awarded

scholarships to attend Western this
fall.
J.L. Harman Scholarship winners
include Sandy Parrish, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Parrish of
Bowling Green; Karen Michelle
Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Bobby Brooks of Bowling Green;
Melissa A. Stewart, daughter of
Eldon Stewart of Alvaton; Stephen
Lynn McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Wallace McCoy of Bowling Green;
David P. Shoultz, son of Mr. and
Mrs. James A. Griffin of Bowling
Green; Brian L. Runner, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Sherman L. Runner of
Bowling Green; Joe W. Taylor II,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Taylor
of Bowling Green; Tracie Leigh
Tudor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
John Tudor of Bowling Green;
Michelle Rae Pruitt, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Meeks of
Bowling Green; Heather Anne Up-
church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
James Upchurch of Bowling Green;

Conference scheduled

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A statewide conference on
"Media, Advocacy and Mental Ill-
ness: A Community Forum" will
be conducted 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday at Downing University
Center on Western Kentucky Uni-
versity's campus.

Keynote speaker will be Joanne
Albers, head of Western's journal-
ism department.

The panel consists of Barb Dub-
zak, WBKO-TV; Tim England,
WKYU-FM; Tim Roberts,
Louisville Courier-Journal;
Kathleen Whipple, president of Al-
liance for the Mentally Ill of Ken-
tucky; Paula Tamme, director of

Kentucky Community Support Pro-
gram with state Department of
Health; Glenda Castle, consumer of
mental health services; and Marty
Harrison, co-chairman of the Alli-
ance for the Mentally Ill of Bowling
Green.

Sheila Conway of Western's
public information department will
be moderator.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill
of Kentucky, Bowling Green and
Scottsville are sponsoring the con-
ference, which will be conducted in
room 305 of Downing University
Center.

Kern tells of WKU expansion plans

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky University Presi-
dent Kern Alexander told the faculty and staff Wednesday to
expect the school to expand to two campuses and 20,000 students
by the mid-1990s.

Alexander, in his annual address to the professional staff, said
Western expects this fall's enrollment increase to equal last year's
6.5 percent, the largest among the state's public institutions. Last
fall, Western had more than 12,000 students. He attributed West-
ern's growth to a rapport with public schools across the state,
which has been one of his main goals since he assumed the presi-
dency in 1985.

Alexander also told the faculty that the school will ask the 1988
General Assembly for new buildings, including a \$16 million stu-
dent center, library and communications facilities and more resi-
dence halls. *C.J. 8-22-87*

Students to leave motels

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By BRIGGS ADAMS
Daily News Staff Writer

Nearly 40 Western Kentucky University students will sleep in rooms at two Bowling Green motels tonight, but will spend the night Tuesday in residence halls, the university's housing office director says.

"The students have been told to check out of the hotel by noon Tuesday, come to the housing office for a room assignment and move in to a residence hall Tuesday," John Osborne said this morning.

Osborne estimated around 5,000 students will live in residence halls this year, about 12 percent more than last year.

Anticipating that increase, Western had originally planned to temporarily house 40 students at the Day's Inn on Cumberland Trace, but those plans were modified slightly today, Osborne said.

"We put five people out at American Plaza" (on Scottsville Road near I-75), he said. "It turned out that the 40 people we had contacted

that said they would arrive and move in to Day's Inn have not all showed. The total between the two hotels is 38."

Osborne said today is the last day for students to claim a room in a residence hall. He said more than enough unclaimed rooms should be available for the students now staying at the two motels.

"We think somewhere in the vicinity of about 75 men and 75 women for a total of about 150," he said.

Osborne said he his office has not

for WKU residence halls

received any complaints from the students about their temporary housing arrangement.

"They seem to be enjoying themselves," he said.

Although both of the motels are several miles away from Western, the university is making sure that the students get to campus, Osborne said.

"We've been running vans on a scheduled basis," he said. "For example, today there will be a shuttle van at 7:15 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m."

The increase in residence hall occupants is apparently indicative of the overall enrollment hike at Western this year.

Cheryl Chambless, admissions director, said Western President Kern Alexander's predictions that enrollment this year would exceed 13,000 students appears to be close to the mark.

"It will probably be two-three weeks at least before all of the figures are available," Mrs. Chambless said. "But we haven't seen anything that would make that

prediction drastically wrong."

Western's enrollment in 1986 was 12,257.

In other campus developments, a three-phase asbestos removal project is "about 99 percent completed," said Kemble Johnson, the school's physical plant director.

"The Thompson Complex North Wing was one phase," Johnson said. "The heating plant was one phase and then the steam manholes

was another phase.

"Over at Thompson complex we're done with the exception of a few punch list items, which is things we need to go back and do that we caught on inspection. In the heating plant, they're done and they're just about done in the manholes."

Another project under way is a roof replacement on Diddle Arena.

The project, with a \$249,250 price tag, is expected to be completed within two months, Johnson said.

Diddle's present roof has been in place since 1963.

The university is also planning to put new roofs on the Dero Downing University Center and the Jones-Jagers Laboratory School, Johnson said.

\$81,000 awarded to WKU

The state Department of Education has awarded Western Kentucky University \$81,000 to oversee the validation and revalidation of exams that the state's new teachers and administrators are required to take.

Dr. Leroy Metze, a psychology professor and director of educational computing at Western's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, said a report will be submitted soon to the state recommending cut-off scores and ranges for Kentucky school personnel taking the National Teachers Exam mandated for certification by the General Assembly. Western is writing computer programs that will analyze data gathered in June from panels assigned to validate specific subject-matter areas.

Using panelists to validate the tests "is a widely accepted procedure" involving appointment of university and college professors in various interest areas, and teachers who are recent graduates in the same specific areas, Metze said.

"What we were looking for was 'what is satisfactory,'" Metze said.

Metze said about 250 professors and teachers, making up six panels, participated in the validation studies.

The studies considered sub-tests for administrators, supervisors and special education personnel, and revalidated general education and core battery tests for teachers.

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Golf course idea still alive

The possibility remains for a joint effort between the City of Bowling Green and Western Kentucky University to develop a conference center-golf course complex at the university's farm.

Western President Kern Alexander said university and city officials are meeting regularly, "exploring all the angles and possibilities" of the proposed complex.

"We're in the talking stage; we've been in the talking stage now for several months," he said. "We'd like to piece it together some way. It's just a matter of getting it properly planned."

Being discussed is the cost of the complex, bond issues by either the city or the university to fund that cost, and whether a private developer would construct the complex, Alexander said.

"I'm optimistic, certainly, that we can work with the city ...," he said.

Alexander said the city's interest in the project centers on the development of an 18-hole golf course near the university's farm.

"Of course, we think a golf course would be beneficial to Western and Bowling Green," he said. "More importantly, I think, here at Western, we would like to have an Olympic size swimming pool and a conference center. We've been trying to put all this together into a package that would meet Western's and Bowling Green's needs."

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(Staff Photo by Leslie Page)

A PEDESTRIAN waits to cross University Boulevard nearby elementary school and the father of an
ard at Creason Drive, where a WKU student was elementary school student hit by a car last year are
hit by a car Friday afternoon. The principal of a calling for safety changes a the crossing.

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Crosswalk safety:

Changes asked after student hit by car

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By ED SEVERS
Daily News Staff Writer

The principal of McNeill elementary school on Creason Drive is calling for safety changes at a nearby crosswalk where a Western Kentucky University student was hit by a car Friday.

Harold Dexter said he thinks the best solution to what he feels is a dangerous situation would be construction of a skywalk, to allow students and others to cross University Boulevard at Creason Drive above the boulevard's four busy lanes of traffic.

Dexter said he thinks the second best — less costly — solution would be a light, to stop traffic while pedestrians cross the road.

Dexter said there have been at least three McNeill students and at least two Western students hit by cars at the crossing in the 18 years he has been working at McNeill.

The latest victim was David Brooks, 17, of

Caneyville, a WKU freshmen who was hit by a car Friday afternoon.

Brooks was reported in satisfactory condition this morning at the Medical Center.

The driver of the car, Harold W. Phipps, 18, of Irvington, also a WKU student, said he did not see a signal to stop by a WKU police officer who was directing traffic at the time.

Dexter estimated there are 8-15 students from McNeill who cross University Boulevard daily. Adding to that total are students from nearby Jones-Jagers elementary school and a steady stream of WKU students heading to and from a Creason Drive parking lot.

The most recent victim before Brooks was Jonathan McCay, 11, a McNeill student who was hit by a car Dec. 16 of last year.

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Struck a glancing blow, McCay was treated at the Medical Center and released.

His father, Auston McCay of 2615 Mohawk Drive, agrees with Dexter that a skywalk would be the best remedy and said he has pitched the idea to the city commission.

"It's the best solution. There's no doubt about it," he said, adding that a light could be a workable alternative.

McCay also criticized the current method of dealing with the problem, in which a city police officer or WKU police officer directs traffic at peak crossing times — if one is available — is "kind of on the ridiculous side."

"We need a better system than that," he said. "Traffic has increased dramatically there over the past few years," he said, "and it's just going to get worse."

Mayor Charles Hardcastle could not be reached for comment, but Commissioner Alan Palmer said he thinks a skywalk would be a good idea for the most part but not

perfect.

Among the idea's shortcomings, he said, is that it would not help some handicapped pedestrians, requiring that an officer still be available to direct traffic.

Palmer also said a light would probably be impractical, noting the proximity of University Boulevard's intersection with Russellville Road.

He said another light that close, operated by pedestrians or otherwise, could cause a traffic bottleneck at peak times.

Palmer suggested as an alternative and immediately available solution the assignment of two officers at the crossing — one from the city, the other from WKU.

He said a big part of the problem seems to be visibility, that vans and other vehicles sometimes block the vision of other motorists.

Palmer said the situation may now justify the regular assignment of officers during peak crossing hours in the mornings and afternoons.