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Alcohol policy shelved indefinitely

By JIM GAINES
Herald reporter

Western's long-awaited campus alcohol policy has died a quiet death after a year and a half of administrative inaction.

General Counsel Deborah Wilkins drafted a policy in spring 1998 that would allow strictly controlled drinking at professional, cultural or continuing education events. Other state universities wrote policies without outside approval, but Wilkins sent Western's draft to the office of state

Attorney General Ben Chandler for an advisory opinion in June 1998.

The draft rested there for a year. Then Wilkins told the Attorney General not to bother.

"It's my understanding that the General Counsel's office withdrew its request for an opinion on June 1 of 1999," said Corey Bellamy, public information officer for the Attorney General's office.

Wilkins said, "I contacted them and told them just to put everything on hold." She said President Gary Ransdell would have to make any fur-

ther decision on advancing a policy.

But Ransdell didn't know that Wilkins canceled the request for an opinion and reacted with surprise when told. Nor does he plan on formulating a policy anytime soon.

"I'll let our new security officer chief (Robert Deane) get here, get with Student Affairs and see what input they might have," Ransdell said.

But Jerry Wilder, vice president for Student Affairs, announced his retirement on Oct. 20, effective next June 30. Two weeks later, Ransdell announced a plan to combine Student Affairs with

Howard Bailey's Student Life office, and Deane won't arrive until Jan. 1, 2000.

"Of course, we have an alcohol policy that governs students, and that's in the student handbook," Wilder said. But regarding the proposed university-wide policy governing faculty, staff, alumni and university events, "I honestly have not heard a thing about it in months," he said.

The Herald requested a copy of the proposed policy, but Wilkins refused to



Deborah Wilkins
General Counsel

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Auburn resident Kaye Cantrell, a former Western employee, reflects on the car accident that left her paralyzed three and a half months ago.

Dream Walker

Former Western building service attendant Kaye Cantrell was left paralyzed from the neck down after a car accident in August.

Kaye Cantrell dreams of walking every night. Sometimes she's planting a garden, or going somewhere. But she walks all night long. Maybe it's because she knows she won't be able to when she wakes up.

At 7 a.m., the 42-year-old woman calls out to her mother through a baby monitor. On the other side of the 16-foot-wide trailer she shares with her retired parents, her voice rings out in her mother's bedroom.

And her mother comes to get her out of bed.

Some days Kaye wakes up to a dismal world of physical therapy, frustrated with what her paralyzed body simply will not do.

But yesterday her morning was bright. She got up to old friends. She and her mother took a borrowed van to Diddle Arena, where Kaye visited friends and rode her wheelchair around campus. She went to a fundraising luncheon in her honor. The money raised helped ease their financial fears.

She could tell people about the things

she hopes to do for herself soon — like brush her teeth, comb her hair and maybe eventually be able to use a wheelchair with a hand control.

But some days are tough. "Some days I wished it had just went ahead and killed me and got it over with," she said as she sat in her wheelchair last week. A tear rolled down her face and her mother wiped it away with a wadded up tissue. "I am scared to get old

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Story by Caroline Lynch ♦ Photos by H. Rick Mach

Mendel resigns, blames Wilkins

Former regent quits after 28 years

By MATTIAS KAREN
Herald reporter

Ray Mendel says he's had enough. Enough of working for the university where he was forced to resign last year from the Board of Regents through what he calls "basically extortion."

That's why the former faculty regent recently submitted his resignation from Western, effective next May, after 28 years of teaching.

"I will not work in an institution that will do to me and my wife what they have done," Mendel said.

At the heart of Mendel's resentment is what he says is a longstanding feud between him and General Counsel Deborah Wilkins. Shortly after he announced his resignation from the Board last December, Mendel publicly accused Wilkins of being the one to push for his resignation.

The reason Mendel had to resign is because a state statute says no regent's relative can be employed by the institution where he or she serves. Mendel's wife, Colleen, is executive director of Training and Technical Assistance Services, responsible for collecting federal grants for the university.

Wilkins had brought up the statute in 1995, but the issue died after months of debate. But then a financial audit of the university, which was released last November by Baird, Kurtz and Dobson, a Bowling Green



Ray Mendel

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Toppers to honor former great John Oldham

The Western men's basketball team, fresh off a 92-70 victory over Murray State on Tuesday night, will honor one of its greats — former player, coach and athletics director John Oldham — Saturday night at halftime of the Virginia Commonwealth game. The Tops, with newfound confidence, hope to show him something. Sports, pages 19-24

Gated lot parkers can't park elsewhere

Holders of the \$360 parking tags will no longer be allowed to park outside their gated lot, or face a ticket. Page 3

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Don't miss a big test

Wondering when that underwater basketweaving final is? Check out the corrected finals schedule on page 16.

Weather forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
59° 39°	51° 45°	54° 27°	55° 35°	54° 38°
Showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Showers	Showers

R: 57°/37°, mostly cloudy
 F: 49°/44°, partly cloudy
 S: 52°/36°, mostly cloudy
 M: 54°/38°, showers

• Louisville

• Lexington

• Owensboro

R: 57°/37°, mostly cloudy
 F: 49°/45°, partly cloudy
 S: 52°/32°, partly cloudy
 M: 53°/36°, mostly cloudy

R: 56°/40°, mostly cloudy
 F: 49°/34°, showers
 S: 49°/31°, partly cloudy
 M: 52°/38°, mostly cloudy

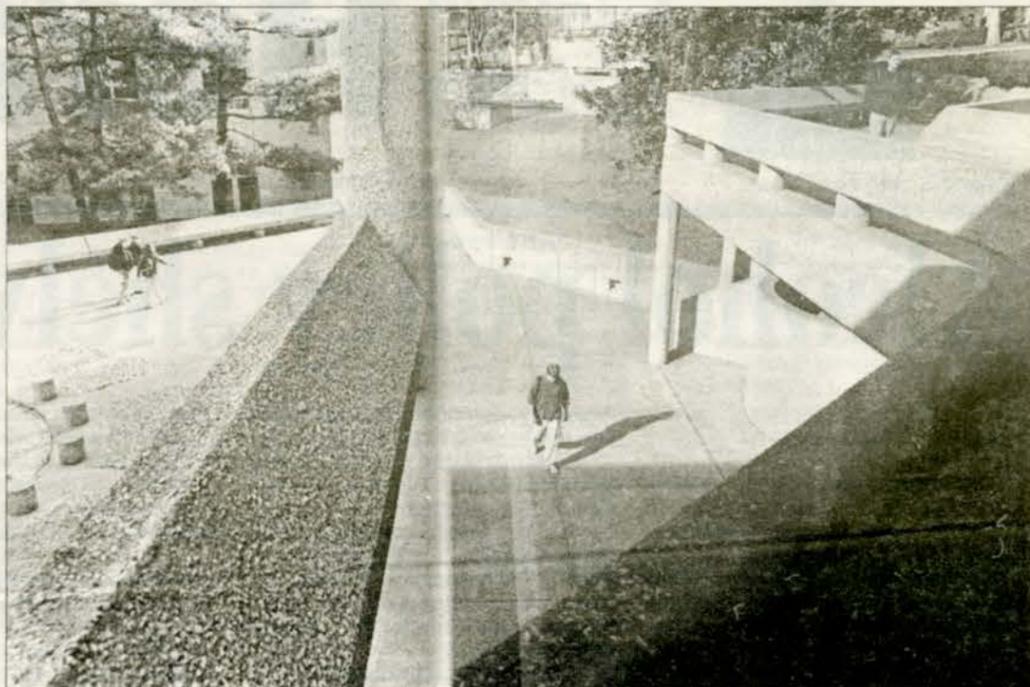
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R: 58°/38°, cloudy
 F: 47°/36°, partly cloudy
 S: 53°/25°, partly cloudy
 M: 53°/36°, showers

• Nashville

R: 60°/42°, showers
 F: 52°/37°, partly cloudy
 S: 56°/27°, partly cloudy
 M: 52°/45°, showers

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



Jeremy Lyverse/Herald

Reflections: Students walk to class between the Helm-Cravens Library and the fine arts center Wednesday afternoon.

Campus News

Graduation next Saturday

December graduation ceremonies will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. Graduating seniors need to be in line at Diddle no later than 9:30 a.m.

Caps and gowns can be picked up finals week in the University Bookstore. Seniors will receive instructions on what they need to do the day of the ceremony.

Diplomas will be mailed after verification that degree requirements were met.

A reception will be held on the second floor at Downing University Center immediately after the commencement for all family, friends, faculty and staff.

—Jacob Bennett

More parking coming

The Parking and Transportation Committee learned this week the open area behind the supply services building that they hoped could be used for additional parking is owned by CSX Railroad.

The committee plans to contact the railroad company to see if it can get an easement for the property. The committee is currently waiting to hear the results of a feasibility study on the Normal Lot to see if it can be restriped and reconstructed to fit more cars without causing drainage problems.

—Caroline Lynch

New shuttles coming

The two new internal shuttle buses ordered by the Parking and Transportation Committee will be ready when school starts in January. The current shuttles hold 25 passengers; the new buses will hold 32.

—Caroline Lynch

'Shop With a Fire Fighter' Saturday

The Bowling Green Fire Department is sponsoring the "Shop with a Fire Fighter" program at 8:00 a.m. Saturday at Target department store. Fire fighters are taking less fortunate children on a shopping spree for Christmas gifts.

—Jason Ragan

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Western alumni among list of notable Kentuckians

Second in a two-part series

BY JACOB BENNETT
Herald reporter

E.A. Diddle is so loved at Western, he has an arena named after him. Jim Wayne Miller is so loved, he has a day named after him. Sue Grafton doesn't have anything named after her, but she sure sells a lot of books.

Not only are they important to Western, but they are important to Kentucky. All three were named to Kentucky Monthly Magazine's Kentuckians of the Century List in a series that ran in September, October and November.

On Tuesday, the Herald profiled two others on that list, Presidents Kelly Thompson and Henry Hardin Cherry. Diddle, Miller and Grafton are featured today.

E.A. Diddle

The numbers speak for themselves.

Ten straight 20-win seasons, 1933-43. Fifth place on the NCAA's all-time coaching list. The first 30-win season in NCAA history. Winning his first game 103-7.

But the numbers tell only half the story. Edgar Allen Diddle was a master recruiter and motivator who taught his men not

just about basketball, but about life.

John Oldham, who played under Diddle and succeeded him when he retired in 1964, said he would bring Diddle with him on recruiting trips.

"He was the best recruiter I've ever seen," Oldham said. "He always knew the right thing to say. He could bring tears to his eyes whenever he wanted."

Oldham said Diddle tried to sell Oldham's father on Western when recruiting the younger Oldham. Diddle created the image of a second father, which he lived up to.

Diddle is also famous for becoming tongue-tied when excited and for getting expressions confused. Once when upset with a player, he said, "If you do that again, I'll put my eyes between your fist."

Oldham said players tried to keep a straight face, but sometimes it was impossible, further angering the coach. "I can't tell you what he said," Oldham said, "because it wouldn't be appropriate to say what he called me."

Diddle also coached baseball, and his seven-year football record was 38-24-2.

When Diddle retired in 1964,



E.A. Diddle

he had more victories than anyone in history. Adolph Rupp, Dean Smith, Jim Phelan and Henry Iba eventually passed him.

Kentucky Monthly Magazine editor and publisher Steve Vest said Diddle was a good choice for the list. "When you think of Western Kentucky University, you think of Ed Diddle."

Sue Grafton

For Sue Grafton, M could be for Mystery. Or Money.

The author of the popular "alphabet" mystery series, chronicling the adventures of Kinsey Millhone, released "O Is For Outlaw" last month.

According to her website, her books have been translated into 26 languages in 28 countries, including Indonesia, Estonia and Bulgaria.

Although she did not teach at Western, coach at Western, or even graduate from Western, it is worth noting she went here for her sophomore and junior years. She graduated from the University of Louisville in 1961.

Grafton's publicist said the author would not grant interviews because she is on a break from her national book tour.

Jim Wayne Miller

Jim Wayne Miller was an ordinary man with an extraordinary talent.

Coming from humble beginnings in the North Carolina Appalachians, he wrote several award-winning novels in his lifetime. Many of the stories focused

on his native region, including "Copperhead Cane" and "The Mountains Have Come Closer," for which he won the Thomas Wolfe Literary Award in 1980. He also wrote essays, book reviews, and non-fiction stories. He adapted his '87 work "His First, Best Country" into a play for Horse Cave Theater in 1992.

Miller's writing challenged stereotypes of Appalachian people, said Jim Gifford, Executive Editor of the Jesse Stuart Foundation.

"I think the things he wrote about helped a national readership get a more realistic understanding of Appalachian life," Gifford said.

Despite his success, Miller remained an ordinary man who loved to help others.

"He loved to fish," said his widow, Mary Ellen Miller, an English professor at Western. "He spent a lot of time fishing, and he often wrote about it."

Miller is remembered as someone who was always trying

to help others.

"I remember we had worked at a writer's conference all day — we were tired," Gifford said. "We were in an elevator, and a woman recognized him and asked him to read some of her poems. Instead of saying, 'I'm tired,' he took them and told her he would read them and get back to her. He was always doing things like that. He always wanted to help people."

Miller continued to work and try to help people up until his death in 1996. He died of cancer the day before the fall semester began, and had been scheduled to teach until the Friday before he died, when he decided he wasn't healthy enough to handle it.

Western held the third annual Jim Wayne Miller Day Sunday. Kentucky author Bobbie Ann Mason, who was also named to Kentucky Monthly Magazine's list, spoke at the meeting.

"From what I knew of him, he was a mover and a shaker," Mason said. "He was everywhere. (Writing) seemed like a mission for him."

Some information for this story was found in University Archives and in Lowell Harrision's book, "Western Kentucky University."



Jim Wayne Miller

Rules for gated lots change

Violators will be ticketed

BY CAROLINE LYNCH
Herald reporter

Next semester, holders of the gated lot parking tag will not be allowed to park outside of their designated lots, and those who do will get a ticket.

Holders of \$360 gated lot tag were previously allowed to park in any space on campus. But Parking and Transportation Committee Co-Chairman Bob Cobb said problems arose when gated lot tag holders parked outside their designated lots and left open spaces where students and other faculty couldn't use them.

"If we had plenty of parking on campus, we wouldn't care that people were parking outside their spots," he said. "But we just don't have the luxury of having spaces sit empty."

Police will be able to identify the gated lot pass because of its metallic stripe and will be ticketing those outside of their zone.

Shelbyville senior Matt Bastin, the only student sitting on the committee, voted at the last meeting to get rid of the current policy, along with seven others. Two members voted against the proposal. At this month's meeting, the decision was reviewed after several positive and negative statements were received from faculty and staff members.

Some were in favor of the decision because it will keep people from being able to take up two spaces, but others were against it, arguing if they purchased a \$360 tag, they should be able to park wherever they wanted. Others, like Sue Dillard, the office coordinator in the Potter College Dean Office, said only regular offenders should be punished.

"I sent my comments directly to Bob Cobb and Aaron Hughey (the committee co-chairman)," she said. "I have never abused (the policy) and I am really offended that they would do this. If I had to run an errand on south-campus it would be like having no parking pass at all. They should deal with those people who are abusing the system."

Others disagree. Engineering Technology Department Head John Russell says the idea of a gated lot is a guaranteed space, and that is what \$360 pays for. He said people who run errands around campus should leave their car and walk.

"From looking at some of them, I think a lot of our faculty and staff need to do more walking and less driving anyway," he said. "I usually come early and park and don't use my vehicle for the rest of the day."

Bastin, a representative from the Student Government Association, said after looking over the comments, the committee decided that getting rid of the old policy was still the best option and those who were angry about the new policy would be offered other options.

"We are allowing anyone who has bought one a refund for the portion of the year that's left," Bastin said.

Cobb said that even if some people choose this option, he doesn't foresee a problem with filling the lots with more buyers of the \$360 tags.

Western looking at film minor

BY KATE CORCORAN
Herald reporter

Everyone had a favorite movie as a child. Some dreamed of being "Cinderella," while others cried over "E.T." or laughed their way through "Home Alone" three times a day. But while everyone watched, a select few thought to themselves, "I could do that. I could direct movies."

Now, those dreams are one step closer to manifestation: Western is looking into establishing a film minor.

"We are still in the prelimi-

nary discussion stages," said Karen Schneider, associate English professor. "Our next step is to talk to the dean; there are a few bureaucratic steps." It will be "a while" before the process is complete.

Faith Broughton, a junior from Franklin, Tenn., is one student who plans to take advantage of the upcoming minor.

"I've wanted to direct since seventh grade," she said. "I love the creative process."

While the logistics have yet to be finalized, Schneider expects that the minor will require students to take 18 hours. Classes offered will

include the history of narrative cinema, literature and film, genres, and film theory. Many of the would-be Spielbergs who have inquired about the curriculum are currently in compatible majors such as "English, broadcasting, history, or folklore," she added.

Aside from hopefully becoming the directors of the future, "students will also learn the medium and the equipment."

Even if Oscar-caliber graduates may be years down the road, Schneider expects that Western film minors "will certainly become very knowledgeable about films."

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Opinion

A Wish List for Western

Professors whistling gaily as they hand out comprehensive finals. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" playing 24 hours a day on the campus movie channel. Panicked, pallid freshmen opening their textbooks for the first time all semester.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

The Herald staff has been making its list and checking it twice, and it's time to find out who's been naughty or nice.

◆ First, we have a Dave Matthews Band CD for Student Government Association President Amanda Coates. Despite all of her valiant efforts, that's the only way she'll be listening to them on Western's campus.

◆ We offer a computer for the police department so they can type and file police reports within a week of the incident. Welcome to the 21st century, fellas.

◆ In appreciation for their recent fire fighting efforts, "Smokey the Bear" hats for the RAs of Pearce-Ford Tower. Because only they can prevent dorm fires.

◆ A Magic 8-Ball for the members of the Scheduling Committee. Maybe they'll be able to make a decision in less than six months through divine intervention.

◆ With more than \$18,000 worth of furniture in her office, all Huda Melky gets is a lump of coal. Sorry, Huda, but you've gotten too much new stuff this year. You're just lucky we talked Santa out of that bundle of switches.

◆ For the morally upstanding citizens of the Bowling Green City Commission, a Jerry Falwell poster, and a Tinky Winky doll they can burn in effigy at their next meeting.

◆ Free cable to the yahoos who vandalized the Four Seasons statue near Snell Hall. You obviously need something better to do on Friday nights.

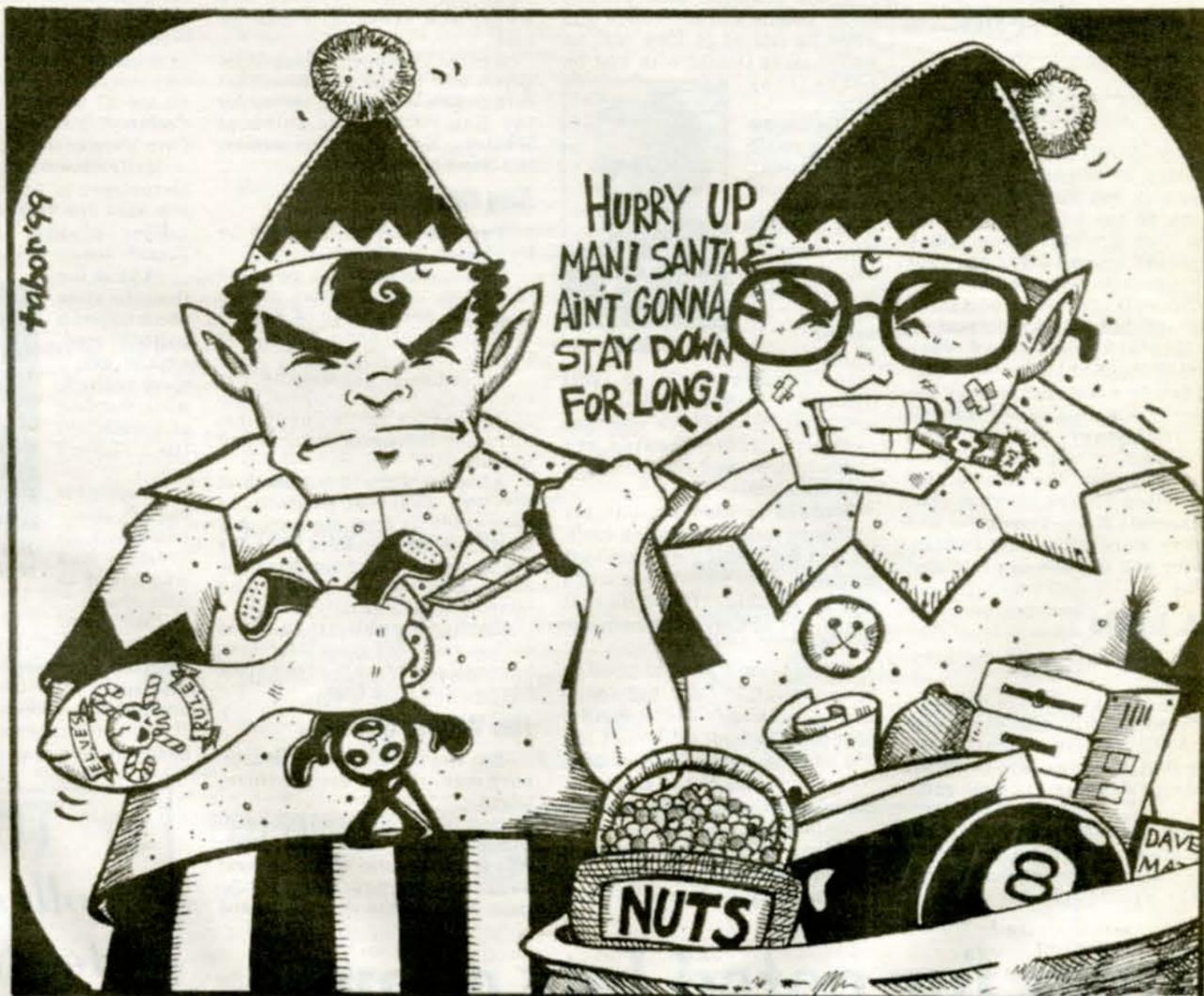
◆ J.J. the squirrel gets a basket of nuts. We were hoping to give him a home in the Herald office, but since there's a strict "No Rodents" policy at Garrett Conference Center, no such luck.

◆ And last but not least, a gift for General Counsel Debbie Wilkins and Psychology professor Ray Mendel:

In the interest of keeping petty squabbling from overshadowing university interests, we have three words for you two: steel cage match. Debbie "Silent Assassin" Wilkins versus Ray "Macho Man" Mendel in a little something we like to call Campus Administrator Deathmatch '99. We'll call MTV.

And, of course, we'd like to offer everybody at Western peace on Earth, goodwill toward men, blahdy blahdy blah.

Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happier New Year.



Letters to the Editor

'Greek Village' ill-concieved

Come on! Who does Western Kentucky University think it's kidding?

We currently have 27 Greek social organizations on campus. Of these, 19 already have houses off campus in addition to any space on campus they need.

Do I even need to mention New Sorority Hall? The newest hall on campus is a home to Greek women and a few independents. Compared to the other residence halls on campus, it's a palace.

The other dorms are 30 years old. They are cinderblock buildings with cold tile floors and slimy showers shared by 30 people.

Why should Greeks get special treatment? Let's say that each group has 100 members. That would only total 2,700 people, fewer than one quarter of the campus' enrollment.

President Gary Ransdell says the "Greek Village" is first on the university's wish list — the other options will be considered secondarily. Why should the majority of Western students be considered second?

The truth is, Ransdell likes the idea of having the "controllable Greeks" right next door. The idea has already

been proposed to the Greeks. If just seven fraternities and sororities can find the funding, they will be moving right on in. Then Ransdell can more easily "facilitate" opportunities to help Greeks plan community services — and parties.

Jerry Wilder, vice-president of Student Affairs, has a great idea — merit housing for upperclassmen. This would allow all students the opportunity to move into apartment-style housing. Right now, many students don't have that option because their financial aid requires them to live on campus.

Interfraternity council president Dan Gilbert said having the houses near each other would make it easier to "communicate with other chapters in doing things together."

Let's see what happens when the president is awakened at 2 a.m. by the Greeks' "communication."

Joy Cunningham
Bowling Green senior
Kappa Delta alumna

Student patrols get a bad rap

While driving back to my dorm after the Holiday Pops Concert at Capitol

Arts, I had a flat tire. Well, here I was dressed in a tuxedo, and had to drag the jack and the "donut spare" out of my trunk. I heard a voice behind me — a student patrolman. (You know, the ones we always complain about for giving us tickets.) He said, "Here man, let me help you with that so you don't have to get dirty."

He radioed in to the office that he was assisting me, and he helped me get the "donut" out of my trunk, and helped me get the flat off and the donut on, and the flat into the trunk. Soon, a uniformed officer showed up. He assisted, too, with that big Mag-Lite flashlight.

My point is, our campus public safety officers aren't out to get us students. They're not driving around looking for cars to ticket. They're real people just like us students, who would want the same help if in a similar situation. I'm not sure who the officer was, nor the student patrolman, but I thank him. I have a whole new respect for the campus police, not just as officers of the law, but as human beings.

Brian Roberson
Scottsville sophomore

What do you want for Christmas?



"A big life-sized teddy bear."

Susan Williamson
Memphis sophomore



"A red Dodge Ram would be nice."

Megan McCarty
Lexington sophomore



"A new top for my Jeep."

Craig White
Louisville junior



"An E-Z Bake Oven and a Lite Brite."

Chris Moore
Louisville sophomore



"I want to pass all of my finals, especially stage directing."

Chris Hendrix
Russellville junior

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Dorm dwellers, RAs sound off about columnist's comments

All I have to say is "wow." I asked for your response to my idea that Housing and Residence Life is a bloated, bureaucratic organization that treats students like babies. You know, the resident assistants forced to make the kiddie bulletin boards, participate in Mountain Dew binge-drinking programs and enforce an ID policy that purports to stop and ID every person who lives in 26-floor Pearce-Ford Tower.

Your response was fantastic. I got a slew of email and snail mail, negative and positive - too much to print here. Read up.

Greg Knoerr of PFT writes, "I just wanted to write and say I agree 100 percent with what you said in the paper. This is college and all of us are adults, just as much as the folks who run the place. Without us, the students, then there would be nothing to run. We need to be given more respect."

"I live in PFT, where now they keep the top floor study room locked. I pay my tuition, I have the right to use that room at any time. It's not my fault that hall directors can't control what goes on in their building. Maybe if they'd leave their soft, cushioned, office chairs once in a while they'd get something done."

Amen, brother. You'll love this message from a "veteran RA" who chose to remain anonymous because he wants to keep his job: "I can't speak for all RAs, but most of us could care less about how many guests residents have, how long they stay,



News & Notes
Matt Batchelder

what takes place in their rooms or if residents read our highly informative bulletin boards."

Hear that, Brian Kuster? Gary Ransdell? You're wasting my money, and Carrie Saedler's, too. Carrie is a freshman in Central Hall who moved away from Louisville to gain some freedom and independence.

"Boy, was I wrong!!" she writes. "I absolutely hate 'dorm life.' I don't know where to start. The front doors should always be locked and you should have to have your keys to get in. That's how my house is."

"I also think floor meetings are a waste of my time ... You have to stop what you're doing to sit in a dirty hall at 9:00 sharp, with a fat RA wanting to know 'who has been peeing on the toilet seat in the second stall?'"

You guys crack me up, but you're right. I only had one letter of dissent, from Walter Walker, a North Hall RA. Walter was "shocked and insulted" with the "irresponsible and immature way" I wrote the article.

"I would also like to tell him that as long as there are people

setting two or three fires a night, there will still be RAs."

This is true, Walter. In fact, I never advocated getting rid of RAs, just getting rid of desk clerks and locking the doors. RAs would be "on call," much like how the University of Evansville successfully handles things.

He continues: "As long as people try to sneak outsiders in co-ed dorms, excuse me, residence halls, and start to actually act like they belong in college, there will always be an RA."

So my non-Western friends are "outsiders?" Walter goes on to dispute my observation that it takes a maintenance request to replace a light bulb in my dorm room. Well, Walter, that's what one of your fellow RAs told me.

He closes his letter by saying, "If you were in my building, you would have got beat up ... and not by the staff." Now who's being immature? Threats of violence will get us nowhere, Walter. Let's talk this out.

Listen to the anonymous RA: "The Department of Housing and Residence Life reminds me of the Internal Revenue Service. They may see better ways of doing things, yet many upper-level staff members refuse change. In this way, they retain a high level of job security."

"Keeping this in mind, it's understandable why so many students return home on the weekends. At least their parents treat them like adults."

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SGA wants fee to go to classrooms, resources

BY ABBEY BROWN
Herald reporter

The Student Government Association has voiced its opinion as to what it wants the university to do with the \$17 that will be left over after the Student Health Service Fee is reduced to \$15.

During Tuesday's SGA meeting, congress unanimously voted to recommend the leftover fee, paid by students each semester, to be reallocated for three different purposes. In the proposal laid out by President Gary Ransdell, \$7.50 of the funds will go towards purchasing teaching and resource equipment, another \$7.50 for classroom improvements and the remaining \$2 will go to auxiliary athletics - the Topperettes, marching and concert bands, cheerleaders and Spirit Masters.

Although this money would not go back into students' pockets, if the proposal is approved, the money will be worth twice as much since \$15 of the redirected fee will be matched by the state. The Council on Postsecondary Education is proposing two incentive funds, technology enhancements and capital renewal, which will be matched dollar to dollar.

SGA President Amanda Coates said she wanted to know where the SGA Congress stood before she voted on the issue at the Board of Regents meeting.

"In SGA's J.U.M.P. table survey, a majority of the students said they wanted the leftover

money from the fee to be returned to them," Coates said. "But this was before the option of doubling our money was available. I think this is too lucrative to turn down."

Ransdell said the university's first priority is the quality of the on-campus learning environment. He said the most desperate need is teaching, research and technology equipment.

"We simply cannot keep up with the technological advances and changes which occur on almost a daily basis," Ransdell said. "Our faculty need the capacity to provide a state-of-the-art education."

Ransdell said another concern the university has is the conditions of the classrooms which "are deteriorating."

The money provided from the fee will go toward new ceilings, floor tiles, paint, window treatments and other improvements.

Although the money going to auxiliary athletics will not be matched, Ransdell said the need for this funding is just as important to the quality of campus life.

The SGA resolution said the funds for these auxiliary athletics will aid athletic organizations who receive little or no funding from the university.

In other SGA business, congress passed a resolution to extend library hours from midnight to 2 a.m., Dec. 13-17. The longer hours are to help students have an environment more conducive to studying, the resolution stated.

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ALCOHOL: Wilkins unaware of other policies

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to release it.

The refusal cited an exception in the state open records law, stating that the "records requested consist of preliminary internal drafts, notes, and correspondence," not a final policy, even though she discussed some details when the draft was made in spring 1998.

But Wilkins said yesterday that the only reason for not releasing the draft was that Ransdell believes if the draft was published, "someone might say, 'oh, here's a policy, we can go drink.'"

When Ransdell was told this, he laughed.

"I don't think there's anything that would give students any more or less incentive to drink," he said. Ransdell said publicizing any draft policy would be "ill-advised" in case the final version is substantially different from draft, but should a comprehensive policy eventually be established, he doesn't expect it to differ greatly from current university rules.

Wilkins said she sent the draft to the Attorney General for review because it differs from other schools' policies.

"I wasn't aware that other universities permitted alcohol on their campuses," she said in an email. "Did I miss something?"

Wilkins also said she often consults with the Attorney General and other state university attorneys. But she didn't know the University of Louisville allows alcohol even in dorms for those over 21, nor that the University of Kentucky allows alcohol in non-undergraduate university-owned housing, at two buildings leased from the university and at some university functions with special permission.

UK's policy, implemented this fall, was not reviewed by the Attorney General or anyone outside the university, said UK dean of students David Stockham.

"Our source of authority was our Board of Trustees," Stockham said. "We believe that the authority that the university has to govern itself clearly granted us authority to do as we did."

Murray State University's alcohol policy was approved by its Board of Regents, said vice president for Student Affairs Mike Young. The Kentucky State University policy was implemented by the Cabinet of the President, equivalent to Western's Executive Committee, said vice president for Student Affairs Kenneth Chapman.

Eastern Kentucky University's policy, in effect since fall 1998, was passed by the Board of Regents, said Director of Judicial Affairs Harry Moberly.

None of those schools sent their policies to the attorney general for approval. Nor did Northern Kentucky University, said Dean of Students Bill Lamb.

"I don't think we considered sending it to the attorney general because I don't think there's any question we had the authority to do what we did," Moberly said.

It's common for state universities to request opinions on various issues, but not campus alcohol policies, Bellamy said.

"Personally I am not aware of any other opinion request on this issue," he said.

For now, that leaves alcohol policies undefined for faculty functions, tailgating and university events.

"It was not critical or urgent from our perspective," Wilkins said. "I have not participated in any discussions regarding this policy in over a year."

"I've not thought about that for some time," Ransdell said. "I wouldn't look for an absolute, cut-and-dry policy in the near future."

Donation brings improvement to fitness center

BY ABBEY BROWN
Herald reporter

Students who participate in intramurals will no longer have to worry about not being able to see a ball to catch it, or cutting their game short because it is too dark.

A \$1 million donation from Ray and Hattie Preston, through the Preston Family Foundation, will make the Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sports Complex fully operational, Regent Cornelius Martin said.

The gift will buy field lighting, five incandescent scoreboards, a hydroponic irrigation system, a commercial lawn mower and the construction of an in-line hockey rink.

"Well, Ray, you have your name-sake," Martin said as he announced the Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sports Complex.

This complex will affect a great number of students directly, Raymond Preston said.

"I am very happy to be a part of this development," he said. "The real athletes get the Preston Center; this is where the rest of us can play."

Melissa Crace, a sophomore

from Brentwood, Tenn., said it's about time students who are not on the varsity level get a place to play.

The Prestons, both Western alumni, also gave an undisclosed financial contribution in 1991 to build the Preston Health and Activities Center. Raymond and Hattie, who now reside in Henderson, met in a psychology class at Western.

After graduating in 1940, Preston founded the PB&S Chemical Company. He served on the Board of Regents for five years in the early 90s. He is now the chairman of Ohio Valley National Bank and runs Preston Farms.

Preston said the entire payment of the \$1 million will be made within 14 months.

Hogdenville senior Miller Boley said the facility is going to be nice "when all is said and done."

Director of intramural and recreational sports director Debby Cherwak said intramurals have been a tradition at Western for more than 40 years.

"The program has grown to include more than 20 competitive activities as well as several organized sports clubs, a wide variety of fitness and instructional pro-

grams, the Health and Fitness Lab and the Preston Center," Cherwak said.

There are about 7,000 students who participate in intramural sports each year, she said. The complex, 20-acres, includes four softball fields, eight flag football fields, six soccer fields, a regulation rugby field and an outdoor jogging track. A two-story building already on the site will house concession areas, garage and equipment storage, restrooms, score keeping areas, offices and a lounge.

The complex will host all campus intramural competitions and sports clubs, and possibly become the site of regional, state and national tournaments, Cherwak said. The facility will also be available for rent by local community groups.

President Gary Ransdell was unable to attend the announcement of the gift because he was at the Inauguration of Gov. Paul Patton, so Julie Ransdell spoke on her husband's behalf.

"At Western, our focus is on the whole student," she said. "In addition to a stimulating educational and cultural environment, we provide our students with

opportunities to improve themselves physically."

Student Government Association President Amanda Coates said she was especially proud of the intramural complex because it began with the students. The first \$800,000 for the project was funded through a four-year student fee. Jerry Wilder, vice president for Student Affairs, came to SGA with the idea to continue the student fee from the Preston Center to help fund the intramural complex.

"His foresight, along with your gift, will give us a facility that the students and all who are associated with Western can be proud of," Coates said.

Louisville senior Greg Hughes said this new facility will accommodate a variety of sports.

"I have traveled a lot and I think this will be one of the best complexes I've seen," Hughes said. Raymond said he and his wife have always had a soft spot in their hearts for Western.

"Western's biggest appeal to us is the family atmosphere the prevails," Raymond said. "You feel you are a part of something that has an aura of permanence about it."



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West Hall has highest thefts

BY BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

There were more thefts reported in West Hall than any other dorm, and more thefts reported in the parking structure than any other lot on campus this semester, according to a Herald analysis of police records.

Four thefts were reported from West Hall this semester, despite it being the 12th largest dorm out of 18 in terms of population with 149 residents. Each theft carried a loss under \$300. The largest building, the 26-story Pearce-Ford Tower with 532 residents, had only two reports of theft, both under \$300. One of those was theft of mail from the mail room.

The West thefts surprised Georgetown freshman and West Hall resident Joshua Niedwick.

"Well, so far this year, I haven't had any kind of theft," he said. "I'm not overly concerned. It kind of concerns me that West has the most though."

A total of 19 thefts were reported from dorm rooms this semester. Barnes-Campbell and Bemis Lawrence halls tied for second with three theft reports a piece. Zacharias, South, New Sorority, Rodes-Harlin, Bates-Runner, Gilbert and Poland halls did not have any reports of theft.

Campus police Capt. Mike Wallace said there may not have even been that many thefts because some turn out "unfounded," meaning someone who reported a theft later finds the once thought-to-be-stolen items or realizes someone had borrowed them.

"I'd have to say 19 thefts is about average," Wallace said. "I've seen more. In almost every case the (victim's) door is unsecured. You have to keep your door locked at all times and you have to have an understanding with your roommate. I'd have to say most people don't leave their doors unlocked at home when they go to the store, so why do it here?"

A thief will not spend much time in a dorm room, Wallace said. He cited one study that said a thief spends only 20 seconds or less in a room, and that room doors usually aren't broken into.

"The doors are pretty substantial," he said. "I've never seen anyone batter a door to get into a room" on campus.

Niedwick said he always locks his door, even when leaving for just a short period of time.

Parking Lot Crime

The parking structure was the most dangerous place to park your car on campus this semester.

Parking lot	No. of thefts and damage reports
Parking Structure	7
Diddle Lot	3
Bemis Lot	3
Russellville Rd. Lot	2
Big Red Way	2
Central Lot	2



Source: Police reports

John Stamper/Herald

"It would be nice to say that we live in a day and age that we can leave the room and not worry about our possessions, but we don't," he said.

There were 26 reports of damage or thefts from parked vehicles on university lots, including seven in the parking structure. Thefts from vehicles mostly included compact discs and in-dash CD players, specifically Pioneer models. The Bemis lot and Diddle lot produced the second most reports, with three thefts in each.

Magnolia freshman Michael Benningfield had a Pioneer CD player, 10 CDs and a bed mat, total value \$435, stolen from his Chevrolet S-10 between Nov. 1 and Nov. 2.

"I think it (the structure) is a pretty dangerous place to leave your car, really," Benningfield said. "I looked at the Herald that week and I think something was stolen from the structure every night that week. It seems like there's always something going on in there."

The risk for thefts is on the rise thanks to the holiday season, Wallace said.

"Generally, as we approach the end of the semester, the number of thefts will go up," Wallace said. "Money is short around the holidays for many people. You might see more textbook thefts as well. Don't leave anything in plain sight in your vehicle. At least put all of your items in the trunk or somewhere they won't be seen."

MENDEL: Good memories far outweigh the bad

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accounting firm, said if Western didn't apply with the law, it would have to reimburse the federal government for Colleen's salary, including a \$20 million federal grant awarded the year before.

But Mendel insists the federal government had not, and would not, push for the law to be enforced. Instead, he says, Wilkins ordered the audit as an excuse to get rid of him.

Wilkins said she "chose some time ago not to respond to Ray's personal attacks on me," even though she said it seemed Mendel is out to get her.

"In many instances, an attorney is ethically prohibited from commenting publicly on certain matters," Wilkins wrote via email. "Depending on the circumstances, the attorney may be prohibited from commenting even to defend his or herself. ... When an attorney declines to comment, it is probably because they have no choice in the matter."

But Mendel isn't going to stick around for a response, quitting his position as psychology professor in the Industrial Organizational Psychology graduate program.

Mendel was hired to start that program, and was the only teacher for the program during its first seven years of existence. Since then, the program has grown constantly and was one of five programs to be nominated for Program of Distinction.

Mendel served as faculty regent for more than six years and had just been reelected for a third term before he resigned.

"I think it goes without saying that I'm immensely grateful to the faculty," Mendel said. "I think I'm the only faculty that has been

elected to serve three terms as regent. I know I'm the only one to be elected for three terms and serve less than two."

And despite the reasons for his resignation, Mendel said the good memories at Western far outweigh the bad, saying he is "generally very proud and pleased" with the psychology and other academic departments, as well as the general excellence of the students.

"(Students) have relatively few problems here on campus, which is really a credit to (Vice President of Student Affairs) Jerry Wilder and (Dean of Student Life) Howard Bailey."

He also noted the general welfare of Western has improved since Gary Ransdell took over as president, after Thomas Meredith's resignation.

"I think we needed a president that would do more than just talk about fundraising, and I think he has done just that," said Mendel, who had Ransdell as a student during his first year of teaching at Western.

Administrators who worked with Mendel said he will be missed.

"Ray was probably the most forceful faculty regent the University has had," said history professor and former Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Haynes. "He's very articulate and a very bright man ... He was an all-around excellent university citizen."

Chief Financial Officer Ann Mead also appreciated Mendel's contributions to the university.

"Dr. Mendel kept me on my toes," Mead said. "Regardless if we agreed with his approach, his goal was important. He wanted the university to commit to enhanced funding for instruction."



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During her first visit back to Diddle Arena, Kaye's co-worker, Tommy Long (center), was able to chat for only a few minutes before bidding his old friend farewell. The two have not seen each other since the accident. Tom Allen (left) and Clara Crump (right) look on.

Dream Walker

Former Western building service attendant Kaye Cantrell was left paralyzed from the neck down after a car accident in August.

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like this, scared to go to a nursing home and scared that there won't be anyone to take care of me.

"But other days I think it's not so bad being like this ... I just want to be able to take care of myself some, and I don't want to just sit here and do nothing. I want to be able to work again."

Kaye's wheelchair beeps as she repositions her legs with a device that responds to the power of her breath. There are braces on her feet so that she doesn't injure them. A cast holds her broken left arm in place and a cloth guard holds her limp right hand in position so that it doesn't get twisted or hurt. Her short hair lays flat on her head. It used to be past her shoulders.

"Oh, well," she says with a smile. "I needed a haircut anyway."

Last year things were different. Much different.

Kaye lived in a small house in Edmonson County with her husband, Robert, and her kids. She worked 37 and a half hours a week for Western as a building service attendant in Diddle Arena, and on the weekends she and her husband worked at Fazoli's. Kaye was looking forward to paying off some of her bills and remodeling her home.

But that life is gone and Kaye doesn't look back. And the one thing she never dreams about is the accident that made her this way.

The accident

It was 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 21, 1999, two days before school started. Kaye was riding in the car with her husband, Charles. The two were carrying out their Saturday morning ritual of breakfast at the Hilltop Restaurant in Edmonson County before they headed to their job at Fazoli's.

As they drove down Highway 259, Charles called out to his wife.

"He said 'Kaye!' and when I looked over he was passed out, laying on the steering wheel," Kaye said. "I tried to turn the steering wheel away from the electric pole we were getting ready to hit, but I couldn't. We were going fast and it was bumpy ... Then we hit."

She blacked out. A haze claimed much of the next week and a half. Only a few memories stand out — the crunching sound of



Kaye works in the afternoons with Julie Rager, an occupational therapist from Lifeline. Rager helps stretch her arms to move and strengthen the muscles. Yesterday, Kaye realized that she had gained even more movement in her arms than she had just a few days ago.

glass and metal, emergency medical technicians yelling and checking her vital signs, and finally the whipping wind of helicopter blades. Then nothing.

When she woke up in the trauma unit at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Kaye had bandages on her face, tubes in her nose and screws in her head. A metal "halo" held her head and neck in place. The obvious and temporary injuries were a broken neck and arm. The permanent injuries weren't clear at first, at least not to Kaye.

"I didn't really know that I was paralyzed until I was told point blank," she said. "I really thought that I was going to go home and take up my life like I always had."

But the chance of leading a regular life was over for Kaye. Paralyzed from the neck down, she had some movement in her shoulders and arms, but feeling in her legs, hands

and torso would be gone forever. For the next two months she would find her home at Mediplex Rehabilitation Center, and when she was finally released, home would be her parents' trailer in Auburn.

Rehab

Clara Crump, Kaye's mother, stayed day and night in the waiting room outside the trauma unit. When she got the chance, she went in to see her daughter, but only Crump remembers those conversations.

"She didn't know what she was going to do because she didn't have anyone to take care of her," Crump said. "So I said, 'I'll give you a choice — I said you can go home, or you can come to my house, and she said, 'I'll come to your house.'"

Kaye's husband couldn't work and take

care of his wife at the same time. They now live separately yet are still married.

When that agreement was made, Kaye couldn't speak, and her mother had to read her lips. The feeding machine silenced her.

Slowly, with the help of experts at Mediplex Rehabilitation Center, she began breathing and speaking on her own, strengthening her muscles enough to sit up, and learning how to maximize the little movement she had in her arms.

"I was scared that I wouldn't be able to talk, that's why I was so excited when they plugged (the speaking valve) off," she said. "It was my real voice and it didn't come from a speaking valve or anything. It was the first time I had heard my voice in a month and a half."

Struggling with finances

At home, Kaye and her family met more challenges. While insurance and Medicaid paid for Kaye's \$20,000 wheelchair and medical expenses, she only gets \$30 a month from Social Security on which to live. And with her parents on fixed incomes, it seems impossible they will ever get the \$10,000-\$20,000 they need for a wheelchair-accessible van. But with the help of some faculty and staff members at Western, she is going to get a start.

Kaye's friends at Western, along with many that didn't even know her, set up a luncheon yesterday in her honor and an account at the Service One Credit Union under her full name, Patricia Kaye Cantrell.

Kaye borrowed a van and joined 176 faculty and staff members for the luncheon in her honor. The donations and \$5 tickets added up to nearly \$1,000. Supervisors, group leaders and building service attendants from Facilities Management collected food donations and set up the event.

One friend, Tom Allen, shared Kaye's table. He reminisced about the days when he and Kaye would wash sinks and toilet seats and complain about their backs.

"I considered Kaye a personal friend, and I think she's doing wonderful," Allen said.

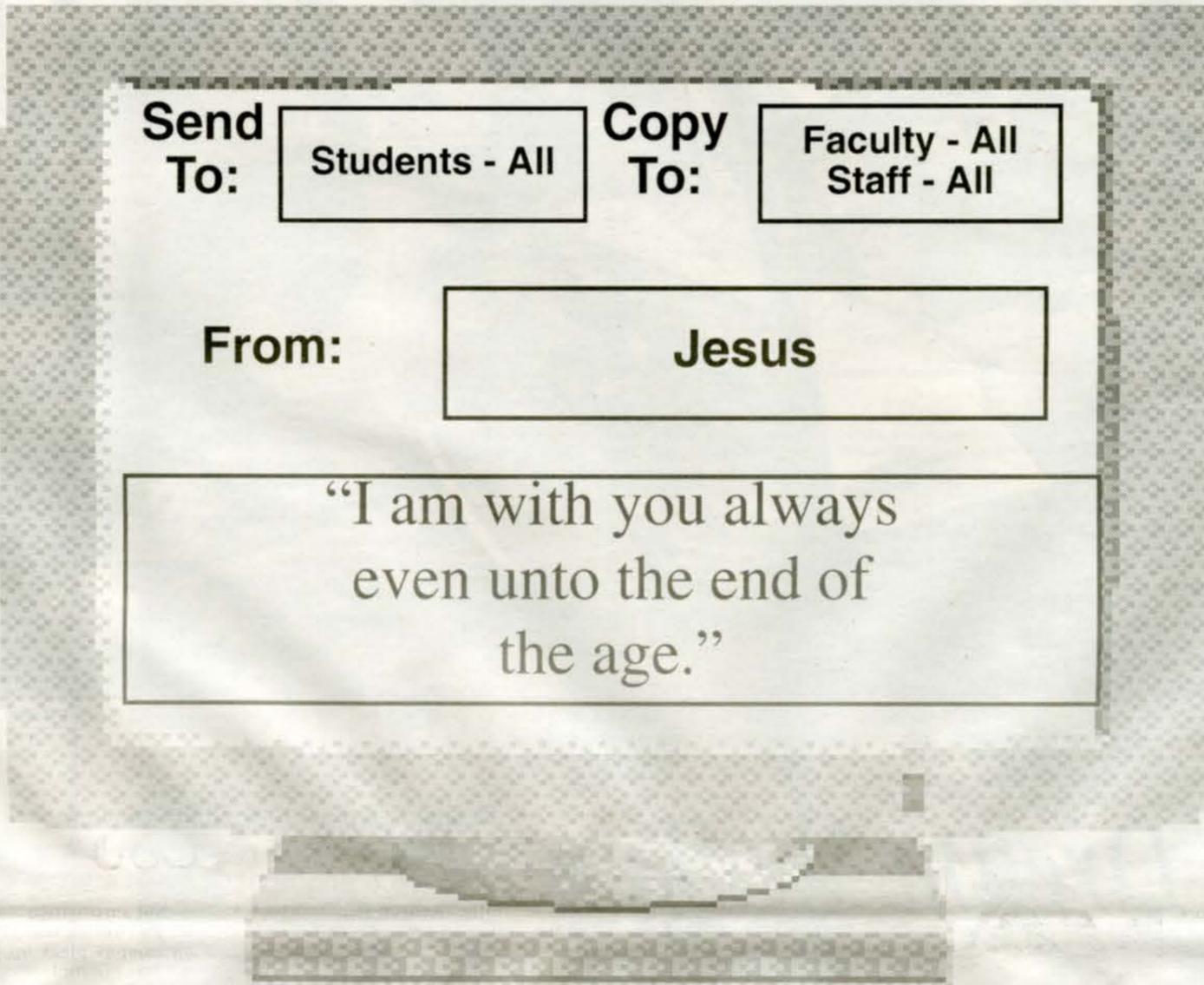
Kaye remembered the bathroom washing days, too.

"Now that's something I don't miss," she said with a smile.

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STORY BY ERICA WALSH
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Gayle Kenyon, a certified massage therapist, has been a professional massage therapist for 10 years. "It's more accepted. It's getting a better name in the medical field," Kenyon says.



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Gayle Kenyon is the resident massage therapist on campus. She has been practicing at Western for two years.

"It's wonderful. I love working here," she said.

Kenyon uses all different types of massage techniques both here and at her private practice, but most of her massages are based on the traditional Swedish techniques.

Massage history

Massage falls into the category of alternative methods of health care, an issue

that has been strongly present in society since the mid '80s, according to Kenyon.

However, massage began almost 3,000 years ago in China. In the early 1800s, Dr. Pehr Ling of Sweden led the development of the proper uses of massage therapy. Native Americans added heat and herbs to the traditional massage to treat medical problems, according to the Central Ohio School of Massage Online.

During the 1960s, natural and alternative treatment began to surface again, and since then massage has been leading the field of alternative health care techniques.

It has also become more accepted in both the medical field and with the public.

There are definite medical benefits to massage, according to Teresa Edmundson, the Health Educator at Student Health Services.

Some benefits include increasing blood circulation, calming nerves, boosting the immune system and benefiting posture.

"Massage enhances what your body

Massage out the MADNESS

does naturally," Kenyon said. "It's basically just a good all-around element in healing."

Alternative techniques

If a basic massage sounds a bit boring, there are new techniques available at local day spas in Bowling Green.

At Sun Suites Salon, the hands have been replaced. No more magic fingers; a machine does all the work.

Vibratory endermatherapie massages are relaxation massages that include acupressure and a vibratory machine. They relieve pain, help with circulation and promote detoxification, according to Mandy Ogle, an employee at Sun Suites.

"Actually, we have a lot more demand now than two years ago when it was all hands on. Now it's all machines," Ogle said.

Sun Suites also offers other alternative health care methods, including European body wraps. The wraps can be included in packages with the endermatherapie massages.

Stress relief

"Massage is a good, basic stress reliever," Kenyon said.

Stress is the no. 1 cause of most of the physical problems Kenyon sees.

Also, since it's now finals time, stress relief is definitely on students' and faculty's minds.

Not surprisingly, the end of the semester and during midterms is when massage on campus picks up. But sometimes, it's not just the students that need relief.

"I find it amusing that during finals week I tend to have more professors than students," Kenyon said.

Kenyon offers both one-hour, full-body massages and half-hour, localized stress sessions. The increase in massage's popularity caused Kenyon to add another day to her schedule to fit in more appointments.

Even with the added day, Kenyon thinks not many people on campus are aware that massages are offered.

Bardstown sophomore David Wilkins didn't know massages were available at Preston. He said now that he knows, he would be interested in getting one, or giving someone a gift certificate.

"It's relaxing," he said. "I'd do it."

Massages are offered at the Health and Fitness Lab at the Preston Center every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday in both one-hour and half-hour appointments. Appointments can be made the day of a massage. For a half-hour massage, the cost for students is \$15, and \$23 for faculty and staff. For an hour massage, the cost for students is \$23 and \$38 for faculty and staff. Gift certificates are available.

For more information and to set up appointments call the Health and Fitness Lab at 745-6531.

The end of an era - Hutch says goodbye

Wowza. This is it, kids. My last Weekend SuperPicks ever.

I've had fun sharing my mildly-warped perspective of life with you guys. Think about all the things we've talked about this semester: the shallowness of the college male; the dying art of conversation (and how we need a point system to tell people how we're doing); the need for dinner roll critics.

You've read my letter to Bill Gates, pleading for money. You laughed when I dissed those ridiculous lights on top of Cherry Hall. You cringed when I con-

fessed peeing on myself in a department store.

You wrote me emails. You called. You shared your personal stories when I shared mine in SuperPicks. I want to thank you for that.

My life has changed dramatically since I came to Western. Every college senior will proclaim this, and they're right. Five and a half years ago, I came here in love. I came here knowing two people on campus. I came here focused solely on becoming an uber-journalist ... the ultimate reporter.

I'm leaving — alone. I'm leaving with a legacy of friendships that will continue throughout the rest of my life. I'm leaving knowing no one can be the "ultimate" anything.

Now I just try to be the best man I can be. The rest — writing, romance, success, whatever — comes when it's time.

Here's the secret, kids. The rite of passage isn't attending college. It's the things we encounter during these years. Those things galvanize us. Those things, not classes, create adults. Remember that.

This is the last thing I'll write at Western, but I'm going to share one more thing with you: the first thing I ever wrote at Western. It's the journal entry from my first day here.

You'll smile because you'll see a lot of yourself in here. You'll see how far you've grown, too.

Aug. 18, 1994 — Day One
Well, I'm here. It's been a busy day. ... I moved in, and then Dad, (my sister) Melissa and I hung out for a while. Then I walked them to the car. Dad cried really hard. I cried, too. I really didn't expect him to cry as much as he did.



Chris Hutchins
Weekend Superpicks

He said he was really proud of me. It made me feel reassured because I was scared. Then they left.

Tomorrow should be somewhat busy for me. I have to get my

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Daddy's Girl

Olivia Rose • 12/4/99 • 8lbs, 2oz. • 21in



Her lips are not going to kiss a man's lips until she's 31.

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Several hours after her birth, Western photojournalism teacher James Kenney spends time with Olivia, his fourth child. Kenney also has three sons.

Waiting



Final Push



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First Sight



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Relief



PHOTOS BY JONATHAN KIRSHNER

Through the eyes of the photographer

On Dec. 4, I had the honor of documenting the birth of Olivia Rose Kenney. I witnessed the most beautiful event that humans can experience.

Nothing can prepare you adequately for seeing the birth of a child. No amount of photographs, books, or videos, can describe the magnitude of raw emotions.

The delivery was like a steady rhythm. Each set of contractions were followed by a few minutes of recovery. Slowly the rhythm intensified. Each push bringing the baby closer to her mom and dad.

In a matter of seconds, the room was consumed with energy. It was like a tremor that gave rise to a powerful earthquake. Every nerve in my body was flushed with nervous excitement and awe as I watched James begin to cry as his daughter's first cries filled the room.

With one final push, Olivia was in the doctor's arms. I struggled to hold back my tears as I watched James and Nancy see their daughter for the first time. Their eyes filled with love for their daughter and each other.

Through the eyes of the father

Last Saturday, Olivia Rose Kenney entered the world outside the womb. She is my fourth child, my first girl. To adequately put fatherhood into words is futile. So I'll keep this short and let the pictures do the talking.

I don't do well at births. That is to say, I completely lose control of myself at the moment of birth. Nine months of anticipation comes down to one timeless, indescribable moment. My wife's last push and my baby's first cry, and there I am, staring at a miracle through a veil of tears. God's hidden treasure revealed.

For me, fatherhood is about saying yes — to life, to love, to commitment, to selflessness. It's an affirmation. With each child I am reminded of what really matters in my life.

So I welcome the tears. I know that having four children these days is somewhat of a rarity. A few people have asked me when we are going to stop. I look at the face of my newest gift from God and ask myself, what if we had stopped?

Welcome to our family Olivia Rose. You are treasured.

With Olivia clean and bundled up, Nancy breast-feeds Olivia Rose for the first time while James calls his mom, Edith Kenney, to tell her the news.



Beech Bend lets racers rev it up

By JENNIFER WALDRIDGE
Herald reporter

Rev up your engines, race fans, and head out to Beech Bend Raceway Park for some fast-moving, bust-your-eardrums, smoke-in-the-air racing action.

But don't take off too fast. Racing is not all you'll find at Beech Bend.

Most Western students have probably only heard of Beech Bend in relation to the annual field party called Banshee, but that's only one thing that takes place at the park. In addition to drag racing, round track racing and even motorcycle racing, there is also an amusement park at Beech Bend. The amusement park is currently undergoing some restoration, according to Dallas Jones, who has owned the park since 1984.

"It's going to be a slow process of bringing the amusement park back," Jones said. "It's been out for several years, and we've bought some new pieces and want to bring it back."

There is also a campground.

"The campground was totally delapidated," he said. "We wanted to revamp it, and in 1998, we had 19,700 campers."

But racing is the main focus of the park. This year, the park has extended its racing season to December. After Thanksgiving, Beech Bend will sponsor its first Thanksgiving Bracket Nationals event. Jones expects a big crowd to come check out the drag racing.

"It's not only good for Beech Bend, but for some racers to win some money, and for the community and economy," Jones said. He said there are usually anywhere between 800 to 1,200 people at Beech Bend on a given Saturday night.

"Round track racing is probably more popular, but it's more local," Jones said. "Drag racing impacts the economy more because it brings more people from out of town."

Dewayne Poynter, a former Western student of Glasgow, races his 1970 Camaro on the drag strip most Saturday nights.

"I started with old cars when I was young," he said. "I got into wanting to go fast and I had an interest in old cars."

But what is it about this sport that is so attractive?

"It's being competitive," Poynter said. "I like enjoying the track and seeing the cars, and associating with other drivers."

Poynter's friend, Scott Pedigo, also of Glasgow, races a 1967 Camaro.

"I do it for the thrill of it," Pedigo said. "It's the adrenaline

rush." On certain nights, the park has what they call "fun racing," which is just people who want to run their cars on the drag strip. Anyone can do this for the gate fee of \$5. Some individuals who hope to race in the big leagues can get a trial run with fun racing.

"It's like a basketball player," Jones said. "To be a good racer, they have to practice."

Some who participate in fun night are trying to get their National Hot Rod Association license. The license requires them to be witnessed by a track for three runs and then have someone from the track sign as a witness. But many of them are just teenagers who want to test out their Mustangs.

Racing is not just about showing off, however, and it has become a very popular sport in recent years.

"I think it has become popular due to TV exposure, advertisements, and it's also fun," Jones said.

Russellville junior Greg Coffman, who races at Beech Bend, agreed.

"I think one reason it has gotten popular is the promotion," he said. He has followed in his racing father's footsteps, and started racing at the age of 16.

Coffman, a business management major

from Russellville, drag races a '66 Chevy II. He takes his dragster all over, from Topeka, Kan., and Kentucky, to Orlando, Fla., but enjoys racing at Beech Bend.

"It's a good track and it's well-managed," Coffman said. "It's a good atmosphere."

Jones said the fact people come to Beech Bend shows they like it.

"They like it or they'd go somewhere else," he said. "It's the little things we do for the racers and the friendly help."

Like Poynter and Pedigo, Coffman said the thrill is in the competition.

"It's fun to go fast, but it's more fun to race against other cars and drivers in a safe environment," he said.

Note the word "safe." Coffman offered a little tip for all those invincible teens and 20-somethings out there.

"I've never street-raced because it's too dangerous," he said. "It's just too dangerous."

Some people like going to the movies, some like mud-wrestling. Jones said it's all about what you like.

"It's just a form of entertainment, like football, golf, wrestling. Different groups of people like different things."

Expect laughter when two guys portray 22 characters

By REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

"A Tuna Christmas," the play where 22 different characters are played by two actors, will be showing from Dec. 16 to 19 at the Capitol Arts Center.

"It's a comedy," Elizabeth-town senior John Keabler said. "It's about a town (named) Tuna, Texas, and chronicles the lives of the 22 people who live there, from Christmas Eve to Christmas Day."

Don't expect to see many objects on stage, besides Keabler and Shailen Bhatt, a sophomore from Tavistock, Ontario.

"We don't use many props," Keabler said, "maybe two or three throughout the whole play."

Keabler and Bhatt will be playing the roles of the 22 characters. It's been hard work for the two. They both have to play 11 different roles, and their rehearsal schedule is beginning to get hectic.

"I play everything from a small kid to an older woman to a teen girl," Keabler said. "The voices are the hardest part, because even though you're distinguishing with costumes, it's still difficult with the pronunciation, pitch, slangs and different accents."

Bhatt agreed with Keabler on the difficulty of playing several different characters.

"All the characters interrelate with one another. The most difficult role for me is Bertha, the mother in the play," Bhatt said. "She's the most recurring character in the play. It's hard to play a woman realistically and it's hard to keep the voice and mannerisms consistent."

Keabler said he and Bhatt have been practicing for two hours a night, Monday through Thursday, in preparation for

the play. But their practice schedule will be getting even more difficult as the Dec. 16 opening night approaches.

"From now until the 19th, we will be practicing every night," Keabler noted.

Still, Bhatt wouldn't trade his roles in the play for anything, however difficult his characters and schedule may be.

"It's wonderful," Bhatt said. "It's great."

Keabler and Bhatt encourage students to come out and see them perform in the play.

"It's a hysterical play and well-written," Bhatt said. "I saw the play before and couldn't quit laughing for two hours."

"It's tough, but it's fun," Keabler said. "Shailen and I have good chemistry on stage, so we should do well."

If you go

What: "A Tuna Christmas"
When: December 16-19, 8 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m.
Where: Capitol Arts Center
Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 Sr. Citizens, \$4 children 10 and under

If you go

What: Beech Bend Raceway Park; auto racing, amusement park, camping, etc.
Where: 798 Beech Bend Road. Follow Kentucky Street toward I-65 to the intersection where it meets Riverview Drive. Turn left onto Riverview and follow it 3-4 miles. Phone 781-7634.
When: Weekends from March until the end of December. Gates open at 3 p.m. Last race of 1999 is the Y2K race on December 5.
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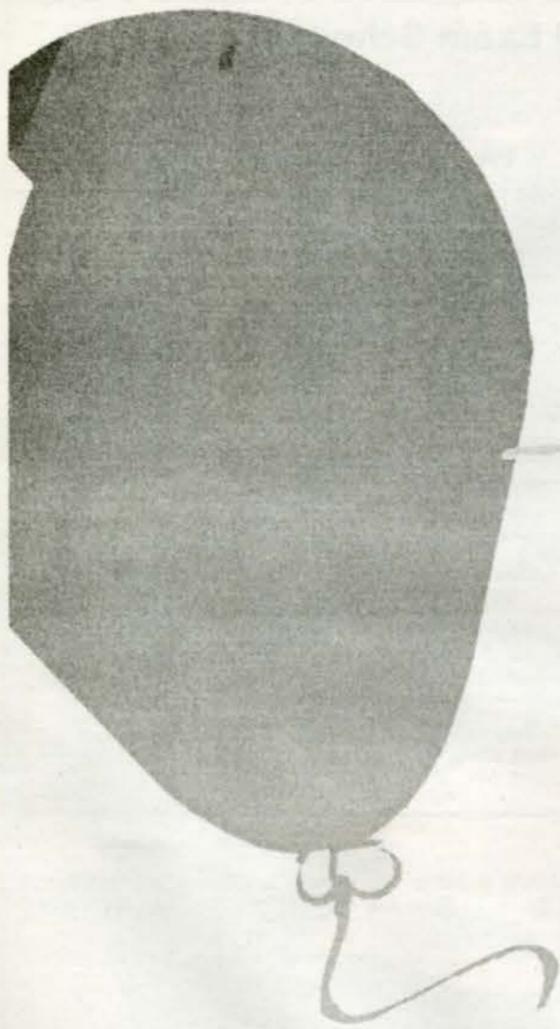
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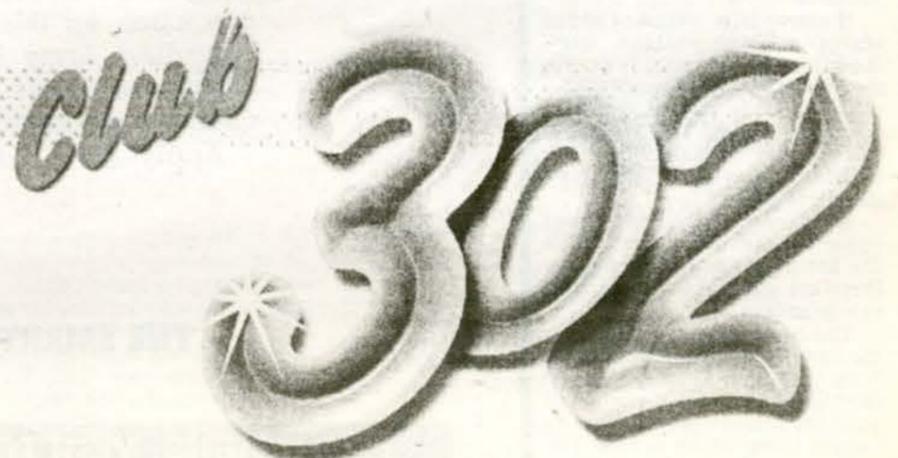
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Radical diets can do more harm than good

BY STEPHANIE GLADNEY
Herald reporter

Louisville freshman Lisa Spratt lost 13 pounds last spring.

For two weeks, she followed a strict diet. She ate eggs, sausage and bacon for breakfast. Then, tuna or grilled chicken for lunch and dinner. No breads, no fruits and vegetables.

And no exercise.

"I did it for prom. It's not something you can stay on for a long time," Spratt said.

She is not the only one trying out this unusual protein diet. Low-carbohydrate, high-protein diets are the most recent trend.

These diets encourage eating only foods high in protein, primarily meats like pork, beef and steak. They discourage most fruits, vegetables, pastas and sweets.

A high-protein diet can help significantly in weight loss but is not recommended by professionals, according to Teresia Huddleston, clinical nutritionist at the Barren River District Health Department.

Your body uses carbohydrates such as pasta and breads for energy. Without these foods, your body burns protein and fat. If that is all you eat, you lose weight.

The diet has its definite downfalls, though.

"It's hard to adjust. You're doing all these funky things to your body," Spratt said.

One of the major side effects is weakness, according to Huddleston. By depriving the body of certain foods, it doesn't get necessary vitamins and nutrients, resulting in malnutrition.

Spratt said she remembered feeling tired and weak constantly while on the diet and made several trips to the bathroom every day after experiencing stomach problems.

Professionals also warn that kidney damage is also a serious concern.

Although this diet might help someone lose a significant amount of weight, keeping it off is a different story.

"I never really stick with it," Spratt said. "It's so hard."

Spratt does not recommend someone stay on a high-protein diet for a long time or to use it as a way to stay thin. The only real way to lose weight and keep it off is by following the food pyramid and getting regular exercise, according to Teresa Edmundson, Western's health educator.

"We are under the opinion that weight loss diets don't work, period," Edmundson said.

Instead of going on a diet, Edmundson suggests changing your lifestyle to become healthier. You should make small, realistic goals such as losing one or two pounds a week.

"Start with small steps, be really patient with yourself and recognize small successes," Edmundson said.

Spratt is also a firm believer in exercise and eating healthier. "The only diet I recommend is the food pyramid," Spratt said. "You eat so much food a day that your body is getting everything you need."

If someone is adamant about trying a high-protein diet, Huddleston strongly suggests they make an appointment with a physician. It is also important to do research on the diet instead of following word of mouth. One popular book is "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution."

If someone is thinking about trying this diet in preparation for the holidays, they should know there are alternatives, according to Edmundson.

The holiday season is one of the hardest times to eat healthy. Edmundson said to take half-servings of food so that you can go back for a little more if you're hungry. Chew slowly so that your body can recognize being full.

"Moderation is the key,"

Edmundson said.

Edmundson also recommended that people "go easy on the alcohol." Most people don't realize that alcohol has a high calorie content and can easily add unwanted weight.

Determining protein needs

If you are interested in knowing how much protein you actually need, here's a quick way to find out.

1. You must first calculate your calorie needs. If you are overweight, multiply your current weight by 10. If you are at your desired weight, multiply your current weight by 15. Example: 160lbs x 10 = 1600 kcals/day.

2. To find your protein needs: Multiply your caloric needs by 12% (.12).

3. Divide that number by 4 to see how many grams of protein you should consume daily. Example: 1600 kcal/day x .12 = 192. Divide by 4 calories per gram = 48 grams of protein.

Source - The Reincarnation of the High-Protein Diet at <http://heartinfo.org/nutrition/hprotein101097.htm>

Fall 1999 Final Exam Schedule

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
8 to 10 a.m.	Classes meeting first at 8 a.m. Tuesday	Classes meeting first at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday		Classes meeting first at 8 a.m. Monday	Classes meeting first at 9:15 a.m. Monday
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Classes meeting first at 10:30 a.m. Monday	Classes meeting first at 11:45 a.m. Monday		Classes meeting first at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday	Classes meeting first at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday
1 to 3 p.m.	Classes meeting first at 2:15 p.m. Monday	Classes meeting first at 1 p.m. Tuesday	Multiple sections of ACCT 200, 201; CHEM 222, and FIN 330	Classes meeting first at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday	Classes meeting first at 1 p.m. Monday

Late afternoon and night classes

3:45 to 5:45 p.m.	Classes meeting at 3:45 Monday only; 3:45 Mon./Wed.	Classes meeting at 3:45 Tuesday only; 3:45 Tue./Thurs.	Classes meeting at 3:45 p.m. Wed.; 5:15 p.m. Mon./Wed.	3:45 Thursday only; 5:15 Tues./Thurs.	
6 to 8 p.m.	Classes meeting at 5:15 Mon. only; 6:45 Mon. only; 6:45 Mon./Wed.	Classes meeting at 5:15 Tuesday only; 6:45 Tuesday only; 6:45 Tue./Thurs.	Classes meeting at 5:15 Wed. only; 6:45 Wed. only	Classes meeting first at 5:15 Thursday only; 6:45 Thursday only	

Final exam schedule wrong in bulletin

The final exam schedule printed in the Fall Schedule Bulletin was incorrect. Classes meeting first at 1 p.m. Monday will take their final at 1 p.m. Friday. To make sure you don't miss a test, see the corrected version above.



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News of the Weird by Chuck Shepherd

Say cheese

Mr. Patrick Corp, 24, pled guilty to possession of child pornography in Grand Rapids, Mich., in November and will be recommended for a federal prison sentence. He had photographed his 17-year-old girlfriend with her permission. Although she is beyond the age of consent to have sex in Michigan, she is too young to be photographed while doing so. In Canada, photographer Gary Geisel, 56, is fighting the same battle; Canada's age of consent for sex is 14, but Manitoba and other provinces set the photograph age at 18.

1999 election results

In mayoral voting, pro wrestlers Jerry "The King" Lawler finished third in Memphis, Tenn. (11 percent of the vote), and Outlaw Josey Wales IV finished third in Houston (10 percent). David W. Irons Jr. won a county council seat in Seattle, beating his sister Di, who had the support of their parents. Eugene Reppenhagen beat his ex-wife Carol for a seat on the Gloversville, N.Y., town council. Levi Levy, 67, lost all five seats he ran for this year in Fairfax County, Va. And African-American Albert Jones finished third in the Louisiana governor's race, six weeks after ballot offi-

cial rejected his attempt to list himself as Albert "Super N-----" Jones.

Its only a drill

Two months after the Columbine High School massacre, a mock hostage practice, complete with much gunfire, at Alvin (Texas) High School sent 193 kids and their teachers scrambling under desks, terrified, until the word finally reached them that it was a training exercise and that only blanks were being fired. The only two school officials informed in advance thought the exercise would be more subdued and thus failed to tell anyone about it.

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WEEKEND SHOWCLOCK

Greenwood Six

The Green Mile — (F) 3:30, 7 (S&S) 12, 3:30, 7, 10:30
 Toy Story 2 — (F) 5, 7:20, 9:30 (S&S) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:20, 9:30
 The World Is Not Enough — (F) 3:45, 6:50, 9:30 (S&S) 1, 3:45, 6:50, 9:30
 Sleepy Hollow — (F) 4:15, 7:10, 9:40 (S&S) 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40
 Toy Story 2 — (F) 5:30, 7:45 (S&S) 12:30, 3, 5:30, 7:45
 The Green Mile — (F) 4:45, 8:15 (S&S) 1, 4:45, 8:15
 The Sixth Sense — (F) 9:50 (S&S) 9:50

Martin Twin

Dog Park — (F) 7:15, 9:20 (Sat.) 2:15, 4:20, 7:15, 9:20 (Sun)

2:15, 4:20, 7:15

The Story Of Us — (F) 7, 9:10 (Sat.) 2, 4:10, 7, 9:10 (Sun.) 7:15

Plaza Six

Deuce Bigelo — (F) 7:30, 9:40 (S&S) 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
 The Omega Code — (F) 7:10, 9:20 (S&S) 1:15, 3:30, 7:10, 9:20
 End Of Days — (F) 6:50, 9:30 (S&S) 1:30, 4, 6:50, 9:30
 The Bone Collector — (F) 7, 9:30 (S&S) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30
 Double Jeopardy — (F) 7, 9:15 (S&S) 1:30, 4, 7, 9:15
 Pokémon — (F) 7:20 (S&S) 2, 7:20
 The Bachelor — (F) 9:20 (S&S) 4, 9:20
 Anna And The King (Sneak Preview) — (Sat.) 6:50

GOODBYE: Hutch signs off

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student ID card. I'm going to tour the campus and get a feel for the place. Oh, I think I'm living in a party dorm. My next door neighbors have a poster of liquor bottles on their door.

I don't miss Louisville quite yet, but I do miss my privacy. I haven't had to sh— yet and that's fine because there are no doors on the stalls ... only shower curtains! There's no privacy.

Well, I think I should sign off now. I'm sleepy.

I'll write more later. Bye.

Pick of the Weekend

So what's the final Pick of the Weekend gonna be? In my opinion, probably the best one of the semester. See, something super-cool's happening on the fourth floor of Downing University Center tomorrow night (or Friday, Dec. 17, if the Herald's ad is correct and I'm not). Local bluesman Kurt Schumm will be playing.

Never heard of him? That's OK. The most important thing to know about him is that he's opening for Jonny Lang — a blues legend-in-the-making — next month. Another interesting tidbit about Schumm: He's 18.

Cool, huh? He goes to high school here in Bowling Green. Schumm is a blues "prodigy," insist the guys at University Center Board. Believe 'em. If he's opening for Jonny Lang, he's gotta be good.

And if that weren't enough, admission's only \$3 for Western students. Three bucks! This is one of those opportunities where you can watch him play ... and when he's on the cover of Rolling Stone five years from now, you can say, "I saw him play before he hit it big."

The \$3 admission covers not only the show, but food, drinks and all the bowling and billiards

you want to play. Schumm starts playing at 8. After he finishes his gig, stick around and bowl 'til midnight.

This mini-concert's brought to you by the good folks at UCB. For more information about the show, contact Dwight Campbell at 745-2598.

The big goodbye

Well, this is it. The end of the end. I hope you had as much fun reading this column as I had writing it. I hope I made those Thursday classes a little easier. But before I blast off, let me bestow a last few "Hutch Tips for the Good Life."

Never drink Pepsi from a Coca-Cola glass. Always wash your hands before leaving the bathroom. Every winter, write your name in the snow ... your penmanship will improve as the

years go on. Tell dirty jokes. Kiss in the rain. Drink good beer. Flirt.

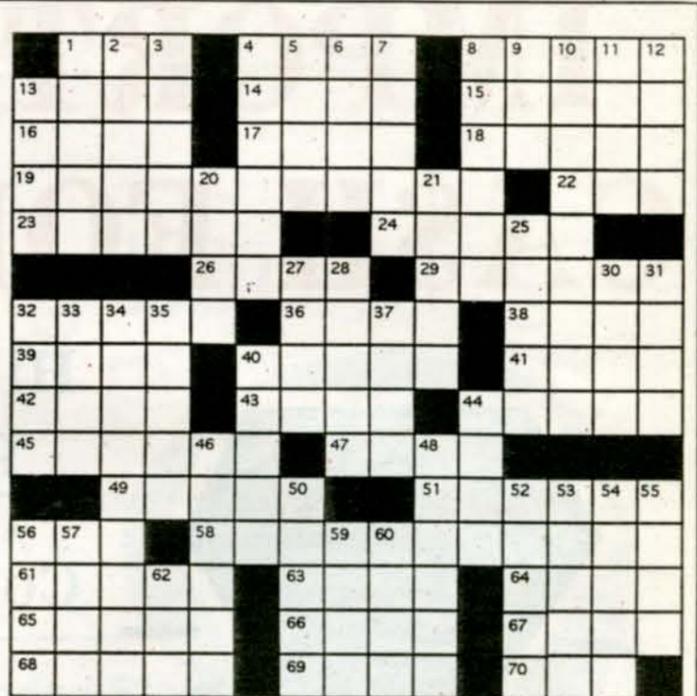
Read "The Fountainhead." Keep a journal. Befriend your professors. Read comic books ... they keep you young at heart. Don't take things too seriously. Be kind to those around you, no matter how crappy your day has been.

Tell the truth. Believe in yourself. Don't take sh— from anyone. Love unconditionally. Be brave. Grow.

Well, I think I should sign off now. I'll write more later.

Bye.

Columnist Chris Hutchins has become comfortable with the customs of this planet, but he must now report back to the mothership. If you'd like to contact Chris in hyperspace, reach him at 745-6291 or via email at jchutchins@hotmail.com.



Across

1. Peace officer
4. Prayer
8. Encircle
13. Be gloomy
14. Garment
15. Piece of religious art
16. Lake
17. Frankenstein's aide
18. Metal bar
19. City near Los Angeles
22. ___ flash; instantly
23. Arm covering
24. Devoured
26. 3/15
29. Word with gallery or butter
32. Assumed a certain position
36. Wicked
38. Name for an Italian boy
39. Poker term
40. Bicyclist
41. Within: pref.
42. Item in a fruit bowl
43. Drinks
44. Dialect
45. Bodies of soldiers
47. Leading lady
49. Brass or bronze
51. Facial expressions
56. ___ on Melancholy
58. Fireplace floor piece
61. Split grammatically
63. Bull
64. This: Sp.
65. Leader's title: var.
66. Brain canal
67. Encounter
68. Surrenders
69. Facial center
70. Div. of a former nation
7. Overhead dwelling
8. Drug
9. First name for TV dog
10. Outset
11. Take ___ the chin; accept defeat calmly
12. So long!
13. Disarray
20. Gaga
21. Foolish prank
25. Zealous
27. See 36 Across
28. ___ with; supports
30. Take apart
31. Sound a horn
32. Parent
33. Rara avis
34. Stuttered
35. Frightening
37. In case
40. Tabulae
44. Extremities
46. Volatile, colorless liquids
48. "Michael, row the boat ..."
50. Like etc. and e.g.
52. Thingamajigs
53. Comes in last
54. Penetrate
55. Part of a bicycle
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Sports



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Junior guard Nashon McPherson and Murray State senior guard Aubrey Reese scramble for the loose ball during Tuesday night's game at Diddle Arena.

Hilltoppers stun Racers 92-70

BY TRAVIS MAYO
Herald reporter

So much time remained Tuesday night — 8:40 before the end — as Lee Lampley stuck his tongue out and pumped his arms into the hectic Diddle Arena air. But the game was finished.

Western's solitaire senior had drained a three-pointer from the top of the key, the same place where just seconds before he had hammered another nail into a navy and gold coffin. The solo firing squad pushed the Hilltoppers to a 15-point lead over perhaps its biggest rival, an unthinkable margin to many

escaping the frigid air.

The young (alumni who know the history) and younger (students fresh to the game) — most of the 4,100 in the house — cheered as Lampley backtracked. They cheered when he shook and fired in a baseline jumper about a minute later. They rose to their feet when Lampley finished a Derek Robinson ally-ooop with an emphatic jam, and when he stripped a Racer of the ball and scored with 1:58 left.

Those donning red smiled when they checked out the scoreboard on the way out, and saw that the Hilltoppers had stopped Murray State (5-2) in its

tracks by the whip of 92-70.

Finally, Western (1-5) had gotten its first victory. Finally, the Hilltoppers — a nice bunch led by Lampley, the guy who cracks jokes in class and has been the most relaxed hoopster on the floor — had gotten mean. Its jokeful leader had snarled the most, netting a career-high 32 points and overflowing with confidence.

"Coach has said that this team hasn't been the meanest on the court," said Lampley, after shooting 13 of 20 overall and 5 of 7 from downtown. "We've been the biggest, the strongest, but we haven't been the meanest on the court. So

this game, we wanted to come in here and be the meanest. We wanted to be the toughest and most aggressive team. And for the most part, we were, from start to finish.

"And that has been one of my problems, that I'm such a nice guy on the court. When I step off the court, I can be nice, but when I step on the court it has to be a-whole-nother game. These guys are trying to beat me and I'm trying to beat these guys, so I can't be nice out there. I have to go out there and be strong, and be mean."

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Lady Top back for last chance

BY JERRY BREWER
Herald reporter

Shatika Hutcherson's whole game is about being elusive, slithery, nimble. She's cheetah-quick, more than enough to streak past a slow-footed forward and head to the paint alone.

Alone to the basket. Alone amid a crowd of screaming fans.

Alone in a one-bedroom apartment on the shoestrings of campus.

Hutcherson, two years ago a top 50 high school prospect and the gem of Steve Small's first recruiting class as head Lady Topper basketball coach, will return from an academic ravine on Dec. 18, the day after the fall semester ends.

She will be eligible to practice then and eligible to play in the Lady Toppers' next game, which is Dec. 20 against Murray State.

Her return ends a swift and mistake-riddled trip to "hell and back," as she puts it.

"It's been a tough getting back," said Hutcherson, a sophomore who averaged 5.3 points and 3.8 rebounds her freshman season. "There were times I didn't think I could do it. Some days, I just didn't know."

Hutcherson won't be lonely now. But the question is, can she handle the comfort and, yes, discomfort of that? That is the most pressing question, not basketball, because this is her last chance.

Small has told her as much. Hutcherson cannot explain how things twisted so rapidly, so horribly.

In May 1998, she was celebrating graduation from Tennessee Preparatory School in Nashville. She was salutatorian of her high school class.

By May 1999, she was struggling, banished to summer school to improve her dwindling grade point average.

She had never struggled academically before, but suddenly her GPA was a bigger deal than her PPG (points per game).

She flunked her way back to Nashville, back to a city she considered home, but not really. She has no family to depend on there.

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Bulgarians bring foreign tongue with international game

Videnov, Pandov ready to contribute

BY TRAVIS MAYO
Herald reporter

Through the halls twisting around Western's most storied basketball court, a monotonous sound echoed over a Lady Topper practice.

Bounce.

A basketball ricocheted off the cold, dull walkway — into the narrow Diddle Arena tunnels, into the hoop-filled air.

Freshman Filip Videnov dribbled as he strolled, a rhythmic bounce. He wasn't in that practice ensemble that could be mis-

taken for game gear. Practice hadn't started.

But for Videnov, any time spent with a basketball is quality time. It's the same for freshman Todor Pandov. They're both on the same journey and taking the same paths along the way. It's been that way for a while.

"I think it would be tougher for one of us if the other one wasn't here, because it's good sometimes to have a friend, just to talk to him about stuff," Pandov said. "We know each other a long time ago, so I think that's better that we're together now."

That last sentence isn't a mishap. The accented fragments are obvious. Both of Western's new basketball friends have come oceans and continents just to play ball.

From Bulgaria to the Bluegrass.

A change of hearts

Pandov spent most of his early athletic days prancing around a ring, surrounded by four walls of ropes. He was a boxer, like his father. Kiril Pandov was a giant in the ring, a European champion and Olympian.

"In boxing, you expect someone to hit you," Pandov said. "In basketball, you can get hit at any time that you don't expect."

Videnov slid down powdered slopes, skiing as a sports toddler, literally. He said he's been skiing since he was two. And, being in Europe, Videnov ventured into the soccer arena.

He even played paddleball. But both found their true pas-

sion just about six years ago. The NBA grew into Bulgaria's borders, exposing the most competitive gym game to bright-eyed kids like Pandov and Videnov.

Pandov's sister, Jenny, was spending her time playing professional ball in Bulgaria. Across the country, Videnov was feeding off his father Alexander's college career.

Before long, after practicing for a while, both knew it would be more than a hobby. They claimed insanity — basketball insanity.

And then the two budding stars met as teammates on the Bulgarian Junior National Team. That's when Western assistant coach Ken McDonald first got a glimpse of Pandov and Videnov, two summers ago, as both helped

the team finish second in the European Championships.

He liked what he saw.

"I think they're both very talented," McDonald said. "You look at some of the ball skills Todor has, and he shoots the three, and he has skills to be a three-man. So, right away, you're kind of foaming at the mouth, thinking this kid can end up being a terrific player that could maybe play maybe four positions on the floor. There's really nothing he can't do."

"Filip has that same kind of potential, but right now he thinks of the game a lot more maturely than Todor does. You put that talent

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Hilltoppers beginning to show BIG things to fans

It has been hyped as the season of BIG things, really BIG things, COLOSSAL things, MAJESTIC things, ENORMOUS things, GIGANTIC things, MASSIVE things.

This season is supposed to be a BIG deal.

but for five games, western played little.

just tiny.

itty bitty

THE OTHER NIGHT, WESTERN PLAYED BIG.

We knew this team had talent, but whoa!

After five winless, empty, confusing games to begin the season, the Western men's basketball went from hapless to NCAA Tournament-worthy with a 92-70 victory over Murray State, a team which will be in the BIG dance in March.

BIG win.

Could you feel the excitement in Diddle Arena on Tuesday night? Could you feel it? Could you hear 4,100 fans sounding like 8,000 because they were waiting to see if No. 33 would score his jersey number?

No. 33 would be senior forward Lee Lampley, of course. He finished with 32 points, by far a career-high.

Career high? That's a career for some athletes. That's an if-I-retired-tomorrow-I-went-out-right game.

Lampley, who is averaging 17 points a game, is becoming quite a force at small forward, a position Western coach Dennis Felton didn't always believe Lampley had the skills to play.



PLAYGROUND NOTES

Jerry Brewer

But Lampley has proven the coach wrong, which Felton likes. Basketball is a game in which the best competitors thrive. If someone says you can't do something, don't sulk. Play harder. Play BIGGER.

That is a core concept in Felton's approach to coaching. In Lampley, he has a stunning example to show current and future players.

"Now he's like the definition of a three-man (hoops term for small forward)," Felton said.

If you were at Diddle Arena on Tuesday night — by the way that night was the ol' place's 36th birthday — you would definitely want to come back. The next home game is Saturday, if you were wondering.

Happy birthday, Diddle. Didja like your present?

It was a very BIG present.

It was a stress-relieving present, as beautiful as a blocked shot from freshman forward Jimmy Boykin that seemed to rise from a five-game abyss, as heart-thumping and emotional as the ensuing reaction from

Boykin, who let out a primal roar that brought out the beat in the rest of the Hilltoppers.

"I got rid of a lot of stress with that," Boykin said of his blocked shot and reaction. "It felt real good. I had to let it out some way."

Suddenly, the Hilltoppers again look like a team with a future. But Tuesday, it added an "immediate" to that future.

This team finally made sense. It bullied Murray with its size, scored points in bundles instead of single-wrapped nuggets. The Hilltopper defense forced Murray senior guard Aubrey Reese, one of the best point guards around, into seven turnovers. They relegated Murray's stud player, senior forward Isaac Spencer, to offensive impotency, allowing him only 10 shots.

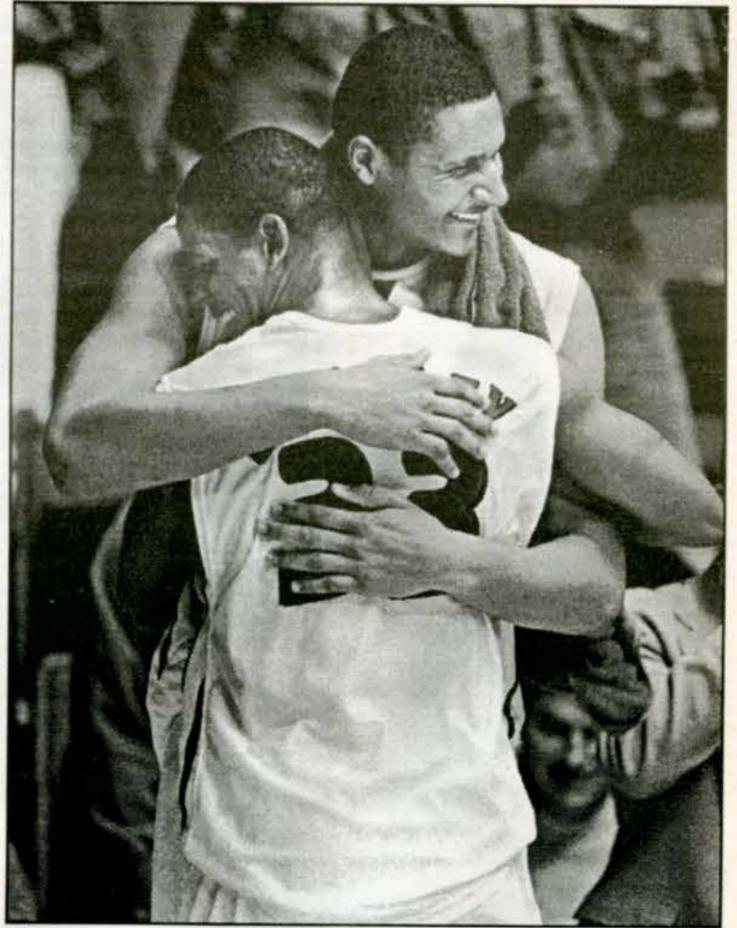
"The thing I like is there is still tremendous room for improvement," Felton said.

Yes, there is. The Hilltoppers, who have their tallest team in school history, still was outbounded 48-43. They still committed 20 turnovers. They still need to figure how to get their freshman power forwards into a better flow.

Improving and reaching lofty aspirations is still a TALL order, but we are back to expecting BIG things from this team.

VERY BIG.
VERY, VERY BIG.
VERY, VERY, VERY BIG.

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Senior forward Lee Lampley and sophomore center Chris Marcus celebrate during Tuesday night's victory over Murray State. Lampley scored a career high 32 points in the Hilltopper's 92-70 victory over the Racers.

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STUN: Meanness gets credit

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The Chicago native even said it aggressively, out of uniform and sitting on the end zone bleachers.

He talked as Western coach Dennis Felton wrapped up his postgame radio show.

Both were touching on the same issue: turning that corner and rolling almost into *blowout*.

From the beginning, Western controlled the contest, staying close until bursting away nine minutes into the game. The Racers, filled with talent good enough to have experts throw them in the nation's top 30, led 12-9 with 15:11 to go in the first half.

That's when the Hilltoppers bent their eyebrows down on a 13-1 run.

And when Murray State bounced back to within two, Western stayed poised and headed to the locker room on top 39-31. It never looked back, dodging a late Racer rumble with about five minutes remaining, and smacking its rival right across the face.

And getting mean along the way.

"What can I say? We got an old-fashioned butt-whooping tonight," Murray State coach Tevester Anderson said. "I can't see one positive thing tonight. I can see a lot of negatives, but I can't see any positives."

His big dog, senior forward Isaac Spencer, was doubled down on much of the game and struggled to get 12 points. He did haul in a game-high 13 rebounds. Senior point guard Aubrey Reese was the top Racer with 24 points and nine boards, but he also had seven turnovers. Murray State committed 25 altogether, 12 above its average. And the Racers shot a chilling 36 percent, well below its 45 percent average.

While the Hilltoppers handed the basketball over more than 20 times — well above where they want to be — they let celebration override.

Freshman forward Jimmy Boykin bobbed his head to the music as time ticked; sophomore center Brian Allenspach bumped chests after drawing a foul; sophomore center Chris Marcus smiled even more whenever he was called off the bench. And Felton was, well, still Felton, yelling instructions until the end.

"The thing I like is that there's still tremendous room for improvement," he said. "We still turned it over more than we want to turn it over, and we still got out-rebounded."

"A lot of our players didn't know a lot about Murray State before this week, but we made it a point to make sure they understood how much ultra-success

they've had, and that it would be a great opportunity for us to obviously win our first game, but to really make a statement."

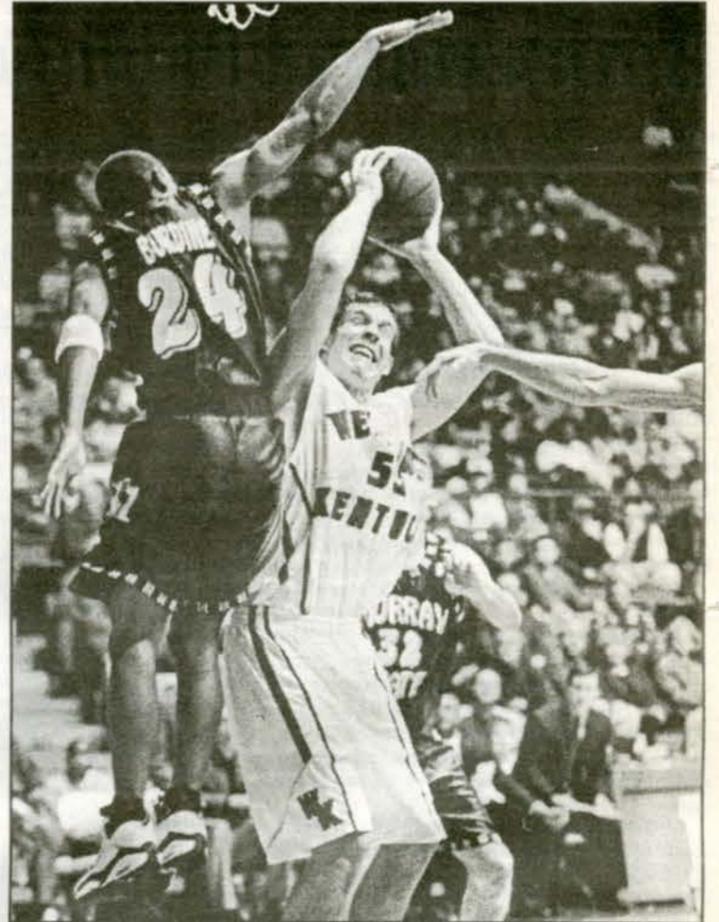
Besides Lampley, freshman guard Filip Videnov helped with 12 points, including an early flurry. Marcus added seven points and 10 rebounds, and Robinson's 11 assists were the most for a single Hilltopper in nine years. Junior guard Nashon McPherson scored 11 points and drilled 3 of 4 threes.

"We're a young team, but we've got big hearts — all of us," McPherson said. "All these young players, they try to play like vets and I'm glad. Tonight, we finally got all the pieces together and we went out there and got it done."

With cross stares — the ones Lampley knows can't take a vacation. The kind of game that bum-rushed the Racers must keep showing its face.

"This is the first step," he said. "We're looking to do big things this year; we have big expectations. I'm sure a lot of people were down on us because we started off 0-5, but we believe in ourselves. We know where we want to go."

"We know that when it's all over, we wanna be in the NCAA tournament." One mean outlook.



Daniel Wallace/Herald

Western sophomore center Brian Allenspach dodges Racer sophomore guard Justin Burdine during Tuesday's game.

Funky Tops smash huge rival

BY TRAVIS MAYO
Herald reporter

Parliament tapes scatter Dennis Felton's car, and when he opens the middle console to clear the passenger seat, more George Clinton funk pops out.

He's a huge fan, and Tuesday night, Felton's Hilltoppers pummeled Murray State with Parliament power and ferocious funk.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's always funk time, whether times are going good or bad, because it's a way of life to me," Felton said after the win. "When I'm struggling, that might be the only thing besides my family that keeps me goin'."

"If I could — I'm serious now — it'd be a dream of mine to just quit working and be a roadie for the Funk Mob for like a year or something. That's like my secret life ambition."

Lampley shines

Everyone was talking about

senior forward Lee Lampley after his 32-point splurge Tuesday.

Felton wasn't surprised at his veteran's "gaudy numbers," because he feels Lampley has evolved into a go-to guy when his team needs it the most. Felton wasn't sure Lampley could play the three-spot last year, but now he knows differently.

"Obviously, now he's a terrific three-man — he's like a definition of a three-man," Felton said. "One of the reasons why I think his game is coming to him so well is because he's been so mature about being a leader and worrying about his teammates that he's relieved the stress he puts on himself."

Overconfidence appears

The Racers that spurted out of the visitors' locker room to boos — a rarity in Diddle, except for a rival — might have had a case of the overconfidence bug. After all, Murray State is on many people's top 30 list, and

Felton said the Racers are probably of top 20 caliber.

"How can you tell young guys that this team is 0-5, it's going to be a hard game tonight?" Murray coach Tevester Anderson said. "How do you do it? I tried, but I couldn't."

Tough schedule rolls on

With each passing game, it seems that Western has to start thinking about the next tough preconference contest. There hasn't been a break in the high-caliber opposition, and there won't be — Virginia Commonwealth rolls into Diddle Arena at 3:30 Saturday afternoon.

But the Hilltoppers welcome the challenges.

"All these games we're playing right now are tests for the conference, so we can get into the tournament," freshman guard Filip Videnov said. "I'm really glad we've played good teams, so that we can get tougher and get better."

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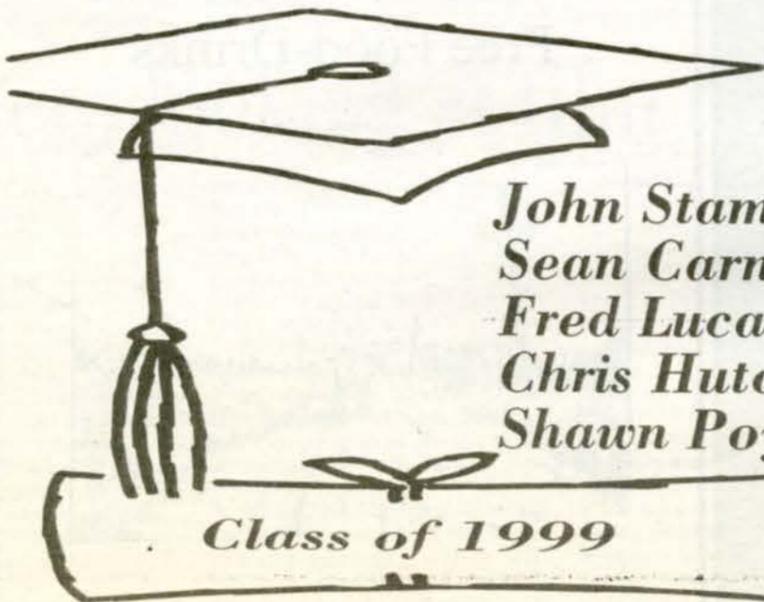
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BULGARIANS: Pandov, Videnov have taken long route

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level with a maturity level, and once he gets accustomed to the game, he really has the chance to be an impact kinda guy. Not that Todor doesn't, but Filip is really mature."

McDonald couldn't talk to them that summer, but he spread word that he was interested. And before much longer, Videnov and Pandov were on their way to America, to Washington College Academy in Tennessee.

From Bulgaria to America.

"This is where basketball is at," Videnov said. "It's the best place to become a good basketball player."

With what one says, the other one agrees. It's no shocker.

They've been around the world together.

They both grew up in different cities of different sizes. They both remember living in a Communist setting. In the eastern part of Europe, Bulgaria was within the Communist Bloc from September 1944, then occupied by Soviet troops toward the end of World War II, until a decade ago. It ended in November 1989.

Videnov was young when his native land was still under Communist rule, but it's simple to tell the difference between then and now.

Then, a hospital visit was free; now, it costs. Then, there was more wealth; now, there's not as much to go around. Then, the country took care of its people; now, the people are independent.

Then, some things couldn't be said in public. Now, there's freedom.

"During Communism, there was propaganda — party this, party that," Videnov said. "As I see it now, it looks kinda like ridiculous. How can they make people do such things that they don't want to do, do what the party says?"

Through all of that, these two landed in the root of freedom.

From Bulgaria to Tennessee.

Learning so much

When Pandov and Videnov arrived in Tennessee to play for Keith Allsep's Eagles, they had to learn more than basketball. The culture had changed — dramatically.

Pandov leaned on Videnov and a new pal, Mr. Webster, to become more Americanized. He didn't know any English.

"It was hard," Pandov said, cracking a global smile. "I had to study a lot of words. I knew the basic words like 'Hello' and stuff, but I didn't know the real English. I read books, I spent a lot of time with my dictionary, and did a lot of writing. It was hard."

But he learned. Both did.

Videnov averaged 18 points, five rebounds and five assists per game for the prep school. He drilled 52 percent of his shots, and 44 percent from outside the arc.

He nailed down 26 points against feared Oak Hill Academy, then the country's No. 1 prep team.

And he played the right deck of cards

in Las Vegas, grabbing a spot on the Reebok Prep Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team.

Pandov was there in the luring lights of Vegas, but watched from the sideline for much of his first American season. In early January, he lacerated a kidney during a tournament in Toronto. The Eagles were battling highly-touted MCI — not the phone company, but Maine Central Institute.

Hearing the story sheds light on a passion for success.

"We played against that guy DeMarr Johnson, who went to Cincinnati ... he's a good player," Pandov said. "He was guarding me. So I just passed by him. I wanted to take him — I just wanted to dunk."

Instead, the center took a charge and Pandov landed the wrong way, causing his rib to cut his kidney. He spent the next week in a Toronto hospital while his teammates moved on down the hoops trail. He hated missing a chance against Oak Hill. But the collision wasn't the toughest pain. Being a spectator hurt the most.

Because these two love the game.

From lowlands to the Hill

Bulgaria isn't too hilly. It's mostly lowlands, plains and hills no higher than 2,000 feet. But its two high-risers are hiking up the biggest Hill of their athletic lives.

And those watching the climb the most have no doubts about the end result.

Western coach Dennis Felton has known since he saw Pandov and Videnov on the floor last season.

"I saw them and fell in love with them,"

Felton said. "But I expected to."

He said Pandov reminds him of NBA star Keith Van Horn, and Filip likens Gary Payton. Felton doesn't try to compare them to an animal. He spends all his time dreaming about their basketball future.

With a little laughing along the way.

"Well, we make fun of them all the time, and they make fun of us in Bulgarian," Felton said. "So we do have a lot of fun with them. I know sometimes, especially with Todor, I always have to keep it in my mind to slow down and be patient with him on the practice court, because many times things I can rattle off can go right over his head, because I'm speaking too fast or maybe because I'm using some words that he hasn't learned yet."

And their Western teammates get on them for speaking their foreign tongue in the locker room.

But there are a couple Bulgarian words that the Hilltoppers wouldn't mind seeing in action.

Pobeda. Translates to what Videnov wants from the game — victory.

Igrai iako. Play hard. That's Pandov's goal.

Both want to eclipse the Hill and leap into basketball's holy valley, the professional ranks. These two, who light up when remembering Michael Jordan fly and love seeing Penny Hardaway cash in, have much farther to travel.

From Western Kentucky to ... who knows where?

They'll let their guiding light — basketball — finish the story.

Bounce.

Oldham to have No. 42 jersey retired

COMMENTARY

BY JERRY BREWER

Sometimes, when his grandchildren are scurrying around the house, or when he is amid commotion in a classroom, John Oldham blends. He blends like cotton balls dropped in snow, like a dollar bill that has slipped out of a pocket and fallen in high grass.

For a figure so significant in Western basketball, a winner so prolific, Oldham has remained as humble — and sometimes, as hidden — as a button that keeps your shirt fastened.

Oh so important, but oh so ordinary.

Only recognizable when something is wrong.

Oldham, former Hilltopper All-American, coach and athletics director, will be honored Saturday for doing very little wrong. In fact, he did a lot right.

And Saturday, during halftime of the Western-Virginia Commonwealth game, Oldham's No. 42 jersey will be retired by the university. The game begins at 3:30 p.m.

"It's always an honor that somebody thought enough of you," Oldham said. "But that's a committee I wouldn't want to serve on. Man, that would be hard, picking who gets their jersey retired. If I was picking 10 players, I wouldn't pick myself."

Oldham played for greatness, played against greatness, recruited greatness, coached greatness, coached against greatness, and, somewhere in there, became great himself.

A 1949 All-American. Four-time Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year. Guided his seven Topper teams to a 146-41 record. Worst season was 16-9. Went to the NCAA Tournament four times. Went to the NIT once, back when it was chic to go to the NIT.

The longer Oldham coached, the better he got. In 1971, his final season, he led the Hilltoppers to their first and only Final Four appearance.

And then he retired from coaching.

"The athletics director left, and they asked me if I wanted to be coach and athletics director," Oldham said. "I said, 'No, I know that I've had enough of coaching.'"

At age 48. Most coaches would've stayed and chased the elusive national title.

"I really didn't enjoy recruiting," said Oldham, who recruited some of the best talent Western has had. (He credits his success to

his players.)

"I wasn't a bad recruiter, but I really didn't enjoy it. I always had the philosophy that I don't have to come see a player a half-dozen times to know, and let them know, I want them.

"I think doing that is distasteful, bothering them."

During his 15-year stint as athletics director, Oldham oversaw many things, including the school's entrance into the Sun Belt Conference and the uprising of its women's basketball program, which now competes on a national level.

Oldham, a Hartford native, came to Western in 1942 and played here his freshman year before joining the military during World War II. He returned in 1946 and continued his career under the guidance of legendary Western coach E.A. Diddle. The four Western teams he played on had a 102-13 record. Oldham finished his career with 1,006 career points.

Then he went to the then newly-formed NBA and played two years with the Ft. Wayne Pistons. Along the way, he was a part of history.

On Nov. 20, 1950, the Pistons played the Minneapolis Lakers and won 19-18 because they played a slow-down, hold-the-ball game.

Because of that game, a little thing we call the shot clock was invented.

Oldham, now 76, still teaches a basketball coaching class at Western, which he has been doing the past 40-plus years. He teaches

students to have open-minded approaches, to enjoy the intricacies of strategy and, above all, to love the players.

"You know what I hate is the guy that fouls out," Oldham said. "That's the only sport where a guy has to leave the game because of mistakes. A lot of people don't agree with me, but it affects strategy so much."

Oldham, who served on the city commission for a while after leaving the AD post in the mid-1980s, still follows Western and all of college basketball.

He doesn't throw in his opinions on the current Hilltoppers or barge into the men's basketball office to throw out advice. That would put pressure on Coach Dennis Felton, or any other coach who has come after him.

But he cares. And he still loves the game.

He says he'll watch about 500 college games this season. When he watches games on television, he turns down the volume and scribbles notes, like he used to when he was scouting.

Then he offers his notes to his class.

You should go to Diddle on Saturday, meet Oldham and enjoy yourself. More importantly, enjoy him and his accomplishments.

He'll be there, flashing a smile that looks like he just won a poker game.

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CHANCE: Hutcherson gets opportunity to play ball again, vows to graduate

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Alone. Mom is in prison. Dad has never really been there. The rest of the family is split.

Hutcherson leaves it at that. "I don't want to talk about it," she said. "I would, but I don't have much to say. As far as home, I'm trying to make a life for myself here."

The first take

When she reflects on her mistakes from last year, Hutcherson says freedom caused her descent. She came from a school that is similar to a boarding school, a school "for kids who didn't have anywhere to go," Hutcherson said.

It was a structured, regimented, guarded way of life.

And then she came to Western.

"It was hard — the dorms, all those other people around all the time," she said. "It was like a culture shock. It was kind of like a new world."

Managing time was tough enough, but then came Feb. 7. Hutcherson suffered a tear of the anterior cruciate ligament in her knee, a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament and cartilage damage.

It was the first major injury she had suffered. She didn't know how to handle it.

"I think I was in denial for months," Hutcherson said.

She went from 155 pounds to 130. Her legs, once chiseled, shriveled down to nothing.

"Seeing that, I didn't know if I would ever return," Hutcherson said.

She let her grades slip

lower. With each struggle, the gap between Hutcherson, an easygoing but inward person, and her teammates widened.

She chose to leave school for the fall semester to refocus. Alone.

Take two

Small visited Hutcherson's apartment Tuesday and talked basketball. It was the first time in a while they had talked hoops. Small had been more concerned with Hutcherson getting her life together.

"Well, are you in shape?" Small asked Hutcherson.

"I don't know," she responded. "I haven't played a whole game in a year."

Hutcherson has worked 12-hour shifts at a tire factory in Nashville, rehabilitated her knee and practiced her game at various local gyms this semester. Her knee is back to full strength, she said, but sometimes it swells after a workout.

"I feel like I have a brand new leg," she said.

Hutcherson can't predict how well she'll play this season.

"But regardless of my body, I will help them," she said. "I will help and try my hardest."

Small expects Hutcherson to be rusty, but he knows the biggest problem isn't basketball. He wants her to come back and stay, not fall into an academic abyss again.

"She said whatever it takes, she's willing to do," Small said. "I said, 'This is your last chance.' I don't see any other stumbling blocks other than Shatika saying this is too hard."

"I don't want to use her for basketball. I want her to use basketball to get an education."

Hutcherson thanks Small for not forgetting about her and inspiring her to return. When she left, Small "really, really hated to see me go," she said.

But it's what he did when she left that brought her back. Small never forgot about Hutcherson, even talked about her return the day she departed.

"You can't do anything but love Coach Small," Hutcherson said.

Now she's back with one final opportunity to shine. This time, it isn't about becoming a star basketball player or rescuing an injury-depleted team that has dressed eight players the past four games.

Her goal is more profound, more enduring: graduation.

"I don't know what kind of perception people have of me," Hutcherson said. "I really don't care. I know what I've been through. I've been through hell and back in every way. At first, I had a lot of problems with the perception people had of me. But who cares? This is where I want to be."

"I can't work a factory job for the rest of my life. You just can't settle. Regardless of what happens in basketball, I'm going to graduate. You can put that in big bold letters."

She said it: **SHATIKA WILL GRADUATE.**

Now, she needs to live with those words. They can be her companion.

WESTERN SPORTS SCORECARD

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Women's basketball	3-3	Dec. 20 vs. Murray State
Men's swimming	5-0	Jan. 7 vs. College of Charleston
Women's swimming	7-0	Jan. 7 vs. College of Charleston

Goodman named Academic All-American

Senior center Patrick Goodman received another national honor last week when he was named second-team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American for the second straight year.

Goodman, a civil engineering major with a 3.71 GPA, has made the Dean's or President's lists for all of his eight semesters on the Hill. He has also started every game of his college career, earning All-America honors twice and leading the Toppers to a 30-15 record in that time.

— Ryan Clark

Track and field performs well at Blue Raider Invitational

Western's track team opened the indoor season this weekend at Middle Tennessee's Blue Raider Invitational, finishing strong in the distance events. Sisters Lisa and Olga Cronin each won individual titles. Lisa, a junior, won the mile by eight seconds in a time of 5 minutes, 14.89 seconds. Olga won the 3,000-meter run in 10:25.19, her first event for the Lady Toppers.

Senior Aaron Mullins won the men's mile for the second straight year with a time of 4:24.15. Junior Robert Pritchett was third in the race. Senior Duncan Shangase led a 1-2 Hilltopper finish in the men's 3,000-meter run, with Shangase finishing in 9:31.02. Junior Brandon McKinney and Shangase were two of only three runners to finish the race under 10 minutes.

Western returns to action at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington Jan. 14-15.

— Lyndsay Sutton

Middle Tennessee joins Sun Belt earlier than expected

The Sun Belt Conference announced yesterday at a meeting of its athletic directors that Middle Tennessee will join the league in the 2000-2001 season, a season earlier than expected.

The meeting focused on the future of the conference and included representatives from Arkansas State, Arkansas-Little Rock, Denver, Florida International, Idaho, Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe, Middle Tennessee, New Mexico State, New Orleans, North Texas, South Alabama, and Western Kentucky.

"It was a very intense and very productive day and a half," league commissioner Wright Waters said. "We're impressed with the energy that was generated, and we've never been more confident about the future of the league."

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