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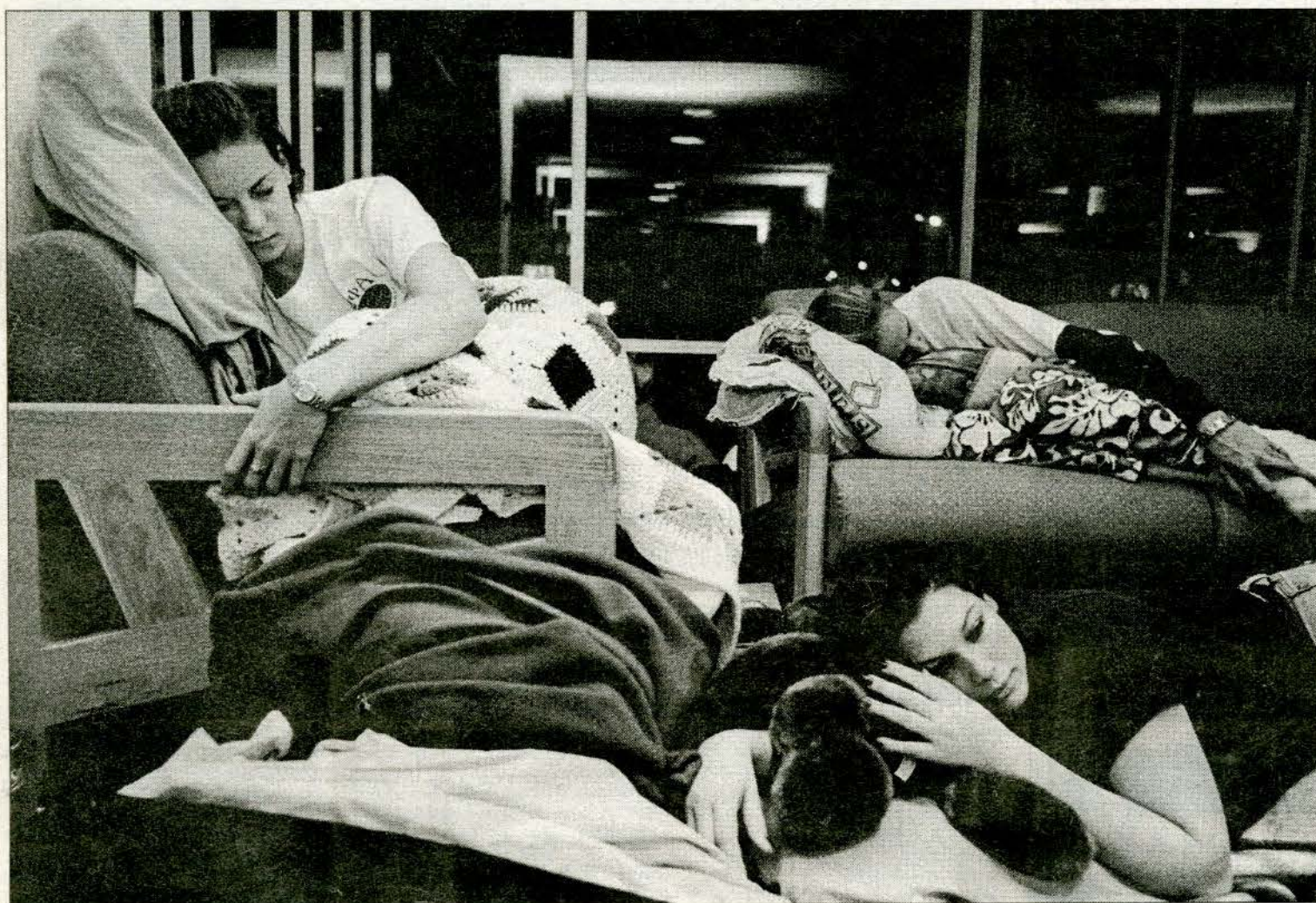
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Laura Ressler, a sophomore from Evansville, Ind., Nicole Leaverton, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., and Eddyville sophomore Amber Braden camp out Monday night on the second floor of Potter Hall to save their place in line to apply for a room at McLean Hall.

Students camp out for chance to live in McLean

BY JASON RAGAN
Herald reporter

Amber Braden and her friends were determined.

They began camping out on the couches inside Potter Hall at 7 a.m. Monday to be among the first residents of the newly-renovated McLean Hall. The lobby remained their home until 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Potter looked more like a giant slumber party than an administrative building. Televisions and video game systems helped some students pass the time, and every couch was transformed into a bed.

Housing and Residence Life decided to allow students the chance to move into McLean on a first-come basis. The dorm will reopen next fall after a \$3.2 million renovation fits it with suites, private baths, extra electrical outlets and other amenities.

"It's crazy," Casey freshman Emily Godbey said, surrounded by her friends. Godbey and friends arrived at Potter at about 10:30 a.m. "My parents think we're nuts. My friends think we're nuts. But they won't be laughing when we get our own bathrooms."

Crazy or not, the all-nighter didn't stop Braden, a sophomore from Eddyville, and her friends from doing all they could to get a room in McLean.

"I am living with the best people in the world," she said.

Nicole Leaverton, a sophomore from Henderson, Tenn., and

some of her friends hung signs in the Potter lobby. One read "McLean or Bust."

"People have been looking at our signs and saying 'you rock,'" Leaverton said.

"My parents think we're nuts. My friends think we're nuts. But they won't be laughing when we get our own bathrooms."

—Emily Godbey
Casey freshman

accounted for.

Brian Kuster, director of Housing and Residence Life, expected a crowd — but he didn't expect that eager students would gather that early.

"The fact that students are willing to come in at 7 a.m. is exciting," Kuster said. He was all smiles as he looked out on the lobby full of potential McLean residents.

Those students already in the lobby began a list at 9 a.m. Monday morning after meeting with Residence Life officials. Many students signed the list and went home, only to return at 10 p.m. when officials handed out numbers that would determine who would get first dibs on McLean.

Not all of the students were happy with that system, and Louisville freshman Tameka Miles was among them.

"When you're waiting in line for a concert and you're wanting the good seats, your body is there," Miles said.

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Diddle to get \$28 million renovation

BY BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

Western officials announced Tuesday a detailed plan for a \$28 million Diddle Arena renovation that would create a multipurpose facility with more student seating close to the floor.

The plans to renovate, which will begin in 2002, were released after a 12-month feasibility project that looked at the possibility of either building a new arena or renovating Diddle.

"The total cost of construction and the projected annual operating cost of new arena are simply too much," Athletics Director Wood Selig said. "We can now turn our focus and collective energies to a renovation scenario for Diddle Arena that has the potential to benefit the entire community and region."

The renovation will be divided into three phases, with phase one including the replacement of current seats and bleachers in Diddle with 8,000 chair-backed seats, and the installation of air conditioning, an elevator with access to all levels, a portable court, and 16 luxury suites. The first phase also includes building a new parking lot with 1,400 spaces across the railroad tracks.

The luxury suites will be have 16-20 seats each and the feasibility report suggested they be leased for \$25,000 a year. Those estimates are not final. The cost to complete phase one of the renovation will be between \$10 million and \$14 million.

Before phase one can begin, Western must secure all funds to pay for the project. As much as \$600,000 per year will come from part of an \$80 student fee

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INSIDE

Too many to love



A look at the realities of euthanasia and the life of an animal control officer. **Page 7**

Western to host round two of I-AA football playoffs

After shutting out Florida A&M 27-0 Saturday, the Hilltoppers will play in round two of the tournament against Appalachian State here at Smith Stadium on Saturday. **Page 15**



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Western's computer network susceptible to hacking

Campus computers can be accessed from anywhere on Hill

BY JENNIFER L. DAWES
Herald reporter

As his eyes scan the screen, a well-practiced exercise for him, he quickly finds what he wants and double-clicks an icon.

When he does, the CD holder on the computer next to him in a lab pops out, then back in.

Simple as that, Thomas Butterfield, a management and information systems associate professor, has taken control of the other computer.

"I can look at their keyboard. I can capture their screen. If they have a camera attached to their computer ... I can look at what's going on through their camera," Butterfield said.

The computer he's controlling could belong to anyone on this campus — student, professor or administrator. If Butterfield wanted, he could do much more than some dorm room spying. And so can many others.

Butterfield, who teaches computer security in some of his classes at Western, listed a number of capabilities from opening and downloading files and viruses to stealing passwords and obtaining personal information.

If a student goes to class and leaves the computer on in their dorm room, Butterfield said, anyone can access their personal files.

All this is possible because the computers on Western's campus have a full-time network connection. Western's network is known for its high power and fast service that allows its students to register for classes, run an e-mail account and check the library for books, among other things.

"Most students who have a personal computer who are plugged into the campus network all the time do not realize how vulnera-

ble they are," Butterfield said.

It starts with a port scan. Those allow someone to see which computers are active at Western or anywhere they might want to look. Different programs can bring up names and computer addresses of the people on the network at that time. It also brings up the different ports, or openings, where information goes in and out of computers. Those ports are where hackers can enter a computer — which in and of itself is perfectly legal.

Butterfield demonstrated a port scan on an administrative computer at Western.

"Where the law steps in is if I were to go back to these machines and try to break into them or try to do damage to them," Butterfield said. "Then it becomes illegal."

But that is exactly what is happening with some computers here on campus.

From a port scan, people can put something called a trojan horse on anyone's computer

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Weather forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
46° 33°	51° 31°	43° 27°	47° 30°	50° 37°
Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

R: 45°/36°, mostly cloudy
F: 48°/30°, partly cloudy
S: 43°/28°, partly sunny
M: 44°/32°, partly cloudy
W: 49°/38°, partly sunny

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M: 47°/31°, partly cloudy
W: 51°/38°, mostly sunny

R: 43°/34°, mostly cloudy

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S: 41°/26°, partly sunny
M: 43°/29°, partly cloudy
W: 47°/36°, partly cloudy

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S: 44°/24°, partly sunny
M: 43°/30°, partly sunny
W: 54°/35°, partly cloudy

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

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Flower power: Barbourville senior Gary Overton prepares poinsettias for sale Wednesday at the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building lobby. The sale will continue through tomorrow and benefits the Western Horticulture Club.

Crime Reports

Arrests

◆Jonathan Kjell Kristiansen, Adams Street, was charged Sunday with speeding in a restricted zone and DUI. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.

◆Kelly Dawn Morris, Goodlettsville, was charged Sunday with reckless driving, operating on a suspended license and DUI. She was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.

◆Nicholas Brandon Sewell,

Bays Fork Road, was charged Saturday with alcohol intoxication. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.

◆Scott Patrick Wells, Southland Street, was charged Saturday with alcohol intoxication. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.

◆Neil Patrick Holt, Elrod Road, was charged Saturday with DUI. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.

◆Gary Thomas Mabry, Old Hickory, Tenn., was charged Nov. 23 with disregarding a traffic control device and DUI. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$568.85 cash bond.

◆Stan Clark Currens, Plain Avenue, was charged Tuesday with alcohol intoxication. He was still being held Wednesday in Warren County Regional Jail on a \$1,000 cash bond.

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Officer alleges incompetency

Deposition cites cover-ups

BY CAROLINE LYNCH
Herald reporter

Former Campus Police Officer Anthony Purcell said in a deposition last month that he witnessed incompetency and cover-ups while working for Western's police department, and that he left the job because it didn't provide a safe work environment.

The deposition was part of a lawsuit the university filed earlier this semester against two former police officers who left the department before their contracts ran out.

Purcell named several events that prompted him to look for a new job, including one in which multiple fires were set one night in Pearce-Ford Tower. He said the situation wasn't properly looked into because the university's arson investigator locked his briefcase and didn't know the combination.

The investigator also foiled a chance to catch the suspect, Purcell said.

"Before he searched the suspect's room, he allowed him to go back and clean his room up for approximately an hour or two," Purcell said. "If there had been any physical evidence in the room, obviously that would have given him time to get rid of it."

The report Purcell filed on the incident was lost on four different occasions, he said, and the university didn't release it until more than a month later.

"As far as the report goes, somebody was trying to hide something," he said.

Purcell said the university also failed to follow up on other cases, which seemed to just "disappear." He named cases where he arrested a student for drug trafficking and wrote a report on a girl who had been sexually abused but never heard about the cases again.

It was also hard to get backup, Purcell said, which made his job unsafe.

In one instance, the officer said he was alone with two men, one of which had a loaded 12-gauge shotgun, and he had to call for backup three or four times before anyone showed up. In other cases, no one showed up at all, he said.

Purcell and another officer, Jeffrey Welch, left Western one year and four months shy of the three-year agreement outlined in their contracts, which stated that if they don't complete their time they must reimburse the university for their training costs.

In his deposition, Purcell said former Police Chief Horace Johnson told him not to worry about the contract, because the university had never enforced it before, so it was not important.

Western sued to get \$4,000 each from the officers, who are now working at the Henderson Police Department. The officers' attorney, Dan Rudloff, filed a counterclaim requesting that the case be dropped and that Western pay the officers' attorney fees.

"It's a silly case and they never should have filed it," Rudloff said. "If they had lived up to their end of the deal, given these guys backup, investigated things properly, then they would still be at Western."

At the time the suit was filed, administrators at Western couldn't name another instance where the contract had been enforced, though several other officers have

broken the contract in the last few years.

Purcell also brought up an incident previously reported by the Herald where he said a bomb went off on campus and janitors were sent to clean up the scene before the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was sent in to investigate. Also, the report was never released on the media read board. Instead, it was incorrectly filed as an informational report.

The officer explained that a possible suspect for the explosion was never questioned. The suspect was a student who was upset because he had been kicked out of Poland Hall, which was near where the explosion occurred. A search of the student's room after his dismissal but before the bombing incident took place turned up something that looked like a pipe bomb casing, Purcell said.

He said he mentioned his concerns to his supervisors about the explosion and the fires, but was told not to worry about it.

Chief Robert Deane and General Counsel Deborah Wilkins declined to comment on the deposition. Depositions are pretrial discovery documents that only tell one party's viewpoint. In an e-mail, Wilkins said the university's arguments will be presented in later testimony, pleadings and depositions.

Welch's deposition was taken yesterday but Wilkins and Scott Laufenberg, an attorney representing Western, got a court order to deny the Herald access to the proceeding, which can legally be closed to the media. However, written copies of the deposition can be obtained at a future date.

No trial date has been set for the case.

Crime Reports

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◆ Cameron Tyson Collins, Pontiac Way, was charged Tuesday with theft of a motor vehicle registration plate or decal. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a \$5,000 surety bond.

Reports

◆ Rodney L. Spoonamore, Proctor Pike, reported Nov. 20 his backpack, computer disks and textbook worth \$50 stolen from South Campus between 11:55 a.m. and 12 p.m. Nov. 20.

◆ Lesley L. Montgomery, Tate Page Hall, reported Nov. 20 receiving an obscene voice mail at 4:36 a.m. Nov. 18.

◆ Augustus M. Prymus, Keen

Hall, reported Nov. 20 a Sega Dreamcast, five video games, a memory card and controller worth a total of \$465 stolen on Normal Drive and University Boulevard at 4 p.m. Nov. 17.

◆ Laura J. Wagoner, Russellville, reported Nov. 20 a parking permit worth \$10 stolen from her Honda Accord parked in the South Campus lot between 8 and 11 a.m. Nov. 16.

◆ James M. Gagel, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Nov. 21 \$250 in damage to the right-rear window of his 2000 Ford Escort parked in the Normal lot between 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20 and 12 p.m. Nov. 21. No items were taken from the vehicle.

◆ Richard J. Rippey, Zacharias Hall, reported Nov. 21 \$250 in damage to the right-rear window of his 1990 Chevrolet Lumina

parked in the Normal lot between 7 p.m. Nov. 20 and 12 p.m. Nov. 21.

◆ Mason N. Shields, Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported Nov. 21 \$250 in damage to the right rear window of his 1985 Honda Accord. A stuffed bear worth \$5 was stolen from the vehicle parked in the Normal lot between 10:30 p.m. Nov. 19 and 12 p.m. Nov. 21.


◆ Chrissy M. Dunn, Meredith Hall, reported Nov. 21 \$250 in damage to the right-rear window of her 1993 Mazda 626 parked in the Normal lot between 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20 and 12 p.m. Nov. 21.

◆ Stephen G. Dickinson, Keen, reported Nov. 21 his clarinet worth \$600 stolen from a third floor locker in the fine arts center between 1 p.m. Nov. 3 and 10 a.m. Nov. 14.

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Opinion

Act now to protect campus online privacy

Is Big Red watching you?

Maybe not, but there's nothing stopping him. Right now, Western officials — or any hacker with sufficient skill — can get into any private computer file on the Hill. Any computer on Western's network that is left on can be accessed remotely. It's possible to call up stored documents, record passwords, read e-mail and see what Internet sites have been visited. The technology to do so is perfectly legal.

Richard Kirchmeyer, vice president for Information Technology, said Western doesn't do that and doesn't keep Internet history lists. That's good to hear.

The federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act should provide some protection from random e-mail voyeurism, but computer-access law is still evolving; there are exceptions in the privacy act that let employers look at employees' e-mail and allow access to law enforcement.

And Kirchmeyer admits that Western does check out its users' activities when something goes wrong with the system. How broad the legal interpretation could become, no one knows.

While we trust Kirchmeyer's motives, one personnel change or policy decision from above could change everything.

Until online privacy standards are firmly established, students and faculty may feel that they need to censor their private documents and online conversations ... before someone else does. We at the Herald certainly don't want President Gary Ransdell — or anyone else — reading our first drafts. No one discussing sensitive subjects should have to worry that higher-ups are looking over their shoulders.

The right to live without that fear should be beyond question. More than anywhere else, universities are built on the ideals of free thought and the free exchange of ideas. Academic freedom is vital for unfettered research and learning. Computers, so valuable in other ways, can threaten that.

This is Western's chance to stand up for academic freedom in the 21st century by taking the lead in establishing online standards. Spell out to students and faculty when they arrive (and to those already here) exactly what Western can do; publish surveillance capabilities in the next university catalog and admissions packet.

Then go a step further.

Kirchmeyer should draft an online policy, pledging that Western will respect its students' and employees' privacy. Western regards its official records as inviolate; the same trust should extend to everything that individuals here expect to be private.

He should promise to take all possible steps to prevent unauthorized access to personal computers on Western's network and establish punishments for breaking that policy.

Then Ransdell and the Board of Regents should agree to it.

This is the administration's opportunity to show its integrity, rather than waiting to make ethical decisions in a crisis — or, as so often happens with legal questions at Western, leaving policies vague enough to excuse anything.

Ransdell, Kirchmeyer — reassure us all. Choose the high road while it's also the easy road.



Letters to the Editor

Students don't want sports

Everyone is dancing around the lack of support for athletics at Western. Wake up and smell the coffee! The alumni are the ones who want to retain sports — not the students paying for it while attending. Alumni come to campus once or twice a year and expect it to be just like it was "back in the old days."

With a state legislature determined to give no more than lip service to actually improving the quality of education in Kentucky, the administration needs to bite the bullet and tell the Athletics department *no*. The students are telling each sport — football and basketball especially — we're not interested. It's not the winning or losing, it's much more simple than that. The student body as a whole *does not care* about spending time and energy supporting/attending athletic events.

How can I tell? It doesn't take a doctorate in advanced math to figure this out: count the people in attendance. If (the number) is microscopic, even when you're winning like the football team this year, low attendance is absolute evidence that the attending student body — you know, the ones paying for it — *do not want a quality sports program!* They are not going to attend, they are not interested, *wake up!*

The millions being thrown down the sports toilet could be used to make Western into one of the finest

academic institutions in the country — if the university Board of Regents would say *no!*

Jack Duncan Frost
Bowling Green post-B.A.
certification candidate

Thanks for caring

On behalf of our basketball team, I'd like to personally thank our students for supporting the team the way you did at the Vanderbilt game. We had 2,000 students in Diddle! That is the largest student turnout we've had since the 80s, and we really appreciate it. Obviously, we came up just short of giving you the win, but wasn't it fun? For those of you who were there, you saw that our basketball team is back to playing on a very high level. Tuesday night featured a pair of undefeated teams going to war, and for the first time in a long time, you "the sixth man" made a major impact on the affair. That kind of support only makes our young team more devoted than ever to bringing you more victories and more banners (for your information, the Hilltoppers have been to more national post-season championship tournaments than seven of the nine teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference!).

Whether you know it or not, one of our major goals is to make you proud to be a Hilltopper, and also to supply you with some of your most memorable moments during your

time on the Hill.

So keep coming back. We are going to win most of those barnburners like the one against Vandy, and we are still just scratching the surface with this team! The Athletics department is doing more and more to involve the students in the game, and before you know it, our basketball games are going to become "can't-miss" events! Thanks again, and see ya' in Diddle.

Dennis Felton
Men's basketball coach

Letters to the Editor

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“I have some students right now who know everyone's e-mail password in their dorm.”

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HACKING: Passwords, files can be stolen

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which allows them to essentially take full control over it.

"Five double clicks and I am on someone else's computer already," said a CIS major who admits to hacking on Western's system.

The student, who asked to remain anonymous, explained that there would always be downsides to being on a network like Western's, but the benefits far outweigh them.

"There is nothing you can do," he said. "You have to accept that there are insecurities. Hacking is just utilizing those insecurities."

Those insecurities, however, may lead to serious legal and privacy issues. Through something called a packet sniffer, which intercepts other people's data coming in and out of their computer, it is possible to obtain passwords, view e-mail, and essentially read anything that comes out of or into your computer.

Western e-mail accounts are even easier to view because because they are already a part of the network.

"I have some students right now who know everyone's e-mail password in their dorm," said Butterfield.

The use of packet sniffers or port sniffers, which are also legal, doesn't just extend to student hackers. Western uses them too. Through those port sniffers, Western officials could access information on any computer on campus.

Richard Kirchmeyer, vice

president for Information Technologies, said viewing such information is not common practice on Western's part. It is only done when something goes wrong, such as when the system comes to a halt, there is a slow response time or they are getting outside complaints of hackers.

"We have no department here called the Internet Police," Kirchmeyer said.

He also said anyone caught hacking would be suspended, but that officials, for the most part, trust the students.

"We expect people to use things for educational purposes, but once you are within (the Internet) you are on your own," Kirchmeyer said. "It's the wild, wild West."

The student hacker agreed with that notion.

"Everyone who owns a computer, it is their responsibility to know how to secure it," he said.

Nathan Phelps, an Ohio County native, does not agree.

"It is illegal to tamper with someone's mail, and (e-mail) is the exact same thing," the freshman said.

More than 40 percent of students and faculty use their Western e-mail accounts, but very few know precautionary measures to keep their comput-

ers safe. Some feel that Western should do more to ensure that faculty know how to protect themselves from possible attacks, including Nursing Department Head Donna Blackburn.

"If the problem could be avoided, then I am sure (the faculty) would want to know about it," Blackburn said.

Western recently installed an anti-virus program to try to curb the constant attacks to the system.

The viruses were usually picked up off student computers and found their way to the labs through floppy disks and administrative desk-

tops via attachments to e-mail. Virus scanners for a school of Western's size cost a sizeable amount, but can be downloaded for free for personal computers.

Another way to safeguard the users' privacy is to get a firewall, which essentially stops any attempts at hacking into the computer. Those can also be downloaded for free for personal computers off the internet.

"If they've got those two things running, I am not saying that life is not going to have its problems, but it sure prevents most of the problems from happening," Butterfield said.

"Five double clicks and I am on someone else's computer already."

— anonymous student hacker

How to protect your computer

- ◆ Install an anti-virus program
- ◆ Install a firewall program
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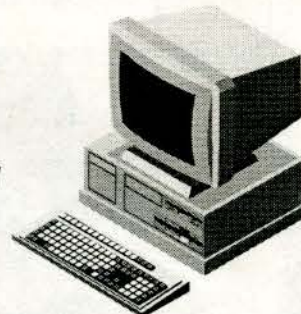
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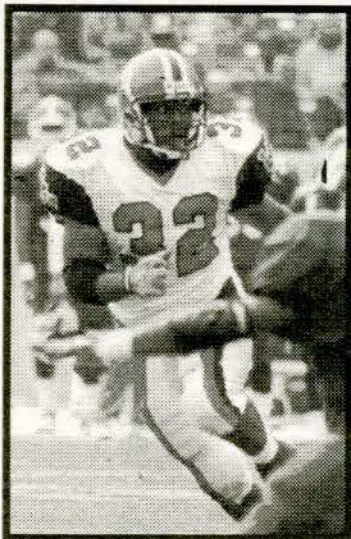
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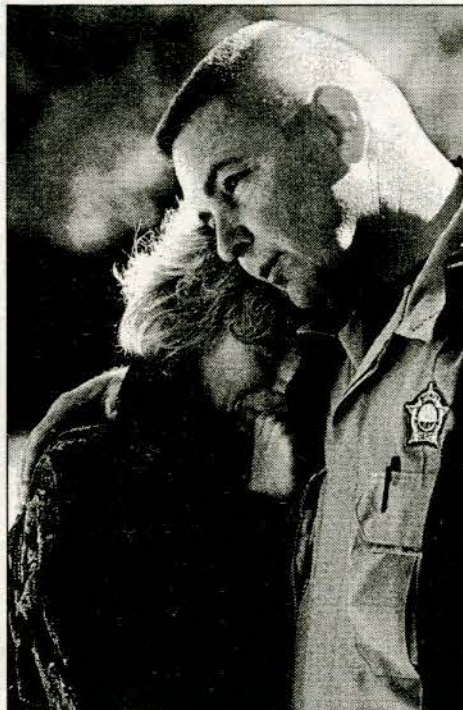
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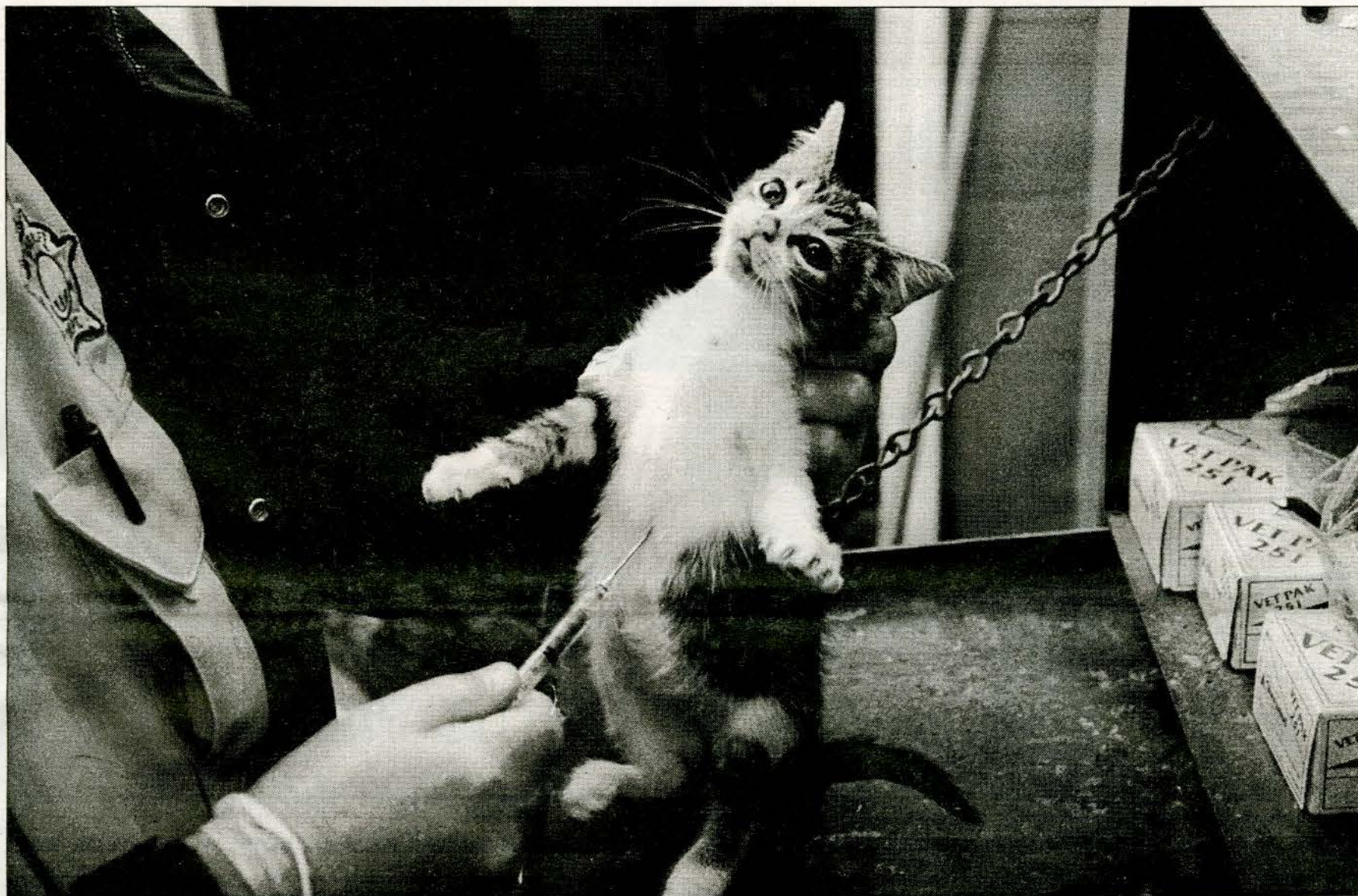
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too many to LOVE

At his home outside Bowling Green, Animal Control Officer Andy McDowell has nine dogs and a cat. Most of his animals were adopted from the shelter. At least four of them would have never left the shelter alive.



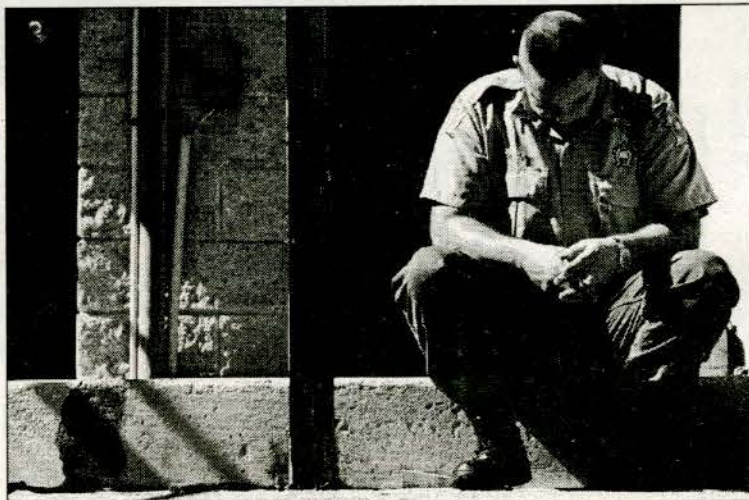
Health and Environmentalist Katherine Herndon is in charge of all of the dog bite cases. She has grown attached to one dog that bit a child and will have to be euthanized.



McDowell tries to make the animals' last day as comfortable as possible. His tenderness begins from the moment he picks up the animals to right before their final breath.



The Bowling Green Warren County Humane Society can only hold 75 animals at one time, but there are about 3,800 animals brought there every year. People only adopt about one-third of them.



Above: Andy McDowell euthanizes about four dogs and eight cats every day. **Left:** "In my mind most animals put down is not euthanization, it's killing animals," McDowell said after euthanizing several healthy strays. "That's hard to do. That's hard to watch. That's hard to hear."

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY JACLYN MCCABE
Herald photographer

Andy McDowell loves animals. He lives with six beagles, one mixed breed, two Boston terriers and a cat.

He kills about 10 animals just like them every day.

McDowell is Bowling Green's animal control officer and his job, however tough, is to euthanize unwanted animals.

"I never get used to it," McDowell said on a day when he euthanized seven cats. "It always bothers me. I've put down tens of thousands of animals. You get good at it, but it always gets to you."

McDowell has been a deputy sheriff and animal control officer for 10 years. He investigates cases of abuse, neglect and dog bites and enforces the city's

leash law. Each day he picks up stray animals.

Lack of money and space means Warren County's shelter can provide temporary housing for only 75 animals. And there are far more unwanted animals than potential pet owners.

About 3,800 dogs and cats were brought to the Humane Society last year. One third of those animals were adopted. That means the other 2,400 were killed.

Cats are usually euthanized within hours of being picked up. Dogs get to live for five days.

"You can make peace with the old broken ones," McDowell said. "That's one thing. The perfectly healthy ones — that's another. We just don't have

enough room for them all. I have to put down innocent animals on a daily basis. Many people don't want to know that reality."

Brooke Meredith, who works at the Humane Society, said people who feed strays should take responsibility for the animals. Feeding an animal but not caring for it is called limited ownership, and it only makes the problem worse, she said.

The stray animal stays healthy only to dig into

"I've killed enough animals to last me a lifetime. You never get used to it. You get good at it."

— ANDY McDOWELL
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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LOVE: Pets often are abandoned

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trash, run in front of cars and produce more strays.

Often, Western students are part of the problem.

McDowell said at the end of every semester he receives complaints about abandoned animals in student's apartments. Students often leave the animals because their parents won't keep the pets for the summer or a new landlord won't allow pets.

"They leave their pets the same way they leave their phone bill or cable bill," McDowell said. "Some young adults don't take responsibility for anything."

Burkesville senior Leni Williams said she feeds stray cats and dogs because she can't stand seeing animals that are homeless and hungry. She not only feeds the animals, but makes them a bed and brushes them often.

"If I had money and a bigger place I would take all of them in or have them fixed," Williams said. One of her two cats was once a stray.

The Humane Society has a program to help people with lower incomes afford the cost of fixing their animals and most college students qualify, Meredith said.

Through the Prevent a Litter Program, or PALS, it costs \$29 to spay or neuter cats and \$39 for dogs. For about \$50 the animal can be sterilized, dewormed and vaccinated. A veterinarian would charge \$100 or more for those services.

Michele Farmer, acting director of the Humane Society, recommends that anyone who can't afford to care for the animal bring it to the shelter. This way the shelter will have an opportunity to find the animal a good home.

Farmer said students can help by volunteering at the Humane Society. The organization is in constant need of volunteers to walk dogs, play with cats or bathe the animals.

Socializing the animals is an important part of insuring they will be adopted and because of limited staff, the shelter employees don't always have time to play.

Shy, timid animals can be brought out of their shell, making them more attractive to a potential owner. And every animal adopted is one less McDowell will have to kill.

For more information on adopting or to find out how you can volunteer, call the Humane Society at 842-8572.

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WKU telescope undergoes renovation

Sen. McConnell
behind grant money

BY BRETT CORBIN
Herald reporter

The telescope at Western's Bell Astrophysical Observatory recently underwent a \$2 million facelift with the help of Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The federal grant allows Western to make the telescope robotic, giving astronomers the ability to check the skies from remote locations using computers.

A ceremony was held Monday at the observatory, which is located in a remote part of Warren County off Russellville Road. President Gary Ransdell thanked McConnell for his efforts and then described how the advancements will benefit the astronomy community while placing Western ahead of many other universities.

"Western Kentucky University is honored to be a part of this worldwide network designed to assist in bringing science into

our high schools," Ransdell said.

Charles McGruder, physics and astronomy department head, spoke about what the renovation means in the race to solve the mysteries of the universe.

"With this telescope we will be able to detect the presence of planets revolving around other stars," McGruder said. "We will also be able to look at objects, galaxies that are located billions of light years away from earth."

The technological changes will also let scientists observe whole fields of the night sky instead of just small sections.

McConnell said a "good presentation backed up by sharp people" made his decision to pursue the money for Western very easy.

"I provided the money through my position on the Senate Appropriations Committee," McConnell said. "And I did it because Western wants to be a leader in this field."

After presenting McConnell with a plaque commemorating his help, McGruder gave Ransdell and McConnell a tour

of the upgraded facility.

The telescope at the observatory has a 24-inch-wide lens, making it possible to see objects that are 5,000 times too faint to see with the naked eye. Most of the research at the facility will focus on searching for extrasolar planets, those planets revolving around other stars.

Lobbying for the grant began in 1998 when Western hired people who, according to McGruder, "brought the energy and drive to move forward to become front-line researchers."

McConnell agreed, saying in his remarks that McGruder and Ransdell "were very assertive in pushing (their) interests."

The technology will benefit not only Western students but also high school students in the area through the NASA-based STARBASE program. STARBASE stands for Students Training for Achievement in Research Based on Analytical Space-Science Experiences, and the program was created to promote education for younger students in the area of astronomy.

With the new technology,

Western's astronomy students and professors will be able to observe the heavens over 150 nights a year.

"We will be looking at the most distant luminous objects in the entire universe," said Michael Carini, assistant professor of astronomy

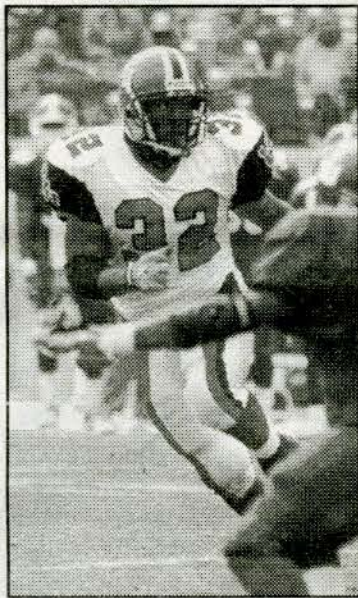
Party Politics

McConnell is chairman of the Senate's Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee and has a position on the Appropriations Committee. He is also chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, which has jurisdiction over federal election law and administration of the Senate.

While visiting the observatory, McConnell voiced his opinion about the contested presidential election.

"This is the same Al Gore who said in 1999 that he would do anything to win; now the American public is seeing that he will do anything to win," he said. "I hope at some point he will sober up and realize that the country's interests ought to be put ahead of his personal ambition and concede."

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DIDDLE: Renovation brings about many changes

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increase passed a few weeks ago by the Board of Regents. Other sources include the income from leasing each of the 16 suites and increased ticket prices for all events at Diddle. Additional money will come from the purchase of naming rights for the new facility. The arena itself will still be named after E. A. Diddle, but the whole complex will be named after a sponsor.

These four sources are expected to bring in between \$1 million and \$1.3 million each year.

"The university will begin a 15-month intensive effort to make phase one of the renovation a reality," Selig said.

Phases two and three of the renovation will include adding a two-story, 30,000-square-foot facility to the back of Diddle. On the ground floor, two auxiliary basketball courts would be built and classrooms would be placed on the second floor. New lighting for the arena would also be put in.

The renovation plans also call for the removal of the Diddle Arena swimming pool. That 6,000-square-foot area would be turned into a meeting and convention area.

The renovation will begin in March 2002 after the basketball teams finish their seasons and will be completed before the basketball and volleyball teams begin their next seasons.

Selig said the first priority is the construction of the new parking lot. He said he hopes work on that project can begin as early as next summer or fall.

A proposed skywalk between

Diddle and the new parking lot may not be included in the plans, depending on how much it will cost. Selig said a shuttle or van running from the parking lot to the arena is also a possibility.

The completion of phases two and three of the renovation will depend on how much money can be raised. Western will be working in conjunction with Bowling Green to develop a plan to obtain the money.

Bowling Green Mayor-elect Sandy Jones said Western is a huge asset to the community and that working with the university could help the city as well.

"The city will take the knowledge (from the feasibility study) and see how we can help Western accomplish their goal," Jones said.

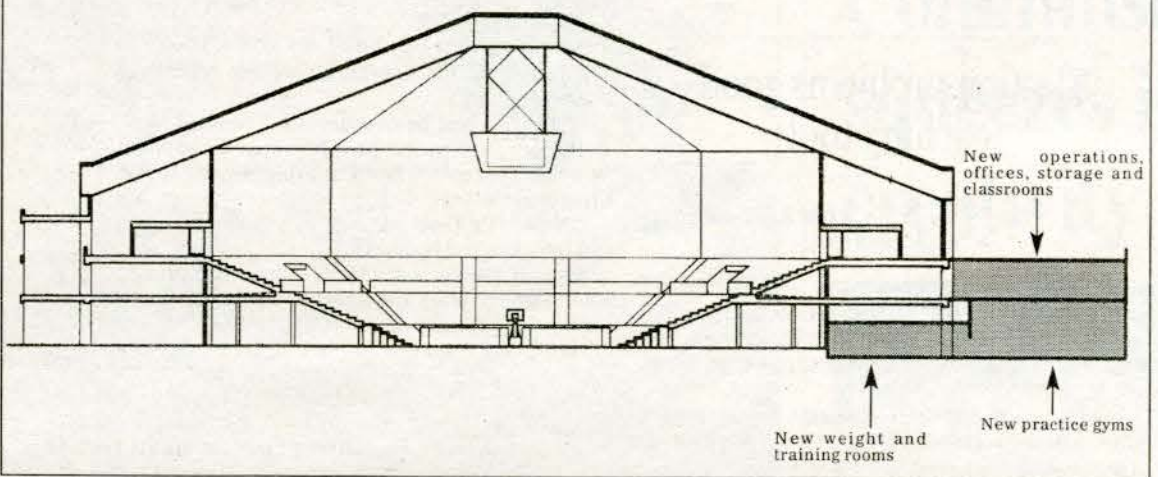
President Gary Ransdell also said he believes Bowling Green and Western can work together to make the renovation possible.

"(Western has) been a major economic asset for Bowling Green and we think we can make it even more so in the future with this renovation," Ransdell said. "This will be the first time in Western's history we've asked the city and county to help us out."

Bowling Green City Manager Chuck Coates said Bowling Green is trying to respond to Western's call for help.

"We must reflect on the economic impact Western has had on the Bowling Green/Warren County community," Coates said. "We want to be a player here. This is a continuation of a very exciting time right now in Western sports. This is just another part of the puzzle."

Proposed floorplan for E. A. Diddle Arena



Campus News

Academic Complex service drive and lot to be closed

The Academic Complex service drive and lot will be closed Friday because of work on the chilled water plant. The only access to the drive will be for the handicapped and construction equipment. The Student Health Center entrance will be used for access to the building. The parking lot will be closed through the month of December.

Book publisher to visit Western

John Zeigler, senior acquisitions editor of the University Press of Kentucky, will be at Western Friday. Anyone with a manuscript or an idea for a book is welcome to meet with Zeigler. He specializes in American history, folklore, pop-

ular and country music, medicine and health, aeronautics and space, southern religion and Appalachian studies.

To schedule an appointment, call Mina Doerner at 745-2345. Zeigler will be in the fine arts center, Room 221.

Student gets William R. Walls Travel Award

Bowling Green junior Denis Mujic received the William R. Walls Travel Award from the Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies.

Mujic plans to spend the 2001 spring semester in Austria at the Vienna State College of Education.

Several travel awards are given annually to students who have at least two semesters in a foreign language, a 3.5 grade point average in the language and a 3.0 overall.

—Jason Ragan



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Government professors enjoy recent election tangle

Election problems good teaching tool

BY SAM YOUNGMAN
Herald reporter

As tension mounts in the world of big-league politics, there are still some people enjoying the debate over the rightful tenant of the Oval Office — those who teach government.

"As you can expect, we're all very excited," Government Department Head Sandra Ardrey said. "I could not have been teaching this at a better time."

Ardrey, who teaches Campaigns and Elections, along with other government professors say the hotly-contested presidency has been great for class material.

"In our introductory classes we always talk about the Electoral College, but it's always theoretical," she said. "What (the election has) meant for us is the theory has become reality."

Ardrey said in the face of presidential uncertainty, "classes have taken on a new enthusiasm."

John Parker, government professor and

former department head, said he, too, has enjoyed using the disputed election results as a teaching tool.

"This has just been a delight," he said.

Parker said in the past he sensed boredom from his students when the topic turned to the Electoral College.

"Now, it's fascinating," he said. "People can now see the impact."

One of Parker's students, Chris Bohannon, a sophomore from Cookeville, Tenn., said this rare political phenomenon has led to a "lively debate" in class and helped him "straighten out" some of the issues he wasn't aware of.

But Bianca Adair, a visiting assistant government professor, said it's important the students observe the system and not get tangled up in the bipartisan bickering.

"I've encouraged the students not to get caught up in the hype of either side, but to look at the process objectively," she said.

Adair added that students shouldn't fear or embrace talk of a constitutional crisis.

"I've stressed to them that our system works," she said. "Certainly, I don't think our system is conditioned on people freaking out."

Parker said whatever the outcome this will prove to be an educational experience on many levels.

"It's been a giant civics lesson," he said, "not just for the classes, but for the American population in general."

McLEAN: Some students spend night for nothing

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Miles' name was in the 50s on the list, and her chances for a space didn't look good. Still, she remained in the Potter lobby.

"I keep saying I am going to leave, but I have this slim hope that I will get a room," Miles said.

Owensboro junior Summer Holinde and Louisville junior Kelli Nall said the system should have given an advantage to seniors. Holinde and Nall will both be seniors by next fall.

"We shouldn't have to spend the night in Potter Hall, we're seniors," Holinde said as Nall added an emphatic nod in agreement.

Kuster said Residence Life did all it could to make the process reasonable.

"No matter what we do someone is not going to be happy," Kuster said. "We tried to do it the fairest way we could."

Many did tough it out until the bitter end. By 9:30 p.m., there were only five spots left for men.

Marion freshman Kara Harris, one of the troopers that got to Potter at 10:30 a.m., anticipated the time to hand out the numbers approached.

"I wonder if we should line up

now. I'm getting nervous," Harris said.

As the numbers were handed out, Tabitha Spain, a sophomore from Whitehouse, Tenn., was also getting nervous. She got to Potter at 1:30 p.m. and was 38th — the cutoff was 37.

Spain was going to continue to wait, hoping someone might drop out.

"I'm going to stay," Spain said. "I have been here this long, so I might as well."

No more than 10 minutes later, she had the No. 35 ticket in hand. Three students hadn't shown up to pick up their tickets.

"I'm surprised," Spain said. "I thought they were staying. I didn't think they would leave."

Bowling Green sophomore Kim Herriford's chances on getting into McLean were a little less than certain. She ended up with No. 48.

"I'm going to stay and play spades," Herriford said. "It's like a big sleepover."

Herriford's "sleepover" earned her the sixth spot on the waiting list.

As the sun rose on Tuesday morning, all the spots were full. And 12 women were left to wait.

Students deal with break-ins

BY REX HALL JR.
Herald reporter

Mason Shields said he thinks it was just a prank.

Someone busted out the right-rear window of his 1985 Honda Accord last Tuesday and stole a stuffed animal worth \$5 that he won at an amusement park. They didn't even think of taking his CD player.

Shields' car was one of five damaged in the Normal lot between Nov. 19 and Nov. 21. Five students, including Shields, told campus police their cars were damaged.

Damage to the students' cars totaled \$1,100. The assailants didn't steal anything from the cars except in Shields' case, but they damaged the right-rear windows of all five cars, according to campus police reports.

Capt. Mike Wallace said campus police are investigating the break-ins.

"We would caution people not to leave things in plain sight in their cars, especially this time of year," Wallace said.

Rashes of vehicle break-ins are not something new to campus, Wallace said.

"Usually, we find those responsible and they go before the courts whether they are juvenile or adult," Wallace said.

Wallace said that based on his past experiences, most car break-ins are done by someone living off campus.

He said the Bowling Green Police Department has also been dealing with a rash of break-ins in certain areas of the city.

"It's not just isolated to our campus," Wallace said. "It's a reflection of the surrounding community."

Shields said despite the break-ins, he'll still park his car in the lot. Nashville senior Richard Rippy, whose 1990 Chevrolet Lumina was damaged, said the break-ins concern him, but he'll continue to park his car there.

"... Because it's the closest lot to my dorm," Rippy said. "I think they were after my CDs, but they didn't get anything. They might have gotten scared off or they didn't like my taste in music."

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10-year-old Ivan Hernandez of Bowling Green, Louisville freshman Jason Brown and 8-year-old Drake Neal of Bowling Green laugh together during an after-school tutoring program at Dishman-McGinnis Elementary School. Below: 6-year-old Irving Castillo of Bowling Green and senior Mandy Lutz go over reading exercises.

photos by Cassandra Shie/Herald

Columnist squeezes in creativity



SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK
Matt Batcheldor

Dadgummit, I'm just running out of time. I have all these ideas for the real nitty-gritty, in-the-trenches, hit-the-streets columns you've come to expect from Schoolhouse Rock. But the semester's almost over.

Several of you have called, recalled, e-mailed and remailed me. You've wanted to get my take on the people that make Bowling Green great. You've wanted to know what I think about national and international affairs. And you've craved the exclusive interviews that only Schoolhouse Rock delivers.

In a creative fury, I decided to bite off way more than I could chew and get the scoop. I'm not talking about one of those Kellogg's Raisin Bran scoops. We're talking snow shovels full here.

Flora Templeton Stuart

One faithful reader wanted to know what the deal was with that lawyer gal on the TV, Flora Templeton Stuart, and her fat ankles. As any faithful viewer of WBKO-13 knows, Flora runs "the law firm that cares about youuuuuu." She's working to keep our kids drug and alcohol-free.

Until today, nobody has interviewed her chubby ankles, Tubby and Stubby. Few people know about the ongoing feud between the ankles, as they vie for truth, justice and the Warren County way.

That's not fat. That's muscle!

In a would-be world exclusive interview with Schoolhouse Rock, the ankles first asked me if my Social Security was coming in all right and if I "recently had been in an automobile accident at the present time."

"No fee unless you win," they told me. I told them Schoolhouse Rock doesn't pay for our exclusive interviews and wouldn't be paying any fees. Next thing I know, they're on the phone with "20/20 Downtown." Go figure.

Trigger-lock rapists

I don't know if you've seen the billboards around town lately, but there's one over by Greenwood High School that says "Rapists Love Trigger Locks!"

Below the ominous words on the sign is a ski-masked man about to tackle a distressed woman. The impression I'm getting is that the woman had a trigger lock on her gun. And the Big Gun Lobby's saying that rapists like trigger locks because they don't stop rapists.

But who's asked the rapists? How do they know they like trigger locks so much? Did they do a poll that says "9 out of 10 rapists agree: We love trigger locks?"

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Completing the Circle

America's largest collegiate service organization attempts start at Western

BY MAI HOANG
Herald reporter

Twice a week, Drake Neal, 8, has something to look forward to. He gets homework help from someone he thinks is cool.

"He doesn't yell like my brother," Neal said. "I wish he was my brother."

He is talking about Jason Brown. Earlier this semester, Brown and Sarah Freshey — both freshmen from Louisville — started a Circle K chapter at Western.

Circle K is part of the Kiwanis service organizations. The first Circle K club was formed in Carthage College in Carthage, Ill., in 1947. Since then, the college has moved to Kenosha, Wis., and the organization became the largest collegiate service organization in American and Canadian colleges. There are now about

15,000 members in 400 clubs around the world.

"I think it's the most noble thing you can do, giving back to the community," Brown said. "We want to make a difference and have fun doing it."

As part of the national Circle K service theme, "Focusing on the Future: Children," members go to Dishman-McGinnis Elementary twice a week to help out with the 21st Century Community Learning Center, an after-school program.

"They help out a lot," said Karrah Pearl, the site director. "The kids are able to have one-on-one help (with homework)."

The children in the program are glad for the help. Sergio Castillo, 8, was getting help with multiplication tables one afternoon from Brown.

"I don't understand math," Castillo said.



"He (Jason) explains it to me and I start to understand it."

The members have gained popularity at the program. Some of the children think of them as more than homework help. They look up to them and even consider them friends.

"They like to play with me," said Kaylin Maxie, 6. "They're my friends and they help me be good."

The members are enthusiastic about coming in twice a week and helping the children.

"I know I'm helping them do homework, so they can play later," said Freshey. "Plus, they don't get a lot of one-on-one help at home."

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Bowling Green muslims celebrating holy month

BY KATE CORCORAN
Herald reporter

Azra Mahmood hasn't had lunch in four days.

It will be 26 more until she has it again.

While her friends are at Subway and McDonald's, she is praying.

She is part of Bowling Green's small but devout Muslim population, which joined the worldwide celebration of Ramadan Monday.

"It's hard in society because the discipline is up to the individ-

ual and America tells us all, 'Do what you want, here and now,'" Mahmood said.

There are 247 churches in Bowling Green, but only one Islamic Center, which Azra estimates has between 40 and 50 worshippers on a good day.

The group will join 1 billion Muslims worldwide for Ramadan observances, with increased prayer, charity and daily fasting from sunup to sundown. Ramadan occurs in the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, when Muslims believe their holy book, the Koran,

was sent from Heaven. Although it is mandatory for all able-bodied Muslims, Islam considers individuals accountable.

Fasting consists of abstaining not only from food and drink, but also smoking, using bad language, chewing gum, watching impure things on TV, listening to suggestive music and having sex, Mahmood said.

"Ramadan is a wake-up call, spiritually," explained Azra, a graduate student from Chicago. "It makes you God-conscious on a higher level."

Zubair Mohamed, head of the newly-formed Muslim Student Association, said there are very few Muslim students on campus. The association reaches out to the students, who come from the Middle East, Bosnia and India, as well as Americans who have accepted the religion.

Fasting, faith in God, prayer, alms giving and pilgrimage are the five pillars of Islam, according to Jihad Allan, a member of Bowling Green's Islamic community.

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News of the Weird *by Chuck Shepherd*

Kung-fu crickets

Legitimate Chinese cricket-fight promoters once again staged their national championship matches in Beijing in October, despite fears from their ranks that illegal gambling was ruining their "sport" that has endured for 1,000 years, according to a New York Times dispatch. Thousands of men descend on farmers in Shandong province each summer, seeking crickets of the proper physique and character to endure rough matches inside 8-inch-wide plastic containers. Matches end when one contestant tries to flee or gets tossed around hopelessly by the other.

Freedom of the finger.

In August, a state court in Lancaster County, Pa., and a federal court in Fayetteville, Ark., dismissed criminal charges against people who had made the gesture, and the Arkansas judge in fact ruled the defendant's right to flip the bird at a state trooper was protected by the U.S. Constitution.

It's all about the tongue

Newcastle, England, body piercer Lorna Larson accidentally hit a vein while working on the tongue of Gemma Danielson, 18, in July and by

the time Danielson got to the hospital, she had lost four pints of blood. Said Danielson, "(Doctors) said they had never seen anything like it." Larson said she was mortified: "That's the last tongue I do."

Like mother, like daughter

Joseph Pileggi, 69, filed a lawsuit in Akron, Ohio, in July seeking money damages over his 1997 marriage to Carli Buchanan, 61. He claims he intended to marry not Buchanan, but his long-time girlfriend, who is Buchanan's mother, Ducile Palermo, 83. He claimed that he did not realize until May 1999 that the "wrong" woman's name was on the license despite Buchanan's insistence that Pileggi consummated the marriage with her on the wedding night.

Picture police

In August, Davidson, N.C., police officer Scott Searcy asked to search a woman's car for drugs, giving as his legally required basis "reasonable suspicion" solely the fact that on the front seat was a copy of the weekly newspaper Creative Loafing, whose cover story on local drug enforcement was illustrated by a photo of a marijuana plant. Said Assistant Chief Butch Parker, "(Searcy) thinks he had reasonable suspicion, and we do, too." The

woman consented to the search, and nothing illegal was found.

You are what you eat

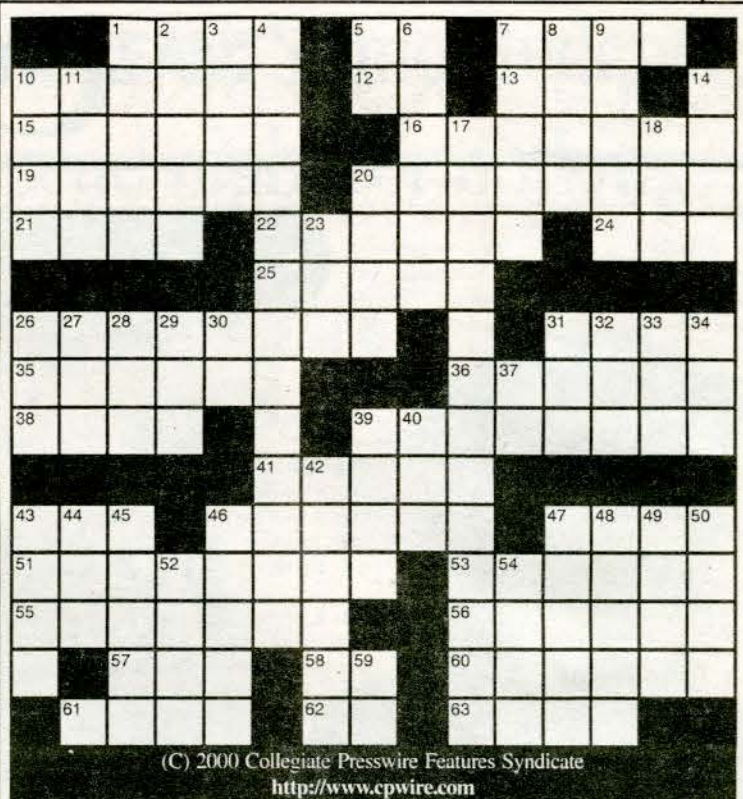
Jail guards employed by the Nova Scotia government had their "privilege" of being able to eat free in the inmates' dining room taken away in July because of budget cuts and must now pay \$2.50 to get their prison meal. And Brazilian multimillionaire Jair Coelho, 68, was arrested in August and locked up before trial; he had made a fortune on the country's jail contracts, supplying nearly inedible food, but the government proved that he got the contracts through bribery, and thus he must now eat his own food.

Proposal of death

In August, a 20-year-old man who worked at a landscaping business in Phoenix proposed to his girlfriend (she accepted), took her to the worksite, turned on a woodchipper, climbed in, and tried to pull her in, too. He was killed, but she escaped.

Sweet tooth

Police said two burglary suspects, left alone briefly in a stationhouse storage/interview room, stole some Twizzlers and the change from the office coffee fund box.



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Movie Capsules

BY MICHEAL COMPTON
Herald reporter

Bounce (C) An overly talkative and ultimately dull romantic drama starring former real-life couple Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow.

Charlie's Angels (C-) This film is struggling to find its identity.

The Grinch (B+) This is a holiday treat, complete with festive visuals and a manic one-of-a-kind performance by Jim Carrey.

Meet The Parents (D) A wannabe comedy that takes its laughs from uncomfortable situations.

Little Nicky (B) Adam Sandler's movies have a tendency to be juvenile and silly, but this isn't exactly a bad thing.

Men of Honor (B-) Cuba Gooding Jr. and Robert DeNiro star in the true story of a Kentucky man who

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- Everyone - best of luck on finals & have a happy holiday season!

- KAPPA DELTA Alumna of the month: Charmaine Hunt
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SCHOOLHOUSE: Sister sorority from Murray

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I like my women beautiful, my beer cold and my triggers locked. That doesn't make me a rapist, does it?

Something tells me those rapists don't have trigger locks on their mind, Mr. Charlton Heston. Ever heard of pepper spray, Einstein?

Why don't you and your National Rifle Association buddies go shoot up some old dishwashers out in Bullitt County?

The Terminator

Guess who's terminating high prices on cars, trucks and vans in South Central Kentucky?

If you guessed Cornelius Martin, I think you're right. Man, this guy gets around. First of all, he is on the Board of Regents (you know, those guys that raise the athletic fees and name dorms after people).

But that's his day job. On TV, he sports a leather jacket and a motorcycle and goes around slashing high automobile prices. Now that's a hero for you!

He's the "Terminator." Eat your heart out, Arnold! Maybe you've seen him around town, cruising, looking for some big, bad, high automobile prices to cut. If you do, honk for me, won't you?

Sister Sorority

I'm so excited! Alpha Sigma Sigma has a sister sorority!

Schoolhouse Rock recently got a little mail from some sorority sisters at Murray State

University, asking for a little fellowship and lifelong friendship. Melissa Stoneburger writes:

Dear Mr. Batchelder,
As a founding member of Gamma Bite Me Bite Me, the Murray State University non-sorority, I would like to commend ASS on its endeavors on the Western campus.

It is inevitable that we, as non-Greeks, show that we can have fun without paying exuberant (sic) amounts of money to be spanked by members of the same sex and be forced to ride barnyard animals to prove we are worthy of respect.

Although we are only three members strong, the bitter sisters of "Bite Me" wish ASS a continued success in the future. I hope that ASS and "Bite Me" can someday have a mixer and promote unity of non-Greek sororities.

Wow.

SuperPicks

Hey, I almost forgot to do SuperPicks!

◆ Check out Western's dance company in their fall concert. It takes place Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission is just \$1.

◆ Former Government Cheese guitarist and bluesy rocker Tommy Womack returns to the Java House tonight at 9 p.m. Should be a great show.

The opinions expressed in Schoolhouse Rock do not necessarily represent the opinions of... anybody. Get it? It's a humor column! Write Matt at batchme@wku.edu.

Campus News

Opera Theatre to perform

The Western Opera Theatre will perform Act One of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. For more information, call 745-5920.

Goodwill and WKU Head Start taking donations

Goodwill Industries of Kentucky and Western's Head Start Program have established a donation assistance program. Donations given to Goodwill in the name of Western's Head Start Program give vouchers to the Head Start-sponsored families to shop at the Goodwill store. A form has to be filled out to enable the Head Start Families to receive the vouchers. Forms are available in Jones-Jaggers Hall, room 113.

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FASTING: Ramadan seen as 'spiritually uplifting time'

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It is seen as a way to build discipline and remember God and the poor.

"Often, eating is just a force of habit to us," said Mohamed. "Through fasting we feel what destitute people go through. It's hard for the body to get used to at first, but it is a spiritually uplifting time."

Because Ramadan falls during the Christmas season this year, Mahmood hopes it will be good for drawing attention to all religions.

But while her classmates are baking cookies and wrapping presents, Islamic students

on campus will join with six million U.S. Muslims in their spiritual quest.

When Mahmood explains her religion and why she isn't eating during the day, people generally respond positively, but she has had several experiences with people trying to convert her.

"People say that I need Christ, that (Muslims) aren't 'saved,'" she said. "I just tell them that God judges, not you."

Many, including Mahmood, see Ramadan as a chance to get away from the world's materialistic, self-indulgent ways. "Ramadan," she said, "is a test."

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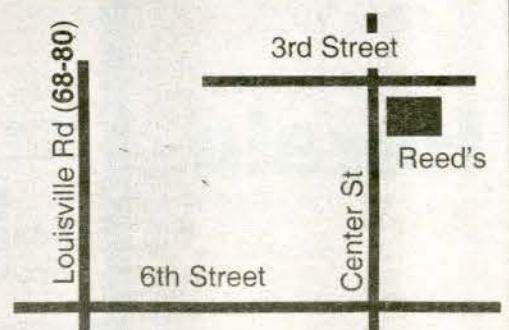
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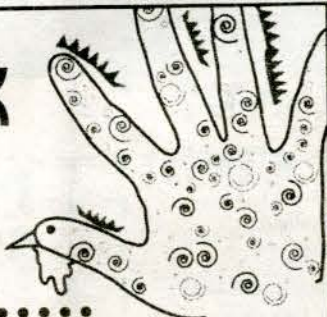
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CIRCLE: Club needs members for charter

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Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Downing University Center, Room 310A. The members generally do three to four service hours a month, 20 hours a year. Members, of course, can do more.

"If you love love volunteering, there is always something to do on the weekend," Freshey said.

Besides the homework help, Circle K members plan to go to the Bowling Green Public Library to act out stories as well as read to children one-on-one. They will also visit nursing homes and hold can and clothing drives for the holidays.

Some key objectives include providing opportunities for leadership, serving on campus and in the community and developing scholarships.

For some, doing community service in college continues a tradition. Brown and Freshey, the co-founders of the Western chapter, were both members of Key Club at Louisville Manual High School.

Member Kristin Hooper, a freshman from Murfreesboro, Tenn., belonged to a community service organization, Interact, in high school. She also participated in her church mission group, so the transition to community service in college was simple.

"It makes you feel good to know you help an unprivileged kid do their math homework," Hooper said. "There is a sense of accomplishment."

There are also some members that have never done community service. Calvina Liebig, a Brandenburg freshman, said she joined because she loves children and wants to be a teacher.

Besides helping people in the community, the group is also hoping to make friends

too. Freshey said she hopes to see Circle K become a tight-knit group.

"We're a really friendly organization," Hooper said. "Most of my friends are from Circle K."

While Brown is starting the group at Western, his fellow Manual graduates are also starting Circle K groups at University of Louisville, Northern Kentucky University and Centre College. According to Brown, U of L's membership has gone up to about 30 members.

The group's next goal is to become chartered by their district, which includes all the Circle K clubs in Kentucky and Tennessee. That requires 20 members; there are 10 now. Brown plans on continuing using fliers as well as word of mouth to gain membership.

"(I want) a group that cares about the world around them," Brown said. "You can volunteer alone, but it's more effective with a group of people."

Ending breaks 'Unbreakable'

Review: 'Unbreakable'
Grade: C+

BY MICHEAL COMPTON
Herald reporter

M. Night Shyamalan, writer/director of "The Sixth Sense," was recently quoted as saying that he believes he has found the formula that will assure a crowd-pleasing blockbuster every time out. After watching Shyamalan's latest movie, "Unbreakable," it's clear that maybe he needs to return to the drawing board.

There is a lot to like about the film, including some marvelous direction and very tense moments. However, a movie that relies so heavily on its surprise ending shouldn't deliver a twist so straight.

The film stars Bruce Willis as David Dunn. No, he doesn't see dead people, but having just survived a horrific train wreck, he should. Not only did David walk away without a scratch, but he was the only survivor.

It's this fact that causes Elijah Price (Samuel L.

The ending is appropriate and true to the material, but it lacks the big payoff that the movie keeps promising the whole way through.

Jackson), a comic book collector, to develop a keen interest in David. Elijah was born with a bone condition that makes his bones very sensitive and easy to break. Having been haunted by this condition his whole life, Elijah is convinced that there is some soulmate out there that is his exact opposite: unbreakable.

Elijah begins to try and convince David that he is that person. David is reluctant at first, but the more things Elijah points out, such as the fact that David can never remember being sick and that he has this ability to sense danger, the more David starts to think that maybe there is truth to Elijah's words.

Shyamalan's direction shows a lot of talent and promise. The film's opening sequences are so good that it leaves you asking, "Where is this going? What is going to happen next?"

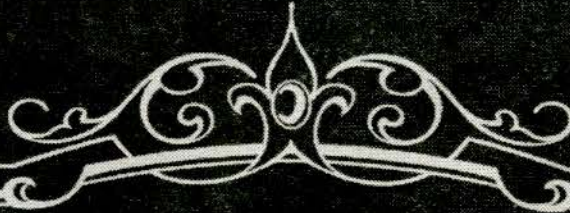
Unfortunately, Shyamalan's screenplay always seems just a step more deliberate than it needs to be, which takes the air out of all the tension the film is trying to create.

Willis and Jackson are both good in their roles. Willis does need to drop the "I'll whisper to seem more intense" mode of acting he seems to incorporate in most of his recent films, though.

Jackson, on the other hand, provides interest and depth to a character that could easily have been misplayed as overly sympathetic.

Still, the movie just didn't click with me, because I didn't buy the ending. Granted, the ending is appropriate and true to the material, but it lacks the big payoff that the movie keeps promising the whole way through. Part of the reason it's so flat could be the written epilogue Shyamalan throws at the audience. It's as if he wanted to make sure that he ended on the twist and there wasn't anything anyone could say to change his mind.

Because of that, this otherwise likable film becomes unlikable in the end.



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Around Campus

Symphonic Band to perform Tuesday

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Sports

Western to host round two of I-AA playoffs Saturday

BY BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

The sun rose on Western's campus Tuesday morning uncovering the battered remains of the Smith Stadium football field.

It had been trampled, torn up and turned into a muddy lagoon during last Saturday's first-round playoff game between Western and Florida A&M. Heavy rains ruined much of the field the Hilltoppers have protected all season with a perfect 7-0 record.

By midday, workers were stabilizing and restoring the field with new sod. They were fighting time because, this Saturday, Western will host just its second football game in the month of December in the program's 82-

year history.

"After the monsoon we had Saturday, we determined the field wasn't playable," said Craig Biggs, physical director for athletics. "We've been working on it quite a bit and I think it'll be in good shape for Saturday."

Alliza Sports Turfs from Bowling Green was contracted to do the work. Crews began at 7 a.m. Monday and physical labor started early Tuesday. Workers were on the field until 2 a.m. and back at it early yesterday, Biggs said. The sod itself cost around \$2,500, and Biggs isn't sure what the final price with labor will be.

After pitching its fourth shutout of the season in beating A&M 27-0, fifth-seeded Western (11-1) secured the home game

because fourth-seeded Troy State fell to No. 13 Appalachian State. Eight teams remain in the 16-team Division I-AA playoffs.

While workers compacted the field Tuesday with a steamroller bigger than even your favorite Hilltopper linebacker, the players convened on the practice field just over the railroad tracks to sharpen their game in preparation.

A win would put Western in the Final Four.

Game time is set for 1 p.m.

"We're really excited about having another home game and having our fans with us," junior free safety Kyle Moffatt said. "Hopefully, since it's not

Round one: round won

BY BRIAN MOORE
Herald reporter

Western's defense went into last Saturday's first-round playoff game against Florida A&M with one mighty task ahead of them.

To win against the 12th-seeded Rattlers, the defense would have to throw an obstacle at the nation's most potent offense. A&M was averaging 39.7 points and 445 yards of total offense a game going into the match-up with fifth-seeded Western.

The Toppers, who lead the nation in turnover margin, didn't exactly slow down the A&M freight train.

They simply stopped it. And a steady, heavy rain helped take the engine out of A&M's shotgun offense.

Western allowed just 44 yards rushing and 91 yards passing in the round one mud bowl and won 27-0.

"It was total domination by the Hilltoppers on offense, defense and special teams," A&M coach Billy Joe said. "But if you're going to get beat, that's the way to get beat. We played poorly because the Hilltoppers played great today."

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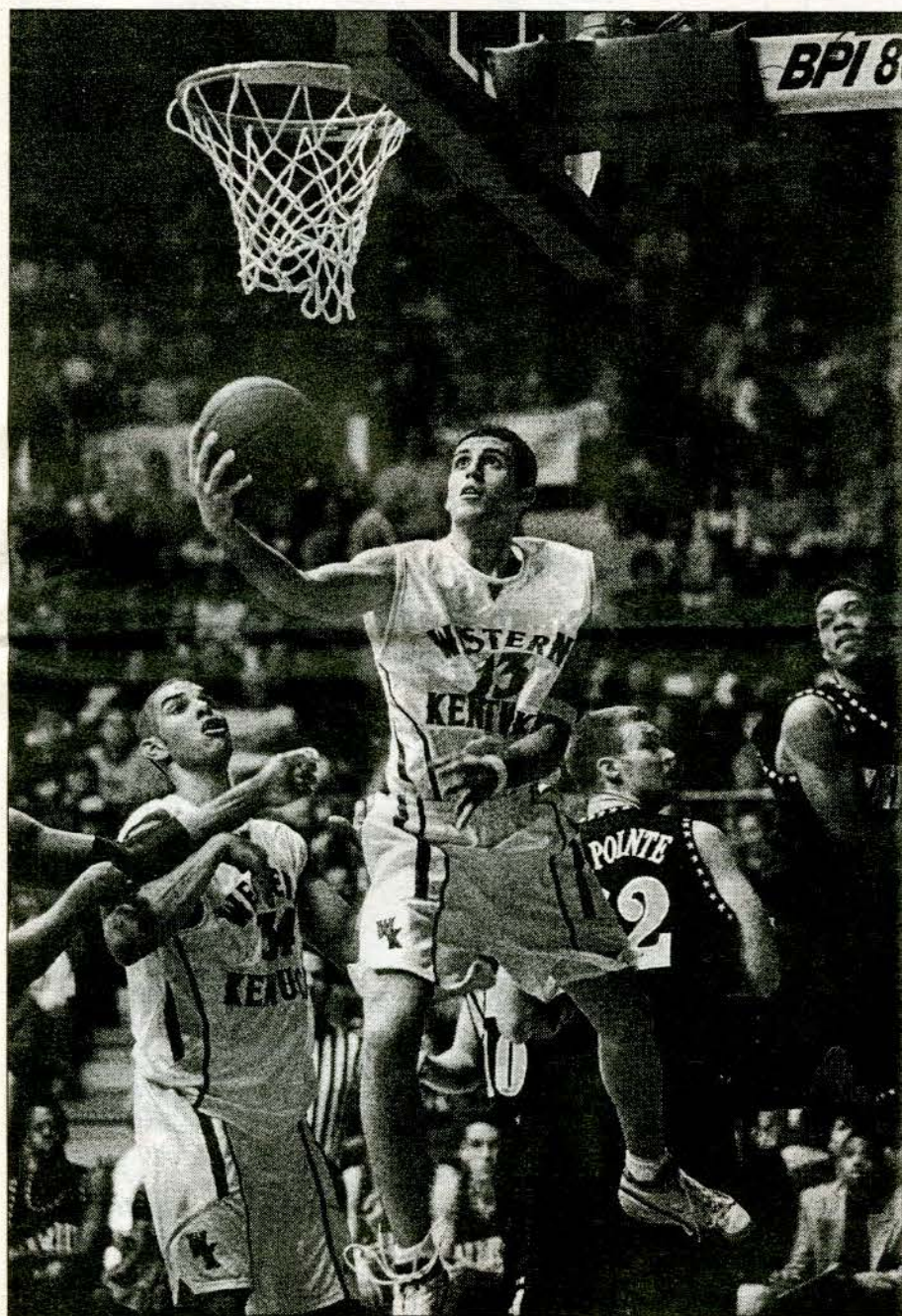


photo by Nina Greipel

Sophomore guard Filip Videnov scores during the first half of Tuesday night's game against Vanderbilt University at Diddle Arena. The Hilltoppers lost 70-66. At right: More than 7,500 spectators filled Diddle Tuesday night for the Hilltoppers' basketball game.

Hilltoppers defeated 70-66 in Tuesday's game against Vandy

BY TRAVIS WILLIAMS
Herald reporter

Usually after a men's basketball game you can hear music echoing from the locker room. From artists like Eminem to Drag-On, the bass beats on the door like gorillas desperate to escape.

But that's after a win.

On Tuesday, the Hilltoppers (3-1) suffered their first loss of the season 70-66 to Vanderbilt. The Toppers watched as their eight-point lead dwindled with just under five minutes left in the game.

Then, in just over two minutes the lead had shrunk to three. A minute later it was one. The Toppers' lead was getting weaker and weaker. Soon it flatlined.

Vandy tied the game on two free throws with 53 seconds left in the game. Slowly, what once seemed like just enough was now just short. Fifty-three seconds can be an eternity in basketball, and the Toppers knew they had another chance.

Sophomore guard Raynardo Curry made his way downcourt and passed the ball to team captain and sophomore forward David Boyden at the top of the key. Boyden looked to the post for center Chris Marcus, whom he had passed to numerous times throughout the night.

But as Boyden let the ball go, a Vanderbilt player grazed it with his fingertips. Marcus reached for the ball but couldn't bring it down. Turnover. 32 seconds remained and Vandy called a timeout.

Freshman guard Billy Richmond dribbled off a pick and found himself open at the free-throw line's elbow. He shot a soft floater that rattled in the rim before falling through the net.

The Commodores had taken a 68-66 lead with seven seconds remaining.

"We've had times where we've illustrated

that you can go the length of the floor and make two basketball plays in three seconds," Coach Dennis Felton said. "So, six point whatever seconds is an eternity. Going into that possession I had a choice to either call a timeout and try to set something up, or not call a timeout and let them play."

Felton chose the latter. And as Curry raced down the court off the inbound pass, he cut and worked his way through defenders until he got to the rim. Still going forward, Curry ran right over a Vandy defender and was called for a charge.

Boyden fouled the Vandy player on the inbounds pass and two free throws pushed the Commodore lead to four with two seconds left in the game.



H. Rick Mach/Herald

"I chose the latter because I felt like with Raynardo, we had a real advantage of letting him push it up the court 'cause he's explosive," Felton said. "Sometimes I think you're better in that situation, just being players and making plays rather than trying

to execute a specific thing against a set defense."

Curry agreed with his coach and said that's how he's used to playing out those types of scenarios.

"Some people probably would rather call a timeout, but I'm used to playing right through it," Curry said. "I thought I was gonna get fouled and go to the free-throw line."

One stat that stuck out to Felton and his team was rebounds. Felton has stressed the importance of rebounding to his team, and Tuesday was the only time this season they have been beaten on the boards. The Commodores collected 49 rebounds to

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Women's basketball team to face Louisville tonight in Diddle

Nord, Whitaker will battle again

BY LYNDSEY SUTTON
Herald reporter

Louisville freshman guard Sara Nord admits there was trash-talking when she played against Western freshman guard Camryn Whitaker in the Kentucky-Indiana All-Stars

Series this summer. But, Nord said she waited until after both of Indiana's wins to do most of the trash-talking.

The two point guards were pitted against each other throughout the two-game series, and they will face each other for the third time in five months tonight at 7 in Diddle Arena.

"She's quick and she's difficult to guard, and I just look forward to the competition," Whitaker said. "... She impressed me pretty well but I think that we

match up fine together and we're similar in a lot of ways."

And both have stepped into similar roles on their respective teams, each starting at point guard as freshmen.

"Sometimes I think it's hard because all the pressure is on you," Nord said. "... I'm used to it but not at the college level."

Nord, who averages 12 points and six assists a game for the Cardinals (0-4), expects the matchup with Whitaker, who averages 4.2 points and 3.4 assists

per game for the Lady Toppers (2-3), to be as competitive as it was the first two times they played.

"She passes really well and I have to stop her penetration," Nord said.

Describing what she'll have to do to stop Nord, Whitaker echoed those words.

"I just try to pressure her, maybe try to get her shook a little bit instead of me getting shook, try to come out and get a little ball pressure and take her out of her game," Whitaker said. "(I'll)

try to make her turn the ball over, and when she gets rid of it, don't let her get it back."

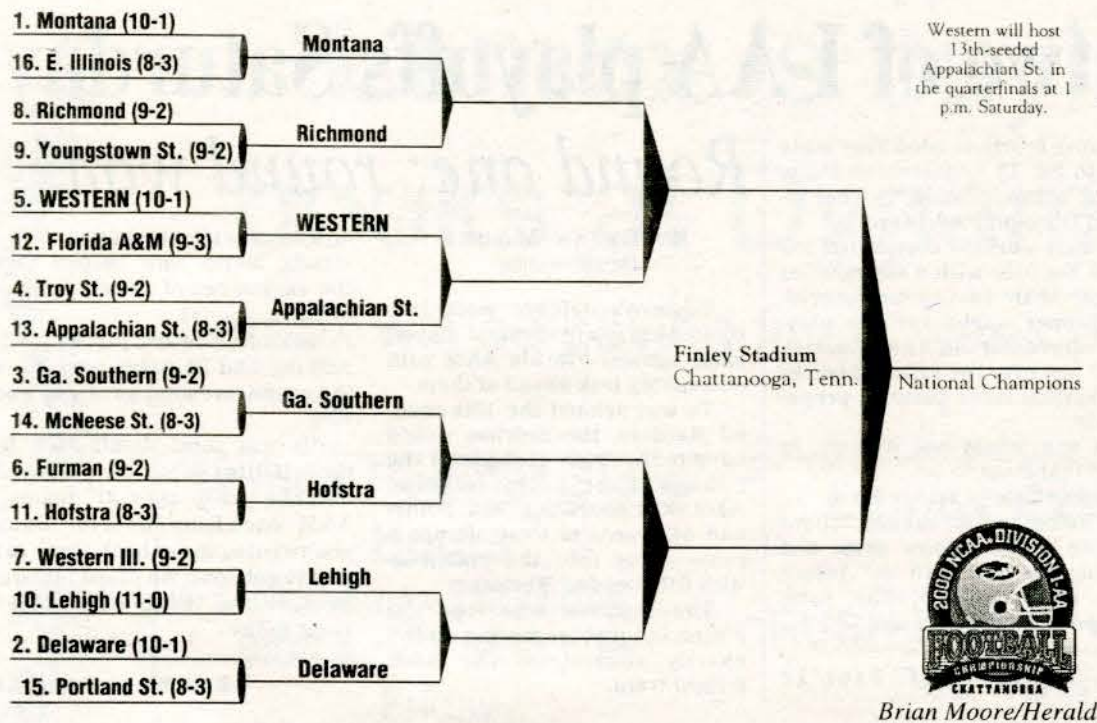
Louisville coach Martin Clapp said his team and Western are similar — youth and inexperience are factors for both. The Cardinals have no seniors and start one freshman, a sophomore and three juniors.

The Lady Toppers will start two freshmen, one sophomore, one junior and one senior.

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Thanksgiving we'll have our student body behind us this week. Appalachian State is a very balanced team."

Appalachian State (9-3) upset Troy State by scoring three touchdowns similar to the way Western gets many of its touchdowns: off turnovers. Three ASU scoring drives were 30 yards long or shorter after forcing Troy State into costly turnovers.

The Mountaineers have averaged 34 points a game on 254 yards passing and 190 yards rushing. Quarterback Joe Burchette passed for two touchdowns and 237 yards against Troy State. He completed 27 of 41 passes, which are career highs

for attempts and completions. ASU's defense held TSU to 58 yards rushing.

Feix Field wasn't the only thing shaken up in Saturday's Western wallop. Several Toppers came down with colds and were weakened after playing nearly the entire game in the rain. Add that to the fact that Western has played the last 12 weeks without a bye, and fatigue becomes a factor.

"We've got a few problems," head coach Jack Harbaugh said. "We've got a little bit of colds around, and (freshman wide receiver) Antonio Veals has missed the last two games with a viral infection. Compound all that with the weather conditions we were in for about three and a

half hours. We're concerned about that."

So while a great deal of physical work has gone into getting the playing surface ready, Harbaugh has taken a less physical approach to getting his club prepared. Practices have been cut down by about 25 minutes this week, and the team has spent more time in meetings and film study, he said.

Western has lost in the second round of the playoffs each of its last three appearances. But another piece of history conflicts that trend. The only other December home game was against Lehigh in 1973. Western won that game 25-16 en route to the Division II national championship game.

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A&M won the opening coin toss and deferred to the second half hoping to force Western to punt, giving the Rattlers the ball in favorable field position, Joe said. But the Toppers decided to keep it a while — their first drive swallowed more than nine minutes with 17 plays.

Sophomore Peter Martinez finished the drive with a 21-yard field goal. Then the Topper defense faced and conquered its task.

A&M was forced to punt on its first three possessions and was picked off on the next three drives. The first interception was by junior strong safety Mel Mitchell and the next two by senior linebacker Melvin Wisham.

Wisham had not intercepted a pass in his storied four years at Western until two weeks ago against Southern Illinois, his last regular-season game. He ran back his second pick against A&M 15 yards for a touchdown.

Senior linebacker Hayes Thomas recovered a fumble on an A&M punt return, sophomore

cornerback Bobby Sippio intercepted a pass and sophomore running back Jon Drummond recovered a fumble in the second half to complete Western's tally of six forced turnovers.

Sippio's interception was his 10th of the season, a school record. It was the second consecutive shutout by Western and its fourth of the season.

"Going into this game, we just wanted to slow them down," defensive coordinator Andy Hendel said. "They have quite an offense that's been getting it done all year. We wanted to put some pressure on their quarterback, and we did that."

Western juniors Jason Johnson and Donte Pimpleton split time at quarterback, and the duo sliced through the defense for 102 and 110 yards rushing, respectively. Pimpleton had two 41-yard touchdown runs. The play of Pimpleton and Johnson was key to the offensive success, head coach Jack Harbaugh said.

"These two quarterbacks typically this team," he said. "They're guys that care about each other,

support each other. They're best friends. They complimented each other today. It was a real team effort."

Coach, players honored

A handful of Toppers were honored last week by the Ohio Valley Conference coaches and sports information directors. Harbaugh was named the conference's Coach of the Year after leading Western to the OVC Championship with a 7-0 conference record.

Senior linebacker Melvin Wisham, sophomore cornerback Bobby Sippio, sophomore place kicker Peter Martinez, senior running back DeWayne Gallishaw and junior offensive guard Chris Price were selected to the All-OVC First Team.

Wisham led the league with 150 tackles and is one of 16 finalists for the Buck Buchanan Award given to the top defensive player in I-AA.

Linebacker Sherrod Coates, cornerback Joseph Jefferson and strong safety Mel Mitchell, all juniors, were selected to the Second Team.

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Q & A with Felton

Being a sports reporter sucks.

It sucks because reporters realize something that fans after the game don't — hindsight is 20-20.

It sucks because reporters have to listen to fans talk like

they've known all along what was wrong and that they could do a better job.

It sucks because I had to sit down with Coach Dennis Felton and get answers for the fans' questions about why he made the coaching decisions he did in a loss to Vanderbilt.

I think I know why he did what he did, because piles of scouting reports and hours of film showed him something.

Fans are way too critical.

But I had to ask him about the loss anyway.

Following is some of my interview with Felton.

Darr: Did you feel confident in your outside shooting if (guard Raynardo Curry) were to do that (bring the ball up at the end of the game)?

Felton: He should have blown it up the court just like he did, but made a pass.

Darr: Was that designed?

Felton: Yeah that's what we wanted. We wanted them to just play and do that, yeah.

Darr: It looked like Derek (Robinson, a junior guard) was having a pretty consistent game (4-11 field goals, 2-6 from deep).

Felton: Yeah he did.

Darr: Did you want him out at the end because of Curry's speed or —

Felton: I didn't want Derek out. I wanted the five guys on the court I had in.

Darr: Throughout the game I know I saw Chris (Marcus, a junior center) was playing further away from the basket and further away ... were you trying to guard their outside shot by having him out there? I mean it seemed like —

Felton: Wherever his man was, he, you know ... when you're in man-to-man if your man has the ball, you have to guard him.

Darr: And you didn't want Chris sagging toward the inside for inside help or anything.

Felton: No, you know, he's always going to play our man-to-man defense, and that means if his man has the ball he's going to be guarding him. If his man doesn't have the ball one pass away, he's going to be close to the line of the ball. If he's two passes away he's going to be on the white line. What we call the white line is the line that divides the middle of the floor.

Darr: Even though it was a loss, you played a (Southeastern Conference) team pretty strong. What do you think that says about your team this year? What forecast does that give for you?

Felton: I think it's good because I still think we have a lot of room for improvement. I mean we could have played better last night, but yet we still led the majority of the game and controlled the game.

Darr: Do you think in a month you can win that game, with a little more experience (hypothetically if another were to be played against Vanderbilt)?

Felton: I think tomorrow we could win that game. We controlled the game, we went up by eight and just got a little anxious and had several critical possessions where we shot quick and made some bad decisions right down toward the end to lose our lead ... I think we made a couple of mistakes we'll learn from and that we wouldn't make those mistakes if we had a



PLAYGROUND NOTES

John Darr

chance to do it again tomorrow ... I'm confident we'll be a better team in two weeks then we are now and we'll continue (growing as a team) that way.

Later in the interview, the bonus question:

Darr: My last question has to do kind of with rumors, and I know you don't deal too much with rumors, but the biggest rumor I've heard about next year is that we're trying to get UK (Kentucky) on the schedule —

Felton: Mmm hmm.

Darr: For the season opener. Do you know anything about this or is this in the works?

Felton: You know, I don't know. It's something we'll talk about when we announce it.

If Kentucky ever plays in Diddle, the only seats not sold may be in press row.

Huh.

Being a sports reporter doesn't suck after all.

Swimmers face heavyweight foes

BY BRANDY WARREN
Herald reporter

Western's swim teams will be put to the test this weekend. The teams have remained undefeated this season, but beginning today they will swim against some of the best in the country at the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind.

Top swimming teams competing in the tournament are Harvard, Columbia, Notre Dame and Michigan State.

"We'll compete the best we can," head swim coach Bill Powell said.

Last year, the men's team finished second overall and the women's team fourth overall. The meet runs through Saturday with morning and afternoon sessions.

Assistant swim coach Steve Crocker said the length and intensity of the invitational make it a tough meet for swimmers.

"We like this meet. It gives a chance to race a lot of good swimmers," Crocker said. "It becomes a mental and physical challenge to swim your best after six great challenges."

Crocker also said this meet will help prepare a lot of new

swimmers for the National Independent Conference Championships and Sun Belt Conference Championships at the end of February.

The team has been practicing lightly since Thanksgiving break — not as intensely as it would for the NIC or Sun Belt.

Crocker said he is very interested to see how the freshman compete over the weekend.

"We'll learn a lot from this meet about how to rest them," Crocker said.

In addition to resting the swimmers for this meet, several swimmers will be shaving for this meet with the hopes of gaining extra speed.

Crocker said he is expecting great swims from junior David Tucker and freshman Dean Cheek.

At this meet, Tucker will be swimming in a full bodysuit to see how it affects his swimming.

"He's been training so far ahead of how he was last year at this time," Crocker said.

Crocker is also curious about how Cheek will swim this weekend. Cheek is undefeated in each of his events this season. This weekend, Cheek will swim against fast distance swimmers from Notre Dame.

"I'm excited to see what he does when there's someone really fast next to him," Crocker said.

The team also expects its other freshman to swim well, including Jay Smith and Ryan Crosby in the butterfly and Clayton Delaney in the breaststroke. Crocker expects all of them to swim lifetime bests.

On the women's side, seniors Char Janes and Kristy Kostelnik are expected to swim well. Both have been resting for the meet.

At last year's meet, Kostelnik had personal best times in the 100-meter freestyle and the 100-meter butterfly.

"I'm not stressing about it," Kostelnik said. "If I swim well, I do. If I don't, I'll pick myself up and move on."

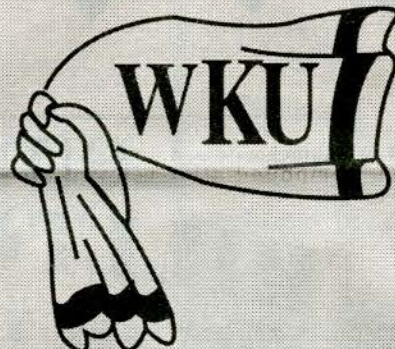
The diving competition is also expected to be good this weekend. Crocker said the competition at this tournament is better than the team will see at the NICs.

Crocker said the divers are preparing for the meet more mentally than physically.

"If the competition is better, they'll dive better."

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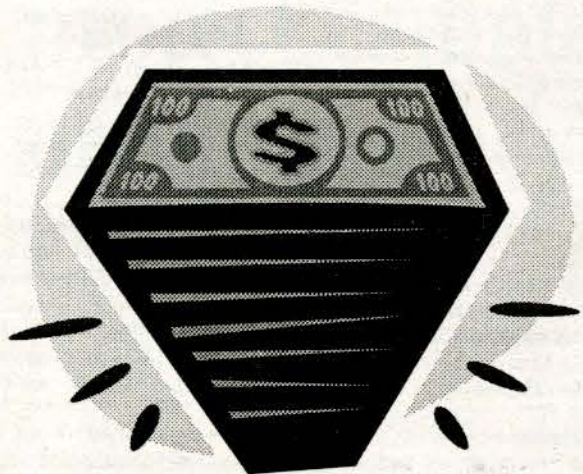


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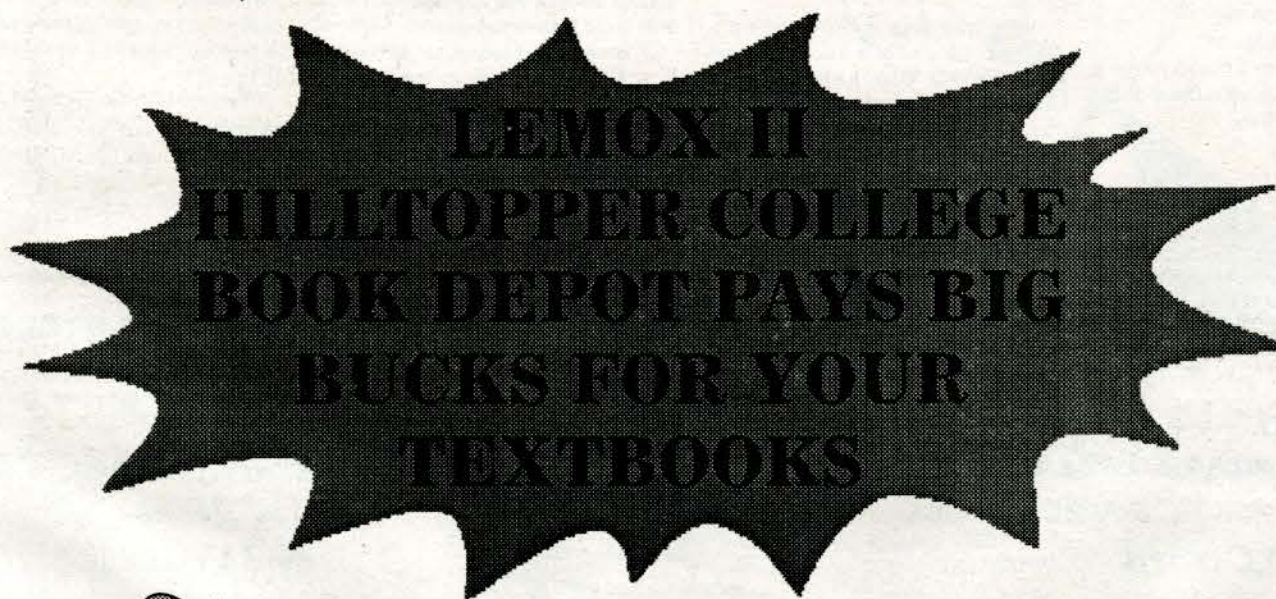
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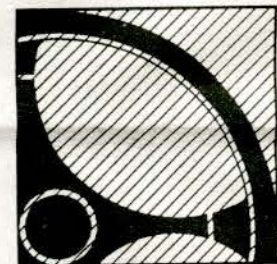
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"We had them basically right where we wanted them," Marcus said, "we just didn't do the things that got us the lead. We didn't go to the glass as hard as we could. There were a lot of long rebounds and they got second-chance opportunities, and when you get that many second-chance opportunities, you're gonna score. So it was basically just us. They really didn't do anything to beat us. It was just us."

Despite the loss, Diddle Arena was still filled to the top with fans. Some stood in the walkways during the final seconds to get a better view. One student seated in the court-side bleachers was escorted out of the gym after bumping a referee for what he thought was an unfavorable call.

Felton and his players loved the support and hope to see Diddle packed nightly from now on.

"We love the support from the crowd," Marcus said. "The more they get into it, the more we get into it. It's like we feed off them. I wish it could be like

that every night."

Marcus finished the game with another double-double, scoring 14 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Junior guard Derek Robinson was the only other Topper in double digits with 10 points. Curry added four assists and sophomore guard Filip Videnov came off the bench to score eight points.

The Toppers' next game will be at New Mexico this Saturday.

Western defeats Tennessee State

Tennessee State's first possession of the game Saturday night told them exactly what they were facing for the next 40 minutes. Six-foot-eight-inch TSU center John Gilmore rebounded a missed shot and went for the putback.

That's when he was formally introduced to Marcus, who swatted the ball back at Gilmore.

Another Tiger gathered the rebound and tried the same thing.

But it was just another block by Marcus, all in just over a minute.

"We gotta keep playing that way because we're small," TSU coach Nolan Richardson III said. "We start getting timid ... everybody on our team would start shooting jump shots."

The Tigers did keep playing that way.

But so did Marcus. And he had seven more blocks before the night was over, setting a new school record. Isadore "Pop" Thornton, who played on the Hill from 1995-1996, set the previous record in 1995.

Marcus also added 12 points and 21 rebounds to help the Toppers defeat the Tigers 90-66. Five other Toppers scored in double digits, including Boyden who added a career-high 16 points.

Western wins against Union College

The Toppers won their first home game of the season last Tuesday, defeating Union College 75-45. Sophomore forward Nate Williams led the Toppers in scoring with a career-high 15 points.

Marcus and Curry each added 10 points.

TEAM: Lineberry out

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Clapp said a big difference between the two teams is that Western has at least two go-to players but Louisville is "trying to find its identity."

Though the Lady Toppers have a young bench, senior forward ShaRae Mansfield, junior guard Natalie Powers and sophomore guard Kristina Covington all average in double figures in scoring.

"We don't have a Natalie Powers or ShaRae Mansfield," Clapp said.

In preparing for tonight's game, the Lady Toppers have had to adjust to a number of injuries and illnesses to their post players. Junior forward Aja Brown did not play in Sunday's 74-65 loss to Montana because of a sore left hip. She is listed as day-to-day and may not play against the Cardinals. Freshman forward Leah Lineberry, a starter who had been averaging 3.2 points and 4.8 rebounds a game, will be out for a minimum of three weeks with mono.

The only other post player on Western's roster, junior

center Katie Wulf, will dress for the first time this season tonight after missing the beginning of the season with a broken foot.

"Now we're putting people in positions that they shouldn't be playing, but that's the way it goes," Western coach Steve Small said.

Small said those adjustments may not hurt the Lady Toppers as much offensively as it will in rebounding.

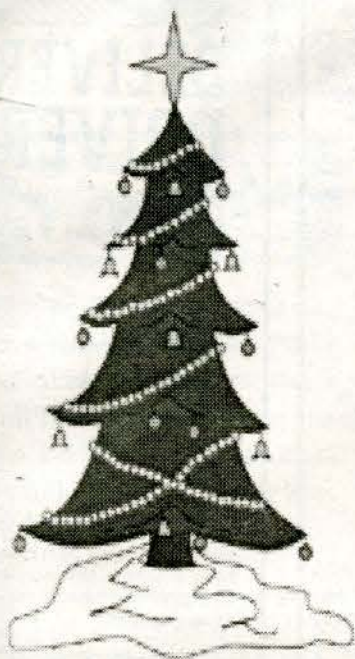
"The problem is, Louisville is a tremendous rebounding team with the size that they have," Small said. "... So, we're working pretty hard on boxing out, working on trying to get position more, but until we get healthy inside, we are at a tremendous disadvantage both offensively rebounding and defensive rebounding."

Montana defeats Western 74-65

The Lady Toppers fell to the Lady Griz 74-65 in Diddle Arena Sunday. Powers led all scorers with 20 points. Mansfield added 17 points and 12 rebounds for Western.

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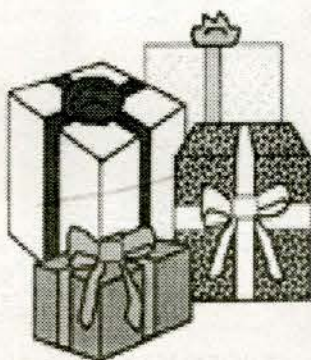


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