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La Roque West Point graduate

New ROTC director named

Lt. Col. Fred La Roque hopes to continue the tradition that Western's ROTC department has with the U.S. Army. "Western is known for turning out excellent cadets," said La Roque, who was named ROTC department head in August. La Roque, a 1962 graduate of West Point, comes to Western from Korea where he was assistant secretary of the United Nations Command Component of Military Armistice Commission. The commission is in charge of investigating any violations in the truce between communist Korea and the United Nations in the Demilitarized Zone," La Roque said. La Roque became interested in the military when he joined the Civil Air Patrol while in high school. Then, after graduating from West Point, he joined the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

La Roque's job at Western is his first assignment in the ROTC program. "I was surprised that I got this job," he said. "There are a lot of Western graduates that I thought would get the job." La Roque hopes to combine good instruction and individual attention to help make the work exciting and challenging for the cadets. There are more than 400 students in ROTC here, and La Roque said he wants to see that number grow during his stay. La Roque's job at Western is his first assignment in the ROTC program. "I was surprised that I got this job," he said. "There are a lot of Western graduates that I thought would get the job." La Roque hopes to combine good instruction and individual attention to help make the work exciting and challenging for the cadets. There are more than 400 students in ROTC here, and La Roque said he wants to see that number grow during his stay. He has been assigned to Western for three years. La Roque said he won't teach this fall, but that he would like to teach a course in the spring.

NOTES FROM THE COLONEL

I want to thank all -- cadre and cadets -- who welcomed me so genuinely and have contributed so much to the department's smooth operation thus far this school year. Before my arrival, I had been told many good things about WKU -- I see now they were all true and more! I believe we are all fortunate to be part of the Military Science Program here at Western.

I am pleased that so many have enrolled in our program. Our faculty, which I believe is exceptionally strong this year, works hard to provide the very best in instruction and to pass on to you the satisfaction of serving as a US Army officer. I urge you to participate in our many activities and to question us wherever you have the chance.

For those of you already actively working toward a commission, I want to emphasize your importance to the Army and to our country. ROTC is an integral part of our acquisition and training program for young officers. For instance, about 4500 lieutenants currently enter the Army each year from ROTC, compared to less than 1000 from the Military Academy and about 2000 from OCS and Direct Appointments. Our ROTC graduates are especially valuable young officers since they come directly from a "mainstream" of American civilian life and usually bring in highly valuable expertise in varied professional areas. These numbers give you a good prospective of your importance to the active duty Army officer corps. Your impact upon our Reserve forces is even more impressive.

A vital part of your education here is in the areas of leadership and management. As my personal philosophy of leadership, I believe an officer has to do the following as well as he or she possibly can:

1. Work hard, try hard
2. Be honest
3. Use good judgement
4. Be in excellent physical condition
5. Set the example

I urge you to place these highly among your goals. Number three is not always easy, but that's where your university education impacts so importantly. Polish your abilities to read, research, reason and write. These are invaluable tools in decision-making. The possession of these capabilities is what will make you, as college graduates, so valuable to your country and to the armed forces as officers.

FRED R. LA ROQUE, JR.
LTC, IN
FMS
Red Towel Territory

Seeing stars

Photo by Roger Sommer
11 attend ceremony

‘Forgotten’ hostages honored

By CAROL SHEETS

On day 343 of the captivity of the American hostages in Iran, 11 people gathered in Fountain Square Park downtown for a ceremony to remember them.

Two reporters, one cameraman, two children, one Jaycee and five Jaycee-Ettes were present at 10 a.m. Saturday. The ceremony officially began Freedom Week, a national Jaycee-Ette project.

"The people in our country as well as the government are thinking of the war (between Iran and Iraq) and the upcoming election and seem to have forgotten about our people who are held captive," said Rosemarie Schwab, chairperson of the Freedom Week committee and part-time Western student.

Schwab added that she is enthusiastic with the program, which is designed to help the community remember and honor the hostages.

Schwab is a member of the Jaycee-Ettes, an organization of wives of Jaycee members. She, Karen Munson and Jaycee-Ette President Tommie Driver worked last week to get the project organized and to get the community involved.

The Jaycee-Ettes have asked local schools to present a program for the children about the hostages sometime this week and have provided each school with a yellow ribbon to tie around a tree on the school grounds.

A proclamation signed by Mayor Harold Asher Miller stated that the "United States Jaycee-Ettes believe that government should be of laws rather than of men, and that the holding of American hostages by the Iranian government is a violation of international law and conduct."

The proclamation said that since American communities, in their fight for independence, have a history of designating community "freedom trees" as a rallying point for freedom and the yellow ribbon has been a symbol of concern, loyalty and support of those held against their will on foreign soil this would be an appropriate way to honor them.
Scabbard and Blade is a national military honor society founded at the University of Wisconsin in 1904. The society was organized with the purpose of raising standards of military education in American colleges and universities.

The society here at Western sponsors several annual events, one of which is the Military Ball. The Military Ball is the major social event for ROTC students, cadre and the WKU faculty and staff for the fall semester. This year the ball will be held on November 22, in the Garrett Center Ballroom. The ball is not a starchy, super-military type affair, but rather a time for students, cadre and the WKU faculty and staff to come together and have a good time. At this years ball, the 1980 Military Ball Queen will be announced followed by music by one of the better bands in the area, Front Page. The ball is free to all cadets and their dates, so come on out and enjoy the fun.

This week will end the 1980 Fall semester's pledge class activities. The Scabbard and Blade pledges in this pledge class are: Diana Camp, Debbie Cannon, Lonnie Sears and David Newkirk. These individuals, through their academic and military performance, have shown themselves as possessing the high standards required of an individual selected for membership in the Scabbard and Blade Society. They will soon join a society which has historically had members who have excelled not only in their military science studies but also proved themselves to be excellent officers while on active duty. The Scabbard and Blade Society is small in number but its members are some of the best.

Chuck Powell
PINCO/Scabbard & Blade

Scabbard and Blade

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
OF SCABBARD AND BLADE

SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY
OF THE MILITARY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Western Kentucky University ROTC Special Forces Detachment would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new Cadre and Cadets to the University for the Fall semester, and also welcome the returning Cadre and upperclassmen. Special Forces hopes the ROTC Corps will share in the excitement and enthusiasm that we feel about our Fall Candidate Program. The Candidate program being in full swing is one of the best overall programs in the history of WKU Special Forces.

After returning from the first of two FTX's in the program, the Special Forces actives along with our new advisor MSG David A. Martin from the 5th SFG Ft Bragg, NC, were very impressed by the determination of the Candidates to grasp tactical military operational procedure. Even though the candidates put in long hours of work during the FTX, they always showed a high level of motivation and desire for perfection in their work. With the high caliber of individuals that the candidates are, Special Forces expects this degree of intensity to last for the remainder of the 8-week program.

Special Forces prospective actives:

John Allen    Mike Shumate
Keith Abner    Jeff Wallace
Ken Giles     Vessie Taylor
Jim Jones     Chuck Powell
Jack Manning   David Reasoner
Haydon Pillow Mike Everett
Larry Pickett Steve Voges

Special Forces would like to thank the Cadre for the help and support they have shown already this semester, and also special thanks to the Administration office personnel.

In closing, Special Forces hopes this fall semester is one of the best for the ROTC Corps as well as our Fall Candidate Program.

Ray Salmon
C/1st Lt., S-2
Special Forces
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JUST GOOD TRAINING

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Girls rappel 60-foot cliff

By BRIAN FOOTE

The girls from Mariner Girl Scout Troop 782 showed a little fear as they rappelled down a 60-foot cliff near Richardsville Saturday morning.

"Once you get out there (on the side of the cliff) it isn't too bad," said Sally Scott, the troop's youngest member. "The hard part is getting out there."

Capt. Michael Ryan, a military science instructor, led the rappelling exercise. Ryan has been teaching the scouts mountaineering skills such as knot tying, building rope bridges and rappelling for the last three weeks.

After receiving last minute instructions, the troop watched a demonstration of rappelling by Cathy Popp, a Richmond, Va., senior, who went through the class last year and is now enrolled in the advanced mountaineering class.

"It was fun," Kathy Baker said. "It was different. We usually never do anything like this."

The troop leaders were pleased with the exercise as well. "Some of the girls came down like professionals," Mrs. Hirst said. "We were sure that the Army would do things right and would not let any of these girls get hurt."

The scouts had an easier time with the rope bridge exercise. They built the bridge across a dry creek; at one point the bridge was 40 feet from the creek bed. Ryan said some of the girls were "awed" by the height.

Mrs. Hirst said the project began when she had heard of Ryan and the course he teaches in the military science department. "I called him and he said he would try to work something out," she said.

"The girls are not trying for a merit badge or anything, but we'll try to think of something to give them," Mrs. Hirst said. "We'd like to do something like this again. The girls enjoyed themselves and learned something in the process."
Western shooters have to reload

Western's riflery team lost much of its bang last year. Two All-Americans—Joyce Laubenheimer and Mary Koeckert—graduated, but not before leading the Hilltoppers to a seventh-place national finish.

This year's squad features several new shooters and a new coach—Sgt. Gene Chaffins.

Chaffins, 34, has been in the U.S. Army for 17 years. The Etica, Ohio, native replaced Sgt. John Baker, who now works in Brigade operations at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Along with all Western's "newness," Chaffins said he hopes he can keep a little of the old.

"I hope we can continue to compete with much of the same success, but it may take awhile," Chaffins said. "This team is young, but talented."

If you think riflery rules and scoring procedures are complicated, you're right.

A riflery team consists of four starters. The team can compete against one team or several teams in match play. A match can take as long as seven hours to complete.

The three shooting competition categories are standing, kneeling and prone.

Two rifles can be used, the small bore (.22 caliber) or the air rifle (.177 caliber).

"In competition, each player shoots four 100-point targets at each of the three positions," Chaffins said. A perfect individual score is 1,200 points and a perfect team score is 4,800 points."

Western is a member of the National Rifle Association and the International Shooters Union. The squad can compete on an individual or team basis in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship.

The nation's top 40 shooters qualify for the NCAA individual championship and the 10 best scoring teams compete for the team title.

Chaffins admits that understanding the game is complicated. However, he's quick to shoot down any criticisms that the sport is "boring."

"Riflery is relaxing, and can be a total team sport," Chaffins said. "In a team match, it's not like basketball where you can pass the ball off to the other four guys if you're having a bad day. Each person counts, and one shooter being a little off can drop the team score as much as 100 points. That's a lot of points."

Chaffins said the team's six shooters compete for the four shooting positions the week prior to a match.

"Our team won't always have a solid four because we'll vie for positions each week," Chaffins said. "That's one of the different things about this sport. You just have to be consistent every week."

Eric Sack and Greg Stickler are the only senior members on Western's team.

Sack, a Cincinnati, Ohio, native, is having a hard time getting on target, according to Chaffins. "He's our most experienced shooter, but he's not concentrating right now and he's off," Chaffins said. "I believe he's thinking about graduation and his classes this year. But when he does settle down, he has the potential to be an All-American."

Stickler, a Louisville native, was a walk-on two years ago. He shoots in the 560's in half-course competition.

Steve Cser, a Fords, N.J., native, is the team's only sophomore. Chaffins said Cser "is also not living up to his capabilities, but will come on strong."

Three freshmen—Chris Lair of Jenks, Okla., Danny Pyle of Youngstown, Ohio and Kirby Sack (Eric's sister) also from Cincinnati—round out the squad.

"Riflery teaches self-discipline because you must come to the range and practice and you must concentrate," Chaffins said. "It can really get frustrating."
There are many marksmanship and mountaineering classes still open!

Enroll in a military science course now.

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No obligations — no haircuts — no marching or uniforms
More than 200 people watched as Tammy Logan, a Hopkinsville senior computer science major, was crowned Military Ball Queen Nov. 22. Logan was sponsored by the Scabbard and Blade Society. Tina Michael, a LaGrange sophomore, was first runner-up, and Vessie Taylor, a Cave City sophomore, was second runner-up. Michael was sponsored by the senior military science class and Taylor was sponsored by Special Forces.
For ROTC, the War Is Over

Uniforms, like patriotism, make a comeback on campuses

In 1969, ant-war protesters sprayed chicken blood over ROTC classrooms at the City College of New York. A year later, vandals trashed the Navy ROTC building at Northwestern in Evanston, Ill., forcing the program to move under Dyche Stadium. Throughout the U.S., armed forces instructors took to wearing civilian clothes when they walked on campus. Recalls one: "There was no sense in being harassed."

But today, instructors are visible again, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps programs of the Army, Navy and Air Force are making a comeback. Enrollment is up, and so is the prestige of ROTC. "They're not knocking our doors down," says a Washington-based ROTC official, "but it is better." As Barbara Patton, 24, a cadet at Pennsylvania's Drexel University, puts it, "The war is over."

In 1973, the year the draft was abolished, Army ROTC enrollment fell to 33,000, or about one-sixth of its 1967 peak of 177,000. Today the number is 65,000. Air Force ROTC has climbed to 22,500, only 10% below its Viet Nam peak. The military is still absent from some private colleges, including Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Stanford, Brown and Colgate, all of which ejected ROTC in the Viet Nam era. But Navy ROTC now has a waiting list of 30 schools that want to join the 53 other campuses that train midshipmen. Army ROTC has grown from a low of 250 schools to 279, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Georgetown and most major state universities.

One campus where the ROTC's fortunes have improved is Princeton. There, a third of the 3,000 undergraduates were enrolled in ROTC during the early 1950s, but the number began to dwindle after the Korean War. The faculty voted to strip academic credit from military courses in 1970, causing the Navy and Air Force to withdraw. The Army, which held the ivied fort alone, has seen its enrollment grow by 10% annually. Now the roster numbers 96, including ten women.

Some rules have been relaxed to make ROTC students feel more at ease. Male cadets need not cut their hair short, and uniforms are required only during field exercises. But the telling development is that the students no longer feel they have to camouflage their armed forces connections. Says senior Kim Thompson, 22, Princeton's first female cadet commander: "As a freshman, I would never dine in my eating club if I didn't have time to change out of my fatigues. Now I'll go in uniform." Thompson noted a sharp drop in the razzing she got after the U.S. hostages were taken in Tehran. ROTC, she feels, has also benefited from student enthusiasm for fitness and outdoor life. Says she: "We've had more civilian participation in ROTC activities like rafting, rappelling and the marathon."

The Princeton program is headed by Lieut. Colonel John Pope, 43, whose credits include a Ph.D. in education from the University of California at Berkeley and experience as a helicopter pilot in Viet Nam. Pope is quietly lobbying to restore academic credit to some ROTC courses. Although the faculty remains opposed, Pope argues: "If programs like dance, theater, painting and arts can go for credit, there should be room for credit courses in the cause and effect of war."

er ROTC schools grant the courses at least some credit. Northwestern does so for about half of its Navy ROTC courses.

Financial pressure is another reason for the growth of ROTC. At Northwestern, tuition, room and board cost $8,285. Observes the school's commanding officer, Captain Manuel B. Souza: "If students here can keep their noses above water academically and pass the physical, it's virtually guaranteed that we can put them on full scholarship." Nationally, 10% of the Army's ROTC cadets receive full scholarships for up to four years. All the services pay for attendance at advanced summer camps; upper-level ROTC members also earn up to $1,000 annually for their campus training. Scholarship students are required to serve after college for a minimum of four years, while other commissioned ROTC graduates owe up to three full-time years to the military.

Another boon to ROTC is the fact that patriotism is big again among many students. At the University of Delaware, Cadet Peter Pfleiffer explains, "I thought the Army was a joke. It sounds corny, but now I want to serve my country. I've seen there are a lot of places where you can't do what you want." The program's resurgence is welcomed by the military: 70% of the Army's 98,000 officers came up through ROTC, as did about 30% of the Air Force's 359 generals.

For still others, though, the most welcome fact about ROTC's return has less to do with patriotism or practicality than with sound democratic principles. Observes University of Delaware President E. Arthur Trabant: "More students have come to the conclusion I came to many years ago, that the best army is a citizen army. The ROTC program contributes to that."

—By Kenneth M. Pierce.

Reported by Don Sider/Washington and James Wilde/Princeton

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draft-less atmosphere, that rationale no longer holds, but for a lot of ROTC cadets, something new has come up that the reserve program can help them avoid: Poverty.

ROTC is, for many students, a substantial hedge against inflation and post-graduate unemployment. "Our typical freshman this year is a very alert type student, looking to his future. He knows that a degree per se isn't going to give him much more than a cup of coffee."

Ms. O'Brien would support that. When she entered the program, "I didn't even know what ROTC meant," she says. "But after I was in the program for two months, I was offered a scholarship, so I stayed in pretty much for money reasons. Since then I've found it worthwhile."

INDEED. Along the way, ROTC financial aid has paid for her tuition, books and supplies, plus $100 a month since she entered the advanced ROTC curriculum, which begins in a cadet's junior year.

Upon graduation, she figures to receive an educational deferment from the military, attend law school, then spend her four years of required active duty as an Army lawyer.

They're Pioneers

TO REACH all that, she and her sisters already have been pioneers of sorts, going through the marching, saluting, leadership training and military science classes that are required, but also putting up with a bunch of men who still don't know for sure what to do with the new women of ROTC.

"One problem was that some men didn't take to it too well at first," says FSU's Lt. Col. Sanders. "These women are really good, and the men had to work harder because of it. There are some men who just don't want to be outdone by a woman, particularly in this kind of thing."

Uniforms have been a problem. For instance, one male officer tells of the time ROTC finally realized for certain that men and women are built differently.

REGULATIONS require male cadets to wear their rectangular metal name tags at a precise spot on their breast pockets. But when the same rule was applied to women, some of the more amply endowed coeds looked vaguely like single-engine airplanes.

The rule was adapted.

That was two years ago, but program officials still don't know what they're going to do next summer when their first women hit the six-week camp that is held after a cadet's junior year.

"Women can't be trained for combat," Col. Kirkwood said. "So we really aren't sure what we'll go with. Some girls want to do everything."

Some Militancy In the Ranks

THERE IS SOME militancy in the feminine ranks, aimed mainly at showing the men of ROTC that the women can keep up with them, but a random handful of female recruits at Penn State all say they have had no special problems, either with ROTC officials or classmates.

Two years ago, when women in the ROTC were a novelty, there was a sin of omission committed by some ROTC officials who allowed their female recruits to wear their uniform skirts as short as they liked, figuring the more attention the better.

That got everyone in a bit of trouble with some high-level female Army brass, but now the skirts have come down to two or three inches above the knee in most cases, and everyone is happy.

THEY ARE still coeds in Army green though, and that does cause some turned heads.

"When I walk down the street in my uniform, I get a lot of double-takes," says Penn State recruit Kathy Reilly, 18, of Upper St. Clair, Pa. "But people
The year since the U.S. hostages were seized has brought some painfully memorable moments. Clockwise from top left: blindfolded American is paraded in Tehran after capture in November 1979; wrecked U.S. aircraft are abandoned in the Iranian desert after rescue attempt failed in April 1980; Iran's President Abolhassan Banisadr speaks beneath the visage of the Ayatullah Khomeini; Iranian militants burn a dummy of the Shah; flags fly in Hermitage, Pa., one for each day the hostages are held; militants bring Carter-in-effigy to his knees in the streets of Tehran; an Iranian militant stands guard at U.S. embassy.
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At the end of her rope

During a basic mountaineering test in the parking structure, Glasgow freshman Trish England ties a prusick knot. A prusick knot is used along with a Swiss army seat to climb.
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"I'm also excited about living in Germany. I'm looking forward to traveling and doing some skiing. And I really want to learn the language and get to know the people.

"I got into ROTC really just to see what it was all about. For me, it couldn't have worked out better."

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2nd Lt. Anda Strauss was a political science major at Wake Forest and a member of Army ROTC.
“I realized that life wasn't a game. Sooner or later I had to face responsibility and I had to deal with problems.”

— Gary Berger
"I knew I needed to go to college. I needed to get that ticket punched to be successful," says Maurice. "Why did I select an Army ROTC scholarship over a basketball scholarship? Because I knew I'd have a job after graduation. And that's more than a lot of my peers could say.

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Capt. Maurice Buchanan was a math major at the University of Georgia and a member of Army ROTC.

At Western
see Captain Ronnie Roberts
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BE ALL YOU CAN BE.
Putting his map between his teeth, Taylor half slid, half ran down the bank and flew to the finish line. After he turned in his bib, Taylor, who expects to be nationally ranked by the end of the year, was told he had the fastest time at the point. He later found out he had placed third in the individual open competition and received another trophy for being the cadet with the shortest time.

"I lost a good 20 minutes at a couple of points," he said. "The map said something else." Taylor said that he, Dan and Mike Shumate had spent several minutes at one point trying to decide if it was the right one. They finally decided it was too far up the valley and headed back down. But they soon realized it was the point they were looking for and had to return.

"That's part of why they call it "cunning running," Taylor said. "If you can find the right point and your competitor gets lost, that's his bad luck." He shrugged and went back to the van for clean clothes and something to drink.

Meanwhile, Dan Shumate came in, and was told he had qualified.

"Some meets are fast-time meets and other are high-disqualifying meets," he said. "This is definitely going to be a high-disqualifying meet."

Several teams were aggravated at the quality of the course. Taylor, who has competed in 20 meets, said many parts of the map and clue sheet did not coincide with the terrain. The markers had no way for runners to determine the correct sequence, which caused a lot of confusion. More than 30 runners were disqualified in the meet sponsored by Tennessee Tech on Nov. 15.

"You mean we traveled 12 hours for this," a runner from Wisconsin said.

Graves and Miss Turk, who had ran together, soon appeared at the top of the bank. They sat down and slid to the bottom, laughing so hard they could hardly stand up. Pulling and tugging on each other, they stumbled and fell toward the finish line. Graves dragged Miss Turk the last few feet.

"If you ever, ever, ever ask me to run in one of these things again -- I'll kill you," Graves threatened Dan Shumate.

Graves said she didn't think they'd found all the points, much less in sequence.

"We got lost at the second point, so we decided to just skip two and three," she said. "When we finally found the fifth point -- you talk about excited."

Miss Turk said, "They sure weren't kidding when they told us there were no escalators, no taxis, nothing up there."

When Rodney Howard, a Calhoun junior, finished the course without disqualifying, the chances looked good that the team of he, the Shumates and Taylor would place.

Doug Price, an Owensboro senior, was the last Western runner to straggle in, at 2:30 p.m. Howard said he was surprised because he was usually the one who got lost.

Price explained, "I got so wrapped up in the scenery I just didn't want to come in."

The team, some showered and dressed, some still wet and muddy gathered in the van, ready to go home. The group piled back into the van, much livelier than when they left. Bowling Green 12 hours earlier. They joked and chatted about where to eat and who would sit in the front.

But as the van continued down the road and the light faded, so did the noise in the van. Before long, they were trying to catch the sleep they had lost, heads nodding with every curve in the road.
Lt. Col. Fred R. Laroque
Western Kentucky
C Company Commander
The most important thing for most of the cadets is that for the first time, they'll be in a military environment. It's a culmination of everything that they have been working for. Their summer camp is the time when all the pieces of training in college are put together. They've been hearing about all this for quite some time and now they're finally going to do it.
Dog chase: Coach hopes Western can catch Murray in OVC

By LEE GRACE

Western has chased Murray like a dog chases its tail: it's been close, but it just hasn't been able to make the bite.

Last weekend in Murray, the Hilltoppers came within 28 points of beating the Racers. A month earlier Murray had shot the lights out against Western — winning by 187 points.

For the third time this year, Western travels to Murray to battle the Racers, this time in the Ohio Valley Conference championships. Coach Gene Chaffins hopes "the third time will be a charm."

"It has been a long struggle," Chaffins said.

RIFLERY

"But as I told the kids each time Murray beat us, 'Don't worry. We'll get them next time.' This time we could do it."

To win the OVC title, Western would have to beat not only Murray but also defending national champion Tennessee Tech, and Eastern, which finished third in the nation last year.

Western, which placed 11th nationally last year, must have a good conference showing to qualify for nationals.

"Our goal is to finish in the top 30 percent in the OVC," Chaffins said. "If we can do that, we will finish in the top 10 in the country."

"Riflery, though, is an individual sport as much as a team sport, and those on the team believe that."

Shooter Chris Lair said, "We are not necessarily chasing Murray or anyone; we have the chance to do well individually just as we do as a team. Riflery isn't a sport where people just shoot at targets. It's 90 percent mental, and the shooter must think in order to do well."

Lair, the team captain, will be joined by Steve Caer, Kirby Sack, Danny Pyle, Kim Sage-Swider and Barry Duncan.

To determine the four shooters who will compete in three events — standing, kneeling and prone — Western's six will hold playoffs before the match.

"Experience is a big factor," Lair said. "I've only been shooting for four years while there are those who have been shooting since they were 12."

Duncan added, "Most of the Murray people have been to the Olympic training camp while I have never been."

Despite Chaffins' optimism, members of the team say Western probably won't bite the tail this year. They expect to finish in the OVC's top five, but not high.

"Realistically, we're going to finish No. 4 in the OVC," Duncan said. "Tennessee Tech, Eastern and Murray are going to beat us out, but it doesn't bother us; we know we will do as well as we can."

In her second year on the rifle team, Kirby Sack, a sophomore from Cincinnati, Ohio, takes aim during a practice session for the OVC meet this weekend.
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Captain Glenn Duffy and Captain Jack Hamilton go for an early morning jog along Normal Drive.
Off the wall

Lee Harris, a Bowling Green freshman, keeps an eye on Bob Barker, an Elizabethtown senior, while repelling down the parking structure in their Basic Mounteering class. Harris’s job was to stop Barker if he began to fall.
Sammuth Koam
Tommy Lancaster has the kind of face time won't tamper with. He's one of those people who, if you met him in high school, you could still pick him out in a crowd when he reached middle-age.

The lines of his plump face round into ears made prominent by closely-cropped brown hair. Horn-rimmed glasses with thick lenses frame eyes the mottled color of blue that can look moist, even when the rest of the features laugh. And a thickness in the skin between his chin and lower lip resembles a permanent dip of snuff tucked neatly in the pocket of his gum.

But it wouldn't suit Tommy Lancaster to use snuff.

Lancaster, a janitor on the graveyard shift in the university center for nearly five years, is also a Baptist evangelist and a volunteer for the Alvaton fire department.

Lancaster doesn't look much like a fireman and even less like an evangelist. In his uniform of gray pants, white oxford shirt and worn belt of flaking black leather, he looks like a janitor.

Late at night, while the university center's brick-colored floor shines with desertion and the radio spits country music and static, Lancaster lines large barrels and dome-lidded white garbage cans with fresh liners. He makes his way down a row of pay telephones, digging a finger into each of the coin slots to check for change.

As an evangelist, he paces back and forth across the platform, holding a crumpled handkerchief in his hand — pointing his fingers at the congregation. Sometimes he pauses, spreading his fingers as if he's laying his thoughts out before him.

When Lancaster talks, he often falls into a sequence of gestures — hesitating, smiling and lowering his head to trace a groove in his forehead with the back of his thumb. He leans on a mop to explain how he became a preacher.

"I felt the call from the Lord," Lancaster said. "That's what he wanted me to do. I started studying and let him lead."

"I'd do full-time if I could find a church," he said. "Some are called to be pastors, some are called to be evangelists. They're different. Both are called to further and spread the word of God. Both bring the message that's laid on their heart by God."

There is a silence. He wears a Mason ring on the smooth finish gold gets when it's been worn a long time. "I don't know how to put it into words, you know what I mean?"

Tommy Lancaster was raised in Kansas City, Mo. In 1967, when he was a senior at Raytown South High School, he felt the call.

"I really didn't know what it was then, but it blessed my life. You know, when I was a little kid I always wondered what it would be like up there preaching."

A mood underlies Lancaster's manner. It isn't quite sadness but seems to be a serenity common to people who have endured a lot.

For Lancaster, endurance is the product of survival loss.

"My daddy died when I was 17," he said. And in 1967, Lancaster served in Vietnam, where he witnessed the deaths of four of his friends.

In the shadows behind him hangs a picture about a Vietnam war stories lecture. Tommy Lancaster has war stories of his own.

"We enlisted in '66," he said. "Ten of us. Four of 'em were killed. I seen it. One boy right over there. I seen him get it." He gestured to the side, calmly recreating the battlefield.

"One boy, I seen him lose his legs. Now there's two out of the ten livin' and the other boy ain't got no legs." Lancaster's concept of death is somewhat unsettling — it is so familiar to him.

"My father was 46, my grandfather was 76 and my cousin was 26," he said, "and within a month and a half they all died. You never know."

The realization that "you never know" has reinforced Lancaster's philosophy — one he took from a fellow minister in Missouri.

"Always preach as if you're preaching to a dying man from a dying man. Because that's what we all are. You never know."

After six months in Vietnam, Lancaster suffered a nervous breakdown and was transferred home to Kansas City. A job with the Tallyhouse restaurant chain led him to Bowling Green and Biloxi, Miss., until the chain went bankrupt.

"I left before it got real bad down there," Lancaster said. He hesitates, drops his head, touches his forehead. "Lotta grass under my feet since then."

Lancaster's first job at Western was in food services. When he was made a janitor, he chose the late shift because it gives him time to visit the nursing home and the hospital during the day.

Lancaster looks up to one person.

"The main person in my life, the reason I stayed as close to the Lord as I did," was his Sunday school teacher and high school basketball coach, Bud Lathrup.

"There's always somebody you turn to," Lancaster said. "And I guess if I needed anything, I could go to him right now. He'd help me. I always had respect for that man."

Win or lose, we'd always have prayer before and after the game.

"He'd tell us, 'You do what God wants you to do. Don't just jump in and do something. He was tellin' us right.'"

A dozen or so elderly residents of Medco Nursing Home in Bowling Green are gathered in an oval of vinyl sofas and wheelchairs in the home's lobby.

Their faces are withered landscapes, visible journals of the aftermath of living.

Lancaster stands among them without the limitations of a university janitor's gray pants and oxford shirt. He inches his way around the oval, greeting people, taking limp and supple hands. The Mason ring is shining today — he twists it straight on his finger; they grasp his hand.

Lancaster has obviously established a standing rapport with his audience.

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