Speaker urges 'revolution' against nuclear advocates

By GARY ELMORE

Bowing Green has been a nuclear target of the Soviets for five years, and has every American city with a population of more than 20,000. And their cities of that size have been on our target list.

So warned Roger Molander, former member of the National Security Council and founder and director of the nuclear war education group Ground Zero, who spoke to about 100 in Van Meter auditorium last night.

"It's time to put democracy to work again against the threat of nuclear annihilation," he said. He advocated a "peaceful revolution," in which the citizens of this country "stop sending to Washington people who are ignorant, who don't know you are afraid." Molander, who has a Ph.D. in engineering and applied physics and who served with the Defense Department under President Nixon throughout Carter, founded the non-profit Ground Zero a year and a half ago to educate Americans about the real dangers of nuclear war.

He was in Bowling Green to introduce this year's follow-up to Ground Zero Week, in which the organization sponsored media events and discussion groups around the country last year. Next month the group plans to distribute nationwide a board game called "Peacebreaks," in which citizens can put themselves in the position to avoid a nuclear confrontation.

One of every eight people worldwide would be killed instantaneously or would die of injuries immediately after a world nuclear war, Molander predicted. And for those who survived such a strike, "A sun will set on a world more hellish than any religious hell ever imagined by man.

With no medical facilities and little food and uncontaminated water, survival would be difficult at best, and the social fabric would disintegrate.

"When you look at the fact that we have gone from zero nuclear weapons 51 years ago to over 70,000 in the world today, you can see the curve of increase is steep," he said. "And there is plenty of uranium in the world to make millions of nuclear weapons."

Driven: Students teach motor skills

By MARK EBLEN

Gary Browning set in the passenger seat in his 89-year-old Wanda Crabtree cautiously maneuver the blue driver's education car along the roads of Lampkin Park last night.

As she drove into a nearby parking lot, she hesitantly eased her foot onto the brake and brought the car to a stop.

"Oh, Wanda, what did you do wrong?" asked Browning, a Lebanon senior who is one of four students in a driver's safety program to earn a certificate to teach driver's education.

"Well, I took that speed bump back too fast, and then I forgot to turn it back," she said.

During the fall semester, students like Browning learn the theories of teaching driver's education in classes offered by the Health and Safety Department. The students, who practice in two cars with one as the student and the other as instructor, are graded on teaching ability by George Niva, an associate professor in the department.

During the spring, each student teacher takes to the road with his student and the instructor, from a long list of applicants. Although most of the students, who pay $25 to take the class, are from area high schools, a few Western students and Bowling Green residents also take the twice-weekly class.

The program, which in 1974 required students to take three hours in driver's safety to get their teaching certificates, was changed in 1976 to require 12 hours. Now who receive certificates teach driver's education in high school.

The 14-year-olds are the easiest to teach because they've been studying for a while and are anxious to get their license," Browning said. "The other students are more nervous.

Students can take as many lessons as they need before taking the license test. When a student gets his license, he is replaced by another student.

Because Browning doesn't know how well his students can drive

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Squeegee clean

Harvey Cox, a building attendant at the Kentucky Museum, washes the windows in the courtyard.

AGS proposes constitution changes

By JAMIE MORTON

Associated Student Government heard the first reading of proposed constitutional changes Tuesday that would alter the makeup of the congress.

The revisions would reduce the number of on-campus, off-campus and state representatives from 12 to five each and add two freshman representatives from freshmen organizations and a representative from Interhall Council, International Students Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Student Development Foundation, United States and University Center Board.

The freshman representatives' election would coincide with elections for freshmen representatives and vice president and vice president in the fall.

The committee recommended the change because "we need a more diverse representation on congress," said Susan Albert, chairwoman of the Constitutional Revision Committee.

The constituency of each of the organizations, except center board and the development foundation, needs better representation, she said. Their representatives would be elected by the organizations in the spring.

These changes will be voted on at the March 15 meeting. Albert said it would probably take two meetings to vote on all the changes.

"We understand there's going to be controversy," she said. "We are really going out on a limb with some changes." But she said the committee wasn't trying to be radical. The changes were proposed to make student government more efficient and effective, she said.

Any changes the congress passes must then be approved by Dr. Charles Knowl, dean of student affairs. The students also must approve them.

Albert said she hopes to have the revisions on the ballot for the April 19 congressional elections.

Any changes will take effect after the election, except the changes in the size of the congress. These will be effective for the 1984-85 school year.

Other proposed changes include:

- Changing the minimum grade-point average for executive officers from 2.5 to 3.0. "This is a small change," Albert said. "But we want to show that we're expecting a little more from our officers than from congress members."

- Changing the minimum class load of officers from six hours to 12 hours, except the president, who would still be allowed a minimum of six hours.

- Allowing the president to call special meetings with 24-hour notice to members.

- Adding clauses that would require the administrative vice president to give progress reports on legislation and action taken by administrators each semester; would make the public affairs vice president serve on center board; and would require the treasurer to submit the annual budget.

- Changing the time taken for impeachment votes from 10 days to two weeks. A written endorsement signed by five members would be required for a vote to be taken.
For the record

Arrests

Jeffrey Donald McCull, 24, Bartram-Campbell Hall, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. He was lodged in Warren County Jail and is scheduled to appear in court March 22.

Donna Yvette White, 21, Polasta Hall, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of second-degree forgery. She is scheduled to appear in court March 22.

Reports

Cathy Deann Elmore, Altvaton, reported Thursday that her purse and its contents, valued at $75, had been stolen from a room in Cherry Hall.

David Allen Holland, Ashmore Drive, reported Thursday that his stereo had been stolen from his car parked in Potter Hall lot. The stereo and damage were estimated at $170.

Sarah Dawn Swiss, Potter Hall, reported Saturday that her Spanish book valued at $14 had been stolen from Potter Hall or the recreation room in Bemis Lawrence Hall.

Mitchell Clayton Barrett, North Hall, reported Monday that four hubcaps valued at $30 had been stolen from his car parked in University Boulevard lot.

Constance Frances Banka, Potter Hall, reported Saturday that $60 had been stolen from her room. The money was returned the next day in an envelope taped to her door.

Linda Susan Day, Gilbert Hall, reported Saturday that $29 had been stolen from her room.

Tony Lee Johnson, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Friday that $18 and a watch valued at $50 had been stolen from his locker in Diddle Arena.

Sherry Louise Sage, McCormack Hall, reported Friday that $7 had been stolen from her room.

Anti-nuclear revolt urged

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"A final nuclear confrontation will happen unless we fundamentally change the path we are on," he said, and mentioned several conceivable routes to holocaust of which the world should be particularly wary.

The first would be escalation of any possible conflict in Europe, in which one of the nuclear powers, including Britain and France, might try "limited use of nuclear weapons."

"It is inconceivable to me how such a use would be kept limited," Molander said.

Other routes could be escalation of Third World conflict, false alarms in which one superpower mistakenly thinks it is under nuclear attack and the accidental launch of a missile by either side.

Molander urged direct action to counter the threat of nuclear war by using the 1984 elections to make opposition to current policies known.

"For 37 years, democracy has not been at work in this country as the fate of the world has been in the hands of a certain few who control these weapons, the few I call the 'nuclear priesthood,'" Molander said, and only a new revolution in which the populace "finds its voice" can win the war.

New drivers have auto-motives

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when they start his class, he begins in Lampsink Park and then takes them to Spring Hill subdivision off Russellville Road.

"The foreign students have more trouble because they don't understand the rules of the road," Browning said. "If they come to an intersection, they want to stop even though there's not a stop sign."

For Mrs. Crabtree, talking and joking with Browning helps relieve tension; she said she had taken the driver's test before, but "I always got too nervous." Browning hasn't had any scary moments or near misses while teaching, but "sometimes they'll grab the wheel and hit the brakes when they should brake," he said.

Browning said he couldn't fault the program in any way. "It gives us invaluable experience that helps to prepare for becoming teachers, and it gives the students someone to teach that they wouldn't ordinarily have. I also like meeting people and getting to know them."

But the program has done more than help Browning prepare to teach. "It's also made me a better driver," he said. "I learn something new every day."

Committee advises extending drop date

Academic Council's Academic Requirements and Regulations Committee voted Tuesday afternoon to extend the period for withdrawing from a class with a grade of WF or WF.

The recommendation will go to the full council later today, said Diane Rutledge, committee chairwoman. Dr. Ronnie Sutton, dean of scholastic development, said the Board of Regents would also have to approve the proposal.

The committee voted to extend the period to seven to 12 weeks into the semester, Ms. Rutledge said. The WF-WF period is now from seven to eight weeks.

However, Ms. Rutledge said, the committee voted to keep the period to withdrawing from a course with an F at one to six weeks.

After 12 weeks, a student who withdraws automatically receives a failing grade unless the "student withdraws under extenuating circumstances," she said.

The action was recommended after Associated Student Govern-
ment passed a resolution asking Western to drop the WF and WF grades.

The committee also gave first reading to an ASG resolution recommending that Western use an elevated grade scale, Ms. Rutledge said.

The committee discussed a definitive scale, which involves plus- and minus-grades. The ASG resolution recommends that only grades be added to the current system.

Four announce for faculty regent

Four faculty members have announced their candidacy for the faculty regent election scheduled for March 23 and 24.

Dr. Randall Capp, professor of communication and theater; Dr. Joan Krenn, associate chairwoman and professor of sociology; Mr. Allen Miller, assistant professor of English; Dr. Earl Pearson, associate professor of history; and Dr. Harry Rebe, professor of psychology, announced their can-

didacy Tuesday.

Pauline Jones, chairwoman of Senate's Bylaws, Appointments and Elections Committee, said two ballots will be distributed — one for an interim regent to fill Dr. Bill Buckman's unexpired term and one for a full three-year term to begin in October.

All faculty members ranked assistant professor or above may vote.
Spring sports preview
Ozgenel probable top seed

Coach Katy Tinus' team doesn't start its season until March 25 at the University of Tennessee-Martin Invitational.

Women's tennis

Although the team has been getting ready for a long time, they haven't practiced outside much. "We've been working with weights and running some," Tinus added.

Junior Muge Ozgenel will probably play No. 1. She was the top seed last year when the Toppers finished the season 5-6 and fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Freshman Denise Schmidt could be the second seed, if sophomore Amy Wheeler, who played at No. 2 last year, doesn't recover from a nagging back injury.

Tinus said that freshman Yehi Oz, who is Ozgenel's cousin, may be the third seed. Freshman Kelly Chapman is expected to be the fourth seed.

Competing for the last two positions will be freshmen Kim Maxson, Peggy Hamilton and Laura Sutherland or junior Lisa Sutherland.

"I think that we will do better this year," Tinus said. "We have an easier schedule this time. I'm glad that we aren't in the Sun Belt this year, if you want to know the truth. (The Sun Belt doesn't sponsor women's tennis.)"

"All those schools have about six scholarships to work with," she said, "and I've got two and a half."

Sun Belt competition to be tougher

By STEVE GIVAN

Even though his team finished 9-15 last year, Coach Jeff True thinks the Toppers will be better this year, despite a tougher schedule.

"I don't think that our record is going to be that much better," True said, "but I do think that we will be much more competitive than last year. I think that we can compete with everyone on our schedule."

True said last year's team finished strong, placing fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference when it was picked to wind up near the bottom.

"I imagine that a lot of people would call last season a disaster, but after the way we finished the tournament I wasn't so displeased," he said.

Senior Ken Pottlak will lead Western this year when the team jolts into action Tuesday against Northern Alabama. The Toppers will compete in four other matches and one tournament during spring break.

Pottlak won the OVC singles title last year after starting as the tournament's sixth seed.

"I think Ken is probably the most consistent player that I've

Men's tennis

seen in a long time," True said. "He's also one of the best I've ever seen under pressure - and he really doesn't have that much talent."

According to True, depth will be the team's strength. He also said the six singles spots are more even than in the past.

"I think that we will be more balanced this year than last," the second-year coach added. "Last year we really fell off after we got past the first three or four guys. I don't think that will be a big problem this year."

True said he expects sophomore Scott Underwood to be the second seed when the season starts. Freshman Brad Banks should be the third seed, while junior Danny Darnell is slated for the fourth spot.

The last two positions should go to freshman Matt Peterson and sophomore Keith Hinton. Junior Berry Michaels will also probably see singles action.

"It's going to be a learning experience for some of our guys," True said, referring to the four freshmen and sophomores.

Western's top recruit, freshman Matt Pones, will probably miss most of the season. Pones, who was expected to be the No. 2 seed, underwent surgery recently.

True said the three doubles spots are a question mark, but he expects Pottlak and Underwood to play as the No. 1 team, Banks and Peterson to team at the second spot and Darnell and Hinton to play at No. 3.

"The schedule is a lot tougher this year with us being in the Sun Belt," True remarked. "But I think that we will be better, because we have more players that have been in tournament competition than before."

True said that has seen a lot of improvement from the fall. "I wouldn't care if we went 0-20 as long as we do well in the Sun Belt tournament."

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Emphasis on individuals

By STEVE THOMAS

With no Sun Belt championship to shoot for, Coach Curtiss Long will accent individual performances this season.

The outdoor season begins March 18 with the Domino Relays Classic at Tallahassee, Fla. The last meet of the indoor season will be Saturday in the Last Chance Invitational at Murfreesboro, Tenn. The NCAA meet will be March 11-12 at Detroit, Mich.

Steve Bridges, the only Western member to qualify for the NCAA so far, has turned in the second best indoor long jump in the nation this year.

Runners should excel

Young team won't be a problem

By STEVE THOMAS

Although his team is young, Curtiss Long is confident of its success as he enters his second year as head coach.

The Sun Belt Conference doesn't promote a conference championship in track, and Long said this puts the main emphasis on individual development. The team doesn't compete in any team-scored events during the outdoor season, and this also allows for individual development.

"Track is a lonely event," Long said. "No coach makes a decision as to whether you're good or not." The ultimate decision, he said, is a runner's performance and desire.

Sophomore Camille Forrester will be one of the few runners on the team with much experience. Forrester has been very consistent throughout the indoor season, he said, but she hasn't quite achieved an outstanding performance.

Another sophomore, Tanya Faulks, also excelled during the indoor season in the half-mile run. Two of the team's best freshmen, another runner who has been out with injuries. Michelle Myers, last year's Ohio Valley Conference champion in the 5,000-meter run, underwent calf surgery during the off season and is recovering.

The team will also have Tracey Galpin, who Long said is an excellent recruit. Galpin, a freshman from South Africa, joined the team in January and has only recently recovered from hepatitis.

The team will begin the outdoor season March 18 at the Lady Gator Relays in Gainesville, Fla. The men's track team is competing in Tallahassee, Fla., on the same day and Long will travel with them. Graduate assistant Beverly Adams will travel with the 10 women's team to Gainesville.

Following the Lady Gator Relays, the team will travel to Austin Peay and then take a limited squad to Knoxville for the Dogwood Relays April 8 and 9, Long said.

Other meets throughout the year will include the Vanderbilt Relays, the Becky Boone Relays, the Spec Town Invitational and the Tom Black Classic.
Western not ranked at the top this season

By LEE GRACE

Western finds itself in an unfamiliar situation as it opens the season at the Duke Invitational during spring break. The Toppers aren't picked to win the conference title.

While the Hilltoppers were in the Ohio Valley Conference, the team was generally considered the team to beat. However, with the move to the Sun Belt Conference, Western will be trying to catch up to the likes of South Florida — the con-

Qualification chances slim

By LEE GRACE

Coach Nancy Quarcellino is realistic about her team's chances this spring to qualify for the NCAA tournament.

Women's golf

"The region we're in starts with Kentucky and ends both south and east, so you're talking about one of the toughest regions in the country. It'll be tough for us to qualify." Western enters the season after an up and down fall. The Hilltoppers finished fourth and sixth in their first two tournaments, but fell to 15th and 16th in the last two. Quarcellino said the poor finishes were because of tougher competition near the end of the season.

Seniors Cindy Summers and Sue Clement are the team leaders although sophomore Melissa Pruefl has the lowest average score. The other players are Jane Shumaker and Lisa Summers.

Because the team has only five players, Western will have problems if a player is injured, Quarcellino said. After practicing in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., during spring break, Western opens the season March 31 at the Marshall Invitational.

The season finale — the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C., April 22-24 — will be "our biggest tournament of the year. It's going to be the round-up to our season and I hope we will peak during that tournament."

Men's golf

Conference winner the past four years. "The Sun Belt will be stronger than the OVC teams were because of the weather, and most of the schools have five full scholarships where we were working with only two," Coach Jim Richards said.

But Richards is not counting his team out of the running.

"We had a good fall season, but the competition gets stronger in the spring," he said.

"(But) we're capable of placing anywhere from first on down to third," Richards lost only one player — Ken Perry — from last year's team that finished second behind Eastern in the OVC tournament. The Hilltoppers had beaten Eastern in every previous meeting, only to fall to the Colonels in the tournament.

Returning for Western are senior Rick Hudson, juniors Scott Beard and Phillip Hatchett and sophomores Mike Newton and Phil McQuitty.

Richards said the entire team has been playing extremely well both in practice and in last fall's tournaments. Western finished no lower than third in its four fall tournaments and won the Morehead Eagle Classic.

Going into the team's first match, Western may be without the services of Newton, who sprained an ankle playing basketball. He has been in a cast for more than a week and is not expected to have it removed until tomorrow.

Since the team is leaving for Duke today, Newton may not make the trip.

Richards said either Shawn Winter or Bobby Fannin will be taking Newton's place if he is unable to play. A playoff between Winter and Fannin will determine who would take Newton's place.

Other than South Florida, Richards said Jacksonville will be one of the teams to beat if Western is to bring home the conference ti-

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Junior colleges becoming testers for potential Western players

By STEVE GIVAN

Henry Skaggs came to Western last fall wanting to play baseball, but Coach Joel Murrie told Skaggs that he wasn't quite ready.

So Murrie "sent" him to the minor leagues at Paducah Community College.

While a scholarship at Paducah offers just tuition and board, it can offer a big pay-off for the player who proves he can cut the mustard in major college ball or possibly play professionally.

Paducah is one of the many two-year colleges that give marginal players a chance to show they can play.

Skaggs, a Letchfield freshman who transferred to Paducah in January, said he hopes to return after his year and a half there. "He (Murrie) told me he wanted me to come back and I hope if he still wants me," Skaggs said.

Junior college transfers—commonly called 'JUCOs'—make up half of Western's 33-man roster.

"It's just my feeling that in baseball you have to play to improve," Murrie explained. "In other sports you have free substitution. But if you're a back-up you're not going to get much experience in baseball."

Murrie said a player can go to a quality junior college and play more than 150 games in two years.

Baseball

"A player out of high school will go to a junior college for one of two reasons," Murrie said. "First of all, he's going to prepare for a higher school or to keep his draft (professional) option open." A junior college player can be drafted at any time, while a major college player can't be drafted until after his sophomore year.

Paducah coach Tony McClure said he either gets the "super athlete who wants to get a quick shot at the pros or the marginal player who wants to show someone he can play."

Murrie recruits high school players, "but I'm against bringing in kids who can't help our program."

"You reward people financially, and in our case it's scholarships. I don't feel like it's worth rewarding someone who can't help your program."

Murrie said he learns of junior college players through his coaching friends, pro scouts and his own players, who have played against junior college stars.

"When you're looking at a JUCO, it's almost a no-risk situation," McClure said. "When a coach comes to me and asks for an evaluation, I've got to be honest or else he won't be back. If I've got a kid who's got a problem on the field or off, I have to tell him."

Junior colleges also give players a chance to adjust to college life, Murrie said. "You look at your drop-out rate; it's usually in the freshman and sophomore class," he said. "Some people just find out that college isn't for them."

"I knew I would get to play," Dave Bierman said of his experience at Paducah. "The school was smaller and I liked that."

Eddie Jenir, who transferred from Cumberland (Tenn.) College, said more scouts saw him play at the junior college level. "There are bird dogs (scouts) everywhere," Jenir said. "I've had them talking to me, but it was no big deal. It wasn't like they were offering any money."

Wade Janssen, a Washington native who transferred from Central Arizona Junior College, said that even though he's far from home, he has the chance to play. "I was really just looking for a place to play," he said. "It's hard being that far away from home. I only get to go home during Christmas break."

In the summer Janssen played semi-pro ball in Indiana. "My mother really didn't want me to come this way over here, but to me it's worth it," he said. "Everybody in high school wants to be drafted. It's something that's always been on my mind and still is."
Bobby Fannin retrieves his ball from a pit during practice. The team was practicing at the Bowling Green Country Club Monday.

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Sanderford is answer to problem

By LEE GRACE

Western's head coaching job has been a challenge for Paul Sanderford. As coach at Louisburg (N.C.) College, he took the junior college to the national championship game twice, winning once and placing second in the other time. Sanderford said that after winning the national championship would have been the perfect time to move on. "But I wanted to prove we could come back and prove we could put a successful team on the floor."

So when Eileen Canty left Western, an even bigger challenge opened up. "The challenge of Western was the reason I came here," Sanderford said. "I thought Western would recognize the need for a quality women's basketball program because of the fine basketball tradition."

But I was taking a big chance since I had tenure at Louisburg," he said. "(And) I'll be honest with you, early in the year I somewhat regretted the move because of the early practices we had and all the red tape associated with a state university.

But it turned out to be Western's good fortune that Sanderford took a chance on Western. The first-year coach has turned a 12-15 team into a 20-6 team that is a contender for the Sun Belt Conference title.

The turnaround wasn't easy; the team lacked confidence in itself and had developed a losing attitude.

Sanderford said some of the problems last year were a result of the pressure of being the preseason pick to win the Ohio Valley Conference title.

"Canty was not to blame for the problems the team had," Sanderford said. "She had a lot of young players, no team leaders and a lot of other problems that caused them to have the season they did."

"And a lot of the problems came from pressure placed on them by Western and Bowling Green."

In his fall outlook, Sanderford said he had to change the team's attitude toward losing. Western had "become adjusted to losing," he said.

"Winning breeds winning, success breeds success," he said.

Head coach Paul Sanderford, assistant coach Christy Earnhart, assistant coach Lydia Roundtree and graduate Susan Porter yell at the referees after a call. Sanderford is in his first year as head coach.

During the 2002-2003 season, the change in attitude became obvious. When Sanderford was quoted in a Herald story before the trip to Murray as saying his team was ripe for picking. The players

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Depp joins 1,000-point club

Western routs Tech, 99-77, for 20th win

By LEE GRACE

Western closed out its regular season last night with a 99-77 romp over Tennessee Tech. The win was Western's 20th of the season against six losses.

Coach Paul Sanderford's Lady Topper's became one of the third Western women's team to post a 20-win season.

Kami Thomas led the way for Western with 27 points, Dianne Delloff followed with 26 and Sharon Otten had a career-high 22 points and led the team with a career-high 14 rebounds.

Demp is a junior center, became the seventh member of Western's 1,000-point club.

Women's basketball

The Golden Eagles were led by Lydia Sweeney's 23 points and Christen Moye's 14 rebounds. The loss dropped Tennessee Tech to 13-12.

"I'm proud of the team," Sanderford said. "We've come a long way (but) I never expected we'd win 20 games this season."

Western only held a nine-point halftime lead as the outside shooting and full court pressure of Tennessee Tech bothered the Lady Topper's.

The Golden Eagles, though, went cold at the start of the second half and Western reeled off six straight points which put Tech away.

Western shot 36-67 from the field for 54 percent while holding Tennessee Tech to only 33 percent. The Lady Hilltoppers continued their hot shooting from the free throw line hitting 27-32 for 85 percent. Tennessee Tech shot only 50 percent from the free throw line.

Western's next outing will be in the Sun Belt Conference tournament March 8-11 in Norfolk, Va.

The tournament dates are the only thing certain, except that Western will not be the No. 1 seed.

Since Old Dominion was ranked No. 4 in the last AP poll, it's a sure bet they'll be the No. 1 seed. After that it becomes anybody's guess. Even the conference has no idea where the team will be seeded since the coaches' phone votes are due until Sunday.

The only team that could knock Western from the No. 2 seed would be South Alabama, which is 18-4.

The rest of the conference looks like this: Alabama-Birmingham, 13-11; North Carolina-Charlotte, 13-11; South Florida, 8-13; and Virginia Commonwealth, 5-11.

A kink has developed in Western's chances of getting a National Collegiate Athletic Association at-large bid if it doesn't win the conference title.

"It's possible - if all of the top teams in conferences lose their tournaments - only two berths may be open for the 22-team tournament.

Eighteen of the 22 berths will be filled by either conference winners or winners of playoffs between conferences.

And with No. 1-ranked Louisiana Tech, No. 2 Cheyney State and undefeated Oral Roberts all being independents, the competition for the two open spots is going to be tough.

"It doesn't look good for us," Sanderford said. "We're not as optimistic as we were yesterday. All this does is put a little more incentive on us to steal Old Dominion and win the conference."
Tops’ chances not too promising

By MARK C. MATHIS

If past performance is any indication, it will take an extraordinary effort for the Hilltoppers to make the third time the charm against Virginia Commonwealth in the opening round of the Sun Belt Tournament tomorrow night in Birmingham, Ala.

And one big question now is whether Tony Wilson will be able to play effectively, if at all. The senior forward has been plague by back spasms all season, but he was put in traction after a severe spasm Monday. He will probably be released from the hospital today or tomorrow.

But Coach Clem Haskins is optimistic.

“We’ll check him on Thursday before we leave for Birmingham, but the chances are that he’ll play,” Haskins said.

Western, which finished the regular season at 12-5 and 4-1 in the Sun Belt, was not at its best in four recent conferences losses — a pair of 13-point setbacks — by the Rams. Wilson was held scoreless in a back spasm when the teams met for the first time. Neither team was impressive in the Rams’ 70-57 win here. Neither team gained momentum until the Rams put Western away in the last four minutes of the game.

Wilson was a factor until he fouled out with eight minutes to go. Then the Rams took firm control and rode to a 60-47 win.

“We really played two decent ballgames, but we had to fight to the end,” Haskins said. “And they hit their free throws.”

The Rams, which finished 12-2 in Western shoots for Mid-West title

By STEVE THOMAS

Western goes after its fifth consecutive Mid-West championship starting today at the University of Chicago.

The 12-team competition includes teams in conferences that don’t have a league championship, and several new teams which were added to the region.

Western has the meet in four years of competition and holds the record for most consecutive Mid-West titles.

Leading the way for Western will be senior co-captain Bobby Peck. Last year Peck was named the outstanding swimmer at the championships; he won the 200-yard individual medley, 200-yard breaststroke and 18-year breaststroke.

In all three races he set Mid-West and school records.

Swimming

Sophomore Joe Murcavage also set a new Mid-West record last year in the 1500-yard freestyle, and has enjoyed a strong season this year.

In dual meets, Murcavage is joined by another sophomore standard, Steve Crocker who won the 50-yard freestyle and finished third in the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly.

Juniors Bob Clark and Cliff Hardin and seniors Ryan Harlin and John Holz were finalists last year in the championships.

However, winning the fifth straight title will be no small task for the Pecks.

“Toppers. A lot of people will be looking to knock us off,” Coach Bill Powell said. “I think we have as good a chance as anybody. Whoever can put together six good sessions will win.”

During the three-day meet, swimming is not allowed to compete in more than three individual events and three relay events. The meet will consist if 10 events with as many as 50 people in each event. The groups will split into heats of eight, and the swimmers with the best times will meet in the finals. The next eight swim in the consolation heats.

“With our breadth of practices,” Powell said. “I don’t think we’re going in overconfident.”

Powell said the top teams will be Bradley University, which handed Western one of its two defeats this year, Old Dominion, Eastern Illinois and the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Coach puts Toppers back on track

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didn’t like it.

The team looked at that and said, “Hey, we’ve won nine games in a row and I say we’re going to get beat by a 3-1 team — they’re crazy,” Sandford said.

As the team went it could win, the players’ confidence in themselves and the coaches continued to grow.

“The key to our season is our players finally have confidence in themselves, and the coaches continue to have confidence in us. We’re not as frustrated,” Sandford said. “They believe what we say and what we’re doing, but it didn’t come before. "We had some players who didn’t want to do things my way," he said. "But I’m stubborn, and if it’s a small amount of criticism, I want them done my way."

And they have been so far.

The season has been like a dream, but if it’s a dream Sandford hopes doesn’t end until after Sun Belt Conference tournament.

“I really think the team has gotten better compared to what it was at the beginning of the season. It’s a new team, but now it’s scary. I keep waiting for someone to pinch me (and tell me the season has been a dream).”

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