Bowling Green man is charged with rapes

BY SHARON WRIGHT

A Bowling Green man was arrested last night in connection with two rapes and three attempted rapes. He was charged with two counts of first-degree rape, three counts of attempted rape, first-degree robbery and two counts of attempted robbery, according to public safety director Paul Bunch.

Campus and Bowling Green police have investigated the case since Sept. 3 when a student told police she was raped near 13th and Chestnut streets while walking to a friend’s apartment. The turning point came when one victim called campus police and identified Halcomb as her assailant, said Lt. Horace Johnson, campus police detective. Halcomb is being held in Warren County Jail on $80,000 bond. He will be arraigned in Warren District Court today, County Attorney Mike Caudill said.

Caudill said a Warren County grand jury will hear the evidence and decide whether to return indictments because it involves eight felony charges.

Bunch said the victims were attacked in the same areas that Halcomb served as a sanitation worker for Monarch Environmental in Bowling Green.

A second charge of rape and the attempted robbery charge stem from a Sept. 16 report, in which a student told police she was attacked near “Gordon Wilson Hall” while walking from her dorm to a fraternity party.

Three attempted rape charges are drawn from incidents spanning four months. On Sept. 9, a student reported she was approached while walking down Mimosa Alley near campus. She told police she diverted her attacker’s attention by dropping some papers, which allowed her to grab his knife and escape to her dorm.

In an Oct. 10 report, a woman said she was approached from behind by a man at 14th and Chestnut streets. The woman told police the man forced her to the ground, but fled when she told him her husband was nearby.

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Businesses coin ways to beat lack of cents

BY MICHAEL COLLINS

The current penny shortage has caused some local businesses to offer special deals to customers who empty their pockets and plastic jars of the copper pieces. Billy Hurt, manager of Hardee’s on U.S. 31-W By-Pass, said his store offers a free meal to “anybody that brings in a large amount (three dollars worth) of pennies.”

The restaurant hasn’t advertised the deal, but Hurt said it would stand “just as long as the shortage keeps going.”

Frank Graham, manager of McDonald’s on U.S. 31-W, said his restaurant gives a free 12-ounce soft drink to anyone who brings one roll of pennies.

Some businesses said the shortage hasn’t been a big problem because customers have kept pennies circulating.

“I haven’t been bad for us at all because I’ve just bumped and borrowed,” said Pat Cummings, manager of the Jr. Food Store on Adams Street. “Everybody brings them in.”

Two local bankers said the shortage began when the U.S. Treasury Department announced plans to mint a new penny made of zinc.

George B. Shaw, president of the Bowling Green Bank and Trust Co., and Henry Pepper, senior vice-president of the American National Bank and Trust Co., said the public has collected copper pennies in the hope that they will be worth more than one cent.

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Weather

Today

The National Weather Service forecast calls for sunny skies and warmer temperatures with temperatures to climb into the low 60s.

Dorm director’s son has 300 big brothers

BY TOMMY NEWTON

Ross Burns likes living in a dorm. He has developed a great rapport with other residents. Sometimes he even gets to sit behind the desk in the lobby of Barnes-Campbell Hall.

Ross enjoys these privileges because he is the son of dorm director Bill Burns. At the age of 20 months, Ross does what most other children do, but he has over 300 people to watch him.

The small red-haired boy sometimes greets residents with “high five” or simply says “Hi.” Ross confines most of his fun to the lobby, where he “works” at the desk or plays ball or ping-pong.

During his shift at the desk, Louisville senior Curt Richie, a

Off the wall

Lee Harris, a Bowling Green freshman, keeps an eye on Bob Barker, an Elizabeth Town senior, while repelling down the parking structure in their Basic Mountaineering class.

Harris' job was to stop Barker if he began to fall.
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resident assistant, plays with Ross. "He'll walk up, grab you by the finger and lead you to where he wants to go," Richie said.
Ross usually pulls all the basketballs and footballs from the rack in the office, plus "anything else he can get his hands on," Richie said.
Ross's mother, Sheila, credits Richie with increasing her son's vocabulary to include "ball, ball.
Ross acts totally different around Richie than any other resident assistant, Mrs. Burns said. "With Curt he'll play ball, but with Chris (Tanner) he'll sit and be nice."
"Tanner, an Owensboro junior, said Ross is 'our little brother. We all like to have him around and play with him."
Mrs. Burns said Ross quickly learns what the dorm residents do. "Last week one guy taught him to dribble a ball, and now that's what he wants to do," she said.
Burns takes his son to the Anchor Day Care Center at Glendale each morning, where Ross mixes with children his age.
When he returns at 4 p.m., Ross is ready to play with his other friends.
Mrs. Burns said Ross is very mischievous. "When the door is opened, out Ross goes," she said.

One morning Ross was greeted by a hand coming from a mailbox, she said. "An RA was putting up some mail and decided to have some fun with Ross. When his hand would come though the box, Ross would try to grab it before it got away," she said.
Ross likes to watch other people play football or frisbee, she said. "The only problem is that he wants to play with them."
Having a child in a dorm has been better than the couple first expected, Mrs. Burns said. "We were worried at first, but it's been easier with everybody to entertain him."
She said she thinks living in the dorm will be good for Ross. "He's not scared of anything," she said. "And he acts better around a lot of people."
Her only complaint is that Ross cannot be given free reign outdoors. "I would like to have a house with a fenced-in back yard."
She said Ross has adapted well to life in Barnes-Campbell. "Noises don't bother him, and he is in a real healthy environment."
Ross makes his presence known to all those who enter the dorm. Mrs. Burns said, "What is really amazing is that just about everybody that lives here knows Ross, while some don't even know Bill."
Pet tarantula is no hairy deal for owner

By STEVE PAUL

The tarantula crept across the floor toward Bobby Lancaster’s foot.

Once there, it lay motionless for a few minutes then scurried off in another direction, exploring the room.

Tara, a Mexican Red Leg tarantula, is Lancaster’s pet which he “adopted” last March and keeps in his Barnes-Campbell room.

Lancaster’s hometown library in Hopkinsville bought Tara to teach children about tarantulas, he said. After the library was finished with the lesson, the director asked Lancaster if he wanted the spider.

Tara isn’t any trouble because it doesn’t make noise and doesn’t eat much, he said. “It’s just there.”

Tara makes a good pet because its diet consists mainly of crickets, he said. “During the summer, I don’t have any trouble getting food for it.” A friend from home sent Lancaster crickets during winter because the insects couldn’t be found around the dorm.

When Lancaster got Tara, he was afraid of it. “I didn’t pick it up for five months,” he said. Now, he handles it only when he is transferring it elsewhere or showing it to someone. “I don’t ever take her out and put her on me.”

The black and orange tarantula gets a lot of attention from Lancaster’s friends and people around the dorm. “It’s a great conversation piece,” he said.

“Guys are more afraid of it than girls,” he said. “They’ll (the girls) get closer to it than the guys will.” People want to see the spider, but don’t want to hold it. “No one has asked to (hold it) yet,” he said.

Lancaster believes myths about tarantulas make people afraid of them, he said, and he has talked with people who think tarantulas are poisonous and can jump on humans, he said. “All that stuff really isn’t true.”

A tarantula will bite a person if pressure is applied to its body, Lancaster said. To a person, the bite is “like a bee sting” and will become irritated and swollen. He said the tarantula uses the bite to paralyze its prey before eating it.

He was reluctant to bring Tara to school at first. “I thought people would think I was really weird,” he said. But when Lancaster decided to bring Tara with him, he forgot to tell his roommate, Berry Hines, a Drakesboro junior. “The first thing he said was ‘Where is it?’” Lancaster said.

Lancaster said Tara was “surprised” when he first saw the tarantula. “It kind of freaked me out at first,” he said. “The first couple of nights I was uneasy. It (Tara) made me a little leery — having a spider in the room.” But Hines said he is used to the creature now.

Although the only pets allowed in the dorms are fish, Lancaster said his dorm director, Bill Burns, knows about Tara and doesn’t mind. Burns was “interested in it,” too, Lancaster said.

Tara comes home with him during long vacations, but it stays at Western on weekends. He has to make sure there is enough water for the spider, he said.

The idea of having a tarantula around the house didn’t go over well with Lancaster’s parents, he said. “My parents told me to get rid of it,” but they soon became “curious and interested in it” and let him keep it. Now, “they really don’t think anything about it,” he said.

Even so, he said he is very careful when he takes Tara out of its case when at home. “My mother would kill me if it ever got out,” he said.

He said he really hasn’t given much thought in raising his own tarantulas because of the investments, such as buying a male tarantula which would cost about $15.

“Really, I don’t want any more,” he said. “One is enough.”

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Opinion

Council reorganization is worth trying

The Council on Higher Education needs to be reorganized. And the state legislature apparently is going to do it.

A bill introduced by House Speaker Bobby Richardson, D-Glasgow, and Senate Majority Leader Joe Wright, D-Harned, would reduce the number of council members from 21 to 18 - a reduction of at least one alumnus from each university on the council.

These proposals are a compromise between extremes: the council before 1980 and the council now.

Before 1980, university presidents - sometimes on the council as voting members - would try to sway other members with emotional speeches. In 1980, Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. replaced those presidents with other voting appointees. It was a positive step, but it not only quieted the presidents, it silenced them.

The council today has five members from Lexington and three from Louisville, leaving it open to attacks that it favors the universities of Kentucky and Louisville.

Taking the presidents off the council was a good move: It kept people off who were too directly involved. But replacing them with members with ties to UK and U of L only made it a council with ties to two universities.

If the reorganization measures pass, the governor - with his smaller, more efficient council - would appoint an alumnus from each state school and would still be free to appoint nine members from any area.

But the nine "random" appointees should be just that. They should be responsible lay people without ties to any state school.

The eight alumni, although having an interest in their alma maters, could still speak with some objectivity. They simply wouldn't be as partisan as a school's president would be expected to be.

The reorganization plan may not be perfect - but it's worth a try.

A House committee has also recommended reducing the council's budget by $900,000. It's about time.

For almost a decade, state universities have had to cut back while the council's budget has grown.

In October 1977, the council cut Western's $1978-80 budget request by $3.6 million; in early 1980, Western's 1980-82 budget was cut by $3.2 million.

But in 1978 - just one year after the council became powerful by slashing school budgets and gaining control of degree programs statewide - the council staff num bered 58. The staff's size alone lends it power. The excesses and duplication Brown has complained about in state universities also need to be weeded out of the state's Council on Higher Education staff.

Maybe the General Assembly will start where the weeds are tallest.

Contest sponsors are the biggest winners

Lunchtime - one of my regular visits to the Land of the Golden Arches for a burger and fries.

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This is yet another in the continuing series of, "Let's See How Much Money We Can Get Out of These Poor Schmucks By Giving Away Lots Of Loo."

And lest you think that the guys under the McArches are the sole culprits, they have accomplices.

It's a trick almost as old as retailing itself - set a hook and watch the world beat a path to your door. But the fast-food joints, supermarkets and soda-pop makers have added an agonizing twist to the principle, one of which is millions of faithful followers.

You simply go into any front hamburger foot traffic at the market, and the cashier gives you a little card of four punch-out tokens. Buy a bottle of cola, then peel back the lining on the cap to reveal a prize or a letter or something else. Buy a burger, and get a little card with spots you scrape off or tabs you tear off or something equally humiliating.

And all you have to do is get four or five or 10 of a certain kind - one which has only one or two copies printed in the entire universe. All in the name of greed.

And like the great masses, I play along. The floorboard in the front seat of the car is evidence - dozens of game tickets, cap liners, and so forth.

At home, there's more. About two dozen bottle caps which either say "Coke," "The" or "Thing," 14 copies of stamp number 701 in McDonald's latest game, and countless game pieces from a 1980 incarnation of Winn Dixie's Market Basket Bingo.

But other cases of game addiction out there are even more hopeless. When The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown's daily newspaper, wanted to do a feature story about these games in its Weekend section last summer, it needed an illustration for the cover page.

One of the reporters obliged by trudging up to the newsmen with a cardboard box checked full of bottle caps, game stamps and bingo tokens - enough to cover a cardable top.

You'd think that a civilized, reasonably intelligent (no matter what you may think) person would see right through this ruse.

But after all, you'd have better odds of hitting the daily double five straight days at Churchill Downs than you would of winning 20 bucks in one of these games, right?

Uh, but there's a catch, the game sponsors would counter. At the Downs, you have to put real money into the games, there's no purchase necessary.

Sure, but consider this scene:

"I'd like a 'Big Bucks' game ticket, please."

"Uh... anything else, sir?"

"Nah. Just the ticket."

Now look around. Dead silence. icy stares from all the employees. It's like you just went into a walk-in cooler.

Sure. "No purchase necessary." That's just to get around gaming laws.

Is there a cure to the Sweepstakes Syndrome? Will we ever learn?

Sure, the Pringles... hungry for a Double McWhopper right now. And besides, I've got a free order of fries coming.

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Shaping up

Chris Brian, a Lebanon senior, smooths out the rim of a vase he is making for a ceramics class.

Change makes cents

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"People just save them like they do silver dollars," Pepper said.

The Federal Reserve branch bank in Louisville, which distributes coins to Kentucky banks, has had to cut penny orders in half "because the treasury department has cut our supply by 50 percent," said Jack Ditter, cash department supervisor.

Ditter said the shortage began last year when the price of copper escalated.

Ditter said the proposed zinc penny, which will be issued sometimes this year, is actually the treasury department's method to solve the shortage.

"They felt that if there is less copper in the penny, we will stop hoarding them," he said.

But the new penny may also have spurred the current shortage, he said, because when a new coin is minted, people often believe the old coin will become valuable.

But Ditter said he doubts the copper penny will become that valuable, since a large number of new coins are being minted.

Since the federal reserve has also cut their supply, Shaw and Pepper said their banks have resorted to other methods to obtain extra pennies.

American National has rationed the amount it receives from the federal reserve to each of its six branches and often contacts other banks to obtain extra pennies, Pepper said. The bank also asks customers for extra pennies.

"About the only place we get pennies anymore is from customers," he said.

Glen Sams, cashier at the Bowling Green Bank and Trust Co., said the bank has limited merchants' orders for pennies because of the shortage. Merchants who request five dollars in pennies often only get one roll, which contains only fifty pennies.

Other businesses are handling the shortage without offering customer incentives.

Norman Taylor, manager of Big K department store on Nashville Road, said he obtained extra pennies from banks in small communities like Morgantown and Franklin to prevent a shortage in his registers.

"We've seen people, manager of Westside, used to the same thing," Pepper on thumb said.

"And sometimes the store had to give back extra change, but customers were "willing to pay the odd cents if they had the extra change," he said.

But most businesses agreed the shortage has improved since Christmas.

"We had more complaints around Christmas than we have now," said Sams. "It seems like everyone has adjusted to it."
Salvadoran conflict not a new problem

By WANDA BALLARD

The conflict that is boiling over in El Salvador has been brewing for years. With four million people and a reported annual per capita income of less than $2,000, El Salvador’s history of internal conflict is typical of that region, according to Dr. John Petersen, a professor of government, in director of Latin American Studies at Western.

“It is a poor country with a tradition of an unequal distribution of wealth,” Petersen said. With the military’s cooperation, the wealthy minority control the majority — mainly poor farm families who are sharecroppers for wealthy landowners, Petersen said.

And those farmers have little hope of escaping poverty, he said. As recently as the 1930s, the peasants rebelled, Petersen said. “Then the status quo was maintained. This has been building for some time.”

But attempts have been made to create a democratic society in El Salvador. In the 1972 election — the country’s last — reform candidate Jose Napoleon Duarte was chosen president, according to Dr. Richard Salisbury, professor of history and an expert in Latin American history.

“Then the military stepped in and established the military junta which is now in power in the country,” Salisbury said. “For that reason, the guerrillas do not feel that they can trust the election process.”

And the suppressed have acted. The leftist faction includes between 5,000 and 10,000 guerrillas attempting to overthrow the government.

The Reagan administration claims those guerrillas are backed by the communist and Marxist governments of Russia, Cuba and Nicaragua.

Weapons are allegedly acquired through a chain that travels from the Soviet Union, through Cuba and to Nicaragua, which exports weapons to El Salvador.

According to newspaper reports, El Salvador’s problems received little attention from the United States before the Reagan administration.

President Jimmy Carter had tried to work with the rebel forces in Latin America, but the conservative Reagan, because of the threat of communist expansion in the Caribbean, has taken a stronger stand, according to U.S. News and World Report.

“Reagan and (Secretary of State Alexander) Haig are strong supporters of the reasoning that the U.S. simply cannot work with the Sandinistas,” Petersen said.

Both the Salvadoran guerrillas and the Sandinistas deny that the Sandinistas are involved, he said. But the Reagan administration is producing data to prove that support.

Last week, the CIA showed satellite photos of training grounds and arsenals in Nicaragua which it claims are operated by Russian and Cuban military to train Salvadoran guerrillas.

“The conflict has escalated to the point where the U.S. has taken the position that the struggle in El Salvador has become a U.S.- and- it's allies versus Russia-and-its allies conflict,” Petersen said. “To the Reagan administration, the situation is simply black and white.”

In taking that stand, the American government sees a victory by El Salvador rebels as a victory for Russia,” he said.

Many have compared the situation to America’s involvement in Vietnam in the early 1960’s. That conflict began when President John F. Kennedy dispatched military advisors to educate the South Vietnamese in American military tactics.

Some fear the United States may again be headed in that direction.

But, according to Salisbury, “There are some profound differences in the two situations. The geographical location of El Salvador is a factor. It is in our backyard. It has no common border with a communist country,” he said. Honduras separates Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Salisbury said the Reagan Administration “has gotten the message that the American people are not going to engage in precipitous involvement in El Salvador. There is a significant anti-involvement wave in Congress.”

“I think that we are setting ourselves up for a really serious setback,” Petersen said. “The American people are very opposed to direct intervention. We made many mistakes in Vietnam. We are not ready to send troops anywhere.”

The government of Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo has been especially critical of America’s role in El Salvador and policy toward Cuba.

Mexico, now offering to mediate between all forces in the Caribbean Basin, is encouraging the Reagan Administration to view the guerrillas as a political force.

But when the upheaval in El Salvador is over, most news sources have concluded, the people at the bottom of the economic ladder will remain — because although agriculture is the principal source of revenue, the densely populated country is not capable of supporting its people.

“El Salvador is in for a long period of bloodshed,” Petersen said. “The ones who will suffer the most are the poor civilians who are caught in the middle. They have exceedingly difficult problems to overcome, but they aren’t hopeless.”
ON GUARD

Full-time student doubles as part-time chopper mechanic

Story by Cheryl Conner
Photos by Steve Lowry

She isn't a "suitcase," Carla Hendrick is a "duffle-bag." Instead of spending the weekend with her parents, once a month the Louisville junior drills with the Army National Guard's 146th Brigade in Frankfort.

She doesn't crawl under barbed wire, climb over walls or shoot at targets. Hendrick works as a mechanic on the helicopters that make up the aviation division of the Kentucky National Guard.

She hasn't had any formal training in helicopter mechanics.

"Right now, it's like on-the-job training," she said. "My sergeant tells me what to check on the helicopters, and then supervises her work to make sure it's done correctly."

At 5 feet 4 inches tall, she often stands on boxes to reach certain sections of the helicopter. "Sometimes I'm just not strong enough and someone has to help me out," she said.

But even though she's the only woman in her unit, she doesn't think she's discriminated against. "If anything, it's in my favor."

Hendrick doesn't like to be babied by the men in her unit. But "Sometimes I get so frustrated, I'm ready for them to take over and do it," she said.

The men sometimes tease her by saying they'll have her make coffee or vacuum the helicopters, but "They've never made me do it," she said.

"Most of the guys act like big brothers," she said sometimes they quiet down when she walks in the room if they were "telling obscene jokes or something."

Sgt. Dennis R. Quisenberry is her "big protector," she said. "He tries to keep me away from the naughty language."

Hendrick seems to be respected by the men in her unit. Sgt. David Johnson said she "does what she's supposed to do" and is "pretty well thought of."

"If the guys didn't respect her, there would be so much peer pressure, she couldn't stay," he said.

Hendrick said that, as far as she knows, she works as much as anyone else in the platoon. "I may have to work a little harder to prove I can do it."

When Hendrick completes her training, she will be one of only four women helicopter mechanics in Kentucky and the first in her unit to attend an advanced individual training this summer to study aviation maintenance on small helicopters.

"Since nobody else has been, that will make me more valuable," she said. Only two men in her division can work on the smaller helicopters, UH-60s, because everyone else has been trained on Hueys, the more commonly used helicopters, she said.

Money first attracted Hendrick to the National Guard. She receives a $10,000 life insurance policy; half of her tuition is paid; and she gets $80 a month for drilling.

But her decision to go into aviation came from a discussion with her best friend, Tina Michael. Michael was in the National Guard and wanted to fly, but poor eyesight kept her from passing the physical examination.

"That's exactly why I got into it," Hendrick said. "Because she wanted it so bad, she talked me into it."

But Hendrick's mother begged her daughter to see the movie "Private Benjamin" before she signed up.

Despite her mother's warnings, she enlisted and went to basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. "I was scared to death the night before I left," she said. "I just cried like a baby thinking 'What have I gotten myself into?' But it turned out real well."

People from her unit had told her basic training would be what she made it. "If I knew I was going to do a good job, I would," she said. "I was scared, but I was going to make the best of it."

Basic training was probably one of the best things she's ever done for herself, she said, because it built her self-confidence and taught her to compromise and respect people for what they are.

"When I came back, I was so fired up. My head was in the clouds because I had done a good job," she said. "I may not have been the strongest or quickest one, or made the best score on every test," but she considered herself at the top of her platoon.

The $1,000 she earned for her eight weeks of basic training made her mother realize she would be making good money in the guard. She has come to accept it, but she's worried that "one day I'll be flying them (the helicopters) instead of working on them," Hendrick said.

Above, during a pre-flight check, Hendrick logs the engine temperature in a log book. Right, with the help of tow wheels, Hendrick pushes a Bell OH-66 helicopter into the hangar for a 25-hour inspection.

Hendrick tightens the tail rotor drive shaft after lubricating its bearings.

National Guardsman Carla Hendrick stands in front of helicopters parked at the Frankfort armory.
Potter's D proposal may be broadened

By LINDA DONO

Potter College's proposal not to allow D's in classes required for a major, minor or area of concentration has been broadened to include all colleges.

The university's Academic Rules and Regulations Committee amended the proposal Friday, according to Dr. Ward Hellstrom, Potter College dean.

He said the amended proposal was "significantly different" from the Potter College Curriculum Committee's original. The proposal is scheduled for a second reading in the rules and regulations committee April 9.

The committee didn't vote on the proposal in its first reading, Diane Rutledge, rules and regulations committee chairwoman.

"We're working very hard, and that's all I'd like to say," she affirmed that one amendment would make the proposal university-wide policy.

"But I'm afraid we're going to have a lot of discussion and perhaps more amendments," she said.

"If it comes up, we may take a vote, but I don't know. I cannot speak for my committee," Ms. Rutledge said.

Thursday Academic Council will consider a proposal to prevent Ogden College students from receiving transfer credit for courses in which a student has earned a D.

The proposal would be effective for courses satisfying major, minor or area of concentration requirements or their prerequisites.

The business college already has a policy similar to the one proposed by the Ogden College Curriculum Committee.

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**Fanatic**

Student is queen of The King's fans

By MICHAEL COLLINS

When Elvis Presley died, Melanie Roppel wore black clothes to school for a week.

"I felt like the whole world had ended," she said. "People thought I was crazy, but I felt like he was related to me. It was weird.

Roppel, a Louisville freshman, claims she's Kentucky's biggest Presley fan.

Her McCormack Hall room is elaborately decorated with Presley memorabilia.

Pictures on the wall portray almost every period of the singer's life. Books detailing his rise from poverty to being crowned the "King of Rock and Roll" are stacked on a table in the middle of the room. A framed portrait sits on her desk.

But Roppel said these are just a few of herPresley souvenirs, which she's collecting since she was 11.

"I buy everything that I find that I can possibly afford," she said. "I left most of them at home."

Roppel said her admiration for Presley began when she was a child andimitated him for friends and family.

"When I was three years old, my mom said I was already learning his songs and dancing like him," she said.

Roppel said her family respects the singer, but they aren't "fanatics."

Steve Roppel, her twin brother, said, "I like his music, but I tend to sympathize with country music."

Roppel, who owns about 50 of the singer's albums, said her favorite Presley songs are "Heartbreak Hotel" and "How Great Thou Art."

"He gave his songs a different type of twist," she said. "He sang them from the inside. It was like he was letting his energy out." 

Her brother said she has influenced his feelings about Presley's music.

"After hearing each album about a hundred times over, I started to like him a little bit," he said.

Roppel said she thinks Presley became so popular because the public could relate to his "country-boy image," which people see as "good or innocent."

"He was like a drug addict."

"At first, I was shocked and wouldn't believe it," she said.

"Then once I started studying his life, I understood what he must have gone through."

"He was so solitary, and he had so much pressure on him," she said. "I think the reason that he took the drugs was because he wanted to be at his best when he was performing."

"That's the way I think of it," she said. "It makes it easier (to accept)."

Her brother said when she read articles about Presley's drug addiction, she became angry.

"But though every aspect of Elvis was positive," he said. "She didn't think anything about him bad."

Her parents wouldn't let her join the fans who flocked outside the gates of the singer's mansion shortly after his death, she said, but she plans to visit his grave this summer.

Roppel had tickets for a Presley concert in Louisville, but he died before she could see her idol in person, she said.

People often tease her about her admiration for Presley, but she said she gets some satisfaction by reminding them he had more gold records than any other singer.

She said her roommate, Nancy Adams, a Louisville freshman, listens to his music, but is not a Presley fanatic.

"She says she respects him as a musician, but she gets sort of sick of him. But sometimes, I come into the room and catch her playing Elvis."

Adams said, laughing, "I put him on once, and she has never let me live it down."

Adams said her roommate bought her a pair of ear-plugs for Christmas, which she sometimes uses.

But Roppel said Presley's songs help her forget her problems.

"Sometimes I put on his music and I get so fired up," she said. "Other music doesn't do anything for me."

Roppel doesn't think there will ever be another performer with Presley's appeal, or who could be called the "King of Rock and Roll."

"I think that only happens once," she said. "I think God made him special."

"There will be other titles, but no one can ever use that name again. He was the first, the best, and the only one."

Melanie Roppel, a Louisville freshman, has been an Elvis Presley fan for more than 11 years. Her room is filled with Elvis records and posters.

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**Kappa Alpha**

has seceded from the Union.

It's Olde South Week!
Dance fever
24 hours later, 24 feet raise $3,000

By GRACE MOORE

By 8 a.m. Saturday, Jon LeTendre said he felt sick.
It had been more than 14 hours since the freshman from Vienna, Va., had taken to the dance flooroutside J.C. Penney at the Greenwood Mall.
LeTendre and about 50 other couples danced all night for the Arthritis Foundation and Muscular Dystrophy.
The dance-a-thon, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities and Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, started at 8 p.m. Friday. It ended at 4 the next night, with only 12 couples still dancing.
The dance area was hot during the early part of the evening, and the outside doors were opened to bring in cooler air. During breaks, the dancers went outside and even stood in the rain to cool off.

Bare feet smacked the dance floor, the skin blending with the beige marble surface.
The couples started out enthusiastically. If they lost steam, the Kappa Alpha Psi brothers who were acting as disc jockeys, played lively music, and the couples responded by jumping, cheering and clapping.

"Look at that," one woman shopper said. "They never have that much energy when you want something done around home.

But the energy didn't last. The hourly 15-minute breaks became "collapse time." The dancers dropped to the floor and fell asleep, LeTendre said -- until the emcee's whistle signaled it was time to resume dancing.

For the 15-minute naps, a few lay on the "softer" wooden benches. Others tried to hold their eyes open while sitting on one hard metal folding chair and resting their feet on another.

As some of the dancers were about to give up, others crowded around them and offered encouragement. But by 9 p.m., Randall Curtis, an Owensboro freshman, said he had "had it." He sort of sank to the floor and sighed.

Some of the girls were moving with their arms locked around their partner's neck, their heads against their cheeks. They appeared to be asleep, but their feet were still dancing.

The couples tried many diversions to stay awake, from standing on crushed ice and dropping it down each other's shirts to playing children's games, such as Red Light, Green Light and Simon Says.

Shoppers came by in bunches. A few sat on the mall benches near the dance floor and just watched for a long time. Some dropped donations in a fish bowl on the dance floor as they passed.

Children in strollers watched, fascinated by the brightly-colored shirts bouncing around behind the red velvet roped area. Other toddlers broke into their own version of dancing and one even ran away from her mother to join the dancers, her feet planted in one position as she bobbed up and down like a mechanical toy.

At the 23-hour, 45-minute mark, the announcers said, "Fifteen minutes to go," and a cheer from the remaining dancers echoed through the building. They picked up tempo and enthusiasm until -- at last -- it was over.

Twelve couples had logged 24 hours and Kappa Alpha Psi had played over 400 records. Over $2,000 was raised for the charities.

When 4 a.m. came, the dancers cheered, lifted their arms, and jumped up and down. Then they sank to the floor to await the announcement of the prize winners.

Jean Allen, a Nashville, Tenn., junior, and Andy Lano, a Falmouth, Maine, sophomore, received first prize for bringing in over $300 in pledges. They, appropriately, each won tennis shoes and a dinner at a local restaurant.

Debbie Miller, a Bowling Green junior and AOPi's philanthropic chairman, and Brad Sublett, a Louisville senior, won dinner and a spa membership for second place.

Miller said she entered the dance-a-thon because she "helped organize it. "I felt I had to be there," she said. "As it got closer, I really got excited about it."

Monica Fargen, a Louisville senior, and Doug Cherry, a Lexington senior, won third place.

As the announcer yelled, "Let's all go home and get some sleep," the tired dancers made their way out on blistered feet.

But one dancer didn't. He sat upright in the midst of the bedlam -- sound asleep.

Talisman sales to end Friday

Friday will be the last day to order a 1982-83 Talisman, according to adviser Terry Vander Heyden, and "anyone who wants one really has to buy it now."

Vander Heyden said the yearbook won't be sold after this week because "we have to let the printer know by the end of the month how many we want printed."

He said about 2,000 books have been sold so far, a little more than half the staff's goal.

The Talisman, which has been free in the past but is being sold for $10 this year, previously had a press run of about 7,000, he said.

The Talisman will be sold in the university center lobby through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
**ASG filing deadline might be extended**

By KEVIN A. FRANCKE

The deadline for filing for Associated Student Government offices was over at 3 p.m. Friday — at least it was supposed to be.

However, because 34 candidates filed for the 37 ASG offices and nobody had filed for some offices, President David Payne said the deadline may be extended at today's meeting.

The primary is April 6, and the general election is April 13.

Payne said many students apparently weren't aware that the filing deadline was last week.

Of the five executive offices, two of them — secretary and treasurer — have candidates who are unopposed.

Filing for ASG president are M.A. Baker, a Bowling Green senior; Margaret Ragan, a Mt. Sterling senior; and Glen Sargent, a Carlisle sophomore.

Two candidates have filed for administrative vice president — Doug Ball, a Louisville sophomore, and Jack Smith, a Prospect sophomore.

Contesting the public affairs administrative vice president office will be Karen Chesea, a Frankfort sophomore; Jack Murphy, a Nashville, Tenn., sophomore; and Kerrie Stewart, a LaCenter sophomore.

Kelly Cook, a Bowling Green sophomore, is the only candidate for treasurer and Susan Albert, a Paducah sophomore, is the only candidate for secretary.

Other candidates are:
- Garrett Bailey, a Louisville junior — senior vice president — no one has filed.
- Doctorate president — Thomas Williams, a Philpot sophomore.
- Sophomore president — Skip Clemtson, a Purdy, Missouri, freshman.
- Sophomore vice president — Jackie Williams, a Carlisle freshman, and Laura Meymier, a Coventry, Ohio, freshman.
- College representative — Michael Harding, a Louisville junior.
- Business College representative — no one has filed.
- Computer College representative — Dwayne Marshall, a Bowling Green sophomore, and Jeff Rice, an Owensboro sophomore.
- College of Education representative — no one has filed.
- College of Education representative — no one has filed.
- Computer College representative — no one has filed.
- Co-operation representative (sight positions) — Claire Greining, a Louisville junior, and Mylaine Stanley, a Bardstown sophomore.
- Health and Physical Education representative — Isaac Hughes, a Midway sophomore.
- Architect sophomore — Jeff Shaya, a Glasgow sophomore.

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Faculty pay raise bill rejected

By ERICA SMITH

A proposal that would have given faculty members a 15 percent annual pay increase for the next four years was killed in a Senate committee.

Senate Bill 135 was killed March 17 in the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, where it was referred March 3, according to Tom Jones, chairman of the Congressional Senate Faculty Leaders and assistant professor of English.

The "parity plan" asked for the increase for all state university faculty members except those at the University of Kentucky, which is not a member of the congress. The plan was designed to achieve "mere" salary parity with 1973 - the last year faculty received cost-of-living increases, Jones said.

Jones said the committee chairman, Sen. Mike Moloney, a Lexington Democrat, told him that money was not available for the raises, and there were no prospects for more money.

Jones said the bill might have been passed if a full-time lobbyist had been available.

Steve West, COSFI's legislative liaison from Murray, would be the one to decide whether to pursue the plan, Jones said.

But Moloney suggested the congress introduce another bill in the 1984 General Assembly, Jones said.

The regular session ends March 31, with Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. having 10 working days to act upon bills and the Assembly having the following three days to consider Brown's actions.

"The idea would still be to try to bring our purchasing power up to where it was in the early '70s," Jones said.

"The universities have pretty much been given by the Council on Higher Education the salaries they're going to get," Jones said.

But he said Rep. Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green and others said they think Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. may call a special session because of the backlog of bills.

For the record

Randall Jay Lynn, 1455 Kentucky St., was arrested Wednesday and charged with possession of alcohol by a minor. He was lodged in Warren County Jail and scheduled to appear in court April 13.

Michael Jerome Hampton, Keen Hall, was arrested Wednesday and charged with burglary.

Anita Alexander, McCormack Hall, reported Wednesday her camera worth about $400 was stolen from the McCormack Hall desk.

Thompson Doman, Pearl-Ford Tower, reported Thursday a guitar, guitar case and a cassette player with a total value of $280 were stolen from his car in the University Boulevard lot.

Sarah Sills, McCormack Hall assistant director, reported Friday that stereo equipment valued at $220 was stolen from her car in the parking structure, second floor.
Jim Rathburn safely dives for first base during the first game of a double header against Indiana State. Western won both games Sunday.

Murrie gets 100th victory; Tops win 4 of 5

BY LEE GRACE

When Western arrives in Evansville for today's 1 p.m. game, the Aces may only have a 4-15 record, but Coach Joel Murrie said he isn't overlooking Evansville. "They're very scrappy and are in the same class as some of the better teams we've played," he said.

Although Evansville is struggling this season, Western is coming off a weekend when it used

Toppers to face Michigan State here today

BY STEVE THOMAS

Western was hoping to give coach Jeff True a win over his former college team when the Toppers played Indiana here yesterday.

But IU had another idea. The Toppers won the last two doubles matches, but the match was decided by that time.

Injury drops Western to 14th-place finish

BY LEE GRACE

Western could've finished as high as fourth place in the Furman Invitational in Furman, S.C. last weekend.

But an injury to Scott Beard knocked Western into 14th place. Coach Jim Richards said Beard's twisted left ankle probably cost Western six strokes and a fourth-place finish.

Richards said that Beard doesn't know when he will return. Beard said

Men's Golf

it happened sometime during the second round and that he "just couldn't control the ball."

The injury caused Bead to have problems with his follow through, causing the ball to look to the right.

Tennessee won the three-day, 54-hole tournament with 853. Wake Forest was second at 889 and North Carolina was third at 870. Western finished with 890.

Kenny Perry was Western's top finisher with a 217. Phillip Hatchett shot 225, Beard , 228, Rick Hudelson, 229, and Mike Nison, 232.

"I felt like we played pretty good," Richards said. "It's a shame we didn't get to show how good we really are."

"We had great expectations, especially after the first day," he said. "It was just a shame we didn't have Scotty." Heading into the invitational, Richards said Western's finish could be a factor in the Toppers' chances for an invitation to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

By finishing 14th, Western may be in trouble, Richards said. "They (the selection committee) don't really give a boot who got hurt," he said. "They just care how well you do."

Western's next outing is in two weeks in the Colonel Classic in Richmond.

Men's Tennis

And before the Topper schedule gets easier, Michigan State comes to Bowling Green for a 1:30 p.m. match today.

Last Monday lost to Michigan State, 6-3. "Michigan State is comparable to Indiana," True said, "but I feel like we have a real shot at beating them."

After Indiana dropped the No. 1 singles, the Hoosiers swept the other five singles and the first doubles match to take a 6-1 lead with only two matches left.

Ken Putlacz, Western's No. 1 singles player, provided the only bright spot in doubles as he teamed up in the No. 2 spot to win, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Tops get 1st recruit

The men's basketball program has gotten its first commitment from a recruit. Clarence Martin, a 6-foot-7-inch center, announced last week that he will sign with Western April 14. Martin chose Western over the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of Maryland.

He is considered one of the top-three players in Alabama and averaged 14.8 points a game and 15.5 rebounds this season. Martin was his region's player of the year and was named to Alabama's all-state tournament team.

"I'm tickled to death," Coach Clem Haskins said. "He is the type of young man who will fit in our program and should be an outstanding young man for us."

"He's a good rebounder and a..."
Western's pitcher, Craig Martin, plays croquet with a bat and ball during the first game of the doubleheader with Indiana State. Western easily won both games.

**Murrie gets 100th career win**

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Murrie posted his 100th coaching victory at Western.

"I don't think it was the biggest win at Western, but I'll remember it," he said. "There are certain things a coach relishes like his first win, his 100th or one of his players signing a pro contract. This win falls into that category."

Western hit six home runs in the sweep of ISUE and Murrie said that Western's long-ball threat has returned along with the players' confidence at the plate.

Dave Delello moved his record to 10-2 with his win in the first game and Jeff Fletcher picked up his first win in the second game.

Donnie Thomas — who will bring a 14 game-hitting streak into today's game — led Western with 10 hits in 12 at bats and four RBIs. Antonio, who leads the team in homers with six, went five for six and drove in five runs.

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Indiana, Murray roll over Tops

Danny Darnell and Arthur Anderson teamed up for 6-4, 6-4 wins.

"I'm happy with the way we have been playing," Anderson said. "But our singles weakness is really hurting us," True said.

The loss to Indiana and an 8-1 setback last weekend at Murray dropped Western's season record to 10-8.

Murray, the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions, didn't lose until Western's No. 3 doubles team, Anderson and Darnell, posted a win.

“We played well against Murray, but they're just too strong at the bottom of the lineup,” True said. “I don't think they're unbeatable, but for us to beat them, a couple of our players have got to change their strokes.”

“We've been playing a real tough schedule so far and the idea this will toughen us up,” True said. “Our schedule should begin to get a little bit easier.”

But not today.

Topper Notes

Track

Western won the event and finished second in another at the Domino Pizza Relays last weekend at Tallahassee, Fla.

The distance medley relay team of Dave Armstrong, Kim Terry, Lance Darland and John Deller won the Division I race in 10:58.6.

Another distance medley team —

Dave Armstrong, Ben McCloud, Ashley Johnson and Simon Cahill — finished second in the Division I race in 9:47.8.

The mile relay team finished fifth with John Barker, Cahill, Greg Orman and Johnson running the distance in 16:50.3.

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Zacharias to return to Wyoming

By BARRY L. ROSE

President Donald Zacharias and three other candidates for the presidency of the University of Wyoming will visit the Laramie campus in April, the Wyoming Board of Trustees announced after their meeting Friday.

Also invited for an interview are Donald Veal, acting president at Wyoming; John Strong, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and W. L. Fisher, Texas geologist and director of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas-Austin.

Two other finalists — Morton Weir, a psychology professor at the University of Illinois and Gregory Prince, assistant provost at Dartmouth College — were not invited.

Leo McCue, chairman of the Wyoming Board of Trustees, said the two were “not necessarily” out of contention for the position. He said they could be interviewed at a later date.

All six candidates were interviewed earlier in Denver, Colo. McCue said interview dates would possibly be announced Friday. Wyoming’s public information office said they would be conducted during the weeks of April 5 and 12.

McCue said the two- to three-day interviews would enable the candidates to familiarize themselves with the campus and meet with faculty members.

Zacharias was out-of-town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

McCue said he hopes to announce the board’s final selection at its April 16 meeting, with the new president taking office July 1.

Local man charged with rapes

— Continued from Front Page —

On Jan. 25, two students reported assaults, and though police said they believed the incidents were linked, only one was classified as a rape attempt.

One of the assaulted told police a man robbed her at knife point and forced her through a fence into a leaf-covered area where he attempted to rape her.

Cheerleader applications are available

Cheerleading applications are available at the university center information desk.

Nine men and nine women will be selected for the squad. Six men and six women will be on the regular squad; the other three men and three women will be alternates.

Applications must be returned to the student affairs office in Potter Hall, room 107, by noon April 5. An informational meeting will be at 3 p.m. April 5 in the university center, room 305.

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