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Electronic chip to track runners

◆ This weekend's 10k Classic will kick off at 2 p.m., tomorrow with Health and Fitness Expo

By JASON HALL

ESPN's cameras will focus on Bowling Green this Saturday as the 17th annual 10k Classic runs its course through the streets of the city and Western. The race will be shown on ESPN's "Running and Racing" feature in October. Special events coordinator Jeff Younglove said Classic is one of the biggest events the city and university stage all year.

ESPN, the national cable sports station, covered the race four years ago, but it's good any time the race gets national coverage. 10k event coordinator Amos Goff said. "ESPN has been here before, but it feels like it's a new event every year when they come," he said.

Goff estimated this year's race will draw about 5,000 runners, which is almost the same as in past years. He said there won't be an exact count because people can register until the day of the race.

There are several things that separate this year's event from past races, Goff said. The first is electronic chip timing, which will be used to track the runners' times and record finishes. A tiny chip is placed on runners' shoelaces, so they are tracked electronically by a computer.

"It's kind of that next step into technology and the future," Goff said. The festivities begin at 2 p.m. Friday afternoon with The Medical Center Health and Fitness Expo. The expo will feature local vendors selling their products and fitness tests by The Medical Center at Bowling Green.

There will be a pasta dinner served that evening at the convention center. Runners eat free, and tickets are available at $5 a plate for non-runners.

On race day, activities begin at 9 a.m. with the start of the day's first race, the 5k run. The 10k begins at 9 a.m., with the 10k Helterblade being the last race to begin at 9:50 a.m.

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ACT scores rising

By Fred Lucas

The standard of Western's freshmen class is up, but overall enrollment is down, according to the preliminary enrollment figures.

There are 14,741 students attending Western this year, which is less than last year's total of 15,000.

The average ACT score for freshmen is 21.16, a slight increase from last year's average of 21.06. The scores were also higher than the national average of 20.3 and the state average of 20.1, according to a release of Admissions.

The average high school grade point average of freshmen has risen from a 3.08 to 3.1. The freshman class also has 33 governor's scholars. Governor's scholars are nominated by their high schools and sent to a state selection committee for academic excellence.

The official enrollment figures will be released at the end of October. Preliminary figures for the number of freshmen and minorities attending Western this year have not yet been released, Registrar Freda Eggleston said.

The preliminary overall enrollment figures for Morehead State University were 8,287. Murray State University had a record enrollment of about 8,500.

The GPA and ACT scores were not available. For first-time students seeking a bachelor's degree, the average ACT scores were 22.3 at Northern Kentucky University with an overall enrollment of 11,955.

President Thomas Meredith said the increase of quality students was reflective of his "Moving to a New Level" plan. The intent of the New Level to raise the standard of the level of activities appears to have attracted a number of good students," he said.

Eggleston said the new quality of students will help bring in better students.

"The increase of quality will create an image of quality that will get a high quality of students in the future," she said. However, academics had little to do

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Helter Skelter, Monday night, former FBI agent Robert Ressler, who coined the term "serial killer," speaks to a full house at DUC Theatre. Ressler tracked serial killers for the FBI and has written several books on the subject.

Awareness of homosexuals increasing in society

By Charron Le Belle

Tom is 6 feet tall, 250 pounds. He drives a truck and wears a baseball cap.

"When I was in school I went through all the emotions," he said. "I lived with a girl, but I always loved guys. I was never molested. I didn't have a dominant mother or absent father. I have a very good relationship with my father, brother and mother. I have a normal family life, better than average. I've hunted. I've fished. I've done it all. It has nothing to do with how I was raised."

Karl Laves, staff psychologist for the Counseling Services Center, said studies show about 3 percent to 15 percent of the United States population is gay.

He said the numbers at Western are probably close to the 8 percent national average.

Tom, a Bowling Green graduate student, asked that his full name not be used because of safety and job-related concerns. "I don't want it used because of harassment of me and my family," he said. "And yes, it is that bad."

He said he has gay friends that have been beaten up because of their lifestyle.

Tom said he will probably never let the general public know about his sexual preference.

"It's not held over my head. I'm ashamed, but because it's a very private part of my life and a very private part of my life," he said. "It's none of my concern who somebody else has a sexual relationship with. It's none of my concern who I have relationships with other than my family."

Franklin sophomore Jimmy Ambrooks, vice president of the Lesbian Bisexual Straight Alliance, is more open about his sexual preference.

"If somebody asks me if I'm gay, I'm just straightforward with them," he said. "People seem to respect you more if you're open and you just come right out with it to them."

Because if not, they know you have some kind of fear, or you're intimidated. If you face the problem, you handle it better."

Hendersonville senior Kerry Henderson, president of the alliance, said he doesn't deal with a lot of prejudice and hatred, aside from an occasional yell of "queer" as he's walking to class. They're just stating something," he said. "I could very easily yell "Faggot" in a fashion. However, Jones said he's picky about the crowd he associates with.

"I'm very selective about who I hang out with, the groups I'm involved with, where I work," he said. "I don't really like to be in a position where I have to shut down a section of myself. I believe everyone has the right to color everything in their whole life."

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Friday expect showers on the Hill with a high of 78 degrees.
The nighttime low will be 58.
Showers are also in the forecast for Saturday and Sunday with a high of 72 and low of 55.
Except mostly cloudy skies Monday with a high of 75 and low of 55.

Campus line

Pre-Law Club sponsors a law school admissions forum at 3:30 today in Garrett Auditorium. For more information, contact Patricia Minter at 745-5086.

College Republicans meet at 5 today at Republican headquarters in Fairview Plaza. For more information, contact Theresa Criss at 745-4206.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship meets at 6:30 tonight in Downing University Center, Room 349. For more information, contact Rick Tracy Wilson at 745-4422.

Physics and Astronomy department will hold a lunar eclipse open house at 8:39 tonight in the Hardin Planetarium. The moon will enter the earth's shadow at 9:10 p.m. For more information, contact Roger Scott at 745-3817.

Clearing the air

A story in Tuesday's Herald should have said the Student Government Association Technology Committee hasn't decided what they will suggest to handle the students' computer needs.

A story in Tuesday's Herald misidentified sophomore defender Bryan Robbins.

An editorial in Tuesday's Herald should have said the stolen 1996 Toyota Celica was found at a Nashville residence a few miles away from a Wal-Mart.

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Where It Pays To Be A Life Saver
HOMOSEXUALS: 'Not just male hustlers and drag queens'

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The gay population at Western is "way more prevalent than people realize," Jones said, adding that he knows of more than 300 people at Western who are gay.

"If the Western population has 12,000, with 10 percent that would be 1,500 homosexuals, and that's counting heterosexuals, the ones that are in the closet or heterosexuals who just have homosexual flings," he said.

It's in the genes?

Ray, a graduate student from Bowling Green, said he knew he wasn't like other boys at an early age.

"I didn't know I was gay until I knew what gay was," he said. "I knew I was different as early as first grade. In first grade my teacher brought a record player, and all the kids were dancing. I got in trouble and had to stand in a corner because I wanted to dance with the boys. I didn't know why. I just wanted to dance with the boys. I just wasn't interested in dancing with the girls.

Laves said most research points to genetics as the reason gay are attached to people of the same sex.

"People just to find some reason why someone is gay," he said. "A straight person will say they're straight. They'll say they always were straight.

Jones said it's genetic but he doesn't like categorizing why someone is gay.

"I don't think it matters," he said. "If you want to question why it happens, it almost sounds like you're looking for a cure for it. If it does happen to be genetic, we are not going to be doing genetic tests on babies before they're born to see if they're going to be gay and try to fix it!"

So whether it's genetic or environmental, I believe it's something that people are and something that needs to be respected.

Laves said in general homosexuals are similar to heterosexuals psychologically.

There's a lot of research that has been done comparing gay and straight, and there's nothing to suggest gays are less or more poorly adjusted," he added.

Laves said homosexuality is not considered a disorder by the DSM-III, the psychological manual that lists disorders.

"I'd say we're psychologically healthier as a group," he said. "I guess they had to go through so many struggles. You could probably look at any group that has been strongly challenged about their belief, and in general, they tend to be more open-minded and tolerant because they've been oppressed."

Tom said people should realize that gay people aren't different.

"We are telephone repairmen. We are teachers. We are doctors. It's not just male hustlers and drag queens," he said. "Sooner or later, whether you know it or not, you're all going to come in contact with it."

RUNNERS: Event successful for Western

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The Grand Finale, sponsored by Trans Financial Bank and Fruit of the Loom Inc., begins at 7 p.m. It will feature the country band Little Ill ten members.

"It's way better," said the concert's producer, Zambelli's International.

Tickets for the finale are available through the Western ticket office, for $5 in advance and $10 the day of the show.

Jones said the event is always a big success for the university, and he puts it on the same level as hosting a conference tournament in basketball, especially since ESPN will be covering the race.

"It's an opportunity to put our foot forward and have our name mentioned as often as it can," he said. "It's publicly that is hard to put a dollar figure on."

Saturday, day people can register at the 10k office in Kellog Business Systems, through 400 E Main St. in Bowling Green. The registration number is 152-3660 and the fax number is 843-4278.

On the day of the race, registration will be at the stadium ticket office. The price, which includes Friday night's pasta dinner, is $20.

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ACT: Western faces drop in enrollment

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Western faces a drop in overall enrollment, Admissions Director Cheryl Chambless said last year's number would be difficult to reach.

"The freshman class from last year was extremely large," she said. "We have fewer freshmen this year. Last year we had the highest freshman class in the state."

Last year's freshman class contained 2,837 students, compared to 1,500 this year.

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Opinion

Monarch leaves Western looking trashy

In early fall it's normal to see a few leaves blowing past as you walk up the Hill, but cans, pieces of paper, leftover food... that's not the way it's supposed to look.

Since Monarch Environmental took over Western's garbage pickup, campus trash cans have been left overflowing with so much hanging out that some people are throwing trash beside the cans. And dorms aren't getting their trash picked up as regular, either.

Before, when Western had people hired specifically for the job of trash pick-up on campus, cans were attended to. Routes ran daily so the entire campus would be picked up by the end of the week.

Monarch Environmental started picking up trash here Sept. 3, the day after Western's employees stopped performing that duty.

Monarch does trash pick-up for Western six days a week, excluding Sundays. This was Western's old pick-up schedule, according to Facilities Management. But with this same schedule, why is trash sometimes seen piling up outside of buildings? And, if Monarch took over just after Western stopped, how have they gotten behind?

Monarch denies that they are behind or that trash isn't being picked up regularly. But all you have to do is walk around campus and see overflowing trash cans.

This kind of negligence cannot continue.

Our campus can be a turn-off to visitors and an unpleasant environment for students and faculty. Just having to walk past Helm-Cravens Library or down to Preston Health and Activities Center is an eyesore, not to mention the foul smell that comes with trash sitting so long.

When a small part of campus is not being maintained, it can only become worse.

People are now throwing waste into ash trays when they find trash cans full.

That's next, will students and faculty become so used to the low physical hygiene of this campus that we will simply throw cans, banana peels, yesterday's pizza or other trash items directly on walkways or on floors?

Before we lower the maintenance of trash pick-up, Western, who employs Monarch Environmental, should speak up and inform them of the poor job they are doing.

People poll

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To access the Herald Online, the address is http://www.herald.com/wku. The Herald will continue printing Hotline calls and letters that offer little new insight to the debate on a topic.

The deadline for letters is 4 p.m. Friday for Tuesday's paper and 4 p.m. Tuesday for Thursday's paper.

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As I watch yet another election race and ponder what is in store for me in the next four years, I am constantly being asked, “Who are you voting for? Are you a Democrat or Republican?” Naturally I say, “a Democrat.”
I have to be because I'm an African American, right? I must admit I’m a Democrat, but I’m no Republican either, and I definitely am not a Russ Perot reformist.
When I have, I always said I am a Democrat.
After contemplating all of this, I realize that I'm a victim of family tradition.
Ever since my grandfather voted for Franklin Roosevelt, my family has been Democrat.
I never questioned why. I just went along with it. I never used my own judgment and reasoning to determine who's best for president.
A lot of governmental problems stem from this partisanship. So-called leaders of this country squabble over whether they should pass an important bill that was created by Democrats or Republicans. A lot of democracy's future party would dare risk being shown up by the other.
How does that benefit our society? This is a question I ask myself often. And whether you choose to recognize that, all of that does happen in our government.

**George Robinson**
*Commentary*

I remember attending a college football game and looking at all the people who were tailgating and eating food, having a good time. There were people who had not even taken food to the stands and were eating. They have too much food for just themselves. They looked at me and laughed and said, “Are you some kind of socialist?”
I don’t know. Maybe I am. Karl Marx’s Communist Manifesto brought a new option for types of governments in existence. It was one that eventually failed in the former Soviet Union. Communism in its pure form is perfect only. There is no class identification, and there are only two classes: people because the philosophy of that government is to share in what is given. Everybody is equal.

What went wrong was the people governing—a Stalin, Mao Tse-Tung and Fidel Castro, for example?
They were ruthless dictators that cared less about the people. They just enjoyed the power and what it brought. I do not profess to be a communist, nor do I think that communism is the best option for this country. It will not allow people to think, thinking, that communism is the root of all the evil in the countries that practice it.

Our intelligence is insulted when we are fed that by other people who claim to know what it is. Ask Russians, who have been through the system, and they will tell you that they were brought up thinking that the government and capitalism was the root of all evil. I’ve read this before in newspapers and heard it on the news. How do these people feel today?

Many have tried to make the transition to a democratic society, and they are not succeeding. May be tell you that they are ready to go back to the way it used to be, but we just look at them and think they are correct in doing something such a thing.
I know most of you are shocked that I would speak good about a system that has been taught to hate. I say taught because that is exactly what I was taught.

We have accepted for too long without question what is right and wrong. We really do not have a true impression of what communism is because it has been distorted by the Stalins of the world.
Maybe we’d never know what it truly is, but I challenge everybody to use their own brains to determine what is right and wrong.

“Don’t just take somebody’s word for it. Open your minds to possibilities that you had not even far-reaching thoughts.”

**Editor’s Note:** George Robinson is a junior print journalism major from Rolla.

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**Farrakhan has right to freedoms**

Welcome to America — land of the double standard.

Why do I call it that? Because of something I read recently.
The story was about Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Apparently, Farrakhan was to receive a $1 billion gift from Libyan president Muammar Gadhafi. Before Farrakhan could open his bank account however, the American “government” if the term even exists that he could not have it. Their reasoning was you can’t accept money from known terrorists. It sounds like a good argument, but I wonder how much of it is really enforced.

How many countries with terrorist leaders have the American “government” supplied money and arms to?
It has been well documented that the government has sold weapons to both Iran and Iraq. I’m sure they had no problem accepting money from terrorists leaders like the Ayatollah Khomeini and Saddam Hussein as payment for those weapons.

I don’t believe in the “government” can sit there in their moral righteousness and deny Farrakhan the money he was offered. Does the fact that Farrakhan believes that white people are devils, and that implies that most of the people in the “government” are devils, have something to do with it?
I’d say the chances are pretty good. I guess we can throw away that idea of freedom of speech, expression and religion. Apparently that is only good for people that agree with the views of the mainstream.

I can’t agree with all of Farrakhan’s views, but I do feel that the right to accept money that is freely given to him.
Farrakhan speaks of hatred of the devil, the same as most religions, but his choices of devils calls for him to be condemned. You should no way have to agree with Farrakhan’s view, but you should respect his right to voice them.

I don’t believe in Farrakhan’s theory that white people are devils. However, after this blatant display of emotion on the part of the majority of freedoms, I have to wonder.

**Editor’s note:** Darryn Simmons is a junior print journalism major from Louisville.

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**Get the facts before claiming party**

As a Christian, I’m glad the government has finally done something to uphold moral values. In recent weeks Congress has worked in favor of what I believe. They passed a law that would allow same-sex marriages to be recognized only in the state they were performed. They should be applauded.

People have said they’re against this law because it violates constitutional rights. Technically, it does, but importantly, same-sex marriages violate the most important doctrine we have—the Bible.

God intended for marriage to consist of a man and a woman as he can create new life. Even if same-sex marriages were lawful, they wouldn’t be legal in God’s eyes.

Some of you are probably stillhabbing on the issue of rights. Well, which is more important the Constitution or the Bible? Hopefully, you answered the Bible. Once again, I would like to thank Congress for doing the right thing and upholding the morals God wanted us to have.

President Bill Clinton signed the law Friday and asked those who should be congratulated because it finally did something else.

Maybe he should have had the same “thinking” cap on his head when he vetoed the bill against late term abortion.

This is murder.

As a fellow of yours that you don’t know, this is a very gruesome process.
The doctor induces labor and when the baby is 8 months old is stuck in the neck. Then the baby’s brains are cut open and the baby is wiped out. I read about this in a magazine years ago and on the mail by a magazine. Since she saw the process and saw the baby live, she quit and never went back.

Still favor it? I would hope not.

Some people don’t want abortion made illegal because it’s the woman’s right to choose to have the baby or not.

What about the baby’s right to live?
They have no chance.

Clinton also passed a law banning advertisement of cigarettes as well as removing them from vending machines.

For Liars or Screwballs?

More people are killed in drunk driving related accidents than from cigarettes. Since rights to over a big issue, what about the smoker’s rights?

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**Editor’s note:** Kim Leonard is a junior print journalism major from Bowling Green.

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**Editor’s note:** Kim Leonard is a junior print journalism major from Bowling Green.
LINE DANCING: Country style boot scootin’ to Bowling Green

BY SHANNON BACQ

For many college students, hanging out with friends and having fun is pretty high on priority lists when the weekend rolls around.

That’s why some students say country line dancing has lots to offer for the various adventure-seeker.

"Country line dancing is energizing," Louisville sophomore Miranda Bailey said. "When I'm dancing I can just let loose. It helps take away the pressures of school, and it's fun to meet different kinds of people."

For those who like country music and are interested in meeting those different kinds of people, dance instructor Lynn Gunterman will be teaching a line dancing class for beginners starting Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Gunterman has appeared on Country Music Television and award shows, instructed videos and danced at fund raisers. She said today’s line dancing is targeted more at young people.

"Country line dancing is a very youthful, high-energy type of dance," she said. "It has very trendy, upbeat music and a lot of fun to dance to."

Williamsburg freshman Mindy Meredith said line dancing is a great way to have fun.

"I enjoy line dancing because I love people who have similar interests," she said. "I especially enjoy dancing in groups. It seems to be very popular with teenagers and college students."

There are a couple of reasons why it’s big now, Louisville sophomore Rachael Marshall said.

"It’s become more popular because there is more shows to dance now, and it’s easier to learn," she said. "It’s a relaxing way to hang out with friends."

Gunterman said while country line dancing is on the rise, it is not as popular in Bowling Green as in her hometown, the Music City.

"Country line dancing as a whole is becoming more popular," she said. "However, there aren’t as many people who dance here as in Nashville. Everyone in Nashville dances. I want people to know that country line dancing is not an ‘old people’ dance."

The class will be held at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Garrett Center, Room 201. The cost is $40 for an eight-week session.

Roy Tallent, manager of The Saw Mill, agrees that line dancing scene hasn’t caught on in Bowling Green.

"In my opinion, college students aren’t very interested in line dancing," Tallent said. "In general, they haven’t caught on as much as in other cities. I think that as a group they would rather be more radical than mainstream."

The Saw Mill on Louisville Road offers free 45-minute dance lessons every Thursday night. Beginners can take lessons at 8 p.m., while more experienced dancers can learn new steps at 8:45. The classes feature basic line dancing steps and teach popular dances like "Fever" and "Ponytail." "The bar also features country line dancing every Thursday night until 1 a.m."

"Line dancing is a great way to spend Saturday nights. You burn calories and have fun at the same time. Also it’s a lot cheaper than sororities," Tallent said with a laugh.

"Country line dancing is often stereotyped as ‘a girl’s dance.’ Tallent said. But there are some guys at Western that don’t mind doing the occasional Watermelon Crawl."

I really enjoy line dancing," Danville freshman Derek Brummett said. "I’m glad to see that it has been making a better name for itself lately."

Elizabethtown freshman Chad Plank also enjoys line dancing.

"It’s become more popular because more people are listening to country music," he said. "The reason more girls line dance than guys is because a lot of guys like rock ‘n’ roll better."

Many people said there aren’t many college students that country line dancing because the majority of students are under 21.

Evansville sophomore Andrea Bailey said that law has hurt the growth of country line dancing.

"It’s become less popular in the past few years," she said. "One reason it’s not as popular to people our age is because you have to be 21 just to get into a club to dance."

Gunterman hopes that despite restrictions students will come, learn to dance and be prepared to have fun.

"I’m trying to change Bowling Green and open people’s eyes," she said. "Country music is not ‘bear in your beer’ music anymore."

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Students won't have to go off campus to register to vote. The registration drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in Downing University Center.

Budlight senior Latasha Page said more students will vote because of the campus access. "It would benefit a lot of students if they had access off campus," she said. "I think it's a wise idea because a majority of people would register and vote because of the availability."

During Tuesday night's meeting, Student Government Association members signed up to help with a voter drive. "It's just the need to get people out to vote and be informed on what they vote on," SGA Vice President Carlene Lodmell said. SGA members and a group of students, who are working on the voter registration as a political behavior class project, are working together on "Rock The Vote," a program to get young people out to vote. This localizes a nationwide campaign, Lodmell said. "We're coordinating it all together to stress the importance of young people voting," she said.

There will be information on both parties to let students know who stands for what, she said. Students can register to vote in Warren County or their hometown if they are from Kentucky. "I have a list of the county clerks, so I'll send it off to where they register to vote," said Lodmell, a Versailles junior. "If students are already registered to vote somewhere else, they can switch it to here."

Voting is very important because a lot of legislation affects young people, she said. "We are a large population of Warren County," Lodmell said. "If a lot of us get out and vote, our opinion is heard."

Cholesterol fair clogs mall

Western's Public Broadcasting Service is trying to save lives. On Friday and Saturday, an information fair on cholesterol and heart disease will be held at Greenwood Mall.

"Cholesterol doesn't discriminate by age," said Terry Reagan, development officer for public broadcasting and founder of the information fair. "College students have high cholesterol just like older people."

Reagan said the fair is designed to increase college students' awareness of the possibility of death because of high cholesterol and heart disease.

The American Heart Association ranks Kentucky fourth in the country for deaths caused by coronary heart disease. Nationally, heart disease kills about 500,000 people each year, according to the association.

The fair is co-sponsored by WKYU-TV, WKYU radio, The Medical Center at Bowling Green, the American Heart Association and the mall.

WKYU-TV was one of 15 stations in the country to receive a community outreach grant from Ogilvy, Adams and Rinohrt Medical Group, Reagan said.

In connection with the fair, WKYU-TV will air a video on Channel 24 and local cable stations at 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The video, "Cholesterol: The Killer Within," is hosted by former M*A*S*H star Mike Farrell and is produced by Patrick Dunavan.

The hour-long special is an investigation of cholesterol with personal stories from 13 people who have beaten high cholesterol problems. The video will also be shown at the fair.

Coupons for free blood cholesterol tests by The Medical Center will be available at the fair, and pamphlets on heart disease and cholesterol will also be distributed.

Staff from WKYU-TV and WKYU radio and volunteers from the American Heart Association will work the fair.

Orchestra opens 1996-97 season

The Bowling Green Western Symphony Chamber Orchestra will open its 1996-97 season at 8 tonight at the Eastwood Baptist Church. The orchestra will perform Mozart's "Overture to the Magic Flute" and Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 9 "The Great C minor."

The program will be highlighted by bassoon soloist Western graduate Jeff Campbell and Larry Long, a music instructor, performing Johann Baptist Vanhal's "Concerto in F major for Two Bassoons and Orchestra."

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Tiffany Chrisman never wanted to eat anything to do with red meat. When her parents tried to feed it to her as a child she would spit it out.

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Woody Harrelson, Claudia Schiffer, Brad Pitt, Melissa Etheridge, Jerry Garcia, Paul and Linda McCartney, Dennis Rodman and Albert Einstein decided they didn’t like meat either.

They aren’t the only ones. Linda McCartney said in New Frontier Magazine the number of vegetarians in the United States has almost doubled from 6.5 million to 12.4 million in the past 10 years.

Medical studies have shown that vegetarians are 40 percent less likely to die of cancer and 30 percent less likely to die of heart disease than their meat-eating friends, McCartney said.

While many people are giving up meat for the sake of their health, Stephen Connor, campaign director of the Vegetarian Society, said the Vegetarian Vitality page on the Internet includes many other reasons people choose the veggie lifestyle.

Many people are concerned about animal welfare and turn to the vegetarian diet as a way of preventing the unnecessary suffering of animals, Connor said.

Others choose the vegetarian way of life because environmental damage can be stopped by eliminating the pollution, global warming and deforestation that is linked to livestock farming, he said.

McCartney said vegetarianism is "world-saving.

Using statistics provided by the Worldwatch Institute, McCartney said if one in 10 meals eaten by Americans were meatless, it would free up enough land, water and energy from growing food needed for livestock to feed 40 million starving people.

Kristen Burton, a sophomore from Augustine, Fla., said her decision to become a vegetarian eight years ago started as a whim because she loved animals.

She said after she decided to become a vegetarian she started reading about it so she could explain to others why she had made the choice.

Burton said she learned that a lot of food wasted on livestock could be fed to other people.

"We have to get away from a meat-based diet," she said. "People should live as simply as possible."

Four years ago, Burton completed the cycle of vegetarian progression and became a vegan, or strict vegetarian.

Types of veggie

There are as many types of vegetarians as there are reasons for becoming one. Vegans are the most strict, while semi-vegetarians are the least stringent in their diets.

What is common to all vegetarians is that they consume plant products, and they don’t consume red meats," said Dana Kelley, a consumer and family sciences assistant professor.

"Most people are not strict vegetarians," she said.

According to the Vegetarian Pages, a site dedicated to vegetarians on the World Wide Web, vegans exclude all animal flesh, such as red meat, poultry, fish and seafood, and animal products such as eggs and dairy. They also exclude honey, and they do not wear or use animal products such as leather, silk, wool, lanolin and gelatin, to name a few.

A fruitarian is the same as a vegan but eats only foods that don’t kill the plant, the vegetarian glossary stated. They can eat apples, but not carrots, for example.

Lacto-vegetarians exclude animal flesh but consume milk products. Ovo-vegetarians exclude animal flesh but consume eggs.

Ovo-lacto vegetarians exclude animal flesh but consume eggs and milk products. This is the most popular form of vegetarianism, according to the glossary.

Pescetarians are vegetarians who consume fish. Many vegetarians refer to this class as pseudo-vegetarians, or people who eat less meat than the average person, the glossary stated.

Chrisman is a pseudo-vegetarian because she said she eats fish and chicken for protein.

For vegetarians who exclude all animal sources of protein, Kelley said the essential amino acids that can be obtained in sufficient amounts from animal products can be obtained from plant sources if a variety of both grains and legumes such as beans and peas are consumed.

Strict vegetarians must make a conscious effort to know from what source they are getting their calcium and vitamins D and B-12, Kelley said.

Irene Hertzfeld, owner of Whole Earth Grocery, said she has been a vegetarian for 23 years — more than half her lifetime.

After being a vegetarian for five years, Hertzfeld said she became very sick and was diagnosed with a severe vitamin B deficiency because she didn’t know what foods and vitamins were necessary for her diet.

She said that is part of the reason she earned a bachelor of science degree in dietetics from Western and why she opened the grocery store — to give vegetarians a place to come for vegetarian products and expert advice about how to be a healthy veggie eater.

Whole Earth Grocery’s specialty is to help new vegetarians eat a healthy diet, Hertzfeld said. When done correctly it can be healthier than eating meat, she said.

After returning to the consumption of meat for a brief period in her life, Hertzfeld said she could tell a big difference in her lifestyle.

"When I ate meat I was much more aggressive and tense," she said.

As a vegetarian, she said she doesn’t even want to kill a little bug because "vegetarianism promotes nonviolence toward all other living things.

According to "The New Vegetarians" by Paul R. Amato and Sonia A. Partridge, vegetarians experience a variety of changes in feelings, outlooks and values after turning to a meat-free diet.

Chrisman said she has some advice for people interested in entering the realm of vegetarianism.

"Be sure you cover all the bases with your nutrition," she said. "Don’t beat yourself up if you crave something."

She said new vegetarians should make the transition slowly.

Burton said new vegetarians should familiarize themselves with the facts about the eating lifestyle.

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Play review

‘Fantasticks’ offers mystery, love

The Fantasticks’ plays at The Phoenix Theatre until Oct. 6

By KATRINA CROMER

The sweetest of love in “The Fantasticks,” a musical currently playing at The Phoenix Theatre and running through Oct. 6, plunges audience members in an abyss of personal memories from the magical first gestures of mutual affection to the loss of initial idealism.

The realism portrayed provides new insight to experienced lovers who remember the eye-opening reality that that beloved is human, thus flawed.

Hucklebee, who is the father of Matt, and Belomy, who is the father of Luisa, are the plotting neighbors who attempt to make their children fall in love by building a wall between them and pretending to feed.

Hucklebee is played by Bill Leonard, theatre and dance department head, Belomy is portrayed by Ron Veenker, a philosophy and religion professor. Hucklebee and Belomy remind me of “the odd couple.” They have interesting dialogue, songs and choreography which make for a refreshing comedic angle to the story.

As if on cue, Matt and Luisa begin sneaking around to see each other, thus providing a little more excitement to the love they find.

Luisa, played by Bowling Green senior Tiffany Dell, is the epitome of teenage shyness. Dressed in a blue and white child-like dress with matching hair bow, she often swoons at the sound of Matt’s voice and imagines her self a princess who changes her name accordingly.

Matt, played by Brad Benedet, a junior from Erie, Pa., appears to have been transport ed out of popular 1950s sitcoms where young men wore glasses and dressed in Oxford shirts, cardigans and khaki pants.

He represents a college student who returns home and becomes smitten with the girl next door.

The first act, spent in the moonlight, adds to the mystery and wonder of endearing first embraces, glances and kisses which are compounded by their notion that their fathers don’t approve.

The second act, spent in the sunlight, proves a little more sad in that Matt and Luisa discover love more difficult than moon light and magic and break up to go in different directions.

However, laughter still comes in bursts whenever “The Actor,” (Henry) and “The Man who Dies” (Mortimer) appear as different characters, acting in the context of the story.

Henry, played by Mike Thomas, the managing director of Public Theatre of Kentucky, is the thematic equivalent of the billet. Mortimer, played by Jeremy Bagan, will make you laugh until you cry in his death scene.

“El Gallo,” in bold, black Spanish attire, sets the matching hair bow which often seems to be abandoned. However, this sets up the much-coveted happy ending where Matt and Luisa see past all the matters of triviality and find their love again.

My favorite line happens near the end when Matt, in his gentlemanly chivalry, offers Luisa his coat because she’s cold.

Luisa replies, “There’s room for both,” an indication of the compromise yet to come.

A glance into the soul thrusts the audience into remembrance of the inner conflict and resolution of love in understanding that the fairy tale does not disappear. It only continues to flourish in a more viable form.

It is inspiring to see them find this resolve. It is satisfying to see them make an effort, finally willing to do whatever it takes to be together.
Toppers look to silence thunder

No. 12 Western is 4-0 for the first time since 1980 and plays at I-AA powerhouse Marshall on Saturday

By DARRYN SIMMONS

So far this year, the Western Kentucky football team has doubled its win total of last year, defeated two nationally-ranked teams, had its first shutout in five years, and had its best start in 16 years.

They were just warming up — for Saturday.

The No. 12 Hilltoppers (4-0) must step into the belly of the beast at 6 p.m. Saturday when they travel to Huntington, W.Va., and face No. 1 Marshall (3-0).

It's the first meeting between the two since 1951. "This is our biggest challenge to date," said Western coach Jack Harbaugh, who is off to his best start in eight years as the Hilltoppers' coach.

"Marshall is, deservedly, the premier team in Division I-AA.

The Thundering Herd are the defending Division I-AA runners-up and definitely look the part this season.

Marshall beat their first three opponents — Howard, Virginia and Georgia Southern — by 38 and 18 points, respectively.

However, Western, off to its best start since Jimmy Feix's 1980 team which finished its season 9-1, hasn't exactly been mediocre itself.

The Hilltoppers have confused defensive coordinators with their "I-Block" option offense and have made offensive coordinators crazy with their stifling defense.

That defense, under the watchful eye of first-year defensive coordinator Andy Hendel, has held opposing offenses to an average of 226 total yards a game (No. 7 in Division I-AA).

It's a pleasant change from the 420 yards Western's opponents gained last year.

"Our defense has been getting turnovers and not giving up many big plays," Harbaugh said.

"Those two factors will be the keys to victory, according to Harbaugh.

Leading the way in those departments is sophomore linebacker Tree Hackett, who leads Western with 41 tackles and two forced fumbles.

Hackett said this is a game that the Hilltoppers have been looking forward to.

"This is a game that could set off the rest of the season," he said. "We win this, I'll be hard not to give us respect."

Adding to Western's defensive firepower will be the secondary, who became a force to be reckoned with in last Saturday's 34-2 win at Austin Peay.

The secondary recorded two key interceptions in the game, including sophomore strong safety Brandon Evans' 27-yard return for a touchdown.

The secondary will get quite a workout from Marshall and their high-octane passing game.

The biggest threat that Egan and the rest of the secondary will have to deal with is freshman wide receiver Randy Moss.

Moss, who chose Marshall over powerhouses Notre Dame and Florida State, leads the Southern Conference in scoring with 36 points.

His six touchdowns are more than fellow Southern Conference rival Appalachian State and Virginia Military Institute have scored all season and put him on track to break the school record for touchdown receptions in a season.

The record is held by Marshall product and New England Patriots receiver Troy Brown with 16.

"Moss is a great talent who we'll have to try to contain from making any big plays if we want to win," Harbaugh said.

Marshall has been plagued by injuries so far this season.

Tailback Erik Thomas missed the Georgia Southern game with the flu and was just released from the hospital Monday.

He is questionable for Saturday's game.

Thomas leads the Thundering Herd with 221 yards, but his replacement, Doug Chapman, is coming off a 130-yard game against Georgia Southern.

Marshall also lost defensive lineman Will Hunteing on, W. Va.

The Southeast SportsChannel Ohio out of the Cincinnati area will carry the game live. Locally, TKR Cable Channel 2 also will televise the game live.

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Roommates, friends play game with flair

By JERRY BREWER

The camera loves Jenni Miller and Melissa Stark.

Foes, which is like a camera that is always on someone, has been on the two freshmen since the day they entered Western's campus and hit their first volleyball ball at Owings Hall over the summer.

Miller and Stark play the game with flair — the flair that immediately draws attention.

"You have to have fun," Miller said. "I don't think you can play volleyball without it because if you get down, then it starts to affect the whole team. It's like our job. How can you be good at something if you hate it?"

The camera sees similarities between Miller and Stark, who are roommates. Both have green comforters on their bed. Both have long distance boyfriends. Both listen to the same type of music.

"All this happened by coincidence," Miller said. "We were meant to be together."

And that statement can be taken more as a revelation than a tired cliché.

Miller and Stark first met at age 12 during a summer club volleyball tournament. They would come to see a great deal of each other on the club volleyball scene.

"I played for the Port Wayne volleyball club, and Melissa played for Louisville," Miller said. "We hang out after every tournament."

Stark, who committed to Western before Miller, became Miller's unofficial recruiting representative.

"I knew she was a good player, and I knew we'd play well together.

With 472 assists this season, freshman setter Jenifer Miller, left leads the Hilltoppers.

Miller tallied 9 assists last night against Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Miller and freshman left side hitter Melissa Stark, right, are close friends.
INTRAMURAL:

Field more stable

BY GEORGE ROBINSON

Detrex Field and the intramural program at Western are getting a face lift, in the form of a new intramural complex for the spring of 1997.

"We've been here for 19 years, and it's never had anything like we will have," Intramural Director Debra Cherwak said. "This will give students a chance to use the field in different capacities than just intramurals.

The new complex at Detrex will include six flag football fields, a soccer field and three softball fields, including an NCAA regulation softball field for Western's softball team that will begin in 1998.

"Hopefully we will be able to add lights to one of the fields in a few years," Officials Coordinator Tony Goldston said. "That way, we don't have to run back and forth from Detrex to Smith Stadium.

Flag football has had a change in venue this season because of the construction at Detrex. Creason Field and the field in front of Preston Center have been the sites for games during the day while the practice field next to Smith Stadium has hosted night games.

"Detrex was just not well developed," University Architect Paul Morgan said. "It was time to build something more stable, and we did it.

Construction began a week and a half after the 24 acre site. Regrading and seeding was needed to grow more grass while underground utilities are being added for a field house.

The intramural recreational sports office and the engineering company overseeing the project, John L. Cartman and Associates, held a meeting at 30 a.m. Tuesday to discuss the start of the construction and the contractor.

"We're just making sure everything is in order," said Howard Chelewski, president and managing owner of Cartman and Associates.

The intramural departments plan on writing a letter to FJB, asking the services of Cartman and Associates in December to handle the second phase.

Phase 2 will include building concession stands, restrooms, bleachers and an office building, scheduled to begin in January.

"The only thing we will lose during production is bad weather," Cherwak said. "The top soil needs to dry enough to spread evenly, so hopefully we can complete without interruption.

The entire complex is expected to be completed by March, in time for intramural softball.

Cherwak expects the cost of the project to be about $500,000. Of that amount, $183,250 pay for the ground work that Holland Construction, the group responsible for actual construction, is doing.

Students are paying for the field in the form of student activity fees. A $5 surcharge is included in the tuition for developments like this, Cherwak said.

The progress of the construction and the time table of phase 2 will be the subject of the intramural department's next meeting. on Oct. 15, said Heln, who is also the project manager of production.

The possibility of renaming Detrex Field has been on the minds of the intramural office, but if a decision is made to do so it will come from the President's Office, Cherwak said.

"We are totally happy with this idea," she said. "As the university grows this will become a huge attraction. We'll probably bring in more students to the university. This project is a plus for everyone involved.

The site should have a dramatic effect on the intramural program, said Mark Williams, intramural assistant director.

"You always want the best for your program," he said. "Well, this is the best."
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because we kind of play the same way," Stark said. "I dropped hints to Travis during recruiting about getting the two of us here."

"And Coach Travis Hudson did. Thus came the attention and the spotlight."

The camera saw Starek on Sept. 12 when she reversed roles with Hudson.

"Travis said, 'Why don't you get up and tell us something to do,'" said Starek, left side hitter who leads Western in digs (238) and ranks third in kills (361). "It caught me by surprise. I was like oh... yeah I was trying to imitate Travis. I said, 'Come on, we can win. It was cool.'"

"The camera first saw Miller and Starek make a great play at home on Sept. 13 against Youngstown State. Miller, a setter, raced toward the right side of the court, smoothly set her feet and tapped a set cross court to Starek, ignoring that she had to back tap the ball 30 feet. Starek greeted the ball with eyes wide, leaped high and smashed a kill past two diving defenders."

"It was picture perfect! Yes, but they expect this kind of play."

"We have a lot to live up to," said Miller, who leads the Hilltoppers in assists (472). "People are saying we're the best recruiting class Western's ever had."

Miller and Starek were decorated high school stars. That is where this camera, this focus, originated.

Miller lettered four times in volleyball and three times in track at Snider High School in Fort Wayne, Ind. As a volleyball player, she started three years and led her teams to a 93-19 record during that period. Miller also was named second-team All-State in Indiana as both a junior and senior.

Starek lettered three years in volleyball and twice in basketball at Assumption High School in Louisville. Her teams amassed a 109-7 record during her three years as a starter. Starek was awarded first-team All-State as both a junior and senior. She also was an honorable mention Mizuno-All-American pick as a senior, which gives Western its first player of that distinction.

"The programs we come from breed a certain attitude in you that makes you want to be the best," Starek said. "Jenny and I learned how to win at high school. To win, you must feel like you have to have it and not just want to win. Your pride is crushed if you lose. It's an embarrassment to lose."

That winning attitude is what puts the camera on Miller and Starek. They know how to win and how to play the game, and that's why they're at Western."

"I tell coaches all the time that I'm not looking for athletes," Hudson said. "I'm looking for volleyball players. A lot of coaches get hung up on pure athleticism. Yes, I recruited them for their athletic ability and talent, but I wanted them for their winning ways."

"They're kids that expect to win and know how to win, and that's something we need in our program."

And Hudson also needed the showtime, the focus and the color Miller and Starek provide. They are the light that shines on Western's future.

Hudson's tone of voice turns sincere as he searches for the right words.

"I've told Laura (assistant coach Laura Taylor) a few times sitting in my office that I hope I can get this lucky every year. I couldn't be prouder of both of them."

Middle beats Western

Middle Tennessee State (9-8) beat the Hilltoppers (10-8) in their final game before Sun Belt Conference play last night 15-9, 15-11 and 15-5.

"I think things started going bad when we stepped in the gym," Hudson said. "We just weren't ready to play."

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**THUNDER:**

**Coach wants team effort**

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Edwards in the first game of the season against Howard and has been replaced by four different players.

He was first replaced by Hicky Hall, who twisted an ankle last Saturday night against Georgia Southern.

Hall is expected to return and start against Western.

Marshall has also had trouble with penalties.

So far this year, Marshall has been penalized 22 times for 280 yards in three games.

Harbaugh said despite those facts, Western will have to play well to beat Marshall.

"We'll have to fight with all our hearts," he said. "It won't take anything different, but it will take a maximum effort of us to do what we've been doing."
The Hilltoppers hope the return of senior forward and co-captain Mark Robson will spark their offense this weekend in the Sun Belt Conference Mini Series in Jacksonvile, Fl. Robson had not played since the Kentucky game Sept. 11 because of a foot injury.

"We will give Robson a go this weekend," Coach David Holmes said. "We feel he is ready for game action and ready to join our team." Robson said he is ready to play after a three-game layoff.

Last year South Alabama beat the Hilltoppers 2-1 in conference game against Western Alabama.

Western beat Texas-Pan American 2-1 in conference play this season.

"Our goal all season has been to win the conference," Robson said. "We have to go out and play to both these games." Holmes said the Hilltoppers are fortunate to be healthy going into conference play.

"We want to play well against conference teams," he said. "Back to back road games are difficult, but we have a lot of depth and coaching and personnel." Holmes

Western plays South Alabama (14-3) at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow at Brat Field.

"South Alabama lost a lot of scoring when forwards Thomas Rothausen and Luke Whittle graduated," Holmes said. "We need to score two goals against the Hilltoppers in last year's Sun Belt championship match.

The Jaguars coach Stuart Fitzmichael said he expects a close game from Western.

"We know we will be doing battle with Western," he said. "We have made a lot of changes, both coaching and personnel." The Jaguars won their first conference game against Alabama A&M 1-0.

Western will face Texas-Pan American (0-5) at 1 p.m. Saturday at Brat Field.

Holmes said he has not seen the Broncos this season and do not expect to see much.

The Broncos will play Oral Roberts today and conference rival Stephen F. Austin Thursday before meeting the Hilltoppers on Saturday.

Bronco coach Miguel Parades was unavailable for comment.

"We need to do what we are doing as a team," he said. "We need to go out, play a good game and not end up on the losing side."
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