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INSIDE
► Developing ideas
Western has announced the creation of a regional development center to attract and assist with a military realignment project.

► Mr. Roberto
State high school students competed with their homemade robots on campus.

► Next Tuesday
Students in Ogden College are promoting the use of biodiesel fuels.

UPCOMING
► On Thursday
The Student Government Association is gearing up for Listen Up Legislators to encourage more state support for universities.

► Upcoming
On campus.

Herald reporter
Alexander Booze

Weighing 220 pounds, 6-foot-6 senior center K.C. Black on the Western basketball team is one of the reasons the Colonels beat Troy in an 81-73 win this past Thursday. This victory was significant to the Colonels after losing last week to Morehead State.

Newspaper
The Western Kentucky University student newspaper that covers Western Kentucky University.

Weather
TUESDAY
69°/56°
WEDNESDAY
70°/28°
THURSDAY
55°/28°
FRIDAY
57°/40°
SATURDAY
60°/43°

Delta's and Kappas take first in step show

A Herald staff report
Six Greek organizations decided to step it up and battle it out this weekend in order to help raise money for a scholarship fund.

The annual National Pan-Hellenic Council Homecoming step show, "The Battle of Greek Supremacy," took place in Diddle Arena Sunday night.

The event was coordinated by the Office of Greek Affairs and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Proceeds are used to pay security, toward scholarships for the Greek organizations, and for the Office of Diversity Programs.

Gregory R. Clark, assistant director of the Office of Greek Affairs, said the event was a fundraiser for the Greek organizations.

Clark said the event was important to the Greek community.

"The Greek community is one of the most active, dynamic groups on campus," Clark said. "This event is one of the most important events of the year for the Greek community."
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took professional mountain climbers, laborers, and architecture and art students to wrap the coast.

The number of weeks the coast remained wrapped in October, November and December of 1969.

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By The Numbers

Nov. 13
Connie Jordan Pendley
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: University Center ceilin of Science
Contact: agriculture and Natural Resources, 745-3616

Nov. 14
Sandra Jegs
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: University Center ceilin of Science
Contact: agriculture and Natural Resources, 745-3616

Nov. 15
Right to Carry Panel Discussion
Time: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Place: University Center ceilin of Science
Contact: agriculture and Natural Resources, 745-3616

Nov. 16
Kappo Delta Society’s Charity Dance: 60% of dance proceeds will be donated to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: University Center ceilin of Science
Contact: agriculture and Natural Resources, 745-3616

Nov. 17
“Servants and Masters”
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: FAC recital hall
Contact: music department, 745-6651

Nov. 18
Steven WV Team-Raising Tour
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: DUC recital hall
Contact: CAB, 745-2459

Nov. 19
Gaines Lecture Series
Time: 3 p.m.
Place: Presbyterian Church
Contact: School of Journalism and Broadcasting, 745-3661

The calendar runs every Tuesday. Send your event post request by 3 p.m. Monday to calendar@chherald.com.

Crime Reports

Caleb Harper, Keen hall, reported on Nov. 8 his two school books and two school supplies stolen from his dorm room. The value of the theft was $150.

Matthew Straba, Keen, reported on Nov. 8 his L. L. Bean backpack, Th-34 create s, glasses, shower shoes, and Collegial LG cell phone stolen from his dorm room. The value of the theft was $600.

Shelby Rader, Florence, reported on Nov. 9 his Sony Xacti video camera stolen from his dorm room. The value of the theft was $500.

Asa Cummings, Keen, reported on Nov. 9 his personal ornaments stolen from his dorm room. The value of the theft was $300.

Crystal Hart, Poliad Hall, reported on Nov. 9 her 8 GB iPod stolen. The value of the theft was $150.

Anne Waters, Keen, reported on Nov. 9 her 4 GB iPod stolen. The value of the theft was $150.

Avery Cunningham, Keen, reported on Nov. 9 his Toshiba laptop stolen from his dorm room. The value of the theft was $500.

Twilley Bubba, Tennessee, reported on Nov. 9 his $4 cell phone stolen from his dorm room. The value of the theft was $400.

Ana Cummins, Keen, reported on Nov. 9 her 15 inch Apple MBA stolen from her dorm room. The value of the theft was $600.

The School of Journalism and Broadcasting reported on Nov. 6 damage to a 17 inch Apple MacBook Pro in a room inside McMillin. The value of the damage was $700.

Francis Dorsey, Bardstown, reported on Nov. 6 his 1993 Black LeBarre motorcycle stolen from the parking lot. The value of the theft was $10,000.

Brian W. Mate, 1573 Chenoweth Circle, was arrested on Nov. 9 and charged with alcohol intox ication in a public place. He was released from Warren County jail the next day on time served.

Christopher W. Austin, 1577 Chenoweth Dr., was arrested in Nov. 9 and charged with alcohol intox ication in a public place. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on time served.

Patrick Lincoln, 1331 High St., was arrested in Nov. 9 and charged with criminal trespassing second offense. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a court order.

The Predators Event Team and Dance Team are coming to Western’s campus!!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Where?
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When?
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The Herald reporter credit union’s lease in January. said Bob Skipper, director of wkuherald.com will move for Homecoming. while they were visiting campus results of their contributions

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Army Recruiting and(prediction.

The last 20 years of renovations will be complete by 2015, President Gary Ransdell said.

The credit union will provide secure, convenient for military faculty and help train new teachers who are needed for the area’s school districts.

Western also appointed Laura Emberton Owens to be assistant to the president for regional development. She will establish and run the center.

Owens is the Fletcher Administration’s secretary of the Education Cabinet. Her first day will be Dec. 12. Center officials will work on many goals for the center.

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Center to expand Hardin offerings

SUSIE LAUN
March 13, 2007

Western announced Monday the creation of the Center for Hardin Regional Development in Radcliff.
The center is being developed to help Western and the surrounding area because of changes at Fort Knox, according to a press release.
The center will be located on Louisville Trail Boulevard in Radcliff, about a mile from the Fort Knox main gate.

Ransdell said the location is convenient for military personnel and civilians who will take advantage of the classes.

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There have been about 200 donors, President Gary Ransdell said during the dedication.

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Donations are still being accepted. Adams added that he has a few naming opportunities in the building and they are still available.

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Headstrong

Avoiding an issue won't make it go away, whether it's a head injury or an investigation

Diagnosis of concussions among football players this past year has increased. As the Herald reported on Thursday, there are many potential reasons for the increase, not least of which is that new research and media attention have led to a national increase in awareness, which could mean that there were just as many injuries in years past but that fewer of them were reported.

If this is the case, we would like to give props to the members of the football team who have come forward to report injuries. As一句 as it must be to sit on the bench, head injuries are not something to be taken lightly and brushed off. College football is a dangerous sport, and athlete safety is not a separate issue from school health concerns into consideration, so these athletes are setting a good example for the rest of us.

We also want to give props to the athletic department for taking steps to improve diagnosis and recovery support with the purchase of a computer program that evaluates cognitive skills such as memory, processing speed and recovery, according to an AOPi article. They identified a problem, and are working to improve the solution.

But what about the causes? It's hard to identify the reason or reasons behind an injury, but a possible cause for concern, sure, but that doesn't mean there shouldn't be an effort made on the part of all players to let get their brains big enough to think critically? We think such an investigation should be proactive, not reactive.

And maybe there is such an investigation going on. But we don’t know, because our questions stopped being answered midway through our reporting. Interviews with players were supervised and requests for information were resisted. If the athletic department is looking into the issue of concussions among football players, that’s important. If they’re not, their reasons for not investigating are equally important. Just as athletes are encouraged to be open about their injuries, we encourage the athletic department as a whole to be open about their investigations.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald’s Editorial Advisory Board. This is a part of the football team and part of the AOPi, but none of the members of the football team who have come forward to report injuries.

LIFE WITHOUT FACEBOOK – NOW THERE’S A NOVEL THOUGHT

Facebook.com was mysteriously down and inaccessible to all who attempted to log on.

So while most were trying to find uninteresting alternatives to this disease, my friend and others were at the Herald office in Garrett Conference Center adding pages for the next edition. It was interesting being in between doing so, we were also doing this, in my third year here, I just can’t begin to tell you.

We eat around in a group, and so we interacted, face to face.

“That’s right, we talked – in person. No instant messenger, no Facebook messages, no email. We actually sit at a table, around the beige couch, and talked about the most random things, and you know what? Strangely, it was enjoyable, being – you know, interacting. Words being transmitted and received through months and into ears, not through keyboards and into soft pages.

Call WBBY, they’ve got a breaking news story going on right in their own backyard. They can scoop the national news with this one.

An eye on people can make friends that they’ve never even seen before and can conveniently avoid having to confront them on campus by leaving them “it was nice meeting you last night.”

It’s impossible, I know. Why would people actually value interpersonal communication in an age when Facebook makes it so easy to avoid?

In my opinion, how would I be able to avoid actually meeting someone if I don’t turn off Facebook messages? This line would be worthless.

Without Facebook, we’d have to actually meet people in the flesh and not just know them. They would want to get to know someone; I thought finding out about someone’s personal life is what that “Mini-Facebook” thing was for.

And isn’t that why everything is “Facebook official” these days? I mean, sure you may have a boyfriend/girlfriend, but until you put it on the all-telling, all-knowing Web site of your life. Facebook.

And how else would we procrastinate, take long study breaks and avoid sleep late at night? Slaughtering, that’s what this would be like – total waste of your life.

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Ready, set, robot: Kids compete at Western

CHRIS BYRNE

It’s a day on which Western engineering students were judges. High school students who studied physics, chemistry, and math were serious competitors. And 20-pound four-wheeled rolling robots — well, they were still 20-pound four-wheeled rolling robots.

Western’s engineering department hosted the eighth annual Kentucky Bluegrass Robotics Competition Saturday.

Eleven high school teams met at the McConnell Lab in the Engineering and Biological Sciences building to compete.

Teams had six weeks to build autonomous-controlled robots, but not all of them started working at the beginning of the competition.

Teams swapped the materials and told the teams what to expect. The competition is a fun way to address a serious issue, said Bruce Kessler, assistant dean of Ogden College.

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Hilltopper Homecoming 2007

(Above) Paul Mayfield, a freshman from Ames, Iowa makes some noise during Western's football game against Troy.

(Left) President Gary Ransdell walks through the marching band waving a red towel during the Homecoming Parade on Friday. Ransdell walked the entire length of the parade.

(Below) As part of Western's homecoming celebration, The Charlie Daniels Band performs to a packed Van Meter Auditorium on Thursday night. The band will be performing a benefit for children called "Christmas For Kids" at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville on Nov. 19.

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Hilltopper Homecoming 2007

(Richmond junior Jonathan Baxter holds one of the letters of a quote in place as it is screwed into the float constructed by Sigma Phi Epsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi. "I probably won’t be going to bed tonight," said Baxter about the long process of building the float, which placed second in the Homecoming parade.

(Above) SGA president Jeanne Johnson hugs Western President-Gary Ransdell. Johnson was elected Western's Homecoming Queen during halftime of the football game Saturday against Troy.

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Students cook up camping cuisine

LAUREL WALSON  Herald reporter

In the middle of the woods, it might be hard to cook a meal. Seven students met outside backpacks for the Outdoor Recreation Adventure Center, and led by Bowling Green junior Tyler Tucker and Owensboro senior Nick Tucker, who both work there, it focused on showing students how they could be prepared while backpacking.

ORAC plans to take students on a packing trip to Mammoth Cave with later this month, and a recreation meals that could be prepared while Tucker handed out recipes at the clinic, but Spencer said that he usually doesn't follow recipes because he doesn't always have a measuring cup. Tucker handed out recipes at the clinic.

"We're going to the Toy Bowl!" Shemwell said. "I think (football) is the best kind of sport because you have people laying hits all over each other," Shemwell said that coaching other coaches check each player's progress report and talks with bad grades and stay in the game. He wanted it to be a part of the team's success. Shemwell coaches offense for the Steelers. He got to the point where even if you got bad grades it's good for them to be involved in something and do something con- trive a part of it." — LeMarceo Shemwell

"(Shemwell) is a good coach," Andrew Samford, 8, has been playing with the Steelers for two months. He thinks Shemwell is a big part of the team's success. "He's in charge of the players and he does a good job," said Caleb Sandfort and he goes to continue playing football as he gets older. "Football is the best kind of sport because you have people laying hits all over each other," he said. Shemwell said that coaching the Steelers has brought him extremely close to the kids on the team. "They call me every Sunday, wanting to come over and play football," said Shemwell. "But I'm here today."

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State law requires that Western make a good faith effort to purchase the property. General Counsel Deborah Wallace said.

Western officials said that they have been working with the property owner, Howard B. Clark, of Bridlewood Green, since December and have agreed to pay a price for the property.

The property was appraised at $132,000, and Western offered to pay $142,000 and Bob Edwards, assistant vice president for university relations.

But when Western couldn’t offer 10 percent over the appraisal price for a property, officials said that would be $107,200.

Toppers fans were on their feet when both teams took to the locker room at halftime. Their school, team or Alumni Maze would have a chance at winning the Off the Field Sun Belt Conference at the stomach punch.

Western had two chances in the last seven minutes that felt like...
Freshmen contribute early

SARAH HIRMAN
Travel reporter

Win a Sun Belt championship. Qualify six swimmers for the Olympic trials. Sound familiar to the NCAA nationals. Those were just some of the goals coach Bruce Marchionda established those goals during the preseason.

But Marchionda did not foresee the immediate impact that some of the freshmen swimmers have already had on the season. "They paper may be a very good class, but you never know how they'll swim," Marchionda said. "They have done a very nice job."

A strong core of freshmen have contributed to the early success of the program this season. In the first meet of the season, against Delta State, freshmen Keris Menchinger, Britany Doss and Claire Donahue contributed six first-place finishes among the men. On the men side, freshmen Sean Shannon and David Montagnekachan added victories in the 1000-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly, respectively.

On Nov. 5, the Toppers and Lady Toppers traveled to Georgia Tech, giving them an opportunity to play underdog to a major conference opponent that receives full program funding. Western only receives partial funding.

"The Toppers defeated the Yellow Jackets 126-117 after a relay team featuring freshman Greg Guinan claimed a victory by 0.3 seconds in the 400-yard freestyle relay, the last event of the meet. The Lady Toppers received strong showings from their freshmen as well. Doss won first in the 200-yard breaststroke and contributed to the winning 200-yard medley relay team. Men's took second in both the 1000-yard freestyle and 800-yard freestyle, and Donahue placed second in the 200-yard butterfly and third in the 200-yard freestyle. "Obviously that was a big win," Marchionda said of the meet. "To beat one of the best ACC schools, it definitely shows people in the swimming community that we are a legitimate team.

The win should also have a considerable impact on the "swimming wars" for next season, he said. He also said all of his freshmen have improved during the first few weeks of the season, mostly thanks to the "outstanding leadership" of the upperclassmen.

"Hopefully, we'll just get better," Marchionda said. "Our goals haven't changed in the least bit.

The teams will host the Topper Invitational Nov. 16-18 at the Bill Pevell Natatorium.

Brett Blackledge at sports@wku.edu.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Jesang qualifies for nationals

CORY GUBRIK
Sports Reporter

After traveling with the Lady Toppers to the NCAA Regional cross country meet in Louisville, sophomore Janet Jesang gets to travel even farther north.

The national meet and Terre Haute, Ind., Jesang placed seventh in the individual and helped the Western women to a 13th-place finish at the NCAA Southeast Regional meet. Jesang's finishing time of 25:51.80 in the 8,000-meter event qualified her for the NCAA Southeast Regional meet on Sat., Nov. 19 at the Louisville Goshen Championship Course in Terre Haute, Ind.

Jesang's performance places the NAACs as a sophomore in the tremendous opportunity for her to gain the experience necessary for her to compete at the national level," coach Caro Long said.

"Jesang's time exceeded the national cut and gave both girls a chance to see the college cross country meet," Marchionda said. "The men's team simply had a very successful year as far as competing at the national level," coach Curtiss Long said.

The men's team also competed, finishing 22nd in the men's competition.

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"We have done a very good thing," Long said. "We are on the threshold of entering and doing some significant things in indoor and outdoor track."

Jesang's time broke Bonnie Young's school record of 25:63.7 in the 2003 NCAA Southeast Regional Meet.

Senior Erin O'Brien and senior Natalie Laper contributed to by finishing 62nd and 80th respectively with times of 21:54.20 and 22:11.25.

Sophomore Corvon Bow led the Toppers with an 80th-place finishes in the 14,000-meter race with a time of 32:08.75. No men's runners were able to qualify for Nationals.

Jesang joins Resica Demorey and Olga Cronin as the only Lady Toppers to qualify for the NCAA meet.

"To be honest, we would love for the national meet to be possible," Long said. "We are simply very pleased for Jesang and, of course, for the program," Long said.

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End of the road for Toppers

RYAN CAREY
Savannah Thomas, Classified Manager

The Toppers went 4-0-2 in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) this year, earning them a third place finish in the regular season and a spot into the MVC tournament. This marks the fourth consecutive season the Toppers have reached the conference tournament. The loss marked the end of the road for Toppers.

BROTHERS

Rich

The four seniors dedicated and contributed to the game. Horn said his kickball and bowling teams were victorious.

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Title hopes are dashed, yet still alive for Tops

With division title lost, Lady Toppers focus on Sun Belt tournament crown

**Band of Brothers**

**Top 10 teams benefit of bonding**

**ANDREW ROBINSON**

**Head coach Travis Hudson**

Call Western a survivor of sorts. Tuesday’s Sun Belt Conference season opener against Kennesaw State was a 96-61 win in Nachtrieb arena. It was the third consecutive first-half loss to the opposing team. The game will be remembered as one of the few times the Lady Toppers were able to keep the Sun Belt East division champs in check, but Western struggled at the beginning of the game, falling behind by 13 points. The game was held in Nachtrieb arena Friday.

**Even short-handed, our kids played very, very hard in a hostile environment and had a chance to win at the end of those games, just didn’t make the play.**

- Texas Hudson coach Travis Hudson

Things were looking up for the Lady Toppers after they defeated the Wildcats 96-61 to win the Sun Belt East Division regular season championship. Western’s 10-2 start to the season was its best in over a decade. The team has won its last seven consecutive games, giving Denver the Sun Belt East tournament championship. The Lady Toppers are seeded third with three victories over the last three regular season games. They went on a 7-1 run to take a 20-21 lead, but MSMU answered with six points of its own to bring the score to 27-26. The Lady Toppers are looking to win the tournament.

**Short-term, it would have been really nice to win. Long-term, we’ve still got the tournament to look forward to.**

- The Lady Toppers were again led by junior middle hitter Megan Argubright. She finished with 14 kills and 14 digs, and for the second match in a row, she committed no attack errors.

**I think when Western beat Denver in the regular season, the Pioneers had their conference win because of an unusual number of teams in each division, giving Denver a higher winning percentage. Hudson said he felt better coming out of Friday night than he had in a long time.**

- Rich opened last season with a 14-point performance in her first collegiate game, going 6-4 from the field and a 3-50 win at Louisville Tech. Western sank 8 of 16 three-pointers in their season-opening game against Eastern Tennessee State, a dramatic improvement from their 5-11 out-