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By Cherise Sey
Winton Woods High School

Western Kentucky University has updated its affirmative action program in response to an ongoing review by a division of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs recently began a routine review of Western’s program, which had not been updated by the university in eight years.

Bob Brown, a spokesman for the OFCCP, said the purpose of the review is to “look into employment practices” to make sure they are free from discrimination and in compliance with affirmative action statutes.

The review is expected to be completed in six months but could take longer if extensive problems are found, Brown said. University Attorney Deborah Wilkens said Western is required to keep its affirmative action files up-to-date and ready for inspection by the appropriate state and federal agencies.

But the files apparently hadn’t been properly maintained since an administrator who was formerly in charge of affirmative action retired in 1989. University officials haven’t been able to explain why.

Instead of having a full-time affirmative action officer, the responsibilities of that position have been divided up so that it is part of different faculty members’ jobs, said Journalism Department Head Je-An Huff Alberts.

That could make it very easy for issues dealing with affirmative action to fall through the cracks, Alberts said.

Robert Havens, vice president for Academic Affairs at Western, said he would not be opposed to the university hiring one person to serve as an affirmative action officer. But he also said that he thought that the people who deal with the program on a part-time basis do a fine job.

Western’s affirmative action program has not been reviewed since 1981 because of the OFCCP’s heavy workload. The office has just seven officers in its Nashville office but has 1,100 organizations to review.

OFCCP Director Larry E. Stanley said his office cites agencies and universities that aren’t in compliance with set statutes.

If no problems are found, the office sends a letter to the agency or university, saying no deficiencies were uncovered.

However, if the office finds something wrong, it files a conciliation agreement to order the agency to remedy the situation by giving back pay or making a job offer.

If that fails, OFCCP attorneys can take the agency or university to court, but that is rare.

If found guilty, the university can be harried from receiving federal contracts, and all previous contracts can be dissolved.

Stanley would not discuss specifics about the review of Western, but said the OFCCP doesn’t “have any findings at this point.”

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Sheryl McCracken demonstrates the art of playing bagpipes to workshoppers Cherise Sey, of Winton Woods High School, and Jerry Brewer, of Paducah Tilghman High School. McCracken, a Western student, has won several competitions.

**BAG(PIPE) LADY:** Her hot air makes music

By DeAnn Green
Forty High School

Imagine yourself walking through the green hills of Scotland. The continuous humming sounds of bagpipes fill the air.

On the Hill at Western Kentucky University you wouldn’t expect to hear those same sounds. But on the night of June 25, people walking around campus could hear the melodious sounds of Scotland’s greatest hits.

While moving up the steps gracefully, 36-year-old Sheryl McCracken blew into a bagpipe vigorously. She wore shorts, a t-shirt and tennis shoes. Limp could hear the melodious sounds of University you wouldn’t expect to hear.

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30 YEARS AGO:
Voting Rights Act a victory for America

By Camille Overstreet
Scott County High School

The year is 1965, and victory is here for millions of African Americans because Congress has just passed the Voting Rights Act.

The previous year, marches and protests, expressing a desire for justice, were occurring everywhere in the south, and people were being injured and sometimes killed standing up for what they believed.

"...the ultimate price people paid (with their lives) should not be forgotten," said Gwen Fordman Downs.

Downs, who became executive director of the Bowling Green-Warren County Human Rights Commission in 1969, is continuing her work with the same vigor as her ancestors showed when they took a stand.

When Downs took over the agency, she said her first job was to change the image. The second was to bring more visibility to the organization. And the third was to educate the community about civil and human rights.

Downs lists her as: "If you don't vote, don't complain." Downs said, "One vote can make a difference."

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By Heather King
Page High School

A young man, with his future in front of him, sits with confidence and a little nervousness. Sophomore Jeremy Enoch, who has already beaten the odds, is one of the 817 African American students enrolled at Western.

He studies business management to reach his goal of owning his own business. Enoch said he has direction and ambition to succeed in life.

This characteristic is now becoming an oddity in the black male high school population, said another Western student, Derrick Harrison.

Many are not passing the standardized state achievement test. Many are not finishing school. The dropout rate, according to the national report of 1993, is 17 percent. This rate rises every year.

Are young black men not finishing school?

Some common reasons that students dropout of school were related to negative experiences, lack of support from administration and family, and school involvement, said Enoch.

Enoch was a regular student with regular grades at Frank Knox High School. He played basketball and served in the Key Club. He owns his success two of teachers and his parents. His History and English teachers made him work harder. He said, "teachers pepped up my Step."

With help and support from his parents, Enoch graduated from high school.

A strong religious back ground helped him through school, he said.

Environment also played a role in his success. There were not any strong negative influences to discourage him.

Negative behaviors, such as drugs, alcohol, and violence, destroys opportunities, for many black men.

However, not all succumb to those influences.

Pookie, a junior at Western, lived in an environment where violence, and drugs were part of daily life. He, too, took part in negative activities, such as alcohol and smoking. Yet, Pookie moved out of that dangerous environment! Pookie studies electrical engineering and will pursue a career in it. He wants a nice house, nice clothes and a nice car, he said. Pookie could have these materials right now in his life. Yet, he chose to educate himself and earn an honest living.

"I saw myself falling," he also said. "I want to do for myself."

Teachers and family offered no help along the way, he said. Pookie sees his high school age cousins falling into the same trap he did. "There is no good talking to them (high school students)," Pookie stated. "They are going to do what they want to do."

Some teachers feel the same way, so the high school students say, Finley Baird, Western's assistant director of Admissions, is actively involved in the lives of the black high school students in Kentucky. She recruits minority students for Western.

Students have told her that they did not get the attention they needed, she said.

Baird also encourages parents to get involved in their child's education. "Be there for your child," she said. "for sports, plays and everything."

Being there for your child can help them succeed in high school. Parent's support can give their child the confidence that is needed to achieve, she said. She also said that her parents were there for her, which meant a lot to her.

For those students who can not receive family support, Baird said to find a mentor. Someone who can guide the student into the right direction.

Guiding students in the right direction will be a part of Harrison's job in the near future.

Harrison, a sophomore at Western, wants to help young black males. He studies elementary education, so he can teach to give children a good start in their education.

He has a strong positive role model— his father. His father, a member of the military, pushed him constantly to achieve. Without his Dad's support, he believes that he would have fallen about of his goal.

What can be done to stop this problem? Billy and Eric Baird.

Positive influences are a strong inner desire to achieve determined success for Pookie, Enoch, and Harrison.

"Try to stay out of trouble," Harrison said. "Have a positive outlook on life, not a negative."

Basketball camps fun for players, coaches

By Regina Simmons
Bowling Green High School

It's just another day at the gym—or is it?

Greg Glass, a native of Elkins, has participated in the Hilltopper Basketball Camp for three years. He had been to the camp once years ago and said he enjoyed it. Glass, a former Hilltopper basketball player, also enjoys teaching the children about basketball.

"I like being around the kids and teaching them different skills, different moves and different aspects of the game," Glass said.

This is the second year Matt Killullen, men's basketball coach at Bowling Green, has organized the camp, which students pay for.

The camp meets for three to five days during the summer and is divided into age groups. These groups normally meet from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Diddle Arena.

Gretchen Gibson, a camp instructor, believes that is the only down part of the camp. "You have to be here one hour before the children get here and stay about two hours after they leave. You get no break; you have to be here all hours," Gibson said.

Gibson, a fifth year student at Western, will graduate in community health and minor in athletic training in December.

"I feel learned of this camp through athletic training. I'm a trainer and they pay us to work here," Gibson said.

Although Gibson is paid for her work, she still enjoys training the kids and finds it very rewarding.

Gibson, who was born in Lebanon, Tenn., is one of the year of camp. Although she was active in the softball church league, Gibson was never very interested in basketball before.

Darrin Horn, on the other hand, is in his second summer of camp and had played basketball for Western before he graduated.

"It's fun to work with the kids. Sometimes you have to be patient because they don't always listen well. Other than that, I enjoy it. It's been fun," Horn has been to other camps during the year, including Kyle Macy, Don Lane and Transylvania camps. Horn knows the importance of these camps and finds them very rewarding.

"It's good to think you give them some stuff to make them a better player," he said.

Gordon Howell, who is 13, also feels that these camps are important. "I come to improve in basketball," he said.

Howell first learned of this camp through his mother who had clipped the advertisement out of the newspaper. This is his first year in this particular camp.

"I went to Greenwood and Warren Central both for one year. It's been fun— I love it," Glass also finds the camp rewarding and finds that teaching the students isn't difficult, "Most listen and learn."

"It really doesn't cost a lot to organize the camp," Glass said. "Really organizing and figuring out how many are going to come to the camp are all that are really involved."

"Have a positive outlook on life, not a negative." —Derrick Harrison
Western sophomore

Doggone it: Chearse Saye, of Winton Woods High School, focuses on retired Western English teacher Charles Snow Guthrie as he walks his dogs near campus.
... Continued from previous page. According to Howard Bailey, Western's dean of Student Affairs, they have the chance to decide if they want to vote or not. During the '60s, Bailey said, the black population in Bowling Green was really aware of the vote, but over time, they learned.

Individuality is a key factor in the success of the country. If it were not for individuals like Martin Luther King Jr., and other leaders, the United States would not have progressed as much as it has.

Bagpipe competition rewarding, but equipment expensive

Competition from page 1 competition as "one of the biggest Highland games." McCracken said she enjoys the bagpipe music. "You can interact with other people in your community, and that's different than perspective from rock 'n' roll.

Equipment for a bagpipe Bailey says vote against fanatics

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Local officials agree curfew not needed

By Davea Green Louisville Senior High School

Bowling Green teens don't have to worry about a curfew being enforced. City officials and police officers said.

Capt. Bill Wartlip of the Bowling Green Police Department said the city has a problem with crime, but it's not serious enough to warrant a curfew. Wartlip thinks it is the parents who should control their children when they are off the streets.

"If a curfew was enacted, parents would have a larger responsibility," he said.

"Black people are going to have to realize that they're going to have to stand and realize their voice counts. If they ever want to see change and opportunity for their children, if not for themselves, they must become a part of the political system.

These individuals not only led marches, but led the way to breaking down unjust barriers in society.

Downs agrees with this, but 30 years has been a long time. "People don't realize the impact that being the high voter," she said. "It is heart-breaking to know things that have been done and lives that have been lost, all for what seems like nothing today."

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The best way to solve problems is to enlist junior and high school students. One suggestion for drug education was to gather different examples of drugs, and display the drugs in schools. They would then have to get a percentage of 10 percent minority, but poor green has made that almost impossible.

"I don't feel the department is doing anything working towards recruiting," Hunter said. "However, I believe it's very hard for any person who wants to do something positive, some people always try to pull them back down to a lower level of achievement."

Therefore, that individual feels as if he is being "selling out" and the process starts up again. Wartlip said that while off duty, a police officer is not anlaw enforcement officer, but is a public servant.

Some people believe slimly away from the problem of curfew problems. Wartlip said, "But it doesn't work." Wartlip and the police officers are committed by John Meyers, a community coordinator, and the police force can handle it.

City officials also noted that only a fraction of the city's youth "cause the kind of problems that curfew are designed to address," and not all problems can be solved. Bailey said, "Nothing really happens."
**Opinion**

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**Jobs:** Affirmative action helps people reach their goals

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

In today’s society, education is a key factor for success. Everyone should strive to reach their full potential in whatever they do. Sometimes, it is necessary to have some help along the way.

Various programs allow people to be exposed to opportunities that otherwise would have been out of reach to them.

Recently, the government has taken away a stepping stone on the road to success. In other words, the government is trying to do away with affirmative action.

What is so wrong with trying to help someone who is willing and able?

Affirmative action is a helpful program, but it is not just a handout. There seems to be a misconception that affirmative action is just for any "...black person who’s too lazy to get ahead on their own.,” said Dwight Lewis, metro editor of The Tennessean.

Not true.

Nothing in life is free, and people under the affirmative action plan are not on easy street. There is also argument that African-American men are taking jobs away from other eligible people. How can this be possible when 95 percent of the CEOs in America are white men?

Affirmative action just allows African Americans to excel to new levels. It is obvious that the world is not yet perfect, and there are still ignorant, racist people. Because of this stupidity, several African Americans are held back.

Affirmative action does not need to be cut out or cut down. Everyone does not have the resources or connections to reach his or her goals in life. With affirmative action, African Americans are assured at least one good resource to help them with their futures.

It has been said that you should shoot for the moon because even if you miss you’ll be among the stars. Without affirmative action, many African Americans will strapped down—able to do nothing but look towards the sky, never reaching the moon.

— Camille Overstreet
Scott County High School

**Women, it’s time to take charge**

She wakes up in the morning to the sounds of the maids busy at work. She immediately brushes her long blond hair, and dries her skin with tinted liquid.

Next, she prepares her blue eyes. Grey eyeshadow to cover fine lines on her eyelids, white under eye-liner to match her third BMW. Her lips and fingernails look like they have been dipped in animal’s red blood.

She drinks a health shake for breakfast which helps her to keep her size 3 figure. She slips into a Ralph Lauren sports outfit and decorates herself with lavish gold. Then it’s off to the health club for a workout. She doesn’t work; but of course that’s what a man is for. She fills her days with frivolous spending. Buying things she does not need, and buying them with money that is not hers. There isn’t a Bloomingdale’s around that does not know her by first name.

The ideal American woman: blonde, blue-eyed, and most importantly helplessly addicted to money and men who have it. Ah, but this legend only exists in daydreams and Hollywood. Or does it?

The average American woman isn’t a beauty queen, and doesn’t have a perfect life. She is so much more than a pretty face or fat bank account. She is the worker behind the scenes. Kind of like that of a movie. The public may only see the stars, but the producers, directors, and equipment people are truly responsible for making the movie come together.

Women work behind the scenes in the lives of the American family. They act as the backbone, or common thread that holds the family together. Women even go as far as to support and care for others.

For instance, Mother Teresa. True she isn’t a fine young thang, but from her hands food has been fed to the hungry of the hungry. Now, don’t get the point confused. This is not some promotion for the Femi-Nazis movement. The fact is that it’s about time that women realize that looks, and money should not have an influence on jobs or positions. Women need to be assured that their self worth does hold great value.

It’s disgusting to look around and see how little esteem some women possess. True, there are women fire-crackers, but their numbers are quite small. The truth is that women fail to take up for themselves.

According to the January 1995 edition of the Journal of Black Studies, women earn significantly less than men. For instance, black males made about $12,044 (salary median per year), while black women only made $7,349. But wait, the difference is even greater in the white race. White men made $19,899, while white women made a measly $8,103.

Ladies, don’t get upset and rip the paper to shreds yet. The statistics go on and on. Time magazine found that there were only 4.9 million full time executive women, while there were 6.4 million male executives. Also, the weekly earning of the males was $750, while the females were only $504.

Women are kept down in the workplace by scare tactics. Males call it being a “man,” but women know it as sexual harassment. Women need to pick up and kept going no matter what someone says. Any form of harassment is a tool to operate on women.

Another way that society keeps females down is the “barefoot and pregnant” ideal.

This is not to say that being a Domestic Engineer (house-wife) is not a prestigious position. But, women need not only to learn, but remember that they are more than just mere baby-making machines. They are complex, and wonderful creatures that enable the world to operate.

The men of this country have been in charge and running the wagon for centuries. And, as far as some can see, they’ve run us into the ground. It’s about time to give the remote to the girls, give them the wheel, and most importantly give them the gavel.

— Scheri Smith
North Hardin High School

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Education passport to opportunities, jobs

It is bewildering how so many young people could be so blind to where their choices and actions of today are leading them. Everyday people in high school are continuous to talk and laugh about it. They don't seem to ever start to comprehend the fact that there's a possibility that they may end up poor and unemployed with no means of income.

You would think that they could see how great of a possibility this is, especially since most college graduates have a hard time finding a decent job.

Another concerning issue, is the fact that there are a lot of young ladies and young men running around having sex with many partners. Not only do these young people run the risk of getting pregnant (or getting someone else pregnant) and ruining their reputations, but they are also risking their lives.

Too many young people are in the mindset of "it won't happen to me," whether it is getting a disease or ending up living in a slum on welfare. They are convinced that it won't happen to them. Not to criticize people who are poor, but there probably aren't a lot of people thinking about their futures and saying "I want to live in the projects when I grow up."

Young people have gotten used to being taken care of; they have to understand that when they get out into the real world no one is going to just hand them money the way their parents do. They will have to get out and earn a paycheck.

These are problems for teenagers of all financial classes, but children from middle and higher classes will probably have a bigger shock coming to them. They are used to a comfortable lifestyle where you live in a nice home, wear name brand clothes, watch cable television and sport 60 to 100 dollar shoes. These lifestyles are NOT CLEAP!

And the jobs that supply the right amount of money for these lifestyles are not a dime a dozen. They will have to go out there and fight tooth and nail against people who made straight As in high school and college just to get a job.

And to the people making D's and F's, if you get lucky and come across a good job, you won't keep it by coming in late or high, and you certainly won't be there long if you do junk work.

When employers see D's and F's on a record, they think junk work. When they see straight As they think quality work. When employers see 18 absences and a slew of tardies they see someone who will leave them hanging.

When they see perfect attendance they see someone reliable who will probably make them some money. Who do you think gets the job that makes the money for the Benz, the Nike, the Polo, the cable television--the "Good Life!" If you said the person with the D's then you need a reality check to WAKE UP.

---Cherise Seay
Winton Woods High School

My view

Investigator seeks clues to expose Highland

Picture this. A slump, white college journalism professor who makes very little eye contact conducts a journalism workshop for minorities. Jim Highland says he thinks there should be more diversity in journalism and that's probably his reason for doing this workshop. However, it is still very difficult for the average black person to imagine such opportunities.

Using his highly advanced investigative journalism skills, Highland targeted the number of male and female students in the workshop. The obvious conclusion is that he likes women more than men. Why else would he have three daughters and no sons?

But even that conclusion isn't conclusive, because he doesn't make much eye contact nor does he smile. Instead he looks down as if he is studying the feet of the people sitting in the front seats. He's heard of several public speaking techniques but never one like such as looking at the floor. Let's see for this future reference.

Digging even deeper into the proverbial bag of tricks, I found that most of the workshoppepe are from rather large cities. Some are from Cincinnati--maybe Highland wants some Red's tickets--Memphis, Nashville, Lexington and Louisville. Also that ever so large city of Paducah--home of yours truly and a wonderfully interesting quilt museum.

Also, I noticed that every now and then Highland has a sort of a limp to his walk. A limp that could be caused by something other than arthritis--he has a limp pimp walk going on.

I think he gets just enough black men to come to the workshop so he can learn how we walk. Maybe the answer is starting me right in the face--he could be a black man disguising.

A crazy man with no life, like me, could ponder this for days.

Here are a few reasons I think he conducts this workshop:

He thinks there should be more diversity in journalism--I can't be creative all the time.

He is fascinated how he can turn off the lights in a room full of blacks and see virtually nothing.

The shortening of his all ready short name to "J" makes him proud.

There's nothing more exciting to him than watching a class dominated by black women pursue gender equity.

This workshop is a place where Highland can "hangout" with good company.

Highland can finally laugh when Adams clears his throat instead of holding it in.

He likes kids and working with them and the rest in his-story.
Herald-Leader rolls out carpet for shoppers

By Shaun Lockhart
duPont Manual High School

It's about noon at The Lexington Herald-Leader, one of Kentucky's fastest growing newspapers, and most of the workers on the fourth floor are out to lunch. There are milling about with diet Coke cans, cluttered files, water bottles, broken rubber bands and paper clipped notes:

A large trophy case on the fourth floor said that the Bellamy King Award, the Pulitzer Prize and the Alva J. Kingman Award.

Pamphlet front pages such as "The Sinking of the Titanic," "Collier found dead while covering "Kennedy assassination" are also on display.

While writing about the past, Herald-Leader reporters are moving to the future electronically.

Assistant Managing Editor Tom Calwell said that The Herald-Leader is now in the process of installing new computer terminals to new Duplex Diamond Computers with a detachable Powerbook notebook inside. These allow reporters who are rushed for time to type while minutes in their story away from the office.

"These computers are excellent," paints Newsroom Systems Manager Bill Pinkston. "But as long as you have the manual book out of the computer, the desktop will always be there."

Pinkston also held up his Printbook that allows him better access to the newspaper, and pointed out there is $4,000. During the Herald-Leader regular afternoon news meeting, New Editor Larry Freisch, several writers and reporters help keep the budget, a list of stories and where they are placed in the newspaper. "If stories happen lead to a lead story, the format of the paper is changed."

Among some of the things discussed at one news meeting were the nerve vote, the new speed limit for highways and the follow-up on the shipwreck that was stuck in the Ohio River.

One advantage to panel discussion, according to Managing Editor Dave Pederson, is that both the Herald-Leader staff and the aspiring journalists to get a longer newspaper because there will be no one there to really help you. "I'm writing what's good."

Davis added trying to explain why photography is so important, "It's been the picture." He said, "People are more worried about getting their names into the newspaper, than the actual content."

Workers at The Herald-Leader will be looking at 30 percent of the ads in the newspaper to be very important.

"These are the ones who have to make a living in Bowling Green."

Jones has indeed been subject to many religions. Although her father was born and raised a Catholic, she has known her share of people who have left his faith. "My mother was a Methodist. She has also had a Muslim friend from Singapore that she talked to about religious beliefs."

"It makes for conversation—having a cultural difference.

Knowledge of cultural differences helped Jones teaching career. It made her a more tolerant teacher, considerate of mothers of point of view and open to ideas.

Jones hesitates to answer whether she finds teaching rewarding. "Sometimes," she said. "It should be rewarding. And it is rewarding when a student that you've had in the past calls you and asks you are doing. The most rewarding thing for me is when a former student remains in contact."

Even though teaching has its ups and downs, Jones feels that her job at the Herald-Leader has been one of the best things in her life. "It is a job that I love."

"There is always a person who wants you to do this and it's quite safe."

Jones has been a teacher and taught one class at Texas Southern University. She met her husband, an assistant professor, at The University of Houston and he was instrumental in the development of The Courier-Journal, who was instrumental in helping her get her job at the Western.

By Regina Simmons
Bowling Green High School

I've been a fashion designer until the fourth grade when I entered my first contest. I lost to a girl whom I suspected of cheating. A month later, I wanted to be like Clavo Borton," said Journalism Professor Wilma King Jones.

Jones has always wanted to be a designer. "It's healthy to want to be a lot of things," Jones said. A month ago, she wanted to be a city planner and an engineer.

"I don't know if I will get for it," she answers. "It's been— in the back of my mind— for a while."

Jones is a woman who is certain worked at a variety of jobs. Her first job was at the magazine Bobbin where she worked as a graphic design artist. Her first teaching job began at Benedict College. One of Jones's associates asked her if she would like to teach a class at Benedict College. Two months later, she was asked to talk about the class that would start in September. "I don't know if I'll ever do it," she thought. "I came as a complete shock to me because they had asked me to come out and talk. I never even

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PROFILES....

MESHIA WILLIAMS

If there is anything you want to do or become in life, you can't allow what your peers think or say to affect your actions. This is the attitude expressed by Mershia Williams of Whites Creek High School. Williams wants to study medicine and become a pediatrician or practice family medicine. To aid in her endeavors, she is presently a member of a program called H-Prep Meharry—a program that has enabled her to do different things in the medical field.

Students interested in medicine usually do not have the opportunity to have any hands-on medical experience. But in this program, she and a friend of hers, Kendra Wynn, went to the morgue and dissected corpses.

She said, “Most of my friends considered dissecting a dead corpse to be crazy and unusual. But the only thing I considered to be crazy and unusual was the smell, and I got used to that after about one and a half hours.”

Williams hopes that in the future there will be provisions made where students can learn a great deal, but have fun at the same time.

— Dometria R. Lyons
Haywood High School

JERRY BREWER

“Sometimes a mistake can be one of life's greatest achievements.” This is the life motto by which Jerry Brewer, a 17-year-old Fishburne Military High School student, lives in order to be prosperous and happy.

Creating a typical family background, Brewer has been faced with the many trials, tribulations and temptations others must sometimes endure.

His greatest fear is not being exposed to a variety of people, persecution, and medications. He feels that he doesn’t have the depth to better his knowledge through his experiences.

Though Brewer is currently residing with his mother and stepfather, Pam and Rod Rightnow, he credits a great deal of his success, morals and up-bringing to his grandmother.

Brewer believes he must keep his mind focused on what he wishes to do. He feels that it is most significant to obey, respect and love all people of all races.

“If I do right by all that I believe, then that should guide me in life more than walking around.”

He first became interested in journalism during his freshman year in high school when he began to acknowledge the presence of the school paper. Brewer will serve as Co-Editor-in-Chief on the school newspaper staff in the fall.

“Journalists have such power as to how the community views others,” Brewer said.

— Jermell N. Ervin
Male Traditional High School

ELIZABETH ALLEN

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STACY BISHOP

Stacy Bishop lives a simple, determined life, but she is often wild.

Attending to North Hardin High School, the 18-year-old junior maintains a 3.0 grade-point average. Bishop's parents play a big role in her success. She looks up to hardworking father who teaches at a high school in Fort Knox. His mother is a nurse at Ireland Army Hospital.

Bishop plans to have a job during college and take classes at a community college.

“I wish I could take a class in English and if they have a problem, she said. “I like to wear wacky clothes.”

Despite of having an odd style, which includes “hippie” necklaces and surfing shoes, she definitely has a great sense of humor.

Bishop’s strong relationship with her church plays a big part with her values. Asked how she feels about pressures on having sex, Bishop responded, “not until I’m married.”

In her spare time, Bishop loves to swim, write and play basketball and tennis. She also likes to go to the movies with her close friend, Denise.

Denise is 18 years old, and whenever she and Bishop get together, two comedians immediately develop. For instance, one time the two had decided to have lunch at McDonalds. However, instead of leaving when they were done, they hopped on the school buses and rode it as if they were energetic, six-year-old kids.

“Asked whether she cares about how people see her, she said, “I try to make a good impression the first time because that is most likely a lasting one.”

— Regina Simmons
Bowling Green High School

REGINA SIMMONS

Seventeen-year-old Regina Simmons, a senior at Bowling Green High School, has the microphone in her hand and sings the words to her favorite gospel song, “The Reason Why I Sing.”

This budding musician, doctor and businesswoman, believes the value of hard work and education to get what she wants out of life.

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Not only does she sing, but she also plays the piano. Her favorite tune is "God's Amazing Grace," inspired by her aunt Darlene who sang it while Simmons played the music on Darlene's piano.

She also wants to publish her own book of poetry and is currently working on a novel. "I love to create and tell people stories," she said. "I love to lie." Maybe that's one of the reasons Simmons' poetry, which she entered in a contest, made her a school finalist.

Simmons' one wish is that she and others wouldn't have to worry about what the future might bring.

Her advice to other teens is, "Don't let anyone tell you that you can't accomplish what you want in life. Believe in yourself."

- Shaun Lockhart
duPont Manual High School

DEMETRA TYUS

All Demetra Tyus wants to do with her life is be happy and serve as a role model to her younger brother and sister.

Tyus takes time to talk, listen, and help her brother and sister with their homework. They are her best friends.

A recent graduate of Haywood High School in Brownsville, Tenn., Tyus is optimistic and determined to be successful.

She is a spiritual person who would like to cultivate her passion for writing. She has had several internships at her local newspaper, and she enjoys her work.

Tyus stands apart because of her decision to attend college. In this day and age many people feel that without a college education you will not be successful. Tyus, however, has never had several debates with her friends and teachers about her decision. She is determined to prove them wrong.

"If two people are on the second floor of a building and they are both trying to get to the ground floor, one person takes the elevator and the other jumps out of a window. They both get to the bottom," Tyus said.

"I have just chosen a harder route."

- Masha Williams
Whites Creek High School

DEANN GREEN

"I wear a mask that lies and grins, shading my eyes when I'm the sinner. My sins." This is a mask worn by DeAnn Jenice Green, who uses Darlene's poetry as a way to express herself.

While Simmons has experienced many tragedies unlike the average teenager, this mask shading her eyes is hidden pain that has in her heart.

Green recently lost her good friends, Carl, who committed suicide. Some time before that, two of her other friends were killed during a police car chase; and she has also had to deal with the tragic murder of her one-year-old cousin, Rakim.

Despite all of this, Green has persevered. "I'm a bird, high as a kite: you can't tie her down, she's just taken flight."

There is no doubt that this 16-year-old is soaring at Fairlay High School in Memphis, Tenn., where she has a 4.0 grade point average. She is active in several organizations such as NAACP, tennis team, club team, teen improvement and Trendsetters, a local modeling group.

Green plans to attend either Washington University in St. Louis or Xavier University in New Orleans. She plans to become a pediatrician or child psychologist.

"I hope to earn my degree from now Green will probably still be in college trying to "obtain the highest degree possible."

- Camille Overstreet
Scott County High School

LOUIS BACHUS

Louis Bachus, a soft spoken young man, has a passion for basketball.

He can name dozens of pre-basketball players, and he watches an intensely every minute of this year's NBA finals.

He then shows some potential on the local basketball courts. After seeing what a avid basketball fan he is, he might be surprised to find out that he doesn't play for his high school team.

While Bachus likes basketball a lot, he focuses mostly on academics.

"You only get one chance for an education once," he said. He feels that even if he becomes successful athletically without an education, it's nothing.

Bachus graduated from Fairley High School in Memphis, Tenn., with a 4.3 grade point average.

He plans to attend college and become a sportscaster.

When Bachus isn't thinking about basketball he likes to spend time working on various kinds of artwork.

He said that if he had one wish, it would be that everyone could live in peace and happiness.

- Camille Overstreet
Scott County High School

LAZI STEWART

A place where everyone gets along.

Lazi Stewart said he has found such a place at Central Senior High in Memphis, Tenn.

There are three multicultural groups at his school, black and white and Viet namese.

Racial diversity gives everyone who attends the school a chance to learn from each other. Stewart said. He has friends in all three groups; yet he remains an individual.

Because each group has something to contribute to the other, the school environment is more peaceful, he said. At the same time there are cliques, and Stewart said he tries to be a part of each one.

Stewart is the only boy in his immediate family and lives with his mother and sister. He said he is very protective of his sister because he knows "how guys are.

Stewart has a job at Liberty Land, an amusement park. He said it's fun and he enjoys the people he works with.

When he is not at work, he spends time with his best friend, with whom he crosses street. There is also a "special lady" in Stewart's life. She works with him.

It's not that serious yet, Stewart said. It has only been two weeks.

Stewart lives in a middle class Memphis neighborhood and feels safe because there is not a huge crime problem.

His father lives about a block away and visits often.

His parents are both warriors in the war against ignorance; they are teachers.

He said they have instilled in him the wisdom to make it and "be successful." Stewart is an African American man of the 90's."

- Davita Gatewood
Lafayette Senior High School

CAMILLE OVERSTREET

Many teenagers have emotions that are hard to express. Camille Overstreet is not one of them.

A senior at Scott County High School in Georgetown, she is an experienced poet and aspiring journalist.

Overstreet said she has her writing going as a "doorway to her soul." About a year ago her one-year-old aunt was killed by her ex-husband because she wanted a divorce.

"If our jail system wasn't so corrupt and messed up, then innocent people wouldn't get caught in the crossfire," she said.

Overstreet is a member of the Future Homemakers of America, whose members spend their time doing community service projects and erecting school activities.

She belongs to Future Business Leaders of America, a club which instills leadership skills and teamwork professionalism. And she is a member of Youth Impact and Future Teachers of America.

She has served in Black Achievers, was named to Who's Who and worked as a member of the Town College Mentorship Program.

Racial conflict erupted recently at Scott County High School, but Students and Students began wearing t-shirts which read, "You wear your Xs, we'll wear ours."

Overstreet said no steps were taken by the administration to suspend or stop the wearing of the shirts.

She said situations like that only make her want to achieve more so that one day she can make a difference in the way the system is run.

In the next 10 years, Overstreet sees herself living in Washington or Atlanta. She said she would like to work for Ebony or Essence magazine.

- DeAnn Jenice Green
Memphis-Fairley High School

JYMIE ERVIN

Jymie Ervin, a senior at Male Traditional High School in Louisville, has a fascination with teeth which is very odd considering her life has not been all smiles.

- Heath King
Fred J. Page High School
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Ervin, 16, has already had to deal with the loss of his best friend and that was not to death or illness, but as a result of being shot by someone, his friend's father. She declined to mention names for personal reasons.

"It (the stalking) has caused me a lot of stress because the girl and I were really close," she said.

The stalking occurred from May until October 1994. After a police-taped conversation, her stalker, a law enforcement officer, was apprehended.

"He followed me everywhere I went, and he once had me confined to his car in which he pulled a gun on me," Ervin said.

Due to the embarrassment and stress of the ordeal, Ervin's best friend could not handle the situation, and their friendship crumbled.

The father was sentenced to jail for a year, and Ervin, is still serving the time.

"I don't open up to people enough to be hurt again the way the whole ordeal hurt me," Ervin said.

Despite the tragic event in her life, Ervin, with help from her mother and sister, has been able to make a remarkable recovery. She said her mother, Janice Ervin, and her sister, Kendra Ervin, are role models and the most influential people in her life.

She wants to be either an orthodontist or perhaps pursue a career in sports broadcasting.

Asked her reason for having such diverse career interests, Ervin said, "My talents in writing, but I just have this fascination with teeth."

Ervin works on the school yearbook staff and also enjoys basketball, baseball and tennis.

By Jerry Brewer

Penduach Tlghman High School

HEATHER KING

Heather King, a senior at Page High School in Franklin, Tenn., beats the odds of black teens with the power of religion.

"I try to do what God wants," King said. "This helps me stay on the right track."

An active member of Connection Hill Baptist Church, King enjoys every aspect of church life. Not only does she usher, but she also serves on the Youth Congress, the youth council of the church. Having religion enables someone to make better decisions, King said. Religion also influences her thoughts on controversial topics such as premarital sex.

"My goal is to wait until marriage," she said. "I think it's something special to be shared with your husband."

With black teenagers using religion to shield herself from the stereotypical opinions of society.

"Instead of giving in to the "gangsta" ideal, King tries to make a difference by traveling a straight path."

"It even helps to give me ambition," she said. "If not for church, she would engage in sinful behavior and use an example drinking on street corners."

"Having God helps people stay out of trouble," King said. "Your decisions are based on religion, which helps you get away from bad things."

"I think things would be better if prayer, or a moment of silence, was allowed in school," she said. "Everything seemed to go downhill when they stopped allowing it."

— Scheri Smith

North Hardin High School

CHERISE SEAY

A young woman with high expectations, Cherise Seay has had her mind set on being a nurse or perhaps becoming a journalist. The senior from Winton Woods High School in Cincinnati said she also wants to do something related to computers.

Seay said she might go into surgical nursing because "they aren't run of the mill. There are always going to be sick people, and I don't want to make money."

Seay has been told she is a good writer. "I don't know whether my writing is better than anyone else," she said, "but I might as well try it. I can always write about things that interest me."

In high school, Seay participated in the Distributive Education Clubs of America program, plays in the band, plays soccer and runs track.

She said she wants to be the very best she can be.

"Always keep your mind on the road to success and never let anything stand in your way," she added.

— Louis Bausch

Fairlavy High School

TIFFANY RICHARDSON

Tiffany Richardson has lived in the Caribbean in Europe, and in the United States, and she would be the first to admit that she has benefited from the experience. The 15-year-old North Hardin High School senior said she was born in the Virgin Islands, and her father who grew up as a British citizen on the island of St. Kitts enlisted in the U.S. Army.

His decision took her to Germany, twice, to Fort Hood, Kansas, and to Fort Knox. "In Germany, there were American school facilities for children who had parents who were stationed there," she said. "I received my sixth, seventh and eighth grade education in one of those schools."

Richardson said she learned that "language and culture and background may be different, but we are all people wanting to do the same thing."

When she was in Germany, the community she lived in was considered very safe by her parents.

"Mother would let me walk to the corner of our street by myself because everyone in the small community knew and trusted each other," she said.

When she graduates from high school, Richardson said she plans to become a pediatrician because she wants to help small children with their medical problems.

— Elizabeth Allen

Scott County High School

DAVITA GATEWOOD

Whoever says teenagers are all loud, annoying animals has never met Davita Gatewood.

At first sight of Gatewood appears to be an average, care-free adolescent. She is, but one quality that separates her from her peers is the mature manner with which she carries herself.

Most teenagers concerns range anywhere from homework to the opposite sex.

But for Gatewood her heritage comes first in her life.

This is evident because she is often referred to as "Malcolm X" by her peers at Lafayette Senior High School in Lexington. She doesn't mind being teased. In fact, she takes it as a compliment. Gatewood obtained this maturity probably from being the eldest of three children. She has two younger brothers, who in spite of being younger, watch out for her like two overprotective dads.

— Laze Stephen Stewart III

Central High School

By Camille Overstreet

Scott County High School

"Work hard, play hard—but don't mix it. That's the motto of Workshop Photo Director Gary Hairson.

Hairson, since he was young, Hairson has been "running things" so to speak. Although he wanted to pursue many careers at a young age (among them a musician, morris dancer and lawyer), Hairson decided as a junior at Henderson County Senior High that photography was the direction he wanted to take in his life.

With the determination to give everything he could, Hairson's ambitious has taken him from helping out at his home towns paper, The Gleaner, to a position as photo editor at the Cape Coral News in Florida.

"I would be heard in his voice when Hairson continuously said that he has "...the best job in the world.

What other career would allow someone to take photos of an accused assassin, James Earl Ray or "Mother Theresa."

"Photography is rewarding and satisfying, I don't know what I'd be doing if I didn't take pictures," Hairson said.

Whether on the job or just telling a joke, this former Western student and photographer gives it all he's got all the time.

Since 1990 Hairson has given his time up to help with Western's Minority Journalism Workshop, time that could've been spent with his wife, Shelita, and their four-year-old son, Andrew.

Hairson said that even if he moved to China he'd still come back and help with the workshop.

"People helped me, and it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here today that's why I love my time up."
Workshop gives students real-life look at journalism

By Demetra Tyus
Haywood High School

Students wanting to get a real-life look at the journalism world were given the chance at an unforgettable experience during the 11-day Minority Apprenticeship Workshop at Western Kentucky University.

Eighteen students from Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio had the opportunity to get an idea as to what is included in the life of a journalist.

Camille Grier is a 17-year-old senior at Scott County High School, who said, "The workshop allowed us to look at very different aspects that may not have been considered before, such as photojournalism. It has also given me some good advice for our futures."

Director Jim Highland has worked with the workshop for 11 years. Asked what he thought of the workshop this year, he said, "This is a very good workshop. There are some very bright people here. Copy it on in a way to be excellent. By the time we are finished, we should have a very good newspaper, a very good experience."

He had the same way that Highland does about the workshop. They think it is helping them now and definitely help them in the future. Another thing that is hard, it helps in the long run.

Classroom instruction began at 9 a.m. and continued until 9 or 10 p.m. Despite the intensity of the work, most students still looked at the workshop as a helpful learning experience.

Davita Gatewood, a 17-year-old senior at Lafayette High School, said, "It is a learning experience. The workshop gives us a chance to see how college life really is. We get the chance to work and play. It also prepares us for the future."

Among the many newspapers the workshop was Linda Walter, associate director of the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc. Aside from giving the students some of her own personal experiences, Walter talked about the creation of the workshop in 1968.

Before, newspapers consisted mainly of white mailed out editors. They didn't realize that the students were the chance to take field trips and to ask any questions.

Highland infects students with "journalism bug"

By Scher! Smith
North Hardin High School

Look up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. It's Jim Kirkpatrick.

Yes folks, Jack, who is the Talon staff's reporter, dealt with all the things of minority journalism students.

For two weeks out of Highland, who has been in a minority workshop gives students a first-hand look at journalism, he would help them in the long run.

Highland believes that society needs such thing as a "minority" workshop because "newsrooms need to reflect society."

He went on to say that the paper has to be all colors in order to truly represent readers.

Highland also put in his praise, "I love him!" said LaSandra Stewart, a participant of the 1995 workshop. Students say that Highland is a positive influence and gives them the "journalism bug."

"Students need to have someone they can trust and believe in," said Highland. He thinks he has been a proponent of journalism. He urged students to take advantage of every journalistic opportunity because there was a time when African American views were not reflected in newspapers.

In addition to the classroom instruction and talks, and speakers, the students were given the chance to take field trips and to ask any questions.

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Former workshopper urges students to read, write

By Shaun Lockhart
DuPont Manual High School

It's about 4 p.m. when reporter Nikita Stewart calmly walks into The Courier-Journal where she works. Wearing a formal suit and a short skirt, she mentally prepares herself for the events that could take place tonight. Her nine-hour shift, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., isn't to be boring.

"There's no way it can be," she says, "if anything happens like a fire or a shooting."

Stewart said that her last story can be very important and still make it into the next morning's paper.

Though there are many other newspapers that Stewart said have worked on her, she chose The Courier-Journal. Stewart decided to work at The Courier-Journal because of the editing." Stewart Stewart has been at The Courier-Journal for five years. During that time, she interned on The Lexington Herald Leader and at The Birmingham Post.

Stewart recalls that at her first interview she was to learn to write, so she wrote obituaries. "It was horrible," she admits, "but it worked out really well in the end."

As a reporter, Stewart's first real job was at The Birmingham Post where her editor sent her to cover a car that got stuck under an overpass. She said that she learned how brutal journalism can be when she had to write about the man who was in the car. Stewart said that he treated me like a reporter. She showed me how to write a description of everything from his head to his toe."

Stewart believes her experiences with hard editors, and horrid stories made her catch tiny mistakes others might miss. She said she was 18 years old who was shot in Lexington a few months ago was not the cause of a riot, and of a civil disturbance. She also puts out some mistakes made by other newspapers when taking photos.

"I didn't think the picture of him in the case was necessary," she said. "I was afraid of almost nothing. Stewart said that she would do almost anything to get a story, but she felt that she will never have to use the bullet-proof vest that she is provided with. Stewart has been in a number of situations that would cause a riot to come into play, one of which was a hodger situation where she ended up in the line of fire."

"I was still taking notes at bullets went past my head," she said calmly. From the lessons that Stewart has learned, she advises budding journalists never to go anywhere you shouldn't be. "I know this for a fact," she said. "But the young person I was, I didn't care. You always have to know when to cross that line."

Stewart said that as a reporter you spend a lot of time at the paper, and if you are not there, you are probably still working on it. Stewart, who has just bought a new car, said she believes the pay is good. "You can get rich from being a reporter, but your needs will be met," she said.

Stewart recalls how she became interested in journalism. "When I was in the fifth grade, my brother had a paper route and help him roll up the newspapers and put them in the mailbox. I helped him but I did more reading than rolling them."

Stewart said that she is exactly where she wants to be. "I have no desire to be an editor," she said. She encouraged everyone who wants to be a journalist to read and write because it is very important. "A reporter, I do more writing than anything else. What really is important is the writing class."

Dean Smith of The Courier-Journal said that Stewart was the best reporter he has hired since he has been there.
Rainy day dampens spirits at Opryland

By Laze Stewart
Memphis Central High School and Mesha Williams
Whites Creek High School

**NASHVILLE** — Imagine being thrown into total chaos, running from grizzly bears, getting stuck and bouncing off a steel ball and hanging from steel bars all in one day — and being a willing victim.

That is what 18 students from the Minority Journalism Work
shop did one rainy Friday afternoon at Opryland USA, a theme park in the country music capital of the world. "It was no King's Island," said 16-year-old Shaun Lockhart, who was competing Opryland to theme park in Cincinnati. "But I enjoyed it up until it started rain

ing."

The park is dominated by a country music theme. People walk around in cowboy boots.

CD review

"Panther" provides wake-up call

By Davita Gatewood
Lafayette High School

"Panther," the sound track inspired by the movie of the same name, offers a much need
ed wake-up call to African American. It has a variety of artists from rappers and rhythm and blues singers to funkadelic

The leading track on "Panther" is "Freedom," a song from a diverse group of ladies, includ

ing the divas of rap, Salt N Pepa, and the smooth sounds of SWV (Sisters With Voices).

It demonstrates how African American women can unite to deliver a message of truth to

their race. These women each show their strength and the respect they earn through the

lyrics they sing.

The third track, "Till We Meet Again," is performed by the quintet, Blackstreet, known for "Booty Call" and "Before I Let Go." Blackstreet flows into the soul with a soft, soothing remake of the much loved gospel hymn. The song offers a reminder that although African Americans lost leaders such as Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Huey Newton and Marcus Garvey, they will meet again.

The next eye catching and mind opening track is "The Points," a variety of African

American males come together to sum up the points of life. They urge unity, self-love, helping oth

ers and bettering their communities. These men go against the negative perception that rappers are calling women names, gett

ing high and bragging about killing another male.

"The Points" is a wake-up call just like "Freedom" that tells African Americans it's not

enough to acknowledge there is a problem. Do something about it. As the African-proverb says, "It takes a village to raise a

child," and these artists are attempting to reach out and awake those who are sleeping.

CD review

'HIS-tory' screams with success

By Stacy Lynn Bishop
North Hardin High School

In Michael Jackson's latest single from his new album "HIS
tory: past, present and future," the former Jackson Five mem
ber teams up with sister Janet to sing "Scream.

'Scream' is just one of the songs on the album. A double CD pack contains many Jackson's old selections as well as new ones. This is the first time in his and Janet's career the two came together to make history and critics said it was worth the money spent.

"Jackson is getting all of his problems and anger out to the media and letting them know that they have gotten on his nerve, very impressive," minority journalism workshop

Tiffany Richardson said.

Randy Richardson, a senior at Western, said there was only one copy of the album left Thursday night at the local Wal-mart superstore.

When asked what does this song seem to portray about Michael, Richardson replied, "The song and video portrays a part of Michael that wants to be released."

Batman disappointing

By Tiffany Richardson
North Hardin High School

Expected to be one of the biggest movies of the summer, Batman Forever can be summed up in one word: disappointing.

The movie starred Val Kilmer as Batman, Chris O'Donnell as Robin, Jim Carrey as The Riddler, Tommy Lee Jones as Two Face and Nicole Kidman as psychologist Chase Maridian.

Judging by the previews shown on television, Bat

man Forever looked like a good movie. Looks were deceiving in this case.

Although the movie had all the basic elements of the previous Batman movies; villains, the Batmobile, and great costumes, it lacked the plot that would keep the viewer from falling asleep.

The movie opened with Val Kilmer stepping into the Batmobile to answer a disturbance in the city of Gotham. It is here that he met psychological, Chase McAdams, who oddly threw herself at him during the movie. Maridian used the bat signal to set up a midnight rendezvous with the man in black.

Although considered to be a reputable actress, Kidman's character had absolutely no purpose in this film other than to smile and look pretty.

Chris O'Donnell added a little flavor to the film as he portrayed a young orphaned circus performer who is taken in by Bruce Wayne (Val Kilmer).

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NASHVILLE BANNER:

Group told, "Pursue your dreams!"

By Mesha Williams

Whites Creek High School

NASHVILLE — If you’re a committed, young writer with a thirst for the truth and a desire for an exciting and rewarding career, Irrie Simpkins may have just the advice for you — the advice she learned at the Nashville Banner.

"If you can write and if you can edit, then you will succeed at the Nashville Banner," Simpkins said. "Journals must love their jobs and strive to understand people from all different races and backgrounds."

Simpkins was joined by a panel of journalists that included distinguished sports writers, editors and photographers. The panel gave advice on how to start a career in the newspaper business and discussed the future of minority journalists in the industry.

The students from the workshop had lots of questions and the panel seemed eager to give advice. If being a journalist is your dream job, "it’s not too late," said Tim Gajdo, features editor of the Nashville Banner.

After an hour of questions, the students took a full tour of the Nashville Banner offices. The students were able to see various departments such as the newsroom, advertising and circulation.

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Western has difficulty meeting equity rules

By Jerry Brewer
Foothill High School

The word gender means a class based on sex. The word equity means the quality of being fair or impartial. If the words are put together, this is what you have-a huge, complicated process that involves a federal law called Title IX.

"Gender equity is just a term that talks of them being equity in the athletics program," Assistant Athletic Director Pam Herriford said. "Title IX is the federal law that we have to follow for gender equity. So, they are not necessarily the same thing."

And Western, like many universities across the nation, is not necessarily finding it easy to meet Title IX requirements.

The problem has always been how do universities meet the need for equality with unequal revenue produced by men's and women's sports.

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For example, according to Herriford, 70 percent of the athletes are men and about 30 percent women. This would mean that the men should get 70 percent of the money with the women getting 30 percent.

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A. Equipment and supplies
B. Scheduling of games and practice times
C. Travel and per diem
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D. Tutoring
E. Coaching
F. Locker rooms, practice and competitive facilities
G. Medical and training facilities and services
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J. Support services
K. Recruitment of student-athletes

These 13 items create what Herriford calls "the Title IX laundry list. According to Herriford, these are suggestions that Office for Civil Rights (OCR) gives at every college. It is the college's task to formulate a plan using these "suggestions. But even with the solutions it is hard to make a formula.

"Currently, we are in the very, very preliminary planning stage," Herriford said. "We have not even started meetings yet but we have to present a plan by March 1996."

As the magical date of March 1996 comes near, Head Football Coach Jack Harbaugh seems to be on a campaign to stop proportionality, a plan the university is researching.

"Support gender equity 100 percent and I believe there should be equal facilities," Harbaugh said. "However, proportionality would put a damper on our football program.

The proportionality plan would be based on student population. If the female population is 55 percent and the male is 45 percent, then females would receive 55 percent of the money with the males getting 45 percent.

Also, female teams would have to represent 55 percent of the athletics program with the males representing 45 percent. Currently, the male-female ratio in athletics is 70 percent to 30 percent.

We are flies in the ointment of proportionality," Harbaugh said. "There is no women's team that can match our big programs."

Covering games is not George's only job. It is his responsibility to interview coaches, players and fans and writing stories for The Times.

"I enjoy my job. It's a combination of writing, people and athletics," he said.

Interviewing is what gives life in every story. George said. In his speech to the workshoppers he stressed the importance and proper elements of the interview.

Robert Adams, Western director of student supervision, said he noticed talent during his years at Western. "He is an excellent athlete, he has a good future." Adams said. "I consider him a good friend." Adams said. "I could tell he was interested in writing with a very fast word out. He is a very nice person and a good writer as well as a friend." George was equally appreciative of Adams' help.

"Mr. Adams and I have always had a special relationship—I find him unique," George said. "I admire his sensitivity, expertise, and how he helps students to reach their maximum effort. Mr. A is all "A." He is unique in the image of journalism."

With any job comes sacrifices as well as reward," George said about adjusting.

PEOPLE POLL: Is proportionality a fair way to provide for gender equity in sports?

College is a business. They need to look both proportionality and what sports bring in the money.

Fair no, but equal yes. Men's sports generate the most money. Those sports don't, but they still need as much support and money as the big programs.

College sports is kind of a business. The funding should go to the sports that make the money.

It's not right for the majority to get more than the minority. It seems like proportionality can help the smaller programs a great deal.

---Jody Alexander, alumnus, Music Education

---Derrick Flowers, alumnus, Speech Communications

---Bryan Travis, junior, Pre-med

---Kim Allison, upcoming freshman

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Running back meets adversity head on

By Jymielis Ervin
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**Ballard: Stay focused on getting the job done**

By George Goewen
Union County High School

Nashville newspaper executive Gloria Ballard told minority workshop students this week that they always needed to know what they wanted to do and stay focused on getting it done.

"Never stop trying, you stop moving," said Ballard, assistant managing editor for operations in the features department of The Tennessean.

Ballard received a degree in English with a minor in journalism from the University of Tennessee at Nashville, where she worked as a student reporter.

She said she was hired by The Tennessean right out of college and planned to work there "a couple of years." She was familiar with the newspaper because she had done an internship there while in college.

Time flew by, Ballard said, and before she knew it she has been there for 20 years.

Growing up in a period of racial injustice, Ballard said she assumed that she would become a kindergarten teacher, like most other minorities at the time. Both of her parents were teachers.

As a young woman, Ballard said her parents always encouraged her and her sisters to do their best. They constantly taught, and showed her, that you have to have an education in order to progress.

"Never say I can't," is what her parents taught her, Ballard said.

"I always believed you stop trying; you stop moving," said Ballard, assistant managing editor for operations in the features department of The Tennessean.

Ballard's goal is to be involved in new projects. She has no plans to leave The Tennessean. She said she is happy with her job, which went from being a data information person to a writer to being a manager.

Ballard said she really enjoys writing and English. The fact that there's always new and innovative each day is what keeps her going.

"You get so much experience more quickly," she said.

In management, Ballard said she likes looking around the room and seeing others like her directing the operations of the news room.

"It's about time," Ballard said.

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**Thompson: Journalism is a natural adrenaline boost**

By Meshia Williams
Whites Creek High School

When Courier-Journal copy editor Kimberly Thompson talks about her work, she becomes animated and bubbly. She speaks candidly and excitedly about the newspaper process, which starts to howl with her hands wildly and then begins to jump up and down when explaining circulation steps.

"Journalism is a natural adrenaline boost for me," Thompson said. "I love to write and edit stories. Journalism is my first love."

Most people don't know about reporters, editors and photographers. Thompson spoke to the participants of the Minority Journalism Workshop June 24 about the "other side" of the newspaper business.

She is a part of a special two-year management trainee program at The Courier-Journal that allows her to go into different departments such as advertising, marketing, circulation and production to see how each department works.

She will complete the program in August. Once she is through with the program, she will be able to decide which department she would like to work in. For the past four years, she has been a copy editor at The Courier-Journal.

Thompson graduated from the University of Missouri in 1988 with a degree in journalism and business administration. She is a strong advocate for education, and she encouraged workshop participants to learn more about their culture and to keep abreast of world issues.

She works with the Rites of Passage, a group that helps youthful learn more about their culture.

"It is very important for both black and white people to know about African-American history," she said. "People must know that African Americans have made large contributions to this society."

The newspaper industry has hired more African Americans in recent years. But there are still very few African Americans in high-level positions, Thompson said.

Thompson tries to represent the voice of the African-American community while working at The Courier-Journal.

"I speak up for things that I feel will be offensive to the black community," she said. "I feel that is my responsibility to show everyone in a positive light."

Thompson has a busy future ahead of her. She is engaged and planning a wedding. But she is also concentrating on her dream of becoming a newspaper publisher.

"I would like to have a newspaper that shows how issues such as Affirmative Action affects the African American community and for others to understand African Americans better," she said.

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**Helping hand:** Charlene Tolbert, a copy editor at the Evansville Courier, works with Elizabeth Allen of Scott County High School. Eighteen students from Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio participated in the Minority Journalism Workshop at Western. Professional journalists spoke to the students and helped them produce The Limited Edition.

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**Regina Simmons, of Bowling Green High School, waits patiently between showers during the Minority Workshop’s trip to Opyrand USA. Rain and lightning forced most of the rides to shut down.**

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**Scheri Smith/North Hardin High School**

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**Bob Adams, associate director of the workshop, listens to a student’s question. Adams has been involved with the minority workshop all 12 years.**

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**Tiffany Richardson/North Hardin High School**
Deer Mom and Dad,

Eye am havin uh good time at camp.

Eyem been learned new stuff, but it's hard to member cause I staied up til free in the mornin.

Made knew friends but cant wait to come home.

17 kids comin next weekend.

Luv,

yore kid

Right above: Louis Badrus, listens to tunes in the photo lab.

Right: Herald-Leader reporter, Darla Carter, explains the difference between her paper and other metropolitan dailies to students in the Minority Journalism Workshop.