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Invasion of the Macs

Department purchases 60 computers for classes

They're here!

After using typewriters in the classroom since they were invented, the Department of Journalism has purchased 60 Macintosh computers.

Money to buy the Macs came from the interest of the Virginia Wood Davis Memorial Gift and the department's operating budget.

The new computer labs are located at Garrett 104 and 108 and Gordon Wilson 311. The labs in Garrett are for reporting and editing. The Wilson lab is for print design.

One lab will be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-6 Friday, and noon to 8 Saturday.

Student workers will staff the labs and can answer questions.

The computers cost $106,000.

The department is charging a $10 lab fee for students who are enrolled in a journalism class and a $25 fee for journalism majors not enrolled in a journalism class. No students outside the department are allowed to use the labs.

Also, no foreign software (such as games) can be used. Students who will be using the computers need to buy a floppy disk. Anything saved on the computer's hard disk will be trashed at the end of each day.

Enjoy the computers and take care of them. It's taken us eons to get them.

New faces

PJ, PR get new teachers

Michael Williamson, a former photographer at the Sacramento Bee, has joined staff, replacing Dave Labelle, who is taking a leave of absence to write his second book. Michael is acting photo adviser for the Herald and Talisman.

And he's is a Pulitzer Prize winner (quite impressive!)

John Barnum is the new Public Relations Coordinator. He comes to Western from the University of Texas at Austin.

Welcome to our neck of the journalism woods!

2 secretaries join department

Voletta Havener from Rockfield is a new secretary in the departmental office. She replaces Carol Peek, who is working at another department on campus.

Havener said she loves her job because everybody's super nice.

Rhonda Lawrence is the new Student Publications secretary.

She is a 1991 Western graduate. Rhonda is from Morgantown and lives in Bowling Green.

Welcome to journalism!

Herald gets new look; begins pagination

If you've even glanced at the Herald this semester, you've noticed it looks different.

The Herald staff returned to school one week earlier than normal to redesign the paper.

Its new look is sharp and eye-catching and was done for the readers.

"We felt as though the Herald needed a new look," Editor Tanya Bricking said. "We saw that lots of newspapers were changing their design to keep up with what readers want. We looked at what graphic designers have found through studies about how people read newspapers and what kinds of things they like."

The design is the first change since 1984.

The paper is also paginating (laying out the paper on the computer).

Getting used to a new system has been tough, Tanya said, but it's worth it.

Register to vote

On Nov. 5, Kentuckians will be choosing a new governor and statewide officers. Cities will elect mayors and city commission members.

This year Western's Society of Professional Journalists Chapter is sponsoring a registration drive. Those wanting to register can do so by seeing Corban Goble at his office, 120 Garrett.
Students intern to get taste of ‘real world’

Internships are the key to getting that first job, everyone says. Although internships were scarce this year, many Western students still managed to snag one. If your name isn’t on the following list, call Chris Poynter at 2655.

Stephanie Alexander, Jay County Arts Council, Portland, Ind. Stephanie was a communications coordinator and her duties included writing press releases, scheduling press conferences, promoting art exhibitions and a cultural and musical festival. She also produced the fall 1991 newsletter.

Eric Davis, Dye, Van Mol and Lawrence Public Relations firm in Nashville. It is the largest PR firm in the Southeast United States. His duties included writing, editing, publicity, special events management and research.

Nina Kissinger, St. Mary’s Medical Center in Evansville, Ind. Her duties included writing feature articles for the employee newsletter and seasonal magazine.

Chris Poore, reporting, Lexington Herald-Leader.

Laura Howard, reporting, Anniston (Ala.) Star.

Tanya Bricking, copy editing and Saturday reporter, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer.

Doug Tatum, copy editing, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer.

Darla Carter, reporting, Akron Beacon-Journal.

Nikita Stewart, reporting, Birmingham Post-Herald.

S. Kaye Summers, reporting, Henderson Gleaner.

Christine Taylor, Dow Jones copy editing intern, Lexington Herald-Leader.

Tracy Maxwell, reporting, Pine Bluff (Ark.) Commercial.

Jennifer Johnson, reporting, Anderson News in Lawrenceburg.

Jamie Lawson, communications, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chris Poynter, reporting, Bourbon Times in Paris.

Jerry Busser, graphics, Logansport (Ind.) Pharos-Tribune.

Noelle Phillips, reporting, Brentwood (Tenn.) Journal.

Paul Baldwin, PR, St. Joseph’s Hospital in Lexington.


And a belated welcome back to John Martin who returned from the Politics in Journalism Internships in Washington, D.C. Laura Howard is taking a half off this semester for the same internship. Good luck, Laura!

Herald staff captures Pacemaker . . . again

Congratulations to the College Heights Herald staff, who once again captured a Regional Pacemaker (that mean’s they’re pretty darn good).

Several staffers will travel to Denver in October for the Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisers Convention where the National Pacemaker will be awarded.

Tanya Bricking, Doug Tatum, Margaret Blaylock, Cheryl Edwards, Matt Williams, Amy Taylor, Jo Ann Thompson, Bob Adams, Kaye Summers, Noelle Phillips, John Martin and Chris Poynter will attend the convention.

Good Luck! Bring home another National Pacemaker!

Talisman news

Staff writers needed

Those Talisman people get crazier every day. They’ve got a new fish. It’s name — Mr. A. Anyway, here’s the important stuff.

• The Talisman is taking applications for staff writers. See Editor Cheryl Edwards or Managing Editor Matt Williams for more information.

• The staff will also be selling 1991 and 1992 yearbooks during ID validation. You can also stop by the publications office and order a yearbook.

• The staff also has a workshop/retreat over the weekend at Park Mammoth. The staff and Mr. A. will be brainstorming for the 1992 Talisman.

• Matt Williams, Mr. A., and Graphics Editor Tracy Steele attended a yearbook workshop at Ohio University during the summer.

You are needed!

Send your Link news to 122 Garrett c/o Corban Goble or Chris Poynter

Deadline for next Link is noon Wednesday, Sept. 18