Team recommends re-accreditation

After a two-day visit last week, the accrediting team has recommended that the department be re-accredited for six years.
In its report, the team said that Western is to be commended for a strong faculty that has a commitment to educating students.
The team also recognized that Western's Department of Journalism has strong ties with alumni and that students have close relationships with faculty.
The team looked at 12 areas — administration, budget, curriculum, instruction, faculty, internships and work experience, equipment, faculty scholarship, public service, alumni and minority and female representation.
The team said Western complies with accrediting standards in these areas but cited some minor problems.
One problem is that faculty are not writing enough articles for academic journals. Other problems included a lack of computers for the faculty and a low travel budget for the faculty and the lack of handicap access to Gordon Wilson.
The team's recommendation will now go to the accrediting committee, which makes a recommendation to the council.
The council grants re-accreditation.
The team's suggestion is usually what the council approves, said Myrtle Barnes, a member of the team.

Student grabs first in POY scenic photograph category
Craig Fritz captured first place for a scenic photo in the Photogapher of the Year competition.
Craig's photo was chosen among thousands of entries, said Mike Morse, PJ sequence coordinator.
Craig is a sophomore PJ major from Minnesota.

PRSSA notes...
PRSSA will have an organizational meeting 7 p.m. March 4 in the PR lab (307 Gordon Wilson Hall).
All PRSSA committees will meet and there will be a discussion about activities for the 1992-93 year.
All members are urged to attend and there will be free food for committee members.
In other PR news;
• The 1992 Awards Banquet will be in April. Suzanne Wright, PR director for the Kentucky Derby Museum, will speak.
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Possible budget cut could doom Talisman
The future of the Talisman yearbook is on shaky ground.
The budget committee, which is trying to find ways to cope with a $6 million cut for the next academic year, has asked the Talisman if it can survive without the university's help.
Western allocates the Talisman $33,000 each year. The printing cost alone is $41,050.
If the budget committee does pull the money from the Talisman, the yearbook will be reduced to nothing, said Bob Adams, Publications adviser.
Adams has written the committee a letter in which he states that without the university's help the Talisman will die.
The yearbook does raise $25,000 through book sales.
Feasibly the yearbook could survive with that amount but the book would be reduced to a book with class pictures, no color photos and no written stories — basically a “high school yearbook,” Adams said.
We'll let you know as this critical subject develops.

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The T-shirts are white with red lettering that say "Department of Journalism Western Kentucky University." In the middle is a flasher (yes, a flasher. No, his privates aren't showing) with his jacket reading "Expose Yourself To Communication."
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