Downing resigns unexpectedly

By ALAN JUDD

When the Board of Regents went into closed session Saturday, most of the approximately 40 persons at the meeting thought the board would discuss routine personnel changes.

After a few minutes the regents and President Dero Downing returned, and the president began reading a statement that made it clear that the private session had been far from routine.

Downing read aloud from a five-page statement about his years at Western. After a few paragraphs, he paused and asked that an assistant distribute copies to the regents.

Downing continued, speaking of his years as president and the challenges of the office. Finally, with tears welling in his eyes, he came to the purpose of his announcement:

"It is my wish to relinquish the duties and responsibilities of the position of president of the university, effective the beginning of the second semester of the current school year."

The initial reaction to the announcement was surprise. None of the regents had apparently been informed of the decision, and only a few individuals knew about it. Several regents expressed regret at Downing's decision.

"This certainly is a time of sadness for us all," Chairman J. David Cole told Downing. "I'm satisfied it (the decision) is one you have given a great deal of thought."

"The question now would be: what can Western give you in return?"

Downing said after the meeting that the regents should not feel they owe him any special consideration.

"I've had more of a reward than I would be deserving of," he said. "The university certainly does not, in any respect, need to feel it has any reason to make a place for me or anything of that nature."

"In his statement, Downing cited as his reason for resigning increasingly heavy demands of the position (that) continue to take a significant toll on the state of my health."

Downing stopped briefly several times as he read the statement, apparently struggling to control his voice.

He said the challenges of running the university also were a factor in his decision.

"Recently I have spent considerable time in pondering these conditions, arriving at the conclusion that the time has come for me to relinquish the duties and responsibilities of the position of president of the university," Downing said.

The board voted unanimously to approve Downing's resignation request and his wish to begin a sabbatical leave next semester. Regent Ronald Clark said he regretted Downing's decision.

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A look at Downing's career...

President Dero Downing resigned Saturday after almost nine years as Western's president. Today's Herald takes a look at Downing's almost 40 years on the Hill.

Downing has spent his entire career at Western, beginning as a math teacher and coach in the training school.

Most people, including the members of the Board of Regents, were surprised by Downing's announcement Saturday.

Several persons are being mentioned as candidates for the president's job, including several Western officials and some outsiders.

A Herald editorial examines Downing's performance as president.

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Western may win Hub battle

By TOM EBLEN

It looks as if Western may have the last word in its quarrel with the Hub Pizzeria.

The owner of the restaurant, whose attempt to obtain a retail liquor license met university opposition for more than a year, has offered to sell the property to the university, according to President Dero Downing.

The Board of Regents approved a resolution Saturday asking the state to purchase the property at 383 E. 15th Street across from Gordon Wilson Hall.

The resolution was presented along with a memo from Downing that said the restaurant's owner, Gordon Mills, has approached the university and is interested in acquiring the property because it...

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Bong goes gong as students show wild, crazy talents

By ROGER STINNETT

The judges couldn't decide between a wild and crazy guy or three long-haired country boys who wanted to be left alone. So they called it a tie.

But what of Omar the Elephant Trainer and his elephant, Rembrandt? Or the Chocolate Cowgirl in the army boots? Will they slip into oblivion as quickly as they stepped out?

Probably. But for a few moments, they all stepped on stage at Raymond-Campbell Hall's gong show, entertaining a crowd of several hundred that sprawled across the dorm's lawn Thursday afternoon.

The hour-long show included both serious performers and acts that merely expected a quick, bouncy bong from the large gong borrowed from the music department.

But judge Anne Murray, assistant student affairs dean, said she and the other two judges (public safety officer Judy Sparks and assistant housing director John Osborne) were amazed.

"I don't know how we'll do it," she said before the show. "The other two have never seen a gong show, and I've watched one for 10 minutes."

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The four-girl Stomp Quartet received the quickest gong—10 seconds—but it may not have been quick enough. The four girls, dressed as a barbershop quartet, gathered around a microphone and sang softly, "La la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la la.

Then they looked at each other, lifted their knees and began stumping like creaked-old-fashioned wine-makers.

After a few seconds, "They looked over at us, like, 'Gong gong gong gong gong gong gong gong gong gong gong...'

So we hesitated and let them suffer. After a few more stomp, Osborne leaned over and hit the..."
Acts escape gong

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...gong. Under acts ranged from an imitation of Hee Haw's grunting, knee-slapping duo; an impressionist who did John Wayne, Richard Nixon, Walter Brennan and Elvis Presley; a guitarist playing 'The Shadow of Your Smile'; a singer doing Bread's 'If'; a unicyclist-gymnast; and a Jew's harpist-singer doing a song about dorm life.

But the two big point-getters were Auburn freshman Matt Jenkins with his Steve Martin skits, and the 'country' music singing BC3, consisting of sophomores Darrell Bird and Brent Miller and freshman Greg Stapleton, all of Elizabethtown.

Jenkins, attired in Martin's characteristic white clothes, came out juggling tennis balls, playing banjo music and wearing Martin gags and gestures. As he finished his routine, he said, 'And remember, a day without sunshine is like night.' The crowd cheered as the judges each awarded him the maximum 10 points.

BC3 appeared six acts later for some 'beer drinking music and broad beasting.' The two singers and guitar player had the crowd clapping in time to their unusual country songs. One, a love song pleading with a lover to return and citing reasons why, included such lines as: 'And ain't I good to you kid sister? I take her drivin' every night.' Again, the spectators applauded the judges' three 10s.

After tie-breaking encore performances, the judges conferred for a moment, then declared both acts winners. First prizes consisted of red towels, a Star Wars calendar, dinners at the university center cafeteria and pizza dinners.

Worst prize—a meal in the Garrett Conference Center cafeteria—went to the Stomp Quartet.

As gong show organizers began preparing for a disco, the judge left, the crowd scattered and the performers walked back into oblivion.

Talisman photos being made

Pictures for the 1979 Talisman are being taken today through Friday on the stage of the Center Theater in the university center. Graham Studio is taking the pictures free of charge.

Photos of students with last names beginning with the letters A through E were taken yesterday. Students with last names beginning with the letters F through J can have their photos taken today, K through O tomorrow, P through T Thursday and U through Z on Friday. Photos are taken from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

Pat Jenkins strums the banjo as part of his impression of comedian Steve Martin. The wild and crazy Auburn freshman received the maximum 10 points.
Committee picked to seek successor

By BRYAN ARMSTRONG

The Board of Regents Saturday adopted a resolution to seek an appraisal on the land that is now the site of the Hub Pizzeria. The appraisal will go to the state Council on Higher Education and the secretary of the state finance and administration department.

Other action taken by the board:

- A committee comprising regents Tom Emberton, Bob Sheller, Carroll Knicely and Michael Harrald will be appointed to succeed to President Dero Downing, who announced his resignation at Saturday's meeting.

- The board approved the resolution in favor of the OVC having the maximum number of football scholarships allowed by the NCAA's Division IAA.

- Regent Harald, Knicely, Emberton and William Kuegel will comprise a committee to assure to the board that the focus of the university is on the quality of education.

University personal changes since the July 1 meeting were approved.

- Grants and contracts received between July 1, 1977, and June 30, 1978, were approved by the board. The 79 new grants and contracts were worth $1,654,983. The federal government contributed $1,102,238, the state $430,857, and other agencies $121,898. The university's total of 107 grants last year was worth $3,517,794.

- The fee schedule for next summer's two 5½-week terms was approved. The sessions will cost resident undergraduates $189, resident graduate students $298, non-resident undergraduates $711.

- The board approved two recommendations from the Academic Council: A bachelor of science degree and area of concentration in biological sciences was established, and the master of science degree in health was changed to master of public health.

- An award for outstanding contributions in public service was created. It is an extension of an award for outstanding classroom teaching.

- Dr. Jim Wayne Miller, German language and literature professor, was congratulated for winning an award given by the Kentucky Poetry Review.

For the record...

Campus police arrested two non-students in separate incidents and a Poland Hall resident was assaulted, according to campus police.

Officers arrested former student Tony Logan, 23, 844 Wavy Drive, Lexington, Saturday afternoon. A warrant was issued for his arrest, March 31 possession of marijuana with intent to sell. He was lodged in Warren County Jail without bond. His trial date has not been set.

Officers arrested Cedric Hussey, 18, 600 Kentucky St., and charged him with third-degree criminal mischief. He was charged with using a razor blade to cut curtains in the Center Theater and a university center south last week. His trial was set for Sept. 26. He is lodged in Warren County Jail in lieu of $500 bond.

A Poland Hall resident reported that four men came to his room and resisted on the door Saturday evening. He said that one of the four hit him in the mouth.

Jane Tribble of Deland, Fla. and her roommate, Wanda Faye Blaine of Hopkinsville, reported that money, a wallet and a room key were taken from their West Hall room Friday afternoon.

Robert Freeman, student from Mason, Ohio, reported that a CB radio antenna worth $200 was taken from his car in the University Boulevard lot during the weekend.

Police reported that a fire alarm on the first floor of Smith Stadium was set off Thursday.

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Opinion

Downing gave warmth to university

After almost 40 years on the Hill as a student, teacher, coach, administrator and president, Dero Goodman Downing is stepping down.

Downing, who came to Western as a freshman in 1939, said Saturday that he is resigning the presidency because it is taking an increasing toll on his health.

Although his tenure as president has been shorter than those of his three predecessors, Downing has had the responsibility of leading the university through some of its most turbulent times.

He took over in 1969, a time when the mushrooming growth of two decades was beginning to slow. His nine years as president have been marked with social unrest, leveling enrollment and shrinking funds for educational expansion.

Downing has received much criticism in his role as president—including a good deal from this newspaper.

Many students have believed that his views and policies have been too conservative. Some faculty members have thought that he does not have the dynamic personality and leadership needed to take the university where they think it should go.

Others have seen him as a settling influence needed for a university that has experienced so much change in so little time.

Some also saw in Downing the embodiment of a special warmth and spirit that have seemed to set Western apart from so many other universities.

It is not necessary to agree with a man in order to respect him. Despite its problems, Western is a university that its students and faculty can be proud of. It is filled with friendly people who genuinely care about this university. And no one exemplifies this spirit more than Dero Downing.

After 39 years, his rest is well deserved. The Herald wishes him the best.

Searches: Writer has nothing to hide

By DAVID T. WHITAKER

If the WKUPD could obtain a search warrant, it could raid the College Heights Herald office anytime, according to a recent ruling by Supreme Court Justice Byron "Whizzer" White.

The Supreme Court voted 5-3 on May 31 to allow surprise search warrant raids against press offices.

White said the ruling would not stop news media from using confidential sources.

This is true.

If law enforcement agencies think that reporters have names of sources laying out their offices, they have been misled. Information like that is best stored in one's mind and not written down.

I consider it a compliment that the courts and the police think reporters and photographers name so as sources laying out their offices, they have been misled. Information like that is best stored in one's mind and not written down.

Negatives in question would be mixed in with countless shots of Dero Downing speaking and Jimmy Woods slamming off tackles.

Most photographers would be lucky to find their own pictures. An outsider's efforts would undoubtedly result in frustration and irritated eyes from holding negatives up to bright lights and trying to determine if they are worth confiscating.

Reporters' notebooks are filled with indecipherable scratchings and doodles, much like some police reports I have seen.

Mixed in with some notes on organized crime and corruption, I found a phone number. I dialed it and got a local pizza joint.

So what if I got hungry in the middle of a story.

If police burst into the Herald office on a production night, Monday or Wednesday, they would probably be asked to help paste down corrections.

A search of desks in the room might turn up something, but we'd be as surprised as anybody. If they're thorough enough, the police might find my editing book, which recently took on a confidential residence.

If raids on the office became frequent, we could prepare decoy files for officers armed with search warrants. A shocked patrolman might discover his own obituary in a file entitled "Unimportant Upcoming Events."

In leisure time, photographers could improve their lab techniques by superimposing the faces of administrative figures over pictures taken at local Ku Klux Klan meetings.

The point is that when a reporter has something good, he tries to get it published. He doesn't hide it in his desk.

But why believe me? Just get a warrant and come down and see for yourself. If you come across my editing book, let me know. It's the one with an Omen on the inside of the cover.

You can't be too careful.
Horse sense: Teacher uses psychology to train horses

By VICKIE STEVENS

When Dr. Ernie Owen trains his Arabian horses, he uses a mixture of psychology and a little horse sense to communicate with them.

Since getting his first horse six years ago, the assistant psychology professor has developed some understanding of how they think and react.

"Horses are sensitive animals—like people," Owen said as he grooms one of his pure-bred Arabian mares in the cherry red barn behind his house.

"If you study them you find that you need patience, understanding and firmness to deal with them," he said.

Owen said he has devoted a lot of time to studying horses. "Not knowing much and wanting to know, I've tried to learn and I've spent a lot of time studying them."

As he cleaned the mare with a modified vacuum cleaner, Owen explained how he has applied his training in psychology to his horses.

"A lot of people can't believe I use a vacuum cleaner to groom my horses. Most horses would be scared to death of it," Owen said.

With soft words and touch, his horses gradually learned that the sweater was something they could trust.

Owen said that horses have very sensitive skins and when their handler is nervous they also become nervous. He said handling horses frequently is important because it builds their trust in a person.

Owen used psychology to develop a method for loading horses in trailers. Instead of pushing and pulling a hesitant horse into a trailer, Owen talks nicely to the horse when it moves toward the trailer, but when it balks, he scolds the horse and makes him back up. "Pretty soon the horse realizes that it is more unpleasant to balk than it is to get in the trailer."

Owen said his knack for loading horses is well-known at horse shows. He told of a man who was frustrated after trying to load a stubborn horse up to him at a show and said, "Well, shrink, is your coach available?"

Owen's loading method was videotaped and he has shown the presentation to his classes at an annual Western horse school.

His stable has grown from a filly to four purebred Arabian horses, and two more foals, sired by his stallion Heatwave, will be born in January.

The horses have become a family affair at the Owen's home. Jill, Owen's 12-year-old daughter, rides and shows the horses. She qualified for the 4-H State Fair Horse Show this year, where she won several first place honors.

"We've done pretty well for amateurs," Owen said.

At several recent horse shows Jill, her father and their mount, decked out in traditional Arabian dress, and hit the trail looking like knights from a distant desert.

The costumes, for both horse and rider, were made by Owen's wife, Judy, who is a counselor at the Center for Academic Advancement.

Mrs. Owen said the first costume she made for Jill, a blue brocade with blue yarn tassels, took about two weeks to make. "So much of the work is done by hand," she said.

Mrs. Owen said she turns to costume books and Arabian horse magazines to help her design the elaborate costumes which are complete with flowing headstalls.

Owen said the horses usually are not as disturbed about wearing the costumes as they are about seeing other horses wear them.

Owen watched his horses gallop in the pasture by the barn as Butch nipped at their heels. The horses are typical of the Arabian breed, with high-tinged tails, arched necks and plenty of spirit.

"The thing I like about them is that they have spirit but at the same time they are very people-oriented. They say that is because the Arabs used to keep their horses in their tents. I've threatened to bring them in the house a couple of times myself."

Film board will answer questions

Western officials will attend a question-and-answer session to narrow morning about proposed on-campus filming of the movie "The Town that OD'd," according to Rhea Lazarus, assistant to the president.

The session, conducted by the Kentucky Film Commission, will be at 11 a.m. at City Hall.

Officials have reservations about having parts of the movie filmed on campus because of its drug-related content.

The movie's script was written by former Bowling Green resident Greg Till. Sequences may be shot in Bowling Green and Warren County and on Western's campus.

Lazarus said a decision about whether filming will be allowed on campus will not be made until after the meeting.
Actress tours churches

By ELISE FREDERICK

Janet Hanson toured Kentucky this summer as a member of a statewide team that asked simple and thought-provoking questions through drama.

Sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, the drama team had a repertoire of eight religious plays, which it performed at churches and youth camps.

The Son-Share Players, as the team was called, included five cast members from various Kentucky colleges and universities. Hanson, a Hartford sophomore, was the only theater major among them.

"We all became really close, like brothers and sisters," Hanson said. "By the end of summer, we were just like a family. You know, I've really got some life-long friends."

The Son-Share Players is one of three in-state mission teams. The others are a musical team called Son-Celebration and a multi-media team called Songburst which uses puppets.

"Before I left, I wondered what I was getting myself into," the Hartford native said. "I just wanted to give one of my summers to the Lord. After all, he's given me so much."

The actors received $150 for their work. Before starting the tour, they attended a two-week training program. Each member served as a counselor at youth camps, which was a new experience for Hanson. One of the things Hanson liked best about touring was meeting new people. "You would meet people, but you didn't get to really know them. So, your never discovered your faults," Hanson said.

But, there were some disadvantages to the tour. "We really didn't get along with the bugs," she said. "And we had to walk two miles to take a shower."

Hanson also learned a tricky art she describes as "underwater water skiing." Hopping her knees and smiling a Broadway smile, Hanson reminisced: It wasn't the times on stage — it was off-stage that I remember. There were such good one-to-one relationships. The dramas we did didn't really challenge me. It was trying to get along with people said being sensitive to their moods."

Asked if she would be part of the tour next summer, Hanson wrinkled her forehead and said: "No, not again next year. It was something I could only do once. If I did, I know I would always compare it to this past summer."

Callboard

'Miser' tryouts

Tryouts for "The Miser," a Western Players production, are today in the fine arts center from 7 to 10 p.m. Scripts are on reserve in the library.

'Bachelors' auditions

Auditions for "The Bachelor Mouse," a children's musical will be today and tomorrow from 4 to 6 p.m. in the fine arts center room 316 and 319. Tryouts for children's parts are in the musical are from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the school's rooms. Children auditioning must have dance training and must be in grades four through six. Auditioners should bring music for tryouts. An accompanist will be provided. Production dates are Oct. 6-8.

Faculty Reading Hour

The Faculty Reading Hour will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the fine arts center, room 146. Readers and their selections include Barbara Johnson, "Gatch," Dr. James Pears, and Dr. James T. Baker, "Cross Country Travel," by William Burroughs.

Foreign film

The International Film Series, sponsored by the foreign languages department, will open Thursday with the opening-weekend French musical, "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg." The film is in French with English subtitles. It will be shown at 7:45 p.m. in the College of Education Building Auditorium. Tickets are $1 at the door.

SOUTH CENTRAL BELL
**Tow boat**

Sailboats in the Freeman Cup Challenge are towed into position for the start of the Sunday morning race, at Barren River Reservoir. The Western Sailing Club raced a boat in the competition sponsored by the Port Oliver Yacht Club.

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**What's happening**

**Today**

The Accounting Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Grise Hall, room 336.

Delta Sigma Theta sorority will have a fall rush party at 7 p.m. in the university center, room 341.

The Distributive Education Clubs of America will meet at 4 p.m. in Grise Hall, room 336.

Phi Alpha Theta history honors society will meet at 3 p.m. in Cherry Hall, room 210.

The Snakes Club will meet at 9 p.m. in the lobby of North Hall. The members will go to diving lessons for beginners.

The Bowling Green chapter of the Kentucky Historical Association will meet at 7 p.m. in Grise Hall, room 142.

**Tomorrow**

The Student National Education Association will have its first meeting at 4 p.m. in the College of Education Building auditorium. Refreshments will be served.

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**Folklore option approved**

By CONNIE HOLMAN

America's appetite for hanging on to the past so it can be tasted in the future has led to the creation of a new option in the folklore studies graduate program. Historic Preservation is a non-thesis option to the master of arts degree in folklore studies. Approved this summer by the Potter College curriculum committee and the Graduate and Academic council, the option is a 66-hour combination of folk studies, geology, art and history courses.

Dr. Robert Teske, assistant professor in the Center for Intercultural and Folk Studies, said students will study urban history, American architecture, cultural geography, social and intellectual history as well as folk studies.

"We're offering expertise in this area on top of the master's degree in folklore studies," Teske said. "We wanted to draw on courses offered in other departments to provide the full folk studies training along with a necessary knowledge of history, geography and architectural history."

A new internship program at area agencies concerned with historic preservation will offer on-the-job experience as well as three hours of academic credit to graduate students. Internships will also be offered to undergraduates with folk studies minors, Teske said.

Agencies now employing students include the Barren River Area Development District, Tennessee Valley Authority and Shakerovtown.

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Resignation ends Downing era

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"I will vote to honor his request, but I don't like it," Clark said, "but he's the kind of man that you want to honor what he's done."

Downing emotionally accepts tributes

After several minutes of tributes, Downing responded. "It's very apparent that my problem will be retaining my composer to say what I'd like to say," he told the board. "I would like to express genuine appreciation for the comments that have been made.

"Probably more than anything else, I would like to express genuine appreciation to all the people at Western."

Tears began rolling down his face again. "I apologize," he said, and then, after several seconds, continued. "I do not intend, under any circumstances, to place a note of neglect or sadness on the action that has been taken, because I have very strong, positive, confident feelings that this university will continue on without missing a stride."

President nine years

Downing, who turned 57 Sunday, has been president nine years. He was appointed Sept. 12, 1980, to succeed Kelly Thompson, who was president 13 years, Downing is Western's fourth president.

Downing said he would still be available to the university for consultation in picking a successor, that his sabbatical leave, which will be January through August.

"I will make myself available upon request during the period of the sabbatical leave and afterwards to lend support to worthwhile programs, projects and activities that will enhance the continued development and the strengthening of Western Kentucky University," Downing said.

The president's resignation came after the regents expressed their continued support for him in July following a controversial Faculty Senate leadership survey which some faculty members criticized Downing. In the survey, taken last spring, 72 percent of the 544 eligible faculty members responded to the survey. About 44 percent of that number expressed confidence in Downing, while about one-third said he was not performing his duties effectively.

Downing said after the meeting that the results of the survey had no bearing on his decision to resign. "I had none whatsoever. I view that the (survey), quite honestly, as an expression of support on the part of a lot of faculty.

"And I have no quarrel with those who chose to express something to the contrary."

Decision not easily made

He also told reporters that his decision to resign was not easily made.

"It's something that I have for an extended period of time realized—that the time was near at hand when there would not be the compelling reasons that may have existed in the past for me to continue," he said.

"And this is done with a positive feeling about the condition of the university."

Committee set selection criteria

Cole appointed a committee that will determine criteria for picking a successor to Downing. Tom Emberton was named chairman, Ron Sheffer, Carroll Kenicy and Michael Harrell are the other members.

"This is the most important decision we, individually and collectively, will ever make during our service on this board," Cole said.

No regret for decision

Downing also said after the meeting that he had no regrets for making the decision.

"I've always been proud of Western. I certainly am making this step with the feeling that the university is in an exceedingly strong position. I feel very positive about the whole thing."

He said he would not take credit for the progress made at the university in his nine years as president.

"What little any single individual might do is relatively small," Downing said.

The president said he had no special interest in who is named his successor.

"I have no personal preference, no vested interest," Downing said. "I do have a very strong feeling that he is exceedingly important to have a sense of commitment for the total welfare of the university."

One of the low points of President Dero Downing's tenure was when he received a cold reception from black students upset over cheating selection in September 1972.

Lifelong Hilltopper: Downing's career spans decades

By ALAN JUDD

Dero Downing became Western's president Sept. 12, 1980, almost nine years before he announced his resignation from the job at Saturday's Board of Regents meeting.

Downing said he spent much of his life at Western, beginning in 1939 as a college freshman. He succeeded Kelly Thompson 15 years before becoming president of the College Heights Foundation.

Downing is Western's fourth president, and like Thompson, is a Western graduate and devoted alumnus. While a student here, Downing majored in mathematics and received his undergraduate degree in 1964. He received a master of science degree at Western in 1967 and received an educational specialist degree from Georgia State College in 1965.

Downing was a starting guard on some of coach E.A. Dickle's Western basketball teams in the early 1940s, including the first team to participate in the National Invitational Tournament in New York.

After his graduation from Western, Downing entered the U.S. Navy as an ensign. He was released from active service as a lieutenant in late 1945.

The next year, Downing became a mathematics teacher and basketball coach at College High School, which was the high school division of Western's training school.

He was named director of the training school in September 1955.

Downing became registrar at Western in 1959, and admissions dean in 1960. He occupied that post for two years, and then was business affairs vice president one year. In 1966, Downing became administrative affairs vice president when the post was created.

While vice president, Downing also handled the university's budget.

Downing's first four-year term as president began in 1968. The appointment was extended on June 9, 1972, and Jan. 26, 1977. His current term will have expired in September 1981.

Downing was born Sept. 10, 1921, at Fountain Run in Monroe County. His family soon moved to Horse Cave, where he graduated from high school in 1939.

Besides his undergraduate, master's and educational specialist's degrees, Downing has a doctorate in educational administration and a honorary doctorate from Kentucky Wesleyan College, a law degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's in law from the University of Oregon.

Downing is married to the former Harriet Elizabeth Yarnall, whom he met at Western. They have five children and five grandchildren.
Officials surprised by Downing move

Several Western officials said they were shocked Saturday when President Doro Downing announced his resignation.

Many expressed admiration for Downing and the job he has done the past nine years as president.

Following are the reactions of the members of the Board of Regents, the vice presidents and the president's staff assistants.

Two state officials—Gov.-Julian Carroll and Harry Snyder, executive director of the Council on Higher Education—could not be reached for comment.

Ron Sheffer, regent, Henderson—

"I have come to respect Mr. Downing and I don't feel like I am saying goodbye. We all owe a deep gratitude to him for the leadership he has given us. He is leaving at a good point in the university's history. I think he will be hard to replace. It will be hard to fill the shoes of Doro Downing. Throughout the years, he has exemplified the Western spirit."

Dr. William Buckman, faculty regent, Bowling Green—

"Quite obviously, the university has lost as loyal, dedicated, hard-working individual as it could have as president of the university. He looked at the health situation and looked like it would be better for him and the university if he did step down. The board has a big responsibility to get an individual to carry the weight the position has."

Carroll Knecely, regent, Glasgow—

"The quality of leadership and moral character of this university is a tribute to him. He has certainly left Western better than he found it."

Ron Clark, regent, Franklin—

"I was surprised and naturally disappointed to hear he's doing this. On the other hand, if it's in his best interest, I'm supportive. Part of me is leaving and I regret it, but we've got to go on."

Steve Thornton, student regent, Bowling Green—

"I was very, very supportive of him, and I had no idea until we went into the closed session. I had a great deal of admiration and respect for him before I stepped on the campus as a student. He's really helped me more than any other individual across campus in regard to my tenure on the board."

Dr. Jim Davis, academic affairs vice president—

"I went to Downing in formed me just before the Board of Regents meeting. It was very much a surprise to me."

Kelly Thompson, president emeritus—

"I regret that he had to reach this point in his decision making. But I feel that he knew better than anybody else that his health is more important than any other thing he has. I hope that he can get straightened out and live and enjoy life for a long time."

Tom Jones, Faculty Senate chairman—

"I was surprised. I am certain that anyone would have been hurt by those figures published in The Courier-Journal."

Emphatically waving his red towel, Downing (top photo) makes an address on campus. And on Jan. 27, 1976, his daughter, Anne Downing Patterson (at right), celebrated her 24th birthday in the president's home.

Successor may be an outsider

By TOM EBLEN and ALAN JUDD

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Barriers: Campus presents problems to handicapped

BY STEVE CARPENTER

Sidewalks with no ramps, light switches too high and seemingly endless miles of stairs—added together, the points where handicapped students seem endless.

But the federal handicapped act of 1973 may end such problems. The stipulates that all institutions receiving federal funds, such as Western, must make their buildings accessible to handicapped persons.

Making such changes in buildings at Western will cost $2.2 million, according to Harry Largen, business affairs vice president.

When the handicapped act became effective in 1977, no money was appropriated to bring public buildings into compliance. Rhea Lazarus, assistant to the president, said.

Since the law was enacted Western has been trying to tailor the campus to the needs of the handicapped.

Colesen Fair, a Louisville freshman, has cerebral palsy and walks with crutches and short leg braces. Fair said the university has been good about helping her.

An English class was moved to a lower floor so she wouldn't have all of her classes in one building.

The phone in her dorm room, the light switches and stairs in the bathroom all have been lowered for her, she said.

Fair said she doesn't drive yet, so she doesn't need parking spaces for the handicapped. Campus police have driven her to the health clinic and will drive her to classes this winter when the weather is bad.

Handicapped parking spaces is one of the projects Western has initiated to help the handicapped.

"I would say up until now, the changes have been fairly minor," Largen said.

Western has applied for funding, but Largen and Lazarus said they couldn't speculate on when funding will be made available to the university.

"I'm sure there will be some monies available," Lazarus said. As money becomes available, Western will spend it to get the campus in agreement with the law.

Over a two-year period, the state Council on Higher Education will provide $10 million to state universities and community colleges, said Largen.

The council has set up guidelines for allocating funds earmarked for bringing state buildings into compliance with the law, Largen said.

Largen said he thinks the council will approve some money to bring Western closer to compliance, but he does not expect Western to receive the $2.2 million it needs.

Lazarus said until funding becomes available, Western will try to make adjustments on an individual basis.

Western doesn't have any buildings in strict compliance with the law, Lazarus said. The closest to meeting regulations is Florence Schneider Hall, which doesn't comply because of the positioning of the water fountains.

He also said it is difficult for a handicapped student to come to Western because of the layout of the campus.

More handicapped people would be able to come to Western if it was brought into total compliance with the law, Fair said.

Lazarus said alcoholics and drug addicts are considered handicapped people under the law.

"It'll be a cold day in hell before we give a drug addict or an alcoholic a handicapped sticker, as far as I'm concerned," Lazarus said.

Two or three of the handicapped parking signs have been torn down this year, Lazarus said. To find where handicapped parking spaces were needed, the handicapped people's schedules were compiled and then spaces were marked as needed.

With the exception of the area near the dorms and the university center, all parking for the handicapped was taken from faculty and staff lots, Lazarus said.

Marc Wallace, public safety director, said public safety is towing cars illegally parked in spaces for the handicapped.

Lack of funds delays annex renovation

BY STEVE CARPENTER

It will cost more than $400,000 to renovate the Industrial Education Annex No. 2, which will house the undergraduate advisement, planning and placement offices.

Harry Largen, business affairs vice president, said Western has $151,000 that can be used for the renovation. The money is from earlier appropriations made by the state Council on Higher Education and the state executive finance and administration department.

Western still needs $249,000 for the renovation, and requests for appropriations were made in January, Largen said.

He said the renovation will be a major project. "The building, except for the outer walls, is in poor condition and it will require a fairly extensive renovation."

The renovation isn't a new idea, Largen said. The education council approved the project in 1976. Council approval is needed on all projects exceeding a cost of $100,000.

Last year the industrial arts department was moved out of the annex when the renovation of the Industrial Education Building on State Street was completed.

The renovation is needed to bring the building up to safety standards, Dr. Paul Cook, budget director said.

The building doesn't have a sprinkler system. It has wood floors and the stairwell doesn't meet safety standards, Cook said.

Bringing the walls, floors (especially those in the main, electrical systems and mechanical systems into compliance with safety standards will be a significant part of the funds, Largen said.

Largen said he thought the renovation work would take 12 to 14 months.

The undergraduate advisement office is now in the administration building and the career planning and placement office is in Schneider Hall.

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**Wait long at university clinic**

A new doctor has not been found for the university health clinic, and many patients are having to wait three or four days to see the one doctor available, according to Mrs. Lucy Ritter, clinic administrator.

Since Dr. Howard Ziegler is the only doctor available following the July 1 resignation of Dr. Jim Goodrum, the clinic is referring patients to other health-care facilities in the city, Mrs. Ritter said. "We're able to take care of fewer students with one doctor."

Mrs. Ritter said the best time for a student to see a doctor in the city is in the morning when the hospitals have appointment times open. "Later in the day, it becomes an impossibility," except at an emergency room, she added.

If a patient has an emergency, the clinic will treat him, Dr. John Minton, administrative affairs vice president, said. If a student does not want to go to a doctor in the city, he is given an appointment for several days later, Minton said.

Minton said the university has been advertising for two doctors in the American Medical Association journal and at several universities in Kentucky and Tennessee but has only had two or three responses.

One problem in recruiting is that some doctors do not want to be on call much of the time, Minton said. He added that if the staff can be built up to three doctors, they will not be on call as often and will be able to take care of more walk-in students.

**Graduate students attracted**

**Family counseling a career trend**

Dorcas Floyd and Bill Ebelhar were searching for a career in which they could help people. They decided a master's degree in child development and family living would allow them to do just that.

Graduates of Western's program usually enter the counseling field, Dr. James Hayden, a professor in the program, said. "The focus for most graduate students is toward marriage and family counseling," Hayden said. "Fifteen years ago interest began stirring in the field. There is also a promise of job openings."

The master's degree in child development and family living was initiated at Western in 1989. Dr. William Floyd, a licensed marriage counselor, said the program is the only one he knows of in Kentucky.

It includes 30 hours of required classes with six hours of electives. Marriage counseling was once done on a one-to-one basis, but now the trend is toward counseling the entire family, Hayden said. "Now the whole family is the patient."

Mrs. Floyd, who completed the program in 1971 and works at the Bowling Green Comprehensive Care Center as a staff psychologist, said she prefers family counseling. "People aren't functioning autonomously. Looking at them in the family is more helpful."

Co-counseling is another trend, Hayden said. "The idea of a couple seeing a couple is beneficial because each party doesn't feel isolated."

Barbara Romich, a student in the program, said she and her husband, Gary, plan to co-counsel when they graduate. Her husband is getting his master's in psychology.

Romich, who has an undergraduate degree in psychology, said she likes the program. "It fulfills all your questions. They really tell you what you need to know."

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Precaution has prevented rape

By CATHARINE HANCOCK

No rapes have been reported on campus since 1974, according to Marc Wallace, public safety director. And he said that if a rape had occurred, it would have been reported.

"I've been here since April 1, 1974, and there have been none since that time," he said. "I just don't believe the community that's tightly knit as this one there's been any that went unreported."

Several factors have helped prevent rapes on campus, he said. Until four years ago, campus policemen were only employed as security guards. "They didn't know what they could do and what they couldn't do," Wallace said. "If there was a problem, all they could do was call the city (police)." Now, all campus policemen are police academy graduates.

Instructional programs in dorms, such as the year's frequently presented "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive" program, have also helped, he said.

Paul Bunch, assistant public safety director, said that publication of rapes in the local news has helped cut the number of attempted crimes by showing potential rapists that they will be punished if caught.

The public safety department provides free night transportation for women, from parking lots to dorms, for instance. But Wallace said requests for this service have decreased.

Wallace said most stories of rapes on campus are rumor-

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Tops' defense needs work

By DON WHITE

Several minutes before 8 a.m. yesterday, coach Jimmy Fex sat alone in a dark room at the end of a hall in Smith Stadium. His eyes followed the movement on a movie screen. It was the same movement he had studied for hours the previous afternoon.

The film of Western's 42-15 victory over University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Saturday would be driven to Vincennes, Ind., hours later to be exchanged with the film of Illinois State's 27-17 loss to Western Michigan. The Hilltoppers play Illinois State in Normal, Ill., Saturday.

Fex wanted one last look—a chance to spot a small mistake in defensive execution that allowed a Moccasin touchdown, or a flaw among the offensive players that spoiled a play.

The film revealed the obvious—a lapse in the team's goal-line defense.

The first thing we need to work on is our goal-line defense, Fex, who lost only his first game in 11 years at Western, said. "They had five fairly short drives and we didn't stop them a time," he said. "They're so mature, so poised, and they executed so well."

Senior quarterback Tony Merendino engineered five Chattanooga scoring drives, with the last one, which was much shorter than 37 yards. Merendino, who ran for three touchdowns and threw for two others, led the Mocs offense that outgained Western in total offensive yards, 259-251.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pound Merendino ran for 83 yards and directed the split-backfield Veer that gained 192 yards rushing to hold Western's 3-4 defense held Chattanooga's pair of sophomores 1,000-yard rushers, Mike Smith and Gwain Durden, to 92 yards rushing and no touchdowns, but couldn't overcome four costly Western mistakes deep in its own territory.

Three Western fumbles, one each by running back Flip Stevenson, Jimmy Woods and quarterback John Hall, and a partially blocked Ray Farmer punt gave Chattanooga the ball within Western's 40-yard line. On all four occasions, the Mocs scored in five plays or less.

The only defensive end taught scoring drive came late in the first quarter when Merendino capped a 79-yard, six-play series with a 30-yard keeper to the right side that gave Chattanooga a 14-0 lead. "They're the best offensive team I've ever played against," senior linebacker Reggie Hayes, Western's team captain, said. "But we were in it until we started making mistakes. The mistakes killed us."

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All-OVC defensive and Tony Towns had his eye scratched early in the third quarter of Western's 42-15 loss to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Saturday.

Wells finds a home at nose tackle

Nobody dreams of growing up to be a nose tackle.

Nobody considers even the best of the professional nose tackles. And few recognize the achievements of those who squat over the center and dog the middle of the defensive line.

Yet Tony Wells passed up scholarship opportunities for the chance to walk on at Western and win a starting spot at the nose. The 6-foot-9, 185-pound freshman, an infant among Nosemen, was redshirted last season and had to beat out a man (Darryl Jones) five inches and 40 pounds bigger to win a starting role in Saturday's season opener.

But now he's found a home.

"I sure went to school today," Wells told coach Jimmy Fex after the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga beat Western, 42-15.

Wells apparently does well in "school," because his "seven-tackle, three-assist" performance against UTC was good enough for the Western coaching staff to vote him the team's defensive player of the week.

"I had a few jitters, but I got my confidence back after the first series (of plays)," Wells, a 1978 graduate of Louisville Manual High School, said.

Wells, who made several All-American lists as a senior at Manual, was assigned the task of clogging the middle of the defense against an offense that ranked sixth in the nation in rushing last season.

In the White light

Don White
Sports editor

The Western defensive line, which averaged 12 pounds a man heavier than Western's, included center Robert Lee, the man Wells stared in the face all afternoon.

Lee is five inches and 40 pounds bigger than Wells.

"I like to go up against the big guys," Wells said. "I rely on quickness, and it's to my advantage to play against a bigger man because of my quickness."

Wells, who runs the 40-yard dash in an even five seconds, exemplifies the type of player Western must win with this season—young, small, quick and enthusiastic.

Wells and another freshman lineman, Preston Holt (6-5, 260), were unexpected bright spots on Western's defense Saturday. Holt, a cousin of Oakland Raider all-pro defensive back Jack Tatum, had five tackles and one assist, and teamed with Wells to make four hits behind the line for 24 yards in deep into the end zone.

His 33-yard field goal attempt was true and had plenty of distance.

With their newfound rule that brings the ball back to the line of scrimmage (on tries of outside the 20-yard line) after missed field goals, Davis could be extremely accurate from the distance he will kick from this season. ***

The injury list from Saturday's game has no criticals. The only serious injury was a sprained left ankle suffered by freshman Dave Cox. He could be out two to three weeks, but will be replaced by freshman Mark Kunkle, who had several big tackles for Western's specialty teams Saturday.

Defensive end Alfred Bogan injured his big toe in the second quarter when a player stepped on his foot after his shoe had come off. Fex said Bogan will miss several days of running drills, but will probably practice against Illinois State.

Defensive end Tony Towns was scratched in the eye, but shouldn't miss practice or Saturday's game, Fex said.

The Ohio Valley Conference athletic directors voted Thursday to hold the 1979 OVC basketball tournament at the site of the regular season champions.

The tournament will consist of the four
Western's No. 1 player, Sandy Leslie, won both of her weekend matches.

**Western splits with IU, Purdue**

Western's women's tennis team dropped six of nine matches to Indiana Saturday, but bounced back Sunday, winning all nine matches against Purdue. Both matches were played at Bloomington, Ind.

Western No. 1 player, Sandy Leslie, beat Indiana's Tina McCall, 6-1, 6-2. Betsy Bogdan also won, 63-1, 7-6, over Indiana's Nancy Stephenmon, but the doubles team of Leslie and Kathy Ferry was Western's only other winner.

Indiana won the remaining four singles matches.

Suzanne Johnson lost to Sara McLaughry, 6-3, 6-1; Kathy Tinus lost to Kolly Ferguson, 6-1, 6-2; Shelly Fredlake lost to Brand. Tinus whipped Mary Pell, 6-4, 6-4; Fredlake beat Shari Cannon, 6-3, 6-2; Ferry beat Bobbi Amos, 6-1, 7-6; Bogdan beat Jozy, Gallantine, 6-0, 6-1, and Johnson beat Pam Dawson, 4-6, 6-1.

"We don't have the depth and strength of IU," coach Betty Langley said. "I found out after I got there that they have eight full scholarships and five recruits. We have four (scholarships)."

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**Topper runners' last**

The women's cross country team finished last in a triangular meet at Morehead Saturday. It was the first competition for Western this season.

Murray won with 27 points. Morehead No. 41 points and Western had 88.

Morehead's Almasa McCarry won with a time of 18:59. The race was slightly less than three miles, coach Caris Cofey said.

Vicky Holway was Western's top runner, finishing seventh with a time of 20:28. Other Western runners were Cathy Hyde (ninth, 20:57), Erika Christiansen (12th, 20:58) and Karen Horn (13th, 21:00).

Ms. Cofey said her first four runners looked strong, and the team showed a lot of potential.

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**OVC tourney planned**

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Western athletic director Johnny Oldham proposed the elimination of the tournament that determines the OVC representative to the national tournament and the increasing of the $6,000 conference dues to offset the annual revenue of about $32,000 that the tourney raises.

Oldham's proposal was defeated, 5-1.

The tournament will be Friday and Saturday, March 1-2.

Six television stations have offered Western $2,700 to televise Western's opening basketball game with Duke Nov. 25, Oldham said.

Who says televised coverage of collegiate athletic contests always breeds big money?

The OVC regenerative to the 1979 NCAA basketball tournament will have 250 more tickets for its fans than Western had available to it for its opening-round game in the 1978 tournament.

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Richards enjoys coaching change

BY KEVIN STEWART

Former men's basketball coach Jim Richards is becoming a golf coach. And in doing so, he's seen a basic difference in the two sports.

"In basketball, a player is an individual within the team concept, and so are golfers," Richards said. "But in golf, the emphasis is within the individual and his performance."

Although Richards is putting in more hours as golf coach (he often works until 7:30 p.m.), he said he's found many pleasant aspects to the job.

"I really enjoy the personal relationships with the young men," Richards said. "It's very relaxing on the golf course, unlike basketball, which is 'go, go, go' and where everything is split.

"I also enjoy the surroundings of a golf course. It's a beautiful place and I enjoy going to the course every day." Coaching golf will be less tiring Richards said, because the basketball coach is either scouting, recruiting or coaching almost every night of the week. Richards said he thinks his biggest asset in coaching golf will be his ability to help players think positively. He thinks his 18 years of basketball coaching helped him develop both his powers of concentration and a positive attitude.

Although Richards has never seen a college golf match, he's very optimistic about the team, which has six freshmen and three juniors. Richards has the golfers practicing often, and he has scheduled tournament play so that they can develop their game and gain experience.

Basketball coaching may be over for Richards but 18 years of the game can't be erased.

"I had a rich, full life in coaching basketball. Things went very well for me personally," Richards said. "I will miss pulling the strings and being in the spotlight. Competing against another coach, making the right move, taking a guy out, putting a guy in, changing offenses, changing defenses — I will really miss that part of it."

But he said he'll always be a basketball fan. "It's too ingrained," he said.

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Western's offense gained only three first downs and never got out of its own territory until freshman quarterback Marty Feix, who replaced Hall late in the first quarter, keyed a 70-yard, six-play touchdown drive with three and a half minutes left in the first half. Feix completed four of five passes including the 19-yard strike to Woods that climaxed the first-half drive, will continue to divide playing time with Hall.

"I would have liked one of the quarterbacks to have established himself," Feix said, "but they both did the job and we'll probably continue to alternate them."

"Marty proved himself, and I would have liked to have gotten (Ralph) Antone into the game, but Hall's still our No. 1 quarterback."

Antone is a freshman quarterback from Pennsylvania. Feix said he also plans to alternate Woods, a senior, and sophomore Nate Jones at tailback. Woods gained 47 yards on 15 carries against UTC, and Jones rushed for 45 yards on eight carries.

Jones' 16-yard broken-field run early in the fourth quarter keyed a 66-yard, 11-play Western drive that ended with Hall's nine-yard scoring pass to split end Eddie Preston.

"I think he (Jones) has shown great improvement since last season," Feix said. "He has explosive capabilities."

Western, plagued by poor field position in the first half, opened up its offense in the second half. Hall completed 12 of 24 passes for 106 yards in the second half as Western outgained UTC in total yardage, 138-67. Hall completed five of seven passes for 49 of the 66 yards in Western's fourth-quarter scoring drive.

"When I came back in (midway through the third quarter), I knew we were going to pass," Hall said. "I knew we would get our passing game together if we could get the first one off complete."

Feix was pleased with his team's second-half passing. "Maybe that's what we need to do all the time," he said. "We have to get the ball to Preston if we hope to win."

Preston, who caught six passes — all in the second half — for 57 yards and a touchdown, was named the offensive player of the week by the coaching staff.

Feix said his team learned a lot by playing Chattanooga, a Division I-A school that has 49 more scholarships than Western and is ranked in the top 20 major college teams in the nation.

"We would have had to play perfectly to win," Feix said. "There's nothing wrong with our team at all. I was very pleased with the way we played."

"If we come on and continue to improve, I foresee a lot of bright spots. But we have to believe we can win."
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