Threats, offers hamper selection

By ALAN JUDD
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A pattern of attempted intimidation and political interference has muddied the presidential selection process. One regent said his life has been threatened three times in recent weeks over the way he planned to cast his presidential vote.

Another regent has alleged that a large political contribution was promised by one candidate’s supporter if Gov. Julian Carroll would intervene.

And confidential files belonging to one regent were stolen out of his office earlier this year. Supporters of Dr. Gene Farley, a professor who had not been in the final five, reportedly pressured some regents to vote for him. One group of his backers—the four Correll brothers of Somerset, Farley’s brothers-in-law—reportedly offered Carroll a large political contribution if he would make Farley president of Western.

Apparently this pressure, as well as personal attacks against him, caused Dr. Kern Alexander of the University of Florida to drop out of contention Thursday, one day before he was scheduled to visit the campus.

Death threats

One member of the Board of Regents, who asked to not be identified because of the sensitivity of the situation, said Sunday that he had received three telephone calls threatening his life if he voted for a certain candidate, but he would not say which candidate.

"It was the same person calling him at different times," the regent said. "They basically were just threats on my life."

He said the first call came a few days after the presidential screening committee named 20 finalists. The second came a month later, the regent said, and the last call was Sunday morning. Two of the calls were to his home, the other to his office.

"He’s named a candidate when he called," the regent said.

However, he said he did not yet want to say whose candidacy the caller was trying to promote or oppose.

"I would much rather bring this to the board before I bring it to light in public," the regent said. He said the board would discuss it at its meeting Saturday.

Board Chairman David Cole said Sunday that he knows of no one else who had received threats.

"I have not," he said. "But I have been receiving calls from several of the different candidates—and from the Corrells for Farley—but not in a threatening manner.

No hitch: Student 'thumbs' 16,000 miles

By LEE FORST

In the past two years, Tom Johnson has walked through a Chicago ghetto at 2 a.m., slept by an interstate highway near Salt Lake City and been confronted as a fugitive by Indiana state police.

But after 16,000 miles of hitchhiking, experiences like these should be expected, Johnson said.

"I try to go about it with some kind of professionalism," he said, packing his gear for another trip.

"But I’ve learned by my mistakes." Johnson, a 25-year-old junior, said he doesn’t spurn conventional transportation, but the expense and unreliability of his 1967 Cutlass makes “hitchhiking” practical, even though it is daring.

"It’s cheap, adventure is involved and it’s another way of getting there," he said.

Johnson said he began hitchhiking as a teenager near his home in Phoenix. Over the years, his thumb has led him to Chicago, New Orleans, California and many places along the way.

Meeting people on the road is one of the best parts of a hitchhiking trip, Johnson said, but he stressed the need for caution at all times.

"You meet all types of people, so never be taken in by their niceness. Never think someone is your best friend.

"Introduce yourself and start a conversation as soon as you get in the car. It breaks your and the driver’s fears, and you can find out what’s like. Adapt to the situation and communicate with the driver on his own level."

Johnson added that a hitchhiker should stay awake in the car, watch for road signs and be aware of the circumstances.

Cloudy thoughts

Marcia Newton, a Louisville nursing student, relaxes with her forsythia in front of Van Meter Auditorium. Newton said she had taken a number of tests that day.

Pressure, job security cited among reasons candidates withdrew

By BRYAN ARMSTRONG

The two men who last week withdrew as candidates for Western’s presidency say they dropped out for opposite reasons—one because of political interference, the other because of the advantages of staying with his present job.

One of the men, Dr. Kern Alexander of the University of Florida, told the Board of Regents Thursday he was withdrawing from contention because of turmoil created by Western faculty members.

Another of the final five, Dr. James Drimon Jr., said Friday that he did not want to stay at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he is chancellor.

Alexander, the only finalist who had ties with Western, said: "During the past several months, I’ve considered the position, and it’s been particularly attractive to me. But of late I’ve become concerned under certain conditions.

"These conditions emanate from a bitter control struggle within the university, which has overflowed beyond school boundaries. People have moved within the university to enhance their own positions.

"Several regents have alleged that relatives of Dr. Gene Farley, an educational leadership professor here, have tried to exercise political influence to get Farley chosen as president. Farley was one of the final 14 candidates; he is not among the finalists."

"Some of the things that concerned me have come out, and some have not," Alexander said in a telephone interview. "I don’t want to..."

Magazine

The semester’s last Magazine features a story and photographs about seven Omega Psi Phi members and their grueling presidency.

The Magazine’s Marquis Award honors outstanding contributions to media at Western in the past year.

The Magazine also takes a look at Herald cartoonist Roland Gibbons.
President may be named Saturday

Regents split on what to do as candidates leave race

By ALAN JUDD

Board of Regents members were split on whether to name Western's new president at the board meeting Saturday or to wait and get other candidates to fill out the final five, an informal Herald survey indicates.

Of the seven regents who could be reached Sunday and yesterday, two are in favor of naming the president Saturday, one is undecided, three prefer to wait and one would not say what his preference is.

The other three regents—Carroll Kelsey of Glasgow, Mike Harvel of Lawrenceville and William Kuesgel of Owensboro—were unavailable for comment last night.

Board Chairman J. David Cole and Student Regent Steve Thornton favor making the selection Saturday, as was planned before two of the final five candidates last week dropped out of the race.

"As far as I'm concerned, we are," Cole said. "I, personally, am willing to make a decision from the three under consideration. I do not think the events would justify the re-opening of the process or certainly not beginning anew."

Regents Tom Emberton of Edmonston, Hugh Poland of Guthrie and Ron Sheffer of Henderson said they favored waiting to name the president.

"I don't think I'm just locked into place on those three candidates, under the circumstances," Sheffer said.

The three remaining candidates are Dr. Norman Baxter of California State at Fresno, Dr. Todd Bullard of Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology and Dr. Donald Zacharias of the University of Texas system.

"However, one regent said the choice has really been narrowed to two, saying: "I wonder how viable Baxter would be."

Baxter has been surrounded by controversy during his nine years as president in Fresno.

He received a 77.8 percent no-confidence vote from the school's faculty last fall after Baxter fired a dean with whom he had disagreed over the use of a campus building.

Earlier in his term, Baxter had two professors fired for what sources described as political differences. Courts later overturned those dismissals.

Emerton said the board may consider getting two other candidates other than those who were originally nominated or applied or from outside that list.

"I'd like to consider all the various approaches to it before I decide what I think is best," Emberton said. "I don't think we're restricted by any time frame."

Buckman said the matter should be considered carefully. "Frankly, I don't think we're going to appoint anybody Saturday."

"But we must do what the regents do Saturday will depend on whether there is a consensus of regents to decide in any certain way."

"If there is a consensus, I see no reason for delaying it any further," he said.

Regent Ray Clark of Franklin would not say what course of action he wants the board to take.

"I'd rather not comment," Clark said. "These are all serious issues and questions that the board must discuss in a closed session.

"I think I will wait until I get with my fellow regents and let them hear what I think rather than read what I think."

Poor Center Theater attendance may cause fewer movie showings

By CECILIA MASON

Attendance at Center Theater is relatively poor, and it is possible that the number of days movies are shown each week will be cut from seven to three, according to David Gordon, Center Theater director.

Attendance at the nine-year-old theater peaked in 1978-79, when about 56,000 people attended movies there, Gordon said. "Last year we were down to 41,000, and this year I anticipate 38,000," he said.

Although the Center Theater doesn't aim for a profit, Gordon said, it is in competition with the other theaters in town. The university can't get first-run movies because it is not a commercial operation.

Gordon explained that the Center Theater is limited in what movies it can get because the theater is equipped with 35 millimeter projectors, and only the most recent movies are available in 35mm. "There are maybe 100 movies in the whole world we would get our hands on," he said.

In the other available film gauge, 16 mm, Gordon said, there may be more than 3,000 movies available, because most movies were made in 16 mm until recently.

"Commercial theaters want new movies, so they wouldn't want 16 mm projectors," he said. "College students like to get into a little older stuff.

In an attempt to boost attendance, Gordon said, the Center Theater is presenting a spring film festival of some of the most popular movies ever shown here.

Gordon and Ron Beck, the center's new director, differ over whether the theater is actually losing money.

"Our goal is to make little revenue we've generated in the past. I figure we would have to be operating even or in the red," Gordon said.

Beck, however, said that because the theater doesn't pay rent or such, the money that would go for rent is put into the university's fund for payment on the bonds that were used to build the university center.

A report on the spring 1977 semester shows a $3,564 net gain on the movie business, with $5,883 of that going into this fund. This left about $2,300 total revenue after expenses, which goes into the university's general fund.
Alexander says he withdrew because of interference here

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elaborate: I don't want to hurt Western.

"To settle those problems, the president may well have to jettison his chances at a second term. My problem has to do with the divisiveness."

Board Chairman J. David Cope said Thursday that some of Alexander's troubles had originated from the University of Florida, where he is interdisciplinary institute director and a finance consultant. Alexander

said Cole was referring to an inquiry about the Florida administrator made by Dr. Marvin Russell. Russell is Odgen College dean and was among the final 14 candidates, but not the final five.

"He had actually come to Gainesville or made calls here and had tried to stir up some difficulties," Alexander said. "I had to balance these petty struggles and my desire to come to Western as president. I just think Western has more than its share of problems."

Drinnon said he's "happy to say I'm oblivious to all that (the threats)."

"I keenly anticipate the years ahead at UT-C," he said. "After talking with my family and friends, I felt it was best for me to stay at UT-C. UT-C is a campus of almost unlimited potential."

What's happening

Today

The Disabled American Veterans will meet at 7 p.m. at the Warren County Court House.

Psychology department pre-registration will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in College of Education building auditorium.

Student volunteers for the Special Olympics will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight or 3 p.m. tomorrow. Both meetings will be at Diddle Arena, room 220.

Attendance is mandatory for those who plan to be a buddy to an olympics participant. For more information contact Jo Yerger at Diddle Arena, room 210.

An Associated Student Government banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage House downtown. A dance will follow at 9 p.m.

Gammam Beta Phi will have a pizza and skating party at 7 p.m. at Carmen's Restaurant on the 31-W By-Pass.

Tomorrow

The Amazing Times of Joy will present a salute to the black arts at 7 p.m. in the Garrett Conference Center.

Western's Spectacle Fiction Society will show John Carpenter's "Dark Star" at 3:30, 5:30 and 8 p.m. in Garrett Conference Center, room 103.

College Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. in the university center, room 341. President John Minton will speak.

1 vote separates candidates

There has been no change in the outcome of the Associated Student Government race for senior vice president after a recount last week, according to ASG adviser Ron Beck.

Beck said the recount showed that Rhya Miller, a Pembroke Pines, Fla., junior, defeated David Turner, a Henderson senior, for the office, as the first count indicated. However, the margin of Miller's victory was only one vote, not 10 as was originally thought, he said.

Beck said there was apparently an oversight on the part of election workers who sorted the computer voting cards. For the ballots to be counted by the computer, they must be marked well with a dark pencil, he said.

Some were marked with a pen.

"You almost have to go over every ballot by hand to make sure they are marked dark enough," Beck said.

Beck said yesterday that he and ASG President Steve Thornton have not yet had a chance to speak to the two candidates and go over the recount with them.

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Opinion

Delay needed in choice of president

The presidential selection process has been reduced to shambles. Through blunders by just about everyone involved — including the candidates, their supporters and the Board of Regents — the selection has become a hopeless waste of time.

So now, with two candidates already removed from contention and the credibility of a third irreparably damaged, the regents face a tough choice. Do they pick a president by May 1 from the remaining candidates as they had intended, or do they step back and re-evaluate the process? The latter seems by far the more sensible option: Care at this point is essential to ensure that the best candidate is selected.

If the president is picked by May 1, amid rumors of bribery and political maneuvering, the university may lament the decision for a long time. Two of the top candidates, Drs. kvm Alexander and James Drinnon, have already withdrawn, and one can only guess whether any of the other three will remain in contention.

One of them, Dr. Norman Baxter of California State University at Fresno, has been in deep trouble at his own school, and selecting him is almost out of the question.

If the selection is delayed, however, some candidates previously eliminated could be brought back into consideration. And a closer look could be taken at the remaining contenders and the selection process as a whole. The regents might do well to reconsider two Western administrators: Dr. Paul Cook, assistant to the president and budget director, and Dr. James Davis, academic affairs vice president. The two know the administration well, and either could handle the job.

Letters to the editor

Thornton 'enhanced'

The past year in Associated Student Government has been enhanced by the presidency of Steve Thornton.

I have known Steve as a fellow worker, fraternity brother and, most importantly, a friend. Steve has continued to put the students, ASG and the regents in the light of a true leader. He has represented the students' interest in and out of ASG and in the eyes of Western's administrators.

Steve has done an outstanding job as ASG president, and the students of Western should consider themselves lucky to have such excellent representation.

Dan Pelino senior

Killing 'needless'

I would like to pass on an account of an incident that happened this past weekend (April 14, 1979). The leader of the group took three rabbits, grabbed them by the hind legs, and said, "This is the proper way to kill a rabbit." He then proceeded to swing the rabbits one at a time in a roundabout manner until finally striking their heads on the large rocks. Three innocent rabbits were then gutted and cooked. One was made into some sort of meat, while the other two were given to some other people. The group had been given the chance to taste it if they so chose.

Was this in the jungle of Korea in a last-ditch attempt for survival? No... it was in a Western ROTC survival class. The rabbits were domestic... bunnies (the kind you'd give a four-year-old child Easter morning.)

Was it truly necessary to kill these rabbits simply to demonstrate the method of survival in a hypothetical situation? I thought not.

I am astounded that such an inhumane act of butchery can be tolerated without contention not only by those individuals present, but also by the administration of the university. As for the ROTC leaders, they apparently not only condone this type of behavior, but actually encourage it. Personally, I make it known that I am against such behavior, and I hope that this incident will be brought to the attention of those in charge.

Randy Lewis sophomore

Center Theater needs increase in attendance

The Center Theater has fallen on hard times lately, and if things don't change, students could lose access to recent movies at inexpensive prices.

According to David Gordon, Center Theater director, attendance at campus movies has fallen from a high of 55,000 in 1975-76 to about 35,000 this year.

Gordon said that if attendance does not increase by the end of next semester, movies may be shown in the theater only three days a week.

For those students who count on the Center Theater for many of the recent movies they see, this could be unfortunate.

Without the theater, students would have to drive to Nashville or Louisville to see films such as Woody Allen's "Interiors," which hasn't been shown at a Bowling Green theater and is scheduled at the Center Theater later this semester.

One problem the theater has, according to Gordon, is that it is equipped only with 35mm projectors. That limits the theater to showing only the most recent films; most older movies were made in 16mm.

To boost attendance, the Center Theater is having a spring film festival this week, showing several popular movies.

If this is successful, Western might be wise to try such a festival again. And since the theater is limited in the number of movies it can show, the university might also want to invest in 16mm projectors.

With 16mm projectors, the theater would be able to show old Marx Brothers classics, Humphrey Bogart movies, science fiction festivals — the possibilities are endless.

Let's hope this week's festival is the boost the theater needs to continue showing films nightly. It would be a shame to lose such a worthwhile activity on a campus where students complain about having nothing to do.
Awards banquet honors students

Emily Tate, a music major from Bowling Green, received the outstanding senior award from the Faculty wives Club during the university’s awards banquet Tuesday night.

Tate also won the Bowling Green Music Club award.

Don Douglas, a senior from Macon, was named the male athlete of the year, and Beth Blanton, senior from Florence, Ala., was selected female athlete of the year. She was also co-recipient of the outstanding female physical education major award.

Also recognized were 50 members selected for Who’s Who.

Other award winners were: Rosemary Knecht, a senior majoring in sociology and a four-year member of the St. Mary’s Band, the Outstanding Senior Band Student award; Mary Ann Jones, a senior majoring in education, the Outstanding Senior Band Student award; Pamela Jones, a senior majoring in education, the Outstanding Senior Band Student award; David Edwards, a senior majoring in education, the Outstanding Senior Band Student award; and John Smiley, a senior majoring in education, the Outstanding Senior Band Student award.

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Funeral Thursday
for suicide victim

The funeral for Teresa Watkins, a LaPorte, Ind., sophomore who was found dead in her dorm room Friday morning, will be Tuesday afternoon at 10:30 a.m.

Cephus Hughes, Warren County deputy coroner, said that Watkins apparently hanged herself.

Watkins was last seen going to her Potter Hall room about 10:15 p.m. Thursday. About 12:15 a.m. two students saw the body through a window and notified campus police.
Ride board in Garrett seldom used

By ELLEN SANDMAN

The ride board in Garrett Conference Center, which was "very successful" when it was first erected in the late 1960s, isn't used nearly as much now, according to David Gordon, conference center director. Ron Beck, university centers director, said fewer students had cars 10 years ago, the university was smaller and students knew more people from their hometown high schools, so getting a ride was easier.

The ride boards—in the conference center and the university center—are maps divided into numbered sections and supplied with cards designed to help students find rides. Joanna Reinert said she uses the board "all the time," with good results. The Elgin, Ill., freshman has used it several times this year. She said it usually takes three or four days to get a response.

Her roommate, Caroline Chipley, a Lookout Mountain, Tenn., freshman, has also used the board. "It's a good way to meet people," she said.

According to the two girls, they found a ride to Phoenix for spring break. They paid for gas and seldom drove, they said, and the person who drove them dropped them off and picked them up for the return trip.

They said they turned down a ride only once, when they heard the person who wanted the riders was "weird."

Marc Wallace, public safety director, said he wasn't aware of any crimes occurring during rides from Western. It wouldn't be under his jurisdiction, he said, but he believed he would eventually have heard about it.

Student faces drug charge

Campus police arrested an Owensboro sophomore Wednesday and charged him with trafficking in Schedule I narcotics.

Stephen Dale Richeson, 412 E. 12th St., was arrested after campus police and Kentucky State Police narcotics division officers searched his residence. Police said he possessed about 20 grams of MDA, a mild hallucinogenic drug, which is illegal under state law.

Sergeant Louis Stiles, a state narcotics officer, said street value for MDA is $50 to $60 a gram.

Richeson pleaded innocent in Warren Circuit Court Thursday. The case was continued until Friday, and bond was set at $1,000.

For the record...

James Marvin Lamb, 417 Fourth St., was arrested by campus police yesterday and charged with second degree trespassing.

Michael Earl Daniel, Maple Street, Auburndale, was arrested Friday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. He was lodged in the Warren County Jail.

Shelves and bookshelves valued at $110 were reported missing Thursday from the distributive education laboratory in String Hall.

A Garrett Conference Center employee reported Sunday that someone broke into the laboratory. Damage to the doors is estimated at $75, but nothing was reported taken.

Laura Ann Pitts, 130 Kentucky St., a Columbus, Ga., senior, reported Thursday that her wallet and its contents, valued at $20, were taken from her purse on the university center fourth floor.

A Brian Lawrence resident reported a series of incurring phone calls yesterday.

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Bluegrass Festival gives viewers 4 bands—and more

By TOM BESHEAR

The 200 or so people who attended the Bluegrass Festival Sunday were expecting to see and hear four bluegrass bands. They got all this and more.

The four bands scheduled for the festival, which took place in the Center Theater due to weather, were the Bluegrass Rambler, Harold Morrison and Smokin Bluegrass and James Monroe and Midnight Ramblers.

The first two bands, the Bluegrass Rambles and the Bluegrass Ramblers, played short, but spirited sets of familiar songs like “Foggy Mountain Breakdown,” “Rollin in the Sweet Baby’s Arms,” “I Saw the Light” and “John Hardy,” which the audience recognized and applauded loudly.

Next came Harold Morrison and Smokin Bluegrass, featuring Morrison on banjo, his daughter Karla on bass guitar, Kenny Jones on guitar and Tater Talk on drums. Morrison and his band mixed familiar songs with lesser-known material. They kept the audience amused and appreciated by his style.

After the first song, “Please Be My Love,” which Miss Morrison sang, Morrison waved to the audience and shouted, “There ain’t nothin’ like pickin’ bluegrass music in Tennessee.” The audience replied with laughter and applause.

The most interesting feature of Morrison’s band was the fiddle player, Tater, who has played in Lester Flatt’s band. He used up old-time bluegrass songs like “I Wish You knew ’d” and “Listen to the Mockingbird.”

Morrison displayed his virtuosity on a couple of instruments other than the banjo. During his next song he was “Blue Moon of Kentucky,” and then he sang tenor with James on “Welcome Home” before receiving another standing ovation.

Then Bill called all the other bands back on stage and led them through a long medley of spirituals.

They included “Cry Holy Unto the Lord,” “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” “I Saw the Light” and “I'll Fly Away.” The final number, led by the Ramblers, was an instrumental, “John Hardy.”

Senior gets honor

Delta Sigma Pi, professional business fraternity, has awarded its annual scholarship key to Sandra Wurtz, a Paducah senior.

Wurtz, an accounting major, will graduate in May.

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manner.

"This is very unfortunate." 

Contributed

Dr. William Buckman, faculty regent, said that people he considers reliable and knowledgeable sources in Frankfort have told him that 

Farley had tried to arrange a 

"deal" with Carroll and other 

Democratic Party officials in 

Frankfort.

"The deal was that Dr. Farley 

would be placed in the top five or 

David Cole would not be 

re-appointed," Buckman said 

Friday in a press conference at 

the Faculty House. 

(Cole's term as regent expired 

April 8, but Carroll has not yet 

decided whether to re-appoint him.

"The deal was that Dr. 

Farley would be placed in the 

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- Dr. William Buckman, 

faculty regent

Buckman said his source in 

Frankfort told him that a group of 

Farley's supporters had promised 

"the top Democratic regime" the donation if Carroll 

would intervene in the selection 

process here.

"I understand, probably, the 
governor did not give into that 

demand," Buckman said.

One of the Corrells, Blain, said 
yesterday that neither he nor his 

brothers had attempted to 

interfere with the selection 

process.

"As far as I understand, the 

whole thing sounded like a scam to me," 

Correll said. "There's not a 

bit of truth to it.

"We are Democrats, and we 

are friendly toward the 

administration because we have enjoyed the 

job the governor has done.

"We know our governor. He is 

a personal friend," Correll said.

"Certainly we would not put 

pressure or act in such an ugly 

manner.

He said he didn't remember 

whether he and his brothers had 

discussed Western's presidential 

selection with Carroll, and he said 

they have not called anyone at 

Western.

"I've never called anyone in 

Warren County," Correll said.

"We don't like accusations," 

Correll said. "We have 

to prove some of those 

accusations.

Coles said he had no 

information about whether the 

offer was made.

"But the governor indicated 

that the Corrells had mentioned 

it to him, and he disregarded it," 

Coles said.

The Correll brothers—Ray, 

Richard, Ward and Blain—in 

1975 contributed $1,250 each to 

the organization running 

Carroll's gubernatorial 

campaign.

Buckman described the 

Corrells as "quid pro quo," meaning they have 

an interest in the deal of political 

clost."

One regent said that the 

Corrells asked Dale Sights, 

Kentucky contact for President 

Jimmy Carter, to get the White 

House to pressure Carroll to 

accept their deal.

Sights, a Henderson banker, 

refused to talk about that last 

night.

"I have no comment 

whatsoever," he said. "I 

am not involved and do not wish to be 

involved."

Personal attacks

Some of the personal 

attacks against Alexander 

apparently originated at Western.

"Kern (Alexander) was 

very upset, and they (the attacks) 

involved him and his wife and 

father," Cole said.

Cole wouldn't give details of 

the attacks, but one source said 

inquiries made by at least three 

people at Western—Dr. Marvin 

Russell, Ogden College dean; Dr. 

Carl Kreider, educational 

leadership professor; and Dr. Norm 

Deeb, educational leadership 

professor—led to Alexander's 

decision to leave the presidential 

race.

Russell reportedly had 

conducted an investigation into 

Alexander's ability to be 

president, but he denied that 

yesterday.

"The events...simply 

indicate the surfacing of 

currents and crosscurrents of 

self-interests that have 

been present...several 

years," 

- Board Chairman 

J. David Cole

"I have not conducted an 

investigation," Russell said. "I 

have not solicited personal 

information about him. I was 

interested in his total 

professional experience."

Russell, however, said he made 

informal calls to friends at 

the University of Florida. 

"My discussions occurred some 

time ago.

Kreider said he had worked 

neither on behalf of Farley nor 

against Alexander.

"I, in fact, supported all 

the internal candidates right 

down the line," Kreider said. "I 

was also favorable toward Alexander."

"I haven't actively pushed for 

anyone," Kreider said. 

"As a member of the 

screening committee, he 

voted as his conscience directed."

"I had no favorite as such," 

Deeb could not be reached for 

comment yesterday.

Buckman said Farley's 

supporters did not stop pushing 

his candidacy even after the 

regents had picked the final 

five. 

"They put the pressure on certain 

board members to get him in 

the top 5," Buckman said."A great 

deal of pressure was placed on 

board members to get him in 

the top 5."

"I thought all that was over," 

Buckman said."Then they 

wanted us to throw out the top 

five and make Dr. Farley 

president."

Buckman said he received a 
call from Farley telling him 

"how you go about getting a 
top job in the next administration."

However, Farley, when 

interviewed Sunday night, 
denied any knowledge or 

involvement in pushing 

candidates after the final 
five were named.

"I know nothing about any 

such thing," he said. "I've not 
talked to the regents or any such 

thing."

Farley also denied that he 
called Buckman. "I haven't even 
done more than speak to Dr. 

Farley in a year," he said. 

"And I've not sent anybody to 
talk to him."

Buckman said Farley's 
supporters had worked in 

his behalf in other ways.

"One night in a screening 

committee meeting, I made 

positive comments about one 

administrator...One of Farley's 
close supporters went to that 

administrator and told him that I 

had harshly criticized him," 

Buckman said.

Buckman denied that he 
had committed himself to 

Alexander or to anyone else in 

return for a job as vice president.

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Sports

Tops win 2nd straight OVC crown

By TOMMY GEORGE

Women's tennis coach Betty Langley said her "heart felt" when her No. 1 singles player and doubles team lost in the semifinals of last weekend's Ohio Valley Conference championship meet in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

However, Ms. Langley noted that the adversity "worked to our advantage," as Western went on to score 39 points to capture its second straight OVC crown.

Murray State and Middle Tennessee tied for second with 26 points, followed by Eastern with 24 and Austin Peay, which scored 14.

"(Sandy) Leslie's upset (at No. 1 singles) was a total surprise," Ms. Langley said. It was only the second loss this year for the freshman. Austin Peay's Mary Cobb beat Leslie in three sets.

"I wondered if we were going to pull through," Ms. Langley said. "After the first day, we were tied with Middle with 20 points, and Eastern had 49, Murray had 18 and Austin Peay had 14.

"But we came back, even though we lost at the No. 1 doubles. I'm very proud of the way we pulled together."

Of the nine championships, Western claimed five.

Shelley Fredlake captured the No. 2 singles title by beating Middle's Tarja Ojala in straight sets. Western scored two other singles championships, winning at the No. 5 position, where Suzanne Johnson defeated Austin Peay's Patricia Allred in three sets, and the No. 4, where Betsy Bogdan won in straight sets over Eastern's Priscilla Nelson.

For seniors Fredlake and Johnson, the OVC championship was their last tournament, although the team has a match with Tennessee Tech Thursday.

"It was definitely a team effort with everyone putting in as much as they could," Johnson said. "In doubles, Cathy (Summers) and I knew that we had it in us. We just put it all together—it's a real good way to go out."

Although Leslie and Kathy Ferry lost to Eastern at the No. 2 doubles position, Western was able to claim the championship at the other two doubles positions.

At No. 2 doubles, Fredlake and Bogdan produced a straight-set win over Middle's Diana Myers and Nancy Broadhurst.

Johnson and Summers won in straight sets at No. 3 doubles over Morehead's Ann Ross and Becky Jones.

Staying alive

Western wins 2, loses 2 in OVC

By KEVIN STEWART

Western's weekend trip to eastern Kentucky did little to clear up the question of whether the Hilltoppers will finish among the Ohio Valley Conference's top four teams, which will qualify for the conference's post-season tournament and a chance at the national baseball playoffs.

Western lost doubles Saturday to league-leading Morehead, 13-1, and 11-7, then Sunday swept sixth-place Eastern, 16-6 and 13-1, to slide into fourth place in the conference at 6-6. The Toppers are 24-16-1 overall and are one-half game behind third-place Murray and one-half game ahead of fifth-place Morehead.

The trip, however, did give some insight into the site of the OVC tournament and cleared up some questions about Western.

The OVC tourney, in all likelihood, will be at Morehead. The closest team to Morehead is Austin Peay, which is 7-4, 244 games behind.

Western is in a position to determine its own fate with the tournament. With six OVC games left, four of which are at home, Western faces the three teams ahead of it in the conference—Murray, Austin Peay and Morehead. The Toppers need to win four of the six games to be in the race. Austin Peay will be here for a doublesheader at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Baseball

—Western can hit. The Hilltoppers pounded out 56 hits and scored 51 runs in the four conference games. Western, whose hitting has been questionable all year, raised its team batting average from .271 to .313 games ago to a current .313 average.

Western had a chance to secure a better position in the standings when it traveled east, but a good-hitting Morehead club shut down the Toppers' hopes.

Western never led in the first game, as the Eagles scored 15 runs in the first five innings. Western pitching, which has been a recent source of pride on the team, failed as three pitchers faced the hosts, with starter Larry Glasscock (2-4) taking the loss.

Western attempted a come-back, scoring seven runs in the last two innings, but the Toppers came up short. Western's first five runs were all solo homers as the team's left-handed hitters feasted on Morehead's short-right-field fence.

In the second game, Western appeared headed for what it had hoped for, a split, when disaster struck in the seventh inning. The Hilltoppers led, 7-6, going into the inning when a lead-off Homer, a single, two walks and a grand-slam home run gave Morehead an 11-7 win and the doublesheader sweep.

Western's pitching ace Mark Given (5-2) and Marty Mason (6-2) both started the Colonels the next day, 16-6 and 12-1.

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Women's track

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By KEVIN STEWART

Western places 3rd in KWIC

The women's track team placed third with 133 points at the Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference Meet Friday.

Host Murray won the meet with 151 points. Defending champion Eastern was second at 148. Kentucky was fourth with 112 points.

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Western results

—high jump 6. Seth 5-2

440-yard relay 1. WKU 47.8

shot put 4. Williams 39.6

1,000-meter 4. Hyde 4:45.9

400 meters 2. Jones 57.2

5,000 meters 1. Williams 11.96

2. Thomas 12.04

3. Gay 12.08

800 meters 1. Sein 2:16.3

4. Pendry 2:21.5

400 meter hurdles 1. Jones 61.2

200 meters 3. Thomas 25.7

2-mile relay 1. WKU 8:23.5

mile relay 1. WKU 4:35.9

discus 2. Williams 132.0

Pentathlon 4. Foster 2132.5

Photo by Horace Sinclair
Western takes 3rd in OVC quad

Western wins 2, loses 2

Although Western can help its cause in the conference race by winning, coach Barry Shollenberger is unsure of the ultimate outcome.

"So many things could happen in this race," Shollenberger said. "I've just told my players not to worry about the possibilities. It's (the race) like a yo-yo; one day we're in second and the next day we're in fourth."

Regardless of the possibilities, it's Western and three other teams fighting for three spots. With Morehead leading and Tennessee Tech and Eastern floundering near the bottom, the Toppers will be fighting Austin Peay, Murray, and Middle Tennessee for the second, third and fourth spots in the conference.

Western plays Kentucky Wesleyan in a makeup double-header today at 1 p.m.

Austin Peay won the last two events in the Ohio Valley Conference quadrangular meet meeting at Clarkeyville, Tenn.

Middle Tennessee was runner-up with 51 points, Western had 43½ points and Murray had 32½ points.

The Hilltoppers were leading going into the last two events, but didn't have an entrant in the 200-meter dash and managed only a third-place finish in the 5,000-meter run.

Topper James Boyd was scheduled to run the 200-meters, but he hurt his foot in the 440-yard relay earlier in the meet.

Men's track

Austin Peay's John Williams locked up the title for the Governors by winning the 200 with a 21.0.

"We're close to the conference championship meet, and we had to let some of our people heal," Western coach Dal Haskell said, referring to his injured squad.

Pole-vaulter Neil Freeman, sprinter Marion Wingo, shot-putter Luby Chambol, triple-jumper Dave Mobley and Karl Hunter did not compete in the quadrangular.

Women's softball team 4th in 11-team KWIC tournament

The Women's Softball Club finished fourth among 11 teams in the first Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference tournament in Danville last weekend.

Western lost to Campbellsville, 11-8, and then won its next three games: Centre 15-0; Kentucky State, 13-3; and Campbellsville, 8-4.

Morehead beat Western, 8-3, to finish third. Northern went undefeated through the tournament and beat Kentucky in the final. Western's record is 4-6.

Kentucky Wesleyan will be here for a 3 p.m. game Thursday. Western has beaten Wesleyan, 11-3, this year.

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Tops beat Kentucky, Tech

A shuffled lineup helped the men's tennis team post a 6-3 win over the University of Kentucky Thursday, and the team returned to Ohlone Valley Conference play last weekend, beating Tennessee Tech, 9-0, to raise its record to 9-6.

"We were up for Kentucky because it's always great to beat them—even if it's in checkers," coach Ray Rose said.

Western won four singles matches and two doubles matches in the victory.
Hakki Oguslan, who usually plays at the No. 3 singles position, moved to No. 1 and led the Hilltoppers by scoring a straight set win over the Wildcats' Jack Webb, and

Men's tennis

All-Southeaster Conference player last year at the No. 2 position.
Rose said, "Hakki manhandled Webb. He was a ball on the court. I mean, he played a great game; whatever he tried seemed to work."
Key Toppers victories came at the No. 2 position, where Bengt Ronneman (usually No. 4) won in three sets over Kentucky's Tony Alroy, and at No. 5 (Andres Thomsen) and No. 6 (John Mark Fonse).
"Our wins at the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles had to be encouraging," Rose said. "The match should give us and others the indication that we can play with anyone in Kentucky."
Against Tennessee Tech, Western reverted to its season-long lineup.
Only two matches went three sets (the No. 4 singles and doubles) as Western shut out Tech's Golden Eagles.
"They are underappreciated but only two scholarship players," Rose said. "We couldn't experiment with things against them because it was an OVC match."
Western will travel to Austin Peay on Wednesday.

Tops finish 4th of 10

The women's golf team finished fourth among 10 teams in last weekend's Marshall University Invitational. The University of Kentucky won with a score of 634, Marshall was second at 647 and Pennsylvania was third at 650.
Western's score was 650.
The tournament was played on the par-72 Riviera Country Club course in Huntington, W. Va. The individual winner was Tamme Green of Marshall, who shot 243 to set a two-round course record. The old record was

Women's golf

149. Cynthia Powell of Kentucky finished second at 155.

Western scores
Les Treadway 88-77
Susan Merrick 85-01
Janet Buls 88-84
Cindy Puckett 90-01
Sandy Douglas 93-03
Savere Williams 102-04

Jackson MVP in all-star game

Western basketball player Greg Jackson was named Most Valuable Player in the Kentucky-Indiana all-stars game Sunday at Bellarmine College. His team won 114-110 over the Indiana all-stars and Jackson led all scorers. He was also game-high rebounder with 12.
Jackson, a senior who led Western in scoring and rebounding this year, scored 19 points in the second half on eight of nine field goals.

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Hitchhiker warns of possible perils

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"Never get caught up in someone else's adventures," he
"Never be afraid to tell me you." 

While hitchhiking through

hills during the 1978 New Year holidays, Johnson caught a
ride with a drunk driver. Police
stopped the vehicle, examined
the wobbly motorist and
summoned Johnson from the car.

"They told me to roll up my
right sleeve so they could check
for a speck on my arm. I fit the
description of a convict—but
minus the scar. That really
shook me up.

"Using common sense is the
most important thing," Johnson
said, stuffing a pair of jeans in his
backpack. "The right clothes
and equipment and knowing what's
ahead of you can make the trip a
lot easier.

"If you have water, a bandana
and a pair of boots, you can go
anywhere," he said.

A small road atlas that
includes a basic map of large
cities is also necessary—a detail
Johnson said he discovered through
a bad experience. On a

venture to Chicago to visit
friends in July 1977, he was
dropped off in a South Side
ghetto at 1 a.m. "I felt like a
snowball in July. I walked for
a couple hours, trying to be as cool
as I could."

Although taunted several
times, Johnson said he "just kept
walking."

"I finally found a telephone
booth and called my friend for a
ride, but his father wouldn’t let

him drive to that part of town.

Then I walked in to a hospital,
and everybody said I was crazy
to be out so late in that part of
town. But I caught a ride in an
unmarked taxi—regular taxis
got stopped and robbed in that
neighborhood."

According to Johnson, there
are several techniques that
improve a hitchhiker’s chances
of getting a motorist to stop.

"The best place for a ride is
near merging roads," he said.
"but don't walk on a highway if
you don’t have to.

"Try to think of the drivers'
safety, too. Don't stand too close
to the merging point, because
there could be an accident if
someone pulls away."

"Having a sign with your
destination on it helps, because it
tells people you’re going to a
specific place. I’ve found that
wearing my fraternity letters
helps, too."

Johnson said that personal
appearance is also important
in getting a ride.

"You've got to look decent
on the highway. Keep your shirttail
in and comb your hair. You don’t
want to look like a bum."

However, despite ways of
protesting oneself, Johnson said
sometimes a hitchhiker has bad
luck. On an excursion to
California in August 1977,
Johnson failed to get a ride near
Salt Lake City.

"It wasn't the best spot in the
world," he said. "I was standing
under a sign that read 'Reno
(Nev.)—604 miles. It was desert
most of the way, with few
stopping places. I guess people
didn't feel like taking a stranger
for that far."

Johnson said he stood under
the sign for two days, sleeping on
the side of the highway. He
emphasized the need for a
sleeping bag on such occasions,
and noted the precautions that
should be taken.

Although he doesn’t have any
specific trips in mind, Johnson
said he would like to hitchhike
through the Canadian Rockies,
Central and South America.

Johnson then made a final
equipment check and lifted the
bulging backpack to his

shoulders. From his front porch
he examined the menacing rain
clouds. New Orleans lay 840
miles to the south. Johnson
turned to a friend.

"Can you give me a ride to the
interstate?"

Labor shortage affects Western

By STEVE CARPENTER

With 27 positions open, the
shortage of physical plant
workers is "very serious,"
according to personnel director
Jim Tomes.

There are 295 budgeted
positions in the physical plant,
Tomes said. That figure includes
administrators and office
personnel.

But having enough unskilled
laborers is always a problem,
Owen Lawson, physical plant
administrator, said.

The main reason for the losses
of skilled laborers, Tomes said, is
the low pay at Western. A survey
Tomes conducted showed that
Western’s wages were 25 to 40

percent lower than local
industries pay.

The skilled laborers are
technically trained, such as boiler
firemen, painters, carpenters,

welders, and so on. Unskilled
laborers are mainly the janitorial
staff and grounds crews.

Western advertised recently
for skilled laborers and received
about six applications for each
job, but the wages for the
positions were not advertised,
Tomes said. Not all the people
might have applied if they knew
the wages.

The reason the skilled workers’
wages are low is that the
unskilled laborers’ wages are low,
and until the unskilled wages can
be raised, the skilled wage can’t
go up, Tomes said.

The current salary for
unskilled laborers is $2.80 per
hour; 10 cents under the federal
minimum wage, Tomes said.

When next year’s raise goes into
effect Aug. 16, the starting salary
for unskilled laborers will be
$3.10 an hour, which will become
the federal minimum wage in
January.

Applications aren’t coming in
from unskilled laborers, either.
"I would say we’re only receiving
three or four applications per
week, and we used to receive five
to six per day," Tomes said.

There has been an especially
large turnover in jobs at the
physical plant during the past
year—about 30 percent, Tomes
said.

Tomes said the university is
looking to have to recruit
extensively for laborers.