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On-campus housing requests on the rise

By TOM CAUDILL

Applications for on-campus housing for the fall semester are running at about 15 percent ahead of last year's rate, but little of the increase is attributable to the mandatory freshman housing rule.

According to Hubert P. Griffin, director of housing, 2,547 students have applied for dormitory rooms in the fall, compared to 1,991 who had applied by this time last year. An almost 20 percent increase in applications from non-freshmen is the main reason for the jump, Griffin said. On the other hand, Griffin's figures show only a small increase in applications from freshmen, despite the new rule which will require most freshmen to live on campus, beginning this fall.

Griffin said 1,273 non-freshmen (900 women and 373 men) have applied for rooms, compared to 1,046 through this date last year. "We have probably received a little less than half the total number of applications from upperclassmen," Griffin said.

Griffin said more than 2,200 non-freshmen were in the dorms last fall. The total number of applications was 3,081. Applications from 989 freshmen have been received, up 28 from last year. Griffin said 54 freshmen have requested and received exemptions from the mandatory rule. Local commuters, married students, veterans and a few other special groups may request such exemptions.

"We didn't expect a large increase in the number of freshmen on campus, because most of them have traditionally stayed on campus anyway," Griffin said. He added, "Last fall, only about 200 freshmen were not living in dormitories.

Griffin said he expects occupancy to increase more when sophomores are required to stay in the dorms, beginning in the fall of 1975.

The increased rate of applications from non-freshmen is attributed to Griffin to dorm improvements (kitchen, multi-purpose rooms), convenient dorm locations and "economic factors.

He said property owners have had to increase rates, probably causing some students to leave.

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By JAY WHITTINGTON

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Two concerts set for this week

By JIM REYNOLDS

Two concerts are on tap in Bowling Green within the next week, one on-campus and one off.

Tonight, the latest in a series of off-campus concerts in Brannen's Tobacco Warehouse will feature Jo Jo Gunne and Montrose. On Wednesday, Kool and the Gang will perform in a free concert in Diddle Arena.

Noted for their loud, energetic rock that has a positive feeling, Jo Jo Gunne has had one top 40 hit—"Run, Run, Run." Members of the group are Jay Ferguson, piano and vocals; Mark Andes, bass; Matt Andes, lead guitar and Curly Smith, drums.

The nucleus of the group is Ferguson and the bass-playing Andes, who have worked together for years. Both were members of Spirit before Jo Jo Gunne was formed. Guitarist Andes had played off and on with the two, and when this group was formed he joined immediately.

On the bill with Jo Jo Gunne is a group named after its organizer, veteran guitarist Ronnie Montrose. Other members of Montrose are lead singer Sam Hagar, bassman Bill Church and drummer Dennis Carmassi.

Montrose has recorded and appeared with many other top name stars. He collaborated with Van Morrison on several albums, including "Tupelo Honey" and "Saint Dominic's Preview." He has also performed with Edgar Winter on the LP, "They Only Come Out At Night," and with Boz Scaggs on some unreleased jam sessions.

Tickets for tonight's concert, which is sponsored by Hohbbit Productions, are $4.50 in advance and $5.50 at the door.

Kool and the Gang is an instrumental group which spans the musical spectrum from funk to soulful jazz. The group is best known for its latest top 40 hit, "Jungle Boogie.

Leader of Kool and the Gang is Ronald Bell, the group's tenor sax player. "Kool," is Robert Hall, the bass player. Others in the group are alto sax player Dennis Thomas, trumpeter Spike Mickens, pianist and organist Ruth West, guitarist Claydees Smith and drummer George Brown.

Musical style has varied greatly over the eighteen-year history of Kool and the Gang, ranging from jazz at the beginning to rhythm and blues then back again, and now to the harder rock sound that is their best known.

Joining Kool and the Gang for the concert will be Phaedra. The concert, sponsored by Associated Student Government, is free to fulltime students with their ID's. Tickets for the general public are $3 in advance and $4 at the door.

What's happening

Dorm rates rise for fall

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To move back into the dorms.

Dormitory rates have also increased, but Griffin said he has heard no complaints about either the increase or the mandatory freshmen housing policy. The rate for tenen's dorms was increased from $325 to $350, while women's dorms were raised from various rates to $157 and $169.

Harry Largen, vice president for business affairs, said Western is hoping the rate increase and the freshmen rule will enable the University to break even in housing in fiscal 1974-75. A $322,000 deficit was recorded in fiscal 1973-74.

Newspaper rush table

A newspaper rush table will be set up in the Diddle University Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceedings will be used to send two students to the national convention in Salt Lake City.

Nursing election results

The Kentuckie Association of Nursing Student's (KANS) recently held elections for the 74-75 school year. Officers elected were president, Mary Phillips; first vice-president, Maria Leggekon; second vice-president, Georgeme Richardson; recording secretary, Sandy Blevins; corresponding secretary, Sandy Reeves and Treasurer, Captia McCormick.

Golden Hearts named

Sigma Phi Epsilon has initiated 11 girls into the Golden Hearts organization. They are Beth Wilford, Paula Smith, Diane Wilfrid, Nancy Passey, Terry Lasca, Regina Morris, Denise Norman, Janet Jones, Linda Gillispie, Judy Leeschman and Beverly Booth. The Golden Hearts is a formal recognized group in little sisters of the fraternity.

Poet Banks to speak

The English department will present Philip Banks to the University of Michigan, in the Biddle Hall of the fine arts center, Tuesday at 3 p.m.
Columnist Carl Rowan condemns ‘sick society’

By CARL CLAYWORTH

Carl T. Rowan, syndicated newspaper columnist, said Tuesday night that our “sick society has lowered the U.S. prestige in the world much more than our troubles in Vietnam. “We have lost some of our claim to the moral leadership of the world,” he said.

The small audience attending the last of this year’s lecture series, was told that our image, caused by drug and racial problems, and the Watergate scandal, has greatly affected the influence this country has in the rest of the world.

Rowan pointed out that it has gone so far, due to the Watergate issue, that James B. Buckley, a conservative Republican senator from New York, has suggested President Nixon call off his visit to Russia because of the pressure he is under and its possible effect on any agreements made there.

The Watergate scandal and its weakening of the Presidency can hurt the United States’ effectiveness in foreign policy, Rowan said, but the government has a “business” to do and it needs to keep it from becoming a “total paralysis.”

Many Americans believe this to be a “time of detente” and the Cold War rhetoric is not as prevalent as it once was, said Rowan. It has been a long time since Nixon created the American people that he would bury them, he said.

But today, there is still a battle between the two countries for the minds of men around the world, Rowan said. The only kind of “co-existence” between the U.S. and the USSR should be evident. In the $89 billion defense budget for fiscal 1976, he added.

Part of the reason for the slip in the U.S. image abroad is that America has not yet “learned the power of ideals, of example and of words,” Rowan said.

Rowan also discussed Watergate and its causes. It is easy to curse the party of the government in connection with Watergate, but how did the people let it happen?

If it had not been for two coincidences, there probably never would have been a Watergate scandal that anyone knew about, Rowan said. The first was the 4:00-week guard finding the taped open door and then finding it again after removing the tape the first time.

The second coincidence was when the guard called the police, there were no regular cruises available, and a group of plain clothes-pan were dispatched in an unmarked car, Rowan said. The break-in across the street did not recognize them, he said, they pulled up at the Watergate for that reason, he said.

“Just think of the things that wouldn’t have happened if we hadn’t been involved in these two incidents,” Rowan said.

Watergate grew out of the attitude of those around the American President, Rowan said. It was a good example of the adage about how power corrupts and absolute power corrupting absolutely”, he said.

The entire Nixon administration had been based in propaganda which exploited the prejudices and stupidity of the American people,” Rowan said. The first of the Nixon plays was the “law and order campaign” in 1968, he said.

“While using this as their banner, they (members of Nixon’s campaign committee) broke nearly every law on the books,” Rowan said, and “took crime off the streets and put it into the White House.”

Next, the Nixon administration attacked the Welfare programs, leading the American people to believe that the typical Welfare recipient was “a fat colored woman with 10 illegitimate children living in the Waldorf Astoria,” Rowan said.

Another play of the Nixon years, according to Rowan, was the spreading belief that only the black or other minority member could get the good jobs. “Everyone seems to know of some incident where a black got the job over a white just because of his color,” he said.

“Forced housing” is the propagandas area being used today, Rowan said, but all of these issues will be brought back up in the “political desperation” that will fill Washington in this election year.

With what is known now, Rowan predicted that the House Judiciary Committee will call for the House of Representatives will vote to impeach Nixon. He added that if the trial in the Senate were conducted with what is known now, that the 24 votes necessary to block conviction would be there.

The information and evidence available a few months from now may change that, Rowan said.

CARL ROWAN, far right, is interviewed in the ETV studio prior to his lecture Tuesday night. Interviewers from left are Dr. James Wesolowski, head of the mass communications department; Jim Highland, of the mass communications department; Dr. George Massuet, of the government department and Carl Clayworth, president of Sigma Delta Chi.

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New regent choices provide good precedent for the future

The two recent appointments to Western's Board of Regents are a step in the right direction. Both new regents, Ronald Clark of Franklin and John Ramsey of Fern Creek, have years of experience in education and should lend an authoritative note to future decisions of the board.

Gov. Wendell Ford, who made the appointments, deserves much of the credit for them. However, it should be noted that President Dero Downey and ASG President Steve Yetzer consulted with the governor's office before the choices were announced, and their influence seems to have helped.

The appointments are a refreshing break with the past, when regents were appointed partly on the basis of personal friendship and political affiliation. This diminished the regard for their qualifications to make important educational decisions.

We're certain that the regents, nearly all Western alumni, have the best interests of the University at heart. However, those with experience in education are usually more qualified to consider issues facing Western than those who have had little contact with the academic community.

Perhaps the recent choices are a sign of realistic progress for the University, for the Board of Regents is not simply a rubber-stamp group, approving everything the administration brings in. Any sort of interest by a regent or regents can get things moving on the Hill—witness Dr. Gerald Eades' assistance a year ago in supporting the innovative academic bankruptcy plan.

Hopefully, Clark and Ramsey will take a progressive role in determining University policies and procedures, and encourage their colleagues to do likewise. The regents certainly have more constructive things to do than make ill-advised comments at public board meetings, as some have done this year.

In the next three years, six more regent appointments will be made, four of them in 1976. We hope the governor will follow this year's precedent by appointing eminently qualified persons to the board. The practice of reappointing regents term after term should be stopped. As Western moves into the second half of the 1970s, regents who served in the 1960s become anachronisms who deserve retirement.

The precedent has been set; it's a good one that ought to be followed.

ENDORSES MOORE

Next Thursday the student body has the opportunity to select their representative to the Board of Regents. The new regent must strengthen the presence of student government proposals to the board in an acceptable manner. This is not always an easy task. Therefore, it is critical that we select a man who is familiar with the administration, the regents, and the decision-making process of the University. Hamp Moore is that man.

Hamp Moore has participated in a variety of campus activities, including Associated Student Government, and has demonstrated superior leadership ability. This year in coordinating Greek Awareness Week he arranged activities that would appeal to the entire student body rather than just the Greeks. The most important fact to notice is not that he coordinated Greek Awareness Week, but rather that he had the interests of the entire student body in mind. However, it is not enough just to consider the student body's interests; the new regent must be capable of creative and innovative leadership. Again, Hamp Moore has excelled. As president of his fraternity he demonstrated his ability to establish new policies while working within the system.

Hamp Moore has proved himself worthy of serving on the Board of Regents.

BRUCE MERRICK, President Interfraternity Council

INMAN ANNOUNCES

Western Students, I am taking this opportunity to formally announce my candidacy for the position of Student Regent. I feel I am the most qualified candidate for the position. I have been active in student government at Western for three years, serving as class vice-president my sophomore year and as class president my junior year. I am now president of the senior class. My three years of service are more than those of any other candidate. As your regent I will be able to keep in close contact with the leadership of ASG.

If I am elected student regent, some of the programs I will work for are: dorm visitation on a scheduled weekly basis, and the interplacement of men's and women's dorms so that all men are not at one of the campus and all women at the other end. I feel that a person's dorm room should be treated as his home. I will also work for more parking spaces on campus, and I support the idea of establishing a campus grocery store. But most important, I want to give students a greater voice in what is happening on our campus.

Let my experience guide our future. Give me your vote on April 26th and on April 30th. Elect me as your next Student Regent. Your support will be appreciated.

MISHA INMAN
UBS president Turner feels blacks lack overall leadership

By PHYLLIS MITCHELL

"Concerning trivial matters, some blacks are more reactionary than revolutionary," says Mark Turner, United Black Students president.

Turner, a senior accounting major from Lynch, said there are several reasons why he feels UBS is lacking in the type of overall leadership it needs.

"For one thing, I feel that there's a lack of leadership from the black faculty members here at Western," said Turner. He also said there is a lack of input from among the blacks on anything not socially oriented, a lack of leadership from the upperclassmen and a lack of communications and coordination between black Greeks.

Turner feels that blacks were not ready for black Greek organizations at the time they came to Western. "The Greek organizations were a little too immature. As I view it now, Greek organizations should have strengthened the blacks on campus."

Turner said that when he first took the position as UBS president, he was very enthusiastic. "I had several things I wanted the UBS to accomplish."

But his feelings concerning the needed Black Student organizations have changed somewhat. "I'm disappointed because I didn't or haven't accomplished what I set out to accomplish. I couldn't do the things that had to be done by myself.

Turner said there were several things he wanted the UBS to accomplish, such as initiating action for a black student affairs office where blacks could accomplish something meaningful. "The administration fails to realize the importance of establishing such an office. They think the creation of a black student affairs office separate from student affairs would hinder the UBS overall."

Another objective Turner wanted to accomplish was an independent black social program operated by blacks. He also raised the importance of UBS involvement in community activities. "The UBS should not concern itself with trivial things such as sponsoring birthday parties and Halloween parties for children."

Turner said he feels that UBS members should attend meetings and involve themselves with the black adults on worthwhile things, such as developing better community and college relationships.

Finally, Turner wanted to set up a program whereby the UBS could help blacks in paying their income tax returns.

Asked his opinion on the role of the black students in prompting leadership on campus, he said, "The black Greeks should form a coalition of black Greek organizations."

He said that the fracturing on campus have the Inter-Fraternity Council. Likewise, the blacks should have a black Greek council in dealing with problems. "With this type of coalition, the black Greeks should be able to have coordination and communication which in turn can contribute to the unification of blacks on campus."

Turner indicated that blacks should be involved more in political aspects on campus. "It's possible, but highly unlikely, that a black will become ASG president at Western."

Racism does exist at Western Kentucky University. It's on three fronts—the administration, faculty and students," stressed Turner.

MARK TURNER, UBS president, talks with fellow students Mary Team (left) and Sandra Hunt.

Turner, a former UBS member at Notre Dame and a founder of the UBS at Cumberland's Southeast Community College, listed some ways that the University and black students can help solve the UBS problems.

The University should increase the administrative staff and faculty by adding more blacks, he said. Turner added that the University should seek to recruit more black students other than athletes.

In another vein, Turner said that the blacks should help themselves.

"I have never been more insulted in my life at the 6 per cent turnout (about 45-50 per cent) at the lecture presented by Rep. John Conyers. In my opinion, it was an insult to Mr. Conyers personally. It was an insult to me, to the University and more to black students themselves," said Turner.

Turner also said that there is a lot of black talent here that should be initiated into black workshops.

On the question of entertainment for black students on Western's campus, Turner replied, "What entertainment? For instance the Cellar is not entertainment. It should be used for more beneficial means such as the workshop (talent, poetry, drama) previously mentioned.

Turner pointed out, "The Cellar is a hindrance to black students when it creates a lack of communication and diversity with the black community in Bowling Green. Such a situation will rather depend on the Cellar for social activities rather than for communicating and becoming involved with the black community residents."

Turner commented on Miss Black Western's role in connecting with the student body. "Miss Black Western's role has no set objective, but she must be available to students as best possible and at whatever the cost."

He also added, "Miss Black Western should be perceptive and very much involved in black campus life."

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Tornado victims to get clothes

By TERRY ZEWELL

When disaster hits it’s said that the good in people comes out, and the response to the Alpha Kappa Psi’s clothing drive for the tornado victims may be proof of this.

Steve Bernard of Alpha Kappa Psi said that the response to their appeal for clothing for those affected by the tornadoes that hit Kentucky was great.

Bernard said that a “room in the AKPsi house was full of clothes and some people gave food.”

The clothes will be distributed to the Red Cross in Warren County; part will go to Brandenburg, the hardest hit area in Kentucky, and the rest will go to the Salvation Army.

Bernard said that the local Red Cross would get first pick of the clothes and they can select all that they need.

Boxes were placed in all of the dormitories on campus and in the Downing University Center and in Garrett Conference Center. A collection box also was placed at the Warren County Courthouse.

Bernard said that the most response came from the Western students, and that the best response was from the women’s dorms and the Downing Center.

AKPsi got involved, according to Bernard, because the parents of Bob Ryan, a fraternity member, are Red Cross workers. AKPsi members also worked the night of the tornado in Alvertou helping the Red Cross there.

Talismen announces ’74-’75 staffers

Talismen editor-in-chief Lisa Cornell and managing editor Richard Walker have announced several staff appointments for the 1974-75 school year.

Dorothy Gillham, a sophomore from Clarkes Hill, Ind., has been appointed layout editor for the coming year. He was organization section editor on the 1974 Talismen.

The new Greek section editor will be Jim Siwicki. He is a Greek editor. He is a sophomore from Paris.

Debbie Williams will assume the position of academics section editor. The junior from Park City was editor of the index and class sections on the 1974 yearbook.

An Adairsville sophomore, Reba Shoultes, will be editor of the honors section of the 1975 book. She was academics section editor this year.

Tom-Siwicki will take over as organization section editor next year. He is a sophomore from Paris.

Siwicki will be the administration section editor this year. Talismen. Assisting him with organizations will be Barbara Osborn, a freshman from Clarkes Hill, Ind.

Administration section editor for the 1975 Talismen will be Maribeth Williams, a sophomore from Lexington. A Bowling Green freshman, Carol Pollock, will assist in this section.

Diana Buechler, a freshman from Cancyville, will be in charge of the index. She will be assisted by Lisa Ait, a sophomore from Union, Ohio.

Additional appointments will be announced later in the year.

Faculty member starting AM station

By HUSTON MONARCH

A professor at Western has filled an application with the Federal Communication Commission to construct a daytime AM radio station in the Cave City area.

Dr. Charles Anderson, director of media services, was named principal owner of the station which will move to the cave area, including parts of Warren and surrounding counties. Anderson explained that the station will be the fulfillment of a dream he has had since he was a part-time disc jockey for WCDS in Glasgow.

“It’s actually an investment,” he said. “It’s something I’ve wanted to do for 12 years.”

Ownership of the radio station with Anderson will be shared by Western.

Sharing ownership of the radio station with Anderson will be Bruce and Janis Breault, co-owner of WBGN in Bowling Green, and Ray Ester, news director at WSM in Nashville. All three are Western graduates.

“Our main hope is that the radio station will be an asset to the area,” Anderson said. “Western’s immediate objective is to provide an outlet for local news, as well as local people.”

As proposed on the application to build the station, the format will be “modern middle of the road music.”

Anderson said he didn’t know yet if any students would be employed at the station.

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Local Middle Bridge ruins bear ghostly tale

By MARK KROGER

In plain view of Interstate 69 and the small city of Motes that has popped up at the Greenwood interchange, there is a small country road.

Mike the mailman avoids it today, taking heed of a sign proclaiming "Road Closed."

But an adventurous soul may travel the road anyway, maneuvering his automobile around a broken barricade and over talus, falling tree limbs, careful to avoid falling into a shallow ditch running alongside. Somewhere along the way is a wide gap in the road, where a bridge once spanned Drakes Creek.

During the day, the missing bridge conjures up images of ruins left over from a civil war battle, with the two large concrete pillars standing silent and unaltered, now masquerading as natural formations of rock on each bank of the creek.

Avenging ghost?

But the scene's aesthetic value at night far transcends its daylight image, because it is then, folklore buffs claim, that the ghost of Middle Bridge emerges, from wherever ghosts emerge, and continues its eternal vigil over the site of the original bridge.

At night, the forbidden nature of the broken barricade somehow warms against the threat that was washed out bridge. The large tree limbs and tall weeds that overgrowth the road appears to be a booby trap reaching out to the curious voyagers. It is all in line with the ghost's supernatural habits.

Visions of a green, white or blue-green mist, or the form of a slender young woman dressed in 1800s fashion become vivid in his mind. And just maybe, his imagination works itself into a frenzy and he sees the apparition. Then again, maybe it wasn't his imagination playing tricks on him at all.

Tales widespread

There are many tales similar to the Middle Bridge legend that recirculate throughout the United States, enticing high school couples to go out and park and promenading frequently results.

According to Dr. Kenneth Clark, English department professor and an expert on American folklore, this particular legend, origin unknown, is in the case with most local ghost tales, changes as it is passed from story-teller to story-teller, producing many different versions.

A glance at a collection of narratives on the Middle Bridge ghost, which can be found at the Craven's Library and Graduate Center, proves that not one version is exactly like another. However, the main theme of the legend runs strong throughout.

The legend involves the death of a young woman at the hands of one, or a small multitude of attackers. After midnight, the woman's ghost returns to avenge her violent death.

The manner in which she died, the number of her attackers, the form that the ghost may take and the age of the victim, however, all differ.

Young girl's murder

One such version, describes the murder of a young girl approximately 20 years ago.

After visiting friends, she began her journey home down Middle Bridge Road. Three men, who somehow knew the young woman was going to happen along the bridge, waited for her behind the concrete bridge supports. When she arrived at the bridge the three attackers emerged from their hiding places, raped her, stabbed her, and left her on the bridge thinking she was dead.

But she lived long enough to whisper the names of two of the attackers to a passerby who had stopped upon seeing the prostrate girl. She apparently did not know the name of the third attacker, however.

The passerby reported the crime and gave the two names, that the girl had revealed to him in her last breath. Two of the men, the very ones, were caught and punished through due process of law, but the third remained free.

Ever since, the girl's ghost has come out every night after midnight, haunting those who brave Middle Bridge at that time of night, searching for her third attacker in the form of a blue-green mist.

This is the foundation on which persons telling the tale assign names to the characters, submit versions of personal experiences and combine details of other ghost legends they have heard to make it more credible and perhaps increases its aesthetic value, when it is told to the next person, Clarke said.

The retelling of the tale, Clarke added, is also similar to the poster game of telephone which is played by writing down a message then whispering it to the person sitting next to you, and so on. The details of the tale, like the telephone message, change simply because a particular story-teller cannot remember exactly how it was told to him.

Because of this a version stating that the girl was chained to a tree, another that says she was pushed into the water from the bridge by four attackers instead of three, and other differing narratives, tend to appear.

Adding personal or second-hand experiences produces stories like one told about some Western football players who decided that they were not afraid of the ghost. They went to the bridge and one of them hid below it.

He suddenly started screaming. The football players who went with him dragged him back up the creek and went to find that he was delicious and could only matter, "The green mist," Clarke said. "Ever since, the narrative claim, 'he has been entirely out of his mind and they can't find out what's wrong with him.'"

Ghost's form varies

Whether the ghost is white, green or the form of an 1800s fashion woman, or whether it hovers, walks or simply appears, the tale becomes more firmly entrenched in the local lore with each retelling, Clarke said.

A story teller may combine ghostly tales he has heard to create a version like the foregoing: the girl was simply a victim of a broken heart who jumped off the bridge. She just appears without unclouded malice, every night after midnight. This is almost a derivative of the many "lovers leap" legends told in the United States.

Another version goes as far to claim that the girl does not appear alone, but can be seen accompanied by a large white dog.

Of course, there is no factual basis for this local legend. A check of the sheriff's office showed no record of any murder ever occurring at Middle Bridge.

Instead, it can be assumed that the girl did not exist and that had been a local legend elsewhere, happened along Middle Bridge Road.

The Middle Bridge story to the era location.

Migratory legends

Migratory legends, as Clarke calls them, carry along popular motifs that can be heard in most ghost stories that are told. They are usually "grey" events, executions, murders and ominous appearing locations," Clarke said.

He contends that folklore, or the murder ever occurring at Middle Bridge, when taken collectively, tend to reveal a general belief in "cosmic justice," he said. For many, especially those who have heard the legend and visited Middle Bridge to determine it's supernatural nature, the tale's location and main story-line will remain the same.

Old, new mix

However, Clarke believes as the years pass the legend will migrate once again. "Youngsters may go parking near another bridge, having heard the legend," not realizing that the bridge they are parking at is not the original site of the local tale. They will call it by the same name and attach the old tradition to the new location.

The Middle Bridge ghost story will probably continue to spark the fancies of Bowling Green residents whether it is at the previously described, or another similar location.

"If the location of the tale does migrate, it is a safe bet that the victim's ghost will change its supernatural habits and that the ghost seekers will continue to claim that they saw the green, blue-green or white mist..."
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Tennessee commune is a farm-out affair

Editor's note: Herald special assignment reporter Morris McGoy a member of Dr. James Garth's "Oxford" honors class which toured the Tennessee commune known as "The Farm" last week. The following are based on Garth's observations and impressions.

By MORRIS McGoy

Old MacDonald has a farm and so does Stephen Gaskin. Any similarity between the two ends there, for Gaskin's farm is a commune with more than 300 persons dedicated to helping their teacher save the world.

The farm consists of over 1,700 acres near Columbia, Tenn., in Lewis County, about 60 miles south of Nashville. It was organized in May, 1971, when Gaskin and more than 300 followers ended their caravans journey on rolling farmland united to their crop production needs.

The growing season at the farm has just begun. A few green sprouts are visible in the muddy ground. The farm has a barren, desolate look, with dry tree limbsAMPed with thorns. The grass near the homes. Old buses are parked among the trees, harnessed for security in the midst of a wet, windy spring.

Gaskin once a professor at San Francisco University, held religious meetings on Monday nights in the Haig-Ashbury district for five years. When he finalized plans to spread his lectures on God, family and truth to all parts of the country, many of his students prepared buses and left with him. Their seven-month journey led them to what is now The Farm, though their original idea was to settle in California. They agreed after seeing much of the land and deciding that California wasn't the only place to be.

The land was purchased with money provided by Gaskin and his troupe. Some of it came from inheritances and from income tax refunds. The intrusion into the county of 7,000 residents was not welcomed at first, and some farmers vowed to force them out.

Now they live on good terms with the Lewis County sheriff and the local community. It is easy to see why.

Everyone is friendly. The Farm residents wave, smile and say "hi" to strangers and call one another by name because everyone knows everyone. They all seem to agree on everything, and their decisions are based on what is good for the community. The children imitate their parents and respond as freely as a puppy when patted on the head.

The commune's residents help their neighbors with crops in emergencies and receive help in return. A day does not go by that help is not requested from The Farm by the local community. A group called the Farm Hands can be hired to do temporary service off The Farm. Other income is provided from three full-time house framing crews who get $1,500 per week.

The commune motor pool also has a waiting list that can earn up to $200 a day. Any vehicle owned by persons joining The Farm becomes part of the motor pool for use by all the members.

Money also comes from selling trees and selling the lumber as well as their rock 'n roll band which has an album and a single called "Soil Fire." The Farm also publishes two magazines.

All called the Farm Hands away from the commune is turned into a local bank, which takes care of all expenses from taxes to clothing. One exception is allowed: if a person must pay off debt he has acquired prior to joining The Farm, he must give three-fifths of his wages to The Farm and apply two-fifths to the debt.

Many of those are canned in the community kitchen for use by the individual families. No animal product is used and no one wears leather, yet they are able to make milk, ice cream, cottage cheese, cheese and yogurt from the soybeans.

The commune members believe they have a more peaceful inner feeling since meat has been abolished from their diet.

Members can take meals in the community dining room or in their homes. The commune dining room is a large tent made of several materials such as army canvas and plastic. Discarded church pew serve as seats, and the meal is served buffet style. The plates and utensils are a varied assortment, with few pieces matching.

The family is a revered unit, and the commune members live as such in houses, homes or dormitories. Divorce is frowned upon, but is allowed; striking one's wife is cause for a 30-day suspension from The Farm.

The commune is based on religion, and it believes that everyone is always taking care of business, although they do not always refer to God with pronouns. The commune adheres to all religions as much as they do to any single one.

Tennessee commune is a farm-out affair. Photos by Scott Johnston

COMMUNE MEMBERS Thomas, front, and Leslie, center, talk with Western students Rich Hanna, front, and Debbie DeFarotta, center, about commune life.

COMMUNE MEMBERS, above, can set their meals in their homes or in the community dining room which is a large tent. Right, a poster describes the various jobs that are to be done during a clean-up week on The Farm.

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Tennessee commune is farm-out

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women were long skirts of bright colors which, set off on a hill against a brisk wind that blows around the hills and into their astonished mouths where work continues year round.

The Farm has crews for almost all of the maintenance work, including construction, water and electricity. Lee County built The Farm's dirt road and is now working on a new one to improve them in time.

In order to join The Farm, one has to make an agreement with Gaskin. All new members are put through a period of learning and training to understand their role in the community. One couple left the farm and bought a house in a white-painted farm only to return to The Farm, where they were happy.

The Farm wants more persons of different ages and backgrounds, in order to have a diverse community, one member said. The Farm has nine persons in their 90's and two in their 80's. There is no nursing home or day care service available. The Farm offers a community that does not want to be tied to conventional society.

Very few persons have been admitted recently, since Gaskin is in jail on a charge of growing marijuana. The school is meeting weekly on a board of directors, of sorts, which remains close contact with Gaskin. He is considered the teacher and not a leader, as The Farm is able to function, the members say, from what they have learned.

Gaskin is under a one-to-three-year sentence with another farm member while two other members are serving one-year sentences. Gaskin will be eligible for parole after serving nine months.

A pardon is being sought on the grounds that the four men have families, work hard and have strong religious beliefs and are, therefore, a asset to their community. Also, they claim no useful purpose is being served by their imprisonment.

They have also presented a petition for post-conviction relief based on nine reasons. The first states that since the marijuana was being grown for use in religious services that it is constitutional under the First Amendment's freedom of religion clause.

Gaskin traveled to Europe for a month last year and believes the continent is right for a spiritual revolution. He invited The Farm Band with him and they gave the spiritual message without charge because they say the enlightenment is free to all men.

Recently, The Farm has agreed to send family units to begin family monasteries in Europe. They will be done on a volunteer basis.

The School is one room that becomes a kitchen in summer. The school meets for about 15 students attending a school under four certified teachers. The school meets all the state requirements and looks like many of the experimental schools with children of all ages working together. It is a rebirth of an old system, with the older children helping the younger ones and serving as apprentices in the afternoon on The Farm. Discipline is not a problem, and one teacher, who had one good day during her vacation, likes the new concept. One advantage, she says, is the chance of seeing the students' parents all the time rather than only at nine-week intervals when the grade would be sent home for a signature.

The Farm also has two registered nurses and several midwives. They have pediatric equipment which was donated by the Columbia hospital. Over 100 babies have been delivered on The Farm by natural childbirth.

A member can do what he wants on The Farm as long as he doesn't interfere with the other commune members. In extreme situations, Gaskin questions why something is done; that is usually enough to settle any possible problem.

The children are as open and talkative as the adults and return the smiles, waves, and greetings without hesitation.

When the child was questioned by his father as to why he was wearing shoes a cold day, he said, "I thought I'd wear my bare feet today." He went off to the dining area without hassle or reprimand. It was his choice.

CHILDREN ON THE FARM, just like other children, are good at making peanut butter sandwiches. Over 100 children have been born on The Farm since its beginning.

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Grandmother returns to student life after 30 years as wife and mother

Although her name is Jayne, she's no ordinary Western student. A graying, grandmother graduate student living in a dorm, Jayne Youmans is away from home finishing her education. She calls it her "second chance." After 30 years of being a wife and mother, and having part-time jobs, Mrs. Youmans enrolled in a university in Binghamton, N.Y., her hometown. The impetus came from her desire to be a professional in the field in which she loves best, library science. "I've always loved libraries," said Mrs. Youmans. "My father took me to the library in the first grade and I checked out books before I even had a library card. I had worked in a library for three years, but I wasn't satisfied to just be a clerk. I wanted to be a professional and there isn't enough money as a clerk."

Comes to Western

After completing her undergraduate work at the New York School, Mrs. Youmans wasn't content without a master's degree. Her anthropology teacher recommended Western's program and now Mrs. Youmans lives in Room 221, Florence Schneider Hall.

Coming to Western was no spur-of-the-moment decision, however. She had received a graduate assistantship from WKU, but Mrs. Youmans still had a husband to look after. Her children were all grown and she wanted to get away from home and travel, but her age made a big difference. But no bed about it, Mrs. Youmans decided to "make the most of her second chance," and enrolled at Western last fall.

No real problem

"At times I thought I couldn't stand it—I was desperately homesick. But everybody has done everything possible to make it easier for me. It's something you don't do alone. The person who's behind all of this," added Mrs. Youmans, "is my wonderful and generous husband. He wants me to become an individual and is all in favor of this. He's retired and at home now—taking care of the cat and waiting for me to come home."

But right now, home for Mrs. Youmans is Western and Schneider Hall. And, unexpectedly, dorm life for her, she says, is "no problem." She has no complaints about noise and says everyone is respectful and kind. "I don't even think about the age difference," said Mrs. Youmans, smiling. "But I stay in my room and don't impose myself upon the kids. I don't want to make myself too evident and make them feel uncomfortable."

Her roommates don't feel uncomfortable. "It's good to have an older person around," one roommate said. "It doesn't bother me—she's nice, ya know." Mrs. Youmans' "interests" include washing towels for her roommates and helping them with their English term papers. Because she often shares food items with them, Mrs. Youmans buys white bread, their favorite, even though she prefers wheat.

"I love young people," Mrs. Youmans said enthusiastically. "They're delightfully kind—just delightful. Being around them makes me feel young again."

Teaching role

Mrs. Youmans, also enjoys the library science classes she teaches as a graduate assistant. "I get such pleasure in just being the teacher," she said. "I just love my kids."

"The other day a football player in my class came up and put his arms around me. It's a reflective thing," said Mrs. Youmans. "If I like them, they'll like me."

Mrs. Youmans has found friends also among the other graduate assistants in library science. One assistant near her own age, Nancy Russell, is described by Mrs. Youmans as "the sister I never had."

The two ladies often eat together, shop together or work on library science together. Each classifies the other as a "good friend."

Mrs. Youmans totaled her experiences as the happiest year in her life. But then she added a quick 'not again.'

"One year's enough," said Mrs. Youmans. "Next year, when I finish up, my husband's coming down and we're going to rent off-campus. But now, at least, I don't THINK—I KNOW—the grass is greener on the other side."

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MARY LYNN McCUBBIN

Mrs. Youmans leaves her dorm for an 8 a.m. class (left). She and her classmate, Mrs. Nancy Russell, concentrate on a lecture in a graduate seminar course (above). Browsing among books is often a pastime for the 'lady who loves libraries' (right).
Western splits sixth doubleheader

‘Nagging habit’ pursues Tops

By VERENDA SMITH

Four consecutive base hits prompted a six-run seventh inning that propelled Kentucky Wesleyan over Western 6-4 here Wednesday. Those six runs also killed any hopes the Hilltoppers of breaking their nagging habit of splitting doubleheaders.

Western had won the first game 1-7.

It was the sixth doubleheader in a row that Western has split. That streak will have to be broken tomorrow if the Toppers want any part of a conference championship, for a single loss in a conference game will statistically eliminate them from the playoffs.

Middle Tennessee, 8-1 in the Western Division of the conference will play a doubleheader here tomorrow. If the Blue Raiders win just one game, the spring championship will be decided by a one-game playoff between MTSU and Murray. The Blue Raiders can win the spring title outright by taking both games.

The most Western can hope is a one-game playoff with Murray, which can be earned only by sweeping both games from Middle, Steve Carter and either Marty Mastnak or Mike Grubb will be pitching for Western in the 1:00 p.m. outing.

It took three Western hurlers to make it through the seven innings of the first game Wednesday, but 12 hits from the Toppers lineup helped them squeeze out a win for Roy Ford.

Extra-base hits came easily for the Topper hitters, led by Grubb with a home run, Neal Mills with a triple and a single, Dee Deoner with a double and two singles, Bill Moore and David Carter with a double and a single each, and Steve Keck with a double.

Four of Kentucky Wesleyan’s runs came in the first inning, and they were either originated or helped along considerably by errors and passed balls. One run scored in the third on a double and a wild pitch, while a wild pitch and an error combined with two singles to score the two final runs in the fifth inning.

The second game was, indeed, action-packed during the last inning. But the first six innings were appropriately described by one fan as being “so boring that if this place had a roof on it, it would be falling in instead of being raised (by the fans).”

The Toppers had been carefully building up a small lead throughout the game, with two runs by Keck and one each by Moore and Deoner.

Kentucky Wesleyan, however, caused it to be all for naught when the visitors sent six runs across the plate in the first inning. The runs came on a walk, four singles, a wild pitch, two walks and another single. The scoring was destroyed what had been a two-hit shutout by Tpper hurler Greg Shelton, who was tagged with the loss.

Hornback’s netters hoping to feast on Tech, ETSU

By DON COLLINS

Western’s netters, still chasing Austin Peay and Middle Tennessee in the OVC point derby, hit the road for matches with Tennessee Tech today and East Tennessee tomorrow.

Although neither one of the schools is known for its tennis prowess, the forever cautious Ted Hornback warned that any team has a chance. But the veteran coach quickly added that unless someone on Western’s squad broke a leg, it would be difficult not to come away with two big wins.

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Hornback commented that the Tops needed two 90 victories to stay close to Peay and Middle in the title chase since both schools had racked up similar point totals. In downing the same two opponents.

Hornback predicted that all three contenders—Western, Austin Peay and Middle Tennessee—should finish the season with around 51 or 52 points. He added that if Western could beat Murray by a substantial margin next week and Austin Peay and Middle played a close match, Western could go into the post-season tournament with a two- or three-point edge.

This would be a tremendous advantage, according to Hornback, because this would be almost as good as winning one of the championships in the tournament. A team is given two points for each match won up to the finals and three points for a finals win.

A trio of foreigners continues to lead the team in individual statistics. Stig Ljunggren and Bulent Atiltay have both captured 14 of the 16 singles matches they have played in while Svein Malmsten has compiled a 16-2 mark. Ljunggren and Malmsten have chipped up a perfect 15-0 record in doubles.

While Western, Tennessee Tech, East Tennessee and Murray are playing their quadrangular at Cookeville, the Tops’ rivals, Austin Peay and Middle will be playing Morehead and Eastern in a quadrangular.

You take these...

COACH TED HORNBACK isn’t really telling Haase Alman how to play the game of tennis. He’s just discussing strategy in last weekend’s matches. Hornback’s crew travels to Cookeville for a quadrangular today and tomorrow.
Tolis resigns to accept post at LSU

Art Tolis, assistant basketball coach at Western for the past year, has resigned his position with the Hilltoppers and will join the Louisiana State University coaching staff, according to an announcement made May 1. Tolis will become head recruiter and assistant coach at LSU under coach Dale Brown.

“We hate to see Art leave our staff," said Western head coach Jim Richards, "but he feels this is an opportunity for him to take advantage of and we certainly wish him well.

“He has done a super job while he has been with us and he is helping us in our efforts to finalize as much of our current recruiting as possible before he leaves for Baton Rouge.”

A native of New Britain, Conn., Tolis had coached at both the high school and junior college levels before moving into the college coaching ranks with Jacksonville University in 1979. He also served on the East Carolina University staff before joining the Western staff last spring.

Eight members of Western’s varsity team for both the past year and for 1974-75 season joined the team during Tolis’ tenure as assistant coach and were instrumental in the Hilltoppers’ 15-10 record over the ’73-74 season.

“I have certainly appreciated and enjoyed my association with Western. The school has a first-rate basketball program that is a credit to Richards and his predecessors,” Tolis said.

He added, "I have known Dale Brown for many years. My friendship with him was certainly a big factor in the decision to make the move to LSU, a decision that did not, come easy.”

Topper track team travels to Eastern

By FRED LAWRENCE

The Big Red track machine continues its travels this weekend as the team heads to Eastern for its Eastern邀请 pre-season coaches poll to finish second to the Topper in the conference meet.

"I'm impressed with them," said head track coach Kerry Bean.

"They've got more numbers, probably have got more people out than we have. The only events they may be shy of people in are the high hurdles and 100-yard dash," Bean said.

The Colosseum's strength is in the 440, pole vault and javelin. Eastern's top performer is Tyrone Hargis, the defending OVC 220-yard dash champion. Other top athletes include Frank Powers, who has thrown the javelin 222-2, Steve Seiss in the intermediate hurdles and distance runners Jerry Young and Dan Maloney. Young was third in the OVC mile last year, and he and Maloney were ninth and 10th, respectively, in the OVC cross-country championships last year.

Golfers down three foes

By ROGER HARRIS

The Topper linksmen whipped Kentucky Wesleyan 291 - 319 yesterday at Park Mammoth.

Playing under sunny skies, Charlie Bowers again led the field with a two under par 70. Wesleyan's low scorer was Gene Carver at 78.

Other scorers for Western were Donny Vaughn, 73, Curtis Richards, 73 and Randy Cavenaugh, 78.

Even though the weather was better, it was hard for Tuesday's match, coach Frank Griffin said he was a little disappointed with the score. "The boys hit the ball well but the greens were hard and rough, just full of holes."

The Topper’s next match is Monday in Nashville at Bellemeade golf course against Vandy.

Playing at Park Mammoth Tuesday during a rainstorm, the Topper golfers whipped Vanderbiilt, 378-396 and won by 18 strokes over Evansville, 378-396.

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LYNN OSBORNE is expected to lead Western in the javelin event in tomorrow’s state track meet at Murray.

Women set to compete in state meet

By ROGER HARRIS

Fifteen members of coach Shirley Lane’s track squad are traveling to Murray tomorrow to compete in the state women’s intercollegiate track championships.

Eight teams, including Eastern, the University of Kentucky, Berea, Campbellsville, Centre and, of course, Western and host Murray, are expected to participate.

The battle for the top three spots in the meet, which begins at 1 p.m., is expected to involve Eastern, Murray and U.K., according to Miss Lane.

Where does Western fit into the title picture? “We have the capabilities of finishing in the money, and with some breaks we could improve on that. But we need top, top, top performance out of everyone to be best at any of the top three,” Miss Lane said explained.

The Hilltoppers’ only meet of the year, they defeated Centre and Campbellsville here on April 6. In the same meet, Kentucky edged Western 64-60.

In the championship meet, the Hilltoppers’ top performers in the running events are Leslie Cole and Karen Watson. Cole will compete in the 200-yard dash while her teammate, Watson, will run the 100-yard dash.

In their only meet of the year, Cole placed second in the 200 with a time of 29.2. Miss Watson also was second in the 100-yard dash with a 12.1 clocking.

Coach Lane also feels that she has strong 440-yard and 880-yard medley relays squad.

The Hilltoppers’ 880-yard medley relay team of Sandy Parker, Sally Johnson, Cecelia Dixon and Debbie Whiteman placed second with a time of 2:06 earlier this year. But, Miss Lane said she may change the members of the relay squad for this meet, though.

In the field events, Lynn Osborne in the javelin and Pam Moody in the discus should come up with the best Western performances. Osborne has thrown the javelin 102-1/4 so far this year. Miss Moody has thrown the round disc 87-4 so far.

High jumper Janet Hayden has the potential to place high, but she has been hampered by an illness and may not compete in the meet, Miss Lane said.

Miss Lane said one problem for the girls could come in the relays “if the girls on the relay teams make the finals in their individual events. They might just be too tired to perform well in the relays,” she added.

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High school champ signs

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Bowers tied Val Schmidt of Vandy for medalist honors with 74. Other scorers for Western were Cavagnan, 73; Vaughn, 73; Shore, 73; and Richards, 77.

“The scores weren’t too good, but under the conditions they were about as well as could be expected,” said coach Griffin. “It’s just not good. I feel it isn’t good,” Griffin said, adding that some of the greens had just been worked on making it next to impossible to putt on them.

“Actually Charlie had a good round going; he had two birdies and an eagle on the first three holes and then he hit the ball greats and then the rain came,” said Griffin.

Cornelio Benassi, the current state high school golf champion, has signed an Ohio Valley Conference and national letter of intent to Western, according to Griffin.

Benassi, who hails from Franklin, was sought after by a number of schools, but chose Western because he could compete in both football and golf, Griffin said. Benassi is a kicking specialist in football.

Griffin labeled Benassi as a top-notch player. "He can definitely help both the golf and football programs his first year here," said Griffin. "He's an absolutely outstanding young man. He comes from a real good family and is just the type of athlete we like to recruit here at Western," he added.
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