HURRICANE, holiday contribute to rising gas prices

Judy Ellis

The price of gas is going up all over the country and rising gas prices are a problem for many Americans. Gas prices have skyrocketed in recent months, with the national average now over $5 per gallon in some areas. This is causing a significant increase in the cost of fuel for people across the country, from drivers to businesses. Many are feeling the pinch of higher gas prices, and some are looking for ways to save money on fuel.}

Bowling Green suffers only minor damage

By ZAMARRI HARTMAN

The storm caused heavy rain and flooding in Bowling Green, but it didn’t cause as much damage as in other areas. The city has put in place some measures to address the issue, including improving drainage systems and adding more green spaces to help absorb rainwater.}

KATRINA SWAPS SOUTH, SOAKS HILL

Campus could feature two lines for faster service

Western is first college to have new lines

By NINA WIDMANN

Amie Ayers

The new lines will be located on the east side of campus, near the James E. Daniel Center. Students can expect to see a reduction in waiting time and an increase in efficiency. The new lines are expected to be operational within the next few days, and the university is working to ensure that they are ready for use.
Events to focus on Constitution

By Samantha Hopman
 Herald

Louisville senior Kristin Foster said she has some knowledge of the First Amendment and other popular aspects of the U.S. Constitution.

But she said she couldn't help it when it comes to being familiar with the rest of the document.

"Honestly, if you ask me what the 17th Amendment is, I couldn't tell you," she said.

Western will hold a series of events and programs Sept. 12-16 to educate students about the Constitution.

All educational institutions that get funding from the Department of Education must present an educational program about the Constitution, according to a law passed by Congress in December 2006.

The programs must take place on Sept. 17, the day the Constitution was signed in 1787.

"One of the reasons the federal government decided to pass this law is the instability of our political system is dependent on an educated public," said Sandra Asley, head of the political science department.

Western officials decided to expand the mandatory day into a weeklong celebration.

Provost Barbara Beuch adjusted the political science department to organize the events, Asley said.

They decided to include as many colleges and departments as possible and extend the events to accommodate everyone's schedule.

"Many Americans take our rights for granted, because our democracy has never really been threatened, but as young people begin to enter a global society, they need to be more aware of our fundamental rights and privileges," she said.

Programs taking place during the week include "The Ten Commandments vs. the Constitution," "Minority Rights and the Constitution" and "Sept. 11 and the Constitution."

Participants in the events include the Student Government Association, the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching, Sigma Nu fraternity, the Student Affairs office and academic departments across the Hill.

"It got involved because it's a chance to celebrate the Constitution," said Mason Stevenson, executive vice president of SGA.

Stevenson is coordinating a Constitution trivia game in which student organizations will compete against one another.

Displays will also be assembled around the campus to celebrate the Constitution.

Hello Cheese Library will display controversial books that were banned throughout history, Circulation Assistant PaulaBone said. The Kentucky Museum will also showcase political memorabilia and cartoons from Wiscy Baxter.

Reach Samantha Hopman at smh03@wherald.com.

Rain, rain go away...

A Western student walks past the fountain in the fine arts center courtyard yesterday, the first day students could enjoy the sunshine this week. Hurricane Katrina's rains have affected areas as far north as the Ohio Valley. And with 80 percent of New Orleans underwater, the estimated cost in damages from Hurricane Katrina has risen above $5 billion.

By Miriam Cofield
 Herald

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Senate opens discussion after Grise lot closes

By Alex Fontan

Faculty who parked in front of Grise Hall last semester feel that their decision was not made after careful consideration. Members of the University Senate have asked to discuss the problem they have with the closing of the Grise lot, so they met Thursday morning. Some senators believe faculty and staff are losing parking spaces and are being pushed further away from the university.

Presidential Assistant Gary Ramsett said the Grise lot was closed because of conflicting vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Ramsett and University security building an access road behind Main Street into the Grise lot, but the project became impractical because it was costly and unsafe.

Parking lots on floors one and two of the Caudill parking garage and in front of the Diddle Arena are overcrowded, and 164 spaces in the Grise lot, Ramsett said.

The closing of the Grise lot was not "politically active," said John Miller, senior vice president and assistant professor of political science and government.

"There's a good thing to do, and there's a political thing to do," said Miller. "The closing of the Grise lot has grated some people.

Jennifer Martinez, director of parking and traffic improvement, said the decision to close the Grise lot was not in line with Western's master plan of creating a pedestrian-friendly campus.

The goals of the parking strategy are to make the Hill a safer area and provide a healthy pedestrian lifestyle, she said.

"We have and want to have a pedestrian-friendly campus," she said. "That's not a bad thing to strive for, but we're not there yet."

Martinez said that parking changes were made in the past to increase revenue, but the change was not focused on creating a pedestrian-friendly campus.

There are 164 new parking spaces in the Grise lot, Ramsett said.

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OPINION

So long, Snell

Preserving the building does not benefit current Western students

We live in a world that is constantly changing. Some emerging change, as always, is for the better. In the case of Snell Hall, a small change has been in the works for quite some time. Snell Hall was built in 1926 and is located between the Thompson Center West Wing and Chemeketa Park. The building was originally designed to be a library and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. Snell Hall has remained dormant for more than 10 years, and a number of changes have been discussed to bring the building back to life.

YES, for the assurance of President Gary Ransdell to give these groups a chance to make their voices heard, new rules need to exist. Snell Hall cannot currently accommodate all of these groups at once. So far, our beloved Snell Hall has served its purpose in time. While it is currently used for classrooms, offices, and only briefly for student use, its function is much more diverse.

The building’s history with Snell Hall, Preservation Board and the Landmarks Association is advocacy for protecting buildings that have a significant cultural or historic value. Buildings and campuses are often seen as important to students in maintaining a sense of history and tradition. These are the values that the preservation of Snell Hall seeks to maintain.

The war in Iraq is now quadruple.

Many don’t fall in the television with conflicting CNN, ABC, NBC or CNN commentary asking what have we learned from our war.

In Iraq, civilians are dying.

Cars are being blown up by suicide bombers.

And the situation is getting worse.

While the commentators aren’t always wrong, they are misguided.

However, the course of the war was considered one of the deadliest months in Iraq so far.

There were combative killings.

In the fall city of Detroit there were 15 murders in the month of January. So, just one American city is as deadly as the entire country of Iraq.

But the liberals think that John F. Kennedy started the Vietnam conflict in 1962 and then Democratic President Bill Clinton later turned it into a war where 50,000 American lives were lost.

Bill Clinton went to war with Iran without UN or Germany agreements.

He was offered Osama Bin Laden’s head on a silver platter three times by Saddam, and it did nothing because he was too obsessed with his political record from the family of Monica Lewinsky. In the 19 years since sanctions United the America, Rothschild has loaned billions of dollars, extracted all the oil and had North Korea and captured a dictator that raked in more money than any of his own people.

I hear a distinct sound that you just get back from Iraq tell a total anti-war propagandists that believe we shouldn’t be in Iraq to go over to Iraq with full force and stand in the front of the troops and try to make gold with the known facts.

They would make much more of an impact than they would here.

Maybe if the peace demonstrators were actually ever in Iraq, they would see Iraqi children going to school for the first time or hospitals opening.

It would be in some people claims to support the troops but they are going to become a chief and against the concept.

I see that sends the troops a great message.

Keep it up.

Ryan Dillon

Harbor Beach, Michigan

Thanks for 27 years

I’m grateful to you for severing me off others because it is the right path and the only path which you will never gain.

Mike Miller

For the past 27 years I have been receiving at Western, I gave my loyal support and genuine work and you concluded the political work in this career and you worked.

Now, for reasons that are for the concentration of time in the limited space that is allowed by this time, my heart cannot come to an end.

To all my friends who have killed me without, “why”, I can still say that I have no idea what you are doing.

I am now able to put the past behind me and move down the path of gaining your support because I am not a child and against the concept.

I acknowledge my love, my pride, coach Brent Cofield and coach Robert Ginter.

I find my constant strength in your belief in me.

I give thanks to my friend, Mr. Raymond B. Proctor and the Preston Family Foundation. I feel truly honored to have met you and enjoyed the time we worked together on a common goal. Your million dollar donation to Western for the health and welfare of the students will forever be remembered.

I thank all my relationships that have been established through the years. The people that have been a part of this journey.

Thank you for Father Karran for offering me the opportunity to help serve as a campus minister to Western Students this fall.

Finally, to my dad in the context of a place where you are.

You taught me to believe in myself and for me.

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Wrongful death suit on hold

By Kelly Richardson
Herald reporter

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Lucas and Mississippi, which are under states of emergency, received the most damage from Katrina. As of Wednesday evening 10 people were confirmed dead, and the numbers are expected to rise, according to CNN. Eighty percent of New Orleans is flooded and water is up to 20 feet, CNN reported.

The remnants of Katrina have been out of the Bowling Green area since Tuesday afternoon, and moved toward Indiana and Ohio, said Benjamin Schott, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Louisville.

Bowling Green had about three inches of rain from Monday to Tuesday afternoon, said Schott. "It was a very short, but a good soaking rain," he said. "That will alleviate the moderate drought we've been going on.

Mahan added that the moderate drought was going on.

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Herald reporter Amber Conversation and Rich McDaniel contributed to this story.
Reach the reporters at wkbsherald.com
**City debates minor league baseball team, stadium**

By Helen Craft

Bowling Green City Commission may have to hunt two birds in its attempt to bring a minor league team to the city.

The city expects to hear proposals to build a minor league baseball stadium downtown by the end of 2005. City Commissioner Brian Bowd made Las Vegas-based Mandalay Baseball Properties give permission at the Aug. 2 commission meeting to conduct a feasibility study about bringing a baseball stadium to Bowling Green. The company has until the end of the year to submit its proposal.

The city commission will open the bidding to other companies if Mandalay doesn’t meet the deadline, Bowd said.

The prospective area for the minor league stadium would be six of the eight blocks between South and Eighth avenues and South and Kentucky streets. The Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center and Circus Square Park would occupy the remaining two blocks.

The Fay Rail 99 Committee had the idea to bring a minor league team to Bowling Green. The committee presented its proposal to the city commission in February and the city has been working with the commission since.

The Kentucky General Assembly voted for the creation of professional tax districts in March, which will provide about $1 million in revenue to help pay for the field and other downtown revitalization.

Snow said the council didn’t expect the $100,000 to raise any more revenue for the field at this point but will evaluate the situation once the proposal has been submitted.

“I am interested to see what kind of proposal they come up with,” he said. Snow voted against exploring the prospect of bringing a minor league team to Bowling Green in February. Some of the commission members still remain skeptical about the success of a minor league team in Bowling Green.

“I am not sure if there is sufficient support in the city and the county to support baseball,” City Commissioner Debra Shampier said. “We want our people and our citizens involved.”

Mandalay Baseball Properties is a division of the Mandalay Entertainment Group which also produces musicals and amusement shows.

Mandalay currently owns five minor league franchises which include teams in Las Vegas, Reno, Colt of Round Rock, Texas, the Parkersburg Petoskey, Pennsylvania, Pensacola, Florida and Boise, Idaho, and several others are in the top 10 minor league houses in the country and the Dayton team has sold out every game since its debut in 2000, said Kim Hippe, a spokesperson for Mandalay.

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GAS! Students conserve to save money

By Leah M. Causey

Regrettably, many students are not aware of the importance of using public transportation instead of driving. This is a common problem in our community, as students tend to prefer the convenience and flexibility of driving their own cars. However, there are several benefits to utilizing public transportation, such as reduced traffic congestion, decreased air pollution, and lower costs.

To encourage students to use public transportation, the city has implemented a variety of initiatives. One such initiative is the introduction of student passes, which offer discounted rates for students who use public transportation regularly. In addition, the city has partnered with local businesses to offer discounts to students who use public transportation, further incentivizing them to make this choice.

Overall, the use of public transportation is an important issue that affects our community. By encouraging students to use public transportation, we can reduce traffic congestion, decrease air pollution, and save money. It is up to each of us to make the choice to use public transportation and contribute to a more sustainable future.
Restructuring organizational aid program will be priority of SGA

By Alex Fontana

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The Student Government Association plans to hold organizational aid meetings this week.

Reorganizing the organizational aid program will be one of the final items of business at the first meeting set for Tuesday. It will also discuss the current status of the student government's new organizational aid program, currently in its early stages.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine how much money each organizational aid program will receive. The meeting will be held in the Student Union and will begin at 2 p.m.

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Tourney features Redbird rematch

BY BETH WALKER

The Lady Toppers' volleyball team is used to having successful
opening matches.

"And for the second year in a row, we get to start our season in a major
university setting," coach Tonya Hudson said. "This year's first stop will be the University of South Alabama."

Though coach Tonya Hudson hopes to add some new faces to the squad this year in the G.M. Basler Tournament in Bloomington, Ill., she said her returning stars for the team continue to improve.

"We will have a lot of things we need to correct," Hudson said.

The Lady Toppers will work on their kill handling and their transition offense in preparation for matches against Western Illinois, Kent State and Illinois State -- three teams capable of beating the Lady Toppers, Hudson said.

Senior Lady Topper plates in last weekend's matches, and

Blackburn said she was comfortable with her every player's ability on the

spare body of the team, that they can come in and make a

play," she said.

Western Illinois is the first opponent the Lady Toppers
will face at 5 p.m. Friday. The match will be the season opener
for both teams.

"The Lady Toppers aren't an easy team to beat," Hudson said.

Though the Lady Toppers won't be an easy match for
they've already played two
matches, Western Illinois will be
able to showcase previous hits
by watching Lady Topper
spikes, Hudson said.

The Lady Toppers took a

25-7 win in the season opener.

"They're a team we're pretty

familiar with," Hudson said.

"We win like we did some nice things against Bluffton," she said.

"Some Lady Toppers are also looking forward to facing the Redbirds.

"It's going to be a lot of fun because they have a lot of

season. junior Ashley

Drepelin said. "We would be

just as much in shape and prepared."

Freshman Whitney McCoy had 17 kills in the match against Illinois State last Saturday.

Two-day practices in the preseason helped prepare the team to play three matches in two
days, she said.

"We just need to get a lot of rest and eat healthy," McCoy said. "It's ready to go," McCoy said.

"After the matches on the road, the Lady Toppers play their
first home game this weekend, against Illinois State.

"We'll be looking forward to a really exciting
game," McCoy said.

Western Illinois State (2-1) lost to Illinois in its first game on Aug. 29, but Drepelin was a part of how her team played.

"We felt like we did some nice things against Bluffton," she said.

NOTES:

"Tops' road record weak

Western, Clear Channel agree to nine-year deal

Sherman Kent, Clear Channel's executive v.p. for new media, said the deal to acquire the radio stations in the Midwest for $240 million was a "good deal for the company.

From a financial standpoint, it's a great deal for the company," Kent said.

Half of the stations will be sold to local owners, while the other half will be sold to Clear Channel Communications, a division of Clear Channel Communications.

The network will also serve as a platform for the company's other properties, including Clear Channel's Clear Channel Radio and Clear Channel Television.

Clear Channel's Clear Channel Radio is one of the largest radio networks in the United States, with more than 900 radio stations.

Network broadcasts for the new Clear Channel Radio are expected to be on the air in the next few months,

"We're excited to be a part of this," Kent said.

The deal includes 23 radio stations in the Midwest and 33 in the Southeast, including stations in Chicago, Detroit, and Atlanta.

Clear Channel Communications Inc. is an affiliate of Clear Channel Communications, which owns Clear Channel Radio and Clear Channel Television.

The acquisition is expected to close in the first quarter of 2006.

"We're excited to be a part of this," Kent said.

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DEFENSE: Mitchell moves to corner

Senior linebacker Smith is the only experienced returning backer from last season. Smith is a presence All-American selection and has led the team in tackles for the last four seasons during his college career.

Smith said he is proud of the young back four, and he plans to use his experience to help them out.

"These guys have stepped up and filled those positions well," he said. "We are ready to take the field. I definitely feel confident of our group of cornerbacks for the back four positions. Not being a leader isn't going to be an issue for us. The coaching staff has been a huge help in preparing and helping us get ready for the game."

Smith's move to corner will be a huge boost for the defense. With his size and speed, he can cover tight ends and slot receivers on a routine basis.

On the other side of the field, the offense is expected to have a similar impact.

"I am excited to see what we can do with our new corners," said offensive coordinator Driscoll. "We have a lot of talented players and we are looking forward to seeing what we can do this season.

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**PLAYGROUND NOTES**

Michael Canagrande

Let’s hope a certain soon Western football fan doesn’t get his wish: 12-year-old Camden Bland and his friends map his yard. Joe Biss-To排行榜第一 ones coca-cola one and Western are going for a 4-4 season. The following spring, President Thomas Mernerath threatened to declare the entire program dead. But football on the hill survived — and even prospered.

Improving program spectacularly grew out of a natural talent for the sport. The 2001-2002 approach to a 3-6 season. The 3-3 and 4-4 seasons were followed by a 7-5 record in 2003-

Former coach Jack Harbaugh established a winning culture that hadn’t experienced a losing season since 1995.

Senior coach Jack Harbaugh
targeted a winning culture that hasn’t experienced a losing season since 1995.

Elson: ‘Linebackers ‘consistent’

Through the rainy afternoon and out of the 2001-2002 season, Western has emerged as a football program that will make up the heart of Western’s defense.

Senior linebacker Brandon Smith is only returning starting linebacker.

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Western (1-0)

1. Senior Brandon Smith

2. Junior Jon Robinson

3. Senior Jeremy Bennett

4. Junior Austin Drayton

5. Senior Will Johnson

**Women’s soccer**

**Dalby sisters follow coach to Western**

By Mike Dunham

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**College Night**

Tailing policies change slightly

**Corrections**

The game ticket for Tulsa will be on sale in the sports ticket office in the Smith Fieldhouse.

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Western fans can park their coaches and clear out their own turf to watch a Western football game this season.

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A High Roller

Brandon Leuk uses online poker to find his way into $2,000 and a trip to the World Poker Tour's Borgata Open at Poker Open in Atlantic City, N.J.

BY TAYLA GEROY
Senior Writer

Brandon Leuk sat in a revolving, computer chair at his friends house, engrossed in a poker game on the poker Web site, FullTiltPoker.com. It was the afternoon of Aug. 6, a day he said he will never forget. He was competing against 24,000 poker players across the country in a satellite game at Texas Hold 'em, one of the most popular varieties of the game. Four hours later, Leuk won that place in the tournament and a chance to play with the highest rollers at the World Poker Tour's Borgata Open on Sept. 19-22 in Atlantic City, N.J.

The 22-year-old Las Vegas native had been playing online poker for two months and had developed a strategy in the Internet game. The online sites were tough and Leuk wasn't afraid of them.

"I've been playing online poker since December," he said. "I started playing on the sites and the money was just coming in. So I decided to try my luck in the tournament."

Leuk's strategy in the tournament was to play "tightly" and wait for the right moment to make a move. He said he played his cards "smartly" and didn't go for the big hands that others were playing.

"I really think I was in the right place at the right time," he said. "I just made the right decisions and I was lucky."

For Leuk, winning the tournament was a dream come true.

"I really can't believe it," he said. "I really never thought I could win this much money. It's a great feeling."

Leuk said his biggest challenge in the tournament was to control his emotions. He said he tried to stay calm and focused throughout the competition.

"It's just a matter of focus," he said. "I tried to stay calm and focused throughout the whole tournament."

Leuk said he was able to handle the pressure of playing against the best poker players in the world.

"I think I did a good job of controlling my emotions," he said. "I just tried to stay calm and focused."

For Leuk, winning the tournament was a huge accomplishment. He said he was able to make the trip to Atlantic City and play in the Borgata Open.

"I'm really excited about this," he said. "I can't wait to see what happens."

Leuk said he was hoping to make it into the World Championship of Poker later this year.

"I'm really hoping to make it to the championship," he said. "I think I have a chance."

For Leuk, winning the tournament was just the beginning of a new chapter in his poker career.

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POKER: Online player gets chance to face world's best

By Cassandra Cortes

Crown, Chris Walden, Buzzy Saglie. These names may not ring a bell with some people, but to the scholars of Bluegrass music, these men are legends.

The Bluegrass Music Symposium will be held Sept. 17-19 at the Kentucky Lithary and Museum. For the first time, the event will be held in Kentucky and feature a host of bluegrass scholars from around the globe. Some bluegrass aficionados are traveling from as far as China to attend.

Some of the offerings include a photographic exhibit on Bluegrass Highway, a concert by the internationally known Bluegrass Union and a workshop by the University of Kentucky's Bluegrass Research Team.

The event, organized by the Kentucky Lithary and Museum, is free and open to the public.

The exhibit, "Bluegrass Highway: 1959-2005," portrays the work of Caudy Palker and Charles Lashw. Meanwhile, the workshop, "Bluegrass Union," will be held on the second floor of the museum.

The exhibit, which features a variety of items from Bluegrass Highway and "Bluegrass Union," will be on display through Sept. 19.

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Senior’s final ‘first day of class’ brings back fond memories

Just Savin’  
Amber North

Ah, yes. Back again, folks. So allow me to reintroduce myself.

Or was I just trying to make another Jay-Z-like retirement speeching or was I the highlight of Sunday’s night’s MTV Video Music Awards? No, I was just remembering. But they kept coming to him in his promised suit and smile.

glow. What a guy.

Anyway. I’m a senior now. My last year. The last hurrah, as people say.

It seemed on me a few weeks ago that I’ll be preparing for my last “first day of school” day. And Monday, nothing was different.

I woke up as early as before my class with great intentions of getting ready and coming to class on time. Instead, I sang to class someone from the parking lot in 15 minutes. I got the same thing. “What’s his last day? And it didn’t help that my shows were sagging.

Ah, that reminds me of my freshman year when I first set foot on the Hill.

It was for my English 100 class. Most freshmen wake up really early because of new

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Buying dorm decorations online saves time, effort

By Ashley Maises

Ijarie Thomas sat in front of her computer for an hour each day this summer searching for the right decor to complete a "Preppy in Pink" movie-themed theme for her dorm room at college.

The Louisville freshman knew the days of the

The Internet has more of a selection and ship

to your house," Thomas said. "Plus you don't

to the crowds and there are usually spe-

cial offers."

Several Web sites, such as All postcards, iYay, Inmedi, zazakri, Zazakri, smart, and Daffi Dugan have decorating options geared toward col-

Louisville graduate student Tiffany Cloud said she would likely visit these sites in the future when decorating her apartment.

"I would go to normal places, stores like Target

and BBG, " Cloud said.

"Do any projects, paint a room" Bowlsby and

Tom said the website almost completed the function.

"I really like the idea of shopping online, but I

not a very big fan of it, so I usually shop for the

I love Chop's, Pier 1, Linens, N'大片

and Bed Bath & Beyond online." Bowlsby said.

"I think the Web site allows any student to browse

and purchase products from small stores such as

"There are a few stores closer to home and the

is an hour and a half away," she said. "This with

the Internet, I can get anything I want right now."

Along with usability to students everywhere, online shopping poses many other advantages.

Many students, such as Bowlsby, Cloud, a fresh-

man from Bugis, Columbus, Ohio, like the idea of
decorating right away and less physical effort is

in shopping through Web sites.

"I just gauge whatever I'm looking for and use

all the options," Bowlsby said.

I love to shop for things online, but West never

 Şi other Web sites.

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at 422 College Heights Boulevard.

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Fill out this application and return it to the SGA office in DUC 130 by September 7th

There will be an SGA interest meeting on Tuesday September 6 in DUC 130 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact the Main Office at 745-4354 or 745-2459 or e-mail sga@wku.edu with any questions

If elected, I agree to uphold all rules and regulations of the Student Government Association and Western Kentucky University. I agree to attend SGA meetings as scheduled each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

This agreement will stand provided that I perform my duties as a member of SGA as defined in the rules, regulations, bylaws, and constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.

I also do hereby authorize SGA to look at my academic records.

Signature __________________________ Date ____________
Faith prevails over ridicule

Tara Green

I grew up the oldest kid in a class. The fear that I was really short, really ugly and wore those red-tinted yellow glasses added to my anxiety in public school settings.

But those weren't the only reasons I was considered weird. I never celebrated holidays such as Christmas, Hannukah, Easter and birthdays.

Some contemporaries, such as Michael Jackson and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, were considered to be the epitome of cool. I never received such accolades.

As I matured, I realized my problem was with my self-image. I was always looking for ways to improve my outward appearance. I wondered if I could ever change for the better.

Through my self-development, I learned that self-improvement is a never-ending journey. I realized that self-esteem is a learned behavior and not something that can be achieved overnight.

I began to accept myself for who I am. I learned to love my imperfections and appreciate my unique qualities. I realized that everyone is beautiful in their own way.

I learned to embrace my flaws and to express myself through the written word. I believe being a journalist is another way of reaching out to people and informing them about important issues.

I am Tara Green, a journalist at the College Heights Herald. I am 21 years old and have 10 years of experience in journalism. I love writing and photography. I believe that everyone has a story to tell. And that's my story.

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