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Western Kentucky University • Bowling Green, Kentucky

Western offers aid to hurricane victims

Displaced students, faculty invited to the Hill.

By KELLY RICHARDSON

Western has started welcoming students from universities in the Gulf Coast area affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"We've got about 150 displaced students and hire faculty who were displaced because of the hurricane," said Dr. Elizabeth Wall, one of the measures implemented at an administrative council meeting Tuesday.

"We decided to provide additional funds for displaced students," Wall said. "We will provide them with additional funds to help them continue their education." The additional funds will be used to cover tuition, fees, books, and other expenses.

"We will continue to support our students who are affected by the hurricane," Wall said. "We are doing everything we can to help them continue their education."
Crime Reports

Reports

* Matt Baker, facilities management carpentry shop, reported on Aug. 30 a false claim of breaking and a burglary, with large amounts from the carpeting shop. The value of the theft was $350.

* A man asleep was reported in the third floor kitchen of Kan Hall on Aug. 20 for the 10 percent.

* Tony K. Kondiokor, Chester Street, reported on Aug. 31 money stolen from his wallet, while it was in a locker in the Preston Center. The value of the theft was $140.

* Debbie T. Caliso, Krez, reported in Sept. 5 by class ring stolen from his home. The value of the theft was $450.

* Troy L. King, Robb Street, reported on Sept. 5 his calculator stolen from his office in Thompson Complex. The value of the theft was $350.

* Good Daddie, Pean Street, reported on Sept. 6 by his parking permit stolen from his vehicle. The value of the theft was $220.

Arrests

* Nick D. Lou, 2721 Nashville Road, was arrested on Sept. 2 for possession of a handgun. The value of the theft was set at $1,000 cash.

* Brandon McNeaters, Eli-Bencher, was arrested on Sept. 1 by public information on the laws with regard to Rohn. The value of the theft was $50 cash.

News

* Nathan Morgan is a Nashville journalist. He can be reached at nathan.morgan@vuse.edu.

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Financial support rises

BY KELLY RICHARDSON

Financial support for universities can come from many fundraising campaigns. But the support for Western has a record high two years after the completion of Western’s first capital campaign.

Western added $12.15 million to its endowment between 2010 and 2012, according to the university.

Cash gifts initiated in a non-endowment fund account for 95% of the total. However, 5% of the cash contribution from Western may be distributed to the fund according to the donor’s wishes.

The second largest cash donation came from the Western fundraising campaign, which contained a total of $10.8 million in cash gifts.

The endowment fund is now a significant portion of the Western’s annual budget and is expected to grow to $200 million by 2020.

KATRINA: Western to aid UNO

Western’s seven classes, Randall said, and their payments will be shared over a two-year period.

Western has an open policy that allows students to enroll in two-year classes or to finish two-year classes.

Western will also give students the opportunity to attend college classes at their local public schools, which will be split between the Red Cross and the Red Cross Foundation, the council said.

Western is now a member of the United Way of Southern Kentucky.

The Student Veterans Office is operating at the center of campus and is seeking funds to raise money, said Debra Nolte, the president and co-founder of the Student Veterans Office.

The Student Veterans Office is focusing on veteran benefits, said Debra Nolte, the president and co-founder of the Student Veterans Office.

Western will host the first ever “Go Hilltoppers! Battle of the Bluegrass!” Vette City reminds you to drink responsibly.

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Western reaches out

Students and faculty have been very generous and should continue to show sympathy all the time.

Even as gas prices soar, many Americans have managed to find a little something extra to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

Whether it is donating money, blood or non-perishable food items, this shows how Americans can once more work together toward some greater purpose.

The spirit of giving also has made its way to the campus.

Western will open its doors free of charge to students who need to attend classes that were affected by Katrina. These students will pay in full tuition, which will then be returned to the students in full.

Campus organizations across campus have been doing whatever they can to help victims of the hurricane. Rおよ R. So far, they have raised funds for students to return to school.

The American good will will reach a high point, but only if we all do our part.

A lot of the giving stopped. Church attendance returned to normal. irgend dera se dieot 1000 years ago. Today, people are beginning to think about others.

And so we present a challenge to our readers.

Don't stop giving.

Don't quit thinking of others.

The city of New Orleans will soon be.

This is the best example of the kindness of people. This is the true meaning of humanity. These people will need help for a long time.

So don't hold on to them when Katrina falls off the national radar.

Keep the hearts and minds open all the time.

We have to remember to always have a little compassion for those who are fighting a harder battle.

This editorial represents the majority view of the editors, and other friends and student editors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank a soldier

We should see a military person in public, in honor of those who are fighting their battles, not to mention the others that died or are still fighting.

Walk up to them and thank them. Thank them for their service and thank them for their willingness to defend us and keep us safe.

You don't have to sign your name. One veteran has mentioned that he would appreciate it, but it's not required. He just hopes that they return home safely and that they know how much they are appreciated.

Let's remember that the soldiers are not just soldiers, but also sons and daughters of our nation. They need to know that their service is appreciated.

We need to show our appreciation to those who have served our country.

Euro Waltz Wakes Up

We have seen the MySpace progress of Euro Waltz from the French, German, and Italian cultures. Their music has been very popular. If you take a look at their latest album, you will see that they are able to incorporate elements of their cultural heritage.

The roots of Euro Waltz can be traced back to the classical music of Europe. They have combined the traditional elements with modern techniques and have created a unique sound.

The group's music is a blend of classical and modern elements. They have been playing their music in Europe and have been well received.

The group's music has been very popular and has been featured on many radio and television programs.

Check the numbers; they don't lie

The Editor

If you only rely on statistics and numbers, you might be missing the point. We are seeing so much news coverage on how the war is going, it is easy to forget that the war is going on.

Bush's administration may not have won this war, but the American people did. It is important to remember that our soldiers are the ones fighting and sacrificing.

If 39 American soldiers dying in one month was the worst month of the war, then our war might be considered successful.

Last month, 15 soldiers were killed, which is the same as the number of American soldiers killed in 2001, the first year of the war.

The support of the troops is necessary and vital to the success of the war.

Perhaps, my friend, you should realize that liberties and freedoms are not always as free as they seem. It is important to remember that the freedoms we have today are the result of the sacrifices of our soldiers, who often sacrifice their lives for our freedom.

The opinions expressed in this newspaper DO NOT reflect those of Western's administration or its employees. It is a student-run newspaper.
Outdated computer problems for staff

BY ANDRE COUTIN, Assistant Editor

Patty Boechl traveled toward the screens of a black Dell computer, peering deep into the screen as if viewing the department.

A load is transferred to computer staff members three to five years ago can be monitored by the Budget Council in January. The load would be agreed upon by the executive council with the assistance of the department.

The staff computer plan approved by the council last year, but was stopped in fall of other priorities, said Elizabeth Park, staff representative on the budget council and Information Technology Business coordinator.

President Gary Ransdell said President's Advisory Committee on Information Technology had indicated load issues on the computer staff.

Ransdell said the computer staff has to be early to predict problems, but it is too easy to predict when the computer staff is too busy.

The president of Information Technology is on site to check the load for about $15,000 for the computer.

The computer could work at the computer's own load, which includes input, output, and state authorizations.

The staff computer replacements that came out of the downturn between the student council and Information Technology, the student council chairman James McCartha said.

The council considered Ransdell, and he is interested in funding a replacement plan to ensure that the computer staff is always ready.

SGA evaluations continue

BY ALEX FORTUNE

Professor evaluations distributed by SGA and available on campus will be distributed to anyone who attends an SGA meeting.

The evaluations this year include two format changes: one is a printout of the evaluations and the other is a survey sent to the computer staff.

The SGA evaluations are similar to those given to students and faculty in previous years.

SGA members worked with the student council to distribute the evaluations last spring. Melissa Parks, SGA administrative assistant, said the evaluations were designed to give students and faculty members a better understanding of the SGA.

Some of the items on the evaluations included: the computer staff's help in preparing for the SGA evaluation; the computer staff's help in preparing for the SGA evaluation; the computer staff's help in preparing for the SGA evaluation.

The SGA didn't really know what to do with the evaluations.

The administration provided students and faculty with a list of professors' phone numbers.

The administration refused to provide the list of professors' phone numbers.

"They have nothing to do with the university," Parks said.

Parks said the computer staff shared irrelevant information about a professor on their list because they were angry about a grade.

"The computer staff should be scientific like the SGA," Parks said.

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Western wins donor challenge

By KELLY RICHARDSON

It hasn’t been long since 1995 Western graduates started an effort to raise money for scholarships and books.

But the alumni have continued to give back to Western even when donations were needed.

This summer Western won the Kentucky Challenge, a competition that involved young alumni fundraising in support of Kentucky’s colleges and universities.

The competition began July 1, 2004, and ended Aug. 31, when alumni were encouraged to raise donations to the schools, said Pam Hilles, vice president of institutional advancement.

Western came in first with 4.6 percent participation, with Northern Kentucky University second in second with 5.4 percent.

Campus police

Explorers receive free vehicle

By ANDREW MCNEVARA

The campus police department received a new vehicle recently as a Christmas present this August.

The vehicle, donated by Honda of Bowling Green, is a 2006 Honda Ridgeline RT5 with a cost of $35,000.

The vehicle will be used to assist the department’s Explorer program.

The program, which is run by students, will be used to patrol the campus and help with minor issues.

Toni Kanaly, vice president and general manager of GMT Ford Honda, donated the truck.

She said the truck will be used to help students.

Toni Kanaly, vice president and general manager of GMT Ford Honda.

SGA is endorsing Constitution Jeopardy

If you think you know a lot about the Constitution, come and participate in this patriotic Game Show Activity.

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9pm-5am
“Come Celebrate”
Seminar to examine children

By Arzela Sauer, 
Herald reporter

Children have to act like adults and are discovering what it means to be in the real world at an earlier age, causing underachievement in education, says Vicki Romo.

Romo, the director of the Family Achievement Center in Cleveland, Ohio, hopes to find a solution to this trend in middle school children by hosting a two-day seminar and workshop through the Center for Gifted Studies at Western University.

Romo has also been an educational consultant for the Tody Show. Her expertise and experience will make the seminar entertaining and informative for attendees, said Dale Roberts, director of the Center for Gifted Studies.

The seminar is a part of the Talent Pool for Excellence in Education Seminar Series, and will continue on Sept. 15 from 8:30-3 p.m. at the Carroll Knecht Conference Center at South Campus. The series will continue on Sept. 16 at 8 a.m.

Holiday Inn University Place will host the seminar and workshop, which will include an in-depth discussion of Romo's latest book, "Creating Up For the Renton Report on the School," World of America's Middle Schoolers," which provides strategies for guiding middle school children in the path of success.

Romo hopes that Renton's seminar will bring more awareness to the Center's mission.

"We want to educate parents, students, teachers and administrators on the ways to prevent underachievement in children," Romo said.

If you go

Wish the Development Seminar and Workshop: Western 7:30 p.m. start, 8:30 p.m. end.

For more information, please call 1-800-508-2816 or email Vicki@ GiftedStudies.com

"We feel everyone can benefit from this seminar and enhance children's educations by becoming aware of the problem."

The event is free to the public.

Reservations are required for the seminar and the workshop.

For reservations, contact the Center for Gifted Studies at 1-720-744-4352.

Romo Web Site: www.giftedstudies.com

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Offense sputters in road losses

By MIKE DURCAN
Herald reporter

The road wasn’t kind to the Lady Toppers last weekend. They dropped a pair of matches, each by one goal, to Memorial State and Wright State, respectively.

The team still has two more road games before returning home Sept. 16 against Cal Poly.

Memorial State defeated the Lady Toppers 2-1 Friday and Wright State took them home with another 1-0 loss on Sunday.

"We really still need to be better defensively," Coach Jason Neal said. "We look at it as high-pressure defensively at our post." Change nothing, Chantel Sandy said, was the goal of the weekend against Memorial State. It came in the 106th minute of a 2-1 Oryx win.

"In both games we had opportunities to win the game," Neal said.

Though the score isn’t a good reflection, Sandy’s game was the only goal Western (1-3-1) has played this season, Neal said.

As we go, we’ll generate offense.

- Chantel Sandy

Tops still winless after invitational

By DAVID HARTSON
Herald reporter

Western men’s soccer coach David Holomers was looking for his team’s defense to improve this season.

In the Lakes Invitational Tournament last weekend, it showed. That impressive defense kept the Tribe of the Toppers from scoring.

The Tribe of the Toppers 2-1 in its opening match on Saturday and tied Northern Illinois 0-0, on Monday...Western’s and the Wildcats played a scoreless first half, but both teams came out strong in the second.

The scoreless tie was broken after Northeastern’s Adam Antian scored the first minute of the 90th minute to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead.

Western (0-3-1) came back to the top score on junior midfielder Will Fancher’s goal in the 21st minute. The Northwest’s Frank North scored in the 87th minute to push Northeastern’s lead goal for a 2-1 win...

Western was outshot 11-9 by the Wildcats.

Though the score was a loss, Holomers saw the match as a huge improvement in the program.

"I think in the close game to Northeastern, our team played tremendously," he said. "Our final result was good throughout the entire match. We were really improved by our team’s technique.

"Against Northern Illinois, the Toppers were a good match, but we had to work together. We had to make these two periods of regulation and regulation to push the match. The Toppers took over the second.

"Holomers was pleased with the team’s performance against the Wildcats.

"Still a very good team," he said, "But the Wildcats’ guys just go in and play. They did get a little bit of their game but it was well done." Holomers said he was also impressed with the play of Fancher.

"He played with intensity in goal, it was a communication with the back four that left us with a lot of positives and concerns," Holomers said. "He played very well." Holomers said that Western is making progress.

- David Holomers

Sports briefs

Team donates money to cancer research

The Lady Toppers will be trying another money to cancer research for every goal they score in the 2013 season, a press release said.

"Knotts' team was named in honor of Brevos Cancer doctors Rod Fei, who was diagnosed with cancer in November 2010. Fei is a member of Indiana Women's Hockey Team." The team has already hit 30 goals this season and the team and Fei will present a check to the James Graham Borden Cancer Center at the end of the season.

To pledge money to Knotts' Crew, contact Amanda Nettles at the volleyball office at 785-788 or visit www.kenko.com for pledge sheet.

-Robo Frencken

'Paint the Town Red' begins at 7 tonight

Pre-game celebrations for the alumni of the Drum Major begin tonight with 'Paint the Town Red of Football Square Park in the downtown area.

In addition to the alumni, Drum Major alumni, cheerleaders and the 2005 edition of the band will be on hand during the festivities.

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Basketball schedules released

Lady Toppers to face familiar foes

When the Lady Toppers’ basketball team returned to campus on Aug. 20, there weren’t many surprises.

In a cross-replica of last year’s agenda, Western faces almost all of its opponents from a season that saw the team go 35-10.

The Lady Toppers will face 14 teams this year, with five of those played last year’s NCAA Tournament. Three in two

separate studies and a tough Sun Belt Conference league, and the simulations don’t make it any

easier.

Any way you look at it, we have a very competitive schedule,” said Mary Taylor Cowles, the pretty
central for the competitive challenges.”

Western will open up on Nov.

19 with NCAA tournament

narrative Louisiana Tech as its

season opener at Dixie Arena.

The Lady Toppers fell to the

Lady Techs, 73-60 last year in Roanoke, Va.

After the opening three of its

next three games, the schedule

Most challenging schedule’ awaits Tops

It’s hard to say for the Dixie Arena

to play host to teams from major conferences that the Atlantic

Coast and Southeastern Conference schedules will

face this season.

Georgia and Virginia Tech will

schedule full of top competition

for the Lady Toppers.

Western could possibly play

Participation in Basketball Tournament teams and 15 games

major-level teams with winning

record in last season.

As the activity, the most

challenging schedule we’ve had to

Western Coach Howard said.

Playing at Virginia and Georgia last season, the Topps will take their crack at the final three in the second season of

competing with them. Western

Toppers at the end of the season as part of an agreement

with the school after understanding coach Dennis Felton left Western for another coaching opportunity.

After playing host to Eastern Kentucky last season, the

Topps will next visit to Richmond

for the final time.

Participating States:

Louisiana Tech

Tennessee

The Lady Toppers will travel to

Dixie State on Oct. 30 for a

appeal to Dixie State. The Lady

Toppers will face their first test

in the opening round of the 2020-21 season.

For Toppers on Feb. 16.

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Lady Tops sweep TSU in home opener

By Beth Wilberg

Senior reporter

Wearing their jerseys, the Lady Tops were ready for their second game on Tuesday night. They got off to a lower than two-hour game, with a sweep of the Tennessee State Lady Tigers 3-0 (25-30, 26-30, 14-25). "Tonight was fun," said junior hitter Megan Morgan.

Tennessee State (2-5) opened the match by taking a 25-17 lead on the Lady Tops before Western went on a 4-0 scoring run and eventual 30-19 score. Two previous toughs for the Lady Tops (3-1), after going up 2-0, the two gave up six straight points before putting the game away. Coach Tam Jefferies said senior outside hitter Jordan Morgan led the team to lose continuity.

"We had a chance to win on lots of things," she said. "It was a great opportunity to win a conference game." Rounding players was part of the plan.

The score finally went on to 25-22 in the third game. The Lady Tops finished the final part of the game.

At 5 Western continued to begin the game, and the closer the Tigers got to the Lady Tops were losing points early in the competition, 16-11. Competitive festivities continued after the Lady Tops led 25-15.

The game was tied at 22-22 before the Tigers made a point with a kill from their hitter who led the way to 10-6. "It felt so good when one of our team" she said.

Western also held Tennessee State to a negative hitting percentage with .253. Before their next match at Alabama.

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Tennessee continues hitter Whitney Whitehead soaked up the kill against Tennessee State’s Tina Musa during Western’s 3-0 win at Clements Arena on Tuesday night.

Blank said that Tiger no longer focused on the effectiveness of their offense and defence with concert. Blank was also concerned with the university’s offensive numbers.

They held her first kill in the game by1st Lady Tops lead 10-6.

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PLAYGROUND NOTES

Michael Casagrande

Football coaches love to talk about not over-looking rivals. They want their team to take it "one game at a time." Last year, St. Mark's and Western went 1-1. St. Mark's had won the first meeting, while Western had won the second meeting.

That was last year. This year, it's a different story. Western has started the season 2-0, while St. Mark's is 1-1. The Bearcats are on the road this week, facing off against the Western Mustangs.

Western must be wary of the Bearcats' upset.
"I've lost my sense of security; I don't think I'll ever go back."
Julie Gueters - New Orleans

"It's like a nightmare; I'm just waiting to wake up from a bad dream."
Gerta Encada - New Orleans

FACING DISASTER

Dianne Posey, 57, of New Orleans has been stranded in the city with her kids to take care of and watch Posey stays awake all night to make sure they are safe because of the large increase in violence in the already violent city. (Above) A sign asks in the place of refugees at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center where the last of the refugees are flown out of New Orleans and to the New Orleans International Airport. Sect. 4.

Contacts to help on campus
- Gene Tico, vice president for student affairs and campus services - coordinating scheduling of student organization fundraising events, 745-5429
- Ann Mood, chief financial officer - contact about student organization sub-accounts for any funds that are raised, 745-2434
- Cheryl Kirby-Doaks, ALIVE Center Director - contact for volunteering home for evacuation or assisting United Way in sorting donated items, 782-0082
- John Bonaguro, dean of College of Health and Human Services - contact for volunteering professional services to area such as nursing or counseling, 745-6005

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Notable
• The Houston Astros have received a 75% increase in their ZIP Code (77030) for evacuees from Hurricane Katrina.
View from the top brings new perspective

BY TAYLA GREEN

Nashville senior Lucy Patterson said she will always remember the day she and her best friend Brandi spontaneously climbed a mountain in Yemen.

With the sun shining down, the two struggled their way up the rock, hand-in-hand and deep in conversation.

When they reached the top, Patterson, 22, said it was like seeing the whole world. The air was crisp and clean, and at the top she and her friend could see forever.

"It was scary and really peaceful," she said. "It was away from everything."

Patterson, a double major in literature and history, said she has been climbing mountains symbolically since she first began her journey on the hill as a freshman.

For years she struggled with social problems raised by her single mother, Donna Griffin, and was an only child. Her mother worked two to three jobs a day to pay for her daughter.

Patterson said the understanding her mother's diligence to work but there was little quality time for the family.

Patterson said being an only child made her very independent. She was shy, quiet and wouldn't open up to other children in school.

Patterson said she was independent and usually played by herself.

"I didn't want help from others," she said.

Though Patterson's father walked out of her life, she never did, she said. "My whole life was lived in a bubble and for 20 years, I was never lonely." She said what she did was try to provide for her daughter.

Patterson, 22, said her stepfather, John Griffin, greatly improved her life.

He gave the family stability, security and love, something Patterson had not felt from her father figure.

She said it gave her and her mother more quality time since there wasn't much emotional stress on her mother.

She said her stepfather was an encouraging role model in her life.

Though an honors student, Patterson notably enjoyed the perks of communication with others during a school day.

Patterson said it took her almost 20 years to come out of her shell, learn to accept others' opinions, overcome her fear of speaking to other people and start conversations.

"My whole life was lived in a bubble and for 20 years, I was never lonely," she said.

Now Patterson said she enjoys these discussions in her honors courses and learning with the seniors at her job at Mol's Southwest Grill.

She said she has housed her identity in the past few years and has really been enjoying life.

Many of the professors in the history and literature departments helped her find herself.

Patterson said it was a "fantastic experience" she said. "They kind of petted the dog and stirred me in the right direction."

Patterson's passion is traveling. She has been to every different place in the United States and enjoys the culture, music, art and landscape of various places.

She plans one day to go to law school and hopefully meet her boyfriend of two years. Her big ambition is to make a film and get into acting.

Though Patterson said she doesn't know exactly where her degrees will take her, she plans to make money to fulfill her dream.

"I want to experience everything before I die," she said.

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In addition to the regular worship services, there will be special events such as aService Night on Thursday at 8 PM and a Minister Night on Friday at 8 PM.

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New signs by dorms display smoking policy

BY A. LAVRE STEBBING
Herald reporter

Carla Bolanos can breathe a little easier thanks to new enforcement of the campus smoking policy.

The policy states that smokers must stay at least 30 feet away from the main entrance to any campus building, as well as handicapped entrances and others where ventilation could be in trouble. The policy will now be enforced with the help of new signs.

Staff Council member Laura Waters said the outdoor smoking policy was approved by President Gary Randall in April 2004 after he requested recommendations for designing certain areas where people could smoke without disturbing others.

Even if you don’t have an immediate breathing problem, second-hand smoke is still dangerous,” Bolanos said.

McNulty, a nurse practitioner and facilitator for facilities management, said the signs are in the process of being purchased.

President Dennis, a director of Housing and Residential Life, said the recent policy was implemented because of studies and concerns about second-hand smoke from both the student and the faculty.

Out of approximately 1,000 surveys, about half gave back health and those who responded were nonsmokers. “One” said.

She also said only about 25 of the students who filled out the surveys said they still wanted to smoke by the doors.

Many of the smokers who went to the survey said they would oppose the policy if it was implemented, Waters said.

She also said there had been a request if students would agree to allocate university money to build a shelter for smokers to protect themselves from bad weather.”

Most of the students who completed the survey said no. “One” said there is no problem for a shelter for smokers.

Approximately 2,500 percent of college students are smokers, according to the American Cancer Society’s Web site.

The ACS Web site also said a second-hand smoke causes lung cancer and heart disease as well as respiratory problems in non-smokers.

The site said separating buildings and even the same space reduces the exposure of second-hand smoke although it doesn’t eliminate it.

News Brief

Visiting scholar from Spain baghan karst studies this fall

Angel Fernandez-Cortes, a visiting scholar from Almeria, Spain, will work with a group of students as a visiting scholar this fall.

Fernandez-Cortes’ expertise is in computer sciences and geology of karst environmental parameters.

Fernandez-Cortes’ project, an collaboration with KHSU Agricultural Research Service, is to use using technology to make better-quality research management of karst groundwater and karst environments are areas with very little famous.

Fernandez-Cortes received a fellowship from the University of Almeria to fund his research at Western.

Fernandez-Cortes will give a seminar on Sept. 14 about his work on Spain’s pristine guadarens; a 30-foot-long and 10-feet-high vadose zone discovered in a mine.

Fernandez-Cortes applied to Western because of the type and quality of Western’s karst research efforts.

(And that’s not even the good part!)
Awkward moments: uncomfortable, but great for laughs

Just Sayin'  Amber North

There are those people who relatively live the full roll of jokes. They never get a chance. But then there are those people who always put themselves in an awkward situation, like Laura Davis in "Casa Year Enchantment." Or my character from "Seinfeld." I guess instead of my own TV show, because that's the only way I

No matter what the situation is, I'm always at work. Either I'm in the middle of an awkward moment between other people or I'm the cause of the awkward moments (which is unusual).

Life was going well with a result that has been long. I don't think I've ever been stuck. Instead, I think about it and remember it for past reflection.

I was at a party with my "totally honest" cocaine. When I do "it," maybe I'm not funny, I always say.

I read an article in "Dolphins," about a fan. The woman had heard over the radio that black cat was running around the house. A man approached her and asked what the woman was doing at the radio. The woman, thinking, said, "Speak." By the way, the guest was a black guy.

So, of course, the woman got into a long explanation on how the cat's name wasn't given because of color but because of the Halloween's cute of how bored cat can be considered "spooky." The guest just laughed it off and understood.

I win in the millions of millions of similar situations just a few weeks ago.

Anyway, I was on assignment with one of my favorite photographers, just talking to her and whatever. When you're an intern, you always wonder how old you fellow coworkers are, at least 10.

So he knew when she was (the topic came up. I didn't just bring it up. I'm not that inquisitive and she told me the was 10.)

"Really?" I say in a surprised tone. And said, with her usual tone. "What do I look older?" And of, course, I'm not going to make myself look like a woman, and explain that I just explained it because everyone who explains things looks a little older than them.

She just let it slide and said, "Shoot, that's the way you look." Awkward.

The greatest awkward moments come when a person gets angry out of nowhere over something stupid.

Once again, I have an example. There is a column, not making me relax but.

Anyway, me and then there friends were playing "Tetris," and another friends, that game makes, you go home! Especially if your competitive like me.

My mom already has a mixed "Christian," after being asked approximately some story with "Tobias" on it, we are, not the same. We do the same thing, the Portland TrailBlazers in the 2000 NBA West Conference Finals.

So I was already fed up when trying to give them in "Tobias" and I said a forbidden word twice within 15 seconds and my friend buzzed. I don't know what I made supposed to be a rule of a column I just threw the blue cards. In my awkward and my mom's best friend kicked them up and we relaxed play. Yeah. Playing competitive sports, since I was 10 was obviously a bad idea for my mental health.

What I love the most are the awkward situations. Mainly the most, I mean. The situation is already awkward, so let's top it off with a silence where people just stand with awkward events. Thats.

I come up with a great idea, though. I could do this problem by getting a megaphone and... "GUARDIAN!" No. It's every time there's an awkward moment. Make an announce-

ment, if you will.

Vod, I've had some states, but in the end, just laugh about it.

Author has a problem when she either doesn't happen to be around because she should be in her real life.

Poor dad.

Amber North in the "Herald" spirit of good, safer and humor

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Journalism, rap impact Lynch's career

BY HAWKINS TEAGUE

It was the moment he was waiting for. He reached for a microphone and began to talk about his experiences with the hip hop scene.

Lynch's career as a journalist has been marked by his coverage of the hip hop industry. He believes that the influence of hip hop on popular culture cannot be overstated.

"I was always interested in the intersection of media and culture," Lynch said. "I saw the power that hip hop had to shape public opinion and I knew I had to be a part of it."
Without running water in the city of New Orleans, firefighters were unable to fight the numerous fires consumed buildings throughout much of downtown. Many fires in the downtown area had been set by looters.

Ernest Jules of Empire, La., waits chained at the Erast H. Morial Convention Center on Friday, Sept. 2. Arst has been at the convention center since the storm hit and is now waiting for the bus to come pick him up along with the 7,000 others that are waiting for a ride. Arst said that everywhere he is told that the buses are going to be there, but there is still no arrivals.

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