FOREWORD

Presented within these pages is a pictorial glimpse of Western Kentucky State College. The true Western lies in the realm of human relationships, experiences, and memories afforded only to one who lives or has lived within its portals. From these pictures, however, one may glean at least a touch of the spirit and the beauty that has made Western a great college.
College Heights is nationally recognized as one of the most beautiful college campuses in America. Situated on a hill overlooking the city of Bowling Green, the college commands a panoramic view in all directions. Its landscaping has been systematically worked out over a period of more than forty years. An abundance of flowers, shrubs, and native trees are interwoven among its stately white stone and brick buildings to provide enduring beauty.
Library Facilities

"There is no past so long as books shall live."

The library facilities of Western include the college library, Kentucky library and the Training School library.
The campus book store and college post office shown above are located in Cherry Hall.

MAIN CLASSROOM BUILDING

Henry Hardin Cherry Hall named for the founder of Western is described by architects as one of the finest classroom and laboratory buildings in the south.

Scene near the Colonnade looking North toward Cherry Hall.

Lorado Taft's last work, a bronze statue of Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry, stands in front of the building named after the former Western president.
CLASSROOMS AND LABORATORIES

Scenes showing students at work in Western lab

The finest laboratory facilities are provided for Western students

Students studying exhibits in the museum of the Kentucky Building
The Western chorus and orchestra combine to present Handel’s Messiah.

Familiar to all music lovers on College Heights is Western’s Concert Band.

They lead the band.

Student recitals are presented throughout the year. These events provide a workshop in which the student gains experience in public performance.

The unique double-ended Football Band adds its share of enthusiasm to the colorful fall pageant of sports.

The large three-story home of Western’s Music Department is equipped with every facility for the maintenance of a first-class school of music.

The Red and Gray orchestra is a popular dance band.

Especially constructed studios and rehearsal halls provide excellent laboratory facilities for Western’s music students.

A WEALTH of musical activity is available to the music student at Western. The Concert and Marching Bands, the College Symphony Orchestra, and the College Chorus provide experience in large ensemble performance. Numerous smaller groups allow the student to develop the special skills required in chamber music. Experience as a solo performer is gained through student recitals, chapel programs, and appearances outside the college.
All Home Economics majors live for a period in the Home Demonstration Building

A class in Home Economics

Western's Department of Smith-Hughes Home Economics is housed in this building

Industrial Arts students at a get-together in the Kentucky Building

Western has one of the best equipped and maintained Industrial Arts Departments to be found anywhere. Entrance to the Industrial Arts Building is shown at right.
"College Heights on hill-top fair With beauty all thine own,
Lovely jewel far more rare Than graces any throne."

WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE
The Western ROTC Military Ball is one of the season's social highlights.

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

Both the United States Army Air Force and the United States Air Ground Forces maintain Reserve Officers Training Corps units at Western.
Children of the model rural school

Training School children at work on a special project

Western maintains as an exceedingly important part of its teacher training facilities the Training School shown at the left. A modern rural school is maintained in conjunction with the Training School.

A few miles from the campus toward Nashville is located Western's 550-acre experimental farm where many of the practical aspects of agriculture are taught.

Below: Western's Smith-Hughes Department of Agriculture is located in Snell Hall.

Below: The champions take the blue ribbons.

Below: A modern top-rated dairy is maintained on Western's experimental farm.
Located on the Western campus are spacious and modern student residence halls. Smaller home-type dormitories are also maintained by the college.

Every effort is made to safeguard the health of Western's students. A full-time registered nurse and a college physician who is director of health give direct supervision and assistance in all cases of illness.
Included in the Physical Education Building pictured here is the gymnasium with a seating capacity of 4500.

Left: The Hilltopper basketball team enplanes for New York City for one of Western's many games in Madison Square Garden.

Right: Facilities of the Physical Education Department include nine asphalt tennis courts.

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Below: A spacious swimming pool adjoins the Physical Education Building.

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Right: Facilities of the Physical Education Department include nine asphalt tennis courts.

Baseball is a major sport at Western.

CHEER LEADERS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS

An intramural sports program is a part of Physical Education

The Hilltoppers go over the goal line for two more touchdowns

Hilltoppers in action

Below: The W Club room

Below: Students celebrate at Western's annual homecoming
The little theater which is used as a laboratory for dramatic talent is located on the first floor of the main library building. Entrance to the little theater is shown at right.

The Western college players offer a major production each semester. Numerous other dramatic activities are open to students. Three stage auditions are available for Western dramatics.

Social activities at Western are numerous and varied. The picture above was taken at an informal dance following a homecoming football game.

Time out for the college photographer.
VETERANS' HOUSING

Veterans' Village, which Western operates for married war veterans, is located on the Western campus. In the immediate foreground is Western's agricultural demonstration pavilion and between the village and the college buildings in the background is the Western Trade School.

PLACEMENT

A prospective employer interviews a senior. Western has a full-time job placement bureau which offers its service free of charge to Western students.

COMMENCEMENT

A memorable day in any student's life is the day of graduation.

A June commencement

A summer commencement
Because of its proximity to Bowling Green, the nationally famous Mammoth Cave and the Mammoth Cave National Park offer many interesting opportunities for Western students who like to study in nature's own laboratories. Also in close proximity to Western for field trips are such famous shrines as Lincoln's birthplace, the replica of the Parthenon, the Hermitage, the Abbey of Gethsemane, My Old Kentucky Home, St. Joseph's Cathedral, and the Jefferson Davis Memorial. Barren River, which circles Bowling Green and near-by Dale Hollow Lake, offer some of the most picturesque scenery to be found in the South.