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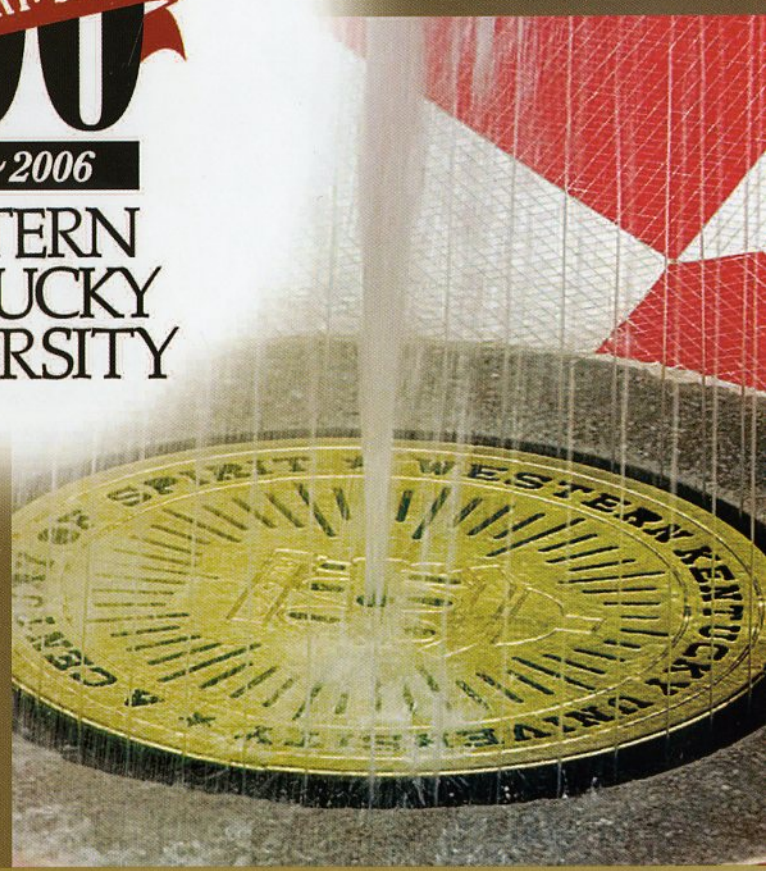
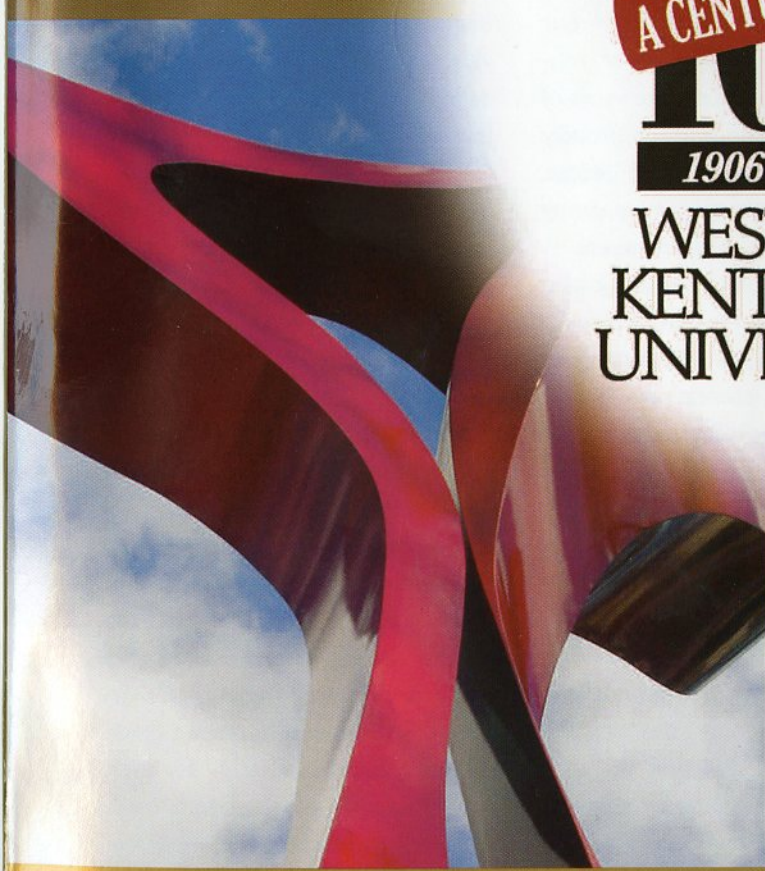




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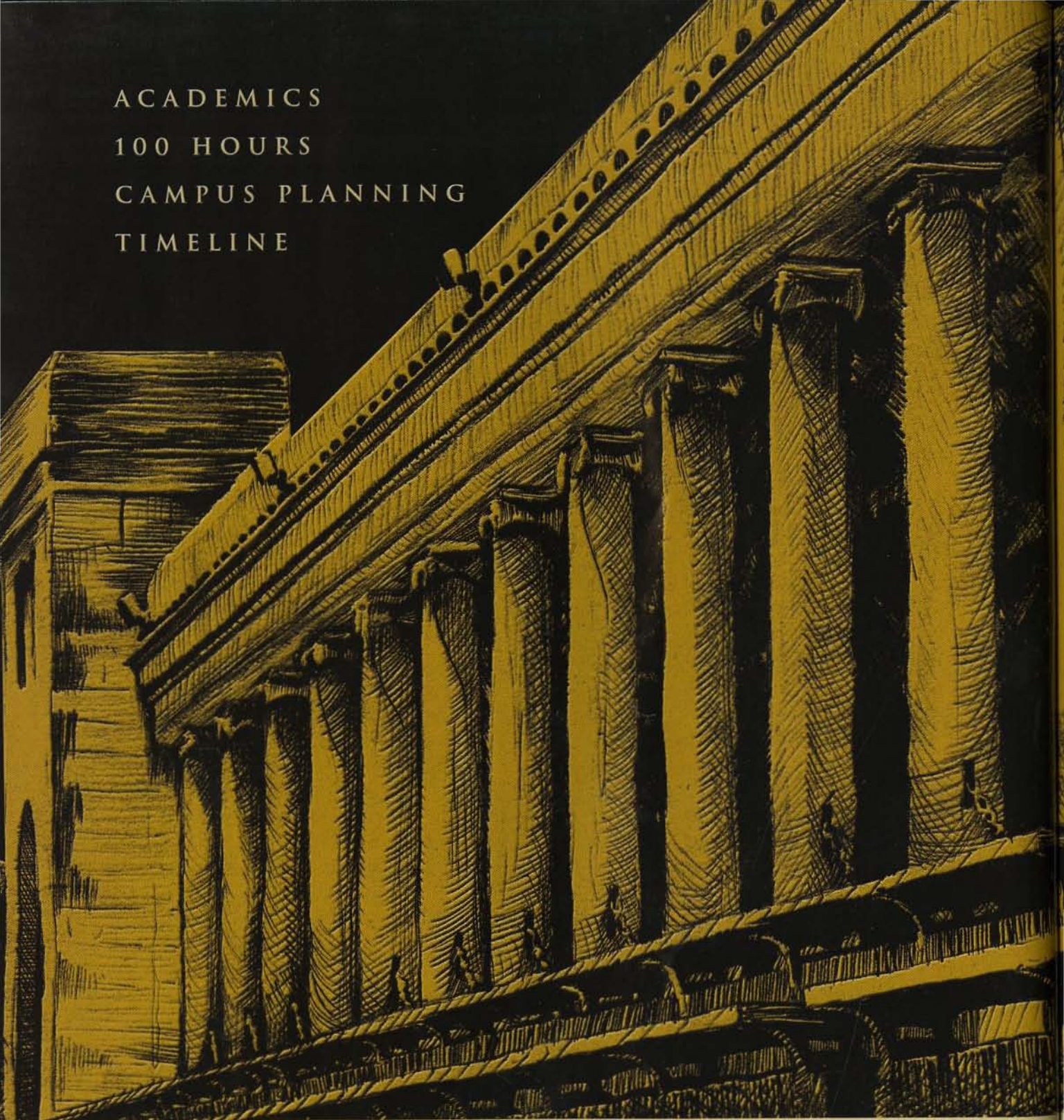
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# Centennial



Henry Hardin Cherry (1864-1937) became President of the Western Kentucky State Normal School in 1906 and served until his death.



Inheriting the property and students of the Southern Normal School, the Western Kentucky State Normal School opened in a large building on College Street between 11th and 12th Streets. On April 13, 1907, students and faculty (including the pupils of the Model Training School) assembled for this photograph.



Students of the Southern Normal School were allowed to complete their programs of study after the school was rechartered as the Western Kentucky State Normal School. These are believed to be the graduates of the Classic Class of 1907 with Professor John M. Williams, center. (Cayce & Co.)

## 1906



Young men of the 1920 senior class at the Van Meter (now Guthrie) overlook. (Hurd Studio)



The "Red Barn" was constructed in 1920 as a temporary gymnasium. Its lack of heat and seating capacity prompted Western to move basketball games to the Training School (now Science & Technology Hall) after its completion in 1925. In 1931, the Health and Physical Education Building (now Helm Library) finally replaced the "Red Barn."



In fall 1918, Western began offering military training under an arrangement with the War Department. Officers of the Students' Army Training Corps posed in front of barracks erected on the east side of Recitation Hall.



# Timeline

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"Western 100."



Frisbie Hall was located on Center Street between 11th and 12th Streets. The "Home for the young women of the Normal" boasted hot and cold baths, steam heat and electric lights.



After Western acquired the Hill, Gov. Augustus E. Willson participated in cornerstone-laying ceremonies for the Administration Building (now Van Meter Hall) on Feb. 16, 1910.



In fall 1910, construction on the Administration Building was proceeding slowly to the great consternation of President Cherry. The building was barely ready in time for Western's move to the Hill. (S. G. Rogers)



Members of the senior class appeared in the *Vista*, the 1915 yearbook of the Western Kentucky State Normal School. Western did not issue another yearbook until the *Talisman* appeared in 1924.



The first seal of the Western Kentucky State Normal School appeared in 1911. Designed by Mrs. Julia Franklin Howard, the seal included the motto "Life More Life," based on John 10:10. President Cherry's belief in the importance of attitude and motivation in achieving success inspired its other motto, "The Spirit Makes the Master."



On Feb. 4, 1911, the Western Kentucky State Normal School moved to its new campus on the Hill. "The student-body," reported the Normal Bulletin, "laden with school paraphernalia, formed a line of march, and when the advance guard had reached the summit of the hill, the rear guard was yet emerging from the old building."

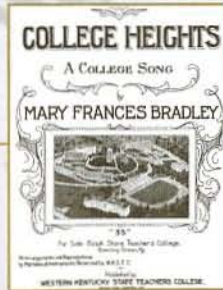
1920



1923



E.A. Diddle earned his first collegiate basketball victory as coach of the 1923 women's team. (L-R) Matilda Davis, Gladys Knott, Louise Monin (Diddle's future wife), Irene Caldwell, Elizabeth Wyatt, Julia Warner, Bernadine Connolly, Alma Davis, Frances Samuels, Beulah Snider (captain), Coach Diddle.



In 1924, freshman Mary Frances Bradley and members of her English class were asked to compose poems about Western. Set to music by her father, Miss Bradley's poem became "College Heights," Western's alma mater.



Western held its first formal Homecoming in 1927. The events of Nov. 5 included an open house, luncheon and football game against the University of Louisville (Western won 7-6). After the game, a banquet and dance honored both teams.



In 1931, the College Heights Foundation was headquartered in this small building between Recitation Hall and the Training School. The structure was originally built as a sorority house for Potter College for Young Ladies. (Eugene Franklin)



As part of its 25th anniversary celebrations, Western staged a "Pageant of Progress" on June 1-3, 1931. The grand finale featured the "Spirit of Education" at the hub of a "Wheel of Progress." With fireworks bursting overhead, the wheel revolved to the band's rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."



Student "weed-choppers" assembled with President Henry Hardin Cherry on campus Clean-Up Day, about 1932.



At the 1933 Homecoming game, a pony and rider pulled the drum for Western's marching band.



"Miss Lulu Bett," presented in fall 1934, was the first production of the Western Players.





Upon its merger with Ogden College in 1927, Western gained the use of Ogden's campus on the east side of the Hill. Ogden Hall (foreground), built in 1870 as a private residence, was razed in 1966 to make way for the Thompson Science Complex. Snell Hall (in back) was completed in 1924 and demolished in



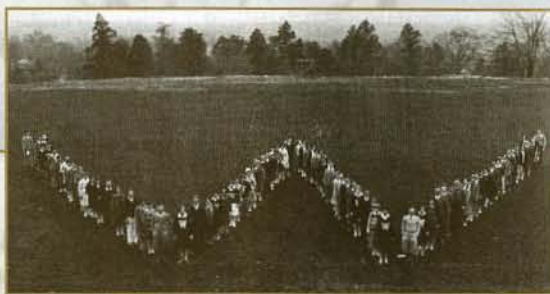
A group of Western co-eds enjoyed rollerskating near Van Meter Hall, about 1927. (Herman Lowe)



Ted Hornback remembered 1926-27 as the season the basketball team was promised these new jerseys if they defeated Vanderbilt. The "Hilltopper" nickname itself is thought to have been in use by 1925-26.



At the May 29, 1930 commencement exercises, the featured speaker was Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins of the University of Chicago.



The 1929 Talisman featured the WaKaTaCa Club, the first pep club organized on the Hill.



Students perched on the bleachers of the old stadium, about 1928. The nickname-strewn identifications on the photo are: (L-R, top row) Randolph Baker, Teddy Hornback, Bobbie Copeland, "Brother Boy" Haines, Hilda May. (L-R, bottom row) "Dago" Lamb, "Patsy," "Sleepy" Reynolds, Irene Daugherty, (Jim) "Ick" Weaver.



William P. Bass, Jr., a 1935 graduate, made this drawing of the planned new Classroom and Laboratory Building (Henry Hardin Cherry Hall), completed in 1937.



The 1936 Red and Grey Orchestra. Organized in 1933, this group of Western musicians played for campus events as well as for school and club dances in Kentucky and Tennessee.



Paul Loos Garrett (1893-1955) became Western's second president following the death of Henry Hardin Cherry in 1937.

# 1933



1937



The Henry Hardin Cherry Statue was officially unveiled on Nov. 16, 1937, a cold and rainy day. His widow found the setting appropriate: "Mr. Cherry's life was lived in a storm and his statue was unveiled in a storm."



During High School Senior Day in 1941, students staged comical tumbling demonstrations to entertain potential enrollees.



After the Hilltoppers were narrowly defeated by West Virginia on March 25, 1942 in the finals of the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden, Bowling Green welcomed them home with a parade and rally at the courthouse.



After Western was integrated in 1956, white and black students studied together in the Thompson Complex Science Library.



In the early morning hours of February 12, 1956, following Murray State College's basketball win over the Hilltoppers, vandals smeared the Cherry Statue with green and white paint. Officials of both schools condemned the "wanton desecration."



Western's first football All-American, quarterback Jimmy Feix (1949-52) was the Hilltoppers' head football coach from 1968-83.



Completed in 1957, South Hall was renamed North Hall as the four "directional dorms" took shape.



A chemistry lab, about 1957.



Dedicated May 13, 1957 in conjunction with Western's 50th anniversary, the Pylon marked the 15th Street entrance to the campus.





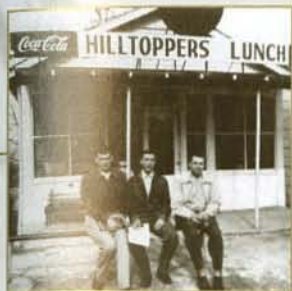
Football fans crowd the Stadium and Colonnade, 1942.



For 15 months beginning in April 1943, Western opened its dorms and classrooms to members of the 321st College Training Detachment. The cadets also took flight instruction at the local airport.



In 1944, Coach E.A. Diddle recruited the Cook twins, Anna Jo (left) and Betty Jo (right) for Western's cheerleading team.



Students Bill Griffin, Bill Ford and Buster Horton, 1952. Located at 1505 Center Street, the Hilltoppers Lunch was a favorite student hangout from the mid-1940s to the late 1960s.



The Hilltoppers, a singing group made up of current or former Western students (clockwise, from top) Jimmy Sacca, Seymour Spiegelman, Don McGuire and Billy Vaughn, recorded Vaughn's song "Trying," in Van Meter Auditorium. Released in 1952, it was one of the group's many hits.



Cornerstone ceremonies for McLean Hall, August 21, 1948. A copper box containing newspapers, a yearbook and a history of Western was sealed in the cornerstone.



In 1948, Western Kentucky State Teachers College changed its name to Western Kentucky State College. President Paul Garrett and Pat Amberson, Treasurer of the Class of '48, inspected the class's gift of a new name plate in front of Cherry Hall.



A 1960s student trio moves into the dormitory.



Red towel-waving basketball coach E.A. Diddle finished his legendary career at Western in 1964 with a 759-302 record.



Three-time All-American Clem "the Gem" Haskins played basketball from 1964-67 and coached the Hilltoppers from 1980-86. He entered the record books on Jan. 30, 1965 with a 55-point game against Middle Tennessee.

1964



1964



The brothers of Phi Kappa Alpha (now Kappa Sigma) posed in 1964 with their "spirit cannon," fired at football games after every Hilltopper touchdown.



By the mid-1960s, new dormitory construction had brought more students—and cars—to campus. Western adopted the current system of zoned parking lots in fall 1965, but did not begin charging a fee for parking permits until 1972.



In fall 1965, a new Centrex system brought telephones to every dormitory room. With the new service, dorm fees rose to an average of \$105 per semester.



After a 40 year hiatus, women's intercollegiate basketball competition resumed early in 1974. Team members included Cecelia Dixon (left) and Leslie Cole (right).



President Dero Downing greeted new student Nancy Carl and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carl, during "Welcome to Western" festivities in August 1973. (Don Shively)



On May 10, 1971, faculty member and artist Chuck Crume completed this sketch of what would become Western's "red towel" logo. "This is our idea of what a 'Hilltopper' looks like," Crume wrote Coach John Oldham.



As this cartoon by Carl Clayworth in the March 22, 1974; College Heights Herald shows, "streaking" was in vogue on campus that spring.



1976 football players unite in song. Those pictured include Joe Easterling, Craig Beard, Greg Hines, Lonnie Hardin, Pat Gates and Jeff Alsop.



Opened in 1933 and located on the "Hub of the Hill" at the corner of College and 15th streets, the Goal Post restaurant was a popular student hangout until 1979, when Western purchased the property for development.





Spring 1966 found these co-eds sunbathing in front of their dormitory.



A bowling class in the Physical Education Department, about 1966.



In 1966, Western Kentucky State College achieved university status. The seal was updated to reflect the change.



Several hundred Western students observed Vietnam Moratorium Day on Oct. 15, 1969. The rally at the Stadium and Colonnade featured speeches and songs of protest.



In 1969, Western's first computer lab opened in the Thompson Science Complex. (Seated, left) Leon Krantz; (standing, L-R) Dr. George Moore, Dr. Chester Davis.



Western granted its first Associate of Arts degrees in June 1964. This post-graduation ceremony photo dates to about 1967.



Remembering Dr. John Minton's observation that presidents have to "stick their necks out and have hard shells," the Board of Regents presented him with an onyx turtle in 1979 to mark the end of his term as Western's fifth president. (Ron Hoskins)



On Dec. 1, 1979, at a basketball game against Rollins College, Big Red emerged from a gift-wrapped box to be introduced as Western's new mascot. Creator Ralph Carey, a WKU senior, also played Big Red for the first year.



The 1981-82 College Heights Herald staff sang Christmas carols for President Donald Zacharias. (Todd Buchanan)

# 1981



1982



In February 1982, agriculture students (L-R) Terrell Milby and Randy Shanks judged hogs at the Block and Bridle Club's Quadrathlon competition. (Bobby Roe)



Paul B. Cook served as Western's interim president from September 1985 to January 1986.



Western participated in a February 5, 1986 rally in Frankfort to support funding for higher education. (L-R) Regent Mary Ellen Miller, President Kern Alexander, Regents Patsy Judd and Joe Iracane. (Allen Hensley)



Completed in 2002 as his family's tribute to Robert Guthrie, a casualty of the Korean War, the Guthrie Bell Tower has become the focal point for ceremonies honoring all veterans.



The Lady Toppers softball program began competition on Feb. 23, 2000. The team completed the season (which included a no-hitter thrown by Katie Swertfager) with a 32-25-1 record. (Sheryl Hagan-Booth)



Dr. Barbara G. Burch, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, served as interim president in 1997. (Sheryl Hagan-Booth)



In March 2002, students camped out to be first in line to apply for rooms in renovated residence halls. (Sheryl Hagan-Booth)



On Dec. 20, 2002, Western won its first national team championship when the Hilltoppers defeated McNeese State 34-14 for the NCAA I-AA football title. (Joe Imel)



From 1998 to 2003, the number of international students attending Western jumped from 165 to over 500. Some of these students brought "exotic" pastimes such as cricket to the campus. (Andrew Henderson)





A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened Western's Glasgow Campus on Feb. 7, 1988. (L-R) Glasgow mayor Charles Honeycutt, President Kern Alexander. (Bob Skipper)



Introduced in 1989 and designed by journalism professor Gilbert Stengel, Western's new logo reflected President Thomas Meredith's desire for something "a little brighter, a little splashier, as a reflection of Western on the move."



PBS affiliate WKYU-TV, the only Kentucky television station to be operated by a university, went on the air on Jan. 17, 1989. (Bob Skipper)



Western engineering students built their first concrete canoe in 1993. Since then, the Concrete Canoe Team has excelled in regional and national competition. Pictured here is the 1996 canoe, "InSeine," winner of the Ohio Valley Regional Championship.



In 1992, sports artist Dayne Dudley commemorated Paul Sanderford's 10 seasons as Lady Topper head basketball coach. Through a total of 15 seasons, Sanderford would compile a 365-120 record.



On Nov. 20, 1991, President Thomas Meredith attended classes while junior Ryan James, the winner of the "President for a Day" raffle, presided over the University.



On Sept. 13, 2004, President Gary Ransdell took the helm of a bulldozer to break ground for a new 824-space parking structure between E.A. Diddle Arena and L.T. Smith Stadium. (Sheryl Hagan-Booth)



As coach of the men's swimming team from 1969-2005, Bill Powell had only one losing season. Powell also coached the Lady Toppers swim team, formed in 1997, to a 95-16-1 record.



Guided by program director Judy Woodring, Western's forensics team wrapped up 2005 with its sixth consecutive International Forensics Association Championship and its 15th consecutive Kentucky Forensic Association State Championship.

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