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# COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

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## Preacher, students clash

Georgia man berates, condemns, incites anger

By COREY PAUL  
Herald reporter

A man claiming to be without sin cast verbal insults to crowds gathered on the DUC South Lawn early this week.

Donnie Morris, a freelance preacher, denounced Greek organization members, non-Christians and popular culture as a group, of on-lookers surrounded him Tuesday and Wednesday.

He also condemned drinking, smoking, and other acts he considered sinful.

About 100 to 150 people gathered to hear Morris speak for a few hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. Some spectators tried to reason or argue with Morris while others watched in disbelief.

"If you don't want to hear me, I don't have a rope around your neck. I don't have a chain around you," he said. "Walk away."

On Tuesday Morris called sorority members "whores" and "hussies" and said they were going to hell.

"Ninety percent of sorority girls are not virgins," Morris said.

He couldn't readily cite the source of his claim, but said the information existed.

On Wednesday, Morris also began commenting about fraternities and the crowd also brought up his sorority mention a day earlier. The discussion prompted Shelbyville sophomore Jona Luttrell to bring up Allison "Ali" Carter, a sophomore from Evansville, Ind., and Chi Omega sorority member who was killed in a car wreck on Sunday.

"One of our sorority girls passed away over the weekend and I will always believe she is in heaven," said Luttrell, who is a friend of Carter.

Someone in the crowd asked Morris if he thought Carter would go to heaven.

"If she lived like most sorority girls, she is in hell," Morris said Wednesday.

The comment resulted in a shouting match between Morris and Luttrell.

Luttrell said she believes Carter is in heaven and that she knows several virgins in sororities.

Morris also said women were subservient to men and spoke out against homosexuality, movies, music and men with long hair.

"All students who listen to rock n' roll music are hell bent," Morris said, pumping his arm and kicking his leg.

Morris condemned Catholics, Jews, Hindus and Muslims during his speech. He gripped a briefcase with religious stickers, one reading "Real Men Love Jesus."

Some students chuckled at Morris' presentation, while others were offended by his opinions. The circle of students tightened around the speaker as the debate became more heated.

Nag Shoune, a senior from Kansas City, Mo., held his Bible as he debated with Morris about God's forgiveness.



Nathan Weber/Herald

(Above) Donnie Morris, a freelance preacher from Wrightsville, Ga., spoke with campus police about toning down his level of excitement to keep the peace among the crowd of bystanders at Guthrie Tower. (Below) Morris had a verbal confrontation about religion outside of Guthrie Tower with about 100 bystanders Tuesday afternoon.



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## Regents to vote on fee

Ransdell: All items likely to be approved

By AMBER COULTER  
Herald reporter

There may not be any surprises for regents or students on Friday, but there should be an answer to one of Western's most disputed issues.

The addition of a new \$40 campus rebuilding fee is one of the items up for approval by the Board of Regents that have been on the agenda for months and should be decided upon without much difficulty.

Regents may tweak plans with three amendments that Katie Dawson, Student Government Association president, may propose for the fee.

President Gary Ransdell said regents will likely pass all items up for approval at the meeting, including the rebuilding fee.

Ransdell and Board Chair Cornelius Martin said administrators and regents are usually knowledgeable about the issues.

and have an opinion before coming to the meeting.

Martin also said the fee stands a good chance of being passed.

The rebuilding fee is meant to help pay for the construction of a new health services center, the wireless campus initiative and improvements to the fine arts center.

Ransdell said the rebuilding fee is important because it's the only way to fund those initiatives.

Board members voted on a policy for tuition increases in spring 2004, so they only need to vote on the fee now.

Dawson said she may propose not extending the fee to students who only take Web-based classes of seniors during the next academic year because they might never physically be on campus and won't benefit from construction.

## Rapid change coming for Western leadership

Two deans, a VP plan career transitions

By AMBER COULTER  
Herald reporter

John Petersen has abated multiple plans to transition from an administrator to a full-time professor.

But someone always asks Petersen to stay every time he starts moving out the door of the Wetherby Administration Building.

In July, Petersen, the associate vice president of academic affairs and the Provost's office, said he's really going to make it out the door.

Petersen and two college deans are ready to make career transitions. Those openings and the creation of a new position could mean a rapid change for Western's leadership body.

Provost Barbara Burch announced the changes during the March 10 Board of Regents Academic Committee meeting.

Those changes include replacing Petersen and the dean

of graduate studies, creating a position for a vice president of research and economic development and possibly making the interim dean for Bowling Green Community College the permanent dean.

The high-profile personnel changes and relatively high turnover among department heads are primarily because of academic leaders serving a long time and wanting to do something else, Burch said.

"Some of these people have served long and well, and this is just the natural evolution of things," she said.

Burch said Petersen has wanted to leave his current position to teach since before he arrived as Provost, but he agreed to stay longer.

Petersen will continue to handle several administrative duties until his replacement is completely trained, she said.

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## 6 degrees separation

Part three of a six-part series about people in and around the Western community and their connections to the Hill.

# Singing opera is music professor's 'quintessential art'

By BOBBY HARBELL  
Herald reporter

A large piano dominates the triangular fine arts center office of Robert Wayne Pope.

Pope, an associate music professor, said he can't play the piano very well.

But this musical deficiency matters little to someone who's been attached to his instrument since birth.

Pope teaches opera theater to Western students who are willing to have their voices resound from an opera house to a music lover's heart.

His daughter, Bowling Green sophomore Caitlin Pope, is one of his students.

Caitlin Pope sings opera theater like her father. She said she also plans on becoming a music teacher.

His 14-year-old son Will has also become involved in a family musical tradition.

Robert Pope's father brought his son a guitar when he was 5 years old. Will has recently picked up the guitar and can play "Hotel California" and "Sweet Home Alabama," Pope said.

But the elder Pope moved on

to other instruments and music styles once he got the hang of the guitar.

"Casual use of music led to harder use of music," Pope said. Middle and high school bands helped him get the musical fix he needed.

Pope's high school choral leader introduced him to opera. Like many of the kids in the choir, Pope wanted to do anything but opera.

But the challenge opera presented interested him. Pope's introduction to the classical music style led him to teach opera at Western.

For Pope, opera is a way to apply his singing in an artistic form.

He said he appreciates the voices, character, sheer talent and ability opera singers have.

People would be more interested in opera if they knew there was more than one kind, Pope said.

"There are many types of opera as anything else," he said. Opera is the quintessential art that joins theatre, music, dance and creative writing, Pope said.

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Robert Pope

### On Tuesday

Check out Tuesday's Herald for a story about how Facebook has changed SGA elections.



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Wednesday  
78°-50°



Thursday  
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By the numbers

### 0.16

**Normal percentage by which a person's blood alcohol level drops per hour, despite any methods to "sober up."**

### 2.98

**Average gallons of alcohol consumed per person in Portugal annually, making it the highest ranking in the world.**

source: portland.edu/billions/AlcoholFactbook/Action.html

## WHAT'S GOING ON

- ◆ Fake ID Follies comedy show featuring Raska Mathur from MTV. 8 p.m. Thursday, Grise Hall Auditorium
- ◆ The Lark Quartet presented by the Cultural Enhancement Series, 7:30 p.m. today, Van Meter auditorium
- ◆ National Alcohol Screening Day, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today, DUC
- ◆ International Night at Redz, 7 p.m. tomorrow, DUC, fourth floor
- ◆ American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 6 p.m. tomorrow, Smith Stadium
- ◆ WKU Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, FAC Recital Hall

## a thousand words

Beyond the Hill



**"V**room, vroom," Dalton Caudill, 5, growls as he mimics the rumble of a now-defunct pick-up truck. "Where do you want me to take you?" he asks, followed by a fit of giggles.

A single-lane gravel road leads into Dry Fork Hollow, near Whitesburg. It's a small nook in the Appalachian Mountains where Dalton and three generations of his family live in a small two-bedroom home. Dalton's grandmother, Patricia Ison, said

he is a very energetic child.

"He's a crackerjack," Ison said. Dalton is the youngest of the four Caudill children and loves playing outdoors with his siblings. To find them, just follow the high-pitched squeals and eruptions of laughter as they jump on their oversized trampoline.

"We taught our kids just to be free and live life the way it ought to be lived," Ison said. "And that's what we're trying to do with our grandchildren, is to teach them just to live life one day at a time."

—Inside the home, Dalton's mother and grandparents share warm conversation as they congregate near a coal-burning stove inscribed with the words "Warm Morning."

Ison said her family doesn't have much, but they appreciate what they do have.

"We may be poor, we may not have the best, like people in the cities, but there's love here, and the way I see it I think you ought to thank God for what you've got," Ison said. "I'm not rich, I don't claim to be rich, but I am really thankful for what I have got."

Kari Collins is a senior photojournalism major from Dayton, Ohio. She can be reached at kari@collins.wku.edu.

### Crime reports

#### Reports

◆ Ross S. Livingston, Keen Hall, reported on April 3 a theft after his Trek mountain bike was stolen from the Russellville Road lot between March 31 and April 2. The value of the theft was \$350.

◆ Joseph M. Roach, Potter Avenue, reported on April 3 a possible theft after he noticed his Motorola flip phone missing. Roach told campus police he last had the phone on his belt while he was in a South Campus classroom the same day. The value of the phone was \$100.

◆ Adam B. Bachmann, Barnes-Campbell Hall, reported on April 2 criminal mischief after someone punched a hole in the wall between the seventh floor elevators. The

value of damage was \$100.

◆ Warren County Sheriff's Office recovered on April 2 an abandoned 1997 Mercury 4-door on Glen Lilly Road. The car was registered to Derek G. Bailey, PFT, and was stolen from the Park Street impound lot. Police think someone climbed over the fence of the lot and drove the car through the fence, breaking the chain-link gate and damaging the front end of the vehicle. The value of the car was \$5,000. The damage done to the gate had been determined as of yesterday.

◆ Brianna M. Brown, Northeast Hall, reported on March 2 a theft after her gray TV cable, dorm rug, pack of toilet paper and pack of Glade trash bags were stolen from her dorm room. The value of the theft was \$42.

◆ Karl R. Swanson, Barrington

Drive, reported on March 31 a theft after his wallet with \$78 in cash was stolen from a locker in Diddle Arena. Swanson's Social Security card, Kentucky driver's license, Western ID card, US Bank Visa card, AAA card and Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance card were also stolen. The value of the theft was \$93.

◆ Kyle P. Heavrin, Southwest Hall, reported on March 31 a theft after his two chrome "Euro" tail light covers and two side window vent shades were stolen from his 1998 Chevrolet S10 while it was parked on the fourth level of parking structure 1. The value of the theft was \$105.

#### Arrests

◆ Antonio Perez-Torres, Nashville,

was arrested on April 2 and charged with careless driving, driving without a license and driving under the influence on 14th Street. He was released April 3 from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$500 cash bond.

◆ Devin M. Cates, Cunningham, was arrested on April 2 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place at the sidewalk next to Hilltop Shops. He was released the same day from Warren County jail on time served.

◆ Christopher W. Upton, Massey Road, was arrested on April 1 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place and alcohol possession by a minor in the PFT lot. He was released on April 1 from Warren County jail on a \$1,020 cash bond.

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Obituary

# Death investigation continues

BY COREY PAUL  
Herald reporter

Her family said that Allison "Ali" Carter was a dental hygiene major whose smile radiated charisma.

This week friends and family will remember the sophomore from Evansville, Ind. in her hometown. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Browning Funeral Home, which is run by Carter's family in Evansville.

Carter was pronounced dead at 11:04 p.m. on Sunday in a car crash with a police officer when she tried to cross Kentucky Street from 13th Street, the Herald previously reported.

Kentucky State Police are still investigating the accident. "She was just a light in our life," said Carter's aunt Charleen Browning, who wrote Carter's obituary.

According to Browning, Carter was leaving a Chi Omega sorority meeting on Sunday. She had dropped off a friend before the accident occurred and was returning to campus.

She had spent the weekend with her sister Emily and had called her parents at 6 p.m. to tell them she was in Bowling Green, Browning said. Trooper Todd Holder, public affairs officer with the KSP, said he couldn't confirm that information because the case is under investigation.

State police are following the investigation and conducting interviews, Holder said. A state police detective used a "total station unit" device on Tuesday to map out the accident and give visual aid to officers. These results are still being processed.

A preliminary accident report will be released tomorrow and a preliminary medical report might also be released, Holder said. Friends wishing to pay their respects to Carter can attend visitation today from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow.

A group of Carter's friends will be carpooling to pay their final respects, Browning said. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ the King Catholic Church at 3109 Bayard Park Drive in Evansville.

No plans have been set for a Western and Chi O memorial, but people have visited the Chi O house on Normal Drive to remember Carter. Chi O members couldn't be reached for comment, but released a statement earlier in the week.

"We are taking this time to grieve the loss of a dear friend," Chi O President Emily Kay said Monday on behalf of the sorority. The members have also been wearing black ribbons. Memorial contributions can be made to the Ali Carter Scholarship Fund at Reitz Memorial High School for students entering Western.

The family hopes that Carter's scholarship will become endowed and last forever, Browning said. Carter graduated from Reitz in 2004. At Western she was a Chi O and a Kappa Alpha Belle in the Kappa Alpha Order. Carter is survived by her parents, Michael and Rebecca Carter, and two sisters, Emily and Sarah Carter.

Reach Corey Paul at news@wkuherald.com.

## News brief

### Authors visit town during Book Fest

Ancient Greeks worried that books would isolate people from each other as they found empty corners to enjoy the written word alone.

But literature fans from across the state will be anything but alone when the Southern Kentucky Book Fest, the state's largest literary event, returns to Bowling Green this weekend.

The event is Friday through Saturday at the Sloan Convention Center, said Jennifer Bailey, one of the organizers and assistant store manager for the Barnes & Noble bookstore on Campbell Lane.

The sixth annual Book Fest is free to the public, and there will be books by visiting authors on sale, Bailey said.

Guest speakers will include Elizabeth Berg, Linda Bruckheimer, Chuck Barris, Rick Bragg, Jack Cantos and Cathie Pelletier.

There will be a book signing, authors' lectures

and presentations on the second day of the event. Speakers and presentations are scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday.

On both days, schoolchildren can meet authors, participate in dramatic and musical performances and make art and crafts. Tomorrow's events are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The Book Fest is presented as a partnership between Western Libraries, Bowling Green Public Libraries and Barnes & Noble Bookstores, Bailey said.

Money from the Book Fest is used to promote literacy in the community, and Barnes and Noble will donate as much as 25 percent of event profits, she said.

"With the literacy rate in Kentucky where it is, anything we can do to promote reading in Kentucky and in our region is absolutely the most valuable thing we can give to the children," Bailey said.

— Amber Costler

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EDITORIAL

Sad reminder

Allison Carter's death should be a warning to students that life can be short

As the semester starts winding down, many students are plagued with final projects, term papers, grand point averages, and graduation.

But when events like the one that took sophomore Allison Carter's life happen, life takes on a new perspective.

Those end-of-the-semester hassles disappear, and many realize how precious life is when a tragedy strikes.

Suddenly, getting up for class doesn't seem like that big of a deal. The hike up the Hill doesn't seem as strenuous.

Carter, 20, was killed after her car was struck by a Bowling Green Police car Sunday night.

She was attempting to cross Kentucky Street from 13th Street when her car was hit.

Her death should be a wake-up call for everyone. Life is not an endless period of time, and death may not be decades away.

Carter's death should encourage everyone to make that phone call to mom, bury the hatchet with an old friend or tell someone how they feel.

Though there may be many students who did not know Allison, her death hits close to home because of her age and because she went Western.

The countless messages left on her Facebook profile on Monday showed many students were grieving. Most of them were "in memory of" or "you will be missed," but the gesture alone would have brought tears to the heartless. The messages read as if Allison would be checking them at any moment.

Many students used Facebook as a way to grieve and express their feelings. There are many ways to handle death. Talking about it and keeping a normal routine are just suggestions.

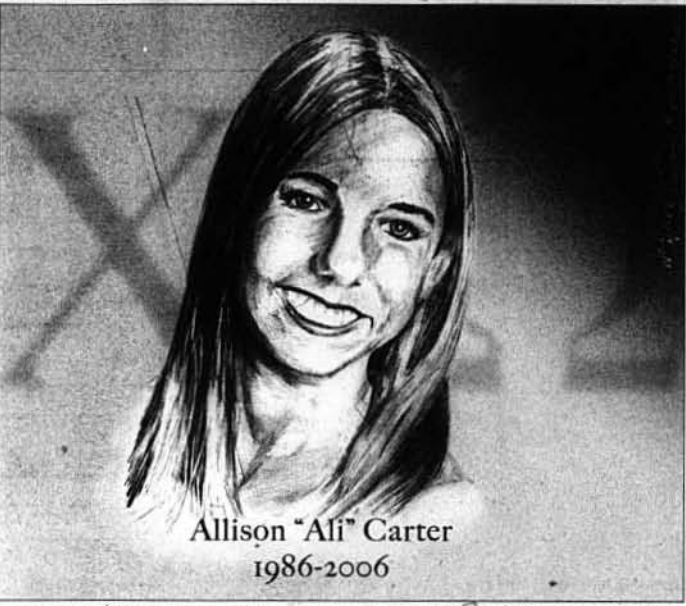
For those struggling, the Counseling and Testing Center can help. Whether it is for yourself or someone else, help is available.

The center is located in Potter Hall room 409 and can be reached by calling 745-3159. The center's Web site is http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/StudentAffairs/COUN/Strv\_vic.php.

Grieving is a process, and the sisters of the Chi Omega sorority are available.

The Western family lost one of its own, too. The days following a tragedy really show what a tight group Hilltoppers are.

The overwhelming support the Chi Omega members have received shows that Western cares.



Allison "Ali" Carter 1986-2006

Hopefully, students will learn from the outpouring of support, and realize it should not take an event such as the death of a student for them to care. All Western family members are important, even if they are not members of a specific group.

Students should care about each other, even when there is no tragic event.

The Western family is close in times of need, but it should also be close any other time. Because if Western students don't take care of their own, who will?

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 10-member board of student editors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PETA not that great

Perhaps dedicating half an article about the circus to an organization such as PETA was an error. PETA executes more than 90 percent of the companion animals taken in at its Virginia animal shelter, the home area of some of the circus protesters.

Even PETA president Ingrid Newkirk admits that changing the facility in question to a "no-kill" shelter is well within the PETA budget (\$29 million last year).

By comparison, a state-run facility less than five miles away kills less than 35 percent of its animals. It seems relevant to ask why an organization willing to marginalize the deaths of 6 million Jews during World War II by comparing them to the dinner table to a "Holocaust on a plate" would deem it necessary to murder innocent animals given to the care of PETA in good faith.

Ask the two PETA employees currently charged with more than 50 felonies for killing helpless pets in a van converted into a rolling death chamber if their victims would rather be in a circus or in a dumpster.

Terry Maggett senior Hollywood, Fla.

SGA is useless

I only have two points: 1. No one cares about the SGA because it is nothing more than a brilliant display of Political bickering and backstabbing. It's a game people become involved in to pad their resumes and has no apparent mission to actually help students.

2. I concur with the previous reader who says we should put our army on the Mexican border. I also agree this is only possible after the Iraqi people continue the "road to peace" our government established when we destroyed their country.

Brandon Lucas junior Hudson

Immigrants should stay

I'm listening to Biggie right now. "Juicy" - a song about hardships, struggle and the American dream. A song Ryan Dillon would say is about ghetto

and drug-dealing. And so it's fitting he wants to deport the "illegals" who come here for work. For opportunity. These are hard-working people whose biggest mistake in life was not being born in the U.S.A. Yeah, let's hold that against them.

"Illegals" don't wear their Mexican flags to demonstrate their allegiance. They do it to celebrate their heritage. When Ryan's friends stick the Confederate flag to their trucks, do they do it out of loyalty or pride? Wait a second. Don't answer that.

But what about all the jobs they're stealing? Chances are, if your job is stolen by an illegal, you were digging that dirt too slow. When's the last time an illegal stole a comfy corner office from a privileged white male? They're taking the jobs nobody cared about until immigration became an issue. Suddenly, everybody cares how the counters get clean.

So let's reverse the situation: Mexico becomes America. All of those weird people in Wal-Mart with eagle tattoos, and teeth and special pants can't live off welfare anymore. The dollar is the new peso. Where will they get the money for all of their whole milk and ground beef?

America. Kid. Juicy, isn't it?

Jeff Tetraault senior Fairfax, Va.

Police officers should slow down

I can't tell you how many times I have been driving in the city of Bowling Green and have been passed by police officers who are paying no regard to the speed limit, with no warning by emergency lights or sirens. Then there is the officer who speeds in a red traffic signal, illuminates his emergency lights, speeds through the signal, then turns off his emergency lights and proceeds down the road still not regarding the posted speed limit.

These occurrences are all too common within the city. What most people are unaware of is that these things they see our officers do quite often are illegal. KRS 189.940 identifies exemptions from traffic regulations for emergency vehicles. It clearly states that speed limitations do not apply to emergency vehicles when responding to emergency calls as long as they give warning by illuminating the vehicles warning lights continuously during the emergency and by continuous sounding of the vehicle's siren during the emergency. It also clearly states that no driver or operator of any emergency or public safety or other vehicle shall use the warning lights or siren, bell, or exhaust whistle of his vehicle for any purposes or under any circumstances other than those per-

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Stephen W. Miller senior Smiths Grove

Ryan Dillon's letter was wrong

Maybe you should get some of your facts (or what you think are facts) straight before spilling them all over the Herald's paper.

Your concerns with Yale accepting a "former Taliban official" may be warranted, but have you not forgot how he even got into the United States? Mr. Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi obtained an U.S. Visa, which was approved by the U.S. government. He didn't just hop on over to the U.S. and get into Yale. Maybe your commentary should be on why the U.S. allows "Taliban officials" into the U.S.

Also, where are you getting your facts on Kayne West? He is addicted to pornography - are you kidding me? Your comment about his lyrics being full of degrading comments about women is totally unfounded. You may want to actually try listening to Kayne's lyrics before making blanket statements.

A final note, you should be ashamed of yourself for writing in an assumptive manner that states a person listening to rap music is equal to a person being involved in a gang. Or maybe you hang out with so many gang members and just know that they don't enjoy Beethoven or Marissa McBride.

Tara Schmidt junior Chicago

These are the Herald's views on the good, the bad and the slightly unattractive.

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Environmental science

# Scientists tunnel through nine-inch manure to unlock chicken waste problem

BY ANDREW McNAMARA  
Herald reporter

From a distance, it looked like fifth-generation farmer Craig Cohron was wading through a calf-deep sea of large marshmallows.

But as Cohron's work-stained boots stepped gently through the jumble, the large white mass began dividing and emitting a sound similar to a rewinding cassette.

Cohron was navigating through a group of nearly 26,000 chickens whose flapping wings created a filthy fog in the poultry house.

As the chickens scurried from the path of the farmer, a nine-inch-deep layer of brown chicken manure is revealed, and Western scientists think it can be more than waste.

Scientists from the Institute for Combustion Science and Environmental Technology are researching how to trap ammonium in chicken waste and use the waste for fertilizer. They are also using the litter to research how to remove sulfur from coal.

Heritage Farm poultry house, where Cohron is the farm manager, will host some of the research.

Chicken waste releases ammonium that is harmful to baby chickens. Ammonium causes chicks to go blind, keeping them from finding feed dispensers and water, Cohron said.

Farmers must ventilate the poultry houses with vents and 14 large fans to flush out the harmful air, said Martin Cohron, technical specialist with the Institute and Craig Cohron's father.

But airing out the area decreases the temperature of the poultry house and the farmers must reheat it. Those tempera-



Chickens are fed at Heritage Farms in Butler County. Scientist from Western are looking into using chicken litter to decrease the amount of sulfur released into the air by Kentucky coal.

tures must be kept warm for the baby chickens, Martin Cohron said. But warmer temperatures release more ammonium.

The research will help farmers more efficiently keep the temperatures consistent while trapping the ammonium, he said.

Currently, the scientists are trying to map from where the ammonium originates and why it is released, Martin Cohron said.

The project is still in the developmental stage and researchers aren't sure how much the study will cost, he said.

The Institute is also researching how to use chicken waste to decrease the amount of sulfur released into the air by

Kentucky coal.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture funded the research with a \$2 million grant, said Wei-Ping Pan, director of the Institute.

When coal from Kentucky is burned, about 3 to 5 percent of the air the power plants emit contains sulfur and is toxic, Pan said.

Power plants have to use scrubbers to remove the sulfur from the air, he said.

Scientists have discovered that burning a mixture of half coal and half chicken waste reduces the amount of sulfur released by 50 percent, Pan said.

The idea was proposed by Japanese scientist Ryo Ozawa, said Bobby Chen, operation manager

of the emissions control lab.

When the chicken litter is heated to 500 degrees Celsius, it becomes a lignite-like material, Chen said.

Lignite is a type of coal that contains a lot of moisture and ash and breaks apart easily. It has the lowest carbon content and heating value, Chen said.

Also called brown coal, lignite is used mainly at electricity-generating plants, Chen said.

With these projects, scientists are able to take something that is totally waste and make it useful, Chen said.

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# 6 DEGREES: Couple made music in band

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Pope, a baritone, has sung everywhere from South Carolina to Italy.

He premiered an oratorio, or opera with no storyline, for the celebration of the martyrdom of Polycarp by July 2005 in La chiesa nuova, or the new church, in Rome.

Family members have approached Pope after one of his performances and marveled at the power of his voice.

"I know you did that, but I didn't know you did that," a family member told him.

Pope got his master's degree in vocal performance from Loyola University in New Orleans. He received his doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina.

Pope got his undergraduate degree at Murray State University, where he met his wife, Beth.

Robert Pope's guitar skills and song writing attracted Beth Pope, she said.

They both played trumpet for Murray State's band. Spending so much time together helped the young couple connect, Pope said.

Pope's trumpet playing is better than his piano skills, he said.

Pope knows he's not a decent pianist, but loves every minute he plays.

"I play better than he does," Beth Pope said. "He's adequate for his needs."

Associate Theater Professor David Young worked with Pope on several productions at Western.

He said he's enjoyed working with Pope on shows such as "Chicago" and "Sweeney Todd" because they have a lot of the same ideas about what should go into a show.

"I just know we're on the same page," Young said.

Despite his lackluster piano playing, Pope keeps trying. He also plays the bass guitar for the faculty jazz quartet and the trumpet in his spare time.

"I'm beyond hope," Pope said jokingly.

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## Facilities

## Hill to get energy assessment

By Andrew McNamara  
Herald reporter

While the red EXIT letters guide passers-by to a doorway, they've shown facilities administrators a way to save money.

The halogen light bulbs inside the signs burn constantly, which has led to an idea to replace all the signs with light emitting diode (LED) bulbs that use one one-hundredth of the energy.

This possible switch is a prelude to the types of changes that could be made around the Hill after an energy service company performs an energy efficiency assessment.

The assessment will hopefully begin in the summer and highlight ways for Western to save energy by installing more efficient equipment.

All non-residential buildings will be assessed to find areas where energy can be saved, said John Osborne, vice president of campus services and facilities.

It is essential that this assessment is completed because the costs of energy are going up, Osborne said.

Western spends about \$5 million on energy annually, and that amount is expected to increase by about 1.5 percent next fiscal year, said Doug Ault, director of planning, design and construction.

After assessing the buildings, the company will give the facilities department a menu of projects that could save a significant amount of money over time, Ault said.

Some of the projects could include replacing lighting the

machinery used in the heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) systems, Ault said.

The department will choose which upgrades to make based on what changes will save money and energy at the least cost, Ault said.

The energy company will then fund the project up front and contract out the different jobs to smaller, specialized utility firms, Ault said.

Western will pay the assessment company back with the money saved on the energy bills, Ault said.

"Eventually we want to be in the positive cash flow and getting good returns on our investment," Ault said.

Finding a company and the assessment should take about six months, and the different projects could take about a year

and half to complete, said Ben Johnson, the project manager overseeing the assessment.

In 2001, Western did similar work and has saved an average of \$263,000 annually from the changes made, Johnson said.

But it isn't just an assessment that could save Western money on the energy bill.

Western students and administrators need to reduce energy consumption to help minimize the utility budget, Osborne said.

Lighting accounts for 30 percent of Western's energy bill, and it wastes energy and money when students and faculty leave lights on in dorms or classrooms, Ault said.

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## Campus Life

## Night to offer taste of culture

By Nina Bosken  
Herald reporter

College is a time in students' lives where they will be around many different cultures. Western students can celebrate this cultural mixture tomorrow evening.

International Night will take place from 7-11 p.m. tomorrow on the fourth floor of Downing University Center.

Admission is free, and students, faculty and staff will be charged \$3 if they wish to play billiards and bowling. Event Program Coordinator Mindy Johnson said.

This is the fourth annual International Night. About 400 people attended last year, Johnson said.

Food from around the world, diverse entertainment and worldly education are some things students and employees can find at the event, she said.

"It's really neat," Johnson said. "A variety of people are there. It's very entertaining and educational. It's neat to see all the cultures coming out to one event."

The event is sponsored by Campus Activities Board, Office of Diversity Programs and DUC Diversity Committee.

Graciela Perrone, a flamenco dancer from Montevideo, Uruguay, will be one of the entertainers of the evening. Perrone began her career by painting, but later discovered her love of dance when she moved to America, according to a CAB flier.

"We chose her because she's multi-talented," said Kenny

Martin, a graduate student from Tallahassee, Fla. "She's a singer, dancer and an artist, so she's very talented."

Martin is involved with CAB and brought Perrone to Western. Perrone will be the main entertainer and will perform for about an hour, he said. Shadow Dancer, which is a pair of Celtic dancers, will also be at the event.

There will also be a fashion show featuring a mixture of cultural clothing, said Dewaher Dhandapani, coordinator of the educational booths for the event.

Educational tables by the Indian Student Association, Latin Student Association and the Spanish club will be set up, Dhandapani said. The booths will be displaying general information about their cultures. Last year, one table had a computer presentation, he said.

"I hope this breaks stereotypes, and I hope they learn something new about another country," Dhandapani said.

Attendees will get a taste from around the world with the different food samples from vendors around the community, Johnson said. Food from Chinese, Mexican and Asian cultures can be tasted, she said.

"I hope students learn that there is a bigger world out there, it's not just what you see in America and Kentucky," Martin said. "The goal for this is to make students global thinkers."

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## News brief

## Impounded car stolen

A car that was supposed to be in Western's impound lot was found abandoned on Glen Lily Road by a Warren County sheriff's deputy.

Western records showed the 1997 Mercury four-door was supposed to be impounded at the Park Street impound lot, the police report said.

According to the report, it appeared someone had climbed over the fence into the lot, then drove the car through the gate.

The gate was bent in half, said Jennifer Tougas, director of parking and transportation. It has been repaired.

The car's front end was damaged, the police report said. Western police were notified after it was discovered the car was registered to Columbia freshman Derek Bailey, according to the report.

This has never happened at the Park Street impound lot, Tougas said. The lot is used for cars towed in Western's campus.

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# 2006 SGA election

## Experience helps Johnson

**BY KATIE BRANDENBURG**  
*Herald reporter*

Jeanne Johnson is the only sophomore running for an executive position in the Student Government Association.

But she is confident her experience will help her in the SGA executive branch.

Johnson, a Marion sophomore, is the sole candidate for executive vice president of the SGA.

She has been involved in SGA for two years, serving as chair of the campus improvements committee in fall 2005. She is currently the speaker of the senate.

Johnson got involved with SGA after her sister, former SGA president Patti Johnson, suggested she join. The opportunities she saw her sister experience from SGA prompted her to participate in the group, she said.

Good leadership and communication skills are the result of participation in SGA and many other organizations on campus, Johnson said. She is treasurer of the pre-law club and a member of the Kappa Delta sorority.

Johnson continues to campaign even though she's running unopposed, speaking with many organizations about her experience and future plans.

Even though students don't have another candidate choice, they do have the choice to vote or not, Johnson said.

"I think it would be better if

I had competition, but I'm very confident in my abilities," she said. "I'm gonna do a great job no matter what."

Johnson wants to be executive vice president because it is an open-ended position which would allow her to pursue projects that are most important to her, she said.

Getting more students involved in SGA will be a priority, Johnson said.

"To be a senator is an honor," Johnson said. "People don't want to step forward, get out there and spread the word."

Positions in the senate need to reach the point where they can be competitive, Johnson said.

Other projects Johnson plans to focus on include getting the Degree Audit Reporting System running.

DARS would put a student's degree program online so they can track their progress through their classes, Johnson said.

Another important issue to her is expanding participation on the newly created diversity council, Johnson said. The council invites representatives from campus organizations to discuss how Western can improve and support diversity across campus.

Johnson is a double major in finance and economics, with an emphasis in pre-law.

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Jeanne Johnson

## Allen thinks she can fulfill duties

**BY LEAH CAUDLE**  
*Herald reporter*

Amanda Allen says she isn't running for Student Government Association administrative vice president because of self-interest.

The junior from Goodlettsville, Tenn., says she cares about what students want from SGA, which makes her qualified for the position.

"I'm a really big student advocate," Allen said. "I'm going to give 110 percent if I'm elected."

Now running unopposed, Allen said that she always knew she was the better candidate for the position.

She believes she is more dedicated to fulfilling job requirements than her former candidate, Lindsey Lilly.

Lilly couldn't be reached for comment. As of Monday, Lilly was no longer pursuing the office.

Allen said she wanted to run because she wants to help improve SGA.

By improving SGA, Allen said she would increase communication between the executive board and the senate.

"Often, there is a lack of communication between the senate and the board, and I think (more communication) would improve the legislative process," Allen said.

*Reach Leah Caudle at news@wkaherald.com.*

The political science major said she would like a possible Western student insurance plan researched by SGA in the future.

Before running for office, Allen was involved in other organizations that helped prepare her for the potential position.

She was in student government in high school. At Western, she is a member of the Omega Phi Alpha service sorority, the Mock Trial Team and the political science department club.

Allen said she is used to having a confrontational nature because of her experiences working as a barista in a coffee shop.

"People get angry in the morning when they don't have their coffee, but you can't just tell them no," Allen said. "This kind of work prepares me for SGA meetings."

In the future, Allen said she would like to see more student involvement with SGA. She said SGA should improve its methodology in involving students.

"How are we supposed to know what the students want if we don't communicate with them?" Allen said. "We should get students involved by any means necessary, even if it means using resources like Facebook."

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Amanda Allen

## BOR: Fee to not be precedent

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all of Western's financial woes onto students.

"This way, the fee will really be hitting the people who are taking advantage of it," she said.

Dawson said she also plans to propose a clause that would end the \$30 of the fee set aside for FAC improvements after administrators pay off all the bonds for the project.

That part of the fee should not be ongoing because it would not be designated toward a specific cause, she said. But the other \$16 should be continued because the amount would help pay for operating costs and new equipment.

Regents will probably pass the amendments, Dawson and Ransdell said.

Martin said he can't predict how regents will receive the amendments, but they should be good discussion topics.

Dawson said the fee should not be a precedent for passing



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# LEADERSHIP: Searches in progress to fill administrative positions

## Sherry Reid



Bowling Green Community College should be getting a permanent dean, after about four

years of being headed by interim dean Sherry Reid. Reid worked at Western for 11 years. Reid worked as a part-time faculty member at the community college. She was hired full-time as the academic support division chair before Barbara Burch, Provost and the Provost's Office, called her to take over as the interim dean.

## Elmer Gray

Graduate Studies Dean Elmer Gray will become an optional retiree. Gray said he came to campus in the summer of 1968, when Western had just become a university and administrators were developing many new

graduate studies programs. He became assistant dean of the College of Education in 1971 and dean of the college in 1974, after spending time as a professor in the agriculture department.

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Job responsibilities include handling faculty personnel matters. Burch said Petersen will provide interim leadership for the

## John Petersen



John Petersen, associate vice president of academic affairs in the Provost's office, will become a full-time professor in the political science department. Petersen has worked at Western for 37 years. He has taught at least one class in the political science

international programs department. Administrators will begin a search for a director of international programs in the fall, she said. John Bonaguro, dean of the College of Health and Human

Services, is heading the search for Petersen's replacement. Bonaguro said the national search committee has a good pool of more than 30 applicants, and committee members hope to have the position filled by July 1. Committee members hope to narrow the pool of applicants and invite some candidates to campus within the next few weeks, he said. Graduate Studies Dean Elmer Gray also wants to return to teaching. He plans to become an optional retiree, possibly on July 1. His responsibilities include overseeing all university graduate programs, handling graduate students' applications and administering Graduate Council policies. But Gray said he wants to start focusing on teaching and research projects again because that is what brought him to Western. Burch said she hasn't started the search process for a new dean. The community college will finally have permanent leadership when administrators appoint a new dean.

Sherry Reid has worked as interim dean of the community college since 2002. Among Reid's responsibilities are making sure university policies are enforced, managing the budget and representing the college within the community. Administrators will make the dean position permanent as soon as possible, Burch said. The community college has been without a dean for a long time because there were many changes planned during the past few years, and it wasn't time to initiate a new administrative structure, Burch said. The search for someone to fill the new vice president of research and economic development position is moving rapidly, Burch said. Search committee members, headed by Ogden College Dean Blaine, have already finished the review process and done follow-up calls, she said. Candidates may visit campus within the next 10 days.

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# PREACHER: Police arrive, but man allowed to share religious beliefs

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"I think preaching is a good thing," Shouse said as he left the event after staying for about 45 minutes. "I think we are all naturally commanded to do it, but to come out and openly condemn people without supplying the grace of the gospel — that's just wrong."

"We are not called to do that." Morris admitted to making generalizations but said he was doing so to reflect "principles" to his audience.

Morris said he doesn't sin, a comment that agitated several in the audience. Some passers-by heckled Morris, calling him a "nut job," "crazy," and other more vulgar names.

Shouse and several others debated Morris about their belief in divine forgiveness and

said that everyone is a sinner. Louisville senior Robert Ashby, who was involved in the debate, said it was hard to talk about anything because Morris spoke in such a stand-offish manner. "I think his intentions were right but I think he is doing it all wrong," Ashby said.

Other students were entertained by the spectacle. Graham Bailey, a senior from Atlanta, was taking his dog Mack for a walk when he saw the gathering.

"Everyone is arguing about something they are not going to change," he said. "The guy is getting exactly what he wants."

Campus police appeared at the event on Tuesday after receiving complaints from students.

Officers Kerry Hatchett and Rafael Casas pulled Morris aside at about 7:45 Tuesday afternoon to make sure things

didn't get out of control. Morris argued for his right to free speech, although the officers never asked him to leave.

According to Hatchett, Morris was within his legal rights and would be allowed to stay as long as he did not directly disparage any students or incite a riot.

Campus police were not present for the exchange between Morris and Luttrell.

According to Hatchett, Morris had enough experience to know to keep his comments general to avoid charges of harassment.

Morris said he had been in court before. He used to make direct comments to people, which got him in trouble.

Morris has traveled around the country as a preacher for five years, his wife Candra Morris said. She said he felt called to preach.



Photo by Alex Slitz

Campus police officer Kerry Hatchett confronts preacher Donnie Morris about some of his offensive speech in front of Guthrie Tower on Tuesday afternoon.

She watched her husband from a distance as she looked after the couple's two children, Julia, 9 weeks old, and Mariab, who is 15 months.

Before he started preaching, Morris installed cellular antennas for a living, his wife said. He still does that work in the summer.

Last week, Donnie Morris spoke at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, she said. Next week, he will travel to Cincinnati to speak.

Howard Bailey, dean of student life, said Donnie Morris called Tuesday to ask for permission to preach on campus.

Bailey said there is no requirement for speakers to notify administrators before they arrive, but it's preferred.

There are no policies for restricting any kind of speech anywhere on campus, Bailey said.

"As long as he doesn't interfere with the education process, we'll let him stand down there and shout as long as he wants to," Bailey said.

Reporter Amber Coulter contributed to this story. Reach Corey Paul at news@wkaherald.com.

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Student government

# SGA plans to get the vote out

BY KATIE BRANDENBURG  
Herald reporter

Students can't vote in state elections over TopNet, but the Student Government Association hopes to make the election process less confusing for Western students.

SGA members passed a resolution at their meeting on Tuesday to hold a forum on the upcoming state primary elections.

Topics of discussion will include how to register to vote, how to vote with an absentee ballot and how to run for office.

Another resolution will be presented to establish the date and location of the forum, said Elizabethton freshman Johnathon Boles, author of the legislation.

Information of absentee voting is especially important because a lot of students are away from home or on vacation during elections, Boles said.

"Lack of information can cause apathy, and we've got to kill apathy," Boles said.

SGA has never hosted a forum on elections before, said Berea junior Kara Ratliff, SGA chief of staff.

SGA has hosted other election-oriented events such as DebateWatch, where students gathered to watch the 2004 presidential debates.

Ratliff said the event will help students become actively involved in the upcoming elections.

"I think most people's way of thinking is that it's not really going to involve them," Ratliff said.

The decisions made in these

elections really affect them every day, she said.

Versailles freshman Jill Rosenberg said she would attend the forum because she isn't registered to vote and wants to learn how.

"I'm gonna complain about the government, I might as well vote," Rosenberg said.

Sturgis sophomore Caleb Jenkin said he is registered to vote, but would not be interested in a forum about election issues.

"I vote and stuff, but I don't really get into it," Sturgis said. "It doesn't really matter what I think."

Kentucky's primary elections will take place on May 16. The deadline to register to vote for primary elections is April 17.

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Campus life

# Quartet to perform music in sync

BY SUSIE LAUN  
Herald reporter

An all-female string quartet is unusual in the classical music world, Music Professor Michael Kallstrom said.

Kallstrom wanted to give students the chance to see such a group.

The Lark Quartet will perform a free show at 7:30 p.m. today in the Van Meter Auditorium.

"They're a great string quartet who play at the highest level," he said.

The Quartet is a string instrumental group whose music is both traditional and new, said Mina Doerner, Potter College administrative assist-

ant and an event organizer.

The group plays in a style that includes classical, romantic and contemporary music.

Some of the contemporary music has been written for the group, Quartet violinist Deborah Buck said. The other members are Kathryn Lockwood, Maria Bachmann and Astrid Schween.

In 2006, the Quartet is releasing their first CD, "Endeavors," an American Landscape piece that will feature music by Bolcom, Gerstwin, Tillis and other American musicians.

The show is important because many people on campus wouldn't usually be exposed to a group like the Quartet, Doerner said.

Music Department Head Mitzi Groom said the Quartet members are wonderful role

models for college students.

"I love that they're all women," Groom said.

Aside from performing tonight, the Quartet members will each spend the afternoon teaching a class to pre-college string students, Doerner said.

"The class will be 'Lessons in front of people,' meaning the instruction will be individual, but there will be others watching," Buck said.

Groom said she hopes the students' learning will be reaffirmed during the lessons.

The Quartet is a part of the Cultural Enhancement Series. Past events include speakers J.D. Crowe and Barbara Bhererreich.

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News briefs

Wild N' Out comedian to hit Hill tonight in "Fake ID Follies" show

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Mathur's comedy show, "Fake ID Follies," contains explicit material and may not be appropriate for all ages.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show begins at 8.

Admission is \$2 at the door.

For more information, contact Rachel Neal at 745-5225.

- Lisa Ross

Centennial book debuts tonight at Barnes and Noble

Western Kentucky University, The First 100 Years, 1906-2006 will make its debut at the Kentucky Live! program at 7 p.m. tonight at

Barnes & Noble Booksellors on Campbell Lane.

It costs \$29.95. Profits help support Western's history department, the Kentucky Library and the Kentucky Museum.

The book tells Western's story through about 150 photographs from University Archives.

It was compiled by Nancy Baird, Kentucky history specialist for WKU Libraries; Carol Crowe Carraco, distinguished university professor of history; and Sue Lynn Stone McDaniel, university archivist.

The book will also be available this Friday and Saturday during the Southern Kentucky Book Fest at the Sloan Convention Center. It will later be available at the Kentucky Museum Store and at the University Bookstore, and can be ordered by mail by contacting Baird at 270.745.6263.

- Lisa Ross

What's your story?

Travel shaped student's outlook

By SAMANTHA HUPMAN Herald reporter

Seeing the world is something most people do after college, if they do it at all. But Steven Adams has visited more destinations in his 25 years than the average person in a lifetime.

Adams, a junior who grew up in the Caribbean, mostly travels with his family. His father is a pilot and his mother is a retired flight attendant.

"I've always told people they should get out and travel," Adams said. "See how other people did things."

Adams has been to such places as Italy, Australia, China, Canada, Costa Rica and throughout the United States. His family moved to Louisville when he was 14 because of his father's career.

Since he was used to moving around, there wasn't much of a culture shock, he said.

Traveling is an experience Adams said has positively shaped his perspective.

"It's made me a more laid-back person," he said. "I can get along with almost anyone."

Evan Dennison, a senior from Stuart, Fla., has known Adams for about four years. The two are in the same fraternity, Delta Tau Delta, and Dennison agrees Adams is an easy person to get to know.

"Steven's a very outgoing person," he said. "If he just met you, he'd be open to you and start a conversation with no problem."

Warren Bartram, Adams' roommate at Western Place Apartments, said he and Adams quickly became friends. They even discovered they both owned a T-shirt they've never seen on anyone else, he said.

"He knows how to have a good time and takes people under his wing," Bartram said.

Although Adams has seen some of the most famous places in the world, he has developed an appreciation for Bowling Green. He said he likes the smaller-city atmosphere and friendly people.

"In 10 minutes, you can get from anywhere to anywhere," he said. Adams began attending college at the University of Louisville, but said he didn't like the large class sizes and infrequent interaction with faculty. He took some time off to work in Louisville and then came to Western. He's now a marketing major.

During that time, his parents and younger brother moved to West Palm Beach, Fla. Even though they moved farther away, he is still close with his



Steven Adams

family, Adams said. Along with seeing the world, music is another strong influence on Adams' life.

Dennison said Adams always knows a lot about music and anything new coming out.

Adams said dancehall is one of his favorite types of music. It's a type of popular music from Jamaica similar to reggae, but with a faster tempo.

"Music is my passion," he said. "With anything I'm doing, I'm listening to music."

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# Storm coverage more important than McDreamy



## BLACK LINE MUSINGS

Lisa Ross

If you can recall the 1996 film "Twister," you might remember that Helen Hunt's character, Dr. Jo Harding, spent the entire movie trying to locate a faster

way to predict tornadoes because her father had been killed by one when she was younger.

Harding would have been appalled by how under-appreciated her work would be by some people in this area.

Let's take a little trip back in time to Sunday evening.

I returned to the dorm around 7:55 p.m., anxious to watch "Desperate Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy." To my dismay, there was a weather alert interrupting the shows.

The announcer mentioned several times that the widely-watched shows would be rerun at a later date and time. He also said golf ball-sized hail had

been reported. I took that as a cue to move my car to the parking structure since the storm appeared to be headed east toward Bowling Green.

I returned to my room just in time to hear the announcer say that WBKO had received several e-mails from viewers complaining about missing their television shows.

I like to see the adventures of Meredith Grey and Dr. McDreamy just as much as the next person, but come on.

At what point did television become so consuming that some people would forsake their safety in exchange for watching their favorite shows?

WBKO reported damage in Christian County and said a man in Missouri was killed by the same weather hours earlier. Surely that's a bit more important than Edie Britt's sexcapades on Wysteria Lane.

If nothing else, you would think compassion for the family of the man who died would make you think twice about complaining about missing an hour or two of television.

But I don't want to waste any more space pointing out how shallow some people's actions were on Sunday. Instead, I want to commend a few Western students and WBKO for looking out for the rest of campus.

Two women (I am sorry I didn't get your names) sent e-mails to WBKO about something more worthwhile than interrupted programming. One asked where people who live on campus should go to sit out the storm, and her question was answered on-air.

As the storms continued to move toward Bowling Green, the other asked if WBKO could illustrate where Western was located in relation to the places where tonados had touched down. One of the weathermen drew a circle around Western's campus on the map.

It's refreshing to see Western students looking out for this campus and not their own self-

centered interests. And for those of you so anxious to get back to your regularly scheduled programs: WBKO will air "Grey's Anatomy" at 12:05 a.m. tomorrow. "Desperate Housewives" was aired at 12:05 a.m. today.

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## Campus life

### Debate team picks up steam

BY BOBBY HARRELL  
Herald reporter

Natalie Sinteck is used to winning tournaments with Western's forensics team.

But she never won by herself until she selected an award on Monday.

Sinteck, a sophomore from Egan, Minn., beat 197 competitors to take home the national individual sweepstakes award from the American Forensics Association National Individual Events tournament at the University of Florida in Gainesville. The tournament took place from April 1 through 3.

She's the first Western forensics team member to win individually and the first sophomore in the nation to win the award.

Mayfield senior Ashley Brafford also won a national award for dramatic interpretation.

While she won her award individually, Sinteck said she felt the entire forensics team behind her.

She said she is still adjusting to her win.

"It's hard to wrap my head around it," Sinteck said.

The forensics team won the AFA tournament's national titles

in 2003 and 2004, said Judy Woodring, director of the forensics team.

She said Sinteck's accomplishment in the forensics world was like a freshman basketball player becoming an NCAA All-American.

Each competitor advanced in the tournament depending on the points they gained in different events, Sinteck said.

She placed high in five events, including prose interpretation. For the event, Sinteck had to create a 10-minute summary of a book and explain it to judges.

The summaries act as "documentaries" for better understanding, Sinteck said. Several other events, like dramatic interpretation and after-dinner speaking, condense information creatively.

Western's forensics team often picks topics for competitions that are important to them, including meditation and micropause.

Saeed Jones, a sophomore from Lewisville, Texas, was a semifinalist in impromptu speaking, after-dinner speaking and duo interpretation.

He said the forensics team often advocates for certain causes in their events.

"Everything we do comes from the heart," Jones said.

Winning the tournament for the past few years has increased the pressure on the team to deliver championships, Woodring said.

"To work to keep that level of excellence is sometimes difficult," she said.

Both Jones and Sinteck said pressure helped the team work harder to continue their winning streak at the tournament.

The team had been training since September for the tournament, Sinteck said.

During the school year, they travel on the weekends to competitions, she said. The rest of their non-school-related time is devoted to researching, developing and practicing their performances.

The forensics team is traveling to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for the National Forensic Association's national tournament on April 14 for another chance at a national title.

Herald reporter Kelly Richardson contributed to this story.

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## Campus life

### Relay gets a running start

BY JOEY LESLIE AND LISA ROSS  
Herald reporters

Gina Gasbarre won't be sleeping Friday night.

Instead, the Louisville senior will be participating in Relay for Life, a free event to honor those who have battled cancer and raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Smith Stadium. The event lasts through the night until 6 a.m. Saturday.

Gasbarre, who is a student worker, is a member of the admissions office's team.

"I've known people who have had cancer," Gasbarre said. "I've always wanted to get involved, and this was my opportunity."

More than 30 teams have raised a total of more than \$5,000 since the kick-off in February.

Jessica Jones, development representative from ACS, said more teams are involved in this year's Relay for Life than in past events.

"The teams have already raised funds," Jones said. "Now we just want people to come out to the free event."

The opening ceremony for Relay for Life will begin with a survivor walk.

Jones and Catherine Melvin, a junior from Murfreesboro, Tenn., and event co-chair, will discuss the purpose of the event and introduce the group of survivors who will walk the first lap with their friends and family.

Other event participants can join in on the second lap.

Anyone can purchase luminaria with a minimum donation of \$5.

These candles, in memory of those who have been lost to cancer and in honor of those who have defeated the disease, will be lit at the luminary ceremony beginning at 10 p.m.

"My mother had a bout with cancer," Melvin said. "I can't fight the fight for her, but this event is a way I can come out and give back to her."

Western students and WUHU 107 FM radio will be providing musical entertainment throughout the night.

Jones said there will also be games at the event including a comedic Mr. Relay beauty pageant, karaoke and a musical chairs scavenger hunt.

"It's a great way to get involved with a good cause," Melvin said. "I think everyone has been affected by cancer in some way."

Donations to the ACS can be made at the event and online at [www.acevents.org/relay/kw/westernkentucky](http://www.acevents.org/relay/kw/westernkentucky).

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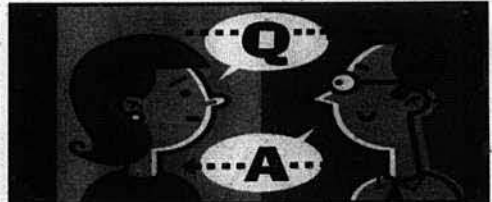
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# DRAFT: Porter-Talbert averaged 16.4 points

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"When I was growing up, I went to so many Sparks' games, and now I have the opportunity to play for them," she said. "It's just amazing to think about."

Porter-Talbert said she'll still be able to handle finishing school.

"I'm fine with that," she said. "I wanted to make it, and now I have. I'm just gonna have to keep working out and staying on top of my game."

The Sparks finished last season fourth in the Western Conference with a 17-17 record. They won the WNBA championship in 2001 and 2002.

The Herald attempted to contact the Sparks, but there were no officials available for comment.

A first team All-Sun Belt Conference selection, Porter-Talbert averaged 16.4 points and 7.7 rebounds this season. She was also the 2004 SBC

Player of the Year.

Though she helped lead the Lady Toppers Women's National Invitational Tournament this season, she was suspended from Western's semifinal game against Kansas State for an undisclosed team rules violation.

Porter-Talbert leaves Western as the second all-time leading scorer in Lady Topper history with 2,028 points.

Coach Mary Taylor Cowles said Porter-Talbert has definitively left her mark at Western.

"We're extremely proud and excited for her to have the opportunity to elevate her game to the next level," Cowles said. "I'm glad for the opportunity to coach her for four years, and it's great because it allows for our program to be recognized nationally."

The Sparks begin their season on May 21 at the Seattle Storm.

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# RIVAL: Colt extends hitting streak to 10 games

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extended his hitting streak to 10 games, going 2-for-5 with a RBI and a run scored.

Finwood said he was pleased with the effort of the junior third baseman Scotty Colt, junior catcher Jordan Newton and junior designated hitter Casey Hamilton in the lineup, who combined for seven hits, seven RBIs and three runs.

"Scotty Colt swung the bat really good, Jordan Newton in particular as well," he said. "They did really well for us. Every starter had a hit with the exception of our nine-hole guy."

Western next hosts Sun Belt Conference foe Troy at Denes Field this weekend. The first game of the series is slated for 6 p.m. tomorrow. They play at 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Troy (21-9) comes into the weekend a perfect 3-0 in the conference. The Trojans also have earned non-conference victories over Alabama and Auburn this season.

"Troy's got an outstanding batclub," Finwood said. "They'll be very good, highly talented offensively and defensively and on the mound. And we're going to have to play well to beat them."

Freshman left fielder Brandon Embry said working hard in practice will be important to win this weekend.

"We're just going to keep working," Embry said. "Have a good practice tomorrow. And hopefully we'll be ready."

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# RAID: Conference tourney is May 11-14

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The Lady Toppers return three key starters from last year's squad: senior shortstop Betsy Rolfs, senior pitcher Adrienne Lathrop and Twins.

All three returnees were selected to the preseason All-Sun Belt team.

Coming into conference play, the Lady Toppers have been working hard on their offense, but preparing for this weekend began on day one of practice, freshman pitcher Ryan Rogge said.

"Everyone has been working really hard, and I think that is really going to show in conference," Rogge said. "Everyone will get their chance to shine."

The Lady Toppers have been taking the week to prepare for Middle Tennessee by focusing on their offense, Lawson said.

As a team, the Lady Toppers are batting .223, and on the

defensive side are fielding .957 which puts them in fourth in the conference.

Middle Tennessee may be looked at as an underdog because of their sub-par record, but the Lady Toppers will look at them as if they are Louisiana-Lafayette, Towns said.

"I think all of us are excited for conference," Towns said. "This is what we have worked for all year so we want to win, and then go to regionals for the first time."

This season's Sun Belt Conference championships are being held May 11-14 at Florida International in Miami.

**Lady Toppers drop two at Kentucky**

The Lady Toppers lost 2-1 and 5-4 in a double header at Kentucky (18-22) last night.

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# SAFE: Challenge is to fill spots

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upper hand on claiming the starting spot this fall, they also push each other to get better."

"We keep improving, going toe-to-toe and rep-for-rep," Smith said. "We're not out to get one another. We help each other out. If we see something the other person sees, we let each other know."

Even with the multiple losses on defense, Smith said the defense as a whole is up to the challenges in filling in the replacement spots.

"It's fun to know that it's time for other guys to step up," he said. "But with the work that we've done in the off season,

we're all ready and prepared to make the adjustments and step up and take our roles on this team."

With a tight battle raging through spring practice, the starting spot may not be secure when the spring schedule ends.

"They're all tough guys and smart," Elson said. "I think the competition will end up being strong at that position whether it's one of these guys or someone coming in as a freshman, but I think I'm gonna feel comfortable at the end of spring knowing that we've got a solid player at strong safety."

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## Sports briefs

### Kelly makes WNIT All-Tournament team

Add another honor to sophomore forward Crystal Kelly's list of achievements.

On Tuesday, the 6-foot-3 Louisville native was named to the WNIT All-Tournament team.

Kelly, who averaged 19 points during the regular season, poured in 23.5 points per game in the Lady Toppers' four tournament games.

She also pulled down six rebounds per contest during the tournament for Western.

The Lady Toppers fell to Kansas State, 57-56 in the WNIT semifinals.

"I think I came out with something to prove in the WNIT," she said. "I think the whole team did. We felt like we got ripped off by not being in the NCAA Tournament, so this achievement is nice."

Western's leading scorer was also named first-team All-Sun Belt Conference during the regular season and an All-Sun Belt Tournament performer.

Kelly's selection marks the first time a Lady Topper has been named to a postseason all-tournament selection since Glen Doyle was named to the 1995 NCAA Midwest Regional All-Tournament team.

"It's a nice award, especially since it's been that long," Kelly said. "I wish we could have won the tournament, but now I'm just looking forward to next season."

— Jake Mitchell

**Winchester to play in amateur tournament**

In the hopes of continuing his playing career beyond the Hill, senior guard Anthony Winchester will participate in the Portsmouth (Va.) Invitational

Tournament, which began yesterday and runs through Saturday.

The tournament is the first event for National Basketball Association hopefuls before June's NBA draft.

Other Sun Belt Conference participants include Louisiana-Lafayette's Michael Southall and Dwayne Mitchell.

Winchester will be competing on a team featuring Cincinnati's James White and Georgetown's Brandon Bowman.

Winchester, the Sun Belt Conference player of the year, averaged 18.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game this season for Western.

He's also seventh on the Toppers' all-time scoring list with 1,732 points. His 247 three-pointers are the most in school history.

For more information on the tournament visit <http://www.portsmouthinvitational.com>.

— Jason Stamm

# Attention Seniors

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# Ambrose takes charge as walk-on

By **DAVID HARTEN**  
Herald reporter

Last Friday, Western freshman right fielder Jack Ambrose lived the dream of many young baseball players. He became a hero in the Toppers' game against Arkansas-Little Rock.

With the game tied 4-4 in the top of the ninth inning, Ambrose came through with a clutch single that scored junior third baseman Scotty Calk and gave the Toppers a 5-4 victory.

"It's a moment you live for," Ambrose said. "That's why you play the game, but once again, I wasn't thinking about being the big man. I was just trying to do my job, trying to score a run."

Ambrose has been getting time on the diamond as a walk-on to the Toppers' squad.

Although he came to Western primarily for his education, Ambrose decided to try out for the baseball team. He lettered in baseball three years at Bates Creek High School in Lexington.

"To be honest with you, it was more for my major," Ambrose said. "Western has an excellent broadcasting program, and I figured, you know, I'd give it a shot. If it happened, it happened. If not, then I'd still have my major, which I really want to go into."

Finrow said there were a number of things Ambrose did

that made him give the freshman a roster spot.

"He's a tough, hard-nosed kid," he said. "He ran OK, threw OK, had a little pop in his bat. We don't have much depth this year, so we figured we'd take him, and he's playing fairly well for us. He plays hard and is a good kid."

The team's decision to add Ambrose to the roster has paid off for both the player and the team.

Ambrose has made six starts in right field this season, recording eight outs with no errors.

He has made an impact on offense as well, batting .458 percent with three RBIs. He has scored eight runs on 11 hits. He is a perfect three-for-three in stolen base attempts this season.

Assistant coach Jonathan Hadra said Ambrose has improved on his batting and fielding since the fall season.

"He's really worked hard in the outfield," Hadra said. "His glove is a whole lot better in the outfield. He's getting better jumps. His at-bats are better. In the fall, he swung at some bad pitches, but he's made the adjustments."

Ambrose continued to improve on the field Tuesday against Austin Peay, going 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored in a 12-9 loss to the Governors. He added another run and hit last night against Eastern Kentucky.



**Jalle Kish/Herald**  
With seven starts so far, freshman right fielder Jack Ambrose has been making an impact as a walk-on.

Hadra said the crucial base hit against Arkansas-Little Rock was a compliment to how hard Ambrose has worked this season.

"He's a tough kid," he said. "He got in there, and even though he's a walk-on freshman he wasn't scared or anything. He wants to compete, and we put him in a situation where he could compete and he came through."

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# Men's and women's golf Teams round out the season

By **WILL PERKINS**  
Herald reporter

Before the men's and women's golf teams travel to St. Lucie, Fla., for the Sun Belt Conference championships, Artz, to play in the Cowboy Classic. The Lady Toppers left yesterday to play in the Eastern Kentucky University Spring Invitational this weekend.

Cosch Brian Trepak said the men's team is peaking at the right time this season.

"We're in a situation where the team is improving every week," he said.

Senior Robby Shaw said he isn't worried about his accomplishments this year, but rather how well the team performs.

"We've done unbelievable as a team," he said.

The Toppers have finished

sixth, third and second in their last three tournaments.

Trepak said it's a total team effort and everyone has been contributing a score of 73 or better.

"We're pretty solid all the way down to the five man," he said.

The Toppers' main goal is to win conference, Shaw said.

"I think this is the best team we've had," he said. "So this is the best year for us to do that."

The Lady Toppers won the EKU Colonel Classic in September.

With a final round score of 73, junior Megan Prodergraff was the tournament's individual winner.

Junior Sarah Colbert said the Lady Toppers will have high hopes for the conference tournament if they play well this weekend.

"Competition-wise, there is no one in our conference," Colbert said. "But I think the better we play as a team, the better we will play in conference."

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## Notable

• Senior guard Tiffany Porter-Talbert is the first Lady Topper in five years to be drafted by the WNBA. Sha'Rae Mansfield was selected by the Houston Comets in 2001. Porter-Talbert averaged 16.4 points and 7.7 rebounds.

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# WNBA team drafts Porter-Talbert

## L.A. Sparks take Lady Topper in third round

By JASON STAMM  
Herald reporter

While the Lady Toppers' season may have ended with a 57-56 overtime loss at Kansas State in the Women's National Invitation Tournament semifinals March

28, the next level now awaits senior guard Tiffany Porter-Talbert.

The Women's National Basketball Association's Los Angeles Sparks made Porter-Talbert its third round draft choice in yesterday's WNBA draft. She was the

No. 36 selection overall.

Porter-Talbert is the first Lady Topper drafted since the Houston Comets selected Sha'Rae Mansfield with the 33rd overall pick in 2001.

"It's a really big thrill, and I'm just

ecstatic," Porter-Talbert said. "I didn't know what to do. I just got excited with a couple of my friends. It's exciting to go home, but I wasn't too concerned as to which team. I just wanted a chance to make it."

Porter-Talbert, a native of Manhattan Beach, Calif., will be playing for the team she said she grew up rooting for. She will join the Sparks for training camp April 23.

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Tiffany Porter-Talbert

## Softball

# Lady Tops hope to raid MTSU in SBC opener

By ARREY SHULL  
Herald reporter

After suffering a one-run loss to Louisiana-Lafayette in last year's Sun Belt Conference championship game, the Lady Toppers are ready to start their run for this year's title.

This weekend they open up conference play by hosting Middle Tennessee State (9-25). Western will play a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, then play again at noon Sunday.

One thing the Lady Toppers will do is learn from the past and not take any team for granted, junior outfielder Alara Towns said.

"Coach (Rachel Lawson) wants us to take all of the intensity we had at the beginning of the season when we were beating quality teams and carry that into conference play," Towns said.

The Lady Toppers (19-17) were picked to finish third in the Sun Belt in the pre-season poll compiled by the coaches.

The heavy favorite is Louisiana-Lafayette, who is ranked No. 13 in the country by USA Today. The Cajuns are followed by the conference's latest addition, Troy (20-24).

Making a run for the title last season, the Lady Toppers were edged by Louisiana-Lafayette in a 2-1 loss in the championship game.

The Lady Toppers finished out conference play with a 14-19 record.

The Ragin' Cajuns (29-6) might be ranked first, but Lawson said if the Lady Toppers play to their potential, they will win Ball games.

"In our conference there is little difference between the first and sixth positions," Lawson said. "It's going to be a fight, and if any team doesn't come out to play then they will get beat."

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Senior second baseman Matt Ransdell swings and misses a pitch from Eastern Kentucky yesterday afternoon. Western defeated Eastern 9-5.

Julie Kish/Herald

# Pitchers step up in rivalry win

By DAVID HARTEN'AND  
WILL PERKINS  
Herald reporters

One night after giving up 12 runs to Austin Peay, it was the pitching staff that came up big against rival Eastern Kentucky.

The Toppers snapped a three-game losing streak with a 9-5 victory over the Colonels last night at Deneb Field.

"I thought we pitched much better," coach Chris Finwood said. "Especially

with our guys in the middle of the game. (Senior pitcher) J.C. Faircloth in particular, with six strikeouts in two innings... We put up 14 hits, and with nine runs again, so our guys continue to do a good job offensively."

Western used six pitchers and struck out 12 batters. The Toppers gave up only five runs on nine hits.

After entering the game in the top of the fifth inning, Faircloth struck out six of the eight batters he faced in his two

innings of work.

"I really felt great about the team tonight," Faircloth said. "The guys came up swinging the bat, played good defense behind us tonight, and they gave us a chance."

Eastern helped the Toppers' cause, committing four errors, including three in the first two innings. The Colonels allowed Western to score five unearned runs.

Senior first baseman Eric Scriven

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# Players vying to be 'safe' this fall

By JASON STAMM  
Herald reporter

Western's rushing defense was among the best in Division I-AA last season.

Though the Toppers finished eleventh in rushing defense in the country, pass defense was another issue.

Western gave up 231.4 yards per game which ranked it No. 100 among Division I-AA teams.

Adding to the equation for this season is the loss of both starting outside linebackers and three defensive linemen in the

Toppers' 3-4 alignment.

Departing linebackers Brandon Smith and Deyon Hollis and defensive linemen Joe Woolridge, Charlie Phillips and Daniel Williams combined for 163 tackles and 14.5 sacks.

Heading into Saturday's 2 p.m. first full-contact scrimmage, coach David Elson said one of the team's biggest competitors for a starting position on defense will come at strong safety.

"As we evaluated our defense from last year, the strong safety, the way our defense is set up, is

in position to make a lot of plays," Elson said. "He's a guy we blitz a lot, so we need more productivity out of that. When we get into scrimmage situations, we'll be looking for those guys to make plays."

Elson said the Toppers should be set at free safety with sophomore Marlon Rumph. Last season, Rumph led Western with 93 tackles.

"He's been a two-year starter there and is certainly working on improving his game," Elson said. "We're looking for some

depth there and someone who can challenge him."

Among the vying candidates for playing time at safety are redshirt freshmen Brad Cloud and Ben Sowders, and sophomores Bo Smith, Brandon Mason and Clay Stephens.

"It's always a competition every day just coming out," Cloud said. "Right now, we're just trying to get all the mental stuff down so we can go out and just play."

While each player wants the

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Sophomore safeties Marlon Rumph and Brandon Mason, work on drills during practice on Tuesday. Mason is competing with four others for a starting safety position. Rumph is a probable starter.

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