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Regents to see less-detailed New Level

◆ Board to meet Saturday to discuss plan's final approval

By Lori Becker

A new New Level plan, with an estimated cost of \$1.7 million, is scheduled for review Saturday.

"I went back and reformatted it in a way that might be more helpful," President Thomas Meredith said.

At a special meeting at 9 a.m., the Board of Regents will discuss a shorter version of the implementation plans for Meredith's "Moving to a New Level" docu-

ment that includes cost estimates.

"It was a general consensus on the board that the plan we had looked at was much too detailed," Regent Burns Mercer said. "We all wanted something much briefer than that."

Meredith said he revised the plan at the request of several board members after they postponed a decision at the Oct. 27 meeting because of time constraints.

Some regents have questions and want to review more of the plan's details. Faculty Regent Ray Mendel said the revised, shorter version will limit discussion

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Plan could reduce accessibility

By Lori Becker

As Western moves to a new level, it might leave some students behind.

"We've anticipated it could negatively impact our enrollment to some extent," President Thomas Meredith said.

As part of Meredith's "Moving to a New Level" plan, Western's admission requirements will be increased over a five-year period to a 20 ACT or a 2.5 grade-point average.

The higher standards are one of the plan's points designed to improve Western's academic quality. The Board of Regents approved the conceptual plan in April.

However, Admissions Director Cheryl Chambliss said the new requirements could hurt enrollment.

"Students may not know they can be admitted conditionally with test scores or grades less than those already approved," she said. "Therefore, students may elect not to apply for admission."

"Anytime you change requirements, students will self-select where they will apply, and they'll apply where they think they can get in."

According to the document, one of the goals of the new standards is to increase the quality of students on the Hill.

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ELECTION: Patton squeaks by Forgy

By Mike Scott

Radcliff senior Shanna Stephenson voted for Lexington lawyer Larry Forgy and thought Democratic candidate Paul Patton's win signaled the continuance of business as usual in the state.

◆ The Democratic party swept Tuesday's state races.

Patton will be the next Kentucky governor after receiving about 51 percent of the vote in Tuesday's election.

Patton defeated Forgy, a Republican who made the strongest GOP gubernatorial run in 24 years.

A conservative message and a higher-than-expected voter turnout helped Lt. Gov. Patton lead a Democratic sweep of the state races. An estimated 44 to 48 percent of Kentucky's registered voters took part in the election. Patton received 498,805 votes to Forgy's 476,296, with all but one of the state's 3,250 precincts reporting.

In Warren County, Forgy defeated Patton 11,448 votes to 9,323.

Patton will be the state's first governor with the option of running for a consecutive term.

Bowling Green sophomore Amy Croslin voted for Patton and was surprised the election was so close. But she said she was

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Chris Stanford/Herald

The results of Tuesday's election were good news to Mayor-elect Eldon Renaud and his wife Penni. Renaud won the election with 58 percent of the vote.

Mayor-elect wants to repeal liquor ordinance

By Mike Scott and Tonya Root

Mayor-elect Eldon Renaud plans to introduce an ordinance that would repeal a Bowling Green law passed last year that extended the hours of alcohol sales in restaurants.

Renaud defeated City Commissioner Robbie Bond on Tuesday. He will take office Jan. 1.

The ordinance was passed by the Bowling Green commissioners last year by a 4-1 vote. Mayor Johnny Webb voted against it. Bond voted in favor of the ordinance.

Restaurants that receive at least 50 percent of their gross annual income from

food sales and have a minimum seating capacity of 100 people are eligible to apply for a license that allows alcohol sales by the drink from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Sunday.

Renaud said the election indicated that voters listened to what the candidates had to say and that they weren't influenced by the "big money" support his opponent was given.

"People are tired of the good old boy network," he said. "Several people

have said it was a close election, but I think it was a pretty sound defeat and I think it was a mandate for change."

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Three commissioners who voted for the current ordinance remain on the commission, and Diane Howerton, who was just elected, has said she would probably not repeal the law. But Renaud said he hopes they might see his election as a referendum on the issue.

The mayor has no more authority

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Diversions



The tried and untrue: Students say anything to skip their classes.

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Poetry reading

Ted Kooser reads his poetry and discusses writing as part of guest lecturer series.

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Lady Tops

Highly recruited Jaime Walz signs letter of intent.

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◆ Just a second

Police to check sobriety tomorrow

Motorists may find themselves in several roadblocks this weekend if they're out between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

The Bowling Green Police Department, Kentucky State Police and Warren County Sheriff's Department will conduct sobriety roadblocks tomorrow and Saturday nights in efforts to reduce alcohol and drug-related driving.

Roadblocks will be set up at:

- Louisville Road between old Porter Pike and Tobacco Road
- Brownstock Road between Payne and Sixth streets
- Fairview Avenue between Ewing Ford and Hampton roads
- Old Morgantown Road between Rochester and Parkside drives
- Third Avenue between Kentucky and Chestnut streets
- Campbell Lane between Nashville and Russellville roads
- Vine Street between Glen Lily and Brownstock roads
- Scottsville Road between Shive Lane and Three Springs Road.

◆ Campus line

Women's Studies Brown Bag Forum meets at 11:50 today in Garrett Center, Room 100. Galina Riznichenko, from Moscow State Lomonosov University, is scheduled to be the guest speaker. For more information, contact Katie Green at 745-5710.

International Programs sponsors an international forum, "Kazakhstan: A Country in Transition," at noon today in Garrett, Executive Room. For more information, contact Donna Cheshire at 745-5334.

Minority Student Support Services sponsors the third in a series of study skills sessions, "Decoding Your Professors and Getting the Most From Your Academic Adviser," at 3 today in Potter Hall, Room 425. For more information, contact Phyllis Gatewood at 745-5066.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets at 7 tonight in Tate Page Auditorium. For more information, contact Larry Callouet at 745-5202.

English department sponsors a bonfire and poetry reading at 6 p.m. Saturday on Pleasant Hill Road. For directions and more information, contact Rebecca Adams at 843-1346 or Mary Ellen Miller at 745-5721.

Music department sponsors a duet voice recital with Elizabeth Volkman and Scott Root at 3 p.m. Sunday in the fine arts center, Recital Hall. For more information, contact John Duff at 745-3751.

Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors a table in DUC lobby for a family at Thanksgiving from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Canned food will be accepted as donations. For more information, contact Tim Leavell at 842-9480.

Health Occupations Students of America meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in Thompson Complex Central Wing, Room 137B. For more information, contact Robby Jennings at 796-3978.

Phi Mu Alpha fraternity sponsors "A Chronology of American Music" at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the fine arts center, Recital Hall. For more information, contact John Duff at 745-3751.

Music department sponsors a clarinet choir concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the fine arts center, Recital Hall. For more information, contact John Duff at 745-3751.

Bowling Green-Western Choral Society and Orchestra performs Franz Joseph Hayden's oratorio, "The Creation," at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 at First Baptist Church, 621 E. 12th Ave. For more information, contact John Duff at 745-3751.

◆ Clearing the air

In Tuesday's People Poll, the pictures of Shallen Hastings and Louann Cornwell were reversed.



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Major event: Marching Band member Chris Heffner, left, a senior from Glasgow, waits for the Marching Band Extravaganza to begin while Bowling Green freshman Barry Thomas peeks at the audience Tuesday night in Van Meter Auditorium.

◆ For the record/crime reports

Reports

◆ David Brendon Prater, Jersey Court, pleaded guilty Sept. 28 to District Court Judge Henry Potter for driving under the influence Sept. 15. He paid a \$200 fine, \$47 in court costs and \$170.50 in fees.

◆ Charges of possession of alcohol by a minor Sept. 28 against Ben Corkley Taylor, Owensboro, were placed on pretrial diversion Oct. 16 by District Court Judge JoAnn Coleman.

◆ Charges of driving on a suspended license Sept. 19 against Eric Keith Brandenburg, Old Morgantown Road, were placed on pretrial diversion Oct. 19 by District Court Judge JoAnn Coleman.

Coleman.

◆ Charges of alcoholic intoxication Oct. 4 against Dennis Scott Kusies, Louisville, were placed on pretrial diversion Oct. 16 by District Court Judge JoAnn Coleman.

◆ Charges of alcohol intoxication Oct. 4 against Brian Keith Johannsen, Hinsdale, Ill., were placed on pretrial diversion Oct. 16 by District Court Judge Henry Potter.

◆ Charges of driving on a suspended license Sept. 19 against Eric Keith Brandenburg, Old Morgantown Road, were placed on pretrial diversion Oct. 19 by District Court Judge JoAnn Coleman.

Coleman.

◆ Jonathan Lamar Thyne, Creason Drive, pleaded guilty Oct. 19 to District Court Judge Henry Potter for driving under the influence Sept. 23. He paid a \$200 fine, \$47 in court costs and \$170.50 in fees.

◆ Charges of alcoholic intoxication Sept. 10 against Thomas Brian Creek, Karen Circle, were placed on pretrial diversion Oct. 23 by District Court Judge Henry Potter.

◆ Campus police officers recovered a parking permit, valued at \$50, Oct. 31. Phillip Ray Resch, Porter Pike, reported it stolen Sept. 6.

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NEW LEVEL: Revised plan includes cost estimates

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"Policies take on life by looking at the details," he said. "I want to be able to understand the policy."

"A certain element of the board is just interested in passing it only. There's not much interest in discussion."

The new version does not include most of the implementation recommendations made by the New Level steering committee.

Psychology Professor Jim Craig, the steering committee chairman, said he had discussed the need for cost estimates with

Meredith but was unaware the president was going to prepare a new draft for the board to review.

"I haven't seen it, didn't know it existed and didn't know it was going to happen Saturday," he said.

However, Meredith said the administration will use the committee's suggestions to carry out the plan.

The board is "more concerned with policy and the plan's general direction," he said. "The details, primarily, will be up to the administration."

Cecile Garmon, assistant vice president for Finance and

Administration, said she helped Meredith prepare the cost estimates for some of the points.

"Some of it's really a guessimate," Garmon said. "Until you actually start implementation, you don't know what the costs are."

The expansion of Western's Community College, which includes moving it to the Institute for Economic Development on Nashville Road, is estimated to cost \$1.2 million.

Other costs include \$85,000 to create a University College for freshman advising, \$100,000 for the use of instructional technology in classes, \$50,000 to provide

more cultural activities and \$30,000 to implement class attendance requirements, increase library access and program more student activities.

"Not all of that is expected to be spent in the next year," Garmon said. "Those are things we will look toward."

Money will be shifted around to cover some of the costs, Meredith said. Western has also asked the General Assembly for funds to help implement the plan.

The board will vote on the amount of money spent on New Level in the spring, when it discusses next year's budget.

Mercer said.

"These will just be estimates to guide our decision," he said.

New Level is designed to improve Western's academic quality. However, about 70 percent of the estimated costs have been allocated for the community college, Mendel said.

"The document reflects a failure to confront reality in terms of spending, if in fact we're serious about moving to a higher level," he said.

Once approved, implementation will begin immediately, Meredith said. "I'm hoping they'll say, 'Move ahead. Put it in place.'"

REDUCE: New standards concern minorities

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"It'll keep some people out, but other people will look at Western more favorably," Leitchfield senior Scott White said. "If they want to come to Western, it will encourage them to try a little harder."

Dianne Baney, a junior from Dayton, Ohio, said she would like to go to a school with higher standards.

"The lower standards make it seem like anyone could get in to this school," she said.

Others disagree, saying the higher qualifications will discourage students from attending Western.

"They would know they can't get in, so what's the point in applying?" Calhoun senior Leslie Bickett said. "It might look better because they're supposedly getting a higher quality student, but they're discriminating against a lot of students who have the potential of doing better."

Meredith said New Level includes safeguards to help protect enrollment, such as expanding Western's Community College to make the university more accessible.

This fall, 280 students were admitted to the community college because they didn't meet the current admission requirements of a 17 ACT or 2.2 GPA, Chambless said. This number will increase as the standards go up.

"It's possible that students might be discouraged from pursuing higher education," she said.

Effect on minority enrollment

Finley Baird, assistant director of admissions, said she opposes the higher requirements because they will decrease minority enrollment.

"The only way to prevent it is if we don't have the policy," said Baird, who is also in charge of minority recruitment.

The higher standards will take away education opportunities from black students, she said.

Tonya Payne, a freshman from Cross Plains, Tenn., said she would not have come to Western if the higher requirements were in place last year.

"You shouldn't base everything on one test anyway," Payne said. "You're not giving that person a chance."

New Level's admission standards could get Western in trouble with the Council for Higher Education, Baird said. CHE is requiring universities to increase their minority enrollment, but Western's efforts to reach this goal may be hurt by the change.

The higher requirements will not improve Western's reputation but force students to pick other schools, Louisville sophomore Jason Smith said.

"There's a lot of students who can't meet that," he said. "Color

doesn't have anything to do with this."

Fort Campbell freshman Marcus Young said he barely got admitted this year.

"There's a lot of students struggling through high school who want an education," Young said. "Western should be happy that there's more minority students out there trying to get an education."

New Level also includes a new University College to identify those students who may be capable of making it," Meredith said. But regardless of their grades or test scores, all freshmen will be placed in the University College.

In-state students who meet the current standards may be admitted with conditions. To continue after 24 semester hours, conditionally admitted students must finish any precollege courses they did not complete and remain in good standing with the university.

Mendel meets with Faculty Senate today

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Faculty Representative Raymond Mendel will address faculty concerns about President Harry Condes Meredith's "Moving to a New Level While Keeping Old Traditions" plan at today's Faculty Senate meeting.

Mendel said he is doing this because he thinks it is important, and because he has been hearing from faculty who want to know more about the plan.

"What I want to do is to get feedback from faculty about the concerns they have about New Level, to get a somewhat better sense of where the faculty are," he said.

The meeting will be 3:30 p.m. in Garrett Ballroom.

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Opinion



"IMPORTANT" PUBLIC ADDITION TO TEACHER EVALUATIONS - TALENT COMPETITION

♦ Our view/editorial

Open faculty evaluations to students

Finally, the administration has listened to Student Government Association about teacher evaluations — to some extent.

SGA has given Robert Haynes, vice president for Academic Affairs, 10 questions that are to be put on a separate evaluation.

Some of the questions are: Does the attendance policy for this class result in grade penalties? In what format are the tests for this class? How many tests are given (including the final)? Is the instructor/professor available for help outside class time? Do you think

you have the grade you deserve in this course?

The results for both evaluations should be published. Knowing the results of the SGA evaluation is good, but the progress shouldn't stop there. Students should have the right to see the results of both evaluations.

Students need to know how others evaluate professors so they could determine what classes to take.

The administration isn't acting in good faith by not publishing the responses of all the questions on both evaluations. If

approved as written, New Level will keep the university's evaluations from being published.

It also is wrong that the administration has the final decision on what questions SGA can add to the evaluations.

It is time for Western to make an effort to see that students are getting the best instruction possible. If the results of the evaluations aren't going to be published, students shouldn't fill them out.

When the teacher hands out the evaluations, students need to hand them right back.

♦ PEOPLE POLL:

What question would you add to Faculty evaluations?

"What kind of degree do they have?"



—Eddid Craddock, Munfordville junior

"Will you be able to call the professor (at home)?"



—Heather Gray, Grayson freshman

"Do they interact with students?"



—Tyeholmes, sophomore from Rahway, N.J.

"What is your educational background?"



—Joey Baldwin, Carrollton freshman

"What are their policies on make ups (exams)?"



—Bill Brown, freshman from Evansville, Ind.

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Forum

Conflict's with Meredith, not KRS statute

Psychology Professor Ray Mendel, running unopposed, was recently reelected as faculty regent to the Board of Regents by more than 200 votes. Almost concurrently with this election, University Attorney Deborah Wilkins requested an opinion from the attorney general's office on Kentucky Revised Statute 164.360, which states that no person shall be employed at an institution where a relative serves on the Board of Regents for that institution. Mendel's wife, Colleen, is the director of Training and Technical Services. It's unclear whether this law applies to elected members of the board (Mendel, Staff Regent Joy Gramling and Student Regent Tara Higdon) as well as to the remainder of the board, which all are appointed positions. Also existing is an inherent conflict since Mendel and Gramling are employees of the institution where they were elected to serve.

This statute, an offshoot of the Kentucky Education Reform Act, was originally intended to prevent conflicts of interest within public school boards, specifically the practice of nepotism. The provision has never been applied to higher education — until now. Currently, the University of Kentucky and Morehead State University are in conflict with this statute. In fact, UK at one time requested an attorney general's ruling but withdrew its request under realization that an unfavorable ruling would cause internal problems. Morehead recently withdrew its request for a ruling. Why is our administration pursuing this when other state schools no longer seem to be concerned? This statute has been on the books since 1922. The motives behind this measure seem to have only one logical interpretation — the removal of a highly visible and vocal faculty representative from a board

that is beginning to understand that his opinions, by and large, do represent the faculty and

administrative title could generate.

Kentucky legal precedent also favors this interpretation. Chapman vs. Gorman (Ky 1922) states, "It is clear that relatives hired before board members were elected will pose much less suspicion of favoritism, and thus they will be much less likely to affect the morale of their co-workers, an implicit intent of anti-nepotism statutes."

Since Western requested an opinion, an unfavorable ruling would technically mean that Mendel would either have to resign from the board to protect his wife, have her agree to resign from her position, or agree to divorce his wife thus legally removing the conflict of interest.

All of this is ironic given that the Daily News recently reported the appointment of President Thomas Meredith to the board of directors of Atmos Energy, a private company in Texas which is the parent company of Western

Kentucky Gas. In a sense, this now makes Meredith Earl Fisher's "boss" while Fisher remains Meredith's "boss" as head of Western's Board of Regents.

Questions of the ethics involving the board are really nothing new, however. Forget that three past student regents received university jobs straight from being on the board. More troubling is the recent fact that current Regent Ray Preston's son received an administrative appointment to the Academic Advising Center in the area of student retention after Preston was appointed to the board. He only recently resigned to work for his father, leaving the door open for statute 164.360 to be applied to Mendel.

By no means, then, is the real conflict of interest with our elected faculty regent.

Editor's Note: Bart White is a communications and broadcasting professor.



Bart White
Guest
Commentary

often are counter to what the president tells the board.

This conclusion flows from the fact that Colleen has been a Western employee for more than 20 years (she didn't become an employee because her husband is a regent). Her salary is totally self-generated via grant writing, with no state money involved. Hardly a conflict of interest that an employee with a faculty or

Election night sparks memory

What a difference a year makes!

I know that's a bit of a cliché, but in this post-election euphoria/exhaustion that I'm experiencing, clichés are about the only thing my mind, deep-fried from too many late-night strategy sessions, can come up with.

Anyone who read my column of this week last year will know my head was anywhere but in the stratosphere. The second week of November, 1994, walloped me with not only a landslide defeat for the U.S.

Representative candidate I supported, but also the death of the great aunt who was like a third grandmother to me.

My parents picked me up for the ride home to her memorial service the night of the election, when all my friends headed to Frankfort for what they prayed would be a victory party. I was doing everything but praying that night, alternatively hushing my parents to be quiet so I could hear election results, then turning off the radio in disgust when they came in, accompanied by my own plentiful tears. My great aunt had died alone, of dehydration, in some forgotten room in a nursing home, and my candidate had been served with a political death-sentence by thousands of misinformed voters wielding a grudge. A week before, at the last representative debate, my spirits were somewhat more lofty, though I was nervous that Democrats were still behind in the polls.

I remember gaining some strength, however, from a man in the audience handing out lengthy essays on how good the economy actually was doing, and how Democrats, even the top one, were being given a bad rap by the Contract on America.

Only some of the people took a flier, most probably rejected theirs after reading the first paragraph, few probably finished it. Yet the man kept handing them

out as I watched.

A year later Bowling Green voters elected that man mayor of Bowling Green by a landslide margin of 18 percent. Sure, he may have had more people listening to him this time because he was talking about local issues like the "good ole' boy" network

rather than distant national figures, or watching him because his son Nick was now old enough to repeat "Daddy Mayor" on cue. But Eldon

Renaud, the man, hadn't changed, and with it remained his desire for truth and justice to prevail. I had a lot of quick conversations Tuesday yet the most insightful talk I had was with Mayor Renaud's older son, Matt, as we drove back to headquarters after escorting some nursing home-bound voters to the polls late in the day.

I was thinking about faith that evening, maybe because their residence reminded me of the one my great aunt had died in the year before. Maybe it was because I believed I had witnessed the failure of the guides distributed by the Christian Coalition to defeat Democrats. But whatever the reason, Matt's definition of what true faith meant — seeking out what you believe, questioning those beliefs, and working toward a higher goal — stuck in my mind. My faith in myself, my world, my concept of a higher being was shaken this week a year ago. Tuesday night did a lot to rebuild it, but it's a process that goes on from one day to the next. More than any cliché could express it, or any vote could demand it, I'm beginning to believe that people can have a positive effect in this world and make truth win out by more than 18 percent.

Editor's Note: Mark Brown is a senior English and elementary education major from Louisville.

Mark Brown
Commentary



Kentucky knocks out GOP in battle for governor's mansion

Newt Gingrich, keep your hands off Kentucky. The voters have spoken — there won't be a Republican in the Governor's Mansion.

Republicans knew that if they could capture the governorship, which Democrats have controlled since 1971, then the so-called revolution would continue.

But the tide has turned for the GOP (Gray Old Phogies). The elephant seems to have hit a brick wall since last year.

The Democrats were not even running their strongest candidate for governor and the GOP still couldn't win. Ben Chandler, who roundly won for attorney general, would have been the favorite had he run for the top job.

But Governor-elect Patton won by the narrowest margin

since 1963. Fewer than 23,000 votes of about 975,000 cast separated Patton and Larry Forgy.

Even Newt's money and Dan Quayle's name-recognition couldn't carry the Republicans over the top.

Kentuckians must have something against politicians with names of animals. Maybe that's why Forgy lost.

Even if his name is really Forgy, the Lexington lawyer couldn't win Jefferson

County. The state's most populous county overwhelmingly voted for Patton, giving the governor-elect a 25,000-vote edge.

That's one reason I feel partly responsible for Patton becoming the first governor from Eastern Kentucky since 1959. I'm from Louisville.

Another reason is because I



voted in Bowling Green, where this conservative, backward county voted 85 percent Forgy.

With any luck the GOP revolution will continue to falter. The Democrats used this governor's race to prepare for next year's presidential contest. Cuts in Medicare, Medicaid and school lunches are national issues that Patton used to his advantage.

As Patton said, "Kentucky has said 'no' to Newt Gingrich and Bob Dole. Will the whole country be next?"

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Matthew Tungate
Commentary





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Above, Republican gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy admits defeat to Democratic candidate Paul Patton, while Republicans at the Warren County Republican Headquarters watch televised results from the polls. Warren County Republicans exceeded their voter participation goal in the 1995 election.

Left, the atmosphere was gloomy at the Warren County Republican Headquarters when Democratic gubernatorial candidate Paul Patton lead Republican Larry Forgy, Sandra Smith Sherrell, Kelley Reagan and Pam Cosby, volunteers at the headquarters, listen to a Forgy staff member admit defeat over the speaker phone Tuesday evening.

PATTON: Republicans 'are not an unstoppable force'

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pleased with the outcome.

"I just didn't think he did a bad job as lieutenant governor," Croslin said. "I wasn't sure how I felt about Forgy."

In the other state races, Democrat Ben Chandler defeated Republican Will T. Scott for attorney general; Democrat Ed Hatchett defeated Republican Don Bell for state auditor; Democrat John Y. Brown III defeated Republican Steve

Crabtree for secretary of state; Democrat Billy Ray Smith defeated Woody Allen for agriculture commissioner; and Democrat John Kennedy Hamilton defeated Republican James H. Lambert for treasurer.

Government Department Head John Parker said recent election reforms, such as the motor-voter law and the campaign finance law that restricts spending in state races, seemed to have been effective. He said he was gratified by the

statewide voter turnout.

Forgy said the close election shows Kentucky has a viable two-party system, meaning that his party is flourishing, Parker said.

"But it also showed the Democrat party is alive and well. And a lot of people thought the Democrat party was dead six months ago," Parker said. "Republicans will continue to be a significant player in state politics, and in the South and in the nation. But this shows that they are not an unstoppable force."

Renaud whips Bond

Former United Auto Workers local union leader Eldon Renaud soundly defeated City Commissioner Robbie Bond in Bowling Green's mayoral race. Renaud took 59 percent of the vote. He has pledged to help repeal a law passed by the city commissioners last year that allows extended hours of alcohol sales in restaurants.

He has taken classes at Western and is co-director of com-

munications at the Corvette Plant.

Russian Professor Monia Ritter said she voted for the losing mayoral candidate, but she felt OK about the state elections. She voted for Patton, but said her vote was a statement of her party preference rather than of either candidate.

City Commissioner Diane Howerton defeated attorney Kelly Thompson Jr. by 114 votes. Howerton was appointed in June to fill Carol Melvor's unexpired term.

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Visiting poet encourages writers

By Molly J. Wade

Ted Kooser sees the magic in beer bottles, spiders, and television weather forecasters. His carefully-chosen words evoke images of the sights, sounds, memories and people who inspire him.

"There are these connections about writing poetry, and those of us who love it and make it a great big part of our lives make those connections," said Kooser, a visiting poet, to about 200 people Tuesday night in Garrett Auditorium.

"I'm very interested in these little moments where you experience a certain kind of energy that's gone very quickly," said Kooser, who is editor and publisher of Windflower Press and adjunct professor of poetry at the University of Nebraska. He lives in Garland, Neb.

He was here as part of the English department's visiting writers series. The purpose is to

bring in writers to speak to students and faculty as a supplement to what they learn in classes, English Professor Frank Steele said.

Author Bobbie Ann Mason will visit the department in February, Steele said.

The department usually invites about six writers each year to speak.

Kooser's poetry is focused on everyday occurrences and simple objects that catch his attention.

"I tell my students not to write about feelings," he said. "I try to avoid writing poems that are about the 'I'."

Kooser was the recipient of two Creative Writing Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. His poetry has been featured on National Public Radio and has appeared in a number of secondary school and college textbooks and anthologies.

His awards include the

Society for Midland Authors Poetry Prize, the Prairie Schooner Prize in Poetry and Poetry Northwest's Richard Hugo Prize.

One of Kooser's poems, "Flying at Night," was inspired by an airplane ride.

"Professional travelers know enough to request aisle seats," he said. "It's only us innocent wanderers who sit by the windows."

Other inspiration includes the death of his father, childhood memories of an informal book club formed by his mother, his newspaper carrier and the "Death's Head" moth, which lives on tears.

"It's the kind of thing no poet can resist," Kooser said.

Cincinnati sophomore Michele Martz said she enjoyed Kooser's poetry.

"It was more realistic," she said. "It was kind of different from the regular flimsy poetry that I read."

Students travel sky at planetarium

◆ *Hardin Planetarium is one of 10 located in Kentucky*

By Jennifer Wright

Students can tour the night sky and different parts of the galaxy until Sunday at the Hardin Planetarium.

"This program is not like one I've ever done before," Director Roger Scott said. "This program features music both composed and performed by faculty members."

"Journeys" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The planetarium, which opened in 1967, is located next to the Thompson Complex Central Wing. It is open to students and the public at no cost.

Scott said the planetarium, one of 10 in Kentucky, hosts pro-

grams focused on giving people general knowledge about the stars and the galaxies.

He is in charge of writing, creating and presenting the programs.

"We have a large variety of visitors who come to see our programs, people ranging from Head Start to high school students," Scott said.

Church groups, adult education classes, classes in other departments, and the public make up the 2,500 to 3,000 people that attend the planetarium each semester.

Scott decides on the programs himself.

"I usually decide a couple of days in advance what to do the programs on," he said. "I don't have a pattern. I just do whatever I think would be good."

Programs are chosen by a variety of aspects, including the

time of year.

"The Star of Bethlehem," the traditional Christmas program, will begin running after Thanksgiving and will continue until the end of the semester," he said.

Adrian Alverson, a junior from Greensburg, Ind., attended one of the programs offered last spring.

"I went because I wanted to learn more about the constellations and how to find them in the sky," he said. "It makes for good pick-up lines, too."

Hogenville sophomore Deanna Patterson had to attend as a part of her astronomy class.

"It was a great and very enlightening experience," she said. "I didn't know science could be so enjoyable. I went in the morning and it really got my day going, although I did walk out kind of dizzy."

LIQUOR: Some oppose change

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than other commissioners.

Rick McCartney, minister for Western's Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, said the group didn't endorse a particular candidate.

"But I would favor any legislation that would reduce the hours of sales of alcohol," McCartney said.

Others don't favor Renaud's idea for change.

Owenboro junior Tyler Brubaker said he likes the idea of being able to have a glass of wine with Sunday dinner.

"I think he's going to come in there thinking he's 'Mr. bad man' and he can change things," Brubaker said.

Renaud probably won't be able to get the law changed, Brubaker said.

Area restaurateurs could feel a significant impact if the ordinance is changed. Greg Phahl, manager of Andrew's, said a change in the law could cut his sales by as much as 25 percent.

He said he would "definitely show up" to a meeting for discussion if the current law is challenged.

"That's the main negative thing I heard about Renaud when he was running," Phahl said. "That was one of the main concerns. I just hope he doesn't pursue it."

Managers at Applebee's and Chi-Chi's declined comment.

Mayor-elect to look at public transportation

Renaud would also like to put in a couple of bus lines in Bowling Green. He said senior citizens at retirement homes and many of Western's students don't have a way around town, which is not good for business.

"We have to promote commerce," he said. "I will look at small bus systems in communities about the same size as Bowling Green. You've got to do the research."

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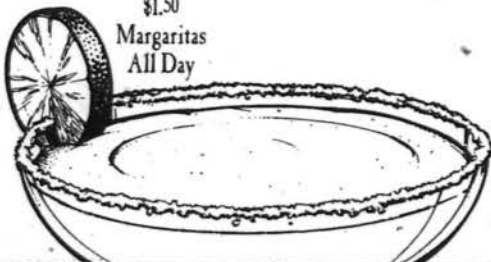
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Powell opts to skip '96 presidential race

BY JASON HALL

Retired Gen. Colin Powell put an end to speculation yesterday over whether he would enter the 1996 presidential race by announcing that he has decided not to run.

This decision has created a mix of opinions at Western as to how this will affect the race. Government Department Head John Parker said Powell would have sought the GOP nomination had he run.

"It leaves the Republican Party without a strong candidate," he said. "Democrats have to be pleased that he's not going to run."

Government Professor Sandra Ardrey agreed that the Republicans lost more than any one because of Powell's decision.

"His decision was disappointing, in terms of being a candidate to attract blacks to the Republican Party," she said.

Andy Kincaid, a freshman from Anderson, Ind., said he would not have voted for Powell, but his decision not to run might still impact voter turnout.

"I feel that there are other candidates more worthy of being voted for," he said. "But I think a

lot of young people would like to see a black person running, especially on the Republican ticket."

Louisville sophomore Ryan Cook, president of Western's College Republicans, said Powell would have been a "long-shot" for the Republican nomination, and he would not have been a strong candidate.

Powell was visible to students because of his involvement in the Gulf War, but Cook said he doesn't anticipate it making a difference in young voter turnout.

"I don't think it will cause much of a ruckus," he said. "I don't think he would have made the impact the press and everyone thought he would."

Howard Bailey, dean of Student Life, said minority students are aware of Powell's interest in the office. But he said that the retired general's decision will probably not affect minorities in the long run.

Bailey said Powell would never have run under the GOP label.

"I don't think in my lifetime the Republican Party will give a black man the party nomination for the presidency," Bailey said.

"His decision was disappointing, in terms of being a candidate to attract blacks to the Republican Party."

— Sandra Ardrey
government professor

SGA evaluations hit snag

BY CHARROÑE LA BELLE

Student Government Association faces another setback in getting faculty evaluations published.

Robert Haynes, vice president for Academic Affairs, said if the SGA evaluations are to be circulated with the university evaluations, student government will have to meet the Nov. 16 deadline set by Robert Cobb, Academic Computing and Research Services consultant.

SGA will have to give Cobb 2,500 envelopes and instruction sheets, and 80,000 questionnaires in order to conduct the evaluation.

President Tara Higdon said SGA officers would have to look at the student government budget to see if "that's feasible." But she didn't know how much it would cost.

Higdon, a Slaughter's senior, said she sent the proposed SGA teacher evaluation form to Haynes on Tuesday. The evaluation includes 10 multiple choice questions, rather than the original five "yes/no" questions.

The new questions are:

- ◆ Does the attendance policy for this class result in grade penalties?
- ◆ If so, after how many absences?
- ◆ In what format are the tests for this class?
- ◆ How many tests are given (including the final)?
- ◆ What percentage of your grade is based on the final exam?
- ◆ Is the instructor/professor available for help outside of class time?
- ◆ Does this instructor/professor encourage group discussions?
- ◆ Are written reports, book reviews or research papers a requirement of this course?
- ◆ If so, how many reports, reviews, or papers?
- ◆ Do you think you have the grade you deserve in this course?

Students will be able to respond to one of three choices, depending on the question.

When the results are published, Higdon said a copy would be made available in the SGA

office, the library and the Registrar's office. They could be available by spring, she said.

Haynes approved the questions yesterday afternoon, but he said it wasn't quite what he had in mind.

"I think she (Higdon) misunderstood me, but I'll go along with the 10 questions," he said.

SGA playing it safe

SGA passed two proposals and another resolution that was brought up for first reading Tuesday.

Members will decide next week whether to suggest that the university install surveillance cameras.

The cameras would "promote security for students, especially females," said Darlene Lodmel, student affairs committee chairwoman.

"You would know they're there, and that would lessen crime and increase overall campus safety," the Versailles sophomore said.

Other aspects of campus safety were addressed by legislation passed Tuesday.

Congress voted unanimously to suggest that the university repave the intersection of Virginia Garrett Avenue and Big Red Way.

Louisville sophomore Rob Carothers said the improvement is needed because "in the rain the uneven pavement collects water... making it difficult for pedestrians to cross the street safely."

Members also agreed to "support and commend the university for current actions which promote the reduction of crime on campus."

Higdon said she thought the bill was to show the administration that SGA and the students are behind efforts to keep crime to a minimum.

"We're (SGA) not going to physically arrest people and enforce laws," she said. "We just want to show our support. We always point out what needs to be fixed, this is just something, good."

◆ Designs for the Western flag are due Nov. 14.

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Excuse abuse

When it comes to skipping classes, some professors have heard it all

Story by Melissa Gagliardi Art by Stacy Curtis

Classes are important, but sometimes there are other places to be, things to do and opportunities that just can't wait.

Whether students are skipping class for legitimate reasons or just to nap, beware: Teachers know that students aren't always honest.

Cynthia Jones, consumer and family sciences instructor, said she used to empathize with students who had to miss class.

"At first, I was so gullible," she said, even though students were missing class for "crazy" reasons.

Students were absent because their cars were stolen, they had friends in jail, or they had to serve community service, she said. Then Jones noticed students had parents who died a couple of times a semester.

One student's excuse moved Jones emotionally. The student came into Jones' office to explain that she had breast cancer and had to miss class.

"We were both in tears," Jones said. "She was shaking. I was thinking 'What can I do for her?'"

But later that night Jones said she saw the student at a basketball game "dancing and carrying on."

"From that moment on, I don't even care if anyone has excuses," she said. "We're all adults. We can have priorities. ... All I care is that you find out what you need to know and make it up."

Some come up with excuses because they don't want her to have a lesser opinion of them, she said.

But she finds honesty more admirable.

"In fact, I respect a student who can say 'Look, I overslept. What can I do to make up?'" Jones said.

Some instructors make copies of students' written excuses and file them so they know which work to allow the students to make up, she said. But Jones said she doesn't agree with the idea.

"Why should I have all that paperwork?" she asked. "Eventually their grade is going to reflect it. ... A students make Bs and B students make Cs based on attendance."

Jones sometimes chose partying over studying when she was a student and said taking road trips can be as educational as going to class.

"You can learn as much off campus as you do here," she said. "You have to see the big picture and broaden your horizons."

Bowling Green senior Beckye Francis said she skips class at least once a week.

If the teacher doesn't take roll, she doesn't bother making an excuse. But if Francis wants to stay on the teacher's

good side, she said she makes up a really good excuse.

"For instance 'I'm really (cough) sorry (cough) I've missed your class,'" Francis said.

But she said it's not lying.

"I creatively influence my teachers," she said. "There's a difference."

Sometimes Francis misses because of her busy schedule, sometimes it's because she's sick of school, and other times it's because she was out late at Waffle House with friends, she said.

"Occasionally, I am sick," Francis said.

Louisville sophomore Britney Schneider said she doesn't like to lie to her teachers, so she doesn't bother with excuses. She said she's only

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Hip happenings

Movies

DUC Theater This Weekend
Desperado, R, 7 and 9 p.m.

Greenwood Six Theatre This Weekend
Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls, PG-13, 7, 7:30, 9 and 9:30 p.m.
Fair Game, R, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
Seven, R, 7 and 9:30 p.m.
Now and Then, PG-13, 7 and 9:15 p.m.
Three Wishes, PG, 7 and 9:15 p.m.
The American President, R, 7 p.m., Saturday only

Plaza Six Theatre This Weekend
Dead Presidents, R, 7 and 9:25 p.m.
Get Shorty, R, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.
Powder, PG-13, 7 and 9:15 p.m.
Vampire in Brooklyn, R, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.
Gold Diggers, R, 7:20 and 9:15 p.m.
Copycat, R, 7 and 9:25 p.m.

Martin Twin Theatre This Weekend
A Walk in the Clouds, PG-13, 7 and 9:15 p.m.
Species, R, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.

New Videos

Miracle on 34th Street, PG
Mad Love, PG-13

Arts

On Campus
Annual Faculty Exhibit, Nov. 10 through Dec. 8, fine arts center gallery

Ceramics Kentucky '95, exhibit showing Oct. 14 through Dec. 15, Kentucky Museum

New Rock 92 Top Ten

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2. "See You Tomorrow" - 7 Seconds
3. "Empty 'asses" - The Amps
4. "Theo b" - Sunny Day Real Estate
5. "Simon Says" - Brainiac
6. "Dreaming Dangerous" - Lounge Flounders
7. "Sleeping Beauty" - Bellatrix
8. "Abandoned" - Alcohol Funky Car
9. "Step into the Breeze" - Spiritualized
10. "Kill You If You Want Me To" - Caustic Resin

Live Music

Around Town Tonight
Artemus, 9 p.m., Thursday's
Fearless Freap, 10 p.m., Baker Street Cafe
The Beverly Smith Band, 9:30 p.m., O'Charley's
Kenny Lee Smith and the B-B-Q Blues Band, 10 p.m., O'Pawley's Pub
Greenwood Executive Inn Moss Browne, 9 p.m., Gary's The Only Alternative
Alvaton Garage Band Jam, 9 p.m., Down Under

Friday
Quiet Riot with Psycho Boyfriend, 9 p.m., Thursday's
Fender Benders, 10 p.m., Baker Street Cafe
Lost River Band, 9 p.m., O'Pawley's Pub
Liberation, 9 p.m., Greenwood Executive Inn
Drugstore Cowboys, 9 p.m., Gary's The Only Alternative
The Outskirts, 8 p.m., Down Under
Aces and 8s, 9 p.m., Becky's Place
Night Shift, 9 p.m., The Saw Mill

Saturday
Vulvaluxe, 10 p.m., Thursday's
Duellin' Blues with Kelly Richey & Tommy Stillwell, 9:30 p.m., Baker Street Cafe
Phunk Dat, 9 p.m., O'Pawley's Pub
Voodoo Love Taxi, 9:30 p.m., Gary's The Only Alternative
The Ernie Small Blues Band, 8 p.m., Down Under
Liberation, 9 p.m., Greenwood Executive Inn
Aces and 8s, 9 p.m., Becky's Place

Cincinnati
Tonight
Northern Lights, 7 p.m., Bogart's

Friday
Deepwater Junction, 7:30 p.m., Bogart's

Saturday
Little Fish, 7:30 p.m., Bogart's

Louisville
Tonight
Stick People, 9 p.m., Butchertown Pub

Friday
Greg Foreman with Supafuzz and Cyclone Rangers, 8 p.m., Butchertown Pub

Music review

M.A.F.I.A. not B.I.G. yet

By Darryn Simmons

Junior M.A.F.I.A.'s debut album, anxiously awaited since their single "Player's Anthem" came out a few months ago, fails to disappoint hip-hop fans. Unfortunately for the M.A.F.I.A. these students of The Notorious B.I.G. fail to outshine their teacher on this CD.

The Notorious one is featured on four of the 15 tracks on the CD, and tears it up on all of them.

The rest of the M.A.F.I.A. seem to be trying to keep up in comparison with their mentor, except for one.

Little Kim, the M.A.F.I.A.'s only female member, gets on the mike and leaves other rappers



for dead on tracks like "Get Money," "Player's Anthem," and her solo, "Back Stabbers," which sounds like the female view of the Geto Boy's "Mind Playing Tricks on Me."

She is, without a doubt, the

cornerstone of the group and will have every brother in the country craving for her and her upcoming solo album by the end of the year.

With Little Kim, the Lady of Rage, Hurricane G and a new, sexier Yo-Yo slated to release albums next year, 1996 could be the year of the female MC.

This isn't to say the rest of the group is not pulling their weight. MCs Kleptomaniac and Lil Caesar also show promise on the tracks "Oh My Lord" and "Realms of Junior M.A.F.I.A.," respectively.

Overall, Junior M.A.F.I.A.'s debut is a good buy for true hip-hop fans, but there's a lot of work for them to do before they graduate from juniors to seniors.

EXCUSES: 'They get quite clever'

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missed class twice this semester because she was hungover once and just felt lazy the other time.

Nashville sophomore Ashley Byron said she doesn't skip class often, but when she does, it's usually on Friday. The truth is that she had too much fun Thursday night, she said, but that's not what she tells her teachers.

"I always say it was some kind of work I had for class," Byron said.

That excuse doesn't go over with Martha Jenkins, consumer and family sciences professor.

She said it "always is impressive" when students have the nerve to say they couldn't come to her class because they had to do work for another class.

Jenkins said she needs to start keeping a list to remember the excuses she gets because they're so creative.

"I've heard some unique ones," she said.

Students have told her their pets were sick, their apartment flooded, and one even called from jail to say they wouldn't be able to make it to class, Jenkins said.

Though she prefers a written excuse, Jenkins said she generally takes their word.

"It's most believable if the student is there most of the time and if it's the first grandparent that's died," she said.

One of the most common excuses is that a student has a doctor's appointment, she said. If it's honest, then the problem lies in scheduling.

"The only time they could get it in the middle of class?" Jenkins asked.

Marketing Professor Jerry Gottlieb said he always accepts the excuse that a student was sick and couldn't make it to class. He also said he understands if field trips,

"It's most believable if the student is there most of the time and it's the first grandparent that's died."

— Martha Jenkins
 consumer and family sciences professor

athletics or interviews come up.

If a student tells him a relative died, he said he would discuss the death with the student and might investigate further if the student missed an exam rather than just a class.

When he taught at another university, he said the faculty joke was "we had to stop giving exams altogether because it was killing too many relatives," Gottlieb said.

Jones said that as students become habitually absent, the stories become more grand.

"By the end of the semester, they get quite clever," she said.

Know the symptoms

Students planning to feign illness may want to look over the following symptoms to know what

being sick entails.

Student Health Service nurse Beth Rush said the following are the most common diagnoses this time of year.

Flu: aches, muscles, fever, headache, cough, sore throat. Lasts from one week to 10 days.

Flu season starts next month and the health service is offering flu shots at \$5 for students and \$10 for faculty and staff.

Strep throat: sore throat, fever, white patches on tonsils. Rush said it should only last a day or two if treated but can last a long time if not treated and complications arise.

Cold: runny or stuffy nose, cough, sneezing, fever. Rush said most colds run one week, treated or not.

Urinary tract infection: Rush said these are so uncomfortable treatment is usually sought, and the patient feels better in a day or two.

Allergies: congested head, ears, runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing, and maybe coughing. Rush said allergies usually don't keep students out of class.

Bronchitis: irritation in bronchial tree, fever, discomfort, tight feeling in chest, coughing up phlegm. If it's an acute case, symptoms shouldn't last more than a week.

Students trying for good attendance may try to stay healthy by eating and resting well, she said.

"Don't burn the candle at both ends," she said.

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Sports



Top, Jaime Walz and her coach, Jim Higgins, joke with each other in the Highlands High School library while setting up for her press conference.



Right, Walz helps classmates with their technical problems in computer class.

WESTERN WALZ

Story by Kevin Kelly Photos by Chris Obenchain

◆ High school standout Jaime Walz signed a letter of intent yesterday to be a Lady Topper

FORT THOMAS — It takes a lot to get Jaime Walz rattled.

Not even a library full of elementary students who think she's really neat, or teachers who love having the 4.0 student in their classes, or the several members of the media who were present for her press conference to announce she would play for the Lady Toppers next season, could do it.

But she has one weakness, and it's not her jumpshot. Only when Highlands High School coach Jim Higgins gets emotional does Walz show she's really human.

"I was fine going into the press conference and then Coach Higgins start-

ing talking and he got a little choked up — then he got me a little choked up and then finally I got myself together," she said. "This high school has been my life. I grew up watching my brothers play for Highlands and it's finally coming to an end. I never thought my senior year would come and I'm happy, but I'm sad to leave the basketball program here at Highlands."

All the most sought-after recruit in women's basketball really worried about before her 10 a.m. press conference was what she was having for lunch in the school cafeteria.

The senior preseason first team All-American in Street & Smith's magazine didn't want the infamous taco bar, the one her friend Nate said someone had spit in earlier this year.

For someone who has scored 4,067 points since she started on the varsity team in the seventh grade, at 7:28 a.m.



Walz's team has practice in a local army's gym since the school has one gym.

Walz simply was disappointed her choice for governor wasn't elected.

In fact, despite all of the hoopla surrounding her, yesterday was a normal school day.

First period 7:30-8:25 a.m.

Government

Even if her Republican mates lost in the state election, government class started with a viewing of the movie "Mississippi Burning," and the announcement of a test tomorrow. Walz said she didn't think it was a good idea to show a movie first, as evident by her heavy eyelids toward the latter part of the period.

Second period 8:30-9:25 a.m.

Walz went to the guidance office — not for counseling on stress relief but to help her mother and school secretary, Janine, run errands around the adjacent middle school. Walz's father, Roger, also works at Highlands as a

business and consumer math teacher.

At the guidance office she received word that Higgins wanted to see her in the library to help set up for her interview. In the library she moved tables, put up trophies and looked over the official NCAA documents she would sign later.

Third period 9:30-9:45 a.m.

Precalculus

Although she only stayed in class for 15 minutes, Walz learned about the graph translation theorem of moving the x- and y-axis to the left or right on a graph.

Press conference 10-10:40 a.m.

With a grin on her face, flanked by parents and coach, Walz announced Western was her choice.

"I had to decide whether I wanted to rebuild a program or go to an

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Western seeks luck of Irish against Notre Dame

BY JEREMY CLEMENS

For the first time since 1926 a Notre Dame athletic team is coming to Western's campus.

The Topper swim team will play host to the Fighting Irish on Saturday in a long-awaited dual meet.

Coach Bill Powell said he has been trying to get the Irish to agree to swim here since he started coaching here 25 years ago.

Powell said he would love to have a good turnout at Preston Health and Activities Center.

"I would like a big crowd because this is one of the most

important meets of the season and a large crowd helps the guys get psyched up before their event," he said.

Junior Michael Liggett said having a crowd behind the team helps get the swimmers pumped up and ready to fire out of the blocks.

The last time the two teams met was at the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship last season.

The Toppers managed a second-place finish and the Irish ended up eighth.

"They should be way ahead of us at this point in the season,

they finished ahead of us last year at the championships," Notre Dame coach Tim Welsh said.

"A large crowd helps the guys get psyched up before their event."

— Bill Powell
swim coach

The Toppers, 4-0 after two dual meet victories over Wisconsin-Green Bay and Butler, hope to continue swimming good

times.

"I really think our guys are ready," Powell said. "We are prepared psychologically and we are in pretty good physical shape as well."

Powell said his team has been working hard preparing for the meet.

"We have been looking forward to this meet since we heard it was on the schedule," he said. "I think we should match up pretty evenly with them. It will be a who-wants-it-more type meet."

The Fighting Irish are coming into this meet 3-0 after victory's

over Bowling Green State, Boston College and Western Ontario, Canada.

The Irish should be stronger than last season because of a talented recruiting class, Welsh said.

"It is up to our older guys to bring in these freshman and help them adjust to the college swimming," he said.

The Toppers have there own cast of newcomers that will prove to be a factor in this meet.

"I'm looking forward to every one on the team, from top to bottom, to step it up and swim well," freshman Pete Carey said.



Chris Oberchain/Herald

Walt takes time to be interviewed by a local television station after her official signing and statement.

WALT: 'Western's the place I want to be'

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established one like Western, and I chose Western," said Walt, who average 34 points per game last year.

Fourth period 10:45-11:25 a.m.
English

The press conference cut a major portion from her English class. Walt went back to class after 40 minutes of interviews from various media personnel. Her English teacher wasn't planning on letting her out of class for the press conference until the Highlands principal talked him into it.

Lunch 11:30-12:00 p.m.
Every athlete needs a healthy and nutritious lunch for plenty of energy for practice at 3:30 p.m. Walt enjoyed steak nuggets, egg noodles, an orange Slush Puppie and a cup of chocolate ice cream.

Fifth period 12:05-1:02 p.m.
Computers

Walt had to work on centering graphics tables, but the majority of class time was helping her classmates with their work.

Sixth period 1:07-2:10 p.m.
Journalism

She was supposed to work on an editorial assignment, but midway through class senior teammate Jessica McMahon, a student in the Journalism II class, arrived and the two worked on a media guide for the women's team. Walt and McMahon were notified by Higgins that the media guide needed to be finished by Friday.

"She's one of my good friends and she's fun. She's a jokester and a ways teases everyone," McMahon said. "We always look to her for guidance. She's our leader in every way. She coaches us, too."

After school had ended, a box wrapped in red paper, inscribed with a black "Yea Hilltoppers" greeted Walt back at the guidance office.

Inside — a Western sweatshirt her family had bought for her.

"She's really handled all of this remarkably well. Sometimes you find people who can't handle the notoriety she has had, but she's done great," Janine Walt said. "We're real proud of her and real happy for her. She's a great kid and I couldn't ask for anything better."

After the fans, teammates, students, teachers and media had left and practice was over, Walt explained her reasoning for choosing Western over UK.

"When I went down there on my official visit, I realized that Western's the place I want to be and I had a lot of fun," she said.

"I'm just going to go down there and play like I'm capable of and whatever I can help the team get, I'm going to do it. I don't want to say I want to be an All-American or anything like that. I just want to be another normal basketball player."

Many think Walt's arrival at Western could be the missing piece of the puzzle to lead the Lady Topper to the NCAA title.

"Most of the people who are saying that haven't seen me play," she said. "I think I'll be able to, but it will be a team effort for us to get to the Final Four next year."

Despite the basketball notoriety, Jaime Walt finds time to enjoy the company of her friends and family.

"I go fishing down at Baren River with my grandpa and my brothers all of the time, and I go out and have fun with my friends," she said.

And what will she remember about such a memorable day?

"I guess signing those papers, everybody watching, those kids in the library and all the press watching me sign," Walt said. "It was kind of a relief because I thought the time was finally here, I could finally sign and I don't have to worry about it anymore."

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During a practice last week, Rob Marchant (34) looks for a teammate while Carl Thomas (left) applies pressure. The 6-10 junior broke his left foot in the scrimmage game Sunday and is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Marchant breaks left foot

By Aaron Sanderford

By halftime of Sunday's red-white scrimmage, Rob Marchant knew something was wrong with his foot.

"I broke it in the first half of the game, but I wasn't sure I broke it. I just thought it was a bruise or something, but then it popped in the middle of the first half," the 6-10, 300-pound junior said. "I thought it was just my bones popping, so I played the whole second half. I told Chris (Robinson) at halftime something wasn't right, but I thought maybe my tape was too tight or my shoe was too tight."

He went on to score 15 points in the game and thought little of the injury to his foot.

Sanderford enjoys birthday, scrimmage

By Stephen Lega

Lady Topper coach Paul Sanderford had a good birthday yesterday.

Two blue chip recruits signed with his Lady Toppers and a special visitor turned out to be a not-so-old lady woman dressed in a Playboy bunny outfit.

After the fun was over, the Lady Toppers held another red-white scrimmage in Diddle Arena, the last before Sunday's 1:30 p.m. exhibition against Athletes in Action.

Last night, the red squad defeated the white team 85-56.

"I saw some good things," Sanderford said. "I thought our defense was improved quite a bit."

The red team was paced by junior guard/forward Stacie Gamble, who led all scorers with 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Four other players on the red team reached double figures—sophomore forward Sha Rhonda Allen (12), juniors center/forward Tarahia Bronner (15) and forward Tenisha Pennix (11), and senior guard Dawn Warner (15).

"Dawn Warner played much, much better than she did the first game (Sunday)," Sanderford said. "She just played much more under control and really got other people involved."

Warner had six rebounds, five assists and three steals. Junior guard Demetria Tutt, who played for the white squad,

"Everything was OK until that night when I took my shower, because my foot was sore," he said. "I thought it was just a deep bruise or maybe a sprain. I soaked it in ice water at home. When morning time came, it was something different, it was unbearable. I went to the trainers and we went and got it X-rayed, and it showed that I had broken my fourth metatarsal."

The Western center shed a positive light on his misfortune.

"There's nothing I could have done to control it from happening," the Trinity Valley (Texas) Junior College transfer said. "I wish it didn't happen, but if there is such a thing as a good break, this was a good break. It's kind of good that it happened in

the beginning of the season so I can come back.

"I've just got to keep myself strong. I'm starting to work on my cardiovascular this week, but there's not much more I can do until I get the cast off."

Marchant will be re-evaluated in three weeks, team trainer Eric Oliver said.

"This is going to motivate me even more than I already was," Marchant said. "It's an injury that's out of my control, but I'll come back strong. Give me a month, and I'll be ready to play."

The Tops face a Brazil Select Team that includes 6-9 center Jose Pastor at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. It will be their first opponent of the season.

said the team looked better than it did on Sunday.

Tutt, a transfer from the Maryland and is not eligible to play this season, scored 14 points and led all players with 11

boards.

Senior forward Michelle Heed, who played yesterday after sitting out Sunday with a back injury, scored 17 points and collected five rebounds.

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Lady Tops sign hometown standout

By **STEPHEN LEGA**

Although the women's basketball spotlight focused on Jaime Walz yesterday, Western returned to its roots and signed home-grown talent in Warren East's Jamie Britt.

"I'm really excited because we started this program in 1983 with the signing of local players," Coach Paul Sanderford said.

Britt considered Indiana and Virginia Tech before deciding to sign with the Lady Toppers during the early signing period.

"I think all along she knew in the back of her mind that she wanted to go there," Warren East coach Blaine Embry said.

Entering her senior season, Britt held the school record for points in a game (40), season (189), and career (1,866), and rebounds in a career (909).

Britt has led Warren East to

the state tournament the last three seasons.

"Jamie Britt is probably the most underestimated player in the country," Sanderford said.

The 5-8 Britt plays inside for the Lady Raiders, but Sanderford said he intends to move her to the point.

In 1993, Britt was named all-district and all-region. In 1994 and 1995, she added all-state to that list as well as Fourth Region Player of the Year.

She is also a Street and Smith's magazine honorable mention All-American.

Britt said by making her decision early she can relax.

"Now I can pretty much kick back and look forward to the upcoming year," she said.

Britt is the niece of former Hilltopper Johnny Britt, who played briefly for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"Jamie Britt is probably the most underestimated player in the country."

— Paul Sanderford
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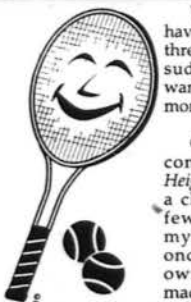
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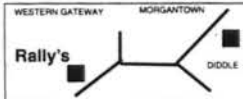
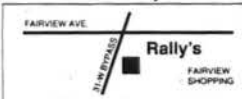
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