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Tuesday, February 13, 2001

## Athletic logo, markings will get makeover by fa

Big Red, red towel over 30 years old

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER Herald reporter

It was time for a change That was the brainstorm of Western Athletics Director Wood Selig when he brought up the

logo and markings — which include Big Red and the red towel — to the Collegiate towel — to the Collegia Licensing Company last spring.

The current logo and markings are used on all Western athletic merchandise, letterheads, publications and at all athletic facilities. They have been in use since the late 1970s

Changes are being considered for the current logo - the hand

for secondary markings, which include Big Red, and those found on all Western paraphernalia from clothing to athletic facilities.

The Collegiate Licensing Company, based in Atlanta, provides logos for more than 180 universities, select bowl games, conferences, the NCAA and the Heisman Trophy. It is the nation's leading collegiate licensing and

marketing representative. Western officials hope the new logo and markings will be placed on merchandise by next fall.

One proposed change to the current logo includes the use of Western and the red towel together without the grasping hand. For merchandising purposes, the secondary markings will include a large "W" and versions of WKU that feature color variations.

Selig said his discontent

birthed the original idea. When Western signed a new deal with CLC last spring - one that runs through 2006 - Selig thought it was the right time for that change.

"It doesn't cost a lot because by extending our contract, they will pay for the redesign," Selig said.

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## Wrestling



photo by Bac To Trong

Brad Montgomery, of Scotts Hill, Tenn., takes down a steer in 4.4 seconds in the steer wrestling competition during the Lone Star Rodeo held Friday through Sunday at the Agricultural Exposition Center. The rodeo featured events like calf roping, bareback bronco riding, bullriding, and barrel racing. See page 7 for more rodeo photo coverage.

## Committee defends choice of Collegiate

Company still expecting a deal

BY BRIAN MOORE Herald reporter

The committee that recommended Collegiate Health Care, Inc. in 1999 to run Western's student health services is defending its choice to contract with the financially-struggling company.

Meanwhile, Collegiate was not

Harlem Globetrotters visit campus

bought by another health care yesterday. company Vice President for Student Affairs Gene Tice said he was told about three weeks ago that Collegiate would know something about a buy-out by Feb. 12.

Dennis Schroader, Collegiate's assistant vice president for operations, said yesterday that a deal should happen soon.

"We still believe this is going to happen and we're pressing toward a close this week," Schroader said.

The Board of Regents approved the recommendation to

hire Collegiate at a special meeting on Aug. 27, 1999. Of the seven board members eligible to vote at the meeting, only staff regent Joy Gramling voted against the pro-

But even as Collegiate has run across serious financial trouble, members of the committee say the company was the absolute best choice for Western at the time.

"The best option was Collegiate Health Care," said best Student Government President Cassie Martin, who was a sophomore when she served on the committee. "They were going to come

on board and build a new facility. They were only going to take \$15 of the student health fee.'

When Collegiate took over the health clinic, it reduced a fee for health services from \$31 to \$15. The other \$16 was reallocated. A high percentage of students weren't using the clinic, so going with a company that would reduce the fee was a good idea, Martin

Martin went with three other representatives from Western to look at Collegiate's system at

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## Date rape reported in dorm

#### Suspect is a Western student

BY JENNIFER L. DAWES Herald reporter

A Western student reported she was raped in McCormack Hall on Friday, Feb. 2.

Campus police said the female student invited a male guest to her dorm room to watch a movie after a date. According to the report filed by the female student the male then raped her.

The Herald does not print the names of rape victims.

female declined to comment on the incident.

A Western student is the suspect in the investigation by campus police.

The female student filed the report Tuesday morning, four days after the alleged incident. That is not uncommon, according to Capt. Mike Wallace.

Sometimes people are embarrassed, confused, or in shock," Wallace said.

The report was filed on the campus crime log, a Web site listing all reports made to campus police, Wednesday afternoon. All reports filed with campus police are required by law to be posted on the crime log within 24 hours. Wallace was not aware of any reason that kept it off the log other than the possibility that the department might have been dealing with problems at the time. An official report was not made available to media until Monday afternoon.

The female was advised to fill out the rape report after talking to Ingrid Woods, Western's sexual assault offi-

Like the other two females who filed reports of rape last

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Last night the Harlem Globetrotters dazzled a crowd in Diddle Arena with interesting stunts and tricks. The Globetrotters won 80-61. They last visited Western in 1998. Page 6

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Whether you're looking for an intimate spot for you and your lover or a dinner to cook for two, the eightpage Valentine's Day section is the perfect guide for anyone. Page 9

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#### La Tech Basketball Sweeps Western

The Lady Techsters defeated the Lady Toppers in Diddle Arena, 67-52, Saturday, while the men lost to the Bulldogs in overtime, in Ruston, La. 73-72. Pages 13, 14

### Weather forecast

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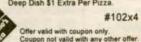
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Nina Greipel/Herald

One fine day: Freshman Michael Hendrix and sophomore Amanda Christian, both from Lewisburg, enjoy the nice weather Thursday on the steps in front of the fine arts center. "I'm in between classes and enjoying the pretty day," Christian said. The couple have been dating for six months.

#### Crime Reports

#### Arrests

· Benjamin James Simpson, Kaymoor Drive, was charged Thursday with disregarding a traffic control device, expired registration tags, driving on a suspended license and DUI. He was released the same day from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

· Matthew Burton Manson, Keen Hall, was charged Friday with speeding in a restricted zone, no insurance, and DUI. He was released the same day from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

· Ashley Nicole Hild, South Hall, was charged Friday with disregarding a traffic control device, DUI, possession of open alcoholic beverage in vehicle, possession of alcohol by a minor, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on Saturday from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$1,000 surety

bond to her parents.

Brian Dwayne Greer, Henderson, Tenn., was charged Friday with DUI. He was released the same day from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

 Earl William Drake III, Gilbert Hall, was charged Friday with DUI. He was released on Sunday from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$467.50 unsecured bond.

#### Reports

· Robert Hoyt, biology professor, reported Thursday a broken window, valued at \$50, on the second floor of Snell Hall between 4 p.m. Wednesday and 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

♦ Steve E. Cochran, Chestnut Street, reported Thursday two textbooks and a backpack, total value \$310, stolen from his 1993 Geo Tracker parked in the South Diddle Lot between 11:10 and 11:55 a.m. Wednesday.

Noretta Baxter, physics and

astronomy office assistant, reported Thursday two broken windows, valued at \$500, on the east side of Hardin Planetarium between 4:35 p.m. Wednesday and 7:25 a.m. Thursday.

· A resident of North Hall, reported Thursday harassing emails and phone calls beginning Jan. 31.

· Alice Lawrence, address unknown, reported Sunday the back door to the greenhouse, valued at \$100, broken sometime between 5 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

· John J. Slaughter, Poland Hall, reported Friday a concrete ash can being smashed outside of Poland Hall and \$1,500 in damage to the side mirrors hood, wipers, and doors of his 1993 Ford truck parked in the Poland Lot between 3:40 p.m. Thursday and 1:41 a.m. Friday.

A fire alarm was activated Sunday in Schneider Hall at 9:04

#### News Briefs

#### **Kentucky Kingdom** to hold auditions

Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom will be holding auditions for various summer positions including: singers, dancers, musicians, stunt performers, technicians,

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ushers and costumed characters. Tryouts will be Feb. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. in Van Meter Auditorium.

#### **Barnett documentary** to be shown Thursday

Minority Communicators and

Women's Studies will co-sponsor the documentary "Ida Wells Barnett: A Passion for Justice" on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Gerard Auditorium in Garrett Center.

-Kate Corcoran

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## Corvette makers sued for \$120M

Son of former Western president representing plaintiffs

BY SAM YOUNGMAN Herald reporter

General Motors may hit some bumps in the road in the next few days as it tries to cruise through the world of civil litigation.

The Corvette makers are being sued by eight former plant employees for invasion of privacy and defamation of character. Trial begins Wednesday in Federal District

The former employees are suing for \$120 million in punitive damages and varying amounts of compensatory dam-

plaintiffs allege The General Motors planted a mole in their midst to attempt to purchase drugs from employ-

The plaintiffs are being represented by local attorney Kelly Thompson Jr., the son of former Western president Kelly Thompson Sr. They are accusing GM of sending Tonya Bradford, an employee of the ASET Corporation, an investigative security firm and codefendant in the case, into the work areas of employees to purchase drugs.

Thompson wouldn't comment on the case, but according to one of the plaintiff's depositions, Bradford "used and shared drugs and sexual favors with General Motors employees.

The eight former employees were arrested on May 7, 1998 and charged with trafficking marijuana after a 16-month investigation by GM management and Bradford. All charges against the plaintiffs were later dismissed, but the employees claim they were "paraded" in front of their coworkers and local television news crews causing embarrassment and harm to their reputa-

The plaintiffs also said their privacy was invaded hen Bradford taped their conversations.

Officials at General Motors wouldn't comment on the case, but GM's lead counsel, Matthew J. Baker, of the Bowling Green firm Cole, Moore and Baker, said the company didn't admit any wrongdoing and that they are prepared to go to trial.

Attorneys for the ASET Corp. couldn't be reached for comment.

According to Baker, there will be a hearing today where GM will challenge the testimony of some of the plaintiff's expert witnesses. The civil jury trial will begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the court of Judge Thomas B. Russell.

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## Groves recovering, 'happy to be at home'

Professor left hospital Saturday

BY ERICA WALSH Herald reporter

Chris Groves finally got the chance to sleep in his own bed Saturday night. The only problem was he couldn't get out Sunday morning.

"It's kind of a mixed blessing," Groves said. "It's nice to be back in my own bed, but I'm kinda stuck once I plop down

Groves, an associate geography professor, spent almost two weeks in University of Louisville Hospital recovering from injuries he received from a caving accident on Jan. 31. He and his wife, Deana, finally made it back to Bowling Green around 8 p.m. Saturday

Groves will spend the next week at home recuperating from four broken ribs, a broken shoulder and a partially collapsed lung. He said he was taking the recovery one step at

"I'm still moving kinda slow," Groves said. "But I'm just happy to be at home.'

While in the hospital, most of his time was spent catching

up on TV time - old movies and CNN were constantly on screen. the Since he's been home, he's spent a lot of time playing with his cats and catching up on

associate geography professor some work. He said he hopes to be back teaching by next week

Conrad Moore, the interim geology and geography department head, said the department is eager to have Groves back as soon as he is ready.

Moore said Groves originally wanted to come back sometime during the middle of this week, but Moore advised him to take the whole week off to rest.

"That's just the way Chris is - I wasn't surprised when he

said that, but I also know how serious his injuries are," Moore said. "We don't want to run any risk of stressing him

While Groves is recovering,

geography professor "Being in the hospital Scott Dobler is covering was better than being in his Geography the cave. But being at 100 class. The home is much better than other classes being in the hospital." Groves teaches are upper -Chris Groves level courses

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dent study Groves' doctors said it could take six to eight weeks before he is fully healed. Other than an arm sling, there's not much

that shows Groves' injuries. My black eye is gone now," he said. "If I was sitting down, you probably wouldn't be able to tell too much."

Groves said he's feeling better, both physically and emotionally. He said the situation was very trying, but it wasn't a life-changing experience. The accident didn't scare him away from his work.

He said he wants to be back caving in April. He's already got a few things planned, including taking his classes to Mammoth Cave, as he does every semester. He may even be able to do some basic exploring before that.

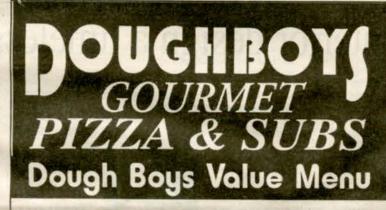
"I might be able to walk around and explore soon,' Groves said. "But I won't be crawling around on my belly for a few months."

While he was in the hospital, Groves said a few hundred people sent get-well wishes by mail, e-mail or phone calls. Fellow cavers from as far away as Alaska heard about the accident and contacted Groves.

While he's very appreciative of his care-givers at the hospital and all of the people that sent get-well wishes, he said there's no place like home.

Being in the hospital was better than being in the cave," he said. "But being at home is much better than being in the

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## Opinion

## Hindsight proves clinic deal dumb

THE ISSUE: Collegiate

contracted to take over

service, is going under.

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seen this coming from a

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OUR VIEW: The

mile away.

n the familiar story of Romeo and Juliet, two starcrossed characters fall head over heels in love, even though others don't like the idea. Here in Bowling Green, those characters' names were Collegiate Health Care and Western Kentucky University.

Collegiate, the company

Western signed with in 1999 to take over the campus health clinic, is going under; it will probably bought out or declare bankruptcy. The university is drafting an emergency plan to take over the clinic in case Collegiate goes

under, and if the company is bought out, Western will have to decide whether or not to continue the partnership.

The sad thing is, anyone with some common sense could've seen this coming. The company had a net loss of over \$16 million between 1996 and 1998, and that information was included in Collegiate's bid for

Right now, we're feeling dumb for not discovering this sooner. But university officials and the Board of Regents should feel even dumber they studied the bids thoroughly and still no alarm bells went

Collegiate's shaky finances should have been enough to convince administrators to look down other alleys. But it appears President Gary Ransdell's desire for a new building may have clouded his and the Board of Regents' vision. As part of its contract with Western, Collegiate promised to fund and build a \$3.3 million health clinic.

Never mind that Collegiate gave Western no reason to believe that it could fund the clinic. Instead of waiting for loans to be approved, the Board of Regents voted in August 1999 accept Collegiate's bid.

Did it not occur to anyone that a company that lost \$16 million in three years may have trouble getting a multimillion-

We want administrators to think big. We think having a new health clinic would be great. But as far as Western's decision-making record goes, this one ranks right up there as one of the worst ever. We won't get a new building, prices at the clinic still went up, and students aren't saving money.

Great job, guys. Ransdell and

the Regents may have been starry-eyed about getting building, bu-should the have taken the time to look past the stars and think for moment about Collegiate's credibility. The only "expert"

that was even consulted was Indudeep Chhachhi, co-chair of the accounting and finance department. His response? That there was no reason to think Collegiate wouldn't follow through with its promises.

In hindsight, Chhachhi, Ransdell and the Regents probably wish they'd have consulted their copy of "University Management for Dummies." There they'd have sulted seen two basic points:

1.) Don't do business with companies that consistently lose money.

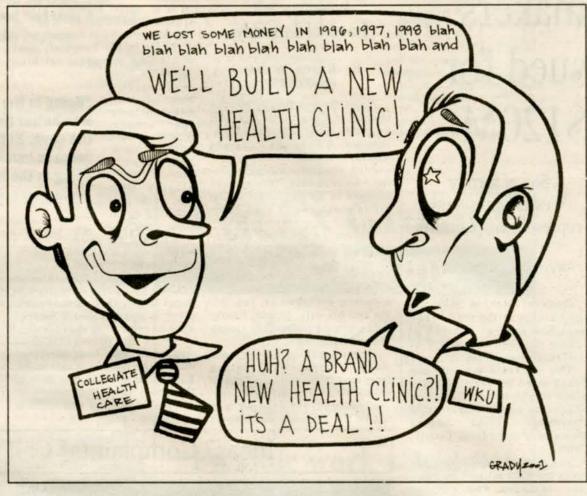
2.) "Good faith" isn't good enough. Get assurances before you sign a contract.

If Ransdell is going to run this university like a business, he should at least run it like a good business.

The tab for this screw-up, of course, will be picked up by students - the only question is how. Gene Tice, vice presi-dent for Student Affairs, has said student fees for the health clinic won't increase. That means the money will have to come from somewhere else, preferably Western's reserve fund but more likely some unfortunate academic

Hopefully, this ordeal will be a good lesson for Ransdell and the regents. Let's just hope history doesn't repeat itself anytime soon.

By the way, Romeo and Juliet both die at the end of the story. Just a thought.



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## CHOICE: Officials thought Collegiate could get loans

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Auburn University before the recommendation was made. They found a full-service clinic that offered physical therapy for athletes and optometry services, Martin said.

The group talked to Auburn SGA officials, students and staff members who all said good things about Collegiate's service. Sam Makris, the company's president, even met the group at Auburn to discuss options.

But one thing the committee thought wouldn't pan out to be a problem has become the company's shortcoming. An audit report included in Collegiate's proposal showed it had operated at a net loss of \$16.2 million in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

As an underclassman, Martin said she wasn't sure of the significance of the financial struggles, but leaned on the head of the committee, Chief Financial Officer Ann Mead, and Indudeep Chhachhi, co-chair of the accounting and finance department, for their financial expertise.

The committee did discuss Collegiate's financial condition, but Chhachhi didn't feel the net losses were a problem.

"We were concerned somewhat about the net loss situation, and we asked Collegiate to provide us with additional details on how they would get around their net loss," Chhachhi said. "I felt confident they would be able to come out of it. In hind-sight, it's clear that was a bad choice."

If Western could find a company that would construct a new health clinic building, it could use the current location of the clinic in the academic complex as a connector space with the planned journalism and technology building, Ransdell said.

Collegiate's proposal, which was a legally binding contract after being approved by the regents, would have filled that void because it promised to build a new \$3.3 million on-campus facility. That fell through after Collegiate failed to secure financing from local banks.

The journalism building has since been scaled back and will not connect with the Academic Complex, allowing the clinic to stay where it is, Ransdell said.

Collegiate was hoping to use Western as an example to show it could build its own facility and make it work, Mead said. The financial difficulties weren't bad enough to deter her decision to go with Collegiate.

"We relied on Dr. Chhachhi to say, 'No, this is not unusual. That this is not out of character," Mead said. "As for this case, I guess it's a situation that if it looks too good to be true then it's probably not true."

Even with the recent struggles and buyout possibilities for Collegiate, Ransdell said he isn't second-guessing the decision.

"Even if they go under, it's been a good arrangement for us," Ransdell said. "We've improved services and business acumen in the clinic."

Tice continues to wait for something to happen with Collegiate. Western's contract expires with the company this summer, and Tice has to decide whether the school wants to stay with them or look at other options.

"I would hope I could make some kind of decision this month," Tice said. "I've kind of set that as my own deadline. I want to do it soon."

Operating the clinic on its own is one option the university has available. Tice has been preparing a plan to operate the clinic should it be necessary.

"I'm certainly confident with Gene and his experience we'd be in a better position to operate a health clinic," Ransdell said. "My hunch is that we'd be better off if the new owner of Collegiate Health Care could provide an even more enhanced service for us."

One person who would like to see a return to a self-operated clinic is Gramling, the only regent to vote against privatization in 1999. Gramling said as a regent she was generally opposed to any privatization.

"I felt that we had a good program in place that was serving the students well," she said. "It certainly had room for improvement but every program does. ... I feel privatization erodes our campus community and hurts our campus family. I feel things can be done in-house if people are accountable."

## Marks: Logo may change

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"I just feel like a redesign will give the athletics department a unified look. The redesign will give people new marks and logos to shop for and will hopefully give Western a newer, attractive, more appealing look."

In relation to merchandise sales, Selig did note what he called a "flat period of sales of late."

"A new logo process is tricky," said Aaron Coldren, the CLC University Services coordinator. "There are always those that don't want to change, so it can be a strain on a university to figure out what is best."

To aid in that process, Selig — having gone through a similar project during his stint at the University of Virginia — formed a 15-member committee to create the new logo design and markings.

The committee, of which Selig is a member, is headed by Western Athletics Manager/Facilities Coordinator Craig Biggs. It is made up of a diverse collection of faculty, athletic staff, alumni representatives, community representatives and student representatives.

"It has been a very thorough process so far," Selig said. "We're not trying to do this under the cover of darkness - we are just trying to make sure we have input from all the major constituents of the university."

The committee has been meeting since Western signed its contract with CLC last spring and, according to Biggs, hopes to construct final models soon. Then, the tentative plan is to unveil the new logo and markings in the summer. The hope is that the new merchandise will be sold in the fall.

"We are trying to update the new look that a lot of other schools are going to," Biggs said. "There is not a lot of merchandising options or school recognition in the current logo. We are for a fresh look and staying up with current trends."

Selig said after the redesign takes effect that he would give coaches a packet about logo options for use on everything, including uniforms.

While the coaches will have the option to make changes to their uniforms in accordance with those outlines, Selig has vowed to not mandate any immediate or universal changes.

Though the redesign will be paid for by CLC, Selig couldn't estimate how much the university will spend in relation to what he expects the university will profit from the redesign in merchandise sales.

There are many factors Biggs and Selig have considered throughout the process.

Those include:

u Looking at models from other schools that include some sort of figure (like Big Red) in their markings.

 Deciding what specific updates they want to address (whether to incorporate the red towel and Big Red in the primary mark/logo).

 Keeping Big Red as a "blob" or more of an athletic representation of it.

 How to associate Big Red with Western for people not familiar with the university.s

At the end of the process, the committee will have created a primary marking (chief logo) to replace the hand and towel and several secondary markings. In current talks, Biggs said the primary mark/logo will incorporate some combination of the word Western with an association of the red towel.

The variations of markings will also include what Biggs called a "cleaner Big Red."

"We are not going to shave 40 pounds off Big Red or anything, but he will have a cleaner representation," Biggs said.

Biggs also said the committee didn't feel that Big Red was a readily recognizable figure for students, and that in the future, Big Red would be marketed toward children.

"I mean, how often do (Western students) go into the bookstore and buy something with Big Red splattered across the front?" Biggs said.

Selig said he doesn't expect the changes to be welcomed overnight.

"No matter what we put out there, it will take some time before people warm up to it," Selig said. "The more it gets out, the better the reception is. The measure of success comes in the form of consumer buy-ins – we will wait for our final grade on the project."

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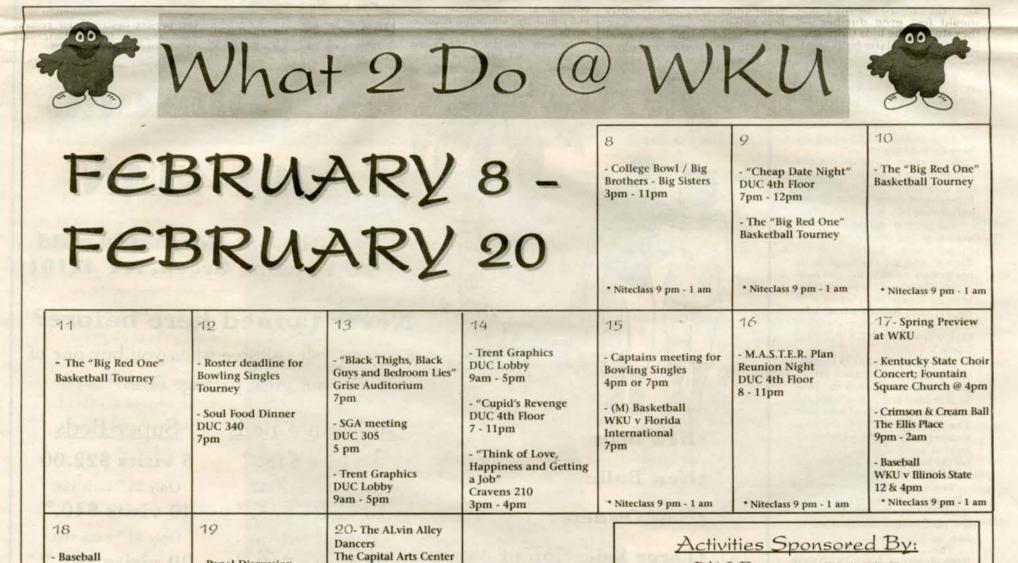
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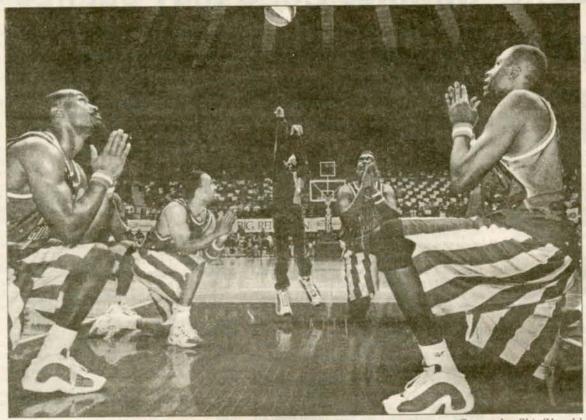
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## Globetrotters dazzle Diddle



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Eight-year-old Blake Lombard of Bowling Green receives a helping prayer from the Harlem Globetrotters when attempting to make a shot at Diddle Arena last night.

#### BY BRETT CORBIN Herald reporter

Most of the elementary school children and parents who attended the Harlem Globetrotters game last night in Diddle Arena did so in hopes of seeing some nigh-flying athletes and funny

There was all that and more, but if you looked a little closer at just the right angle, you could see something deeper

The Giobetrotters are a throw back to the days when some Americans weren't treated equal-

Before the organ music came over the Diddle Arena speakers to play the national anthem, the Globetrotters had the announcer read a short message.

It read: "As we enter the 21st century, let us optimistically struggle to abolish the hatred, injustice and discrimination. Together we can apply the golden rule 'do to others as you would have them do to you.'

With every appearance the Globetrotters make they are scoring a victory over what their fathers and grandfathers could only dream of.

The game began when speakers unleashed the Globetrotters' theme song "Sweet Georgia Brown" and the team perfectly performed a circle drill at halfcourt. This drill was unusual because it involved players kicking, spinning basketballs and finishing with an alley-oop worthy of this weekend's NBA All-Star

Sweet Lou Dunbar is the star of the game and wears a microphone. As he ran onto the floor he stumbled and ran into the referee, almost knocking him over. The referee looked back at Dunbar waiting for an apology. Dunbar pointed at the hand waving the red towel on the court and said, "That hand tripped me!"

The team the Globetrotters play every night are the New York Nationals. The Nationals are paid to lose; this goes unspo-

The last time Globetrotters were in Diddle Arena was 1998

At halftime Dunbar talked about what it's like to be a Globetrotter seven nights a week.

"Every night's a different night, there's a different crowd every night," Dunbar said. "You just have to physically and mentally prepare yourself. It's kinda tough but once you get out there and start playing it makes you want to do it again.'

Unlike most basketball games played in Diddle, hip-hop music

played at maximum level while the game was in progress During free throws the music would stop, only to continue when the game and entertainment were back.

Bowling Green resident Kimra Chapman, 32, enjoyed her first time seeing the Globetrotters in action. Chapman said she liked the light-heartedness of the performance

"That's what so neat about " Chapman said. "Not only are they funny but they have to

To no one's surprise the Globetrotters won 80-61 over the

Dunbar has been a Harlem Globetrotter for 23 years, and the Globetrotters have been around

"We're an American institution," Dunbar said. "Not just black history but for history itself. We've done a lot for the game. We're global. We're an integral part of the game.

So the game was over and the Globetrotters sauntered off the court as the crowd cheered. Another victory and another crowd pleased from ear to ear with smiles.



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range of ages. Featured
events were calf roping,
bareback bronco riding,
bull riding, and barrel
racing.



Photo by MJ McDonald



**Left:** Vanessa Madison, of Fairview, Tenn., bows her head for the Star Spangled Banner atop her horse at the begin-

ning of the rodeo.

photo by MJ McDonald

Top: Brandon Harris, of Vilonia, Ariz., warms up with his lasso before the calf roping competition Saturday night.

Above: Dalton Rockwell braces himself in a mutton-busting contest. Children ages 2 to 5 hold on as long as they can as the sheep sprint out of the chutes.

Left: Steve Gussert, of Haskell, Okla., participates in the bareback bronc riding competition. The participants of the event attempt to ride for eight seconds.

## Campus police adding two officers in April

BY JENNIFER L. DAWES Herald reporter

Speed demons and potential crooks beware: campus police are building their numbers and strengthening their arm by adding new faces to the force this

The police will be adding two new officers, Pete Rich and Craig Beckmann, to the understaffed department in April. They have also begun a search for three

Police Chief Robert L. Deane said comparatively low pay and a lot of time dealing with the public makes it hard for the campus police force to retain the number of officers it needs.

"We have not been fully manned since I've been here," Deane said.

Deane, who arrived in January of 2000, said the department's commitment to quality and not quantity has been the leading reason it has taken the campus police so long to retain the number of officers needed on

We have very high standards and we are going to stick to those standards,"Deane said.

The department has had to deal with this problem for some time and Deane believes its low numbers have affected the university adversely. He said campus police cannot always respond to calls as quickly as a fully staffed police force.

We would like to give the school the protection it deserves," Deane said.

The two new recruits, who are scheduled to arrive on April 20, are currently undergoing 16 weeks of training at the Kentucky Law Enforcement Academy in Richmond. Rich and Beckmann had no previous experience as police officers when they were hired. After they come back from the academy they will undergo training for specialized Western's campus.

Capt. Mike Wallace is looking forward to having the extra man-

"It gives us more flexibility in doing different things," Wallace

Many campus police officers are just now receiving their vacation time from Christmas because of the lack of officers available to work.

According to Wallace, one reason they are understaffed is the Police Officer's Professional Standards law, which caused the training period for Kentucky police officers to increase from 10 to 16 weeks. Wallace said that increase put a back log on the number of police officers waiting to get into Kentucky's training academy in Richmond

Campus police have no guarantee that any of the people they hire will pass the training course or even complete it.

"The selection process can be time consuming, tedious and expensive," Wallace said.

Western filed a lawsuit for \$8,000 against two former police officers after they left 16 months shy of a three-year contract they signed with campus police. The employment contract that an offi-cer must sign states that if the officer quits or transfers before serving three years he/she must reimburse the campus for their training on a pro-rated basis. According to Wallace, most police departments are now implementing contracts similar to this one.

## RAPE: Number of incidents reported higher than last year

Spring Break 2001 in Panama City Beach, Florida!

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semester, the female student has not yet pressed

Woods said the two main factors for rape victims when deciding to prosecute are the media and the need to clean themselves after the incident, which leaves very little evidence.

"That is the reason that most don't press charges, because they don't have any of that evidence." Woods said.

This is the third rape reported so far this school year, a number much higher than in the past. In 1997-1998, Western was the only state school with zero rapes reported.

The question now for school officials and campus police is whether the number of rapes

on campus are going up, or only the number of people reporting them.

Capt. Mike Wallace believes many things are contributing to the number of rapes reported over the last semester.

"Maybe people are feeling more comfortable approaching the police," Wallace said.

Woods, on the other hand, said it is Western's educational system that is prompting the women to speak up.

"I think that people know the steps now more because of the different programs and freshman seminar," Woods said.

The required freshman seminar class which began in the late 1990s goes through the steps of reporting a rape.



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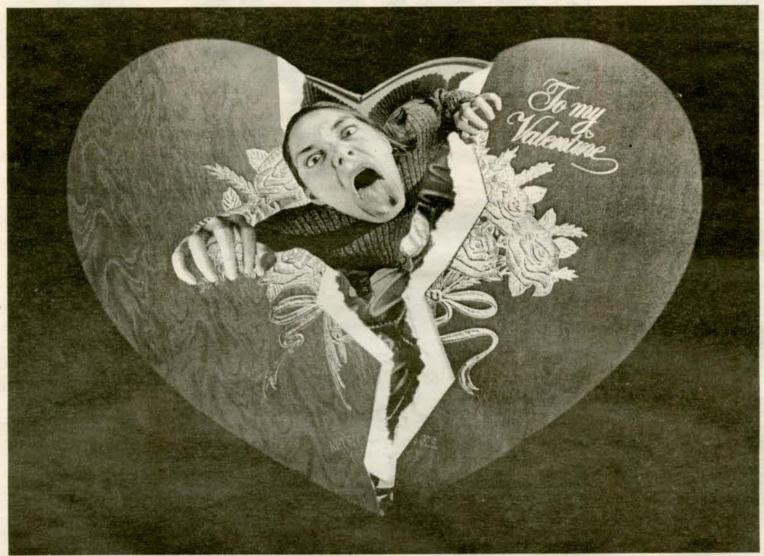


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Ever since Valentine's Day began, opinions were split - some love it, some hate it. And some take their hatred for the day to the extreme.

## RedRage

When Valentine's Day comes along, some rejoice only when it's over

BY JASON RAGAN Herald reporter

For many, Feb. 14 is circled and decorated with pink and red hearts on their calendar. On Laura Wood's calendar, it's X'd out with utter disdain.

"I wake up and say, 'Ugh, it's Valentine's Day," the junior from Rockport, Ind., said. In the sea of people wearing red and snuggling with their honeys, Wood wears all

black as a silent protest. "I was dumped on Valentine's Day in high school," she said. "So that's when it started.

This Valentine's Day, she will once again put on the black garb.

'When you're single it sucks," Wood said. She doesn't want to extend her hatred to

"I try not to spread my bitterness," Wood said. "I just wear my bitterness."

So if Wood sees Henderson junior Terrance Johnson and Louisville junior Kathleen Speicher together in Valentine bliss, she will try not to put a damper on their plans.

Although Johnson and Speicher do celebrate Valentine's Day, they see some major problems with the holiday.

'It shouldn't be a day about boyfriends or girlfriends," Speicher said. "It should be about friends, family, everyone

Johnson and Speicher think the prices of traditional Valentine's Day gifts are overly expensive and that many students can't afford the expectations.

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## Doyle's story: Loss Organization helps shows life is fragile

BY TAYLOR LOYAL Herald reporter

The telephone at Yellow Cab Company rang two times less than it should have last fall. Hunter Doyle lost one of his friends in October. And another in

November. Both in drunk-driving accidents.

"I don't think anybody deserves to die at age 22," Doyle said.

On that night in November, Doyle was still putting the pieces back together after his friend's death in the first accident. He had decided to stay home with his girlfriend. Two buddies had just left his house after people tried to convince them not to drive.

Five minutes later, they wrecked. The next

The passenger died.

morning, Doyle got a call from the hospital. The driver lived.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY? Hunter Doyle

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## tout Condom Day

BY SARAH MOORE Herald reporter

Tomorrow is Feb. 14, and all around campus, love-struck couples will be trying to express their affection for one another with boxes of candy, flowers and sweetly wrapped ... condoms

In case you haven't heard, tomorrow is National Condom Day. National Condom Day, sponsored by the American Health Association, is intended to remind people to "love responsibly." By promoting such a day in conjunction with Valentine's Day, the ASHA is not trying to take all the romance out of the day of love.

We're just encouraging people that if you decide to have sex, chances are you don't want to give or get a sexually transmitted disease," said Michael Stalker, director of media relations for the

True, herpes and chlamydia are not what most lovers are hoping to receive this Valentine's Day. Most people who have either of these STDs, however, are not aware they are infected. National

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#### Campus Life

## Student wakes up to problem

Hi. My name is Malcolm. Hi. Malcolm And I'm addicted. To sleep.

Noon is an early class to me. I call six hours of sleep a long blink. And flannel sheets are the best things since the vacuumcleaner headlight. I think it started when I was in the Army. I'd get some anywhere I could. A little bit at a time at first - a nap on the back of a deuce and a half; 40

winks at range the between firing orders; a quick snooze in the grass before P.T.

mean. what was I supposed to do? We did much before 9 a.m.

I wouldn't admit it for a long time. They say



commentary

denial is a sure sign of an addiction, but that's just dumb.

I'm not addicted to cocaine. Am I an addict now because I

denied that? Anyway

But everybody has to sleep. It's like saying someone is hooked on water. And I doubt if anybody's in the Betty Ford Clinic for being strung out on oxygen. We have to doze.

So how the heck can I be

addicted? There were other signs, though.

When I worked at Circuit City, I would have a little on breaks.

'I'm not tired," I told my coworkers who said I was going to sleep my life away; like I was gonna cure AIDS during a 15minute break or something. "I sleep because I like it."

Then I would have a hit at lunch. Once I was a half-hour late getting back to work because I had to have one more hit.

Richard Pryor said you really have a problem when you take your substance of choice over sex. I guess the time I fell asleep during should have been a dead give-

Sure, she was mad. I explained my problem to her, but that worked about as well as a football bat. It wasn't my fault. I had a problem. It was out of my control.

My so-called addiction is more under control these days. I've learned little tricks along the way to help manage it.

The one that seems to be most effective is the 12-step, snooze button program. "The 108-minute wake up," it's called. I must be the heavyweight back-to-bed-button champ of the world.

To tell the truth, I still don't feel like an addict, though. But, please, don't tell anyone else in the program that.

I could quit sleeping if I really wanted to.

Malcolm Knox is a senior print journalism major from Louisville and is probably somewhere trying to sneak in a nap right now.

## Feminist Thought class performs V-day play

#### Performance wants to set 'Vagina' free

By Mai Hoang Herald reporter

There were images of vaginas shown throughout the room at Downing University Center. There were paintings of the female body. There were even vagina cookies, with chocolate sprinkles, red hots and icing representing the various parts. This complimented the centerpiece — a reading of Eve Ensler's play, "The Vagina Monologues."

"I'm worried about vaginas," Ensler says in the introduction to the play. "There's so much secrecy about them ... It's like the Bermuda Triangle."

Yesterday, Western's Feminist Thought class put on a reading of Ensler's play, which won the Obie Award in 1997. Ensler interviewed about 200 women of all types to hear their thoughts on how people perceive the female genitalia. Their answers compiled what would become the play.

"Women were reluctant to talk ... but once they got started ... Women secretly loved to talk about their vaginas," Ensler says in the introduction.

Topics of the monologues included everything from masturbation to domestic abuse. In one of the monologues, "My Angry Vagina," the speaker is frustrated about the brutal treatment women's sexuality receives. That monologue

received the most applause from the audience.

This is the second year the class has held a reading. The reading was part of the V-Day celebration, a celebration that Ensler started in 1997 (hint—the "V" does not stand for Valentine). The V-Day Web site says the purpose of the day is "a global moment to end violence against girls and women." A national V-Day celebration was held Saturday in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Some of the students doing monologues had also painted the pictures displayed in the

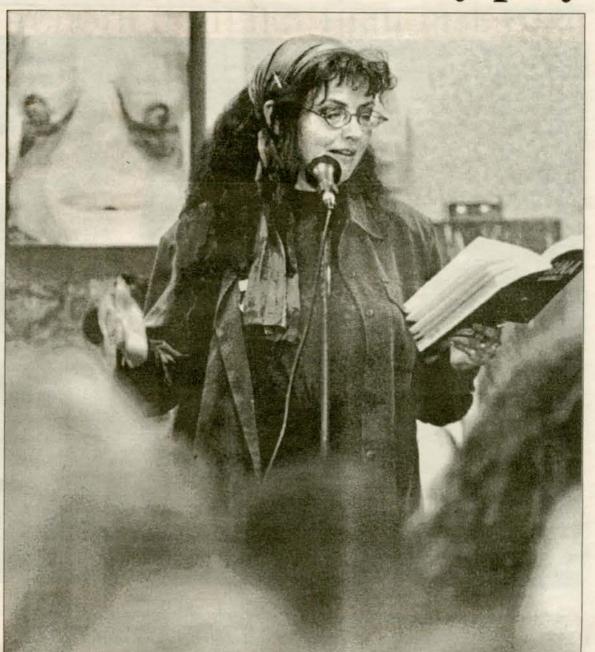
"Women are taught to be afraid of their bodies," Cincinnati junior Stefanie Bruser said about why she painted the female form. "I try to ask people to get over it."

Donations were also taken for Western's "Women in Transition," a group helping non-traditional students.

After the performance, audience members talked about the play.

"In the beginning I felt uncomfortable — it's not something you talk about on an everyday basis," said Brenda Gaynor, a junior from Ventura, Calif., after the show. "But I'm glad there was something like this. I hope it will help women be comfortable with their sexuality."

Smiths Grove senior Trish Jaggers reads "The Flood" by Eve Ensler.





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### Cinema Scene

### More 'Hannibal' isn't better

Review: 'Hannibal' Grade D-

By MICHEAL COMPTON Herald reporter

"Hannibal" may go down as one of biggest high-profile missteps in Hollywood history.

The sequel to the overwhelmingly superior "Silence of the Lambs" begins as a rather dull and uninvolving thriller and erodes into an overindulgent gorefest.

Hopkins returns as Hannibal Lector. As the film opens, Lector is enjoying "retirement" in Italy where he is incognito as a museum curator.

Lector is being pursued by Mason Verger (an unrecognizable Gary Oldman), a former victim of Lector's who seeks revenge for the horrible disfigurement that Lector has imposed on him

Verger contacts Clarice Starling (Julianne Moore, who replaces Jodi Foster) to assist in his hunt Starling has just been reassigned following a drug bust

that took a very tragic turn.

She begins to wrap herself up in the world of Hannibal Lector once again. But while her trail is only lukewarm, an Italian detective (Giancarlo Giannini) has discovered Lector and decided to capture the mad doctor himself.

There are more complications to the film, including Ray Liotta as a colleague of Starling who wants to get even after she has refused his sexual advances, but none of it really matters.

The reason the original was such an outstanding film was it was a psychological thriller with snap. The interaction between Starling and Lector was such a hypnotic cat and mouse volley between two very intelligent individuals. In "Hannibal" there is very little of that interaction, as Starling's character virtually disappears for the middle half of

Hopkins and Moore are both competent in their respective

Hopkins still delivers his dialogue with the zest and spark of the original, it's just that this time he isn't saying anything of much importance.

Moore is a suitable replace-

ment for Foster. This should have been the film that finally put her on the A-list of actresses —something she has more than earned earlier in her career. Instead, Moore becomes almost an afterthought.

Director Ridley Scott confirms what should have been realized following last year's overrated "Gladiator": his stock as a big time director is slipping rapidly.

David Mamet and Steven Zaillian (Schindler's List) try to do the best they can with Thomas Harris' novel. But the fact is the story is rather uneventful, painting itself into a corner and trying to redeem itself with a ridiculous finale that unfortunately was adored by the 17-year-olds at my screening.

Admittedly, I haven't read the novel. But then again, I haven't read "Silence of the Lambs" either. While "Silence of the Lambs" might actually provoke someone to read the novel, "Hannibal" makes you yearn for something a little more intelligent — like say, a Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen pocket book.

At least that would be scarier.

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### Movie Capsules

Cast Away (A-) Tom Hanks gives a phenomenal performance as a Fed-Ex worker whose life completely changes when he is stranded on a deserted island for several years. The wraparound story involving a romance with Helen Hunt isn't very interesting, but the middle third of the film is so exceptional, the shortcomings are easily overlooked.

Finding Forrester (B) Gus Van Zant attempts to erase memories of "Psycho" by returning to more familiar ground with this tale of a scholastically underachieving young man (Rob Brown) who befriends a reclusive writer (Sean Connery.) The movie features solid work from Connery and newcomer Brown.

Head Over Heels (C-) Somewhere deep inside "Head Over Heels" is a very funny satire of the fashion industry. It's too bad that the film fails to exploit the potential, opting instead for a bizarre romantic comedy with very unappealing leads.

O' Brother Where Art Thou? (B+) The Cohen brothers latest picture is a funny, loose adaptation of Homer's "The Odyssey." The film doesn't match some of the Cohen's previous work, such as "Fargo" and "Barton Fink," but does work thanks to a strong cast, including George Clooney, Holly Hunter and John Goodman. Clooney reveals a comedic side that he hasn't previously shown.

The Wedding Planner (D) The latest attempt at romantic bliss is not very romantic or blissful. Jennifer Lopez plays an overly compulsive wedding planner who falls for groom Matthew McConaughey. Lopez has zero comedic timing,

and continues to be miscast in films. Perhaps it's time that Lopez concentrates more on a singing career because it's apparent the acting thing isn't working.

Valentine (B-) The movie has its flaws it's pretty standard, as far as slasher flicks go, and the dialogue is dopey at best. Still, there is a certain goofy charm — if you consider horror movies charming. You can't help but enjoy a killer who crafts wonderful, handmade Hallmark cards with such lovely prose like, "Roses are red, violets are blue, they'll need dental records when I'm through with you."

Save the Last Dance (B-) Most movies with as many shortcomings as "Save The Last Dance" would collapse and become seriously irritating. However, most filmmakers don't have the luxury of two leads such as Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas. They bring enough energy and raw talent that the movie works even though it probably doesn't deserve to.

Snatch (B) Guy Ritchie's follow-up to "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" is such a hyperkinetic mix of violence and comedy, it wouldn't be surprising if the style is ripped off by other up-and-coming directors. His ability to edit the film with the frenzied pace the movie displays gives it a fever-pulse pitch that sustains audience interest even during the necessary exposition.

Sugar & Spice (F) Forced to choose between this film and arsenic, I think poison might be the better option. This aspiring teen satire is about as funny as a sledgehammer to the forehead. If you feel you must see a cheerleader comedy, rent the far superior "Bring It On." At least that film has a clue about being clueless.



## RED: "It's just another day ..."

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"My woman is worth the money, but I'm not about to buy a \$200 bouquet of flowers," Johnson

"Especially being college students, not everyone has a job," Speicher said.

The couple also thinks that expressions of love shouldn't happen just once a year.

Johnson said it seems some couples focus a lot on one day instead of the other 364.

"They seem to be nicer to each other on that day," he said.

Johnson thinks this should be an everyday occurrence.

"I tell her I love her all the time," he said with a smile and a glance at Speicher.

But some people have disliked Valentine's Day since it began. The early Roman precursor to Valentine's Day, Lupercalia, was intended to be a celebration of the founding of Rome.

But there was another side to the celebration, said Erika Brady, associate professor of modern language and intercultural studies. Young people would put their names in a box and be matched with a member of the opposite

Many Romans grew tired of the tradition. They felt that the underlying sexual tension drew attention away from the actual celebra-

Brady said Valentine's position on the calendar has a lot to do with the search for love. February is between winter and spring and is known as a time for depression. It is also the time when birds seek their mates, but as long as there has been a celebration of love, there have been people who dislike it.

'There has always been a sense that the holiday could get out of control," Brady said. For some, there's just nothing

exciting about Valentine's Day.
"It's just another day," Dry

Ridge junior Missy Polly said. "I got a Valentine card from my Mom but I don't have that signifi-cant other," she said.

Even Brady knows someone who's not fond of Valentine's Day - her husband. Brady's birthday

falls in early February and her husband's is in late February.

What he wants for his birthday is not to do anything for Valentine's Day," Brady said. Laura Wood knows that feel-

Wood, who's purchased blackrimmed glasses that will complete her outfit, hasn't given up on finding a Valentine. Last Valentine's Day she went on a date - she did wear all black, but said she had a

Wood said her outlook on the Day of Love might change if she meets that special person.

"Just 'cause I'm single." Wood said. "To know someone likes me, that would be good."

This year it is back to her silent protest. She tries to keep her spirits high during the long 24

"I still go around with a smile on my face," Wood said. "I try to put a smile on my face.'

'I'm going to buy you flowers," a friend said, trying to cheer her

Wood just smiled.

## STORY: Doyle will study

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Doyle has realized how short

"I hope everyone doesn't have to learn the hard way," he said.

The driver is in jail. The passenger is a memory in

Doyle's mind. Both are a reminder of what can happen when alcohol and

automobiles collide. Doyle said he isn't mad, but forgiving.

"People do make mistakes," he said. "I just try to forget about it and move on.'

#### Moving on

Doyle has plans for the future. After he graduates he said he may go to law school at Ole Miss. He said he loves the campus

"It has a lot of tradition," he said.

By heading to Mississippi, he will be following in his older brother's footsteps.

For now, Doyle's still on the Hill. After spending a year and a half at UK, Doyle, now a junior, said he moved back to

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Bowling Green to be with his family.

For now, Doyle still drinks. He still parties. He doesn't preach to freshmen about the values of an alcohol-free existence at Western. He said he has learned to do everything moderately.

For now, Doyle is slowing down, but he's not standing still. He accepts the past. He has a new perspective on today. And he has dreams for tomor-

He's moving on.

## CONDOM: Safe sex message spreading

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Condom Day sends a clear message to all lovers this Feb. 14 - use a condom.

"If you want to keep yourself safe, it's a tremendously good idea," said Joanna Waldridge, a sophomore from Bowling

Several groups here on Western's campus have come together to help spread that message during what has been dubbed "Sexual Responsibility

Eta Sigma Gamma, a public health organization, the WKU Health Center, and Peers Encouraging Responsible Choices will have a table set up in the main lobby of Downing University Center today and tomorrow.

There they will offer Safer Sex Kits, free condoms, and information regarding STDs and prevention. There will be a chance for students to win date packages with gift certificates to restaurants and other fun date spots around town.

Perhaps the most popular reason to visit their table in

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Health Center for more infor-

mation on sexual health,

DUC is "Condomgrams."

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"It's kind of a fun way to raise awareness," said Eta Sigma Gamma President Christine Lyons.

It is important to remember, however, that even condoms are not foolproof.

"There are certain types of STDs that are in areas that aren't covered by a condom," Kathryn Steward, Western's health education coordinator. "Abstinence is first and foremost the safest measure to protect yourself."

In the words of Glasgow junior Ron Ray, "Love is way, way, way more than sex."

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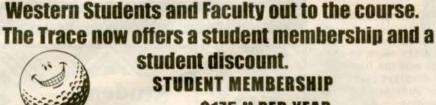
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## Sports

## Baseball enjoys 2-1 weekend

BY MICHEAL COMPTON Herald reporter

It was the kind of game that makes 12-hour bus rides home feel even longer

baseball team Western's dropped the final game of the weekend to Charleston Southern 4-3 in Charleston, S.C., Sunday. The loss came after Western began the trip by sweeping the College of Charleston 10-3 on Friday, and 7-5 in 12 innings

While the Hilltoppers were able to get their first two wins of the season, the loss Sunday made the weekend bittersweet, senior Brian Houdek said.

"We feel somewhat happy about winning two of three, but it should have been an easy third victory," Houdek said. "Especially after you win the first two games, you want to put the team away and sweep the weekend."

The Hilltoppers (2-3) struck in the top of the first against Charleston Southern with a tworun homerun from junior first baseman Nick Turner. The Buccaneers answered in the third, scoring a run on a wild pitch from senior Kevin Sadowski, which cut the lead to 2-1

Charleston Southern took its first lead in the fourth. Corey Evans tied the game with an RBI single and later scored on Brandon Massy's double to give the Bucs a 3-2 lead.

Western pulled even again in the eighth. After loading the bases with two out, sophomore David Lower delivered a pinch hit bunt single that scored senior Tim Cleland.

The Bucs (2-0) regained the lead in the bottom of the inning After right-handed senior John Bartch (0-1) walked two batters

Cassandra Shie/Herald

Madisonville freshman Matt Moore clears a six-foot-high jump bar during the Valentine's Invitational at the Murphy Center

## Sun Belt next hurdle for track team

BY ERIN Y. BRAZLEY Herald reporter

The Middle Tennessee State Valentine's Invitational was the last meet before the Sun Belt Conference Championship Meet. The strength and endurance training Western did last week helped some of them place in the

MTSU's track in the Murphy Center was unlike any other the freshmen had ever seen. It was around the top of the basketball arena behind the bleachers.

Imagine nine-foot tall wooden boards behind the benches of the upper level of Diddle Arena.

'It's growing on me," junior distance runner Janette Pike said. "The first time we ran here I hated it. It feels like you're running in a tunnel. Pike placed second in the women's 800-

meter run with a time of 2:19.00

Before the runners turned the corners they couldn't see where the race ended. "I don't like the environment," freshman Chris Young said. "It's dusty and irritates my

Young placed 11th in the men's mile with a

time of 4:41.92. "I like it," sophomore sprinter Justin Miller said "It's a fast track to run on as long

as it's hard." Miller reached his personal best, third place in the men's 400 with a time of 49.42 sec-

Senior distance runner Lisa Cronin

placed fourth in the women's mile with a time

"This is a big confidence builder," she

Freshman decathlete Matt Moore participated in four events on Saturday - the long

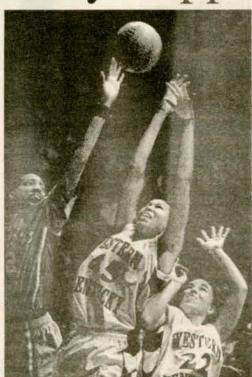
jump, pole vault, high jump and shot put
"I don't think I did too well in the high jump," Moore said. "My steps were off. I'm waiting for outdoor season.'

Also this past weekend two of Western's athletes, sophomore Olga Cronin and freshman Ryan Thomas, competed in the Butler Canon Classic in Indianapolis, Ind. Neither placed in their events - the 3,000 and shot

The Sun Belt Conference Championship meet will be held Sunday and Monday Feb. 25

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## Lady Toppers fall short to La Tech



Jed Conklin/Herald

Senior ShaRae Mansfield goes for the ball in a home game Saturday night.

#### Women close at half, but falter down stretch

BY LYNDSAY SUTTON Herald reporter

Louisiana Tech teased Western like zoo keepers feeding bananas to monkeys in the first half of Saturday night's women's basketball game. The No. 8ranked team in the nation dangled single-digit leads in front of the Lady Toppers throughout the first 20 minutes of the game. Freshman forward Leah Lineberry's jumper with 2:51 left in the half even gave Western a 33-28 lead, equaling its biggest lead of the half.

But in the second half, Louisiana Tech (21-4, 12-0 Sun Belt Conference) slowly and steadily suffocated Western's offense until a comeback would've done no good. The Lady Techsters, doing what they do best, knocked down 64 percent of their shots in the second half en route to a 67-52 conference victory over Western.

'I thought the Lady Topper program was right where we wanted it to be the whole first half," Western coach Steve

Small said. "I think defensively we did the right things. I think offensively, we looked sharp in the first half. I think we were up-tempo and got after them. I thought at halftime we were in great shape."

The game was tied 33-33 at halftime, a big difference from the 53-16 deficit the Lady Toppers faced at halftime Jan. 18 before falling 105-47 at La Tech.

"We talked about where we were the last game at halftime and where we were this game and it's a total difference,' senior All-America forward Mansfield ShaRae said. Mansfield had 12 points and 11 rebounds in the game.

"We knew we could do it," she said. "The confidence was there, but we just didn't come out in the second half like we did in the first half."

The Lady Toppers (15-9, 7-5 SBC) struggled offensively most of the night, shooting just 32 percent for the game. Junior guard Natalie Powers, who leads the Sun Belt Conference in scoring averaging 21.7 points a game, scored just nine points on 3-of-14 shooting. Sophomore guard Kristina Covington led the team in scoring with 13 points.

Covington had scored just 21 points

in the previous five games on 8-of-35 shooting from the field.

"Their pressure really got us out of sync offensively," Small said. "What this team hasn't learned yet is turn it around when things aren't going good offensively; is to keep up that defensive

intensity. "That's the only thing that I was upset about. Just because things are a

a Tech

little flat on offense, I want to play the same kind of defense they did in the first half."

Concentrating on rebounding, Western often failed to get back on defense which led to 20 fast break points for La Tech, 18 in the first half.

The Lady Toppers outrebounded the Lady Techsters 37-

"But we had to sacrifice something to get back on defense," Mansfield said. The Lady Toppers stopped La Tech

from getting so many fast break opportunities in the second half, but the Lady Techsters adjusted, connecting on 18-of-28 field goal attempts. Takeisha Lewis scored 12 of her game-high 20 points in the second half, leading three other La Tech players in double figures.

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## Women's tennis wins first match of season, 4-3

#### Toppers sweep doubles matches

BY CHAD QUEEN Herald reporter

The Hilltopper women's tennis team got off to a positive start . with our doubles," Coach Jeff Sunday night by grabbing a win in True said. "We won all the The Hilltopper women's tennis their season opener against

early on in the first matches of the night when Western defeated Evansville in all three doubles matches. The team that wins the majority of doubles matches earns one point. The three doubles teams all won, 8-6, and gave the team momentum heading into singles play

close matches and that doesn't normally happen.'

#### "We won all the close matches and that doesn't normally happen."

- Jeff True tennis coach

Juniors Therese Johannsen and Nino Kostava and sophomore Liene Rozentale proved why they hold the top three singles posi-

Johannsen cruised in her

match against Bambi McCann (6-3, 6-3). Rozentale defeated Brandee Fox (6-4, 7-5), and Kostava squeaked by Brooke Hoener (7-6

"The top of our lineup really came through," True said. "This was a tremendous win in so many ways. Everything fell into place."

Notching their first win of the season is important to this team after not winning until their ninth game a year ago en route to a 2-17

Last year's team had a lot of

only playing with four players. It was a very hard season for them. True said.

"It was great to see the players so happy," the coach said.

The ladies of the hard court will try to continue their cheerful and winning ways this weekend in Richmond, Ky. when they play Morehead State and Xavier Saturday, and Eastern Kentucky

"We'll see if we can keep this string going," True said.

## Hilltoppers fall by one to La Tech in overtime

Marcus ties career high with 27

BY TRAVIS WILLIAMS Herald reporter

Men's basketball coach Dennis Felton had stressed to his team that they could be beaten on any night. That night finally took shape Saturday in the form of a 73-72 overtime loss

WKU overtime

Louisiana Tech. Western (17-6, 10-2 Sun Belt La Tech Conference) had been riding a seven-game conference winning streak prior to Saturday night's

loss to La Tech

(16-8, 9-3 SBC).

Junior center Chris Marcus led all scorers with 27 points, tying a career high. Senior guard Nashon McPherson was the only other Hilltopper in double-digits with 11.

Louisiana Tech's Gerrod Henderson, who did not play in the last meeting due to a shoulder injury, proved to be a major factor in the Bulldogs' win. Henderson, last season's conference player of the year, scored 18 points, including the two winning free throws with six seconds remaining.

"He's a big, big playmaker," Felton said after the game. "And we didn't want the ball in his hands (at the end)."

But that's exactly where it ended up as the clock's final seconds ticked away

Trailing by one, Henderson drove baseline and drew a foul from sophomore guard Filip Videnov to get to the free-throw line and sink the game-winning baskets

The Hilltoppers opened the game by connecting on only one of its first 10 shots. Western finally got its shooting together and went into halftime trailing

The team continued to improve its shooting in the second half and went on a 13-2 run sparked by Marcus' eight

The Bulldogs' Antonio Meeking hit a two-pointer with 1:35 in regulation to force the game into overtime.

After a Bulldog basket, McPherson scored five straight points in overtime to give Western the lead. The teams then traded baskets before Henderson was fouled to eventually hit the game winning free throws

"Other than not defending well enough in the first half," Felton said, "I was actually pleased with the way we played tonight. We got tentative down the stretch and seemed to lose our assertiveness.

The loss was the Hilltoppers first since Jan. 10 in South Alabama. Western's next game will be Thursday in Diddle Florida against arena International. The Hilltoppers beat the Golden Panthers earlier this season in Miami 55-46.

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## **WEEKEND:** Western scores 17 in Charleston series

with two outs, sophomore Matt Wilhite relieved and gave up an RBI single to right by Massey

Western had a chance to tie in the ninth, loading the bases with one out. But Cleland struck out and Turner grounded out to end the game.

There is not a member of our club that didn't feel it was a game we had every opportunity to win," head coach Joel Murrie said. "We just need to put this behind us and move

Western stranded 10 runners in the game and 31 for the weekend.

"That is a stat that can come back and beat you," Murrie said.

Now the positive part is that we are getting a lot of people on base. When you leave people on you are getting them

#### WKU 10, Charleston 3; WKU 7, Charleston 5

In game one, the Hilltoppers pounded out 14 hits led by Townsend who was 2 for 3 with three RBIs, including a two-run homer in the top of the 4th inning that put Western ahead to stay. Senior left fielder Matt Fox and junior designated hitter Jeff Pacholke added three hits each for the Hilltopper

In the second game, Western rallied in the ninth and scored two runs in the 12th to sweep the Cougars (0-2).

Western returns to action this weekend, with a threegame series Saturday and Sunday against Illinois State in the Hilltoppers' home opener.

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## Final La Tech matchup has special meaning for Lady Tops

Small tripped over the broom of nostalgia as he walked into the

There, minutes after Louisiana Tech's 15-point farewell drubbing of the Western women's basketball team last Saturday night, he came upon Lady Techsters coach Leon

As Barmore was just about to leave after giving what will probably be his final postgame interview session at Diddle Arena, his exiting progress was halted by the outstretched hand of Small.

"Leon!!" Small exclaimed.
"Steve???" Barmore responded

confused, grasping Small's hand. "Just wanted to say that name one more time, coach," Small said graciously

That's it. No more La Tech-Western.

No more narrow wins, narrower losses and heart-skipping moments.

There will be no more controversial wins and controversial losses. And there will be no more wins or losses that open and close the gate to the NCAA tournament for the Lady Toppers.

No more. But just as Western must now say goodbye to Louisiana Tech and 17 years of basketball, July 1 when La Tech joins the Western Athletic Conference, it also must part with something much more immeasur-

Though Saturday's loss was cleaner for the Lady Toppers any loss would have been cleaner than the 105-47 thumping in Ruston last month — it did bring to light a dirty secret the Western women's program and Sun Belt Conference have been trying to keep under wraps for some time.

The secret? The secret is that while Louisiana Tech basketball has



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meant a ranked opponent and gimme Rating Percentage Index points for Western and its other Sun Belt foes, the Lady Techsters' departure from the conference also means something a lot less easy to admit.

First, La Tech's exiting will bring some much-needed parity to the Sun Belt Conference, a league it has dominated for much of the past five years.

With La Tech's leaving, the Sun Belt will go back to being a more competitive conference. Granted, it will be a conference without a perennially ranked giant, but it will be a conference in which the gang from Ruston isn't tentatively stenciled on the Sun Belt championship trophy.

More than that, Saturday's loss reflected just how much Western women's basketball has fallen off since nearly reaching the women's hoops' summit in the early 90s.

Remnants of that past Sun Belt and national prominence were on hand Saturday as Western honored its past women's hoops stars at halftime. It was a list that included such celebrated Lady Topper athletes as 1992 NCAA national runner-up team member Ida Bowen (Keith), Jamie Walz and former player turned associate head coach Mary Taylor Cowles.

It used to be that when Western and La Tech met, basketball fans never knew what to expect or who would come out on top. In recent matchups, however, that unknowing anticipation was replaced with the dream of an upset for Western

How tough it had to be for Western's hoops princesses Saturday to see an obviously shorthanded crop of Lady Toppers play what was one of their better games of the season and still wind up on the short end of the stick of the Diddle Arena scoreboard.

How tough it had to be for them to see a Lady Toppers squad that features so much talent play so even with the La Tech in the first half, only to cry uncle to the relentless and often flawless play of the Lady Techsters in the second half.

In his parting comments, Barmore called the end of the series a shame. He called Diddle Arena one of his favorite places to play and talked about the devout respect that each program has for

Small talked about how the move of La Tech to the Western Athletic Conference not only will hurt the Sun Belt Conference, but will deal a weighty blow to fans of the series.

For the fans and longtime enthusiasts of the memorable and immortal series, La Tech's departure will be met with mixed tid-

Though it's hard sometimes to let go of big sister's hand, perhaps it is the best thing for Western and the Sun Belt Conference.

Take care La Tech.

You'll be missed. Hightower's column normally runs on Tuesday and occasionally on Thursday. You can call him at 745-6291 or e-mail him at htowa@hotmail.com.

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## AGAIN: Lady Toppers third in division

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They did what they had to do to win," Small said. "Go and get it off the boards, run it down our throats and if they're going to give you threes, you got to take them, and we gave them threes, but I didn't want them quite to be that open.

"It's a whole lot different from getting beat 105-47, I'll tell you that.

A second jump shot from Lineberry with 17:45 left in the

game pulled the Lady Toppers within one-point of another tie. But the Lady Techsters held Western scoreless over the next six minutes while they built a 13-point lead, 50-37.

Freshman guard Jamie Truitt's three-pointer with 11:34 left, ended Western's scoring drought.

The Lady Toppers got as close as six points on a bank shot from Mansfield with 10:20

The loss puts Western in a

more precarious situation where the NCAA Tournament is concerned. The Lady Toppers are 1-3 since beating No. 13 Southwest Missouri State Jan. 29 and are in third place in the Sun Belt Conference's East Division.

"I think we have to make a good run in the Sun Belt Conference," Mansfield said. 'We need to be in the championship game, basically.

Powers added, "We've got to win the rest of our games.'

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