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# COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

Western Kentucky University • Bowling Green, Kentucky

Student News. Faculty News. Alumni News. All News.

## Project control sought

Western expected to take over campus construction

BY JOSEPH LORD  
Herald reporter

Western's projects. Western's problem. The university is expected to begin running campus construction projects with costs of \$400,000 or greater, pending approval from the Board of Regents at its May 9 meeting.

The Division of Financial Management in Frankfort now controls such projects for the university.

John Osborne, associate vice president for Facilities Management and Campus Services, said the university's construction management division has reached a "competency level" to handle such projects locally instead of through Frankfort.

Construction Manager Ed West agreed.

"We've felt like, for the past couple of years, we've been in a pretty good position," he said.

**Western is expected to begin running campus projects with costs of \$400,000 or greater, pending approval from the Board of Regents.**

West said the university will be able to conduct construction business, such as project bids, on campus instead of in Frankfort.

The move will eliminate a middle man and make work run more efficiently, he said.

Facilities officials often spend entire days traveling to Frankfort for meetings when bids

opened on a project.

"So you pretty much kill a day just to go up for a 15 or 30 minute bid opening," he said.

West and Osborne both said the state's financial management division has done a good job in running the university's construction projects.

He said switching to university control won't have many financial rewards because project management costs, such as a project manager's salary, are passed on by the state to Western.

"When it's all said and done, I think we probably will do a little better than what we're doing now, but it's pretty much a wash," West said.

The move is allowed through the University Management Bill, which was passed by the state legislature in 1982, to allow state universities to control such functions as construction, accounting and investments. The university chose to control all the

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Owensboro freshman Brad Mundy plays a hand of poker with fellow Phi Delta Theta fraternity members Andrew Reed, a Meade County sophomore, and Versailles freshman Alex Edwards. photos by Allen Bryant

## Western may build Greek Village

Development would boast 11 houses

BY SHAWNTAYE HOPKINS  
Herald reporter

Boyce sophomore Andy Howell stood on the porch of the Kappa Alpha Order house and stretched his arms wide.

"I love this house, and I ain't ever leaving," he said.

But the truth is, although Howell is at the KA house everyday, he does not live there.

To him, it's about the memories, history and tradition.

In the first step to create a Greek Village at Western, the Bowling Green City Commission will decide on May 6 whether to designate an area near the Hill as part of the University District.

The district is an area where student organizations are permitted to build homes.

The proposal could leave Greeks like Howell with a decision of whether they should move.

But the project is still in its infant stages.

The area under consideration for the village is between Kentucky and Center streets and sits east of the proposed Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center.

The plan was designed by Brian Shirley, landscape architect for the Bowling Green-Warren County Planning Commission. It was designed a year ago to be presented to Western's master plan committee.

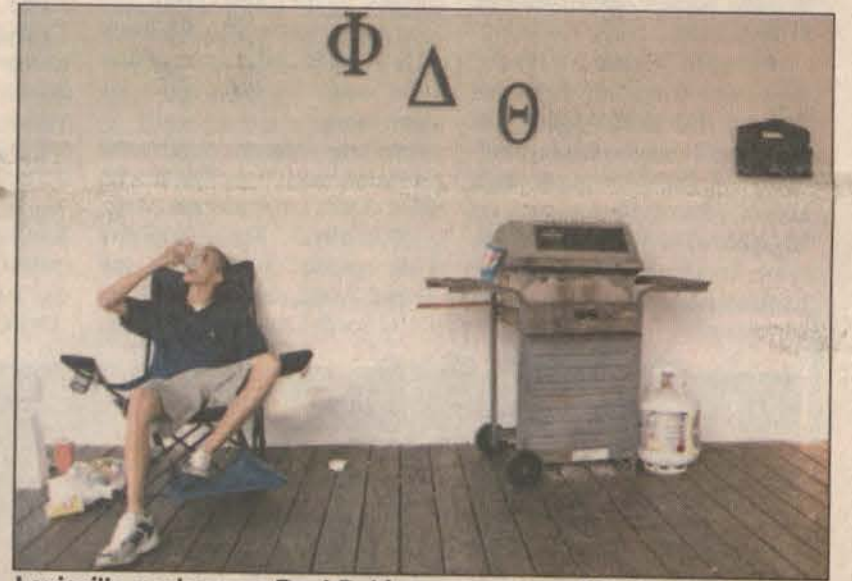
It consists of 11 two-story, 6,000-10,000 square foot houses arranged in a rectangle around an open lawn, he said.

City Manager Chuck Coates said the city will buy the land from property owners, spending about \$2 million under the condition that Western repays the city.

Over the next few months, a Chapter 99 study will determine what land the city can purchase for the village, Shirley said.

Chapter 99, a state statute, will allow the city to use eminent domain to clear the area and relocate the people living there.

Shirley said the area consists mainly of vacant houses and prop-



Louisville sophomore Brad Dobina, a member of Phi Delta Theta, enjoys some Chick-fil-A on the porch of his fraternity house.

erty rented by students.

The city does not want to have to use eminent domain but would rather cooperate with owners to purchase property at fair market value, he said.

One fraternity has already committed to move to the area. Sigma Chi fraternity has purchased two acres of land inside the proposed Greek Village site that is already in

Western's district, Sigma Chi adviser Randy Bracey said.

Their current home doesn't meet fire safety regulations, he said.

He said the fraternity house will take up 10,000 to 12,000 square feet. The Sigma Chis bought two acres to help promote the Greek

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## BRIDGING THE GAP

Western student opens Hispanic Resource Center

BY ZACH MILLS  
Herald reporter

There are two words that describe Bowling Green sophomore Celia Lopez's life very well — passionate and persevering.

The 26-year-old is no stranger to the "hard-knock life" tag line.

Lopez grew up in a poverty-stricken section of Puerto Rico, where she was abused as a child. Her father was an alcoholic, and she grew up in a single parent home with her mother.

She later married an abusive partner, with whom she had two children and eventually divorced.

She was even homeless. Twice.

"My life has never fit the stereotypical role," Lopez said. "I was forced to grow up fast."

But somehow, in the midst of all her struggles, she's always found a way to persevere.

"As long as you have life, there's

hope," Lopez said.

**Moved to act**

Lopez is the founder and director of the Hispanic Resource Center in Bowling Green.

The center, located on 1125 Clay St., opened about four months ago. It is a non-profit organization funded by local entities with city and county government support. Four volunteers help run the Center.

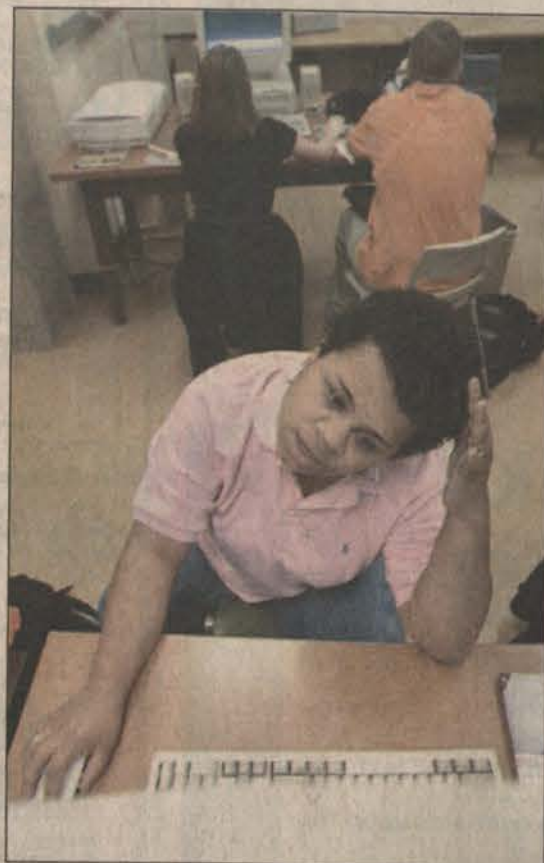
Lopez said that many Hispanics, especially immigrants, are taken advantage of because they do not understand American laws and regulations.

Lopez said this exploitation moved her to act.

"I just got tired of complaining to people and nothing was being done," she said. "So, I decided to do something about it."

Lopez and the center are helping to bridge the gap between Hispanics and American culture and customs.

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Bowling Green sophomore Celia Lopez, director of the Hispanic Resource Center, checks her e-mail in a student lab looking for letters from resource center board members. Doug Keese/Herald

## Western plans for 100th anniversary

BY KANDACE SEBASTIAN  
Herald reporter

The candles aren't on the cake yet, but plans are developing to celebrate Western's 100th anniversary in 2006.

Five teams of Western students have worked for months developing campaigns to celebrate the centennial.

Yesterday, those five team members presented their work to a committee consisting of Bob Edwards, vice president of University Relations, university archivist Sue Lynn Stone and Gene Tice, vice president of Student Affairs and Campus Services. The group evaluated each team and announced the best presentation yesterday afternoon.

The top presentation's slogan "Topping a Century: 100

Years of Excellence," flashed across the projector. A 59-second commercial appeared featuring alumni sharing their favorite Western memories. Archived photos faded in and out on the screen.

Somerset senior Amy Merrick was a part of the team that won the judges' overall approval. Judging was based on historical value, budget feasibility and a professional presentation.

Merrick said the effort of her group paid off because they will benefit from the centennial celebration as alumni in 2006.

When Western celebrates its 100th birthday, some students said they hope to have their advertising ideas as part of the campaign.

"I hope to see something

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### Campus police vacancies

The campus police department is now trying to fill four vacancies. Page 3A

### Art of the hunt

A look at how college football coaches in Division I-AA compete to recruit the next big star. Page 20A

### Summertime

The Herald will resume publication next fall. Have a great summer break.



Check www.wkuherald.com after finals week for a showcase of the best stories and photos from this school year.

**Weather watch**

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
82° 59°	74° 50°	71° 47°	73° 55°	76° 58°

# 2 Day

**By the numbers**

**37** Percentage of household garbage that is composed of paper and paper products

**4.5** Average pounds of garbage produced each day by one person



a thousand words *Beyond the Hill*

Sometimes the metallic rhythm of sidewalk seams is broken by the fuzzy rattle of the shopping cart crossing the street. Crushed aluminum bounces against itself in the impossibly big cloth bag producing the cymbal taps to accompany the shopping cart snare. This is Lonnie Wayne Whitney's music for his daily two-mile march around the alleys and side streets near Western's campus. Whitney, a 43-year-old from Bowling Green, said he has pushed or pulled his shopping cart for more years than he can remember. Like a metal detector, he salvages left behinds and plucks loose change from parking lots, green spaces and secret treasure chests. "Gotta shake it from the bottom, gotta shake it from the bottom, gotta shake it from the bottom," Whitney said, his voice carrying childish excitement while listening to muffled quarters and pennies bounce around the innards of sofas and love seats. Sunday morning, Whitney started with a dime in his pocket. By 5 p.m., Whitney had plucked more than \$10 in change from cushions, crevices, nooks and crannies. "I'll take \$2 and get me some cigarettes," Whitney said. "And the rest will go in my piggy bank, will go in my piggy bank, will go in my piggy bank." Before Whitney headed home for the night, he bought the pack of cigarettes he had been working the better part of the day for. After nearly finishing a second USA Gold Light 100 menthol, Whitney broke his silence. "Just trying to make a dime," he said. "Just trying to make a dime."

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**Crime Reports**

**Arrests**

◆Michael Robert Thornton, Zacharias Hall, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended driver's license and disregarding a traffic control device. He was released Tuesday from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$500 unsecured bond.

◆Claude Adam Tudor, Highland Way, was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence, driving with a suspended driver's license, disregarding a traffic control device and no insurance. He was released the same day from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$600 unsecured bond.

**Reports**

◆Catherine R. Gray, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported Monday that she lost her cell phone, worth \$289, outside of PFT.

◆Cory Smith, Keen Hall, reported Monday one piece of luggage worth \$50, a pair of jogging pants worth \$50, six blank CDs worth \$5 and six cans of fruit juice worth \$4 stolen from his dorm room.

◆Three white males activated the emergency phone Tuesday on DUC South Lawn and ran away.

◆Jeremy L. Scott, Northeast Hall, reported Tuesday his cell phone worth \$69 stolen from DUC South Lawn.

◆Sheryl A. Hagan-Booth, Public Affairs, reported a digital camera worth \$7,500, a zoom lens worth \$1,340, two micro-drives worth \$375 and a battery worth \$80 stolen from Van-Meter Auditorium. The equipment is the property of WKU Public Affairs.

◆Lindsay S. Noyes, Bemis Lawrence Hall, reported Tuesday a flat front tire and scratches down both sides of her 2003 Honda Civic parked in the Bemis lot. Damage totaled \$3,100.

◆Carlos M. Smith, Bemis, reported Tuesday scratches down both sides and the hood of his 1998 Chevrolet Malibu parked in the Regents lot. Damage totaled \$3,000.

**News Briefs**

**Student receives national scholarship**

Meghan Bishop, a junior from Biglerville, Penn., has received a \$1,000 national Phi Kappa Phi study abroad scholarship. Bishop will participate in a History of English Law class offered in London this summer.

**Broadcast students win awards**

Seven students won 12 awards from the Kentucky Associated Press. Owensboro senior Brandon Bratcher placed second in radio news report, television news report and television feature.

Louisville senior Kyle Edelen was first in television sportscast.

Thelma senior Kelly Sparks placed first in television news report and television feature, second in television reporter.

Bowling Green senior Lakacia Shockley placed first in television reporter.

Bowling Green junior Matt Horstman placed first in radio news report.

Herndon senior Haley Pinson received an honorable mention for television reporter.

Mount Washington junior Fawn Leonard received an honorable mention for television feature.

— Brandy Warren

**Clearing the Air**

◆Due to a Herald error, the Web site address for the Preston Center was incorrect in an ad on page 7A of Tuesday's Herald. The correct Web site address is www.wku.edu/IMRec.

The Herald regrets the error.

◆The College Heights Herald corrects all confirmed errors that are brought to reporter's or editor's attention. Please call 745-6011 or 745-5044 to report a correction, or e-mail us at herald@wkuherald.com.

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**Campus police**

**Department tries to fill vacancies**

BY ABBEY BROWN  
Herald reporter

Holes have been made and the campus police department is in the process of patching them.

Officer Larry Dvorak was fired from the department April 18.

"He's a good person," Chief Robert Deane said. "He was an individual who didn't work out. We thought it was best if he picked another line of work."

Gene Tice, vice president of Student Affairs and Campus Services, said the university expects a lot of the campus police officers.

"We have high expectations of our officers, and they have to perform at a high level to protect the students of this campus," he said. "Some people have to leave because they don't meet those expectations."

The department was short officers before Dvorak's firing and the retirement in March of former Capt. Eugene Hooper.

Tice said the university is in the process of filling a number of vacancies at the officer level. There are 19 officers, including the chief, in the department now. It is considered to be fully staffed at 23 officers.

"We need to get people into

the police academy because the process is nearly a year long before an officer actually can work alone," Tice said.

As of July 1, another patrol position will be added to the police department, meaning they could hire five more officers, he said.

"We feel like we need three more officers based on the increase of land that we patrol," Tice said. "Hopefully we will gradually add those positions over the next few years. The first step was adding this first position."

Campus police are responsible for patrolling the entire main campus, South Campus, the intramural complex on Campbell Lane, the Center for Research and Development, Lost River Cave and the Agricultural Research and Education Complex on Nashville Road.

Maj. Jerry Phelps said the addition of patrol areas and the decrease of officers is putting a strain on the department.

"People are having to do a lot, yes," he said. "And this summer, with vacations and in-services, will be very hectic. We will start plugging people in to fill in for those needing time off. (Crime Prevention Officer) Joe Harbaugh will be on the streets some, and I may even patrol if I'm needed."

"It takes everyone working together to make it all work," he said.

One change that has been made to help alleviate some of the stress is Phelps' promotion, Deane said. Monday he moved moved from captain of Investigations to major of Patrol and Investigations.

"He's experienced and has great people skills," Deane said. "Maj. Phelps has worked in every division. He was the logical person to move over and help some of the younger guys who will have to step up eventually when he retires. We wanted to get one of our most experienced officers to take on more responsibilities."

Phelps' duties include supervisory, administrative and technical police work and directing and controlling investigations and patrol. He will also oversee training, according to his job description.

"It's a challenge," Phelps said. "It adds to my work load considerably. But I look forward to challenges."

A board will be convened to select a new captain of Investigations, he said.

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**Arrest**

**Woman held for indecent exposure**

BY ABBEY BROWN  
Herald reporter

A Bowling Green woman was arrested for indecent exposure at Denes Field early yesterday morning.

Theresa Victoria Bager, 26, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. after the Bowling Green Police Department received a call that a woman was running around naked in the area of Morgantown and Russellville roads. They soon received another call saying the woman was running toward Western's baseball field.

Campus police Officer Jeff Eversoll was the first officer to

make contact with Bager. City police Officer Bill Stephens soon responded.

According to the report, Bager first told officers that she liked to run in the rain. She then attempted to run away from officers.

Media Relations Officer Tom Forte said Bager was behaving unusually. Forte said officers were unsure at the time if the woman was under the influence of any substances.

Bager made several statements concerning "Satan and Lucifer, which made no sense," according to the report.

Because she wasn't wearing any clothes, and officers don't

carry clothes in their patrol car, Bager was transported to Warren County Regional Jail naked. Eversoll transported her to the jail because Stevens had a police dog in the back of his patrol vehicle.

Bager is still being held in Warren County Regional Jail on three charges. Bail for indecent exposure is \$2,500 and \$1,000 for assault in the fourth degree. She also been charged as mentally ill and a danger to herself or others. There is no bond set for this charge.

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# OPINION

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**Editorial**

## The 2003 Marsupial Awards

Admittedly, it's a dumb name. It's not clever, it's not sarcastic and through no degree of stretching and twisting of reason does it carry any discernible meaning at Western.

The Herald's annual rite of spring is named for mammals which lack a placenta but boast external abdominal pouches with teats.

If that's good enough for us, it's good enough for you.

But what we call the awards is immaterial. It's our final opportunity to point the spotlight at Western's positive newsmakers. And most importantly, it's another chance to poke fun at the folks who took the "higher education" out of "higher education."

So off we go. It's the 2003 Marsupial Awards.

◆The **Nutcracker Award** goes to Tell City, Ind., freshman Jamie Lynn Byrd.

Byrd likely would have earned a Marsupial for her two-DUIs-in-two-days performance. But she locked up the honor with an even more impressive feat — after being stopped the second time, the belligerent Byrd planted a foot in the groin of Bowling Green police officer Craig Sutter.

It was a bold move that definitely required stones.

◆Though it had nothing to do with the anthrax scare, this dazed and confused pair helped redefine the term "suspicious package."

Old Hickory, Tenn., freshman Blake Lovan and Hendersonville, Tenn., sophomore Brandon Anthony James claimed this year's **Cheech and Chong Award** when they accepted a five-pound shipment of weed that was mailed to Pearce-Ford Tower.

◆Bursting uninvited into an off-campus apartment flashing a shotgun, stun guns and duct tape is a sure-fire way to land on this list.

So congrats to former Louisville freshmen Nicole Hite and Ashley Moore, who, along with two other female comrades, took the **Girls Gone Wild Award** for their pathetic siege at Western Place in November.

Their punishment? How about eternity watching "Anger Management" on an endless loop.

◆From the depths to the pinnacle to the high-way.

Former football coach Jack Harbaugh did what sports types often do, calling it a day soon after achieving his ultimate competitive goal.

But Harbaugh's sudden slip out the side door left him the only worthy recipient of the **Houdini Award**.

He may have disappeared, but Harbaugh's memorable resurrection of the football program was no illusion.

◆Joining Harbaugh in the exodus of Western's athletic department were basketball coach Dennis Felton and star baller Patrick Sparks.



Felton will give big-time hoops a shot at the Southeastern Conference's University of Georgia. Meanwhile, Sparks' roundball career is floating through the ether somewhere. Wherever he lands, he'll have much work to do to reach the legendary status he flirted with on the Hill.

Here's hoping the roll of the dice comes up sevens; Felton and Sparks, the winners of the **Craps Award**.

◆Keeping with the "avoiding Western like the plague" theme, the Rev. Al Sharpton picked up the **Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow Award**.

◆Say what you will about Sharpton, but Big Red is Western's premier hideous blob.

And Big Red garnered some serious street cred during the Sun Belt Conference tournament, receiving a Jamie Byrd-esque boot from Diddle Arena.

Getting tossed from your team's home arena is a distinction normally reserved for drunken frat boys. Big Red committed such egregious acts as ascending stairs and posing for photos with children.

Big Red's transgressions may not be as hardcore as those of his fellow banishees, but he wins the **Beastie Boys Award** anyway. Because you've got to fight for your right to party.

◆At long last, Nappy Roots came back to its native Western in February.

There's no place like home, guys. Enjoy the **Ruby Slippers Award**.

◆Over winter break, Northeast Hall flooded. Housing and Residence Life responded brilliantly, saying nothing to returning residents until they returned to campus.

Seriously, what possible explanation is there

for not contacting the affected students? HRL dominated the race for the **1-800-CALL-ATT Award**. Should a similar situation occur again, we're installing Carrot Top as the new housing director.

◆The **Perseverance Award** goes to Student Government Association's Dana Lockhart, who came up short yet again in his most recent bid for an elected SGA office. At least he keeps trying.

◆In what is probably the first and last time President Gary Ransdell and Tom Hiles, vice president of Institutional Advancement, will ever be compared to George Clooney and Brad Pitt, we're giving these two the **Ocean's Eleven Award**.

Just like Clooney's and Pitt's ultra-cool crooks in the movie, Ransdell and Hiles will shake your hand while he steals your wallet (in a metaphorical sense, of course). But that's why our capital campaign topped the charts.

◆We had to pull hard to yank our minds out of the gutter for this one.

We're bestowing the, ahem, **Broadway Award** on "The Vagina Monologues" and "Cry Havoc," two plays that brought a little culture to the spring semester.

◆Athletic Director Wood Selig has handled a stack of contracts in the past few months. Some were for those going, some were for those coming.

In honor of his repeated deal-making, Selig takes the **Monty Hall Award**.

◆Western's Lori Mitchell grinned her way to the Miss Kentucky title and on to the Miss USA pageant.

Kudos to Mitchell, who used those pearly incisors to snatch the **Crest Award** right from our hands.

◆Finally, a not-so-sad farewell to two of the most annoying folks on campus this semester — the Bomb Threat Guy and the PFT Fire Alarm Puller.

We're a bit partial to the Bomb Threat Guy, because we were entertained by the Cherry Hall evacuations from the steps of the Herald office.

That's not meant to downplay the idiocy of that particular criminal, however. Whoever that person was takes home this year's final honor, the **Ted Kaczynski Award**.

That's all we've got, folks. Undoubtedly, we've forgotten someone worthy of mention, and for that we apologize. Feel free to use the white space on this page to add in your own Marsupials.

If you're too lazy to do that, though, and we suspect you are, don't fret. We'll be back with more in 2004.

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

**Commentary**

## Student still searching for herself

This time last year, I'd just finished my first year on the Hill and wrote a commentary on lessons I learned as a freshman. I'm returning now with some added wisdom, or maybe it's just bits of confusion. You decide.



Amy Roberts

10. Be kind to thy roommates. They will only put up with so much. I think I pushed a final button on mine this year because she blew up and told me I needed therapy. Ouch. Maybe the comment was deserved at the time.

Hey, we're swell now. (But I wouldn't be surprised if, somewhere on the Internet, I'm on a Top 25 list of people to steer clear of living with.)

9. Those trendy coffee places on campus have one purpose: to suck your wallet dry. I figure I spent about 90 bucks a month this winter on those \$3.50 caramel macchiatos.

8. Get a job, I did, and when I go, I feel responsible. I still find the more I make, the more debt I fall into. It's this sick, growing plot against me.

7. Make yourself heard. Kids, I don't work for the Herald. I simply convince these kind people to let me randomly share my opinion with all 17,000 of ya.

6. Vodka leads to drama. Stick with beer, and you'll be in the clear. (In moderation, as always.)

5. Eat, drink and be merry, for

**Don't become too anxious to graduate. Stick around to live and learn from this college thing.**

tomorrow we may die. Don't take anything too seriously, unless you're failing...slacker. I can use that term because I never slack. (Place laughing convulsions here.)

4. Wait until after spring break to hit the gym and tanning beds. Sure, you'll turn up a pasty-white fatty on the beach.

Think of Donkey Lips on Nickelodeons' old camp show "Salute Your Shorts." But hey, after April 1, you won't have to fight lines to get to a workout machine or cancer bed.

3. "Shame on you if you hurt me once, shame on me if you hurt me

twice." Lyrics that hold true to the concept. If nothing positive came out of an involvement with somebody the first time, a second time around probably won't amount to anything either.

2. Don't become too anxious to graduate. Stick around to live and learn from this college thing. Myself, I'm still somewhat immature, and I often act before thinking. The sum of my vices sometimes takes a toll on my character, but at the same time, I believe that everything happens for a reason and contributes to the person you'll become.

1. I've learned the most compli-

cated person to figure out is yourself.

If people question your actions, tell them not to bother trying to understand you because you don't have yourself down yet; unless you do, in which case, many congrats are in order to that achievement.

Good luck on finals, y'all. Don't work too hard this summer. If you go somewhere decent, send me a postcard. Or just catch me in August. I turn 21 in the fall, and things should get interesting, kids.

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**People Poll**

Can you name a Herald editor?



"Nope."

Denise Easter  
Bowling Green senior



"No, I can't."

Tiffany Green  
freshman from Gallatin, Tenn.



"No, I can't."

Matt Dawson  
sophomore from Portland, Tenn.



"I don't know anyone."

Tiffany Tohill  
freshman from Nashville, Tenn.

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Commentaries

# Why shouldn't Western prosper?

Life at Western is better now than it was four years ago. Our dorms are nicer. Our dining services are better. DUC is getting a makeover, and Diddle Arena is a new jewel box in college basketball.

That's just the aesthetics. In classrooms and laboratories, Western is spending 10 times more money now on research than it was 10 years ago. Of course, not everything is perfect. But things have certainly looked up since Gary Ransdell took the reins in 1997.

Apparently, some members of the Council on Postsecondary Education aren't as pleased. In a Courier-Journal article published last Saturday, a state representative questioned Western's ambitious trajectory as a nationally prominent university. The idea I got was that the CPE feared Western would lose its role as a regional university if it continued to grow, prosper and rake in tens of millions of dollars in grants and donations every year.

Pardon the interruption, but the notion is ridiculous. Since when was it a bad thing to see progress?

Last I checked, the state was asking its universities to increase their enrollment.

Western does what it's supposed to, and now folks are getting nervous.

What's scared? Scared Western might approach the quality of U of L or UK? Scared Western's endowment might match the state's dynamic duo?

Excuse me for not seeing the problem. What the C-J article failed to do was talk to a single student about life on campus.

Had the story included that, perhaps readers across the state would have heard about how good life is here. And the idea that Western has begun to deviate from its "role" as a regional university makes me sick. It's time for the CPE to change its definition of Western's role.

The school should not be shackled from greatness.

I can't recall a nationally prominent school that wasn't also good for its region.

At UK, they say, "America's next great university."

At U of L, they say, "Dare to be great."

At Western, we say, "The spirit makes the master."

The notion that Western is losing its role is an unjustified slap in the face to those who work everyday to make life better here and to make life better for students after they walk the line. With Western's spirit, it should dare to be a great American university.

Roles change. Women, for example, used to have no role in the workplace. They stayed at home. Minorities once held a subordinate role in the country, as well.

Those roles changed, by God's grace.

Western should not be handcuffed by the state. It should be allowed to change its role, for the better.

Brian Moore is a senior print journalism major from Louisville.

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Brian Moore

# New puppy teaches tough lesson

Jocelyn's patience was gone. She looked around her bedroom at the shredded undergarments, the pizza boxes and empty cans and bottles. The hardwood floor peeked through in two small, golden spots.

Peaches, Jocelyn's newest family addition, was sitting in the middle of the chaos with a foot-long shredded piece of rope dangling from her neck, her tail wagging with excitement and a "look what I did!" puppy grin on her face.

Jocelyn had been so ready for a pet. This was her chance to show her parents that she could do it.

She had convinced her aunt to let her have one of the newborn Labrador-mix puppies. This was a chance to prove that she was growing up and could handle her class work, part-time job and more.

That was five months ago.

Jocelyn had made good on her promises. Peaches had all of the proper shots, even had a prescription shampoo for the puppy's sensitive skin. She didn't have enough money to get the pup spayed yet, but she was saving.

Jocelyn had 40 minutes between classes on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Thomas Cordy

Lately, it had been a hit-or-miss surprise when she returned home to the two-bedroom apartment.

"Aww, Peaches, what did you do?" Jocelyn asked the 20-pound puppy, her tail wagging and pushing aside strewn paperwork, pony-tail holders and barrettes.

Jocelyn started to pick up the trash, again, and was met with puppy kisses on her neck and cheeks.

"Peaches, you gotta stop doing this," she said. More tail wagging. "I leave food out for you and water. So why do you keep eating everything?"

More kisses on her ears as Jocelyn shuffled through the rubbish on the floor.

"Oh, there's that toothbrush," she said, holding the puppy-gnawed remnant, shaking her head. Add that to the gnawed clothes, furniture and glasses, and we're at \$500, Jocelyn thought.

Jocelyn knew she didn't keep the place clean. A girlfriend told her the place was worse than most guys' apartments. But 18 hours of class work and 20 hours of weekend shifts at Taco Bell took priority over neatness these days.

Peaches' waking hours were spent growing up at the apartment. Jocelyn and roommate Dylan poked their heads in and out each day before returning in the evening.

Friends would visit Jocelyn, and Peaches quickly socialized with many new people, extending puppy love to everyone.

Jocelyn had the dog she wished for. Peaches learned to sit, and housetraining was easy, except for the occasional accident. But most of all, Peaches loved people.

She was born with a good dog brain and taught herself new things each day. How to open doors. How to climb. How to open packaged bread, crackers and pasta.

Soon Peaches' first period of heat came. Jocelyn's best solution was to let her out.

A week later, Peaches was seen dodging traffic on State and Chestnut streets, along with a new friend, a yellow, male Lab mutt.

The friends had become her new home, and Jocelyn had reclaimed her college student freedom.

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# Don't be cheap, remember to tip well

I'm a poor college student.

Yeah, that's not new.

I work at a job that pays probably less than those garment workers in Cambodia, even with a raise this semester.

But I know how to tip, when it's due. So it just drives me insane when people — who probably earn a heck lot more than I do — don't give their servers more than the penny or nickel in their change purse.

As stated earlier, I am poor. But I always give at least 15 percent. Most times I give 20 percent. (Most times, it's easier to calculate that figure.)

Blame it on one of my good high school friends. She was a waitress at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Louisville, so for her, the whole tipping issue was personal.

When we would eat in the various fine dining establishments in the Derby City, she



Mai Hoang

would watch me like a hawk as I placed my money for the tip.

It wasn't her business really, but she would ask me how much my bill was, then how much of a tip. If it wasn't at least 20 percent, she would slap my hand.

I didn't want to take any chances that she would have a ruler when she would slap my hand next. I tipped 20 percent then on.

Tipping well was already a habit by the time I arrived in college. But it was this semester that I truly understood why I needed to dish out the extra cash.

I can never resist a delicious patty melt and ice cold cup of coke from the Steak-n-Shake on Scottsville Road.

But I don't go there because the food is the greatest, although it's pretty good. I could probably save my money and go to a fancier restaurant.

I go for Becky and the other fine waiters and waitresses at the establishment.

Becky amazes me sometimes. How someone can be so cheery when he or she has to work all night until the early morning hours is beyond me. I just get fussy.

We hear about her day, and she asks us about the Herald. She gives us her best service. Frequent refills of our drinks and coupons for cheaper food.

So when I decide how much to tip, I know that giving anything less than a dollar just isn't appropriate for me. She makes about \$3 an hour to be nice to me and my friends. It hardly seems fair that I don't help her out in return.

So even if I have a \$3 dollar order, I still give \$1 dollar. Yes, I realize that is more than 20 percent.

But it doesn't matter.

Tipping isn't just a set percentage anymore.

It's for the good guys like Becky.

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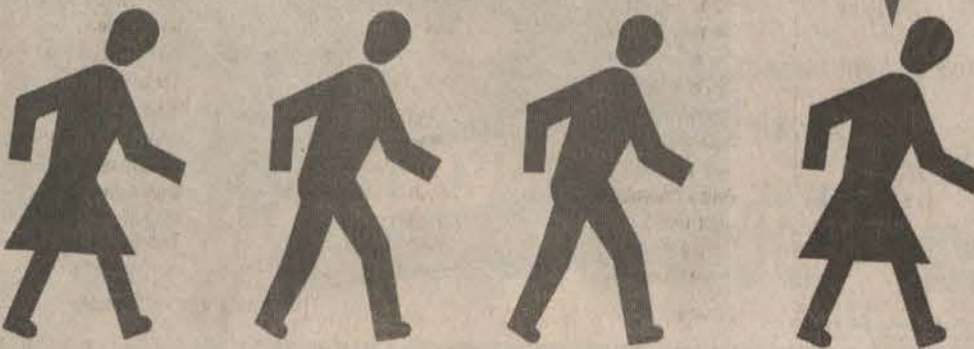
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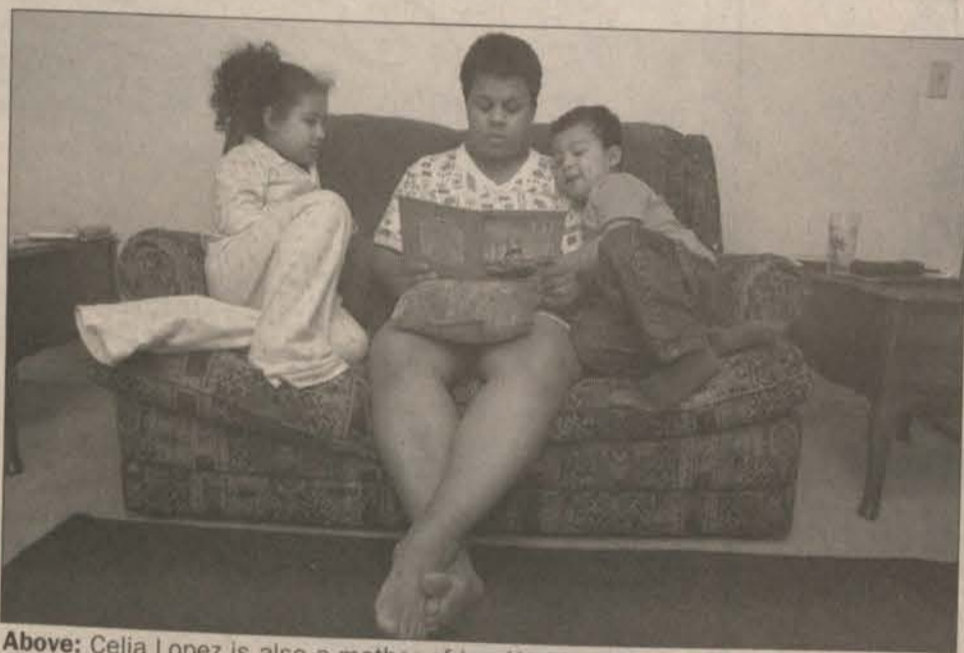
**Bowling Green sophomore Celia Lopez** takes notes during her Latin American Studies class on April 24. Because of Lopez's other commitments, she is only enrolled in two classes this semester.



**Multi-tasking** has become second nature to Lopez. While making dinner for the adult English class, Lopez works the phone trying to get sewing machines donated for the sewing class the Hispanic Resource Center "La Esperanza" offers.



**Taking a break from speaking Spanish,** Lopez chats with Louisville junior Mahannah El-Farrah before the start of class. Most of the people Lopez helps at the center speak little or no English.



**Above:** Celia Lopez is also a mother of two, Yashira, 7, and Juan, 5. Lopez will usually read a bedtime story or pray with them just before sending them to bed. **Right:** Lopez begins her days at about 4 a.m., taking her daughter to school and her son to daycare. She often doesn't get home until 8:30 p.m. Lopez left the center at about 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29, but her day was far from over. Once home, she finished writing a grant for the center, put her children to bed and studied for a final.



"If you touch someone's life, that means your life meant something."

Campus safety

# Escort service to begin in fall

### Student volunteers will receive training

BY KANDACE SEBASTIAN  
Herald Reporter

Walking back to the dorm alone at 2 a.m. may be less dangerous with the implementation of the police escort service.

On Sept. 19, 2002, Campus Police proposed starting a student escort service with a \$2,500 grant given by the Parents Advisory Council.

The proposal was approved in spring 2003 and will be effective on campus in fall 2003.

Joe Harbaugh, crime prevention officer, said the service was offered in the late 1980s and '90s and was successful, but it

stopped in 1997 due to a lack of money.

The grant for the revised police escort service will go toward training student volunteers and buying new uniforms, flashlights, police mountain bikes, helmets and ballcap-style hats marked "WKU police escort service."

The service usually escorts female students walking alone at night, coming from parking lots, night classes and the library, Harbaugh said.

"Students don't call because they feel like they are bothering the police," Harbaugh said. "This will put them at ease with a student doing it and not taking up the time with a police officer."

Police do not mind escorting students, Harbaugh said, but with the help of trained student escorts,

the response time will be quicker.

Louisville junior Lauren Carcara said she would use the police escort service.

"A lot of my classes are at night," Carcara said. "I don't really feel threatened, but it would be easier to ask for help."

The escort service will post flyers and hand cards out to students to promote the service.

Amy Miller, associate director of the alumni association, is a part of the Parents Council Advisory Board. She said parents' biggest concern every year is the development and safety of their children.

"Providing (the university) with these funds makes every one safer and makes the community safer," Miller said.

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# HISPANIC: Lopez relates well with others

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The resource center includes GED courses and English, Spanish and children's programs. It also offers translation services and other support.

Karl Miller, director of development for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, said he recognized Lopez's desire to help the Hispanic community during their first meeting.

"The first meeting was only 30 minutes, but I could feel her passion," Miller said. "I felt she had a real understanding of what was needed."

Miller is a native of Puerto Rico and a Western graduate. He said Lopez has the ability to relate to the Hispanic population in Bowling Green.

"I think she understands the reason a lot of the immigrants that come to any community in the United States is for a better life," Miller said. "They know that they're going to have to struggle."

"They really come here alone, but they have this strong desire. They get here and think, 'Oh my gosh, what do we do?'"

Miller explained that with Lopez's help the voice from the Hispanic community can now be, "Hey, there's a place over on Clay Street that will help you."

Right now Lopez is unpaid as the director of the resource center.

"That is our first goal," Miller said. "To get funded to the point where she can get (paid) as our director. Right now our resources are very tight."

Suzanne Hillin, program development coordinator for gifted studies at Western, is a volunteer at the center and one of Lopez's close friends.

"People don't change the world groups at a time," Hillin said. "The world changes one person at a time. I have seen her reach into her own pocket that is almost empty to get things for people she felt needed more. For her love is a verb, it is something you do."

### Balancing act

Directing the resource center is just one of Lopez's priorities. She has to balance her passion with her responsibilities as a single parent and part-time college student.

During the week Lopez gets up at 4 a.m.

"If it's a good day," she said laughing.

Since the resource center doesn't pay her, she works 20 hours a week at the courthouse with domestic violence cases.

On the days she is not working she goes to class. She is currently taking six hours. After work and

school, Lopez hurries over to run the resource center.

She finds time to spend with her children and makes sure there is food on the table — and then she goes to bed about usually 11 p.m., "1 a.m. on a bad night."

Then she does it all over again the next day.

Lopez said it can be difficult balancing her life. But she doesn't let her busy schedule get the best of her.

She has a secret she uses every day.

"I do a lot of praying," she said.

Lopez wants to set a good example for her two children, son Juan, 5, and daughter Yashira, 7. She said they are an inspiration to her.

"They are my life," she said. "They are innocent. I want them to have what I didn't have. I want them to have the opportunity to have a peaceful life."

Lopez said she is happy with the contribution she is making in the Bowling Green community. She said the center is something she believes will change lives.

"I think if I die tonight I feel I have reached my goal," she said. "If you touch someone's life that means your life meant something."

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Victor Colbert, of Bethpage, Tenn., directs traffic as coworkers unload a truck outside Mass Media and Technology Hall on Normal Drive. Colbert works for Aladdin Electric.

**Mass Media and Technology Hall**

## Furnishings, faculty set to move

### Fall classes scheduled in new building

BY JESSICA SASSEEN  
Herald reporter

Setbacks have plagued progress for Mass Media and Technology Hall. But after a long wait, classes are set to begin in the building in August.

Project Manager Danny Simpson said furnishings for the new building will be moved into the third floor starting May 6. As soon as the furniture is in place, faculty can begin moving into the building.

Second floor furnishings will move in May 17, and the first floor will start moving in July 7, Simpson said.

The building is an \$18.5 million venture, which will hold the School of Journalism and Broadcasting, as well as Information Technologies. Mass Media and Technology Hall was scheduled to open in spring 2003, but opening was delayed due to negotiations between the state and the construction company.

John Osborne, associate vice president of Campus Services and Facilities, is opti-

mistic about the building's opening.

"At this point, I think we'll get occupancy of the building as early as May," Osborne said. "I have no reason to believe that the building won't be ready for the fall semester. We wish to get in that building as soon as possible. It's premature to suggest that we may not be in August."

Simpson said crews are currently working on carpeting, floor tile, ceiling tile and air conditioning.

"Right now, we're getting down to all the finishes that are going on," Construction Manager Ed West said. "We have been given dates for completion, or to start moving into the building, which doesn't mean occupying the building but (to) start moving in."

David Lee, dean of Potter College, said the building must be ready for classes in the fall.

"I think it absolutely has to be ready," Lee said. "It's too important to our instructional program. The School of Journalism and Broadcasting is so equipment intensive, it's going to take a while to get it set up and functional."

Christopher Roberts, manager of the School of Journalism and Broadcasting computer labs, said he has

doubts whether the building will be ready for classes.

"I think it will be interesting because the date keeps getting pushed back, and it's going to be a time crunch at the last minute," Roberts said. "We're still not sure it's feasible to get everything done for classes next fall, but we're hopeful."

He said there will only be two weeks to get all the equipment up and running before classes begin.

"When they give us the ability to move into the building, there's still a lot to do on our end, like equipping labs and making sure everything is up and running," Roberts said. "After we are allowed to go into the building, there's still stuff that we have to step up."

Lee said the prospect of trying to relocate classes after school starts is daunting, but he doesn't think that's going to be necessary.

"I'd like to have (the building) by June 15, but that may be too much for even me to be optimistic about," he said. "If it's not ready, we'll just have to make other arrangements, and none of those are particularly attractive right now."

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**Performing arts center**

## SKyPAC board starts capital campaign

BY SHAWNTAYE HOPKINS  
Herald reporter

Another step has been taken.

In an effort to fund the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center, the SKyPAC board voted on April 17 to establish a capital campaign to raise money from private developers.

Planning for SKyPAC began in January 2001, said Rick McCue, chairman of the SKyPAC board. The center will create another venue for visual and performing arts to be used by Western and the community.

The campaign has not formally begun. The board is meeting with a fund-raising consultant to work out the details of the campaign.

The board still has \$4.5 million of \$6.75 million from the Kentucky General Assembly available for the project, which has been used primarily for land acquisition, McCue said.

But the project will cost about \$45 to \$50 million. McCue said the funding will come from state and federal funding and private donations.

He said he hopes construction can begin in less than two years.

The center will be built across from the Kentucky Building, McCue said. The SKyPAC parking lots are located between Kentucky, Adams and 14th streets.

John Osborne, associate vice president for Facilities and Campus Services, said it is possible Western could lose 700 parking spaces from the gravel lots while the building is under construction.

Osborne said after SKyPAC's completion there will be 350 spaces that Western can share with SKyPAC.

Campus police Capt. Mike Wallace said the majority of parking in the gravel lots is used by commuters and zone B permit holders.

Osborne said there have been no decisions made about parking alternatives for students during construction or about who will be permitted to park in the SKyPAC lot after its completion.

"The only agreement that has been reached is that we will establish a mutual agreement for shared use of the parking after the building is complete," he said.

Jim Bohannon III, treasurer of the SKyPAC board, said student parking will be similar to the situation at Diddle Arena. He said students could be asked to move for large performances in the evening, but such performances will be scarce.

But even if SKyPAC has a negative effect on parking, many believe the center will be beneficial to Western.

McCue said because SKyPAC will be a new, state-of-the-art facility Western may choose to have performances there as opposed to Van Meter Auditorium.

"As nice as Van Meter is, it is awfully old," he said.

David Lee, dean of Potter College and Western's representative on the SKyPAC board, said in comparison to Van Meter, SKyPAC will have some edges. He said it will be more handicap accessible and parking at the new facility will be easier

than finding a spot on the Hill.

"SKyPAC is going to have parking in close proximity to the building," Lee said.

James Chalmers, art department head, looks forward to SKyPAC's completion. He said the art department will take advantage of the exhibition space, as well as the classroom and studio space.

But Scott Stroot, theatre and dance department head, said his department may not get much use out of the center.

"I think it's a good project," he said. "We are looking forward to it. But people shouldn't assume that we are automatically going to start using it."

Stroot said the facility is expensive to use and there are no shops to build sets for a show. He said the department would have to build sets on campus, then take them to SKyPAC. He said touring a show to SKyPAC is no different than touring a show to Louisville or Lexington, except for the shorter distance.

Stroot also said the department would generally not attract enough people to fill the large auditorium expected at SKyPAC. The center is expected to seat between 1,200 and 1,800 people.

Lee believes SKyPAC will make Western students who use the center feel like they are not just a part of Western but are also a part of Bowling Green.

"It will bring students and members of the community closer together," he said.

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# GREEK: Some fraternity and sorority members not sold on plan

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village, Bracey said. The fraternity plans to be in their new home by spring 2004.

Bracey said alumni donations helped fund the move.

## Why?

The city and students could benefit from the Greek village.

Bowling Green gains because it would be able to renovate two areas — the village property and the residential areas the Greeks now reside in, Coates said.

He said city residents are sometimes hesitant to move next door to a fraternity or sorority because noise, parties and people constantly coming and going are bothersome to residents.

President Gary Ransdell called some of the houses "deplorable." The houses are unsafe fire traps that don't meet any university codes for safety.

"The university should not expect (Greeks) to have to live in the conditions that they're living in," said Ransdell, who was a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member.

He said he would have been willing to relocate if the SAEs had the money and opportunity to move into a Greek village 32 years ago.

## Problems

There are still some concerns.

Not all Greek organizations will be able to purchase land and a house on their own.

Western's dilemma is deciding how they will purchase the land so the organizations will only be responsible for the houses.

Ransdell said Western would like to minimize university funding. However, he said it is not realistic to ask Greeks to pay for the land and the house.

Charley Pride, director of student activities, said organizations could possibly obtain money for the houses through fund raising, loans, money currently in the bank and selling their current homes.

Shirley said any student organization could purchase some of the land and have a house built — not just Greeks. However, the university is currently marketing the project to Greeks.

The Greek village concept isn't new, but this is the first time the city has gotten involved.

Pride said past problems were finding a site that would work and finding ways to fund the project.

But Greek organizations have mixed feelings about the village. Rumors have already begun to fly about restrictions in the Greek village — including alcohol rules.

Owensboro junior Andrew Keller, a Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member, said he has heard that Western wants to create a dry Greek village.

Pride would not comment specifically on alcohol issues. He said if Western were to buy the land, it would be leased to Greeks who would be regulated the same way they are now.

Greeks are subject to some regulation because they are a university organization, he said.

Other universities have been down this road. At Middle Tennessee State University, eight fraternities moved into a Greek Row, said Eddie Linville, a graduate assistant in the office of Greek Life at MTSU.

He said this was done in an attempt to congregate Greeks and make the campus more attractive.

The eight that are already there were financially able to buy their houses, Linville said.

"It's just like you live in the dorms ... the same rules apply," he said.

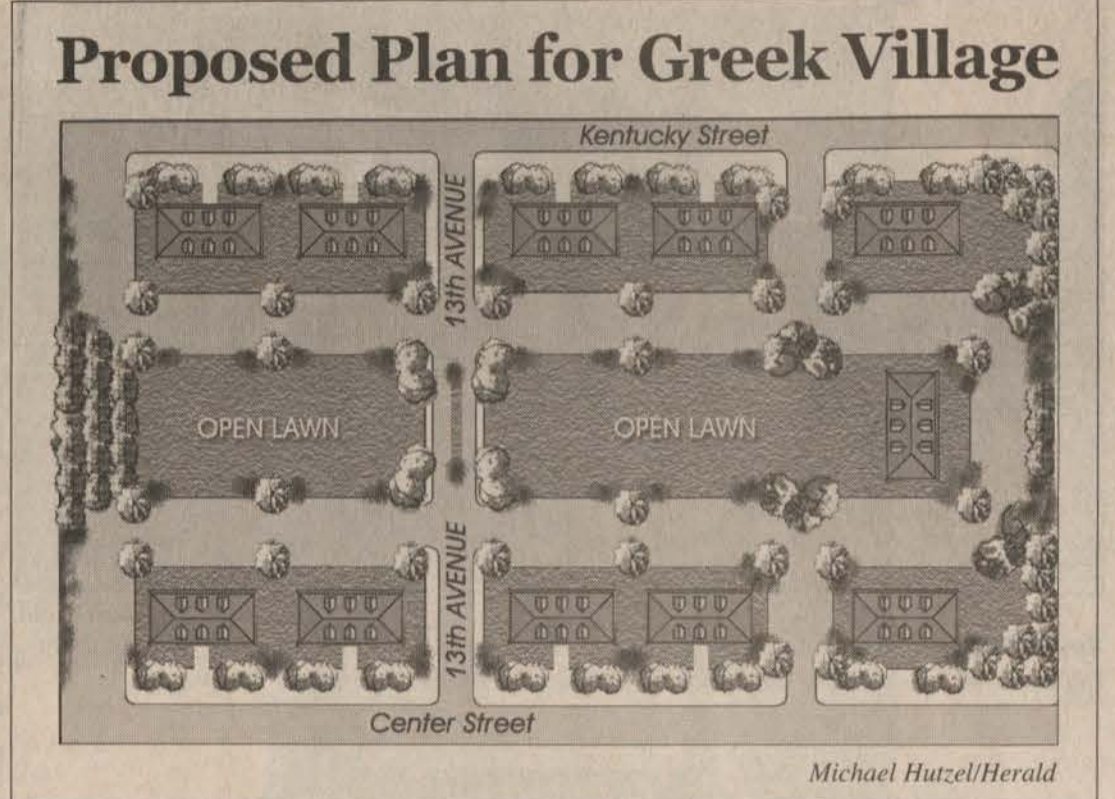
MTSU is a dry campus.

## Mixed feelings

Some Greeks, including Howell, aren't sold on the idea.

In November 1998, the KA house went up in flames. A new house in the same location was built and the same KA letters from the old house were placed on the new one.

Howell has heard the story of the house from alumni and never wants to live in a house that lacks the history of the KAs. He will move into the



house next semester.

But losing their history is just one concern.

Versailles sophomore Rachel Williamson, a Chi Omega sorority member, doesn't think the project will succeed.

"I don't think it's a good idea," she said. "Guys don't get along and the cops are just going to live there."

Barry Pruitt, crime analyst for

the Bowling Green Police Department, said it would not be beneficial for officers to spend a lot of time in the area if there were no complaints.

But other Greeks are looking forward to seeing the village become a reality.

Daniel Gammon, a sophomore from Murfreesboro, Tenn., and a Phi Delta Theta fraternity member, said he would like to have a

newer house, especially for air conditioning and heating.

Owensboro freshman Vinny Cardi, also a Phi Delt, said the open lawn would make rush easier and be a good place for sports and other recreation.

"I think it would be a more social atmosphere," he said.

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# CAPITAL: Some colleges have already taken control of projects

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provisions of the bill.

West said the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Murray State have all taken control of their construction projects through the University Management Bill.

The process won't end with approval from the regents, West said. There will have to be a handful of meetings in Frankfort before the move becomes official.

He said the Division of Financial Management has several projects statewide and has not expressed concern about Western's proposed move.

Don Riley, associate director for capital construction administration at Murray, said his university has benefited from moving in 1998 to controlling their construction projects.

The move allows Murray to act on problems that come up during construction projects, he said. Project managers, engineers and others involved in the construction are also more responsive because they answer directly to the university.

"Problems come up, we don't have to wait for an answer from a far away place," Riley said.

Riley said he has talked with West about how the Murray program works.

"I would just have to say I think it's a good move for the university," Riley said.

There have been about 12 projects, totaling about \$40 million, since Murray switched, he said.

Riley said Murray has probably saved some money from switching over, but couldn't say.

West said the parking structure expansion may be the first project to be run completely by the university.

## In other business

At the May 9 meeting, the Board of Regents is expected to:

- ◆Approve four mandatory student fees, totaling \$103, for the 2003-04

school year.

- ◆Vote to approve joint degree programs in electrical engineering with the University of Louisville and in civil engineering with the University of Kentucky.

- ◆Recognize the forensics team for winning three major championships this season.

- ◆Authorize President Gary Ransdell to fulfill the terms of a contract that sells one acre of property on Morgantown Road and Forrest Drive to Bowling Green Municipal Utilities to build a water tower.

- ◆Approve the purchase of property at 1702 Normal Drive.

- ◆Approve revisions to the 2002-03

Operating Budget.

- ◆Approve a submission by Western to the Council on Postsecondary Education for \$3,056,000 in matching funds from the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund.

- ◆Approve a six-year capital plan that outlines the university's science buildings, including the Thompson Complex and Science and Technology Hall, as its top renovation priorities.

- ◆Approve room names in the new Mass Media and Technology Hall and in other university buildings.

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The \$20 million science building located on Chestnut Street is on schedule to open in the fall of 2004, according to Construction Manager Ed West. Work began last August.

### Construction

## Science building to open in 2004

BY JESSICA SASSEEN  
Herald reporter

A new body is being raised from the ground on Western's campus. The skeleton is already there.

The body is taking the form of a new \$20 million science building, scheduled to open in fall 2004.

Construction on the science building is going well and on schedule, Construction Manager Ed West said.

Crews began work in August of 2002.

The building is being constructed with a concrete skeleton, West said. It causes less vibrations and interference from steel components that generate magnetic fields.

"Right now you are seeing the skeleton of the building," West said.

He said the concrete skeleton should be finished and the outside of the building should be taking shape by the time students return in August.

"The exterior will be brick and limestone," West said. "The building is bringing a lot of components of older buildings on this one."

He said the design of Gordon Wilson Hall's windows will be carried over to the new building, and it will have limestone incorporated on the exterior like Cherry

Hall. It will also have a modern feel to it with a sloped roof, similar to Van Meter Hall.

Biology will occupy the third floor of the building, with engineering on the second and first. West said the building will house labs, student work rooms, engineering labs, faculty offices and meeting rooms.

Engineering department head John Russell said Science and Technology Hall, the program's current home, is not suitable for their work.

In 33 years with nothing but emergency repairs, Science and Technology Hall has had no modernization, Russell said. He said the building doesn't have a sufficient electrical or infrastructural system and it's not conducive to the programs and activities that are housed inside.

The new building will be modern in appearance, Russell said, with an adequate infrastructure and an attractive environment for students and faculty. He said he believes it will make a tremendous difference in the quality of the program.

"I spent 30 years in the Science and Technology Hall, which is longer than any other person currently with university, and my time of suffering is nearing an end," he said.

Linda Brown, assistant dean of Ogden College, said the new

building will benefit the science departments tremendously because they haven't had a new building since Environmental Science and Technology Hall was finished in 1974.

She said many of the science buildings are aging, and even unfit for their operations.

Science and Technology Hall was once College High School, a training school for teachers in the late 1960s.

"(STH is) a building with a lot of structural problems," Brown said. "And out of the science buildings, we have done renovations and upgrades to buildings that were built well before 'modern science' took off."

"We need more state-of-the-art facilities and this building is a great step in that direction."

She said the new building will allow more of the most important element of the engineering program offers — project-based learning, which she calls a revolution in education.

"A lot of effort went into this to ensure that the end use of the building was in mind as it was being developed from the ground up which will make it much more suited for the programs," Brown said.

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### Property sale

## Western makes room for Walgreens

BY JESSICA SASSEEN  
Herald reporter

The Applied Physics Institute was recently leveled to make room for a Walgreens Drug store.

Western closed a \$2 million deal on April 2, selling 6.25 acres of land at the corner of Nashville Road and Campbell Lane to the Hogan Development Group, who will build the drug store.

The land was sold because there were no plans for Western to build on the property and money from the sale of the land could be put to use, said John Osborne, associate vice president of Campus Services and Facilities.

"It became obvious with all of the recent development in the area that it would potentially be better served if we sold the property and benefited from the income it produced," Osborne said.

Western sold four plots of land totaling 6.25 acres — the immediate corner or 1.67 acres, including the Applied Physics Institute, two 1.6 acre plots and another 1.38 acres.

Money from the sale of the property will go into the reserve fund, with \$1.2 million being loaned to Auxiliary Services for

the renovation of Downing University Center, Osborne said.

"This is a significant opportunity for the university," he said. "It's a good use of funds, restoring our reserve, allowing us to do some improvements and converting an asset to cash that's permitted these things to happen."

In the process, the Applied Physics Institute, which was located at that intersection, was moved out of its office and into a smaller space at the Community College.

Philip Womble, director of the institute, said he was expecting a delay in moving into the new facility.

"It's been a very twisted road," Womble said. "I think we always knew in the back of our heads that the Nashville Road property would sell first and close first, and we would have to move over there."

"We had always suspected it, that we would do this pivot, moving into this area while the other is in transition."

The institute will eventually relocate to the Center for Research and Development on the opposite corner of the Nashville Road-Campbell Lane intersection when funds become available, Osborne said.

Before the move, the institute operated out of two buildings — one on the property sold on Nashville Road and another on South Campus.

The building that housed the Applied Physics Institute and the South Campus facility it occupied were a combined 10,000 square feet. The new facility, when renovated, will be more than 17,000 square feet.

"For one thing, (the new facility) will allow us to consolidate facilities, help communications and also give a central place for people to go and find the things they need," Womble said.

Hogan and Walgreens have received zoning changes for the planned store. Hogan is finalizing the site's development plan.

"It's a premier location at the intersection of two busy streets," said Mike Leonard, chief operating officer for the Hogan Group. "We have signed a lease with Walgreens, and construction should begin shortly."

Leonard said in addition to Walgreens, Hogan Group is looking to put as many as three other buildings on the property.

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### Lawsuit

## Student appeal turned down

BY JOSEPH LORD  
Herald reporter

The Warren Circuit Court turned down an appeal from a former Western student who sought more damages after being awarded \$100,000 in August. An appeal by the university to overturn the award was also shot down.

Chris Hisle filed suit against Western in March 1999 when he suffered injuries stemming from a standing jump during a class in Diddle Arena.

Both sides said this is the end of the suit.

"We're not going to take any further steps," said Pam Bratcher, an attorney representing Hisle.

The appeal ruling was signed by Warren Circuit Court Judge Thomas Lewis on April 9. General Counsel Deborah

Wilkins said the standing jump is a standard physical education activity. Hisle, Wilkins said, had weak shins that contributed to his injury.

But Lewis thought otherwise. "The court finds that the board did not act in excess of its statutory powers," the ruling said.

The suit claimed the class instructor, Bethany Garrity, failed to conduct the exercise properly. An officer from the Kentucky Board of Claims ruled that the accident left Hisle with permanent damage to his right foot and nerve damage in both of his legs.

Hisle was awarded \$100,000, the largest award possible by statute, for compensation of these injuries, Bratcher said.

Bratcher said the maximum amount the Board of Claims

could award to a plaintiff was increased to \$200,000 in July 2001 by the state legislature. Hisle's attorneys argued in the appeal that they should be allowed to reap that award.

Hisle's injury caused him to withdraw from school and have limited his work opportunities, Bratcher told the Herald last semester.

"He hasn't been able to hold a job because he has pain in his lower legs," she said. "Most labor jobs are not open to him now. He doesn't have the strength in his legs."

She said Hisle now lives in New York and works with disabled people. Hisle could not be reached for comment.

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# PLANS: Teams spent entire semester preparing for presentations

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and see if they will take us seriously," Merrick said.

Members of the top team were Merrick; Steven King, a senior from Birmingham, Ala.; Louisville senior Diana Ray; Scottsville senior Crissy Testa; Campbellville senior Leslie Blevins and Danville senior Brandon Ponsoll.

Although the committee chose their presentation as the best, the group said they would take different aspects of each presentation and carry them into plans for the celebration.

Most of the presenters were students of campaign classes in the School of Journalism and Broadcasting. The two classes are taught by John Barnum and Alan Palmer.

The teams spent their entire spring semester forming ideas, gathering historic facts and compiling slides for their presentation.

"When you start a project like that,

you should start ahead of time," Palmer said.

All the presenting groups emphasized that the centennial focuses on the vast history and tradition of Western and is a celebration of the past, present and future.

One group of students created examples of labeled shirts, plaques and memorabilia to show what Western may sell to alumni and students. They also showed an example of personalized pieces of bricks that could be sold.

Another group called Wheels and Heels, Inc. coined the slogan, "A New Western Built on an Old Western."

The group passed out multimedia discs to the audience to show logo ideas and a colorful slide show filled with Western's history. Bowling Green senior Ron Ray said that his group's presentation was a lot of hard work and he's excited to finally get the ball rolling.

"These are ideas that they could get moving on," Ray said. "It's not the same old thing with a label on it. There's a campus spirit."

Edwards will be a part of the centennial committee and said that the presentations have sparked ideas on what the celebration may look like.

"I will definitely pick pieces of each presentation," Edwards said to the groups after they finished their presentations. "What you have done will work with what you will finally see."

Stone is attempting to gather more members for the 2006 centennial celebration committee and said knowing Western's history is essential in developing a spectacular centennial.

"Daily I learn new things about Western's history," Stone said. "So much of student life is not documented."

Stone said it was interesting to see what students thought about celebrating the anniversary.

"It's fun because we have what we think is interesting," Stone said. "But we wanted to look at the students' perspectives."

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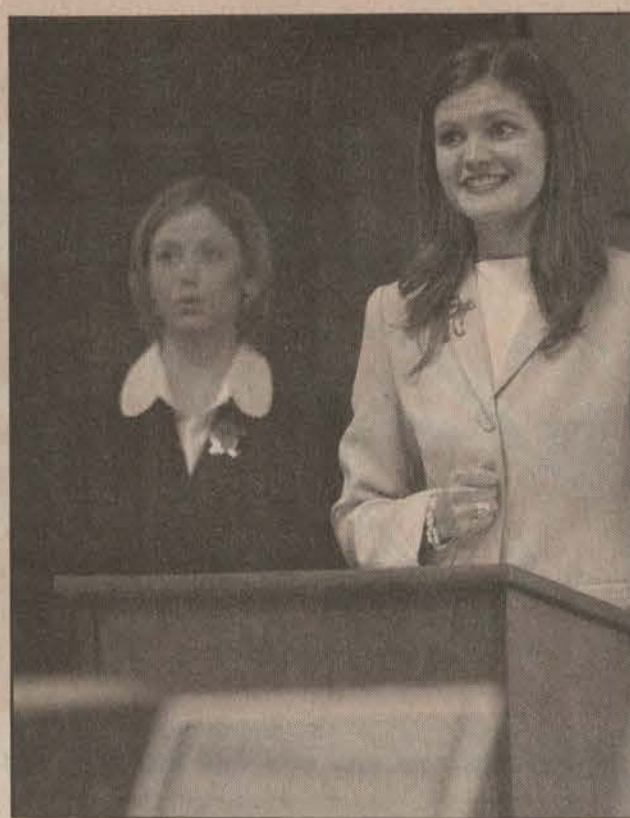


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Bowling Green senior Alissa Vice presents her group's campaign strategies to members of the Century Celebration Committee yesterday afternoon in a board room of South Campus. Students presented in-depth campaigns for the committee to consider in promoting the 100 year history of Western.

## Municipal utilities

### Water tower 'perfect addition'

By JESSICA SASSEEN  
Herald reporter

A new water tower in Bowling Green could lead to more than just water flowing onto the Hill.

It could lead to cash, advertising space and increased water pressure.

In a deal with Bowling Green Municipal Utilities, Western is selling one acre of land across the railroad tracks from campus for \$50,000. BGMU needs this land to build a water tower to supply better service and more water pressure, said John Osborne, associate vice president of Campus Services and Facilities.

The new tank will supply water to most of campus and to the city limits on Russellville and Morgantown roads and possibly will extend to the Warren County water district.

"We feel it's a necessary addition to our water system for continued growth and safety," BGMU employee Doug Kimbler said. "We look at it as an opportunity to strengthen the bond between utili-

ties and the university."

Kimble said construction should begin around August or September and would take a year to 14 months to complete.

BGMU has three elevated tanks, holding one million gallons of water each, and a ground level reservoir. The new tower will be considerably larger than the rest, holding two to two and half million gallons.

Kimble said the tank is needed because Bowling Green has grown and needs the additional water capacity. He said the ideal location for the new tower is within 300 yards of the land bought from Western.

BGMU looked at the water available and number of customers when deciding where to put the tower.

"We have known for some time we would have to put a tank there, at least (in) a couple of years," he said. "After a study of our system last fall, engineers determined that area is the perfect location."

Osborne said selling this proper-

ty is good for both Western and BGMU. He said BGMU is buying property that is not being used and is not a prime development area. It is part of a 9.8 acre tract owned by Western.

The new tower will have Western logos on it, said Bob Edwards, vice president of University Relations.

Edwards said Western is developing designs for the new water tower, and BGMU has presented possibilities as well. He said some proceeds from the sale of the property will be used to paint the design on the tower.

"This is just a nice example of cooperation between local facilities and the university," Edwards said. "It think it's an indication of the good relationship with the university, surrounding areas and the residents of Warren County and Bowling Green."

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## Social security

### Identity thefts prompt change

Numbers would be issued during summer of 2004

By KANDACE SEBASTIAN  
Herald reporter

Thirty years of identifying students on campus by their social security numbers may come to an end during summer 2004.

In January, a social security protection committee was comprised to develop a plan to uniquely identify students on campus without using their social security numbers.

Monday, the committee sent a recommendation for the plan to Richard Kirchmeyer, vice president of Information Technology.

The committee recommended that Western start devising computer-generated numbers in spring 2004. Those numbers would be implemented during summer 2004.

Kirchmeyer will present the recommendations to the administrative council as early as next Monday.

"It decreases the possibility of identity theft of students. Now they have a pseudo

identity," Kirchmeyer said. "If a hacker got a hold of it, it wouldn't mean anything to them."

The idea of creating an alternative system was brought to the administration's attention after identity theft and hacking became more prevalent across the country.

Although no specific instances of such theft have appeared on Western's campus, social security numbers are given out by students.

"Personal identity theft is growing nationally and regionally," said Gordon Johnson, chair of the committee and director of Administrative Computing. "We are responding and being sensitive to the general concerns of the country and personal information."

Although social security numbers will still be used to give to the federal government and for tax use, Western will have different student identification numbers for students.

Social security numbers used on university records, such as transcripts, and are requested by professors and staff whenever personal access is needed.

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# RECRUITS: Science

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Kentucky University, knows the game well.

He leans back in his chair and talks with ease about recruiting football players.

He has done it for years on limited budgets and against countless schools, major and otherwise.

Out of necessity, he's enlisted the help of high school coaches around the country.

"We've got to cultivate great relationships with our high school coaches," Wells said. "We're not going to have the budget to go out and see some guys. I can't fly down to Orlando Thursday after practice and turn around and fly back Saturday for a game."

He said recruiting at the I-AA level requires a little more leg-work from coaches and more organization.

But there are distinct advantages.

## David and the football dynasties

"If a I-A school offers a kid a scholarship, the perception and the general rule has been that we're not going to have a chance with him," Elson said.

His voice raised in pitch toward the end of his sentence — the tone of a football coach who knows he said something he doesn't fully agree with.

He knows Western has broken the stereotype.

Elson quickly mentioned seniors Antonio Veals and Jeremy Chandler as players who had chances to play Division I-A football but chose the Hill.

Veals came to the attention of coaches after a call from his high school coach.

It's a situation Elson and his assistants love.

"(High school coaches) care about kids and want to see them be successful," he said. "If we get out there and they get to know us, I think they're going to see we're doing things the right way. That's when they call you and say, 'Hey, I've got a keeper.'"

## Bluegrass pigskin

The battle begins.

Western coaches make it clear that their biggest competition usually comes from Eastern and Murray State University. The Hilltoppers will résumé their longtime annual rivalry with Eastern this season after a short sabbatical.

Both the Colonels and Racers have been playoff contenders.

The Toppers defeated Eastern in the first round of last year's I-AA playoffs.

That leaves the average high school senior with a decision to make.

Elson said big state schools like Louisville and Kentucky normally have shorter lists of recruiting targets, leaving Western with a different talent pool.

And while Western and Eastern didn't bump heads on the recruiting trail as much this year, that doesn't mean they never do.

In an unheralded football state like Kentucky, every player counts.

"It wasn't a particularly good year in the state of Kentucky," Eastern coach Danny Hope said. "One year is different from the next."

Hope is new to Eastern and spent several years as an assistant at I-A programs such as Louisville and Purdue.

At the higher level, recruiting gets a little more targeted.

Hope said in his last few seasons at Purdue, the team had given out all its commitments for the next year before it played its season-ending bowl game.

And while Hope said that's a sign of getting the best players, it's also a risk.

Division I-AA schools often have better chances at getting players who may not have developed until their senior year of high school — the unknowns.

Hope refers to it as the "pecking order" and said it isn't as diverse among schools as the average fan might think.

The "tweener" schools, the lower level Division I-A institutions, may have a harder time than Western and Eastern, according to Hope.

They are lower on the pecking order.

But closer to home, he agrees with Elson in saying that, all things equal, the schools would rather take an athlete from Kentucky.

Twenty-two starters and special teamers on the Hilltoppers' national championship team hailed from Kentucky.

All but two of Western's 10 signees for next season are from Kentucky.

"All things even, you're going to take the young man from Kentucky," Wells said. "A, his parents will be able to come to the game. The parents are going to have a vested interest. They're closer to home. We want to recruit the state. But, we'll also have to find our needs elsewhere, too."

## Elsewhere

Miami, Fla. Population: 2,289,683.

Commonwealth of Kentucky. Population: 4,065,566.

Pure numbers are the reasons coaches choose to recruit the state of Florida.

That, and the state has long been regarded as a football hotbed, thanks to warmer weather and high school rules that allow football to be practiced and played almost year round.

In Kentucky, coaches have a limited spring practice period to further develop their players.

"You talk to a coach in the city of Miami, and he could see as many players as we could see in the whole state of Kentucky," Wells said.

Elson said Western also tries to focus recruiting efforts in counties that participate in the school's Tuition Incentive Program. That includes the Nashville area, and areas around Indianapolis, St. Louis and sections of Illinois.

## Open market

Taking chances on the football field is one thing.

Taking them in recruiting is part of the business.

In today's world of high school seniors jumping to the NBA, it's sometimes hard to find the ideal college athlete.

But sometimes college becomes a step toward the NFL.

And with more and more scouts coming to Western to find the next Mel Mitchell, Joseph Jefferson or Jeremi Johnson — former Toppers who were drafted — the process grows more complex.

"There's nothing wrong with a kid going to the NFL," Elson said. "We're going to make sure he understands how hard it is to make it in the NFL and make sure he gets a degree."

Elson said he has had recruits visit campus and fall asleep while meeting with academic advisers, a sure sign that they may not be the type of player or person the Hilltoppers desire.

But coaching is about building character, a task that Elson and his mates take pride in.

They take their chances.

"If you had all choir boys and 4.0's, it wouldn't be as much fun," Elson said.

Along the same lines, the Toppers sometimes take chances on transfer students, some from the Division I-A level.

Senior quarterback Casey Rooney transferred to the Hill from the University of Memphis. And Johnson, who was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals, used his last year of eligibility to leave Indiana and play for Western.

"(Big schools) make recruiting mistakes just like anyone else does," Elson said. "We're going to be aggressive with some of those kids and target some. That kid may end up going to Kentucky, but in two years, he's not happy. Then he remembers that Walter Wells came to visit his high school and came to his house and Western is really interested in him."

## Science

A few more players will make it from high school to college football than from college to the NFL.

In fact, 5.8 percent of 281,000 high school senior football players will play for an NCAA institution, according to an NCAA report.

Every recruit represents one in 17 high school football players.

But those numbers are where the analytical edge on recruiting may end.

Beyond the 1,000-page book on NCAA regulations that coaches are tested on, beyond the list upon lists of high school prospects, lies a fuzzy outline.

There's no right or wrong answer. No mantra for schools to follow when it comes to whom or where they will recruit.

"It's not an exact science," Hope said. "That's probably the broadest and most general statement, but it's the truest there is."

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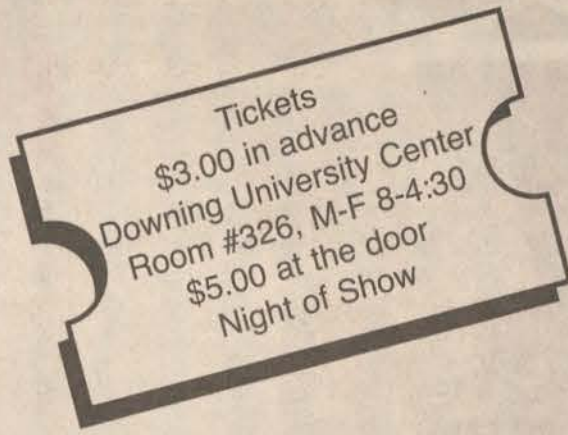
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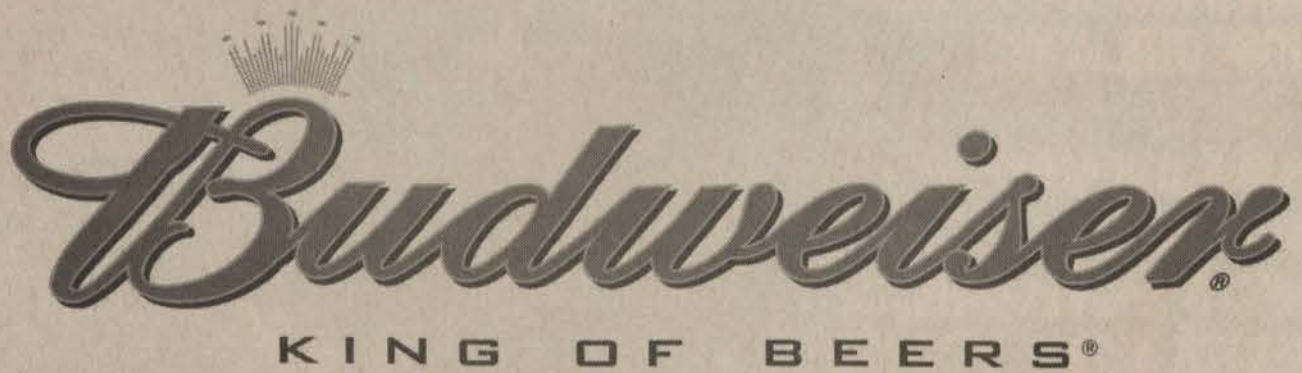


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# GANG: Tops face New Mexico State tomorrow to start series

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Johnston said, "It was a good win to pick up during the week."

The early Thoroughbred barrage began after junior pitcher Igor Roiberg walked lead-off batter Charlie Ward on four pitches. Following a Garner Byers double and Brett McCutchan walk, Geoff Kirksey hit a two RBI single to left center field. Alex Steward's sacrifice fly to right field scored McCutchan and gave Murray their 3-0 lead.

Western's response came in the bottom of the second inning in the form of a two-out rally. Brown singled to kick-off the effort, and Johnston capped it off with a two RBI double that gave the Toppers a 4-3 lead.

The blow-out came in the third inning as Western poured on five runs to extend the lead to 9-3.

Freshman third baseman Tim Grogan gave himself a confidence boost in the third when he picked up an infield single with one out. Grogan, who had begun the season on a tear at the plate, was going through his first collegiate hitting slump.

The single ended a one-for-20 drought that was starting to play with Grogan's head.

"I guess it's just one of those growing pains you go through in your freshman year," Grogan said. "I've got to realize I'm not going to get a hit on every at-bat and not let it get to me. It's a matter of being aggressive, and I just haven't been that aggressive."

Roiberg settled down after a shaky first inning on the mound for the Toppers. The Toronto product did not allow a run after the first inning, picking up his first win of the season in three complete innings of work.

In all, six Topper pitchers saw action last night as their lead ballooned to 12-4.

But in the seventh inning, Murray put together a



Junior pitcher Igor Roiberg pitched for three innings and left the game with a 4-3 lead during a 13-7 win over Murray State last night. Roiberg picked up his first win of the season.

Justin Fowler/Herald

run of their own to make things a little more interesting.

Freshman pitcher Travis Sewell found himself in a jam when five of the six batters he faced in the inning reached base safely and two runs crossed the plate.

After Geoff Kirksey walked, junior pitcher Adam

Prida replaced Sewell on the hill, but it was another freshman that bailed Western out of the jam.

Freshman second baseman Matt Ransdell made a diving catch with two outs and runners on second and third to allow the Toppers to escape the inning without further damage.

The catch was big for Western, Murrie said, as

Western had already pulled most starters from the line up.

"I thought it was pivotal because I hate giving up one run, let alone nine," Murrie said. "That would have been the eighth and ninth. He did a great job, and that just shows you how versatile and talented we are."

The victory was sealed in the bottom of the eighth when freshman third baseman Dennis Winn blasted a home run over the 370 sign in left field and onto Big Red Way.

The home run was especially sweet for Winn. It came off former summer league teammate Chandler Shepherd.

"It was kinda fun to hit it against somebody I played with," Winn said. "It was a 2-0 count, and I was looking for something down the middle, and I was going to take a good hack at it. I just put a good swing on it."

Senior relief pitcher Matt Wilhite closed out the marathon three-hour game by retiring the side in the ninth. Wilhite's 1.51 ERA going into the game ranked as the seventh best in the nation.

The side-arm pitching right hander does not let the hype of his national ranking get to his head. He puts team goals above personal accolades.

"The way I look at it, as long as I keep the mind set of helping my team out, (I'll) shut people out every time."

Western will jump back into Sun Belt Conference action tomorrow when they face New Mexico State in the first game of a three-game series.

The Aggies sit on top of the Sun Belt standings with a 12-6 conference record.

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## WESTERN SPORTS SCORECARD

Team	W-L	Next
Baseball	21-6	Tomorrow at New Mexico State
Softball	27-27	<b>Tomorrow vs. Louisiana Lafayette</b>
Men's Tennis	*	Finished season 8th at SBC tourney
Women's Tennis	*	Finished season 10th at SBC tourney
Track	*	May 9 at SBC Outdoor Championships
Men's golf	*	Finished season 6th at SBC tourney
Women's golf	*	Finished season 7th at SBC tourney

\*Does not keep a win-loss record. Games in bold are at home.

## Track

### Team going after conference title

By JOSH BUCKMAN  
Herald reporter

Next Friday when most Western students are enjoying the feeling of sweet relief after a hard week of finals, the track and field team will be thrown into the challenge of trying to win its first conference title since 1979.

"From the start of the season, the focus is always to win the conference championships," sprint and jumping coach Erik Jenkins said.

In order for the team to take the top spot at the Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championships, the team will have to overcome a strong opponent in Middle Tennessee as well as beating tough teams in North Texas and Louisiana-Lafayette.

"Middle Tennessee is one of the most talented teams for sprints and jumps," Jenkins said. "But they can be beat just like everyone else."

Jenkins believes that the men's team will be very strong in the throwing events led by sophomore Raigo Toompuu, junior Ryan Thomas and freshman Kristo Galeta.

On the women's side, Jenkins said the team will be led by terrific trio distance stars senior Olga Cronin, senior Bonita Paul and sophomore Cara Nichols.

The goals the athletes will try to achieve at Sun Belt will be much different from a regular meet.

"(Conference) is mainly about points for the whole team and not

about (personal best)," Cronin said.

In a typical meet, the score is usually not kept, and even if it is, the team's main focus is improvement. In the conference championships the team will have to go all out if they want to win.

"Everyone will be doing several (events)," Cronin said. "Your goal is to do your best in one while resting for the others."

Besides trying to win the conference championships, the team will try to qualify more people for NCAA Regionals. Those who do well at regionals move onto the NCAA Championships.

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Column

# Looks can be deceiving

Look at this page. What do you see? Words and a picture of some guy that seems to have a really goofy and unusually giddy grin on his face?



**PLAYGROUND NOTES**  
J. Michael Moore

I admit, it's not my best side. In fact, I knew from day one that it was just a little too chummy for my personality. And although it does look like me, I assure you, I DO NOT look that way all the time.

I'd get way too many suspicious looks.

While I, like everyone else, have my particular reasons to be joyous, I do not regularly manifest them into a Jack Nicholson Joker-like smile hooking the ear lobes and stretching off the face with green hair and white face paint.

See, looks can be deceiving, especially in sports.

My picture may represent something that is not my true personality.

On the field, reality might be underneath the canvas.

Go back to the 1920s.

It was a "golden age" for sports, and sportswriters didn't hesitate in pumping up any action into flamboyant compliments, metaphors or Prohibition Era slang.

What's that, old sport? Didn't know you were getting a history lesson? Well, grab the Gin and Tonic, this buggy's about to get out of control.

In 1924, the Notre Dame football team played Army, going 13-7 in what has been dubbed one of the greatest sporting displays ever witnessed.

There, in New York, a sportswriter named Grantland Rice immortalized four running backs against a "blue-gray October sky."

See, they too didn't look the part. None of them weighed over 200 pounds.

To most, they were mere football players — undersized, but well coached — but to Rice, and soon the rest of the world, they were "The Four Horsemen."

It's really a childish rendering of Rice in all of his egotistical

glow and fanfare compared these four no-names to the equestrians of Revelation.

But people liked it, and rooting for the underdog became even more en vogue.

It was brutal sports journalism.

Rice didn't write the score until 138-words into the story.

But people read. You might know Rice from one of his poetry verses.

Yes, poetry. Don't ask me. Some people like it.

Rice wrote:

*"For when the One Great Scorer comes to mark against your name, He writes — not that you won or lost — but how you played the Game."*

You and I know it better as: "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game."

Rice had some deeper metaphors. He was talking about the game of life. We use the words to cheer up sobbing little-leaguers.

Make of it what you wish.

It's as beautiful as it is eye-rolling, but it can't help but make us realize games are little more than athletic contests taken out on a field or indoors designed to award spoils to the most intellectually or physically gifted.

Rice got to the goods.

Looks can be deceiving, and they continue to deceive every day of every week.

When we least expect it, we're comforted with the sports miracle or frustration that has a different story under its surface.

Lady Toppers — looked weak with no starters above 6-foot-1, but won the Sun Belt

Conference, shocked Louisiana Tech and won back the hearts of a city.

Patrick Sparks — looks like a traitor. But we all know he's doing what's best for him.

He wouldn't have come to Western in the first place if he intended on sticking it to Big Red.

That would be waste of basketball eligibility.

Sparks' flight is no less painful, but we try to accept it because the look on the surface can be deceiving.

Dennis Felton — Big guy talked about how great Western was and left for another school anyway.

That's the way it looks. But is it true?

I've heard few arguments against his exodus.

As sportswriters, my colleagues and I pride ourselves on digging beyond the shiny coat covering most stories. Even the dirty ones have a little bit of a glimmer, as if to say, "Look at my surface. No more story in me! You got it all!"

I'd be out of a job if I trusted that girly voice.

Because it's not all looks. Rice saw heart and passion beneath weak bodies.

Others see scandal and greed below championships.

So, for those of you who think journalism and sportswriting is about mud slinging, understand the truth isn't always squeaky clean.

And for those who think sports is nothing but brawn against stupidity, think about the above analogy.

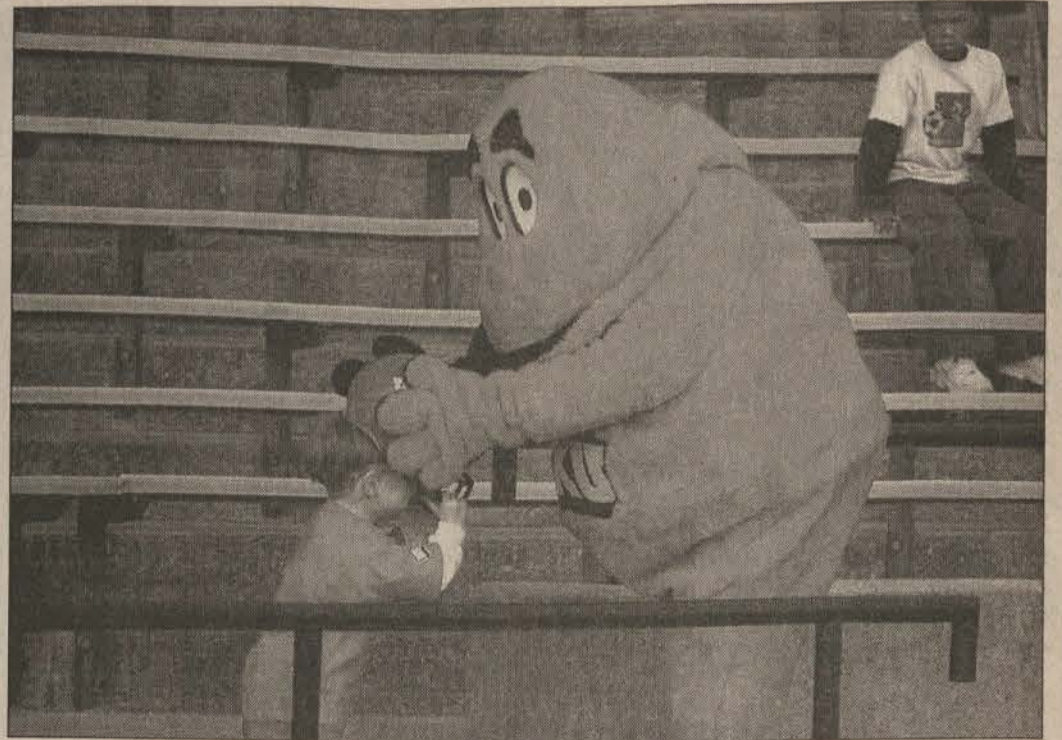
Looks aren't fact. Simply put, I could ramble about the Ugly Duckling — what's underneath is what counts.

But that wouldn't be any fun.

The sporting approach is closer to life. The means are as important as any end. It's how you play the game.

*J. Michael Moore will take his "looks" to the Talisman as editor-in-chief this fall. He can be reached at sports@wkuherald.com.*

## Magic touch



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Two-year-old Clayton Bush, of Bowling Green, is football knighted by Big Red at the Red and White scrimmage. "He loves football. The kid carries his helmet and ball around everywhere," said Bush's father, Wayne, who played for Western from 1985-1988.

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Softball

# Hilltoppers say goodbye to first class of seniors

By Amber North  
Herald reporter

The birth of Western's softball program occurred four years ago. As the team prepares for its last regular season game against No. 21 Louisiana-Lafayette, two members will say goodbye.

Seniors Brandy Hawkins and Kristalyn Smith will make school history as they become the team's first fourth-year seniors to walk across the stage to receive their degrees.

"It'll be strange without Brandy and Kristalyn because they've been here as long as I have been here," head coach Leslie Phelan said. "I watched them grow from 18-year-old freshmen to graduating seniors entering the real world."

Hawkins spent most of this season filling the leadership role needed for the team. Her freshman year she had 12 runs, 21 hits and five RBIs, while hitting .253 behind the plate.

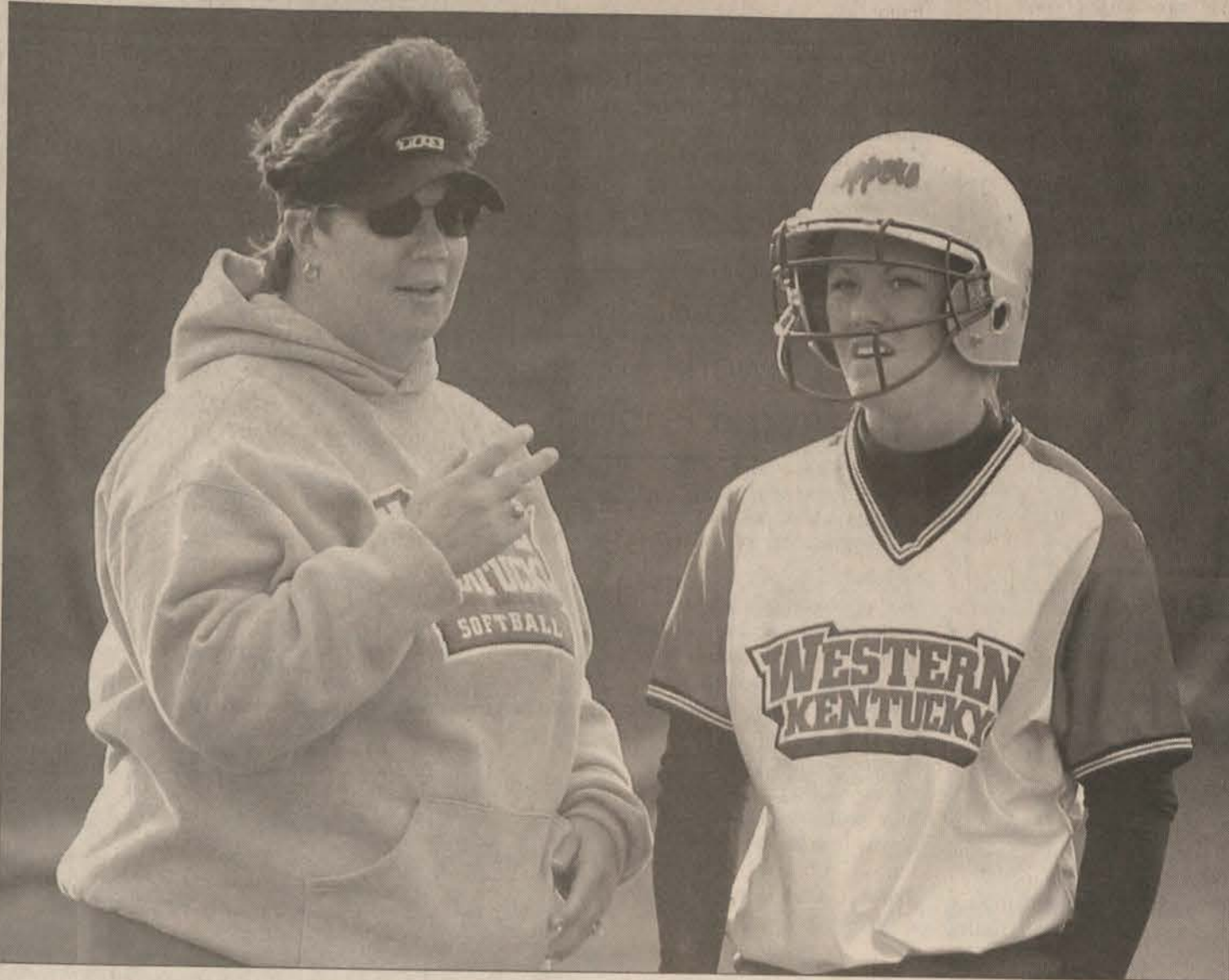
After a quiet season her sophomore year, Hawkins picked back up where she left off in her junior season, scoring five runs, slugging in 13 RBIs, with a .242 batting average.

This season she has started 36 of 38 games as a first baseman and designated hitter, collecting 13 runs and 16 hits (as of April 27).

"It's truly, truly bittersweet," Hawkins said. "I'm so glad to graduate. The team and people I will be leaving, it will be hard to let go of that."

Hawkins will graduate in May with a degree in communications.

Smith will be leaving a mark



Lady Toppers head coach Leslie Phelan talks with Junction City sophomore outfielder Renita Pennington during a 5-0 win over Tennessee State at the softball complex.

Justin Fowler/Herald

at Western as the school's record-holder in hits. This season she hit .292 with 26 runs, 45 hits and 28 RBIs. She also had some action on the mound, starting

two games. Last season she had an All-Sun Belt year with 13 runs, 45 hits, 27 RBIs and a .308 batting average. She also went 10-2 as a

pitcher with a 1.95 ERA.

She hit the wall during her sophomore season after having an outstanding freshman year, when she hit .250 with 24 runs, 35

hits and 16 RBIs.

Smith is graduating with a public health degree and will be student teaching next fall at Greenwood High.

"I'll miss the girls and having 15 best friends and being able to be yourself around the team," Smith said. "We have good camaraderie, and I will miss being a part of a team."

The team originally had three seniors to depart, but that changed when left fielder Jessie Richardson severed a tendon in her right hand earlier in the season.

Richardson learned that she would have to sit out for the rest of the season and wait to play for a fifth year next season.

"It's been hard," Richardson said. "I'd love to be out there, but it's a learning experience watching my team."

It's been a learning experience for the team, as well, coping with several injuries that led to inconsistency in the lineup.

After the Hilltoppers went 37-22 last season, this year has not been what Phelan expected.

"Our record (26-26, 4-6 Sun Belt) was disappointing," Phelan said. "I felt we had our best team yet — I still believe that — but we faced a lot of adversity with injuries after injuries and people playing out of position."

Fifteen of Western's 26 losses were close games. The team lost 10 games by one run and had five two-run games.

"We struggled with that two years ago when we had a sub par season (23-37)," Phelan said. "We really turned things around last year, so I thought maybe we put that behind us. Looks like it came back again."

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## BENCH: Sportswriting worth the heckling for lone female staffer

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issues with me is like the Cincinnati Bengals having a No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft every year — it's pointless.

But when a sports topic pops up, you need 25 fire hoses to shut me up.

My fascination of informing people about sports has always been a sweet dream of mine.

Whether I'm arguing that the New York Yankees are ruining pro baseball or why Roy Williams is more likely to choke than win the

NCAA tournament. Whatever it was, I always did it with passion and excitement.

Being on the Herald this semester was a great opportunity for me, especially since this was my first gig (with the exception of jobs at small teen newspapers and high school) as a real sportswriter.

When I set foot in the Herald office for the first time, a wave of mixed emotions rushed through my body. Not only was I a freshman, but I was the only female on the sports staff.

It wasn't as bad as I thought. I'll admit, I

thought I was going to be treated as an afterthought while the guys talked beer and hot chicks nonstop.

Thankfully, I was wrong and became comfortable with the sports atmosphere. I had the privilege to interview great coaches and great players, and they were all fair and treated me with respect.

I know I won't always be as lucky, but it's something I have gotten used to when working in a male-dominated field.

Nonetheless, sportswriting is definitely worth

dealing with a few hecklers, and I can't see myself doing anything else.

I'd finish with a trite word of wisdom for all the aspiring female sportswriters out there, but I'm a horrible actor when it comes to pretending I'm wise and intelligent.

Enjoy six more semesters of me.

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Player Drafted

# Johnson taken by Cincinnati in fourth round

## Former Hilltopper joins Bengals

By J. Michael Moore  
Herald reporter

It seemed only fitting that a player known for his ability to come out of no where and step up would enter the NFL with a team looking for role players.

The Cincinnati Bengals drafted former Hilltopper fullback Jeremi Johnson on Sunday in the fourth round of the NFL draft.

He wasn't the Bengals' most notable pick — No. 1 pick and Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer got that distinction — but Johnson has his chance to impress.

"He's a young, big guy that has done the things that we feel our fullback needs to be

able to do," Bengals running backs coach Jim Anderson said in a released statement. "We think he has the qualities to help us come in and achieve our goal."

Johnson, a 5-foot-11, 275 pounder from Louisville, led the Toppers with a 6.2 yards per carry average last season. He was third on the team with 637 rushing yards.

He had two rushing and two receiving touchdowns.

**"He's a young, big guy that has done the things that we feel our fullback needs to be able to do."**

— Jim Anderson  
Bengals running backs coach

Johnson had 23 receptions for 310 yards on the year, including three catches for 90 yards and a touchdown in Western's 34-14 victory over McNeese State in the Division I-AA national championship.

The Bengals selected nine players in last weekend's draft. Besides Johnson and Palmer, other picks include:

Iowa guard Eric Steinbach, Tennessee receiver Kelley

Washington, Oregon State cornerback Dennis Weathersby, Mars Hill linebacker Khalid Abdullah, South Carolina defensive tackle Langston Moore, North Carolina State tackle Scott Kooistra and Central Florida defensive end Elton Patterson.

Cincinnati's draft class has been highly praised by several publications, including receiving an "A-" from ESPN.com writer Len Pasquarelli.

### Radio adds voice

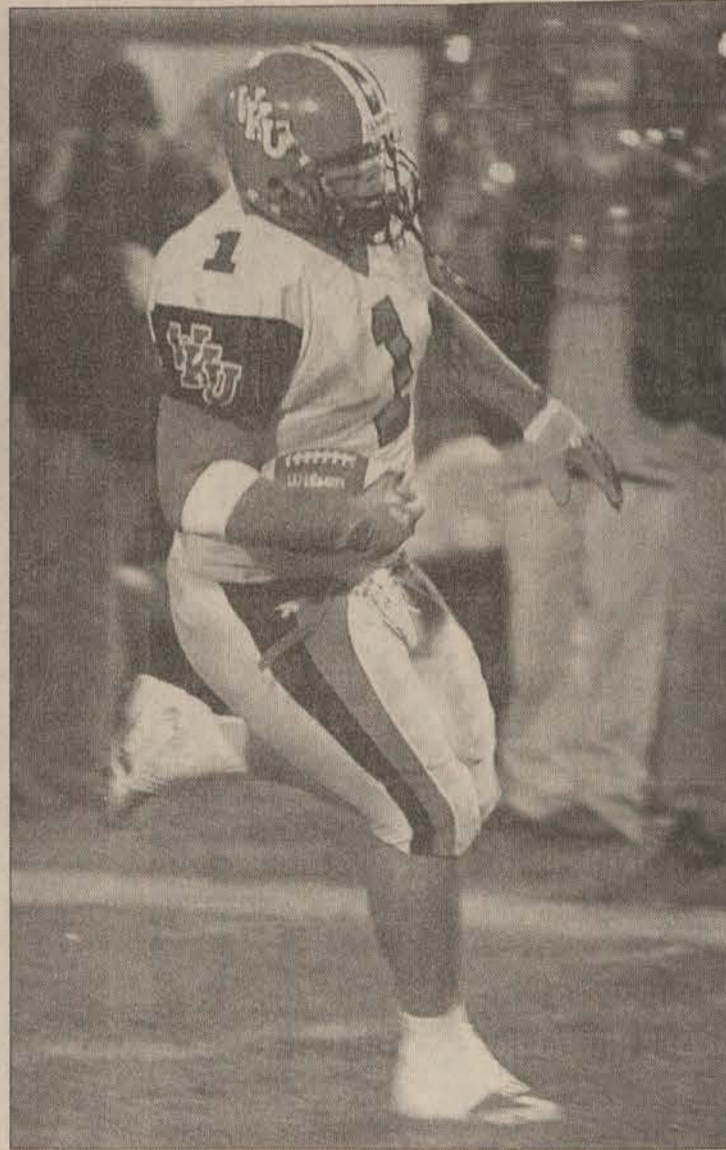
The Big Red Radio Network added a new voice to its lineup Tuesday.

Hilltopper Hall of Fame member Leo Peckenpaugh was named color analyst.

Peckenpaugh has called high school games on radio and television since 1976.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2001 after starting at quarterback from 1970-73. He is second all-time with 35 passing touchdowns in a season.

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Justin Fowler/Herald  
Former Hilltopper fullback Jeremi Johnson came to Western as a transfer from Indiana prior to last season. He was a big reason for Western's I-AA championship run, scoring twice in the championship game against McNeese State in December. He will now be called on to help revitalize a Cincinnati Bengals team that has been in the NFL cellar for several seasons.

## Sports Briefs

### Lady Topper honored

The awards keep on coming for Tiffany Porter-Talbert.

The freshman guard from Manhattan Beach, Calif., was named as an honorable mention Freshman All-American by www.womenscolleg hoops.com.

Porter-Talbert was also named the Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year and named

to the conference tournament team in March.

She was third on the team in scoring (12.4 per game) and rebounding (7.7 per game).

The Lady Toppers finished 22-9 on the season, winning the Sun Belt regular season and tournament crowns.

### Cowles gets two more

Western's women's basketball

team added two more recruits yesterday, bringing the number of incoming freshmen to seven.

Carla Barte and Tiffany Zaragoza signed national letters of intent to play for the Lady Toppers yesterday, joining five other high school seniors in coming to the Hill.

Barte, a 6-foot forward from Waynesboro, Miss., averaged 24.4 points and 12.3 rebounds per

game last season, leading Wayne County High School to a 26-7 record and a second place finish in the state.

Zaragoza led Chandler High School in Chandler, Ariz., to a 20-11 record last season, averaging 13 points and nine assists per game.

### Track adds a pair

Track Coach Curtiss Long

announced the addition of two athletes yesterday — a sprinter/jumper and a thrower.

Both are seniors at Apollo High School in Owensboro.

William Carter was the 2002 Class AAA state long jump champion.

This past season, Carter competed in several events, including the long jump, triple jump, high

jump, 100- and 200-meter dashes, and the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

Courtney Wood, is a thrower, winning the state indoor shotput championship the last three years.

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— J. Michael Moore

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## ART OF THE HUNT

### Recruiting wars often offer coaches stiffer challenge off the field than on it

BY J. MICHAEL MOORE  
Herald reporter

Ryan Hoag may not be a household name.

He might be some day.

But for now, he's lucky number 262.

That's the 48th selection in the seventh round of last week's NFL draft.

Dead last.

But still, the 6-foot-2 wide receiver from Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota now has a chance to be one of the few.

He made it to another stop on the football road, a point only .09 percent — or nine in 10,000 — of high school football players ever reach.

The odds of making it to the NFL aren't great.

But that doesn't stop the dream.

It is a dream that begins with getting to the right college and

depends on a coach's eye and intuition.

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### No rest for the weary

Hoag was recruited by the NFL, just as thousands of high school seniors are recruited into college.

He has nothing to do with Western.

But as coaches will note, nothing really changes across the country when it comes to recruiting — just slight differences between universities and what they have to offer, both on the field and in prestige.

His situation is no different than countless athletes who will have or have considered coming through Western.

Head coach David Elson



Nathaniel Corn/Herald

Head football coach David Elson walks around Feix Field with a watchful eye as Western's offense tries to devise a way to break through the dominating defense. Prior to becoming coach, he was the recruitment coordinator for the Hilltoppers.

hopes, with a national championship straight out of the oven, more athletes will be enticed to dine at the Hilltoppers' table.

Of course, any security a championship brings doesn't give Elson a day off.

He remembers talking to his mother after his first season as an assistant coach.

She asked when he was coming home.

He said he didn't know because his recruiting job, a battle with Division I-A and I-AA schools alike, was just beginning.

That battle with Southeastern Conference and other Bowl Championship Series schools keeps Elson and his recruiting coordinator/offensive line coach Walter Wells on their toes.

Elson knows because he's

been on the other side.

He spent some time at West Virginia before taking over the reigns of the Hilltopper football program.

"At West Virginia, we had a specific recruiting secretary. We had a recruiting graduate assistant," Elson said. "There were four or five different secretaries, a couple of student workers ...

As a coach at the I-A level,

you're responsible for two things — recruiting your area and coaching your position."

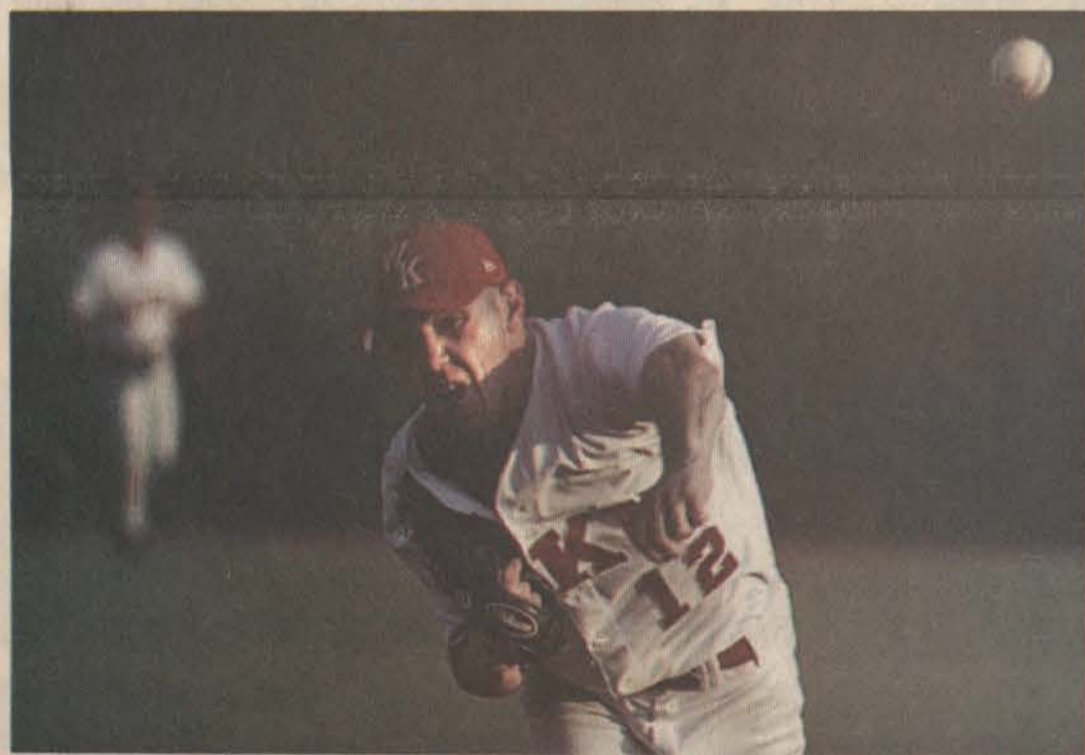
Coaches at Western have even more responsibilities.

They handle housing and some academic affairs.

And Hilltopper coaches also have target areas for recruiting.

Wells, a longtime assistant at cross-state rival Eastern

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Justin Fowler/Herald

Igor Roiberg, a junior lefthanded pitcher, fires an offering toward homeplate in last night's 13-7 win over Murray State at Denes Field. The Toppers improved to 24-16 on the year.

## Baseball

### Toppers gang up on 'Breds

BY MICHAEL CASAGRANDE  
Herald reporter

Western used a group effort last night to overcome a 3-0 first inning deficit to turn away in-state rival Murray State (17-21) at Denes Field.

Coach Joel Murrie used 24 of 29 Toppers on the roster en route to a 13-7 victory under the lights.

Murrie credited his team's strong defense for the impressive victory.

"I am pleased that we won," Murrie said. "We did a very good job offensively, and I'm never surprised when there is a goose egg at the end of the board."

The Toppers (24-16, 7-7 SBC) came one hit away from matching their season best 17, recorded against Michigan

State on March 15, and at South Alabama April 13.

Senior shortstop Travis Brown paced the Toppers at the plate, going three for three with three doubles. Fellow middle-infielder Matt Johnston was equally impressive, tallying two hits in four at-bats, with a season best four RBI's.

"We hit the ball well,"

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## Column

### Gender provides unique perspective in covering sports



#### ON THE BENCH

Amber North

Okay, before I begin, I want to make things clear.

Yes, I am female. And yes, I am a sportswriter.

More shockingly (brace yourselves), I'm a female sportswriter who actually knows about the sports I write about.

I know, I know, it may seem weird — especially for the testosterone specimen — but it's true.

Although I'm usually a crazy person, my insanity level is to the max when it comes to watching my teams play on TV.

Because of my sports obsession, I have been a) laughed at, b) admired, or c) laughed at, then admired. It's been something I had to deal with since I was a small and

innocent 10-year-old.

While other girls at that age were thinking about boys, I was busy trying to find a solution to my San Francisco 49ers always choking against the Green Bay Packers in the playoffs.

During their childhood, kids had to face questions about whom they admired and what they wanted to be when they grew up.

There'd be the cute little kids saying they want to save the world or be president, then there would be the sweet little kids who wanted to be like their mothers or fathers.

Then it would be that one weird kid who said she wanted to be the first female NBA player — that crazy kid being yours truly, of course.

Yeah, I loved my parents, but I just could not ignore my calling of becoming the next Penny Hardaway. I know he has now slowly faded into obscurity, but back then he was a playmaking genius. It is safe to say that he made me

instantly fall in love with basketball.

Since then, that has been the case. Although I love football and baseball, basketball is my life. When the NCAA season ends in April, I go through withdrawal until the first practice begins Oct. 15.

I came to my senses and outgrew my NBA dreams, realizing I wouldn't be fully content with that career choice. I then discovered sports writing. Since I loved sports and loved to write, I figured I'd put one and one together and go

with that. I knew that I could not solely rely on my charm and good looks to succeed in the sports world, so I figure that my sports knowledge would complete the package.

What I lack in the charm and good looks department, I make up for with my sports knowledge.

Discussing politics or world affairs or economic

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Lauren Knopf

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Henrik Edsenius/Herald

Louisville senior Rebecca DeSensi plays with Abigail Sims, of Louisville, during an autograph session Tuesday at the Kentucky Derby Festival in the Louisville Convention Center.

## ROYALTY FOR A DAY

Two Western students were chosen to be princesses in the Royal Court for the 2003 Kentucky Derby

BY JOCELYN ROBINSON  
Herald reporter

Like something out of a fairy tale, the five princesses wore white ball gowns and sparkling tiaras as they stood in their castle, smiling and waving at the people.

Only, in this case, the princesses were college students. Their castle was a parade float, and they were waving at the hundreds of people who came to the Pegasus Parade preview Tuesday night at the Louisville Convention Center.

The five on the float were the Kentucky Derby Festival princesses — students from colleges across the state.

This year, two Western students, Louisville seniors Lauren Knopf and Rebecca DeSensi, are among the chosen five. Recently DeSensi was named Queen of the 2003 Royal Court.

The role of the Derby princesses is to serve as ambassadors for the Kentucky Derby Festival, DeSensi said.

Both Knopf and DeSensi grew up with the dream of becoming a Derby princess.

"I always knew when I got to college, it would be something I would want to do," DeSensi said.

Knopf agreed.

"It's been a dream ever since I was a little girl growing up in Louisville," she said.

In addition to being fellow Western students, DeSensi and Knopf have known each other since high school.

### The process

Their journey toward becoming a Derby princess began in September when Fillies Inc., the volunteer group that runs the



Henrik Edsenius/Herald

Louisville senior Rebecca DeSensi gives Ben Gosselin, of Louisville, a hug after signing autographs at the Kentucky Derby Festival in the Louisville Convention Center.

princess program, held an orientation seminar for interested women.

The program is open to all female residents of Kentucky who are full-time college students.

At the orientation, the candidates learned what would be expected of them, should they win, and picked up applications.

Of the 80 women who applied and went through the first interviews, 28 were called back for a second interview. For that interview, applicants were required to bring letters of recommendation from professors and employers.

"The Derby Festival princesses are selected based on knowledge of the festival, poise, intelligence, personality, and campus and community involvement," said Mark Shallcross, communications manager of the Kentucky Derby Festival.

On Dec. 9 of last year, the five princesses of the 2003 Royal Court were named at a press conference.

"I was totally surprised," Knopf said of the moment her name was announced. "I really, honestly didn't expect it. I didn't expect they'd name two Western students as well as two (Sacred Heart Academy) grads."

The group, which also includes Danielle Herriford and Leah Pepper of the University of Louisville and Whitney Weber of the University of Kentucky, made sporadic appearances at various events throughout January, February and March.

### The selection

The Derby Queen was chosen by a spin of a wheel on April 11 at the Fillies Ball. The five women were escorted into the room in alphabetical order and assigned a number to stand on. Each stood anxiously awaiting to see where the

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## Column

# Hair fire claims the life of columnist



## SUPERPICKS

Hollan Holm

Humor columnist Hollan Holm died this morning at Greenwood Regional Hospital.

Doctors cited third-degree burns from the spontaneous combustion of Holm's hair pomade as the cause of death.

"He was the best-smelling corpse to ever smolder in the halls of this institution," Dr. C. Everett Burns said.

Burns served as attending physician at Holm's bedside. His duties included swiping Holm's watch and major credit cards to pay the "HMO."

For once, Burns said, he felt bad about his job. Holm had no gold fillings to plunder.

"Remarkably, his teeth were well-preserved," Burns said. "I mean, you look at the guy, see his physical appearance and tell yourself 'Hey, here's a guy who likes the sweets!'"

Burns lamented that, with any other guy of Holm's girth, he could have made an easy \$50 off the fillings.

Some family members, a girlfriend and two dogs survived Holm. But due to College Heights Herald budget restrictions on long-distance phone calls over 40 seconds and a lack of interest, none could be reached.

Holm was also survived by the residents of the Ninth Floor of Rodes-Harlin Hall. For two years, they made fun of his choice in computers and pressured him to resell his absent roommate's possessions.

Louisville sophomore Jordan Gagel paused from playing video games long enough to sob a public statement.

"We lost a great humanitarian, one who knew no color or gender barriers," Gagel said. "We love you, Hollan. The nation mourns your loss." He quickly returned to his perennial campaign of leading Princeton to the Final Four in "March Madness."

Elizabethtown soon-to-be junior Kevin Groseclose and Versailles sophomore Shawn Jenkins had to break off their discussion of the joys of wagering and human flesh consumption to speak.

"He was a good guy," Groseclose said. "He had great hair. He had a million dollar smile and was a great kisser."

"Now that he's gone, there will be a hole in me that will never be filled," Jenkins said.

President Gary Ransdell could not be reached for comment after repeated Herald contact attempts, including leaping from bushes, stalking him as he walked his dog and tearing open his shower curtain with a downward thrusting knife and staccato string music. If reporters had reached Ransdell,

it's assumed he would have sent out a mass campus e-mail similar to the following:

"Unfortunately, Hollan's death affects the whole campus, myself included," Ransdell would have written in the e-mail. "There was a clause in our arm wrestling contract which reads: 'Should one participant die before a mandatory rematch, a sibling must replace the competitor for a four-match Home/Away series.' It's a pretty standard contract we make people sign around here, and since Hollan died without any brothers and sisters, I get his Honda. I will feed it to my SUV, effective immediately."

Although initially ruled a spontaneous combustion incident, campus police continue to investigate Holm's death.

"We know that the hair pomade is slippery. We'd have let

it go if he had just slipped and broken his neck," someone claiming to be a campus police media spokesperson said. "But actual flames, now that's something worth looking into. Did I mention we've got a couple of suspects?"

Although officers would not comment on the ongoing investigation, they did make a cryptic statement about having a "short list" of suspects. They then pointed to a photograph of Student Government Association President-Elect John V. Bradley.

The late humor columnist had made repeated jokes about Bradley's status as the Antichrist, a biblically-touted figure whose rise to power will begin a 1,000-year reign of evil.

Holm also wrote in his journal that he hated standing "around" Bradley because he smelled "funny." Holm then defined

"funny" as an "aromatic casserole of cartons of spoiled skim milk and used diapers baked at 350 degrees for 45 minutes" and "around" as "in the same state."

"Hey, Hollan never gave me the Filet-O-Fish sandwich he promised me," Bradley said. "But they're not worth killing over. Or are they?" Bradley proceeded to laugh maniacally for five minutes and then passed out from exhaustion.

### Pick O' the Week

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### View from the top



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### Charity event

## Games provide break from finals

BY MEGAN ENGLE  
Herald reporter

Wanna get down and dirty, plus relieve stress during finals week?

"Dirty Games," sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the University Farm on May 7 — dead day of finals week.

Shepherdsville senior Jeff Crady is in charge of this year's "Dirty Games." He said this is an event that can be used as a way to take a break from finals.

"We have it during finals week because you're kind of stressed out for the time, and most people probably don't study on that day, so it's a good relief."

"Dirty Games" involves anything that can be considered gross.

"There will be mud events," Crady said. "The popular ones are the chocolate slide down

the hill, and there will be games with jelly and grits."

Crady said other events will include relay races and games that involve digging. There will be hoses provided to rinse off.

"It's such a good time," he said. "I've never seen anyone who's come out who didn't have a good time."

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— Jeff Crady

Shepherdsville senior

Not only will this event allow students to take a break during finals, but the money raised will go toward charities in the Bowling Green area.

Lawrenceburg senior Crystal Robinson has participated in "Dirty Games" in past years and said her favorite event is the relay

race. "It's a lot of fun, and it's a great way to meet some people," she said. "And it's a good way to relieve some stress during finals week."

Crady said that "Dirty Games" is an outreach by BSU on campus.

"Baptists tend to have the stereotypes of being prudish and stodgy and uptight. This is to help to break the stereotypes," he said. "The games are gross, and the money raised goes to different charities around the Bowling Green area."

Crady said that the top three teams have the choice as to which organizations receive the proceeds.

"Last year, there was about \$1,000 raised for charities in this area," he said.

If students want to take a part in "Dirty Games," there will be students walking around campus this week wearing buttons which read "Go and Get Dirty." They can give students access to applications.

The cost to participate is \$25 for a team of five members. To register, email BSU at bryant@wku.bsu.com. The deadline is May 5.

For more information, go to BSU's Web site at [www.wku.bsu.com](http://www.wku.bsu.com).

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### Parking

## Projects will affect fall drivers

BY JESSICA SASSEEN  
Herald reporter

Caution — yellow paint ahead.

The Parking and Transportation Committee is gearing up to make several parking changes for drivers in fall 2003.

The committee recently allotted \$245,000 for several projects: the Tate Page lot expansion, the proposed Chiller lot located next to Mass Media and Technology Hall and the completion of another gravel SKyPAC lot between Hilltop shops and the Kentucky Museum lot on University Blvd.

Outgoing Student Government Association president Jamie Sears has served on the committee for three years and said she admires the work the committee is trying to achieve.

"They're always keeping minds open to keep finding new places for parking lots and better ways to streamline the parking process," Sears said.

◆Students wanting to park in front of the Community College will have to purchase a \$65 commuter parking tag beginning next fall.

With a commuter permit, students will be able to park at South Campus as well as any commuter lot on the main campus.

"Even though we had to raise their fee, it provides

them an opportunity to come onto campus," Committee Co-Chairman Randy Deere said. "It brings continuity to our south campus and main campus — it brings us all closer together."

Previously, students have bought specialized tags for South Campus, costing \$25. The \$25 tag will be available for the Campbell Lane lot only, which is adjacent to the intramural complex.

◆Changes are also in store for the Tate Page lot.

With the Mass Media and Technology Hall moving in next door, the Tate Page lot will be filled with extra strain.

To help alleviate the overflow, committee co-chair Karl Laves said the committee decided to make the Tate Page Lot an inner loop and reserved lot.

This means faculty and staff who pay \$130 for an inner loop pass can park in any non-gated lot they find a space in, inside University Blvd, 15th Street, Normal Drive and Big Red Way.

The gates in Tate Page Lot will be torn down and those spots reduced from 110 to 67 reserved spaces, marked by paint. Reserved spaces are available with a \$390 parking

pass. The Tate Page lot currently has 120 spaces, and 110 of those are gated. Laves said after the expansion, the lot will have 67 reserved spots, and 184 total parking spaces.

◆With the Downing University Center renovation continuing, residents of Minton Hall and the directional halls will be losing parking spaces in the fall. Laves said the committee is looking to recreate some of those spaces on a new lot outside of the Chiller Building, next to Mass Media and Technology Hall.

He said a first draft of that project showed between 40 and 60 spots could be available for the proposed Chiller Lot. The permits which would be allowed to park there have not been decided, Laves said.

The Chiller lot would also service patient parking for the Health Services Center, which lost its parking due to the Mass Media and Technology building.

"Students going to the health center are now parking on other side of DUC," Laves said. "And if they have a sprained ankle or a fever, that's not very good."

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Profile

# Scully finds destiny at Western

By **JOSH COFFMAN**  
Herald reporter

Jennifer Tarrazi-Scully did not believe in fate a year ago. But then she came to Western and found what may prove to be her destiny.

A visiting, professional-in-residence, Tarrazi-Scully arrived on the Hill last fall to teach contemporary dance. She lived in New York City before coming to Western, where she taught and performed, landing roles in several off-Broadway shows, including "The Changeling" and "The Donkey Show."

But Tarrazi-Scully eventually realized that life in the Big Apple can be as tough as its concrete core. Six years of big city living left her seeking a different atmosphere.

"I needed a break," she said. "There was a reason I left that big city ... I was looking for a slower paced environment where I could be happy."

Tarrazi-Scully — or Scully, as friends and colleagues call her — went to Maryland to visit family after leaving New York. And that's when chance took hold.

She called an old friend, just to say hi. That friend was Stephen Stone, a dance professor at Western.

He told Tarrazi-Scully about an opening for a visiting professional-in-residence at Western, and she jumped on the opportunity.

"I never thought I'd end up in Kentucky," she said.

## Scully and dance: lifelong partners

Tarrazi-Scully started dancing when she was three years old. While in middle school, she moved to North Carolina and became a regular at a nearby studio.

"It became a good home for me," she said. "I studied hard, worked hard. I became a better dancer."

She said there is so much she enjoys about dancing, she doesn't know where to start.

Her passion for the art continues to show through her teaching. She said she likes helping young dancers grow, though she initially never planned to teach.

"I kind of fell into teaching," she said.

Stone said Tarrazi-Scully was the best candidate in a national search for the one-year position. "She's inspiring because she loves what she does," Stone said.

Stone and Tarrazi-Scully met in Greensboro, N.C. where both attended college. They didn't meet up until both were in the Gamble/Van Dyke Dance Company, after Tarrazi-Scully graduated. "I've always thought she was an incredible

performer and she shows great promise as a teacher," Stone said. "Her choreography is impeccable."

## Love falls into Scully's lap

Once on the Hill, Tarrazi-Scully attended a new faculty orientation where she met John McLester, an exercise physiology professor who was also new to campus.

The flicker of fate in Tarrazi-Scully's life suddenly became a full-blown fire.

"I knew she didn't have a car," McLester said. "So I offered her a ride."

Soon, a trip to the grocery store became a table for two at Spencer's Coffeehouse.

McLester said his time with Tarrazi-Scully has been like a fairy tale.

"She has so many great qualities," he said. "I've told a lot of people that she's the greatest woman I've ever met."

Tarrazi-Scully seems just as delighted. Although it may not seem that way on the outside, inside her heart is beating fast.

"I kind of feel like I won the lottery, meeting him here," she said.

## Where will fate take her next?

Tarrazi-Scully will soon move into a house in Bowling Green. It will be the first home she has owned in her life. She said she does not yet know what fate holds for her.

Not having a master's degree, she is ineligible to teach full-time at Western. She still plans to instruct classes on a part-time basis next fall. Ultimately, she wants to stick around.

"I like Bowling Green," she said, noting that its rural charm is sprinkled with large-city-like offerings. "It has a great Japanese restaurant."

McLester hopes he and Tarrazi-Scully stick together.

"I see it being a lasting relationship — hopefully without end," he said.

Stone also likes the idea of having her at Western.

"I couldn't be happier," he said. "She's going to make a huge difference in the long term."

Regardless of what hand she ends up with, Tarrazi-Scully now believes that the cards in her life are being dealt from somewhere.

"I've never been a believer in fate," she said. "But now I believe certain things guide you. It's changed my outlook on life."

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Amber Sigman/Herald

Madisonville senior Faith Smith weaves a wall hanging that was due for a class earlier this semester. Her teacher is giving her an extension to complete the project. "I think if I knew what I was doing more, I would be more comfortable with the (weaving) process," she said.

## Features Briefs

### Students receive journalism awards

Western students and alumni received 15 awards in the 2002 Society of Professional Journalists' regional Mark of Excellence competition.

The College Heights Herald was named Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper. Louisville senior Brian Moore was the spring 2002 editor. Caroline Lynch, a 2002 December graduate from Louisville, was editor for the fall 2002 semester.

Writing award winners were Lynch, first place in editorial writing; Kyle Tucker, a senior from Clarksville, Tenn., first place in sports column writing; Paducah junior Kyle Hightower, second place in sports column writing; Louisville senior Rex Hall Jr., third place in spot-news reporting; Bowling Green alumnus Taylor Loyal, third place in general news reporting; Bowling Green senior Dave Shinall, second place in in-depth reporting and second place in non-fiction magazine article; J. Michael Moore, a sophomore from Franklin, Tenn., tied for second place

in sports writing with Louisville alumnus Ryan Clark.

Photography award winners were: Thomas Cordy, a senior from Stevens Point, Wis., first place in spot news; Robyn Larsen, an alumna from Idaho Falls, Idaho, second place in spot news; Henrik Edsenius, a senior from Nybro, Sweden, third place in photo illustration; H. Rick Mach, a senior from Sterling, Va., first place in photo illustration; and Cassandra Shie, an alumna from Sterling, Va., second place in photo illustration.

The competition featured universities in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. First-place winners go on to compete in the national SPJ competition. Awards will be given out at its national convention in September in Tampa, Fla.

### Public television goes digital

WKYU-TV will launch its digital public television service today at noon. Starting tomorrow, the digital service will sign on daily at 8 a.m. The signal will broadcast to 11 counties sur-

rounding Bowling Green.

The digital service upgrade is required by the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC requires all public TV stations to offer a digital broadcast by today's deadline.

WKYU-TV is the only public television station in Kentucky operated by a university. Costs for the first phase of the digital service totaled more than \$492,700. It was funded by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Western paid \$157,000 toward the upgrade.

### New GIS technology at Western

The department of geography and geology received a new technology device that will allow it to study and analyze the geology of an area better. The Digital Vectorized Geologic Quadrangle series studies rock types and structures. It will be used to improve the quality of Kentucky's drinking water.

The Hoffman Institute and Center for Water Resource Studies will help foot the costs.

— Josh Coffman

# The Department of Music Salutes Musicians of Honor

## Kentucky Music Educators Association Intercollegiate Choir

*Katherine Alvey*  
*Derek Crafton Aundrey Ligon*

## Kentucky Music Educators Association Intercollegiate Band

*Charlie Abston*  
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*Phillip Kent*  
*Tyler Rice*  
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*Emily Wells*  
*Matthew Carmichael*  
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*Jamie Rone*  
*Destiny Smith*

## Amanda Biggs

National Association of Teachers of Singing Competitions  
First Place: Kentucky  
Second Place: Mid-South Regional

## Jessica Carmichael

Third Place: Flute Society of Kentucky Regional Competition

## Matthew Carmichael

2003 Yamaha Young Saxophone Artist in America

## Brandon Jones

Second Place: International Tuba/Euphonium Conference





Horse racing

# DERBY: Two students on Royal Court

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wheel would stop, deciding who would be the next Derby Queen. "It's funny," DeSensi said. "The wheel kind of stopped, rocked one way, then the other way, then back in the opposite direction."

DeSensi said that she couldn't see where the wheel stopped.

"I expected the other person had won, so I was shocked," she said. "I was just lucky."

### Queen mother

If DeSensi is the queen, then Susan Smith is the queen mother.

During the Pegasus Parade preview, Smith, vice president of Fillies Inc., stood by the float watching the princesses wave to the crowd.

"Everywhere they go, I go," said Smith, who acts as a chaperone. "That's my job as vice president of the Fillies."

Smith has grown close to the young women during the time they've spent together.

"I've had five adopted daughters since December," she said. "I'm really going to miss them."

### The life of a princess

In the weeks between the Fillies Ball and the Derby, the princesses will have made nearly 70 appearances at various Derby events.

Although some events are optional, they've made an effort



Louisville senior Rebecca DeSensi waves to passersby on the float she was sitting on Tuesday at the Derby Festival in the Louisville Convention Center.

Henrik Edsenius/Herald

to attend each one, Smith said.

On the day of the Pegasus Parade Preview, the five women had been running on only three hours of sleep.

Although the dark circles under their eyes sometimes leave the princesses looking a little drained beneath their smiles and makeup, the young women don't seem to mind the long day.

"Once we get our second

wind, we're fine," DeSensi said. "It's not like this is a pain. It's fun, and that makes it easier to do."

As they stepped off the float, the princesses were mobbed by a swarm of children seeking autographs.

"It's the kids that make it great," DeSensi said. "I want to keep a smile on my face to make the kids happier."

Four hours later the princesses were ready to leave.

Their day was over, but they knew that another long day of Derby events awaited them tomorrow. Still, they left the convention center laughing, enjoying the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity they've been given.

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# Events scheduled for Derby weekend

By JOCELYN ROBINSON  
Herald reporter

Some call the Kentucky Derby the most exciting two minutes in sports.

This Saturday 150,000 people at Louisville's Churchill Downs will find out for themselves if this is true.

But the race isn't the only thing going on in Louisville this week.

The annual Kentucky Oaks filly race is run the day before the Derby. In recent years, crowds have become so large that they are second only to those at the Kentucky Derby.

For those not interested in horse racing, there are a variety of other events going on the two days before Derby.

The annual Pegasus Parade starts at 5 tonight. The parade winds through downtown Louisville and features floats, marching bands, giant inflatable balloons and horses.

The Pegasus Parade is one of the oldest traditions of the Kentucky Derby Festival,

which began in 1956.

Other events include a student art contest at ArtSparks and performances by The Knack, Midnight Star and the Muckrakers at the Derby Festival Chow Wagons.

The Festival was formed by a group of businessmen who thought that the weeks leading up to the Derby needed more excitement.

"A lot of people were coming in Friday or Saturday, watch(ing) the Derby and then leav(ing)," said Mark Shallcross, communications manager of the Kentucky Derby Festival. "The first parade was in 1956, and over the course of the years, they added more events."

Oaks will be held at 5:43 p.m. EDT Friday at Churchill Downs.

The Kentucky Derby, also at Churchill Downs, will begin at 6:04 p.m. EDT Saturday.

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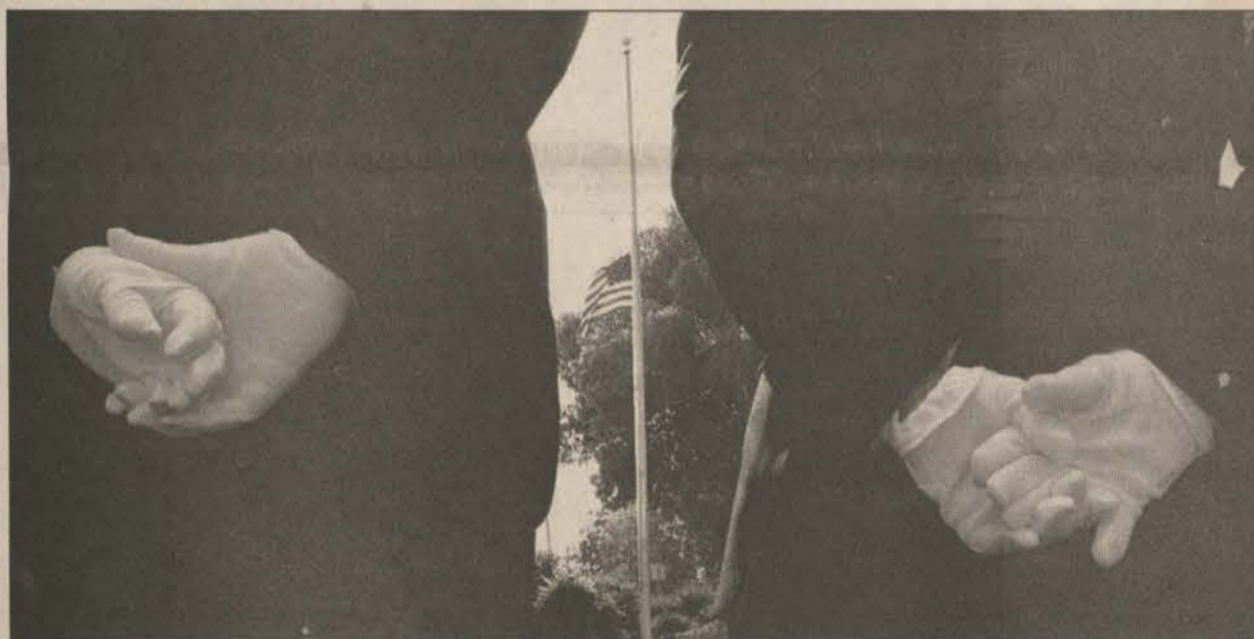
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# A Year in PICTURES

Great photographs from the past year



*Henrik Edsenius/Herald*  
**Andy Lambirth, of Knoblick, brings home the biggest trophy of his life — a 246-pound deer — as he backs out of Rigdon's Taxidermy parking lot in Cave City.**



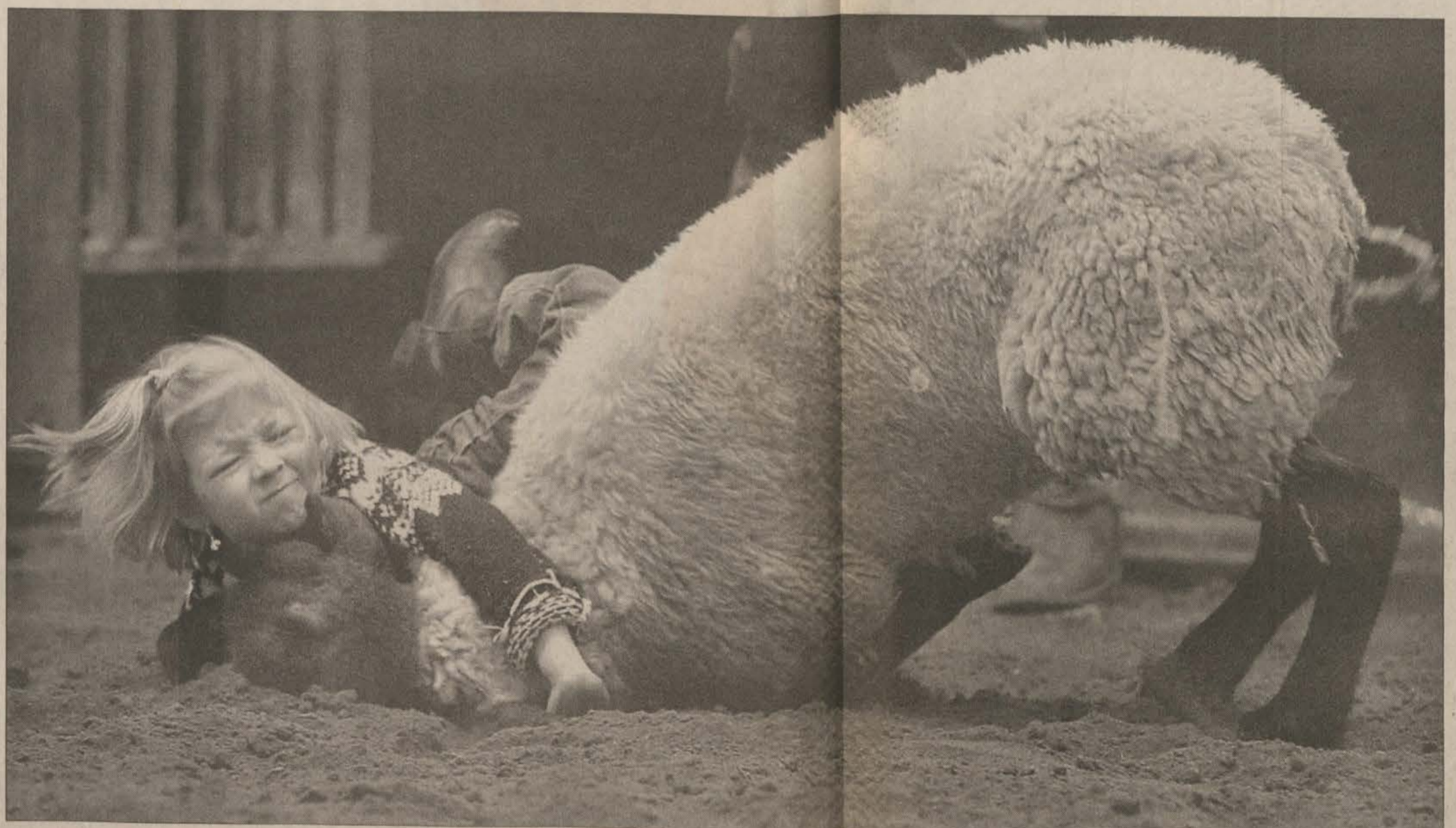
*Rodrick Reidsma/Herald*  
**Members of the Bowling Green Fire Department and Police Department face the flag at a memorial service at the Moltenberry Fire Station on Sept. 11, 2002.**



**Louisville senior Laquetta Shepard protests against the Ku Klux Klan while they say a prayer. "They have freedom of speech, and I have freedom of going wherever I want to go," Shepard says.**



*Price Chambers/Herald*  
**Ca'Linda Stuart, a Smiths Grove freshman and single mother, plays with her 11-month-old daughter Saliya one morning before classes.**



*Brian Liddy/Herald*  
**Cookie Barow, a 5-year-old from Auburn, holds on to the sheep as she was riding after the animal tripped coming out of the gates. Sheep riding, or mutton busting, was part of the program that allowed children from the audience to participate in competition at the Lone Star Rodeo Company's 2003 Outlaw Tour on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Agricultural Exposition Center.**

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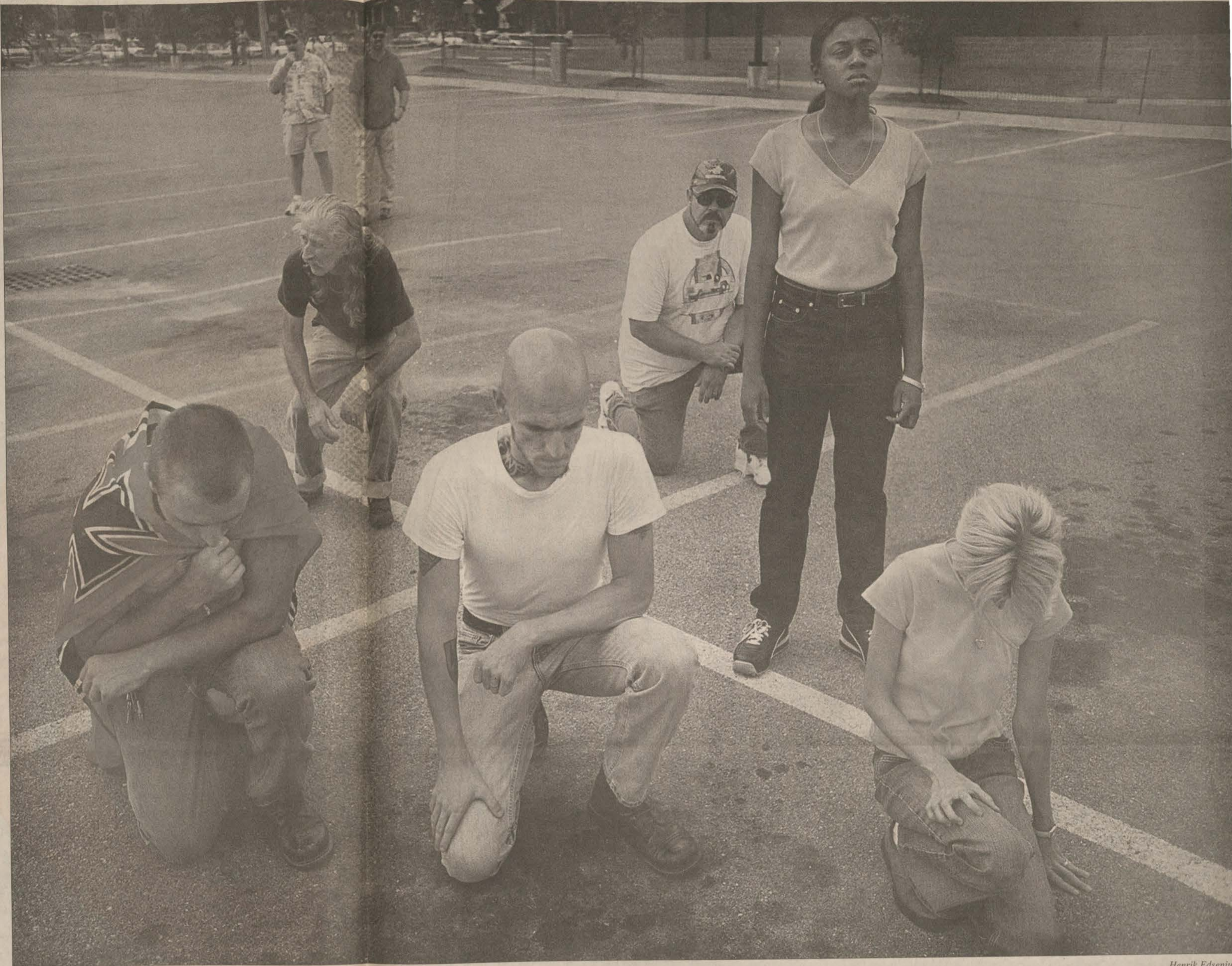
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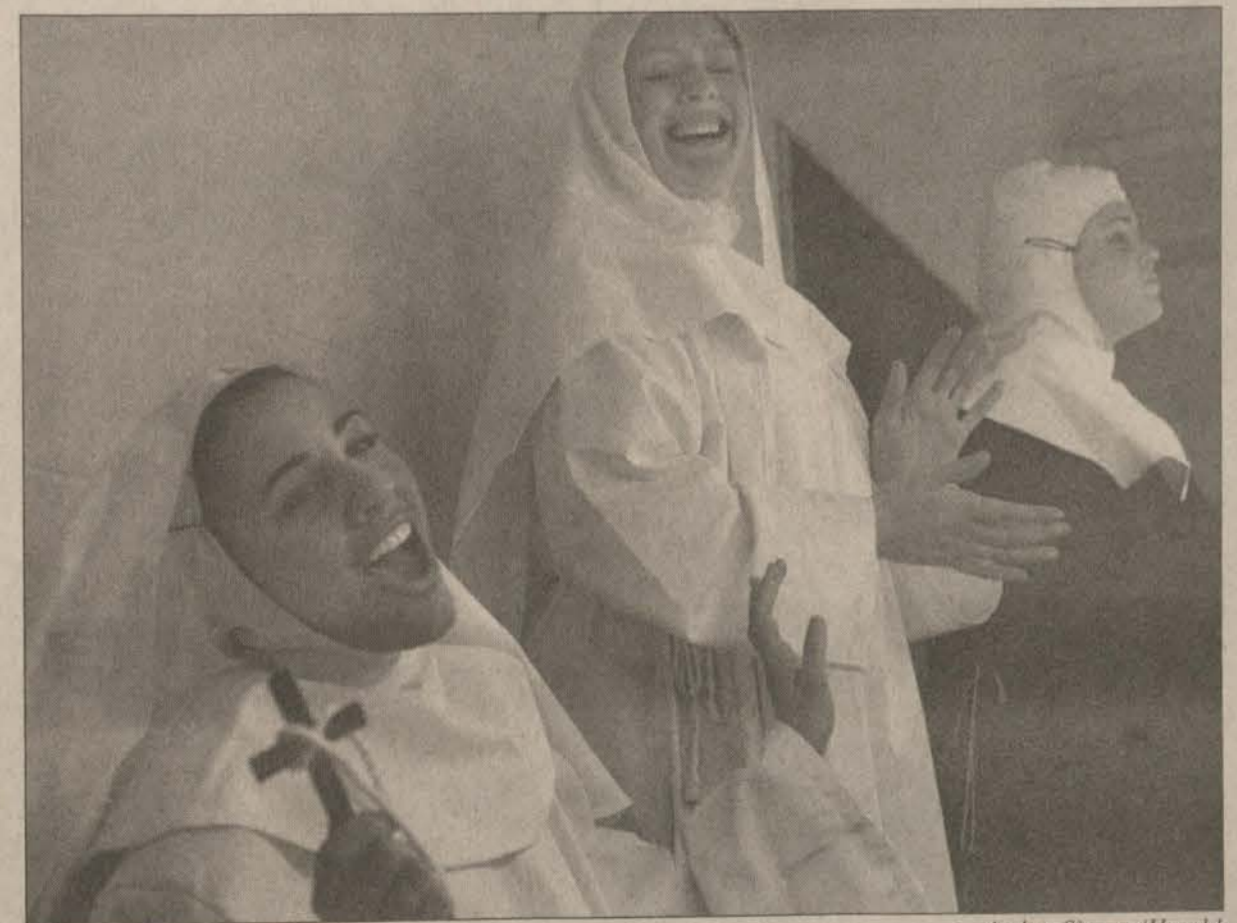


Louisville senior Laquetta Shepard protests against the Ku Klux Klan while they say a prayer. "They have freedom of speech, and I have freedom of going wherever I want to go," Shepard said. "So I went to their side of the fence."

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Cookie Barow, a 5-year-old from Auburn, holds on to the sheep she was riding after the animal tripped coming out of the gates. Sheep riding, or mutton busting, was part of the program that allowed children from the audience to participate in competition at the Lone Star Rodeo Company's 2003 Outlaw Tour on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Agricultural Exposition Center.



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"The opera has been a great experience," Radcliff junior Rebecca Uhey said. "And with the costumes, how can you resist singing 'Sister Act' in the dressing room?" They warm up backstage for the opera "Suor Angelica" with Valerie Cole, a sophomore from Brownsburg, Ind., while Louisville junior Margo Wooldridge checks her costume and make up.

Commencement

# Western to honor former students

By **JOSH COFFMAN**  
Herald reporter

It's hard to imagine a folk musician as a doctor. But on May 10, that will be the case.

Western will honor folk musician Eddie Pennington along with businessman and philanthropist Raymond B. Preston during commencement on May 10. Both will receive honorary doctorates from the school.

Provost Barbara Burch, who is the head of the selection committee, spoke highly of the two recipients.

"I think they're just superb," she said. "They're extraordinary people. We're so proud we're having them come."

### Eddie Pennington

Pennington is a nationally recognized folk artist from Princeton. Thumb picking, the style of music he plays, originated near his Muhlenberg County home. He won national contests twice in the 1980s. His guitar

playing is regularly featured at concerts and festivals held at Western.

"I've received national awards before," Pennington said. "But the ones you receive from home are always closer to the heart."

Folk studies professor Erika Brady nominated Pennington for the award.

"Eddie's brought national and international attention to Western Kentucky," she said. "He's maintained a warm and helpful relationship with the university."

Enrolled as an undergraduate in 1975, Pennington had to withdraw for financial reasons. He said he looks forward to returning.

"I look forward to seeing some friends," Pennington said. "Western is like home for me. It's always nice to go home."

His daughter, Mary, is a freshman at Western. She said she's proud of her dad.

"He's so excited, and I'm excited for him," she said. "I think it's neat they want to give

it to him. I'm proud of him."

Brady said she found a bit of irony in Pennington's story.

"He came here wanting to be a doctor," she said. "I think it's fitting that he shall finally achieve that — maybe not the way he expected, but the life of a musician is full of surprises."

### Raymond B. Preston

Preston, an alumnus, is best known by students for the health center named in his honor. The intramural sports complex is named after his wife, Hattie, whom he met while attending Western.

Western is honoring Preston, a former member of the Board of Regents, for his dedication to the school and for his public service.

"I'm very proud of Western as an institution — very proud of graduating from there," Preston said. "It's always a pleasure getting back."

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Music

# Five divas to perform tonight

By **LINDSEY REED**  
Herald reporter

The voices of five women will echo everything from country to pop at Downing University Center Theatre tonight during "Night with a Diva."

The musical performances will begin at 8 p.m.

The women will be showcasing tunes from musical genres such as pop, country, jazz, modern opera and contemporary Christian, said Scott Taylor, director of Student Activity, Organization and Leadership.

Taylor said "Night with a Diva" will be different from most musical events because it is not a competition.

"It really is going to be a low stress event," Taylor said. "People are just showcasing talent."

Taylor selected the participants based on some of his experiences judging musical competitions and pageants. He also had

help from Western's music department.

"We're doing this just to see some local talent," Taylor said.

He said that he was fascinated after hearing some of the students' voices that will be a part of tonight's event.

The event will include performances by Hopkinsville senior Melanie Kington, Mayfield sophomore Jaclyn Graves, Morgantown freshman Shera Lawrence, Greenwood High School senior Jacqueline Adams and Bowling Green High School senior Hannah Somers.

"It has an attractive appeal, in that, these are very talented singers in very diverse types of music," Taylor said.

The group will begin the show by performing their rendition of "Proud Mary."

Lawrence will be singing "Hero" by Mariah Carey and "There You'll Be" by Faith Hill. Lawrence said she's no

stranger to performing.

"I used to sing in church as a little girl, and I used to sing the national anthem at school events," Lawrence said.

She said she is happy tonight's event won't be judged.

"You don't have the feeling of nervousness," she said. "It's more fun that way."

Graves will be performing "Can't Fight the Moonlight" by LeAnn Rimes and "I Turn to You" by Christina Aguilera.

Like Lawrence, Graves said she is happy that this event is just for entertainment.

Taylor said he hopes to continue this type of event next fall.


"We're going to try because there is enough talent on this campus," he said.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$3 or for \$5 at the door.

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- ✓ Angela Davis
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- ✓ Make 'em Snap 1
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Welcome Back Bash - August 22

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Look For More Great Events To Come!



Student group

# 'Alive' provides Christian ministry

BY MARLENE BRUEGGEMANN  
Herald reporter

Sometimes a student's faith in God doesn't survive the transition from high school to college, but two Western students are trying to help future generations make that transition.

Nashville sophomore John Fisher and Eubank sophomore Matt Haste are the founders of Alive, a Christian ministry for high school students that is completely run by college students.

Haste said he and Fisher came up with the idea for Alive after they did an internship for a youth group at Forest Park Baptist Church in Bowling Green last year.

Fisher said, after the internship, he and Haste were looking to get involved further with high school students.

"We still wanted to be involved with Warren County youth," he said.

Haste and Fisher said they were both separately thinking about forming the ministry over the summer, and both came up with a similar idea.

"We hadn't talked about it over the summer," Haste said. "It was amazing to see that we were thinking along the same lines."

Haste said it is easier to maintain a good relationship with God when one is still in high school, with a familiar surrounding, where family and friends play a guiding role.

But it is getting harder when students go to college, Haste said, when they are more separated from those influences.

"We wanted to show that college isn't necessarily just partying, drinking, studying and classes," Haste said. "It is time to discover yourself."

Nashville sophomore Rachel Duke was involved with Alive from its beginning and said it is a useful activity.

"It is important to me be-

cause I think it helps kids find a solid foundation with their faith before they come to college," Duke said.

### Beginning 'Freedom'

Haste and Fisher picked the name and the slogan "Dead To Sin" after a Bible verse, Romans 6:11, that states that people are alive to God through Christ.

"To sum it up in one word — it's freedom," Haste said. "The concept is comfort. Human as we are, we all make mistakes, and you don't have to live with the burden of your mistakes."

Haste said shortly after the beginning of the fall 2002 semester, he and Fisher started a team with Duke, Gallatin sophomore Sabrina Green and Shepherdsville senior Jeffrey Crady and started planning services and activities.

**"I think it helps kids find a solid foundation with their faith before they come to college."**

— Rachel Duke  
Nashville sophomore

Even as a founder, Fisher is careful not to credit their work too much.

"God gave us the vision, the names and the phone numbers and told us to make the calls," Fisher said.

Haste said they began calling several high schools to find a place to hold services. The group held services at various high schools and churches.

The first Alive service took place on Oct. 17, 2002. Haste said after they got the ministry's name out to the schools, more and more people got involved.

Sarah Blakeman, an English teacher at Greenwood High School, said she received a call from Haste. Alive held a service at Greenwood, and several of her students attend the services.

Blakeman said the organization gives high school students the possibility to come together because it is not limited to students from just one high school.

She said she has attended about half of the services and has received a positive response

from her students.

"They can come and hold each other accountable, build each other up and encourage one another," Blakeman said. "And they go because they want to be there."

Students like Bowling Green High School junior Sarah Beth Borders appreciate the new ministry. Borders said she learned about the group when Haste and Fisher came to her school.

She said she attends the service regularly and that Alive will provide a good transition for her when she starts college.

"It's awesome because it is so God-centered," Borders said. "I just like the overall ministry and the opportunity to bring my non-Christian friends to it."

### Looking toward the future

Haste said the group plans on getting more involved with students on an individual basis and spending time together on the weekends.

Besides getting its own Web site, [www.aliveministry.org](http://www.aliveministry.org), the ministry is applying to become a nonprofit organization.

Haste said that his friends are supportive and encouraging of Alive. But he has also been told that God has no place on a college campus.

"This is America, and they are entitled to their own opinion, and I fully respect their right to think whatever they might think," Haste said. "I also respect my own right to think what I think."

The final service of the semester will be held at 7 p.m. today at the fine arts center colonnade and is open to college students. It's a chance for the high school students to see how students like Fisher live the Christian life.

"We have been telling high school students about Christianity in college," Fisher said. "We'd like to show them this week."

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Performance

# 'Art' to feature Western instructors

## Students enjoy Broadway play

BY CATHERINE DAMRON  
Herald reporter

Western theatre students had a chance to see their instructors apply what was taught all semester.

Public Theatre of Kentucky's production of the Broadway play "Art" features three members of Western's theatre and dance department — department head Scott Stroot, theatre professor David Young and former department head Bill Leonard.

Bowling Green senior Will Miller, a theatre student, said he enjoyed getting to see his teachers in a production.

"The production quality was top-notch, and it's good for students to see their professors in action," Miller said. "They prove the methods they teach in the classroom. You never really see their true humor until they're on the stage."

Miller said these methods include different ways of preparing for character roles and organizing thoughts on how to act in a given role.

"You don't really realize how it works until you see it for yourself," he said.

Delia Brown, producing director for PTK, said Leonard came up with the

idea of doing "Art" last year and has been successful so far.

"They are perfect for the roles they're playing," Brown said.

"Art" is a farce on the modern art movement. Stroot's character, Serge, purchases a white canvas for \$200,000, but argues he sees more than just a shade of white.

This causes a conflict with Leonard's character, Marc, who doesn't understand why his friend would pay so much money for a white canvas. Young's character, Yvan, provides the comic relief. These events start to put tension on the men's friendships.

Stroot said he had a blast working with Young and Leonard.

"It was Dr. Leonard's idea to do this. He's my predecessor, and he's really been putting everything together," Stroot said. "Lots of students work down there, and it's an added incentive for them to see us."

One of those students is Bowling Green senior Chris Hill, who is the master electrician for the play.

"I've had all of these professors for different classes, and it's neat to see them outside of the classroom and on the stage," Hill said. "I think it's a really good play."

Leonard is in optional retirement. He now teaches

two classes at Western. "Working with (Stroot and Young) is a joy," he said. "Working with people on a high level raises the play to a high level."

Young agrees that acting in the play has been a good opportunity.

"Bill and Scott have been great to work with. No problems or frictions," Young said. "It's really been quite pleasant and comfortable."

"It's been a lot of work in a short amount of time, but they're good and they know what they're doing."

Kate McFarland, the play's stage manager, said the cast and crew put in about 25 hours of work weekly during the first three weeks of rehearsal, and 30 hours during the week before opening night.

"It has been a lot of work, but I've really enjoyed it," she said.

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### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** "Art"  
**WHEN:** Thursday through Sunday until May 11. Thursday through Saturday performances start at 8 p.m., Sunday performances start at 3 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Public Theatre of Kentucky, Morris Alley  
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English associate professor Nancy Roberts reads a few of her poems to her Creative Writing class to show how using one's own experiences can make for good writing.

**Personality**

## Roberts looks to life for inspiration

BY LINDSAY SAINLAR  
Herald reporter

Sitting behind a small wooden desk in Cherry Hall, English associate professor Nancy Roberts encouraged students in her Wednesday night Fiction Writing class to incorporate their own personal experiences into their short stories.

"You folks need to trust your own lives," Roberts said while swinging her arms emphatically. "Your lives are so interesting."

If experience oozes good story ideas, Roberts, who has taught creative writing at Western since 1996, has more than her share to write about.

### Traveling around

Roberts was born on April 9, 1941 in Mill Valley, Calif. and spent most of her childhood living the life of a nomad. Her father was stationed in the army in Tennessee and was relocated several times. She lived in places all over the world, from Washington D.C. to Germany.

Like most children, Roberts had many positive and negative experiences in her youth, but she looks back fondly at them all.

"It's safe to say every single experience, in terms of adventures or emotional, good or bad, is great because I can use that in my writing," Roberts said. "Especially my mistakes."

Roberts said the absolute happiest time in her childhood occurred in the years she attended a country school in northern Wisconsin.

"It was the first time a teacher liked me," Roberts said. She said other teachers grew frustrated with her drawing pictures in class and her inability to pay attention.

"I wrote poems all the time," Roberts said. "And teachers would send home notes that read, 'Nancy doesn't apply herself.'"

### Traveling on her own

Unlike some of her fellow graduates at Bethesda High School in Maryland, Roberts wasn't given the opportunity to go to college.

Roberts' father, who she said was old-fashioned about women, didn't believe that women should attend college. Instead of starting college, she moved to the Philippines with her family.

Eventually, Roberts said her mother persuaded her father to let her attend college for one year. It was her free pass to leave the Philippines.

She went to a college in Illinois. But Roberts, who said she was "ill-suited" and emotionally unfit for the challenges of college, failed out after one semester.

"That's why, when I see students flunking out, I think 'Maybe they just aren't ready,'"

she said.

After flunking out of school, Roberts did some more traveling—but this time not as an army brat.

After living in Canada and Long Island, Roberts ended up in New York City in 1964 with a job as a secretary at Macmillan Publishing House. She said she felt the job could lead to greater opportunities.

"I figured since I was a good writer, I could ask for more work and show them what I could do," Roberts said.

Due to the exaggerated male domination in her childhood, Roberts said she became fanatic about women's rights and wrote a book about eliminating sexism and racism in textbooks.

She wrote the book "Positive Guidelines for Creating Positive Sexual and Racial Images in Educational Material" to make people aware of subtle examples and uses of language that were discriminatory.

She pointed out that, in math books, women were portrayed as either sewing or grocery shopping while men played sports and solved word problems. She also founded a women's group at Macmillan to make the company more aware of women who were not being treated fairly or given the chance to perform to their maximum ability.

Roberts did all this without a college degree.

### New places, new experiences

After 10 years, Roberts left New York and moved to Oregon. In an attempt to rediscover herself and find a new place to live, Roberts hopped on a Greyhound bus that led her west to Salt Lake City.

She went back to school during the early 1980s at the University of Utah to study creative writing.

This time around, she succeeded in her studies. Roberts finished her undergraduate studies in two years and got a teaching assistantship to pay for her graduate schooling at Utah. She taught English composition, creative writing and women's studies. She graduated in 1986.

Upon leaving Utah, Roberts taught for a semester at Wichita State University as a visiting writer and later at the University of Illinois for seven years before arriving in Bowling Green.

Roberts said ending up at Western turned out to be one of the best things that could have happened to her.

"I'm just in love with the students," Roberts said with a smile and a nod. "The talent is awesome here, and in many ways, I feel fortunate."

Roberts said the negative experiences in her schooling have affected the way she

teaches.

"It makes me more understanding of the nature of creative students who can't always play by the rules," she said.

Roberts said she believes gifted students often have to go through a struggle before they can blossom.

Danville junior Claudette Johnson said Roberts is an encouraging professor.

"I haven't had many English teachers with anything positive to say, and I'm an English major," Johnson said.

Of all the professors she's had, Johnson said Roberts is one of the few who has encouraged her writing.

### Roberts' writing: 'gorgeous'

Unlike her childhood days when people condemned her for writing poetry, people now have an interest in what Roberts writes.

While she was at Utah, Roberts entered an early version of her short story collection in the Utah Arts Council competition and won. These short stories were later published in her 1987 anthology titled, "Women and Other Bodies of Water."

Roberts said the judge told her that she wanted to reward the "recklessness" in her writing because it "was charged with electricity."

In the mid 1990s, Roberts placed second in the Associated Writing Program competition for her novel "Deep Water Moon." She was the first novelist to be chosen in 10 years.

Roberts has been trying hard to get "Deep Water Moon" published, but she said it is difficult to get a literary novel published.

"I kind of know my work must be good, though," Roberts said. "It's been validated."

She has had numerous short stories published in various journals, such as the Gettysburg Review, the North American Review and Ploughshares.

Her colleagues at Western, like English professor Dale Rigby, think highly of Roberts' work.

"Her language is gorgeous," Rigby said. "The meaning of her stories is more beneath the surface in her."

He said it's the images and carefully chosen words that make her writing "gorgeous."

"When I think of Nancy, it's how she blooms when she's up in front reading her stories," Rigby said. "It's where she's meant to be. Her face just explodes into sunshine."

Roberts has led an eventful life, a life full of stories begging to be shared.

But using life experiences isn't the only way to be a good writer.

"You don't need a lot of experiences," Roberts said. "You just need to look at what you experienced well."

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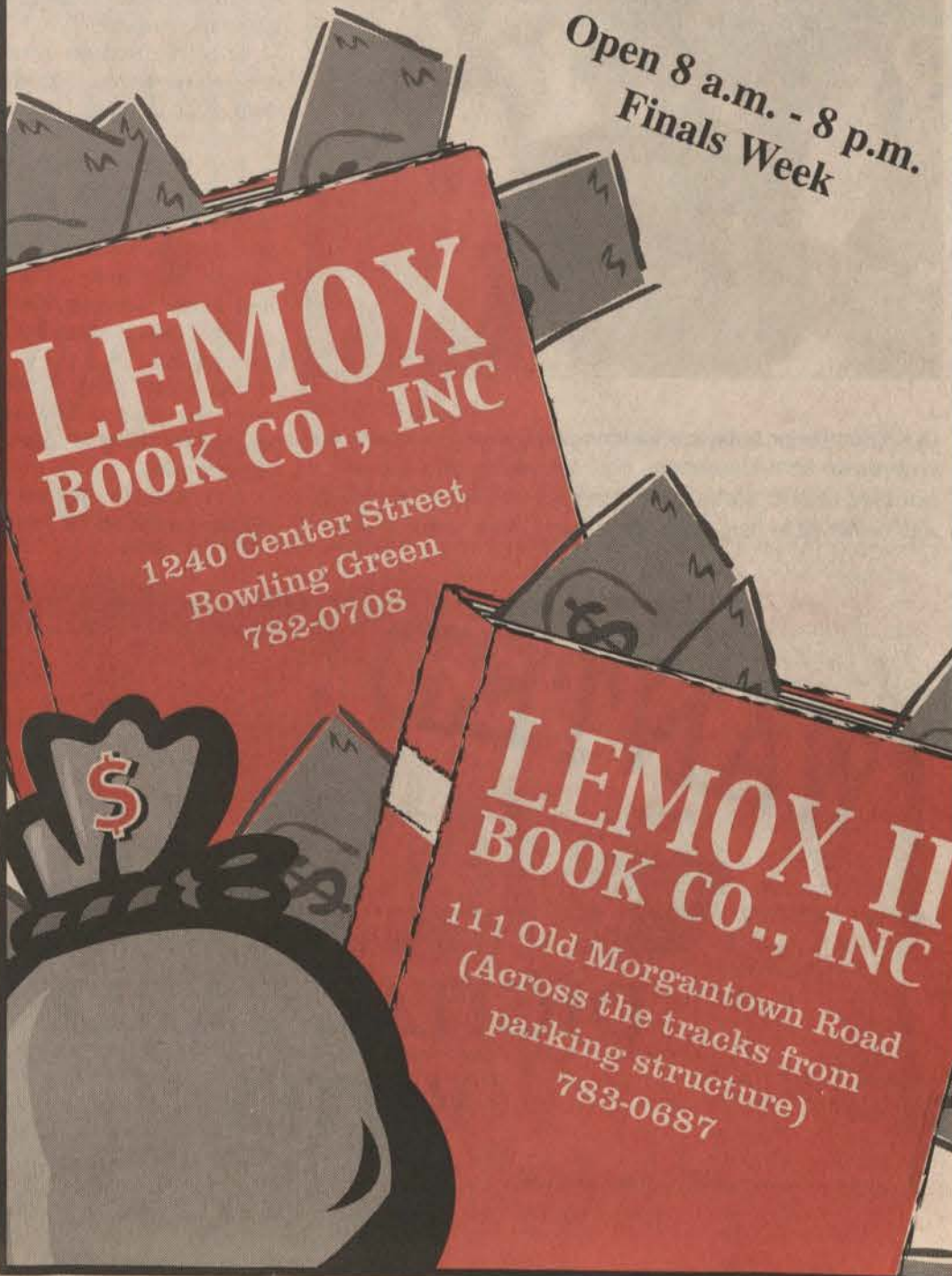
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## STRESS BUSTERS

## Yoga, music, exercise take away finals week tension

BY MEGAN ENGLE  
Herald reporter

Finals week...  
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STRESS!

Studying may be the key to success on exams, but for most students, this key may cause mounds of stress.

Psychology professor Richard Miller said stress is a physical reaction of the body due to some kind of real or imagined demand.

"Some of the biggest stress for students is the worries for upcoming exams," Miller said. "And the easiest thing that they can do is be proactive by preparing in advance for final exams."

He said trying to work early on assignments helps students to perform better and also allows students to lose the stress.

## Yoga

One stress reliever that seems to be popular is yoga.

Beverly Veenker, associate professor of dance and owner of the Yoga Center, said that yoga is her No. 1 choice to relieve stress.

"It's the kind of rest which is almost deeper than sleep," Veenker said. "It has to do with keeping your focus and keeping your breath. It's not just a condition of the body, it's to bring balance to your body, to bring balance to your life."

Veenker said students aren't the only ones affected during finals week, but faculty are as well.

"I'm old enough, for one thing, (that) I found out how important it is to find some time to myself," she said.

Veenker said that when people are under a lot of stress, the best way to relieve that stress is to simply breathe.

"Breathing means using energy," she said. "And if they actually sit quietly and take a few moments to just do slow, deep breathing, it will help to clear their mind, which will slow down their pulse rate and ease all the nasty feelings in their stomach."

Lexington freshman Erin Klim took yoga this year from Veenker and said she knew it was going to be her favorite class just after the second day.

"The breathing techniques and the positions that you take helps to relieve your stress throughout your day and during classes," Klim said.

Klim said her favorite position is the "child's pose."

"If you're getting really stressed, take time for yourself to relax," Klim said. "Don't think about what you're doing at the time. Just think about



Brian Leddy/Herald

Berea freshmen Mary Wolford and Bonnie King share a laugh after having a waterfight at Stresstivus on the DUC North Lawn. Stresstivus was put on by the WKU Health Services and was a de-stressing event with stress kits, stress balls and a dunking tank.

yourself and your body."

But yoga isn't the only stress reliever that she uses. Klim also relieves stress by dancing in the studio, freestyle dancing in her room and watching childhood movies.

## Other options

While yoga is one way to relieve stress, there are other options that students prefer.

Cox Creek sophomore Dereck Keeling said he listens to music when he is stressed.

"I listen to soothing music like Michael W. Smith, Rachael Lampa, anything contemporary Christian," he said. "It's soothing to the mind and soul."

One technique that he said never seems to fail is prayer.

A massage is another way to relieve stress.

Certified massage therapist Christie

Miller said she gets a massage once a week.

"Different people hold their stress at different places and at different levels," she said.

Christie Miller explained that there are many stress pressure points where muscles may tense up and cause pain.

She suggests students get a massage to relieve tension in the head, neck and shoulder area, where most tension is built up while studying or looking at a computer.

"If they have time to get a massage, that would be great because the massage will rejuvenate you," she said.

Christie Miller said if you don't have 30 minutes or an hour to get a massage, the Preston Center offers a chair massage where you sit clothed. She said the massage can last about 10 or 15 minutes, however long the person needs.

Appointments can be made Monday through Friday. Students receive a dis-

counted rate at \$15 for 30 minutes and \$25 for an hour. For faculty and staff, the cost is \$25 for 30 minutes and \$40 for an hour.

"If I'm working on something that has me in a lot of stress, I will take a period of time to get me away from whatever is causing me stress," Richard Miller said. "Not a long period of time. Five or ten minutes."

He explained that when stress comes his way, he tends to exercise.

Owensboro freshman Erika Brown said exercise is a way she relieves stress that helps to keep her healthy in the long run.

"You just overall feel good because you have that energy," she said. "It's a great stress reliever that boosts my energy and gives me self-confidence. And what can it hurt?"

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## Finals Week Hours

- ◆ Library: 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- ◆ Newman Center: Open 24 hours
- ◆ Java City: 9 a.m. to 12 a.m., 10 a.m. to 12 a.m., free cookies
- ◆ DUC fourth floor: Monday through Thursday, open until 11 p.m., free food and drinks
- ◆ "REDZ Finals Stress Breaks": Tuesday on the fourth floor of DUC. Free pizza and drinks; bowling and pool \$1 per hour; free ping pong and a band
- ◆ DUC room 310 is reserved for studying, and the top floor is quiet area.

## Dunking booth among highlights at Stresstivus festival



Brian Leddy/Herald

Lexington junior Antwon Pinkston and Darius McCrimon, a sophomore from Kissimmee, Fla., enjoyed the Stresstivus activities at DUC North Lawn yesterday afternoon. The event was designed to help students relieve stress before finals.

BY HOLLAN HOLM  
Herald reporter

Western students got a shot at relieving their finals-season pressure yesterday.

Over 180 students attended the second annual Stresstivus held on the Downing University Center's North Lawn.

Health Education Coordinator Kathryn Steward said the purpose of the event was to give students a chance to have fun and relax during a stressful time in their semester. The last month of class is "crunch time," Steward said.

"So many times, students don't take time to unwind ... they get bogged down," Steward said.

A big draw for students was the dunking booth. It featured

administrators, coaches, staff and faculty like President Gary Ransdell, head football coach David Elson, head swim team coach Bill Powell and parking enforcement officer Karen Thurman.

Each dunker sat in the booth for 30-minute shifts as passers-by took turns heaving softballs at a white circle to knock them in the water. There was no charge for anyone to throw.

Thurman, who writes parking tickets for the campus police, took her turn in the booth out of love.

"I love my job and love the university," Thurman said. "I was glad to try something new one time, and this was it."

At least one of the participants throwing at her had a motive other than love.

"The last guy dunked me four times and he had gotten four parking tickets," Thurman said.

Some dunkees got off easier than Thurman. Ransdell spent 15 minutes in the booth without getting dunked.

"I was starting to get a little cocky," Ransdell said. "I was wondering if we had any arms on this campus or not."

At the end of his time, Ransdell had been dunked four times.

Graduate student Sreeram Prashanth from Hyderabad, India was the first to dunk him.

"It's been fun," Prashanth said.

But Prashanth didn't need too much de-stressing because he said he's "kind of a cool

guy." The event was sponsored by Health Services and Topper-Well, a student organization committed to health education.

In addition to the dunking booth, students had other opportunities to blow off steam. Coloring books, modeling clay and even the toy boxing game "Rock 'Em, Sock 'Em Robots" sat on tables for students to play.

Florence graduate student Bridget Trame came to dunk her psychology professor.

"No extra credit. This is sheer pleasure," Trame said. "It's nice being able to soak your professor."

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