



Student Government Association

REFLECTIONS ON FRANKFORT RALLY

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Classes missed (no. and title) Professor's name
Architectural Drafting

After a very exciting, energizing and educational experience at the Capitol Building of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, you are beginning to wrap your head around the inner workings of our state government and how it functions.

1. How do you feel that you impacted this state crisis? What difference did you participating in this rally make?
2. What was the most memorable/important part of the experience you had as a participant in this rally?
3. How/where have you acquired the knowledge and skills that are most important for you, as students, to be able to influence the workings of government and the influence the decisions made?
4. What suggestions do you have (for the university and its faculty) that will better prepare you to be effective participants in shaping and influencing political decisions?
5. What could have been done to make your day more effective or productive?

Each participant will be expected to complete this 'reflections' paper. A copy of it should be given to the SGA Vice President before leaving the bus when you return to campus. A copy of your paper will also be provided to each faculty member whose class you missed to participate in the rally.

1) I do believe that, regardless of personal participation, the sheer number of students has had an impact. I can count myself among them
2) It showed me the chaos involved in trying to cover even a small press event such as this
3) I get most of my political motivation from my good friends in the SGA and many others. They have definitely convinced me to look deeper into issues and take an interest in politics.
4) It all starts with the SGA. They are the most direct connection ~~between~~ between students and politics. They, along with various other students can pave the way to political action for the rest

of the university. As far as I know Western has taken the lead as Kentucky's politically active campus. This is almost solely due to our exceptional student leadership.

I must also mention the exceptional journalism program in being a catalyst for student action. The journalists and ~~photo~~ photojournalists are the eyes and ears of the campus. They definitely help spread awareness.

5) As a journalist I felt my day was fairly productive. Of course I'd rather the rally involve more negotiation between students and legislators than what amounted to a political pep rally.

What is needed is an open forum between concerned parties. Furthermore, I ~~was~~ was disappointed that the governor seemed to lay the burden of finding a solution to the budget problem ~~on~~ on the students. That is not ~~our~~ our job.