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It was the year that proved to be...

TRULY GRIFFON



Missi Smith

These flutists attempt to stay aligned with other members of the Golden Griffon Marching Band. The band provided half-time entertainment for all home football games as well as participating in the Homecoming parade.

The legacy of the Griffon began in ancient Greece where, according to mythology, the creature came into being. With the body of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle, the Griffon, the guardian of treasures, stood watch at the doorstep of Zeus.

Thousands of years later, the Griffon has come to embody much more to Missouri Western State College. Chosen because of its history, the Griffon was to guard the most sacred treasure of all: education.

In 1995, the Griffon tradition was alive and apparent in all aspects of life at Missouri Western. On the job, in the classroom, or on the playing field, the Truly Griffon spirit surfaced again and again.

When the year began, few could imagine the roller coaster of highs and lows that would become the 1995-96 school year.

Changes in the athletic department posed new challenges for coaches and players. With the head

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MWSC cheerleader April Spear demonstrates her Griffon spirit during a home football game in Spratt Memorial Stadium. Sporting events brought out True Griffon athletes as well as fans.

The Fred Eder Student Services/Classroom Building is the background for the new fountain in the reflection pool. The flowers and fountain were part of an overall beautification effort throughout the campus.

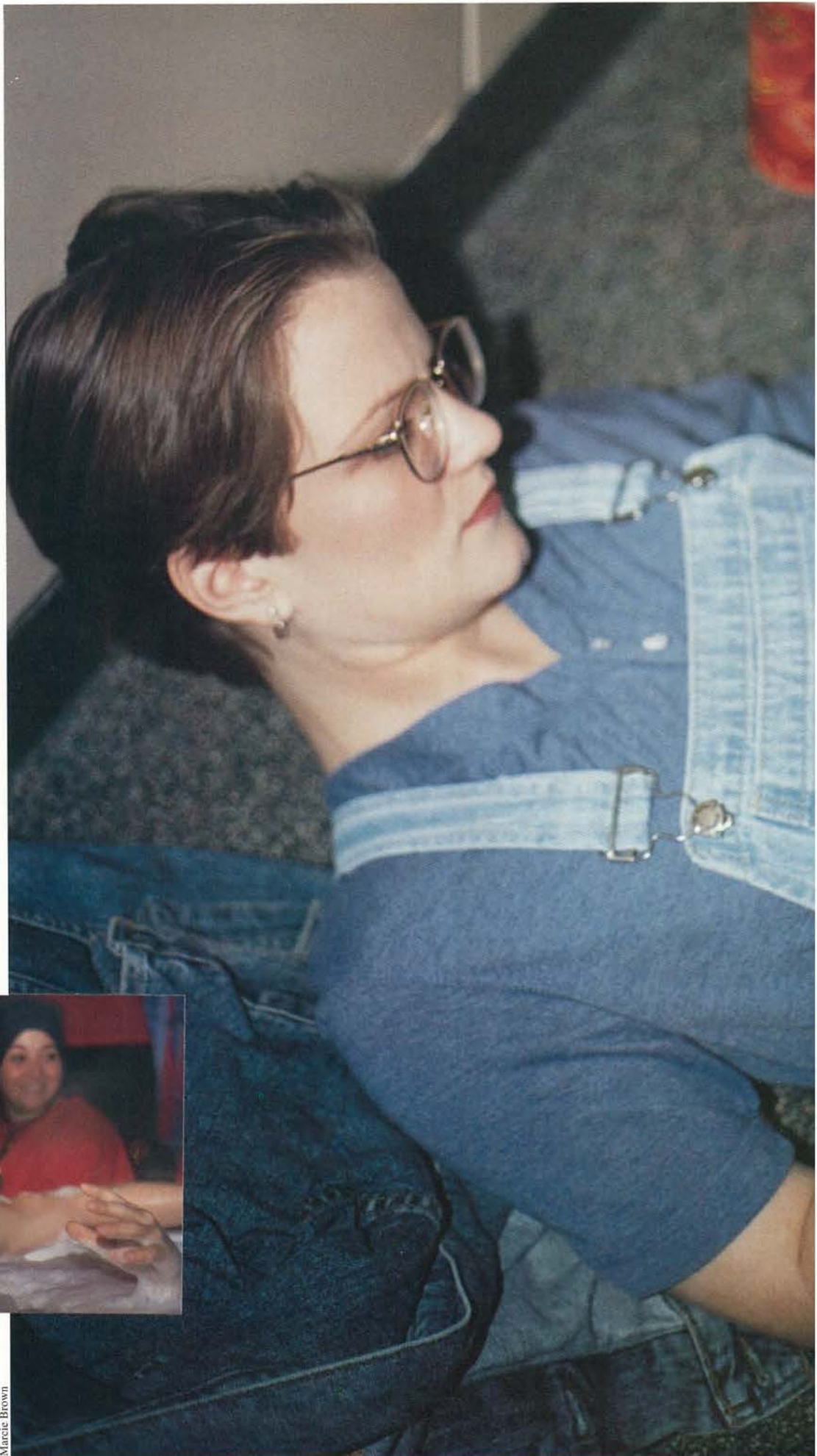


Kelly Lock-Kerns

Missi Smith

Using her backpack for a pillow, Freshman Kelly Adkins takes advantage of a free period and lays down to study in the hallway of the SS/C Building. Students were resourceful in finding creative ways to sneak in a few extra minutes of studying.

Junior Ryan Cordry and Sophomore Konstantin Velikov relax during the hot tub marathon sponsored by Greek Organizations. Fraternities and sororities members participated in the event which was held in the center of campus.



D. Silvers

Marcie Brown



women's basketball coach and the athletic director both leaving Missouri Western, fresh faces were brought in.

Don Kaverman stepped into the retiring Ed Harris's shoes and in Truly Griffon style, faced the trials and tribulations of what would be a difficult year for the athletic department. When several Western athletes were arrested, coaches and players were put in precarious positions. However, as true Griffons, a negative turned positive when new policies on student athletes were adopted.

Excitement buzzed through campus during the fall. National media coverage put Western on the map during September and October as Griffons anticipated the arrival of General Colin L. Powell in early November. Daily front-page headlines told the story of Powell's ongoing uncertainty over a bid for the presidency in 1996. Scheduled a year in advance, Powell's appearance at Western's Convocation on Critical Issues fell in the midst of the controversy. Unfortunately for Western and Powell, his appearance was canceled twelve days prior to his arrival.

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Missi Smith

Senior Bryan Figg helps run the Western VIP booth at Family Day which was held in September. Parents, family and friends flooded the center of campus for a day of games, food and fun with students.



Patty Wilson

Sophomore Nikki Marshall, Junior Scott Faubion, Freshman Tiffany Blalock and Junior Jeannette Browning enjoy one of the first days of spring. Krug Park, on St. Joseph's north side, provided a refuge for students away from campus and classes.

Changes and improvements swept through campus throughout the year including everything from parking fines tripling to the addition of two softball fields on campus. The Leah Sprat Classroom Building rose before our eyes as construction on this state-of-the-art edifice drew nearer to completion.

Life outside of the classroom took on new dimensions for students. The rise of national fraternities and sororities on campus drew record numbers of students to go Greek.

The Internet served not only as a tool for classroom research but also as a diversion. Surfing the World Wide Web became as popular as vegging out in front of the television for procrastinators and those with extra free time.

As with every year, the constant evolution of Missouri Western State College kept Griffons on their toes. Enrollment reached 5,167 with more students than ever on campus.

And through it all students, athletes, Greeks, scholars, faculty and staff survived and thrived in Truly Griffon style.





In Griffon style, Freshman Courtney Stevenson takes his turn on the runway during the Mr. Ebony Man Contest, sponsored in conjunction with Black History Month. Stevenson was one of eleven contestants vying for the title.

A group of Western students crowd into the old gym during the pep rally held for Homecoming. Griffon supporters cheered as the Golden Girls and the M'WSC Cheerleaders performed prior to the announcement of the 1996 Homecoming Queen.





Western students take advantage of a spring day at a women's softball game. Newly constructed softball field allowed the team the opportunity to play on campus.

True to life

THE GRIFFON WAY OF LIFE WAS NOT EASILY CATEGORIZED. STUDENTS AT MISSOURI WESTERN PURSUED **ACTIVE** SOCIAL LIVES WITH **ZEAL**. WHETHER ON CAMPUS OR OFF, THE EXISTENCE OF ACADEMIC **DIVERSIONS** WAS NOT HARD TO FIND.

FROM STUDYING IN THE LIBRARY TO ATTENDING FORMALS, WESTERN LIFE WAS ANYTHING BUT MUNDANE. **VARIETY** TRULY IS THE **SPICE** OF LIFE AS WAS DEMONSTRATED ON CAMPUS. LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES WERE AS **MANY AND VARIED** AS THE STUDENTS WHO ENGAGED IN THEM.

A TRUE GRIFFON IS ONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO SAY ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WHEN IT COMES TO CLASSES. WHETHER THEY TAKE TO THE COURTS IN A GAME OF INTRAMAURAL BASKETBALL, TAKE TO THE STAGE IN A THEATRE PRODUCTION OR TAKE TO THE STREETS OF ST. JOSEPH IN SEARCH OF NIGHT LIFE, GRIFFONS DO IT WITH **VIVACITY AND VITALITY**

Seniors Richard Vencill and Brian Ousley ride the Death Morgue. Phi Delta Theta's Homecoming Parade entry had a morbid theme.

The MWSC Golden Girls fall into formation during the Homecoming football game. Fans were easily roused by cheers as Griffon spirit was abundant.



Jeanette Browning



Jeanette Browning

Griffons go for glitz & glamour

*by Julie Colfer and
Amy Sappala*

For one autumn week, Griffons headed west. With stars in the their Western students went Hollywood rather Hollywood came to campus Homecoming '95. MWSC Goes Hollywood was the theme and during week of activities, all the glitz and glamour of tinsel town was here in St. Joseph.

Organizations participating in Homecoming activities included fraternities and sororities as well as acad



Griffon fans kept on the pulse of the Homecoming football game with help from the MWSC marching band. Percussionist Bob Lock helped entertain the crowd.

Junior Kristin Hoggatt reacts when her name is announced as the Homecoming Queen. Senior Micky Mayes escorted Hoggatt to the pep rally and the football game.



Emily Thomas

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Week, with the rationale that students were too tired at the end of the week to attend the dance.

"The participation was improved from past years," said Don Willis, assistant dean of student affairs. "More than likely we will continue to have the dance on this day. The response from students was positive."

At the beginning of the week, stu-
dents posted signs around campus and

painted the windows in each building in an effort to promote and advertise the Homecoming theme.

Secret locations around town housed the parade entries and students worked all week putting on the final touches of sometimes elaborate, sometimes simple, but always Griffon, parade entries. Vying Greek organizations feared vandalism and kept their entries under lock and key until show time.

Trying to get the harmony just right, three Western band members do a pre-homecoming practice. The marching-band performed at the pep rally, parade and game during Homecoming week.

Half-way through the parade route, the MWSC Cheerleaders were still walking tall. The parade wound through the streets of downtown St. Joseph prior to the game on Saturday.

Kelly Lock-Kerns



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Tuesday night brought out the talent on the Missouri Western campus. The Homecoming Talent Show allowed students to showcase their talents. Vocalists, dancers, pianists and rock bands were all present on the fine arts theater's stage competing for spirit points as well as the most talented title.

Overall winners for the talent show were the sisters of Phi Gamma Epsilon

with their rendition of "Thriller" by Michael Jackson. The talent show featured more entries than ever as students wanted to take part in this spirited tradition of Homecoming.

"Winning the talent show was incredibly exciting. There were so many good acts," said Sophomore Molly Reid, a member of Phi Gamma Epsilon.

After a week of anticipation, students put their spirit to the test at the pep

rally and bonfire on Thursday. Missouri Western Golden Girls, with the MWSC Cheerleaders formed for the packed arena.

The crowning of the 1995 Homecoming Queen, Kristin Hoggatt, capped off the evening.

"Being crowned Homecoming Queen was a wonderful surprise. I had a great time during Homecoming with all of the activities," Hoggatt

ss Northwest Missouri State University Bearcat defenders, John Fisher grips the pigskin.
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coming Parade arrived on campus be-
fore dawn to line up and begin the slow
processional that wound through down-
town St. Joseph.

The Homecoming game vs. the
Northwest Bearcats proved to be thrill-
ing. The bitter cold day did not hamper
the spirit of the Griffon crowd. The team
held on to win 24-20.

In true Griffon fashion, students
participated in Homecoming activities

with their eye on the prize; the coveted
MWSC Spirit Stick. This award was
given to the organization compiling the
most spirit points and was won by Alpha
Sigma Alpha sorority.

The misconception that only orga-
nizations with many members won the
spirit contest was disputed by senior J.J.
Richie. "You don't have to have tons of
people. What's important is the attitude;
the Griffon attitude."

Western by day

by Tracy Jones and D. Silvers

At 6:54 a.m. the first rays of sunlight stretched across the sky producing a misty halo over the campus. On the track, a dedicated jogger rhythmically pounded the ground, occasionally glancing at his watch. In his home, a father prepared breakfast for his kids before his first class. In the dorms, a radio alarm blared. Alanis Morissette momentarily interrupted as the snooze button suffered a violent assault from a dainty hand. "You must wonder why I'm relentless and all strung up"



The slides at Krug Park are not just for kids as Sophomore Nikki Marshall and Junior Tiffany Blalock prove. Outdoor activities were popular out-of-class diversions.

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a.m., staff had arrived and had perked. Parking lots with orange-stickered vehicles brave enough to sign up morning classes headed slug- for respective buildings.

ing classes at 8:00 a.m. is a,” Junior Jill Barnes said. y getting out of bed.”

h warm days brought a

tempting breeze, hours in the classroom proved a necessary part of daily activities for students. The student who did make it to class earned professors' appreciation.

“Not attending class can be extremely detrimental. Ideally the class must move as an entire unit,” Rosemary Hoffman, French professor, said.

Classes, however, didn't dominate all the sun-filled hours of the day. The dorm courtyard often filled with hockey players and roller bladers. Krug Park pro-

vided foliage-filled spots for contemplation. Junior Ovetta Sampson, experienced another kind of exercise during the day.

“Good Lord! I'm a wife and a mother! If I'm not in class or studying, I'm chasing kids. That's my exercise!” she said.

Despite hectic schedules, the Truly Griffon spirit pulsed strong throughout each day, sometimes with the help of a little caffeine.



Paty Wilson



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Freshman Martin Faudere passes a lazy Saturday afternoon shopping. East Hills Mall provided a haven for Griffons as well as the necessities for any college student.



Marcie Brown



Paty Wilson

Junior Jeannette Browning, Sophomore Nikki Marshall and Junior Scott Faubion use their free day to feed the ducks at Krug Park. A long Missouri winter brought about cabin fever that was not cured until March.

Suzanne Haynes and Rich Lenning look over a selection of CDs at Hasting's Books, Music and Video. The two spent the day watching a new release.

Western by night

by D. Silvers

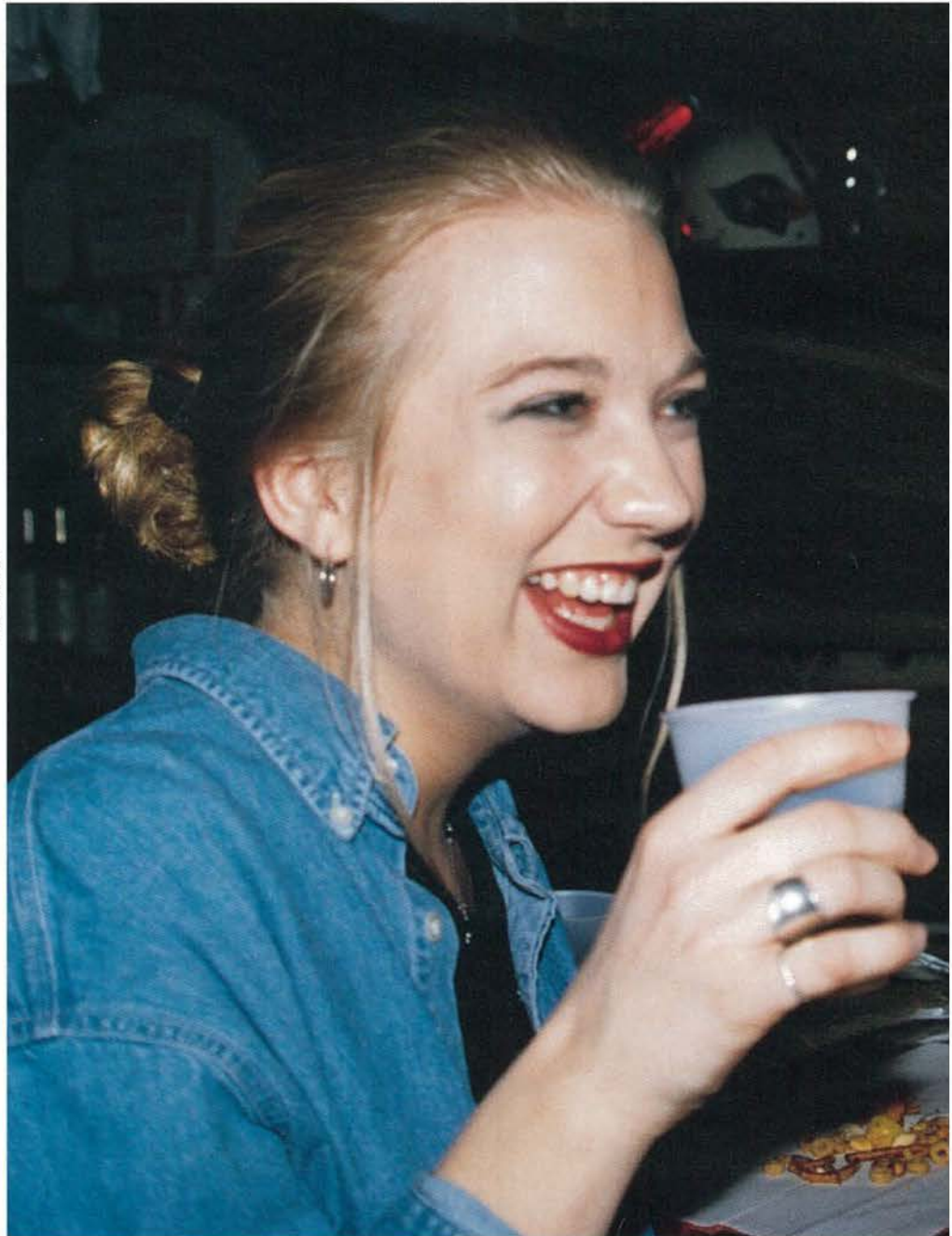
Streaks of crimson and magenta
bound by golden threads melted
together in the sky. For those who stood
to look, St. Joseph staged some beautiful
sunset. As the lights went down on
small campus town, a Truly Griffon
rose like a sunburst in the sky.

In the glow of commuters' headlights,
many students opted to spend
weekends experiencing St. Joseph
life. For some students, the night meant
working in trendy, or not-so-trendy,



Tara Hovenga

Jeff Peve, a sophomore nursing major, fills a beer mug at Legends Sports Bar. Many students worked at restaurants and bars outside of class time in order to meet college expenses.



Sophomore Jodie Bucher relaxes with friends at Norty's Bar on a Friday night after a long True Griffons searched for night life activities throughout town.

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a slice of student night life. Movies, particularly rentals, provided a welcome break from the icy Missouri nights.

"Our computer at Blockbuster is completely full of Downs Drive addresses, most of them overdue," Sophomore Ben Dean said. "A lot of families also come in for weekend entertainment."

St. Joseph nights weren't all work and no play. Students found walking on Ashland Avenue a pleasant diversion on

warm evenings. On the notoriously bitter nights, campus organizations planned parties.

"The evenings go so fast. I try to balance my work and play," Lisa Thies, senior English literature major, said.

Despite perilous driving conditions, the Griffon spirit spread its wings and bellowed a mighty roar across the star-filled St. Joseph night. And whether students took it easy at home or hit the town, every student heard the roar.



*W*endy Robinson and Tyrone Hogan enjoy some free time at Applebee's with friends. Students could always be spotted on evenings and weekends at area establishments.



*B*ucher, Junior Jamie Gregory and Sophomore Angela Dyer discuss the plans for the evening before entering the first stop. Norty's was a popular hangout for those Western students who were over 21.

*L*aura Scott, sophomore, and Doug Snooks wait for their turn to throw darts. The Munny Inn became a student hot spot over the years.

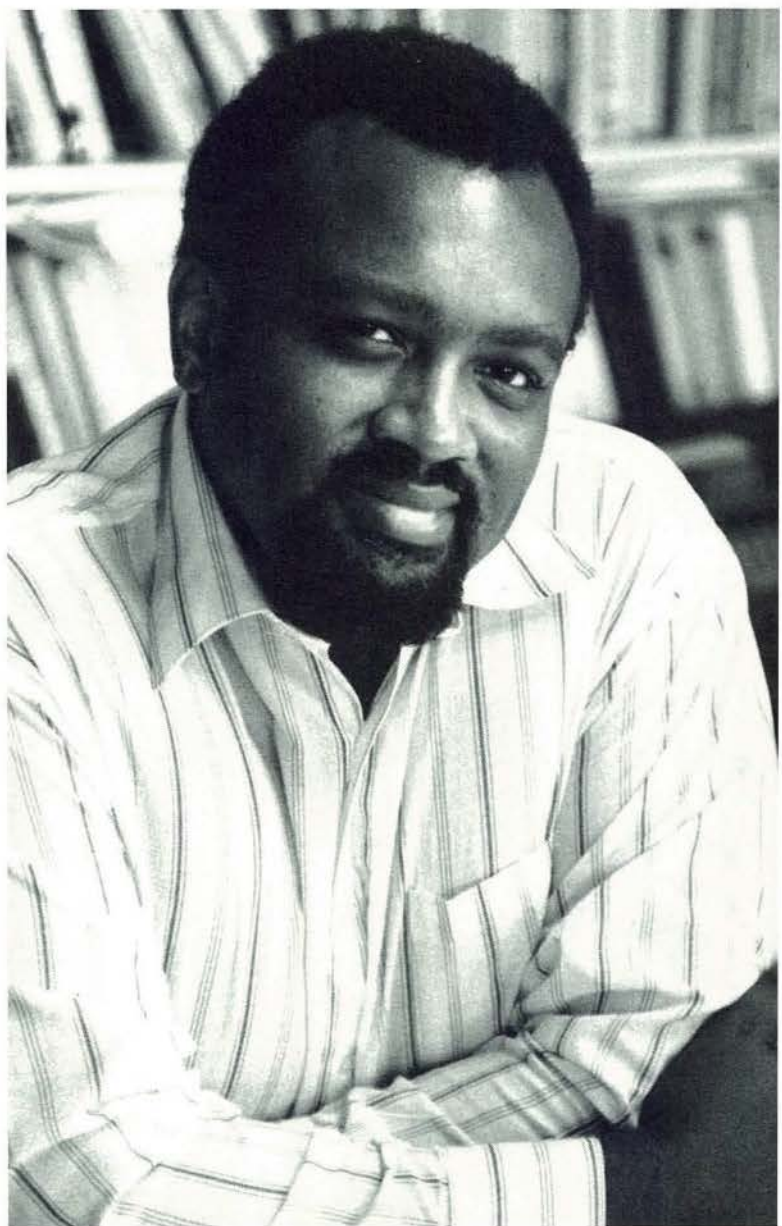
Through the Looking glass

by Amy Supple

College campuses have long been a battleground of ideas; a microcosm of society. Campuses bring together students from all economic, racial, gender, and religious backgrounds. Through this situation, problems arise. It is up to administrators to cope.

MWSC chose to step back and take a closer look at how they dealt with the issue of race relations on campus. The author and educator Dr. Glenn C. Loury offered the reflection the campus sought.

Recently, racial issues have been brought to the front of the media, notably with the Rodney King verdict and recently with the O.J. Simpson trial and the Million Man March.



Dr. Glenn C. Loury spoke on campus November 16 and 17. During this time, he addressed three separate audiences on the subject of race relations.

social situation across the campus is fluctuating and our acceptance,” said Dusty Davis, president of residential life.

James McCarthy, MWSC’s vice president pushed for Loury to come to campus.

Loury gave our campus the opportunity to address a very timely nationwide issue and I felt that he accepted the invitation at Missouri Western.”

Who is currently university administrator at Boston University, wrote an article “From the Inside Out.” He has a Ph.D. in economics from M.I.T., and has been on CNN and has written

commentaries for the New York Times and Wall Street Journal.

Originally brought to campus to speak at a Special Eggs and Issues, Loury did other presentations while here. The Eggs and Issues program is sponsored by the MWSC Foundation, Wire Rope Corp. and Quaker Oats Co. It brings together students, faculty, staff and the community to discuss current issues.

A workshop with 20 students of various races brought to light specific racial issues affecting our campus.

“I think Dr. Loury had some good ideas as far as how we should look at our fellow human beings, but I expected more,” Junior Reyhan Wilkinson said.

“We talked, but made no solid plans.”

After the student workshop, Loury gave a presentation to faculty and staff.

“I found Loury interesting,” said Phil Mullins, professor of humanities. “He showed insight into social and political dynamics.”

Although Loury didn’t map out the solution, he laid the groundwork for racial harmony on campus.

“I respect and appreciate the efforts of the administrators here at Missouri Western,” Loury said. “They didn’t hide away when they saw there was a problem. They supported open and frank discussion among students, and I would encourage more of that.”



*L*oury meets with students during an afternoon workshop. After presenting his views, the floor was open to student comments.

*J*unior Kwanza Humphrey listens as another student offers his opinion. Students turned inward to focus on internal racial problems at MWSC.

Comedian Carrot Top sports the latest fashion during his performance; an O.J. Simpson belt. The comedian performed on Western's campus in November.

Carrot Top's physical comedy entertains the audience. The performance held onlooker's attention for two hours.



Kelly Lock-Kerns



Carrot Top tops campus laughter

by Emily Thomas

A ball of fire hit Missouri Western on Nov. 13. The comedian Carrot Top arrived to entertain thousands live at the MWSC arena.

Twenty thousand dollars and an opportunity to perform for an excited college crowd lured the nationally known comic to campus.

Campus Activities Board was responsible for bringing Carrot Top to Joseph. Tickets for the R-rated performance sold for \$5 to students and \$10 for general admission.



The anxious crowd tosses giant beach balls as pre-show entertainment. Students as well as community members attended the performance.

Carrot Top uses a microphone harness because of his active show. The MWSC Fieldhouse was the sight of his appearance.



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Carrot Top pulls props from one of his many trunks. He used various visual aids as part of his routine.

Estimated two thousand audience members attended the show and few left the show with a smile on their faces.

Though CAB has been providing entertainment to students for years, Carrot Top's name recorded here.

Carrot Top was a great success. We haven't had any big name acts on our campus for six or seven years. CAB President Jessica

Putting Carrot Top on the stage to entertain took hard work. Students, faculty and campus organizations were involved to facilitate the event. And although all students were not aware of the extensive planning, they all enjoyed the outcome.

"I laughed through the entire performance. You really need something like this to break the routine of everyday college life," Sophomore Sarah Murphy said.

"It was great. My five dollars was

money well spent. I have never laughed so hard in my entire life," Sophomore Andrea Bigler, said.

Organizers considered Carrot Top a great success. The comedian's performance lasted for two hours; two hours of non-stop jokes and laughter.

Carrot Top was only the first move in bringing big name acts to Western.

"I think we are setting the stage for the future. Carrot Top's success is the success of CAB's future too," said Matt Giovanni, president of SGA.

Bitten by the virtual bug

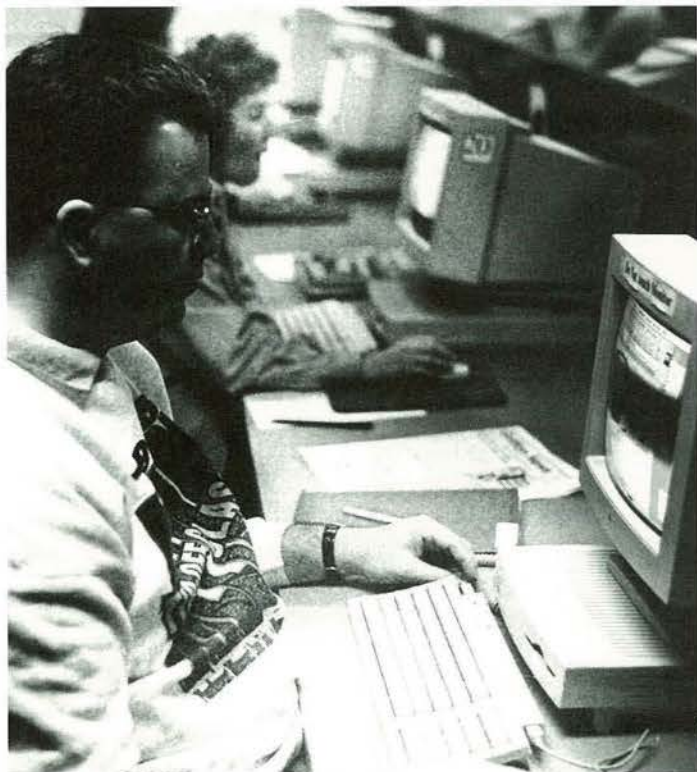
by D. Silvers and Amy Supple

MOOs. MUDs. MUCKs. No weren't the names of new ba Westport but each was definitely where students socialized; virtual though only hard-core chat recognized acronyms like MOC MUDs, the World Wide Web by the hottest hang out, luring studer only to find new ways to locate inf tion but also start relationships. B surfing the net for sports informat current newspaper and magazine ar some students were enticed by c options in search of companions romantic relationships.

"I started on email and s

*D*esigning a web page, Senior David Lang views his personal home page on the World Wide Web. Approximately 3,000 Western students utilized their on-line privileges which included e-mail and Internet resources.

*T*aking time out from homework, Junior Steve Imlay logs on to an IRC (interactive relay chatline.) Some students found on-line communication to be addictive.



Patty Wilson



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chatting,” said Senior Judy. “I have met some very interesting people. Those with no experience assume it is all a big dating game, but that is not the case at all. I have many friends there who are all successful, successful day people. To me it’s like a virtual world.”

According to Data Communications Technician Fred Nesslage, about 3,000 Missouri Western students use their on-line privileges for e-mail and Internet. “You would guess that about 95 percent of the time students use on-line for social purposes,” Nesslage

said. Students were allowed any form of Internet or on-line access as long as it didn’t interfere with other students’ academic uses.

Students got more than they bargained for when they did spend time on line. “I moved 850 miles away from home, met the man with whom I will spend my life, met some of my best friends and started my own business all because of the net,” said Senior Crystal Meyer.

Sophomore Joe Coats spent one to eight hours on line daily. “I’ve been doing this off and on since 1993. I’ve found that the typical on-line chatter

tends to be in the late teens or twenties, of either sex and from any point on the globe. People tend to dismiss chat rooms as fantasy places for loners. Communication between people is never a bad thing,” Coats said.

Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of on-line socialization was that chatting and other forms of virtual discourse marked the first time in human history the written word had been used for immediate communication and interaction. “In chat rooms your use of words is your personality, your voice, your face,” Coats said. “On-line communication is the therapy of the ’90s.”



Patty Wilson

In the CAI Lab, Fred Nesslage, data communications technician for MWSC and his wife, met their e-mail. The Nesslages met in a MUD on the Internet and turned their virtual relationship into a real life marriage.

Carnival festivities cover campus

by Amy Supple

Splat! The tin foil pie plate with whipped cream landed squarely on the face of an innocent passerby. In the background, children screamed, a juggler on stilts juggled and through it all a band played on. Although not a carnival, the atmosphere was close enough.

Missouri Western Family Day drew hundreds of attracted students, their parents, brothers and sisters, children, spouses and grandparents for a day of family fun and friendship. And organizers said this Family Day might have been the best one yet. "This year family day went



Kelly Lock-Kerns

Director of Student Activities Don Willis cleans up after the pie throw. Alpha Gamma Delta sponsored the booth at Family Day.

David and Mindy West play miniature golf at the Association of General Contractor's booth. They attended Family Day as the guests of David's wife, Pam, a MWSC student.



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booths to entertain guests that came to campus. The marching band performed throughout the day along with the Missouri Western Cheerleaders and the Golden Girls. A ten-foot cowgirl circulated through the crowd on stilts wowing onlookers with her skill.

Game booths kept youngsters content while others attended Planetarium shows and a Parent’s Council meeting. Alpha Gamma Delta sorority sold pies to be splattered in the face of some lucky family member.

“The money we raised went to the

American Diabetes Association,” said sorority member Stephanie Cassity. “We had a very good time doing it and people were pretty good sports about getting hit with a pie.”

“My parents and younger sisters have been coming up for Family Day since I was a freshman,” said Senior Nursing Major Jenny Schenk. “My little sisters play games and my parents take pictures of me and my friends. It is just really nice to have them up here. It is great to have a day specifically designed for families.”

Jenny Schenk plows Willis in the pie throw. Alpha Gamma Delta donated the money they raised from their booth to the American Diabetes Association.



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Senior Nursing Major Obie Austin is a target for the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity booth. Clubs and organizations sponsored booths at Family Day to provide entertainment for all ages.

Modern look for ancient creature

by Andrew Kunz

The Griffon appears bold and confident even as he is about to be attacked by Bearcat. The Griffon and the Bearcat were long standing rivals.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

John Olszowka was the "Grab the Griffon" participant during the homecoming football game. The Griffon attempted to elude blindfolded students during this activity.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

In Greek mythology, the Griffon guarded the doorstep of the god, Zeus. The gods and goddesses of that time saw this half-lion, half-eagle creature as the guardian of their treasures. At the St. Joseph Junior College, which later evolved into Missouri Western State College, needed a mascot, and decided on the Griffon to guard the sacred treasure: education.

Many were shocked to see Missouri Western's mascot at the first appearance of the season. It seems that over the summer, the fearless beast underwent an extensive face-lift. The



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more ferocious. And along
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Partridge, sponsor of the
erleaders and the mascot,
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the mascot more involved.
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is important they are visible.”

One strategy for increased visibility is Grab the Griffon. At each home football game one lucky fan gets to go head to head with the Griffon. The participant selected is blindfolded and put on the 50-yard line during half-time. If he or she finds the Griffon, they win \$100 in prize money.

At the inaugural performance of this event, senior exercise science major Andy Howard’s ticket was drawn to face this peril. “You don’t realize how big the football field is until you’re blindfolded,” said Howard. “I had a minute to

find the Griffon and with three seconds left I ran into him on about the ten-yard line. He let out this noise and I knew I had tackled him hard.”

The newly named mascot, Sampson the Griffon, has a busy schedule. Future events for the Griffon include promoting spirit at basketball and volleyball games. Another possibility that Partridge would like to see happen is for the Griffon to go into elementary schools and meet children.

One thing is certain, wherever the Griffon is MWSC students can feel safe with him as our guardian mascot.



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*M*eting his younger fans is a part of the Griffon's job that the mascot particularly enjoys. Pam Partridge, sponsor, has hopes of the Griffon visiting area elementary schools.

*S*ampson the Griffon takes a quick break on the sideline. The hot suit requires endurance; even resting is hard work.

When dreams become reality

by Sheila Gibson

A teen-aged boy flips his long hair, closes his eyes. The pulsating drum beat of rock music thumps in his chest. A second heart as he reels around his room playing air guitar. In his mind, he hears the scream of the crowds and feels the heat of the spot-lights on him. In that moment he is a star.

For most, it's only a dream given up soon after high-school, but some students are musicians at Missouri Western bringing the dream to college and were taking steps toward making it reality.

"We play some clubs in Topeka, but we've played live on a couple of



Marcie Brown

Yanny Thompson of the band *Dreadful Etiquette* takes a break during a recording session. *Dreadful Etiquette* performed at campus fraternity parties.

Dreadful Etiquette's David Westhoff, freshman, plays the drums during a recording session. The group's tape, "Beginning of the End," was recorded in the spring of 1996.



Marcie Brown

Oklahoma,” said Matt the band X 35. Heineken, a commercial music major, was the heavy metal band. Musician Jerry Smith wrote the songs, while the music collaboratively. A tape of “Experimental” was released and featured by a local magazine, *Weekly*.

group of guys who were living in *Dreadful Etiquette*. The mix between alternative and rock could be heard perform-

ing at Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity parties.

“We do a mix of original songs and songs by other groups, like Green Day and some old Bryan Adams,” said Andy Howard, a senior exercise science major and a guitarist for the group.

“We’re recording six original songs in February [1996], and since I’m going on to study physical therapy, we’re calling the tape *The Beginning of The End*,” Howard said.

An emerging band was *Insult to Injury* formerly known as *Skababies*. They played all original music in a style known

as *Ska*, an upbeat form of early reggae crossed with punk rock.

The band was busy making contacts for future performances and recordings, and Jeff Chitty was hopeful for the band’s post-college career in music.

“We’re not ready for the gig stage yet,” Chitty said. “We need some new drum equipment. But we record what sounds good during rehearsals and we have some contacts.”

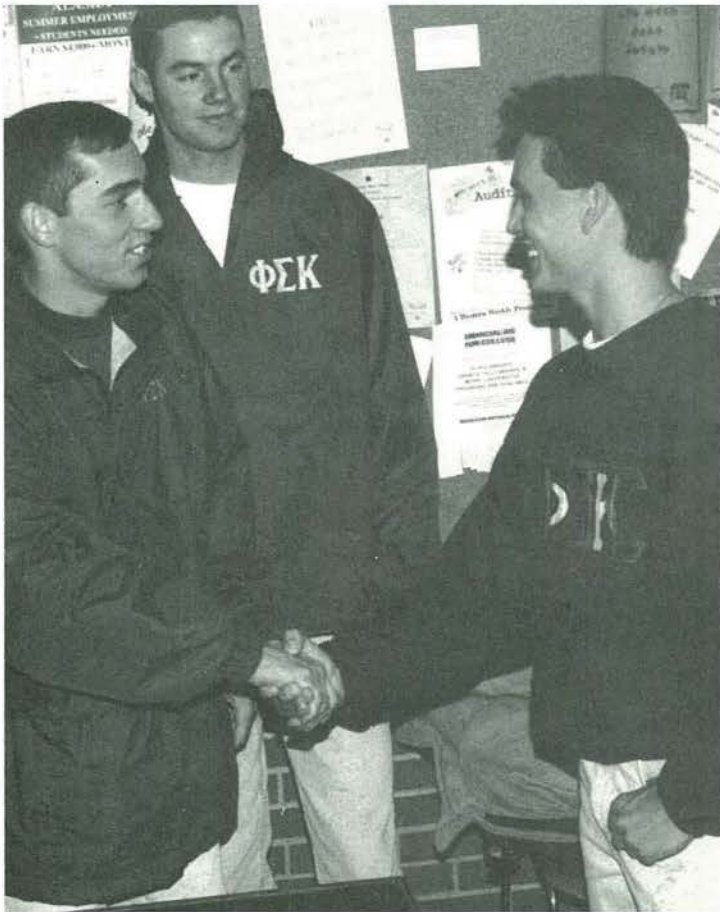
With all the musical talent that rocked the campus this year, tomorrow’s teens may be playing air guitar to the sounds of former Missouri Western students.



Marcie Brown

Will Sharp performs the vocals for *Insult to Injury* while Chris Fritzel backs him up on the bass. *Insult to Injury* recorded their rehearsals in a garage.

Insult to Injury’s saxophone player Mark Gallant practices with the band. “Ska” music was the sound choice for this band.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

*A*ron Frazier watches as Nathan Beck shakes hands with Aaron Stiegler. Phi Sigma Kappa was one of many campus organizations present at Rush Week.



Rushing to be greek

by Amy Supple

Mention "Rush Week" and stereotypical images of swallowing beer and goldfish spring to mind. Movies such as "Animal House" promoted many extraordinary initiation rituals and media coverage frightened the public with cruel hazing stories.

Greek life at Western evolved to be anything but stereotypical.

And along with an atypical campus society comes innovations in the rush system.

However, fraternities and societies have different views on what they consider the best way to recruit and select new members.



Kelly Look-Kerns

Members of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity greet rushees. Rush Week was a way for fraternities and sororities to find potential new members.

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 Stevens, Theta Xi Frater-
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formal rush.

With three national sororities on campus and another hoping to go national soon, the sororities fell under the guidance and regulations of a Panhellenic Council, the governing body for all national sororities.

“I personally like the way the formal rush operates,” said Liann Gustafson, of Sigma Sigma Sigma. “It reduces competition and tension among sororite members.”

Amanda Waltz, president of Phi Gamma Epsilon agreed.

“Formal rush had more of a structure to it and it was very organized,”

Waltz said. Sorority members also admitted that the current rush process was not without its faults.

“I wish it wasn’t all within one week,” Waltz said. “It is hard to get to know the girls who go through rush in just four days.”

For better or worse, the changes in the recruiting system for sororities was a fact for those who wanted to receive a national charter.

“I feel our rush was a success,” said Alpha Gamma Delta rush chair Cindy Hathaway. “It was the first time anything like that had been tried and it seemed to work really well.”

Dancing and dreaming

by Tracy McReynolds

Dancing and dreaming; Junior Jacques Hassen and Brandi Sawyer take these two things very seriously. These young women learned to dance in sixth grade at the Kansas City Music School of the Arts. Since then, dancing has been the love of both of their lives.

Sawyer, an English major, danced her way through Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts. She has the experience of doing several different variations of this art form such as ballet, jazz, modern, hip-hop and flamenco. Her favorite is ballet.

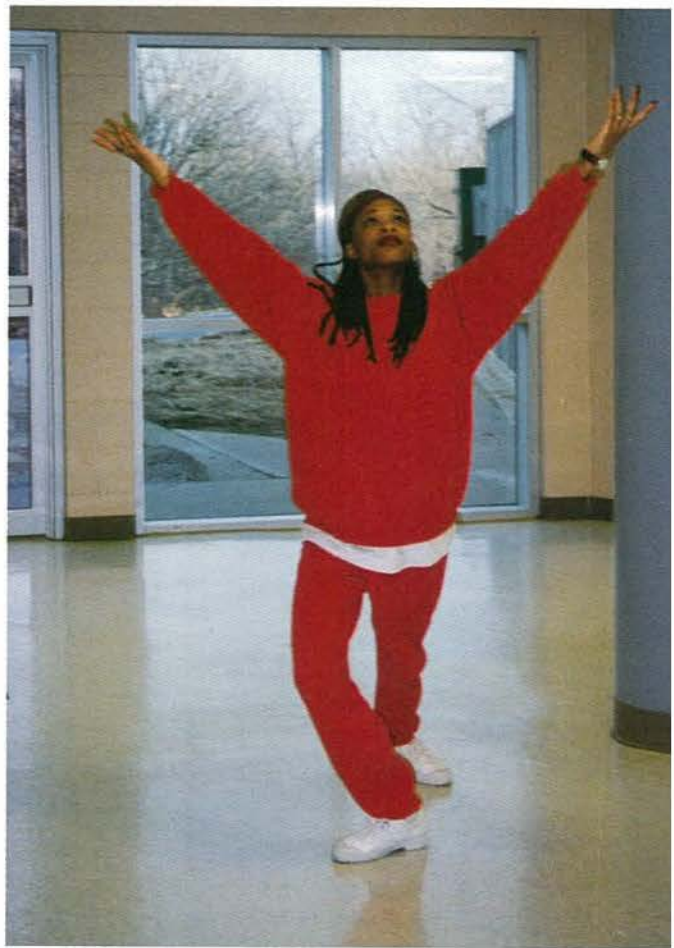
"Ballet is the base of all other



Tracy McReynolds

Junior Jacques Hassen strikes a hip-hop pose during a relaxed dance session. It is apparent that she took dancing seriously.

Junior Brandi Sawyer prepares for a practice session. Sawyer choreographed a routine titled "Sweet in the Morning."



let is very beautiful,” Sawyer said. She also went to high school at the Missouri Academy, choreographed shows and performed in many dances. One of her dreams was to work as a choreographer professionally. “I want to see my work being performed on stage. The feeling is overwhelming,” Hassen said. She often performs dances in dedication to her mother as an expression and tribute to her. Sawyer, a psychology major, also works with several forms of

dance including modern, Hawaiian, belly dancing, African and others. Her favorite form of dance was hip-hop.

“Hip-Hop is one dance form with no restrictions. I have absolute freedom to do what I feel,” she said.

Both of these young women felt that dance was the most important thing in their lives.

“My ultimate dream is to dance in the American Ballet Theater in Harlem,” Sawyer said.

For Hassen it was mandatory to fulfill her dream of being a singer, entertainer and choreographer for such things

as videos and award shows.

Both women have continued to dance and dream in college. They have worked under Missouri Western’s dance instructor Paul Chambers, participating in an annual show on campus along with the dance company. The two also performed in the talent show at Missouri Western and later went on to perform locally at an area middle school.

For Sawyer and Hassen, to dance is to dream. They had plans to dance forever, whether it be professionally or personally; dancing and making dreams come true.



*P*aul Chambers looks on intently at his dancing students during class. He provided the beat and a critical eye.

Margaret Stanton

Academics and beyond

by Shela Gibson

A student lost in deep concentration pecked out words on a computer keyboard. Another student lay stretched out on a couch, the brim of a baseball cap covering his eyes. Other students lounged around a large table, reading from text books and talking about assignments. Occasionally, laughter rang through the room.

This was the office of the



Patty Wilson

George Nytes, junior, assists students during the Girl Scout Workshop. Hosting the Girl Scout Workshop was one way SHO became a more active organization.

Sophomore Erin Phillips provides ideas to a Girl Scout on how to finish her collage. SHO members volunteered their time to help at the workshop.



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-based Honors Program.
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honors students were made
organization and its pur-
senior Debra Kauzlarich,
ne organization. The group
planned social events such

as barbecues, picnics, movies and bowl-
ing. In the office, honors students could
find help with homework as well as a
place to hang out, Kauzlarich said.

"This was our first year to have a
truly active organization," Kauzlarich
said. One event that helped make the
student honors organization more active
was the sponsorship of the homecoming
queen, Kristin Hoggatt.

Hoggatt, vice-president of the or-
ganization, was the first queen candidate
sponsored by SHO. The group pulled
together to work on Hoggatt's cam-
paign, as well as the float for the
homecoming parade.

"It was neat how everyone came
together to be involved with the home-
coming activities," Kauzlarich said. "It's
almost like we're a family."



Marcie Brown

*A*ndy Hope, freshman, warms his hands
over the grill while hot dogs cook. The barbecue
was just one of many social activities honors
students participated in with SHO.



Patty Wilson

*J*oe Alderton, freshman, answers a question
for a scout. The workshop may become an annual
event sponsored by SHO.

Wsc honors ethnic heritage

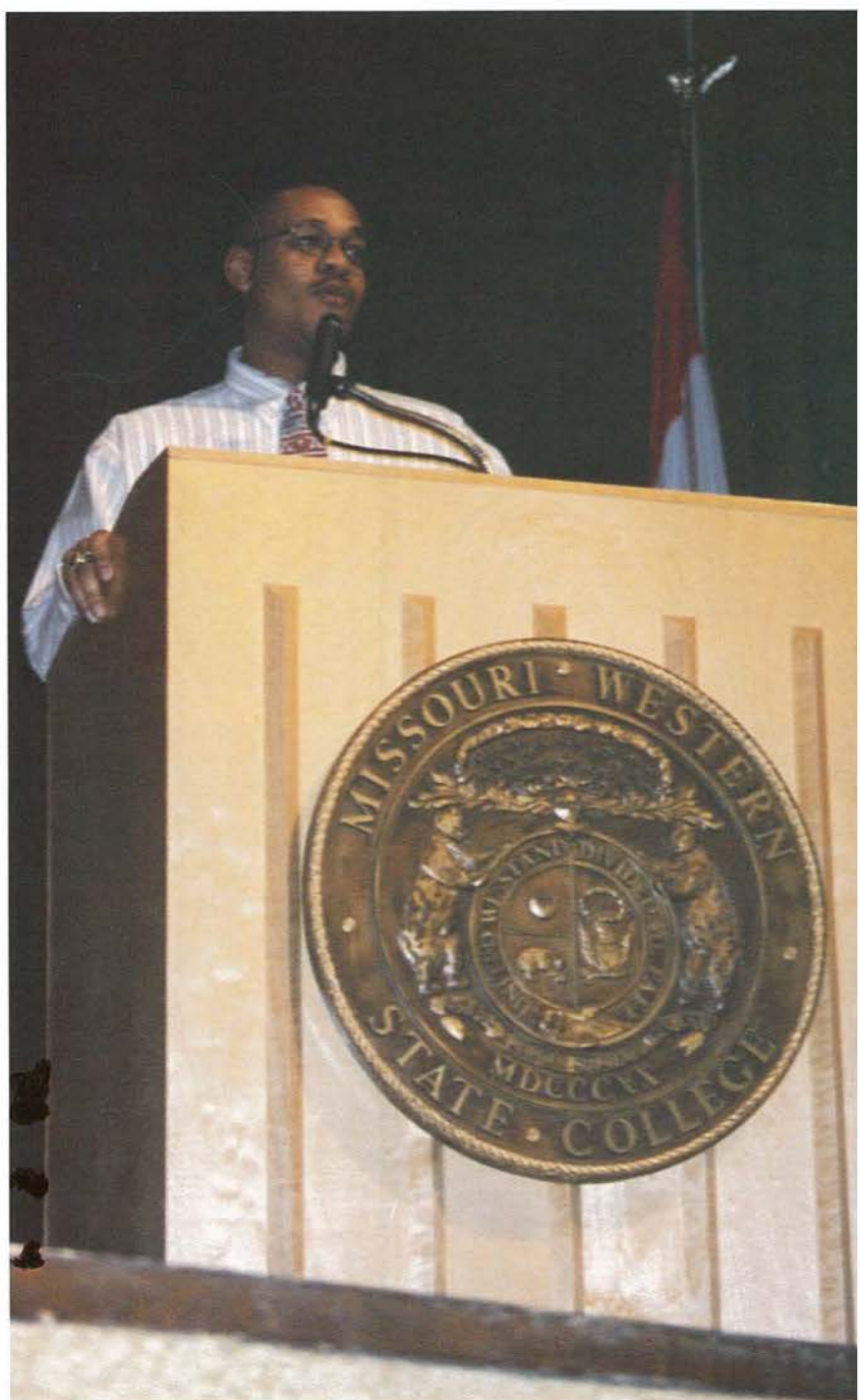
by Tracy McReynolds

February was a time of celebration for students of all races. Black History Month began with a candlelight march in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students, candles in hand, gathered to march across campus.

One group involved in the celebration was The Ebony Collegians. Through their successful sponsorship of an annual Gospel Extravaganza centered around a devotional period and scripture reading.

"The Gospel Extravaganza was a spiritual event for me as well as for many others," said Freshman Tonya Washington.

Various choirs performed



*M*arc Highsmith speaks to the audience at the Gospel Extravaganza. The Gospel Extravaganza was just one of the many successful campus events celebrating Black History Month.

spiritual dance performance. Own Instruments of Praise Extravaganza as well.

that the Gospel Extravaganza was a great success," said Kwanza T.E.C. president. "It was a great experience for all who participated as well as attended."

Residence Council and Diversity Center sponsored two videos titled *Black Is, Black Ain't*. These were followed with panel discussions on race relations. Also sponsored by the Diversity Center was a trip to the Archives museum.

Greek organizations participated in events as well. Delta Sigma Theta sorority sponsored a video titled *Black Male and Female Relationships*, followed by a discussion. D.S.T. also sponsored a memorial display in the student union.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority posted black history facts on bulletin boards in the student union each week. A program and panel discussion of unity among men and women was also included in Alpha Kappa Alpha's activities.

The closing ceremony, held in the Griffon Place, featured students performing assorted dance styles, poetry readings

and dramatic interpretations.

"All of the performances were very creative and incredibly dramatic," Washington said. "I was also impressed with the involvement of students."

And although Black History Month had a positive outcome on those who attended events, some believe one month is not enough.

"Celebrating our history shouldn't be a once a year event," said Senior Brandy Jenkins. "We all need to learn about and celebrate the various ethnic backgrounds for a better overall understanding of each other."



Philana Harris, Yolanda Crittendon, and Gaynell Pouncil sing during a devotion. Members of various choirs sang during the Extravaganza.

The Graham family gives a singing performance at the celebration. Singing and dancing were featured performances at the Gospel Extravaganza.

Central Missouri State University's choir performs for the crowd. The Ebony Collegians sponsored the successful Gospel Extravaganza during Black History Month.



*“Obviously, we were extremely disappointed
that Gen. Powell didn’t come.”*

CONVOCATION CANCELED

by Amy Supple

The famous pop artist Andy Warhol believed that every person would have 15 minutes of fame in their life. If this theory also holds true for institutions, MWSC was scheduled to have their time in the limelight on November 8.

However, presidential politics and bad timing threw a wrench into an event that put MWSC on the national map for a few weeks.

Gen. Colin L. Powell was slated to present the Third Annual Convocation on Critical Issues Address on campus. Powell, who served as the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff under President Bush, became better known for his possible presidential candidacy.

Powell’s popularity was heightened over media speculation regarding his possible entry on the Republican ticket for the 1996 presidential election.

In late October, as Western furiously planned for his appearance, Powell still had not made what he referred to as the most important decision of his life.

Back at the home front, college officials worked tirelessly preparing for his arrival. Powell’s heightened popularity presented some additional obstacles. Shirley Morrison, director of institutional advancement, dealt daily with the media prior to his visit.

“We suddenly had to worry about security, expansive media coverage and the possibility of a well-beyond capacity crowd,” Morrison said.

However, ten days before his appearance Powell canceled his visit. Dr. Janet Murphy, MWSC president, made the announcement at a press conference.

“We received word from Gen. Powell that he is canceling his speaking engagements,” Murphy said. “After considerable effort to convince him to reconsider, I received a letter from Gen. Powell.”

In the letter, Powell assured college administrators of his distress at canceling the engagement.

“Over the next few weeks I have to make the most monumental decision of my life. In planning my consultations, I found that I had to free up additional time on my schedule for the week of 6 November,” Powell said.

Although there was no convocation in 1995, the tradition will continue in 1996 with author David McCullough as the featured speaker.

“Obviously, we were extremely disappointed that Gen. Powell didn’t come,” Murphy said. “We planned for his visit for nearly a year. Our staff and students put in long hours to make his appearance a success.”

Powell, who ultimately decided not to seek the presidency in 1996, apologized for the inconvenience.

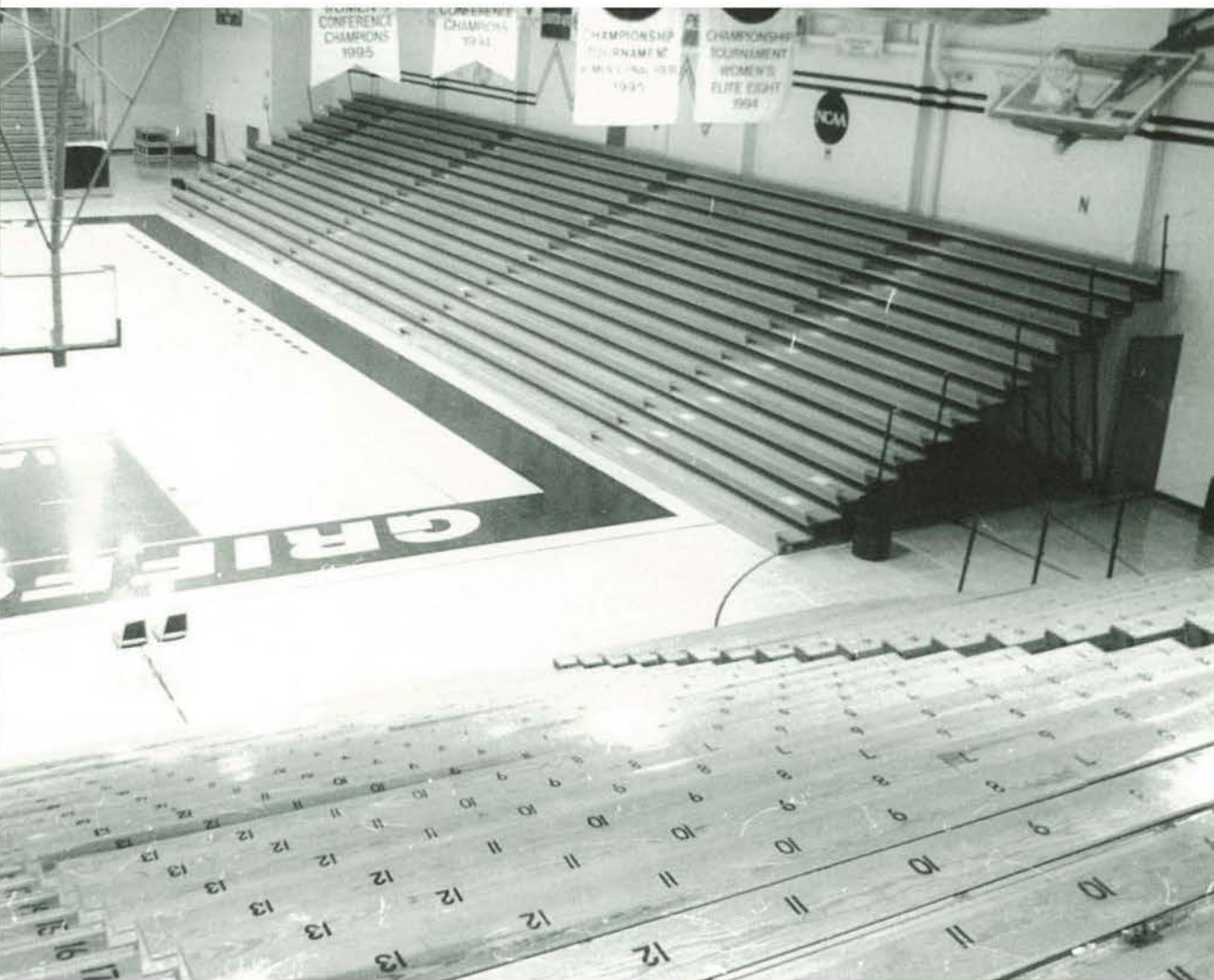
“Please accept and convey to your students my profound apology. I hope you will allow me to make up for it at a future event,” Powell wrote.



Photo courtesy of Washington Speakers Bureau.

GEN. COLIN L. POWELL first caught the attention of the nation as a military hero in the Persian Gulf War. After retiring from the service, many in the political arena urged this Washington veteran to run for president; an idea Powell eventually rejected. It was the process of making this decision which caused Powell to cancel his appearance at Western.

THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION on Critical Issues featuring Powell was scheduled to take place on November 8. More than 6,000 students, faculty, staff, community members and media representatives were scheduled to hear the address live in the fieldhouse or the simulcast in the fine arts theater.



Marcie Brown

Nathan Pekala, a.k.a. Victor Frankenstein prepares both mentally and physically before a performance. Frankenstein ran for four days and attracted students, faculty and community members.

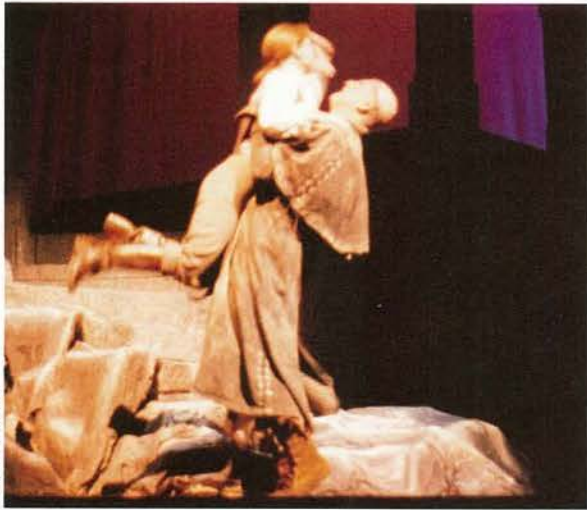
As the stage lit up with sparks and flashing lights, the figure on the table came to life. Crews spent months constructing the extensive set used in the production.



Kelly Lock-Kerns



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Young William Frankenstein is overcome by the beast created by his brother. Theatre Professor W. Robin Findlay directed Frankenstein, the first theatre production of the year at MWSC.

Rusty Jones gives himself a final check as he slips into the role of Clerval. Deana Lamb designed the period costumes for the play.

Kelly Lock-Kerns



Creature comes to life on stage

by Amy Supple

Signs, banners, advertisement t-shirts screamed the alarming message: “Frankenstein is coming.” And on October 5 he arrived, hideous as ever at Missouri Western.

Robert Nulph, a communication studies professor at Missouri Western, was transformed into the creature. He was selected not only for his towering height but also for his acting abilities.

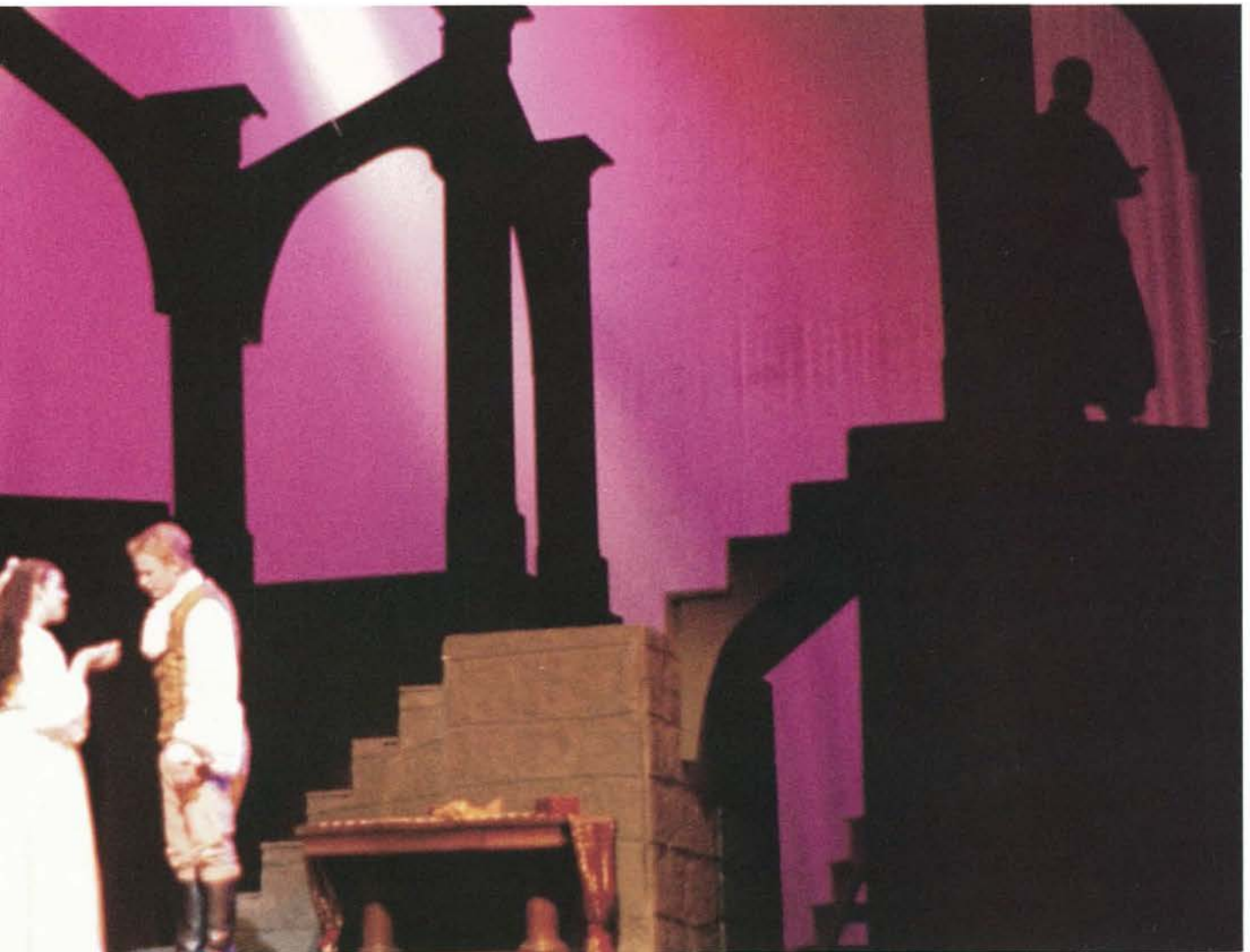
W. Robin Findlay, professor of theatre, was the director responsible for transporting audience members into Victor Frankenstein’s laboratory.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

The creature falls for the beautiful Agatha but is chased out of her life because of his appearance. Robert Nulph played the monster with the help of a three-hour makeover.

Scientist Dr. Victor Frankenstein (Nathan Pekala) calms his fiancée Elizabeth (Erin Gray). This version of the classic Mary Shelley novel was written by Don Jones.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

and in 1814. This contemporary version of Mary Shelley's classic tale was written by Don Jones.

As Victor Frankenstein descends the steps of his life to research creating life from DNA particles when it finally happens, the creature beyond his imagination kills everyone in his life by killing everyone.

Though terror reigned on stage, the production was a different story. The cast was really into the production and we all got along very

well," said Erin Gray, who played Victor Frankenstein's love interest in the play. "Portraying Elizabeth was exciting for me; we are both romantics," Gray said.

Besides putting onlookers on the edge of their seats, this tale of fright also had a social conscience. "There are many implications to this play," Findlay explained. "It is especially pertinent in today's society with the research being conducted on genetic engineering. The play shows how Dr. Frankenstein chose to play God by creating life and the

ramifications he had to live with because of his actions."

The articulate, intelligent portrayal of the monster created by Dr. Frankenstein confused some audience members. The play avoided the Hollywood stereotype of a green, square creature with bolts attaching his head. Instead, it opted to closely follow the storyline and characters created by Shelley over a hundred years ago.

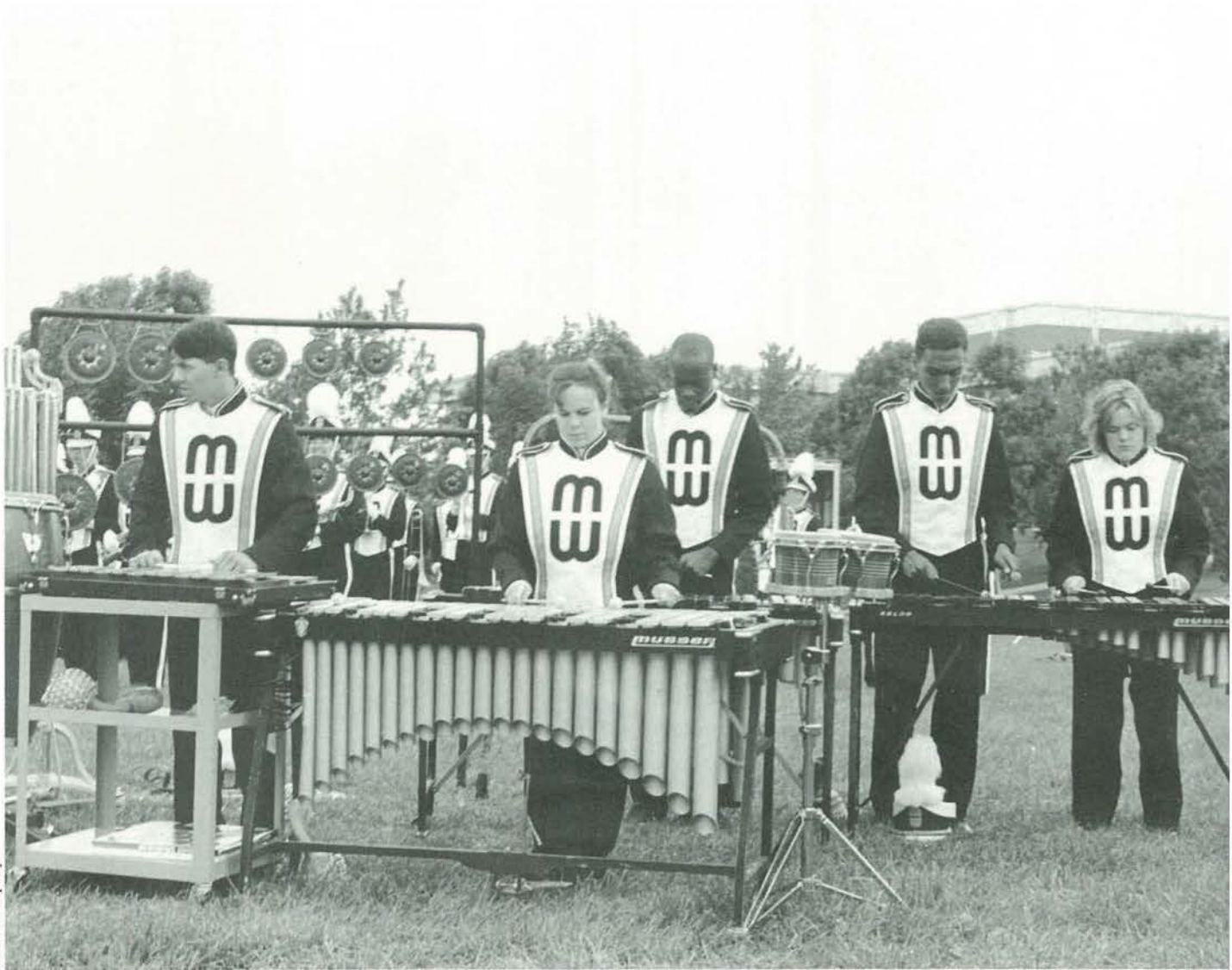
"The set was incredible," said senior Micky Mayes. "You could tell a lot of time and effort went into the production."

The band played on

by *Shela Gibson*

Missouri Western prided itself offering courses as culturally diverse as the students who enrolled in them. Where was this more evident than in the music department, where students enroll in classes.

The steel drum band formed at Missouri Western in the spring semester of 1998 under the direction of Dr. Dennis R. Pans, the nickname for steel drums, originated in Trinidad, and added to the international/intercultural curriculum at Missouri Western's music department.



Kwanza Humphrey

*M*embers of the percussion section of the MWSC Marching Band perform at Family Day. Participating in band required a large time commitment from students.

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Rogers said. Its popularity
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West celebration, Missouri Western's
steel drum band was called to perform.

Other students, like freshman com-
mercial music major Derek Snyder,
participated in the jazz band.

"We played performances at bas-
ketball games and the Olympic
weight-lifting tryouts that were held in
St. Joseph. We also played at local high
schools and held a concert in the fine arts
theatre," Snyder said.

Snyder, who came to college to
play the baritone saxophone for the jazz

band, had been playing since high school.
He and the rest of the band members
devoted themselves to getting their per-
formances right.

"We practice at least 3 days a week
for at least 2-3 hours each time. Once we
practiced for six hours straight until we
got it right," Snyder said.

With the diverse curriculum offered
by the music department, nearly every-
one could find a band that would play
their song.



*T*he beat of African drums
fills the Potter Fine Arts The-
atre during a free concert
sponsored by the music de-
partment. If participating in a
musical group did not appeal
to students, they could always
be spectators.



*P*erforming in the Potter Fine Arts Theatre was a regular
occurrence for members of the MWSC Concert Band. Under
the direction of Jeff Hinton the students practiced weekly.

A concert by students from West Virginia University
entertained Western's students with music from Africa, Bali
and the Orient. The music department offered free concerts
such as this throughout the year.

Zaime Habersat, a freshman speech communications major, checks the monitor to make sure everything is picture perfect. "It's amazing to see what these students have done with Western Weekly," Max Schlesinger, director of the Instructional Media Center, said.

Clay Johnston preps the Western Weekly anchors before returning from a commercial break. Johnston, a senior speech communications major, served as director of the student-supervised program.



Marcie Brown



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From rainchild to broadcast

by Tracy Jones

College media became an important part of campuses across the nation during an age where information became a commodity. When Dr. James McCarthy came to Missouri Western in 1983, as executive director of the National Association of Broadcasters, he predicted the importance of establishing television broadcasting capabilities on campus.

Instructional Media Center director Max Schlesinger, took McCarthy's cue. Schlesinger cast all the necessary financial and technical parts, in conjunction with St. Joseph Cablevision, to acquire a cable channel specifically for college use.

One of the channel's first pr

n, freshman, and Andrea Daveson, sophomore, listen intently for directions from
Western Weekly was recognized by the St. Joseph Advertising and Marketing
excellence in collegiate production.



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January 29.

Perhaps one of the most important
uses of the station was classes taken via
the airwaves. Students could enroll in
designated classes picked up by satellite
from UMKC. Although only one stu-
dent enrolled in 1991, television classes
increased in variety and popularity. Dur-
ing the 1995-96 academic year, almost
400 students enrolled in the 90 televised
classes offered.

"A professor cannot reach a stu-
dent on television the same way she can
in a classroom," Schlesinger said re-
garding instruction for teachers, "It takes
substantial training to teach visually."

Although the channel will eventu-

ally provide a creative outlet for video
production and drama majors, no sitcoms
were in the works. McCarthy plans to
focus on education, "If there comes a
point when an event for the purpose of
entertainment competes for a time slot
with educational programming, our pri-
ority will lie with education."

After 13 years, three new cable
lines, two FCC licenses, one microwave
relay tower, the financial generosity of
community members, a very supportive
St. Joseph Cablevision and the blood,
sweat and tears of countless others, Mis-
souri Western proved to be more than
talking heads when it came to advancing
media technology on campus.

Cyndi DeBey sits in her peer counseling office waiting for her next appointment. The Peer Counseling office is located in the Counseling Center, room 108.

Missi Hanlan studies in the MWSC library. Studying adds to the stress of a college student's life.



James Tolen

Patty Wilson

Lending a helping hand

by Rhonda Gee

Stress was very common among college students. Everyone had experienced it when giving up seemed like the only option. There was a free service on campus designed to help students who felt that life had gotten too tough for them.

Peers Reaching Others, PR, was established eight years ago to help students with problems that create stress in their lives.

"One of the best stress relievers is just to talk to someone," said Mattie Matthews, a student peer counselor.

Counselors Rachel Leighton and Cyndi DeBey take a break after a day of talking to PRO Counselors helped students when they felt overwhelmed.



Program attempted to provide with an unbiased, listener who students.

Counselors were student volunteers who went through a seventeen credit-hour training course and intensive weekend training sessions. During their training, counselors learned to be active listeners and to maintain confidentiality.

Counselors are important in providing students with help. Counselors connect easily with

the students seeking help, and they find it simple to identify with each other," said PRO adviser Tim Crowley.

PRO counselors, who received no monetary compensation for their time, dealt mainly with stress-related problems. Since they're not certified counselors, however, another option was to talk to one of the full-time counselors in the counseling center. These counselors dealt with problems from relationships and eating disorders, to suicide. There wasn't a problem too small

for the certified counselors.

"No problem is any more serious or important than another; they all have the same effect for the person suffering," Crowley said.

"Students need reassurance when they seek help," Matthews said, "And that's what we offer them."

When test anxiety set in or relationship problems hit, many students chose to deal with stress constructively by taking advantage of the services provided by PRO.

Shakespeare Western style

by Tracy McReynolds

In the spring, Missouri Western State College brought their version of William Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor" to the stage. Directed by Lamby Hedge and performed by a cast of 23, this comedy, originally performed in 1663, was given new life on the Western stage in the Potter Fine Arts theater.

Costume designer and coordinator of publicity W. Robin Findlay, worked for months with the play.

"We had a great cast and a well-organized production. We were well organized and it went very smoothly," Findlay said.



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well as those behind the scenes.
 Scenic artist , Jeff Leutkenhaus ac-
 companied by scenic carpenters, Brandi
 Morgan, Tana Buchholz, and Michelle
 Burdg set a stage fit for fairies, goblins,
 and wealthy lords and ladies, with elabo-
 rate outdoor scenes in addition to an indoor
 atmosphere.
 The costume crew, Deana Lamb,
 Nancy Martinez, Mindy Pollack, and
 Brandi Morgan created the Elizabethan
 look unique to this play.
 “We did a lot of research into Eliza-
 bethan patterns and prints. Five people

worked on costumes and there were
 over forty costumes. It was a lot of
 work, but also a lot of fun,” Findlay
 said.
 This was the second
 Shakespearean production done at
 Western. The first was “All’s Well that
 Ends Well” done in 1985.
 Each of the three nights that
 “Merry Wives of Windsor” was per-
 formed, there was a full house. And if
 ticket sales were any indication, the
 hard work put forth by those involved
 was well worth the effort.



Heather Proehl

*S*enior Amy Abels performs as Misstress Quickly. The cast rehearsed for months before the production.

*M*embers of the cast wear Elizabethan period costumes. This was the second Shakespearean play performed at MWSC.



Heather Proehl



Heather Proehl

A fairy (Amy Abels) appears to warn Sir John Falstaff (Fleshman). Falstaff was at the center of the play's plot.

More than just fun and games

by Heather Pressley

Eventually there did come for all students when homework done (or semi-done) and party become old. So the question what to do with this free time. More the option of intramural activity came into play.

Intramurals were first started for recreation. However, participants also receive other benefits in the intramural program, such as a new way to meet people.



James Tolen

The intramural ROTC team provides a tough defense against Rage Against the Machines. Intramural basketball was divided into middle and lower skill levels.

exercise.
Berry-Howe has been in charge of the intramural program since past six years Berry-Howe has seen the program's growth first hand. "The program has incorporated new individual activities," said Berry-Howe. "The intramural program was opened for anyone to play. There has been an increase in

women playing intramural games.

"I play because it is fun," said Sophomore Nursing Major Margie Houghton. "I have met so many new people and gotten to know some old friends better. Our volleyball team may not win every game, but we have a good time at every game," she said.

Intramural games were offered to individuals as well. The most popular intramural game was basketball. Inde-

pendent teams, as well as fraternities and sororities participate. There were divisions depending on skill divided into upper, middle and lower. These different divisions gave everyone the opportunity to participate, making the competition more exciting.

This was the first year a non-traditional team had an intramural team. They competed in volleyball. "I am excited to see this team come in," said Berry-Howe.



Berry-Howe looks on as two students participate in a game of mud volleyball. Berry-Howe has been in charge of the intramural program since



James Tolen

Freshman Jason Harris, leader of L-7, attempts a freethrow. Intramural basketball was a favorite among game participants.

Facing some serious fines

by Thela Gibson

At 9:55 a.m. on a Monday, five minutes left before classes began, cars competed for the last parking spaces in the lot across from the Administration Building. Only a few spaces marked with the yellow "reserved" were open.

Another option for parkers was finding a spot on the other side of campus. On a given day there were 20 spaces in the lot by the PE building. Parking there would mean a short hike to the Administration Building.

Drivers who chose to take their chances in a reserved space found the stakes a little higher this year, as parking fines rose from \$5 to \$15.



Security officer Bob Lock tickets cars daily at the college. All funds collected from fines are used for maintenance on campus streets and lots.

ne for parking was between
o.m. on Mondays, Wednes-
ays. The main parking woe
students was finding a space
allow them to get to class
Milton, vice president of
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semester available parking
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lton said.

Steve Nikes fell victim to
asco several times. "I have

been lucky and haven't got any tickets
yet. I try to leave my house early but
usually I am running late. And then it's
just a big mess. I always circle the lots a
few times but usually I just end up park-
ing in a reserved spot," he said.

Parking across campus is not an
option for Nikes. "By the time I drive
over there and then walk back to my
class, I might as well just go home and go
back to bed."

The increase in parking fines was
not the only change. Fines for illegal
parking in a disabled zone increased
from \$25 to \$35, and moving violations
rose from \$25 to \$50.

Moving violations warranted the
highest increase. "We're trying to get
students to think before putting their
foot on the accelerator," said Dr. James
McCarthy, executive vice president.

Sue Robinson, director of employee
relations and a member of the committee
who raised the fines, said that there had
been no increase in more than eight
years and appeals were down.

"This says to the board that people
are thinking it is better to pay a \$5 fine
than walk a little further to class,"
Robinson said. "The increase in fines
won't affect students at all if they follow
the rules."



*V*isitors to campus become frustrated when the reserved lot is full. Many vehicles found in this lot sported students' parking stickers.

*O*fficer Doyle Rucker issues a citation to a student vehicle parked in a reserved spot. The fines for this violation rose from \$5 to \$15 this year.



*F*or a dollar, this student took out some academic aggression on Greek Week's clunker. Students could release their anxieties three swings at a time.

rowing Greeks slash stereotype

by Amy Supple

"We have a strong commitment to excellence," J.J. Richie, vice-president of Phi Sigma Kappa, said about the Greek organization.

Perhaps it was this excellence which won the men of Phi Sigma Kappa the Herbert L. Brown Outstanding Member of the Year Award at the Phi Sigma Kappa National Convention in Washington, D.C. This was the highest honor bestowed on an individual chapter of the national organization.



D. Silvers

Members of Phi Delta Theta Eric Schmitt, Jeff Taylor, and Jason Mullin are poised for action. Greek Week events kept them all moving.



Kwanza Humphrey

Always a popular activity on campus, human bowling provides an excuse to enjoy spring weather during Greek Week. Those with steel stomachs could ride for free.

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and sororities, Griffon Greeks were busy during the year making a reputation for themselves.

From Western Warm-up to graduation, the Greek organizations at MWSC became truly involved.

Making up most of the participants in activities such as Family Day and Homecoming, Greeks gained a reputation for their competitiveness as well as their energy.

“Becoming involved in a sorority,

I learned that there is always something to do,” said Sophomore Alpha Gamma Delta member Amy Holthouse. “In the fall we prepare for Homecoming and then in the spring is Greek Week and the formal and there are always sporting events and intramurals. It is impossible to get bored as a member.”

And of course, as with all college students, there were the parties. “es we like to have fun,” said

Yes we like to have fun," said Junior Phi Sigma Kappa Shawn Piatt. "But I don't think people realize that we are about much more than that."

From donating to the United Way to volunteering with children and the elderly, Griffon fraternities and sororities were quickly gaining a good-hearted reputation.

"We have members of Greek orga-

nizations volunteering all over town with causes such as the United Way, the Noyes Home and the food kitchen," said Forest Hoff, dean of student affairs.

Eric Jones, a member of Alpha Phi Apha, listed their community service efforts high on their priority list.

"We sponsor a Boy Scout chapter and tutor at Bode Middle School. We want to do as much as we can for the community," Jones said.

And for those who chose to Greek organization, there were more to pick from.

Eleven Greek organizations on campus; Alpha Gamma Delta Kappa Alpha, Alpha Sigma Kappa Psi Omega, Phi Gamma E Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Phi Phi Delta Theta, Phi Sigma Kappa Chi Upsilon and Theta Xi.

And new Greeks were seekin



Supporting special Greek Week t-shirts, Richard Vencill and fraternity brother Jason Mullin display their pride. Fraternities and sororities grew in numbers and in strength in the past year.

Girls from Alpha Sigma Alpha take a moment from a busy day to pose for a photo. The sorority helped lend to the frenzy of Greek Week.



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one of the best decisions of my college
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ally, socially and academically. They
have really become my family here at
college,” said Junior Heather Pressly.

The Inter-Greek Council, in its sec-
ond year on campus, was responsible for
monitoring these organizations and for
sponsoring Greek Week.

Greek Week was so much fun,”
said Alpha Chi Delta member Crystal

Reed. “It gave different organizations a
chance to socialize and learn more about
each other.”

With current groups growing stron-
ger every year and new ones on the
horizon, Western’s Greek program could
no longer be called inactive.

“In the last two years there has been
a growth in membership in fraternities
and sororities,” Hoff said. An active
Greek life is important to any college.”



Marcie Brown

of Phi Delta Theta fraternity re-
ass near the residence complex.
Week fraternities and sororities
in various competitions.

*M*embers of the Wesley United Methodist Campus Ministry break ground near the Caring Assembly Church. The Wesley ministry helped the people of St. Joseph through community service v



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Religious solace for students

by Rhonda Gee

The changes college brought to a student's life created a time when emotional support was needed. For some students, religious organizations offered the way to meet others who shared a sense of closeness to God. These organizations offered students a way to express to others the importance that religion held in their lives.

One such organization was the Baptist Student Union. The BSU offered a drug and alcohol free family oriented support group. BSU member, Taira Morgan said, "BSU is a big support team that look out for each other, and offer support whenever it is needed."

their latest song, Rob Albright and Lori Connell practice for a service at the Baptist Student Union. Albright composed several Contemporary songs.



A member of the Wesley ministry talks about the service that fellow members are performing. The Wesley ministry provided a chance for Christians to come together and discuss how their faith has impacted their lives.



ough BSU is Baptist in affiliation, students of any religion were welcome at the meetings.

Meetings offer a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with each other in a comfortable, social setting."

The Wesley United Methodist Campus Ministry. This organization provides students with a way to help each other through various services. The ministry also offered students a place to come together and socialize with students of all denominations, through various activities.

"Our organization offers Christians the opportunity to get together and learn more about God and religion in a social way," Mary Norris, Wesley Ministry member, said. "College is a difficult time for some and we are happy to help."

The newest religion-based organization that had been added to campus was Zoe. Member Jeff Cox said, "Zoe is more evangelistic, while the other religious groups are more social. Basically, we're out to reach people for Jesus."

Campus wasn't the only place where students could get involved with religion. The Caring First Assembly Church had a program set up for college

students. This program offered college students the chance to improve their relationship with God and others. This was achieved through a worship service on Wednesdays, and a variety of social activities on the weekends.

Rob Allen, the head of the college group at the church said, "It's important for people to establish a relationship not only with their peers, but also with their beliefs. That's what we try to do with our college group."

Some students considered religion a big part of their lives. These organizations provided a place for them to relate to others who shared their convictions.

Do you have what it takes

by Gaynell La'Shae Pouncil

For those who possessed good communication skills and a willingness to help others, job opportunities are available with the MWSC Housing Staff.

Being a resident assistant requires a high level of commitment and dedication.

"Your job as an RA comes with a lot of responsibility. It's not anything else because you have to put yourself aside and help those who need you," said Junior RA, Wendy Roberts.

Resident Assistants have many responsibilities, such as being available to listen to students' problems faced by students and handling

Resident Assistant Duffy Lewis keeps track of his hours on the staff timesheet. Increasing responsibilities prompted supervisors to develop a more organized work environment for the housing staff.



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no matter how you are feeling, and at the same time you have to stay on top of your school work,” Robinson said.

RA’s had to be responsible and be able to maintain friendships as well as doing their job and following the rules.

“Being a RA you have to be able to balance out your friendships while at the same time being an authority,” said Dusty Davis, housing staff coordinator.

The job of an RA affected not only the student who held the position, but also those who lived with them. Yolanda

Crittendon, a sophomore, who roomed with a RA said it was not a bad thing, but helped her gain insight into the types of things a RA did on a daily basis.

“I feel that I’ve gained more respect for the RA’s because I see all the hard work that they have to do such as juggling their school work, their job and keeping their residents updated with school activities,” Crittendon said.

“I feel that the RA’s have been outstanding in doing what is not always an easy job,” Davis said.

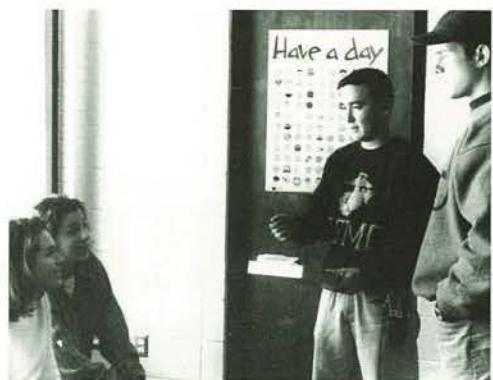


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*W*orking behind the desk in the housing office, Rose Hamilton exhibits professionalism with a smile. The housing office provided many necessary items to students including household cleaning supplies.



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*R*ichard Vencill and Trent Yeager work together to prevent potential problems. Teams kept in contact with the housing office while on duty in order to achieve greater mobility on campus.

*R*ichard Vencill attempts to resolve a problem between two residents. Members of the housing staff needed well developed interpersonal skills in order to handle the problems and complaints of their peers.



Two students demonstrate a ritual with the Ouija Board. Some believed the board was able to contact the supernatural.

Spooky haunting in the halls

by Julie Calfee

The alarm clock was lit and thrown across the room. A stereo turned on without a human being in the room. Hair dryers ran for no particular reason. Television sets turned on and off. Nobody was home.

These events and other strange happenings made some Western students wonder if spirits existed in the halls of Western residence halls.

Just before Halloween of last year, Cindy Patterson experienced the Ouija Board for the first time.

"I never believed in spirits, but I asked the board some very pe-



Photo illustration by Patty Wilson

A seance is held to try to call up spirits from beyond. These ceremonies usually took place after dark.

*T*arot cards are often used in fortunetelling. Some think energies are attracted to these cards.



Photo illustration by Tara Hovenga

and it knew the answers," said.

Some students, Ouija boards are the only way to contact spirits. One of a haunted suite dealt with this naturally.

"When the spirits are around you, it's freezing," Kim Black said. "A particular spirit that Black has encountered was Elia."

"She haunts the 'A' room most often, but others in the suite have encounters with her," Black said. "She is very temperamental; she

can get extremely angry at any time," Patterson said.

One particular incident sent shock waves through the suite. The girls in the "A" room were all out for the evening and a parent called. A woman named Elia answered the phone and was asked to give the girls a message. Later that evening when they returned home they were distressed to hear that the parent had talked to Elia.

"That really freaked us all out," Black said.

When the question of the haunted dorms was posed to Dean of Student

Affairs Forrest Hoff he said that he had never heard of the paranormal activity in the halls.

Director of Housing Annette Diorio, although familiar with the ghost stories, was skeptical.

"I am not one to believe in things like that," Diorio said.

So whether it be spirits, energies or just people with overactive imaginations there could be some truth to the haunting of the halls. So the next time the wind howls or something strange happens it may not be just a coincidence; it may be the spirits.

At the non-traditional recognition dinner, Senior Lois Fox accepts a token of appreciation. Fox received special recognition for her time and efforts devoted to the non-tradition student center.

Awarded for her campus involvement, Juanita Crews shakes the hand of John Hirsch. As non-traditional students increased in numbers, they also increased in visibility.



Bridging the age gap

by Amy Supple

Missouri Western is unique in the additional demographic diversity brought another definition to campus diversity. At Western, 33 percent of students were non-traditional, which means they were 25 years of age or older.

And the numbers just kept growing and growing.

“Every year there are more and more non-traditional students on campus. And every year they continue to become more and more involved,” Ellen Smither, director of non-traditional student services, said.

...king outside the non-traditional student office, Patricia Ridpath, Susan Isaacson, Grady Pyle
Pyle take a break before classes. At Western 33 percent of the students were non-traditional,
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Coffee and Conversation, held every month, was a time set aside for non-trads to gather in a relaxed atmosphere to share ideas, concerns and just to unwind.

The new non-traditional student office in the administration building offered more time for interaction. The office provided a place for students to meet, talk and share ideas and concerns about common issues they faced.

Although a gap existed between the ages of traditional and non-traditional students, Smither saw that not as a

problem but as a learning opportunity.

“Non-trads have so much life experience. They have a practical view of the world,” Smither said.

“I think the way to bridge the gap between all students is communication,” Senior Lois Fox said. “We can all learn so much from each other if we only give ourselves the opportunity. We are all here for one reason, to get a degree. In the real world the degree is important but so is the ability to get along with a diverse group of people. And that is what our differences teach us.”

When all else fails, head to the housing office to heat up some soup or Noodles. The office housed a full kitchen for students.

Maureen Reardon grabs a bite between classes in the SS/C building. Pizza delivery drivers were familiar with Western's campus.



Marcie Brown



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Making a new meal plan

by Tracy Jones

Once pictures and posters had been put in their proper places and each item of clothing carefully hung and folded, the grueling task of making an M dorm room feel like home appeared to have come to an end. This air of serenity was soon shattered, however, when students discovered the many characteristics of dining in the student union cafeteria.

This gave way to creative thinking. At its best, the average student's periods of critical contemplation were put

the cafeteria, Sophomores Nikki Marshall and Tim O'Conner treat themselves to Rosa's Castillo. Local restaurants were often frequented by Western students.



ing up with alternatives to ed cafeteria food. Drastic re taken when mini-crock plates were brought in for c and cheese, not to men- chili-fests. The dorm scene e with gourmets on the run. mes, I feel guilty for not cafeteria,” Freshman Lora “After all, we are paying ust so difficult to try and cafeteria schedule when you one of your own.”

After running from class to class, and to work, fitting in those three square meals presented itself as somewhat of a problem. That's precisely why most students stocked up on those essential, quick foods. Cabinet shelves were lined with everything from potato chips to juice boxes, Pop Tarts to flavored yogurt, trail mix to Twinkies, just waiting for consumption.

“It's much easier to have a hot pot full of noodles waiting for you in your room than it is to have to run to

McDonald's because you missed dinner,” said Crystal Davolt, another freshman honing her culinary skills.

While some preferred the drive-thru window method, most struggling students opted to turn their rooms into private pantries, an edible sanctuary if you will. It's most certain that the practice of cafeteria dodging did not expire. Just as long as there were women with hairnets and enormous bins of fish sticks and Jello, a reason to search for those tasty alternatives always existed.

Don Willis, director of student activities, demonstrates one of his famous formulas to new students at orientation. This was the first year students were required to attend a residence complex orientation.

Resident Assistant Darlene Lenley gives students a guided tour of the suite complex. At orientation, first-time students learned the ins and outs of college life.



Tamara Boisford-Violet



Tara Hovenga

Missi Smith

Learning by example

by Amy Supple

As a freshman, college life is an extreme adjustment. For most students, residence complex life is their first experience living away from home. It's an exciting, and frightening time because of the new environment and culture they experience.

A new residence hall orientation made adjusting to college easier for freshmen by making them feel welcomed and not overwhelmed. First-time

Additional students lived on campus this year thanks to the construction of Vaselakos residence complex. Most freshman lived in the suite complex with hopes of moving into apartments as upperclassmen.



in the residence halls were to attend two days of orientation when school began. The residence halls were set up early strictly for the freshmen to get acquainted before the upper classmen

freshmen orientation was because it allowed us to get to know each other and campus life. Catina Baldwin said.

“The meetings and seminars allowed us to know about others and experience college life.”

There was also a day designated specifically for the freshmen to meet with their academic advisors and to get to know the college and how it functions. Other meetings held throughout the orientation provided information about health services, security, housing and campus life in general.

“It was the busiest two days of the entire semester,” said Housing Coordinator Annette Diorio.

“I can see a difference in the freshmen who went through the program. They feel more comfortable here and have become more aware of the campus,” Resident Assistant Tamika Austin said. “I wish I would have had the opportunity to go through this experience. I had to learn the hard way.”

Griffons catch Spring fever

by Julie Calfee

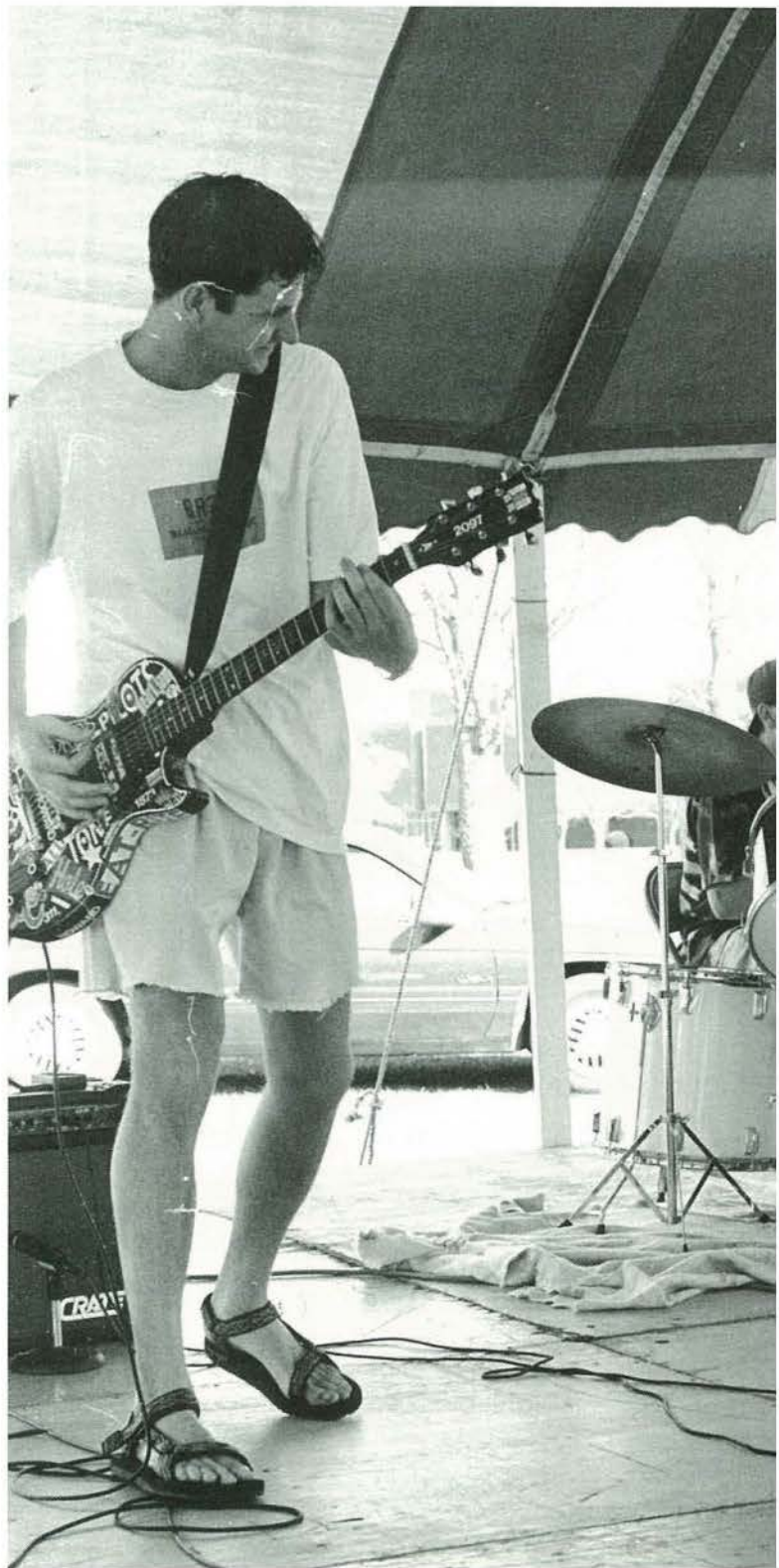
Winter was long and hard at Western. The trek from the residence halls to the parking lots was cold at times, treacherous. So by the time we hit Western in April, everybody was ready to celebrate.

On a beautiful spring afternoon, finals were coming and students were looking for a way to relieve their academic stresses.

This was the rationale behind the concept of Springfest, an event that took place every April at Western. Although some had nicknames,

A tent in the center of campus provides shelter for the Battle of the Bands. The band Dreadful Etiquette performed for the crowd during an uncharacteristically nice spring day.

Students linger in the center of campus. Winter snow can make the walk seem endless, but during Springfest the students were in no hurry to head indoors.



Flop because of the historical student turnout, organizers try every year to schedule events that appeal to students.

The weather did not cooperate with some of the events but students made an effort to come out and enjoy. said Don Willis, director of activities.

Over the years, every spring, the Missouri Western came out to enjoy the beautiful, or not so beautiful weather and the outdoor activities went along with it.

Springfest 1996 featured old favorites as well as new activities. Fun Flicks, an event that had been on campus for several years, was a favorite among students. Students lined up for the opportunity to participate in making their own music video with friends.

A new activity was The Battle of the Bands, a showcase of Missouri Western student rock bands. These bands were given the opportunity to show off their talent under a tent in the middle of campus.

A dance with a D.J. in the dorm

courtyard brought the students out at night for dancing and socializing.

An old-fashioned ice cream social sponsored by the residence council rounded out the activities.

"Of course we wish more students would come out and enjoy the Springfest activities but it is a busy time of the year and we were pretty happy with the turnout," said Jessica Yeast, CAB chairperson. "I feel that those who do choose to participate had a good time."

CAB sponsors the Springfest activities on campus.



Marcie Brown

*R*elaxing in style, Griffons take advantage of the first nice days on campus. Springfest began nine years ago as a cure for the winter blahs.



Marcie Brown



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*W*estern students listen to the Battle of the Bands event held as a part of Springfest. As all events, this one was free and open to all students.

*R*ic Howard takes a break from Springfest activities to relax with his dog. Bad weather hampered some of the scheduled activities.

*M*embers of DST hold a planning meeting. The number one item of business was working to secure their national charter.

Kelly Lock-Kerns



*A*meerah Salaam shares her ideas of how to recruit new members. DST was a small organization with big plans.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

Stepping in delta style

by Tania Mays

Two years ago three Missouri Western women had a dream of bringing a national sorority called Delta Sigma Theta to campus. This summer, the women left campus and brought their dream home with them.

The addition to Western's Greek life is known as DST, which temporarily stands for Devastating Sigma of Today. However, when the sorority receives their official national charter,



Kelly Lock-Kerns

Group members demonstrate their Delta sign of unity. Members include (from left to right) Andrea Ray, Ameerah Salaam, Precious Love, Binita Thurman, and Darlene Lenley.

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Although a new organization, DST quickly became active on campus through participating in homecoming activities, sponsoring a women’s retreat and holding tutoring sessions for Missouri Western students.
The national chapter of Delta Sigma Theta was founded in 1913 at Howard University. The MWSC organization had eight members this year, but has plans of growth and expansion once they

receive their charter.
“We have nothing against any other Greek organization on campus. We didn’t bring DST to campus because we disliked the other sororities. I think all sororities are great, and we all have basically the same goals with a different interpretation. We share the goal of uplifting females through sisterhood, so we should all work together for that goal,” Love said.



The Student Union provides students with diversions from classes. Students experienced many temptations when their intentions may have otherwise been good.

Kwanza Humphrey



Despite the weather, one student miraculously finds a parking space. Many students found icy roads and packed parking lots adequate reasons to cut classes.

James Tolen

Cutting epidemic runs rampant

by D. Silvers

There was one sickness that Student Health Services could not cure. Symptoms came on slowly but became more pronounced throughout the year. Physically, students became queasy when the parking lot was full. In addition, many students experienced hearing loss when the alarm sounded. Psychologically, more memory lapses about homework and classes were among the symptoms, particularly when augmented by the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The epidemic was impossible to contain, particularly in warmer weather. Students disappeared at an alarming rate. Such signs indicated only one thing:



*P*ulling the covers over her head, one student begins to feel the symptoms of chronic skipping disease. Sleeping in and oversleeping were the foremost causes of absences.

chronic skipping was unreadable.

Missing classes is a little like getting money from your grandma — you've done it once, it's easier and easier again," said Dave Brown, a counselor and testing.

Excuses for cutting classes were as varied as the students who employed them. Sleeping in caused many students to be empty, particularly in early morning classes. "It was definitely the foremost reason for skipping classes. Other than to do stuff like work or do something for other classes," said John Jefferson.

Chronic skipping was a two-fold disease. While catching up on homework from the neglected class, students found themselves falling behind in other classes. "That's the serious part of skipping classes. Students, particularly freshmen don't realize how attendance affects their grade point averages in the end," Brown said.

Some students claimed truly legitimate excuses for missing classes. Inclement weather and medical problems were among the culprits. Junior Tamara Botsford-Violett, for example, delivered a baby in March. "I felt like I had a pretty good reason to miss classes. Having a baby caused me to miss a

week," said Botsford-Violett.

Good reasons, however, were not the norm for chronic skippers. Meetings, work, course overload and boredom with the class were among excuses discussed by disgruntled professors at faculty meetings. Experienced skippers made cutting class an art by seeing how far they could go. "Students are more likely to skip classes when they know there are no repercussions," said English Professor Ken Rosenauer.

Some students skipped so much, however, that repercussions were inevitable. Academic probation or suspension seemed to be the best medicine to cause the remission of chronic skipping.

College and careers meet

by Amy Supple

After four long years (or in some cases five or six long years) students receive their degree with high hopes of landing that dream job. Unfortunately, the ideal job is not always waiting with open arms for new grads.

So, with degree in hand, students set out on the job search.

The job market can be a scary place for those who do not know where to begin their trek.

That is why Missouri West Career Week was a popular alternative for soon-to-be grads.

Sponsored by the office of c



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Mel Exberg of American Family Insurance discusses career opportunities with Leslie Hostetler. Many area businesses set up booths to recruit students for positions.

Linda Garlinger gives a workshop on how to make students more desirable applicants in the job market. Students learned valuable insight on how to be serious job contenders.



James Tolen

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testing, Career Week was five daily sessions designed to make students more marketable in a job environment.

Resume writing workshop, brought in existing resumes to be reviewed by Linda Garlinger, director of career services, and learned the basics of starting from scratch.

Learning the best first impression, the role of the employer, interviewing techniques, and job search strategies were all covered during the sessions.

Career Week culminated with a hiring fair, the fair was open to those

in the St. Joseph community as well as Western students. A variety of employers were represented, many with immediate openings.

"We want to do something to help the community and those affected by recent plant closings. We have been working with the Platte County Economic Development Council and hope to link North Kansas City's demand for employees with St. Joseph's demand for jobs," Garlinger said.

Mark Naster, vice president of DeFrain, Mayer, Lee and Burgess Consultants in Kansas City, was the keynote

speaker. Naster spoke on how to develop a network for a job search. He also answered specific questions that students had relating to finding a job.

Approximately 35 companies from the Midland Empire were represented at the fair.

Students attending the fair were able to talk with the company representatives and ask questions about career opportunities.

Many of the employers represented had job openings which provided opportunities for undergraduates as well as graduating seniors.



*M*arlon Stokes of the Airport Marriot Hotel talks with student Chris Dolan during Career Week. Career Week was a time for students to meet with prospective employers.

From envelopes to scrap paper, all types of products fill recycling bins across campus. Campus trash cans were much emptier thanks to the recycling efforts.

Campus coordinators found it difficult to find a vendor for their recycling efforts. Once they did, the solution was under way.



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Campus turns green

by Amy Supple

With thousands of acres of rainforests being eliminated from the planet every day, the future of our planet became murky. Disappearing natural resources, holes in the ozone, global warming and landfills taking over were all concerns of even the most interested citizen.

Students, staff and faculty of Missouri Western were always willing to do their share to keep the planet green. Until recently, however, they did not have the means to do this.

placed in each office provides easy access for campus recycling. Senior Kelly Lock-Kerns worked in the English office which took part in the program.



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cycle on campus," Mona Bledsoe, cam-
pus coordinator for the program said.
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A coordinator in each building over-
saw the recycling program in their
offices. Large blue tubs were distributed
and collected weekly.

"I think the program is a good start,"
said Senior Joann Brannon who consid-
ered herself a mild environmentalist.
"The program needs to be more acces-
sible though. People will usually recycle
if it is convenient."

Most campus offices were happy to
accomodate.

"In our office now we recycle ev-
erything we can," said Dixie Ham,
administrative assistant to the executive
vice-president. "I think it is absolutely
wonderful. We all need to start doing
our part for the environment."

After the program was well under-
way students, faculty, staff and
administrators could breathe a little easier
knowing they did their share to keep the
planet green.

True grit

THE TRULY GRIFFON ATHLETE WAS NOT JUST CONCERNED WITH STATISTICS IN A WIN-LOSS COLUMN. WHEN IT CAME TO COMPETITION, THEY WERE ALL TRUE GRIT.

ALTHOUGH WESTERN ATHLETICS EXPERIENCED MANY CHANGES AND OBSTACLES THIS YEAR, THE ATHLETES WHO EXCELLED ON THE PLAYING FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM WERE NUMEROUS. TEAMWORK, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, DEDICATION AND SCHOLARSHIP WERE ALL QUALITIES TRUE GRIFFON ATHLETES STROVE TO ATTAIN.

FROM VOLLEYBALL ALL-AMERICAN SHELLY LOWERY TO NFL DRAFT PICK JOHN FISHER, MWSC SPORTS SAW IT ALL. AND WITH HIGH TEAM GPAs AND CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AS GOALS OF MANY COACHES, THE ATHLETES PROVED TO POSSESS TRUE GRIT OUT OF THE BLACK AND GOLD UNIFORMS AS WELL.



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Sampson the Griffon receives a volleyball lesson from Lady Griffons Christine Donecker and Dallas Bowman. True Griffon Grit was always evidenced on the court.

John Fisher, backed by Matt Hester, attempts to recover a fumble. Fisher earned the Outstanding Offensive Player Award.

A referee indicates another touchdown for the Missouri Western Griffons. MWSC's football program boasted the winningest program in Missouri in the last three years.

Junior Greg Jones faces off against his opponent. The 6'3" Los Angeles, Calif. native was selected to the All-MIAA second team.



Griffons build HIGHER STANDARD

Missouri Western Football team provided exciting performances throughout the season. The team set a goal of reaching the NCAA Division II playoffs but fell short with a disappointing late-season loss to Missouri-Rolla.

Some of the highlights of the season were wins over conference rivals Central Missouri State and Missouri Southern on consecutive weekends. The season also included a non-conference road win over NAIA champion Northeastern State of Oklahoma. Over the past three seasons, the Griffons have played forty-four games, a total that is the best in the Missouri Valley.

"We are building a program that is gaining national recognition," said Coach Stan McGarvey. "Our goal is to continue to build a program that will represent Missouri Western and St. Joseph well. Our alumni have been very supportive of our efforts."

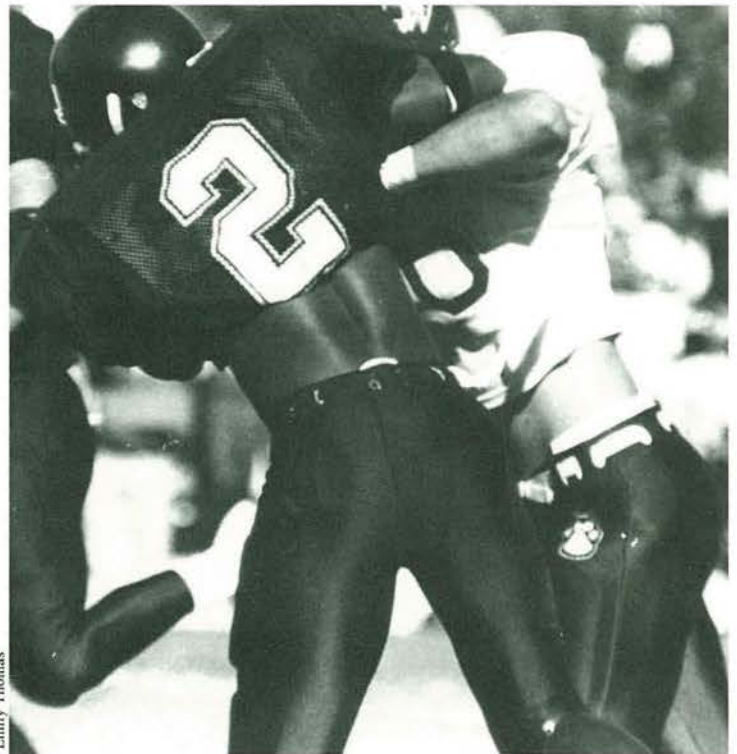
Senior running back John Fisher gained a team-high 74 yards. Fisher was one of eight finalists for the Hill Trophy; the Division II equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. He also earned All-Conference, First and Second Team All-American honors. Fisher was invited to play in a Division II All-Star contest in North Carolina.

Coach McGarvey will return with a young, yet talented squad for the 1996 season. "Our team has allowed us to develop into a very cohesive unit," McGarvey said. "We are excited about the players that will be returning in the fall. Our top two defensive linemen, Matt Williamson and Bill Hall, will both be anchoring the defense."

The 1995 season was a learning experience for the Griffons. "Our players wanted to make the Division II playoffs and were disappointed that they didn't reach that goal," McGarvey said. "The returning players are going to take the steps needed to reach the next level. The continued development of our returnees and the recruiting class that we have had will allow Missouri Western State College football to attain a higher standard."

— by david lang and d. silvers —

football	
Drake University	19-19
Northeastern State	44-7
Washburn University	17-6
Emporia State	35-28
Southwest Baptist	45-0
Pittsburg State	0-31
Northwest Missouri State	24-20
Northeast Missouri State	21-42
Central Missouri State	30-20
Missouri Southern	43-7
Missouri-Rolla	21-25



Emily Thomas

Calvin Johnson blocks Northwest Missouri State University offensive lineman. Western took the game with a four point lead.

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Offensive lineman Matt Dunham is ready for action. The 6'4" sophomore was responsible for one varsity tackle and one team tackle in the 1995 season.

Emily Thomas



Front Row: Richard Rowe, Junior Silverio, Willie Porter, Asifa Aikens, Jason Grayson, Jamie Grayson, Regi Trotter, Tony Williams, Rickey Cozart, Calvin Johnson, Travis Evans, Dwight Lewis, Mitchell Mason, Marlo Tillman, Antwoun Harlan. **Second Row:** Apr Middleton, Hamilton Crowder, Anthony Campbell, Richard Lowery, Lawrence Walker, Jay Grace, Ellis Gales, Franco Glaze, Lidde Thomas, Michael Sierra, Ed Feeley, Ivan Bowen, Lamark Allen, John Fisher, Napoleon Key, Julie Kerns. **Third Row:** Melissa Reece, Nathan Washington, Chris Johnson, Jason Best, Paul McGarvey, Dan Marshall, Charles Lee, Dave Paffenroth, Stan McGarvey, Jerr Partridge, Todd Throckmorton, Clarence Holley, Andy Williams, Keith McNeal, Joe Brown, Pete Kahalil, Myron Unzicker. **Fourth Row:** Leroy Clayton, Sean Foster, Mike Webb, Cedric Williams, Mark Forrester, Matt Gahner, Keith Rodermund, Tory Veland, Sekou Johnson, Joe Baldassarra, Edsel Edwards, Scott DeLarber. **Fifth Row:** John Newsome, Davette Whitney, Paulo Vito, Shawn Dupris, Bill Hall, Sho King, Aaron McBride, James Morgan, Matt Hester, Michael Nichols, Kevin Kilroy. **Sixth Row:** Mark Allegri, Matt Gragg, Ma Williamson, Nate Gallow, Ken Ware, Tim Ware, David Boehle, Douglas Lee, Marvin Robinson, Jon Worstell, Kenric Lanier. **Seventh Row:** Russell Word, Matt Dunham, Anthony Copeland, Ray Gould, Ian Page, Eric Mitchell, Rodney Bettencourt, Daniel Rodriguez, Daniel Wise, Aaron West, Rick Moeckel. **Back Row:** Greg Jones, Chris Adelmann, Ryan Johnson, Marcus Royster, Mike Halford, Trent Waibel, Jacob Moore, Mitch Johnson.



Running back Tony Williams relies on Junior Greg Jones to hold Northwest Missouri State University's offensive line. Williams scored eight touchdowns in the 1995 season.

Matt Williamson takes a break during a game. The junior defensive lineman turned in 50 varsity tackles for Western in 1995.



john fisher

WANTED MAN

Missouri Western football brought John Fisher IV a long way from his home in Oakland, Calif.

It all started when his sister's boyfriend taught him how to tackle. Even at 14 years old, Fisher's coaches were impressed with his combination of speed and defensive skills.

During the football season, National Football League scouts were also impressed and kept an eye on Fisher's performance. Fisher proved worth watching.

Although knee surgery kept him on the sidelines for the Drake game, his debut game against Northeast showed promise. Fisher carried seven times for 150-yards; he felt that his numbers would have been higher if coaches had not been so cautious about his knee. The game against Southwest Baptist brought more success for Fisher who broke a Missouri Western record by scoring five times including the winning touchdown. Coaches utilized Fisher's skill as a defensive back and running back in the game against Central Missouri State University.

"I can play running back, receiver and defensive back. I'm not afraid to try anything. I prefer playing defensive back because being a running back takes such a toll on your body. I feel that I am one of the best defensive backs in the country," Fisher said.

Such versatility and confidence was soon rewarded; Fisher was one of 200 college players evaluated by professional recruiters. Pressure increased for Fisher at the same rate that pink phone message slips from NFL teams piled high. First, the Jacksonville Jaguars called. Then, the New York Giants called. The Indianapolis Colts left a message.

"The attention from the professional teams caused some jealousy and envy in some of my teammates. But most of the team rose to see me succeed," Fisher said.

Finally, on April 21, Fisher was selected in the sixth round of the NFL's draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars. "I was surprised to be looked at so seriously. My numbers were good but I didn't think it would be enough," Fisher said.

Fisher's statistics were enough. The Jaguars' coaching staff evaluated Fisher as a defensive back and a specialty teams player. Fisher was only the second Missouri Western player to be drafted by a NFL team.

In only a few years, Fisher's performance took him from Oakland, Calif. to St. Joseph, Mo., halfway across the continental United States. Professional football undoubtedly would take Fisher as far as he was willing to go.

— by d. silvers —



Kelly Lock-Kerns

john fisher

Major

Criminal Justice

Hometown

Oakland, California

Position

Running Back

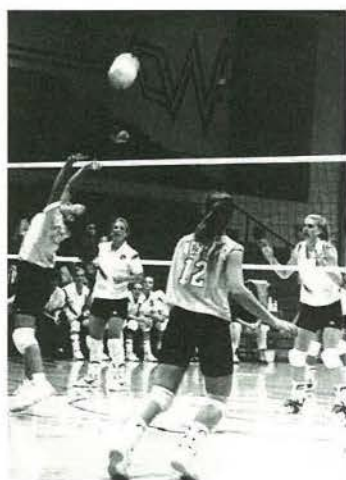
Defensive Back



Jacksonville Jaguar recruit, John Fisher, takes a moment to autograph a program. Fisher's popularity at Missouri Western proved to be only a taste of what was to come.

Kelly Lock-Kerns

striving FOR SUCCESS



MISSISSIPPI

Christine Evenleigh (12) prepares for a spike as her teammate sets the ball. Skilled maneuvers such as this led the team to victory.



Front Row: Christine Evenleigh, Tammy Andersen, Seona Furlong, Jodi Grunewald, Shelly Lowery, Rebbie Maudlin, Shauna Alley. **Back Row:** Theresa Schuetz, Jessen Maycock, Melissa Vlasis, Tiffany Bock, Tia Newman, Jennifer Carlson, Jo Ellen Dobbs, Liz Schenk, Crystal Davis.

The Missouri Western volleyball team, which experienced lukewarm achievement in the past, met success this year and that was just the beginning.

The team finished 29-9 for the season, which took them to the NCAA Tournament. The Griffons came out of regionals 1-3 against West Texas State. They finished themselves 23rd in the nation as the season concluded.

“Everyone who saw us play enjoyed what they saw on the court,” said Head Volleyball Coach Kristin Peterson. That had everything to do with the team’s outstanding players, several of whom made the All-American and All American teams. Senior Shelly Lowery made the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II First Team All-American, as well as the MIAA team.

Lowery wasn’t the only one to rack up achievements. Sophomore Tiffany Bock and senior Jodi Grunewald made the All-MIAA Second Team. Senior Tammy Andersen won an Honorable Mention from the organization. It’s no surprise that they excelled under Peterson as she was named MIAA Coach of the Year.

Playing wasn’t the only skill these players possessed. The team GPA was 3.5, making them the Academic All-American Team. Nine had GPAs above 3.5, and they all maintained at least a 3.3 or above.

One of the most exciting matches that Peterson recalls was a home match with Missouri Southern. “Both our teams were equal to heavy weights and we won. It was very exciting,” Peterson said.

Another great moment was a victory over Washburn University, to whom the team lost in September, but returned to beat later in November.

“We played one of the best matches ever,” said Peterson. “The players responded very well.”

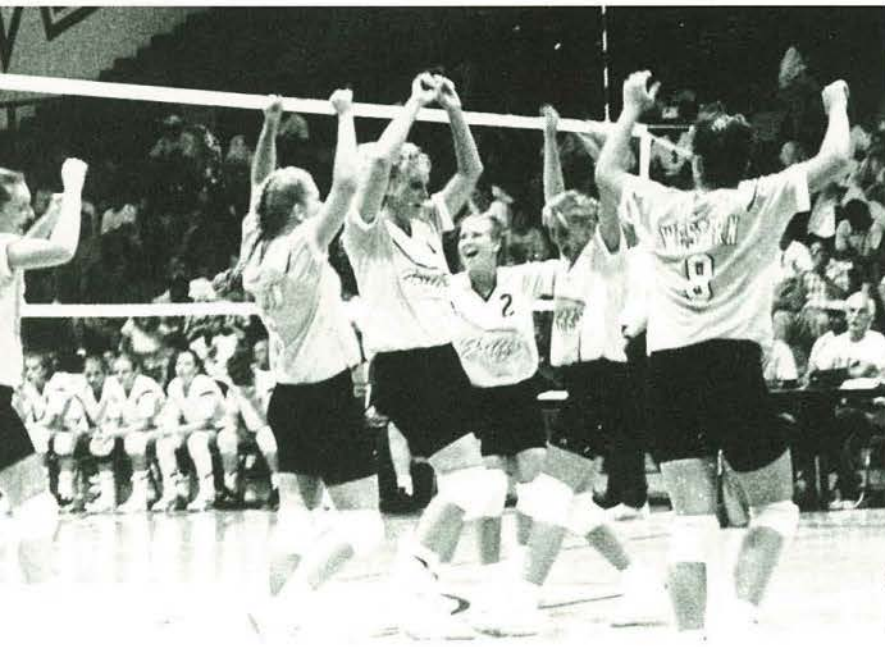
With seniors graduating, Peterson looked to the team’s future. “We’re losing five seniors, with some shoes to fill,” she said. “The new recruits have the potential to be as good or better than this year’s team.”

As Western wrapped up another season of athletics, it put unprecedented achievements in its trophy cabinet. Peterson wanted those who did not see the team in action to know what they missed. She hoped to give volleyball fans something to look forward to next season.

— by Tracy Jones —

volleyball

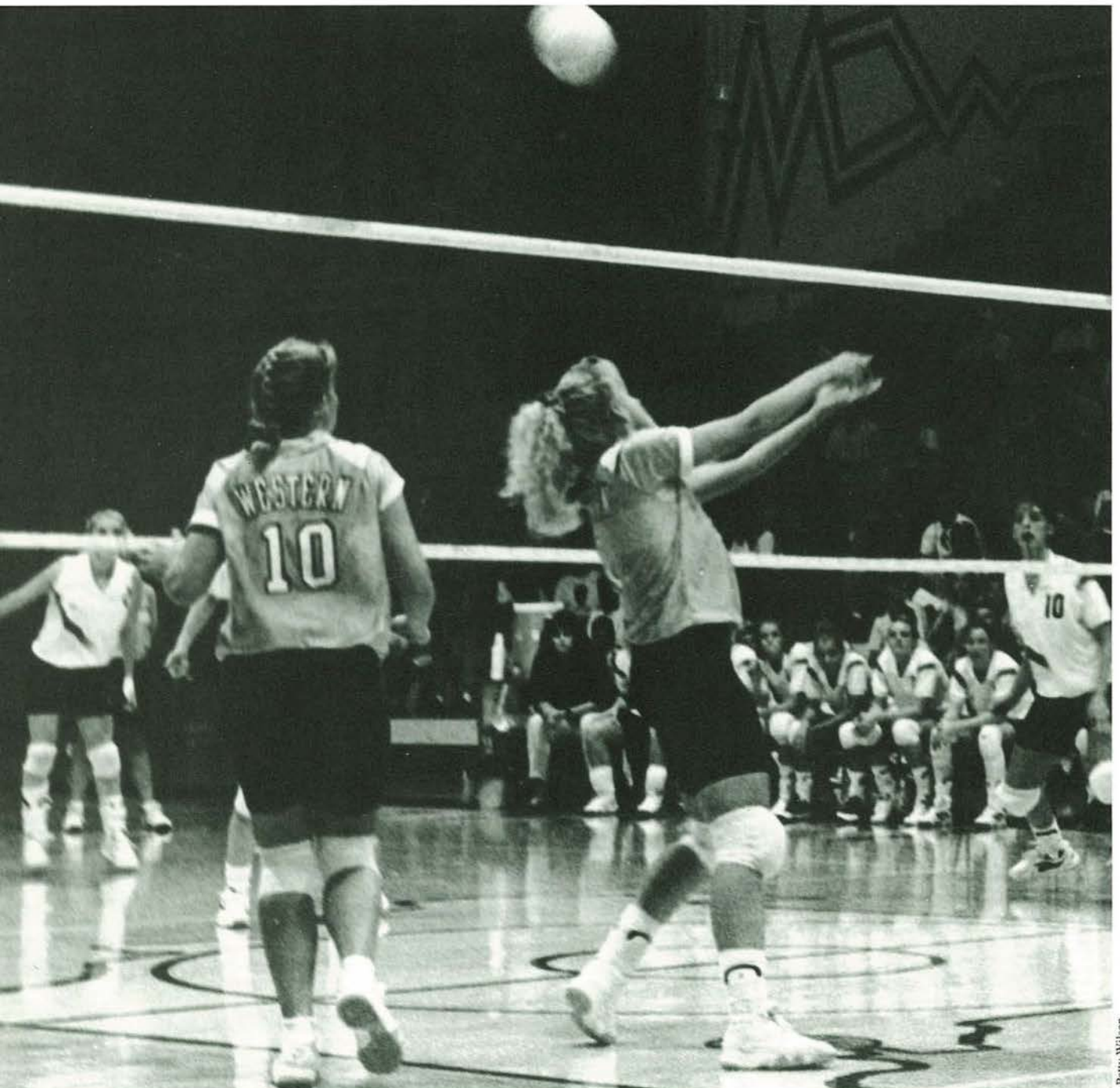
Central Arkansas	3-0	Missouri Southern	3-0
Wayne State	3-0	Central Mo. State	2-3
IUPUI-Indianapolis	3-0	Southwest Baptist	3-1
Augustana	1-3	Missouri-St. Louis	3-0
Northeast Mo. State	3-0	Northwest Mo. State	3-0
East Texas State	3-2	Rockhurst College	3-1
Colorado Christian	1-3	Emporia State	3-1
Winona State	3-0	Pittsburg State	3-2
Wayne State	3-1	Washburn Univ.	3-0
Northwest Mo. State	3-0	Northeast Mo. State	3-0
Pittsburg State	3-0	Central Arkansas	3-0
Emporia State	3-0	Harding Univ.	3-0
Washburn University	1-3	Tarleton State	3-0
Northeast Mo. State	3-1	Rockhurst College	3-1
Nebraska-Kearney	2-3	Missouri Southern	2-3
Northern Colorado	0-3	Southwest Baptist	3-0
Univ. of Tampa	3-1	Central Mo. State	2-3
North Florida	3-2	Missouri-St. Louis	3-1
Cal Poly-Pomona	3-1	West Texas State	1-3



Patty Wilson

The Lady Griffons celebrate after another successful kill. The team averaged nearly 15 points per game.

Outside hitter, Tammy Anderson (10) watches as senior Shelley Lowery returns a serve. Lowery went on to make the All-American team.



Patty Wilson

shelly lowery

VOLLEYBALL VENUS

Shelly Lowery used to be a gangly seventh grader who sat on the bench almost every volleyball game. Lowery described herself as shy and mousy during her years at Bridger Junior High in Independence, Mo. Lowery couldn't seem to shake her reputation as a mediocre player until her sophomore year in high school.

"I spent the summer between my sophomore and junior year [in high school] playing sand volleyball. I lost all the baby fat. Things changed after that," Lowery said.

Lowery lost more than her baby fat that summer; she lost the mediocrity that had held her anchored to the bench. She gained, however, several inches of height and a trademark confidence that propelled her future volleyball career. "I grew up a lot that summer in my abilities and the way I saw myself," Lowery said.

After being bumped up to the varsity volleyball team during her junior year in high school, Lowery began to take her abilities more seriously. Missouri Western volleyball coaches began to watch Lowery's performance more closely. As a result, Lowery was invited to serve as first assistant coach to the team during her freshman year in college. Although she didn't play on the court, her experience as coach proved to be a very valuable experience.

"The down time gave me a chance to step back and watch the style of the team. I saw the team's weaknesses and strengths. I knew the team needed a leader. I did my best to fill that role," Lowery said.

Once on the court, Lowery proved to be just what the team needed. Serving as middle hitter for three years, she set the standard for the team.

Lowery's best did not go unnoticed. The Board of Coaches recognized Lowery's outstanding performance by selecting her as one of the recipients of the All-American Award for the 1995 season. Only twelve players from Division II schools were selected for the impressive All-American Award.

"It was a really exciting thing for me. Missouri Western was really wonderful in recognizing my award," Lowery said.

Her graduation brought mixed feelings. Although Lowery felt sad about leaving the team, she knew that her college volleyball career couldn't last forever.

"I'm going to miss playing with my friends. I think it's time for me to move on to other things," Lowery said.

Lowery planned to continue playing volleyball recreationally with the USVBA. Her ultimate goal, however, was to play doubles in Pro Beach volleyball.

Despite the shyness and mousiness of her past, Lowery's talent and tenacity spiked her volleyball career to divine proportions.

by d. silvers



Marcie Brown

shelly lowery

Major

Psychology

Hometown

Independence, Mo.

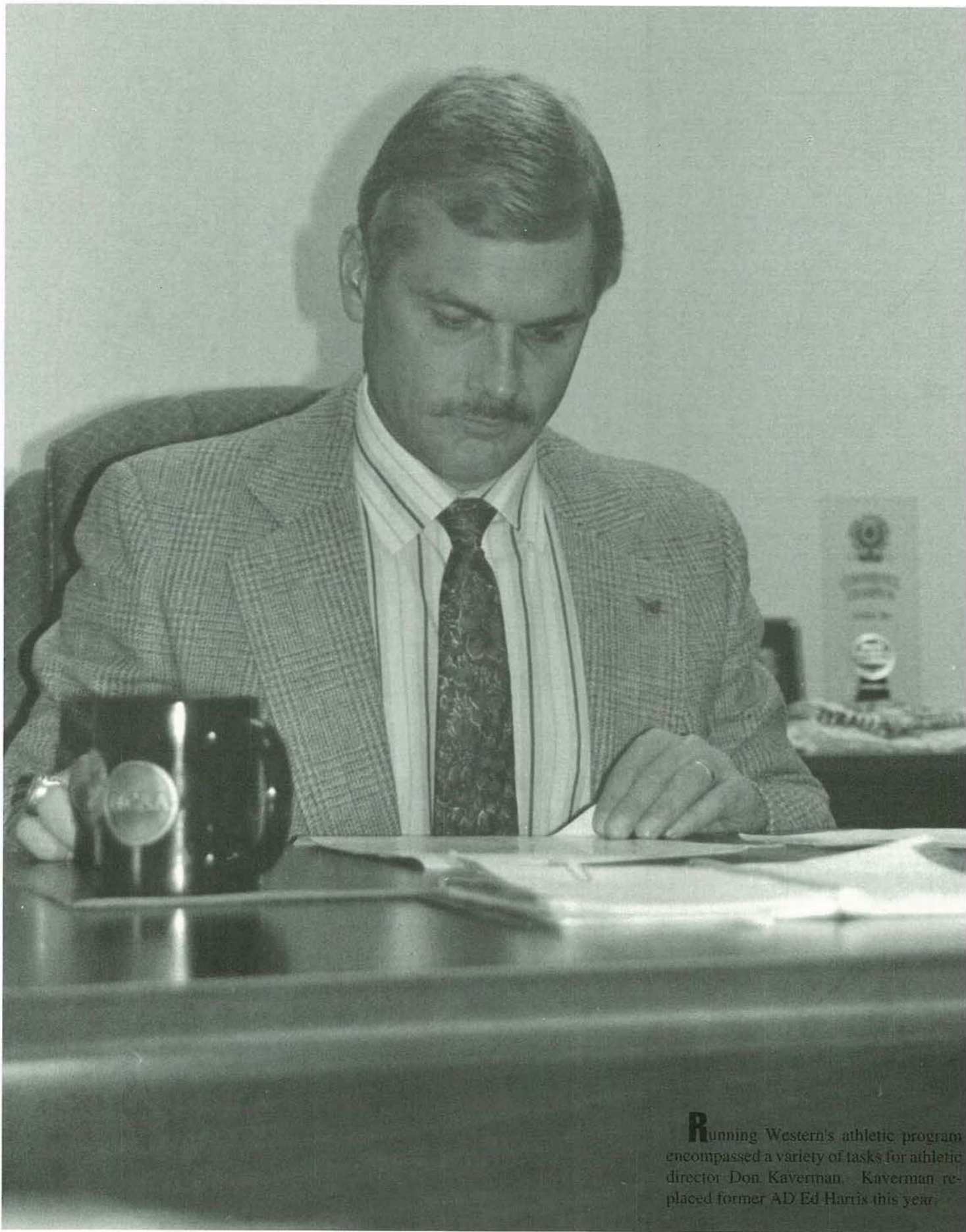
Position

Middle Hitter



Senior Shelly Lowery positions herself to bump ball. Lowery's performance as middle hitter of the men's volleyball team earned her an All American award for the 1995 season.

Marcie Brown



Running Western's athletic program encompassed a variety of tasks for athletic director Don Kaverman. Kaverman replaced former AD Ed Harris this year.

don kaverman

SPORTING SUCCESS

When Don Kaverman took the job of athletic director at Missouri Western State College, he wasted no time in settling in, assessing the program and getting down to business.

"Coming to Missouri Western was a great opportunity for me. I was glad to accept the position. And I would like to thank (College President) Dr. Murphy for the opportunity. I am going to work hard to continue to develop the athletic program this year and the years to come," Kaverman said.

"It is always an adjustment when you are changing positions. The size of the school and the level of the program are all things you have to consider when developing your overall plan," Kaverman said. "But you just try to adjust and do the best you can."

However with negatives, there are always just as many positives to compensate.

"One of the most pleasant surprises I have found at Missouri Western is the cooperative spirit between the departments. Everybody seems very dedicated and proud of what they do and that is refreshing," Kaverman said.

Kaverman set out for success early in the year and didn't stop until he had reached his goals.

The Gold Coat Club, a group of individual and community sponsors organized to be athletic boosters, reached an all time record high in their fund raising effort.

"We had the most successful drive ever, raising over \$290,000. We also found seven new corporate sponsors," Kaverman said.

In addition to financial endeavors, the athletic department managed upgrades for the field house including a new sound system and new seating.

Athletes were also a main focus of Kaverman's plan.


"We began drug testing and education for athletes as well as a tutoring program."

And just because the athletic seasons for the year had ended, Kaverman did not stop. He was already making plans for the coming year.

"We hope to continue to work on those things as well as do more with gender expansion," Kaverman said.

He cited statistics that showed while over 58% of students are women, only 25% of the athletes were female.

Kaverman also hoped to upgrade academic assistance, improve athlete's graduation rate and increase the number of students who attend games.



don kaverman

College
B.A., M.A.
Michigan State

Position
Athletic Director

by amy supple

playing the GRIFFON GAME



Missi Smith

Marlon Burton (25) assists as Eric Keeler (20) scores for the Griffons. Keeler was both leading scorer and leading stealer for the team with 14.8 points per game and 1.6 steals per game.

Beginning with a solid start, the men's Griffon basketball team experienced a year that could not be classified as easy. Yet through it all they continued to play the game as true Griffons.

A win at Western's own Hillyard Tip-Off Classic boosted spirits early in the season. Losing player Jerran Cobb mid-season, the team and Head Coach Tom Smith found themselves at the center of controversy in the St. Joseph community.

Being in the spotlight may have played a role in the team coming up just shy of expectations. For every year since 1988, Smith's teams had won at least 20 games per season. This team won 17 to end the season with a 17-10 record.

With a 62-59 loss to the University of Missouri at St. Louis, the Griffons were knocked out of the MIAA tournament, ending their season. The team averaged 79 points per game led by leading scorer Eric Keeler. They averaged 79 per cent from the free throw line.

Senior Marlon Burton, who led the team in rebounds with an average of 8.1 per game, was the only player not returning. "It is a little sad not be returning next year. My years on the team have been truly unforgettable," Burton said. "It was nice to end with a solid season."

Smith was left with a solid young team, ready to begin preparing for next season and chalking this one up to experience.

"The season had it's ups and downs both personally and athletically," Smith said. "I feel we played a solid season. And now we will look towards next year."

by amy supple





men's basketball

Benedictine College	87-74
Western Washington	80-77
Seattle Pacific	71-89
Arkansas-Monticello	114-90
Northwest MO State	87-70
Rockhurst College	83-59
Evangel College	92-79
Doane College	106-82
UC Riverside	89-87
Rollins College	91-95
Missouri-St. Louis	71-73
Washburn University	59-56
Missouri Southern	77-78
Emporia State	73-87
Central MO State	72-91
Lincoln University	76-66
Pittsburg State	73-71
Southwest Baptist	85-73
Northeast MO State	87-73
Northwest MO State	72-87
Missouri-Rolla	63-78
Washburn University	72-65
Missouri Southern	69-60
Emporia State	74-60
Central MO State	75-78
Lincoln University	74-61
Missouri-St. Louis	59-62

Slipping past Benedictine Raven defenders, Terrell Duffin dunks the ball. The Griffons finished the season with a 17-10 season.

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Easily breaking through defenders, Jerran Cobb (40) the ball in for two points. Cobb was kicked off the team season amidst allegations of misconduct.





Missi Smith

Demonstrating True Griffon offense, Marlon Burton (25) scores with the help of Sam Taylor (44). Burton was the team's leading rebounder with 8.1 per game and Taylor held the top field goal percentage with 62.4%..



Photo courtesy of Paul Sweetgall

Front Row: Doug Lee, Sam Taylor, Marlon Burton, Andre Crittendon, Devin Griffin, Maurice Robinson. **Back Row:** Jamal Harris, Kevin Behan, Jerran Cobb, Toby Hoggatt, Tony Miller, Jermaine Kemp.

working AS A TEAM

When an athlete joined a team, the first rule to learn was there is no "I" in team. This concept was apparently learned well by the Lady Griffon basketball team.

"Probably the most important thing that the players learned was to sacrifice their individual egos in order to strengthen the team," Head Coach Dave Slifer said.

After the season had drawn to a close, the players had the time to sit down and reflect on the accomplishments of the team.

"The team came out and played hard," said Jenny Marr. "If one person fails to play their best it has an effect on the entire team and we try not to let each other down."

The players respected one another for both their abilities and their limitations. But they had the same goal which was found in every competitive sport; winning.

And while it was not the winningest season in Lady Griffon history, the players, along with first-year Coach Slifer, learned a lot about themselves.

"Overall, we really felt great about the season. We had a slow start by losing four games...then a four game winning streak brought us back up," Slifer said.

As with any season there were ups and downs. Marr recollected one memorable moment with the team.

"When we played Pittsburg State everyone played together and played hard as a team. That was a wonderful feeling."

With a solid 16-12 season, the Lady Griffons were led by several seniors: Lashon Eagons, Amanda Devers and Toni Wood.

"Once we coordinated our talents, we became one of the most feared teams in the conference tournament," Slifer said. Wood, Marr and Bridgette Gittens received conference awards.

Latosha McMillian summed up what she thought the team sentiment was in two words: team players.

"Everyone worked hard to make this team a good one, we just fell a little short this season," said McMillian.

Winning and losing, on offense and defense, the Lady Griffons did it as a team.

————— by julie calfee and d. silvers —————



East Texas State loses the ball to Jenny Marr. Marr received second team All Conference Award.



Kelly Lock-Kerns



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Sophomore Guard Shanon Wahlert rebounds the ball. The Lady Griffons finished with a solid 16-12 season.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

Lady Griffons watch Latasha McMillan take a shot. McMillan summed up what she thought the team sentiment was in two words: team players.

women's basketball

East Texas State	88-82	Central MO State	56-73
Abilene Christian	84-91	Lincoln University	92-73
Mid-America Nazarene	101-75	Pittsburg State	82-101
Southwest State	62-65	Southwest Baptist	70-85
Grand Canyon	84-75	Northeast MO State	88-75
Grand View	71-68	Northwest MO State	79-90
Nebraska-Omaha	77-90	Missouri-Rolla	80-91
Doane College	96-89	Washburn University	79-93
Texas A&M-Kingsville	70-58	Missouri Southern	67-83
Cameron University	74-59	Emporia State	87-72
Missouri-St. Louis	99-76	Central MO State	83-61
Washburn University	57-89	Lincoln University	89-64
Missouri Southern	66-63	Pittsburg State	72-71
Emporia State	78-77	Missouri Southern	62-82

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As Shanon Wahlert (34) guards, Brigitte Gittens (54) attempts to score. Gittens was the high scorer and rebounder in the game against Emporia State.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

Kelly Lock-Kerns

Lady Griffons Brigitte Gittens (54) and Toni Wood (41) coordinate to develop a strong defense. Both Wood and Gittens received All-Conference Awards.



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Front Row: Latashaa McMillan, Dana Obersteadt, Mary Baack, Lashon Egans, Amanda Devers, Toni Wood, Brandee Peek, Bridgette Gitten
Back Row: Dave Slifer, Shanon Wahlert, Jenni Potter, Sara Elgin, Jenn Marr, Stacey Thrasher, Jaime O'Brien, Tina Shannon, Julie Ganahl.



For control, Amanda Devers (33) is backed by fellow Griffon Latasha McMillan (32).
was one of the three seniors who led the team.

playing THE FIELD

Although the Griffon baseball team had seen better seasons, Coach Doug Minnis kept a healthy attitude. The team had an overall record of 22-25 for the season.

Western tied for fourth in the MIAA's North Division and dropped a playoff game to Washburn University that decided which team would advance to the MIAA Tournament.

"We had some problems that we couldn't quite get worked out," Minnis said, "but when we applied our strengths, we were an excellent ball team."

The Griffon's major strengths came from their defensive playing. Their pitching had good depth, and their outfield showed good defensive skill.

Missouri Western also had some good hitters with the team batting average at .284, while their opponents

averaged slightly under them at .282. Topping the Griffon's batting statistics was Senior Todd Campell with an average of .500.

Three members of Minnis' squad received All-MIAA honorable mention acclaim. Sophomore pitcher Jason Christ led the team with five wins, three complete games and 52 strikeouts. He held a 5-5 record and also batted .320 as a first baseman when not pitching. Sophomore pitcher Adrian Roberts led the team with an earned run average of 2.45. He held a 4-1 record and allowed only 33 hits in 47.7 innings. Senior outfielder Steve Reynolds ranked second on the team with a batting average of .325 and had 40 hits and 24 runs scored.

The team's major weakness was that they encountered problems racking up runs.

"We would have only one or two run ball games, because we were unable to get the players that we had on base to score," Minnis said.

Even though Missouri Western's baseball season showed promise, few runs proved disappointing for coach and players.

Minnis, however, did not see it as a bad season.

"We will be better prepared and stronger next season. This was a building year."

— by amy supple —

men's baseball

Kansas State
 Southwest Baptist
 Southwest Baptist
 Southwest Baptist
 Wayne State
 Northwest MO State
 Benedictine College
 Benedictine College
 Pittsburg State
 Pittsburg State
 Rockhurst College
 Rockhurst College
 Quincy University
 Quincy University
 Oklahoma Baptist
 Central Oklahoma
 Central Oklahoma
 Oral Roberts
 Arkansas Tech
 Nebraska-Omaha
 Pittsburg State
 Pittsburg State
 Northeast MO State
 Northeast MO State
 Northeast MO State
 William Jewell
 Avila College
 Emporia State
 Emporia State
 Emporia State
 Emporia State
 Rockhurst College
 Rockhurst College
 Washburn University
 Washburn University
 Washburn University
 Washburn University
 Missouri Southern
 Missouri Southern
 Northwest MO State
 Northwest MO State
 Central MO State
 Central MO State
 Central MO State
 Central MO State
 Washburn University
 William Jewell



Heather Proehl

The opposing Bearcat team watches as Travis Sartain gets a base hit. Overall, the team's record was 22-25.

Reynolds steps into a pitch. Reynolds had a .325 batting average and played the outfield.



Patty Wilson



Patty Wilson

during an inning break Griffon baseball players wait on the bench at Welch Stadium. The team played all home games at this stadium.

Pitcher Adrian Roberts lets loose of another strike as third baseman Ryan Vaughn looks on. Roberts pitched a shut-out game for the Griffons.



Heather Proehl

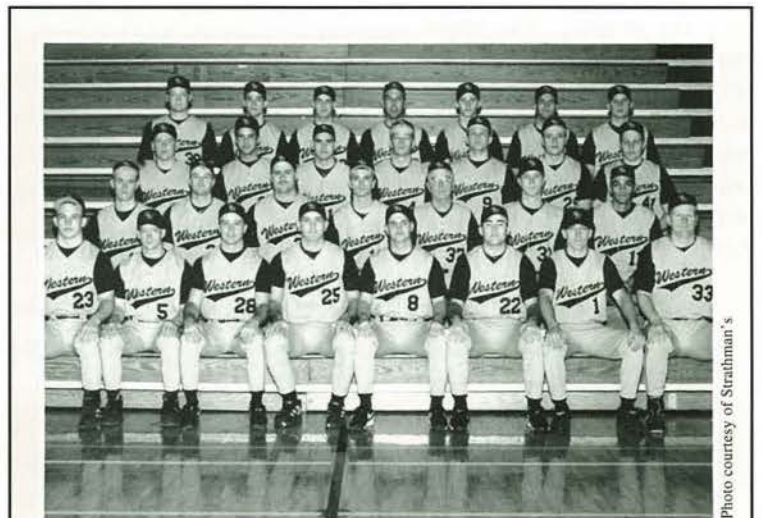


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Front Row: Robert Munier, Travis Sartain, Eric Jones, Mike Dunn, Jeff Thornsberry, David Cook, Donnie Crist, Russell Laverentz. **Second Row:** Joey Hendrix, Ryan Vaughan, Scott Archibald, Brett King, Doug Minnis, Jason Crist, Steve Reynolds. **Third Row:** Mike Stuver, Javier Martinez, Lee Hunter, Marc King, Eric Silertson, Joe Johnson, Gary Willis. **Back Row:** Jaret Sanders, Corey Williams, Tim Droege, Todd Campbell, Adrian Roberts, Kevin Thom, Ryan Livingston.

working TOWARD GOALS

Opening day for the Lady Griffon softball team was a victory for the team in more than the traditional sense. For the first time ever, the Lady Griffons were able to obtain a true homefield advantage.

Being able to play on campus was an emotional experience for Nichols. A St. Joseph native and graduate of Missouri Western, she also holds the position of assistant athletic director.

“It was wonderful to win our first game that we played on campus. It really brought things full circle for me,” Nichols said.

Women’s athletics began at Missouri Western in 1975 and Nichols, a student at that time, was a member of the first women’s softball team. Since that time the team played home games on various softball fields in St. Joseph because there were no fields on campus.

“The community was always very supportive. The people at the parks department and Bluff Woods were always very accomodating,” Nichols said.

Having to travel every day to practice and home games eventually took its toll on the team. Players would assemble on campus and then drive to the Bluff Woods Sports Complex located in the south end of St. Joseph, which took about an hour travel time round trip.

The new softball fields were made available through an athletic/recreational student fee which was passed in 1994.

“We were very fortunate the students chose to support the fee. I feel all the improvements were needed,” Nichols said.

The team started their new season in their new home with several goals all of which they acheived including have a team GPA above 3.0, to have members selected for for all conference and to steal 100 bases.

The Lady Griffons played a total of ten games on the new fields this semester.

“It was great to finally be able to play on campus,” said junior pitcher Angie McCamy. “Being on campus increased crowd support which was great.”



Photo courtesy of Pat Hickey

After warming up, Erynn Walls and Tammy Allen head into the dugout. The team started their new season with several goals; all of which they accomplished including stealing 100 bases, having members selected for All Conference and acheiving a team GPA above 3.0.

women's softball

Park College
Park College
Central College
Southwest Baptist
South Dakota State
Southern Indiana
William Woods
Mt. Senario
Mansfield University
St. Francis
Bellarmine
St Mary's
Columbia College
Oklahoma City University
Kentucky Wesleyan
Kentucky Wesleyan
Missouri Southern
Missouri Southern
Adams State
Adams State
Emporia State
Emporia State
Washburn University
Washburn University
Central Missouri State
Central Missouri State
Northwest Mo. State
Northwest Mo. State
Columbia College
Columbia College
Missouri Southern
Lincoln University
Central Oklahoma
Central Missouri State
Northeast Mo. State
Northeast Mo. State
Park College
Park College
Missouri-Rolla
Missouri Southern
Missouri-St. Louis
Southwest Baptist
Lincoln University
Pittsburg State
Missouri Southern
Emporia State
Pittsburg State
Missouri Southern

by amy supple

ady Griffon Softball Team plays on one of the new softball fields. The new fields were made available through an athletic/ student fee which was passed in 1994.



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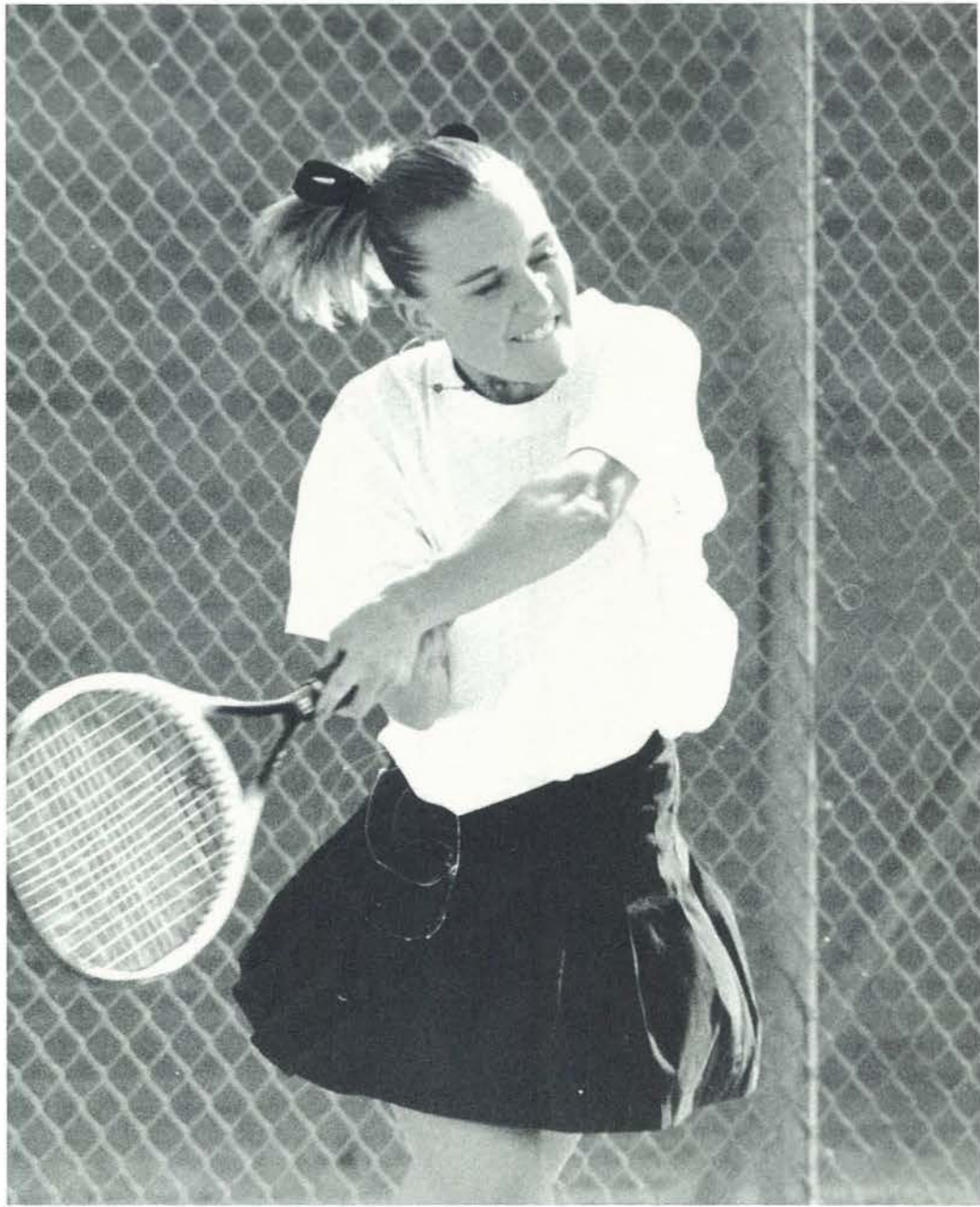
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on the field, Angie McCamy warms up with a Junior pitcher McCamy set school records with pitched, 34 appearances and ten shutouts.



Photo courtesy of Paul Sweetgall

Front Row: Steph Jaekel, Deanna Perry, Julie Kerns, Regina Hernandez, Angie McCamy, Kim Tennant, Tammy Richardson, Erin McCamy. **Back Row:** Jill Bailey, Tammy Allen, Erynn Walls, Monica Henriod, Carmen Lawson, Steph Schwab, Lori Forrester, Megan Houglund, Lindsay Eulinger, Mary Nichols.



Stretching for a backhand shot, Junior Amy Jacobs, returns a volley during a match. The women's tennis team finished the season with a 6-7 record.



Front Row: Amy Jacobs, Tina Varma. **Back Row:** Kara Thacker, Ja O'Brien, Shannon Kropuenske.

luring THE GAME

A group of True Griffon women took to the courts relentlessly all for the love of the game.

Head Tennis Coach Patsy McCauley broke new records with her group of young athletes and looks to the future to break even more.

The Lady Griffon tennis team gained its highest finish in the team's history by reaching fourth place in this spring's MIAA Tournament. McCauley fielded a team made up of three freshmen, two sophomores and one junior

Although the Lady Griffons closed this year's season with a 6-7 record, the statistics prove the players fought hard and didn't accept defeat easily.

"I feel like for the most part we played really well. I think it will be very interesting to see what we can do as a team over the next several years," sophomore Tina Varma said.

Sophomore Tina Varma (St. Joseph) gained a third place finish at the number three singles position in the MIAA Tournament, and freshman Shannon Kropuenske (St. Joseph) was third in the number six singles. Kropuenske and freshman Jaime O'Brien (Savannah, MO) gained points by being third in the number two doubles bracket. Junior Amy Jacobs (Hastings, NE) finished fourth in the number two singles competition.

O'Brien played the number one singles position throughout the year, and held a 9-4 overall record. She and Kropuenske teamed up for a 7-3 record in the number two doubles slot.

Recently reconstructed tennis courts on campus gave the team a new home court advantage.

Whether going at it alone or teaming up to take on the competition the Lady Griffon tennis team approached their matches with True Griffon spirit.

by amy supple



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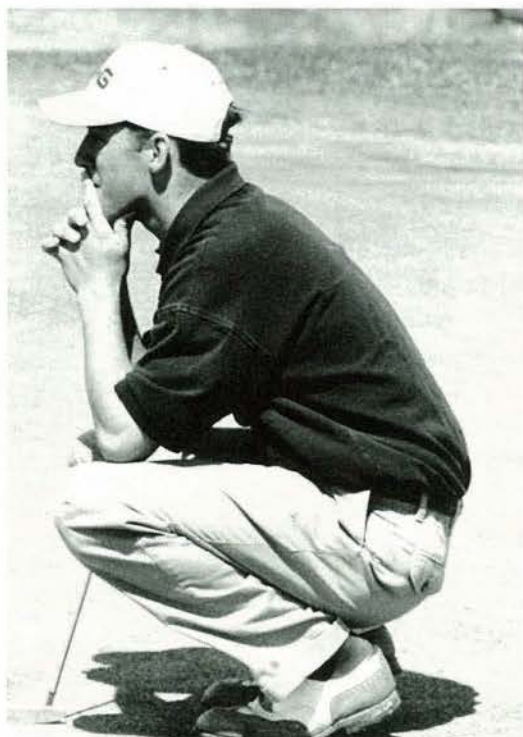
Playing in a doubles match, Sophomore Tina Varma watches as Jacobs returns a serve. Varma placed third in the number three singles position and Jacobs placed fourth in the number two singles position.

Heather Proehl

Women's tennis

O State	0-7
College	4-3
Western	3-4
Woods	6-3
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College	1-8
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playing FORE KEEPS



Deciding the proper strategy for his next shot, a MWSC golfer looks down the green at Fairview Golf Course. The golf team advanced to the regional tournament.

The Men's Griffon golf team had no reason to be teed off at their performance during the 1996 season athletic season.

Coach Mike Habermehl and his team of five starting golfers came through a wet spring with a winning season under their belts and high hopes for next season.

Western golfers won the MIAA title and advanced to regional competition for the first time since the school joined the NCAA in 1989.

"Making it to regionals was very exciting for us. We were happy to have the opportunity to prove ourselves," Habermehl said.

Western finished tenth in the 15-team West Regional, which included teams from California, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma as well as other areas of the country.

In addition to this they finished first in the season-long MIAA point standing. And during each of the nine regular season tournaments they placed fourth or higher. As a team, the golfers earned three tournament titles this year.

Habermehl will have all five of his starters back next season which gave him hope for an even brighter season ahead.

"This season left us with a lot of hope. I am optimistic about next year's season and I think the guys are too," Habermehl said. "We are all ready to get out there next season and place even higher."

Three golfers were named to the All-Conference team. Junior Mark Korell led all MIAA golfers with a 76.0 stroke average over the seven conference competitions. Junior Chris Weddle and sophomore Erin Hatcher also earned All-Conference honors.

by amy supple



Heather Proehl

men's golf

Northeast	2 of 15
Rolla	1 of 12
MSSC	1 of 16
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Putting for a close requires studying the ball carefully. All starting players for the team were returning for the 1996-97 season.



Long-awaited spring days drew the Griffon outside to reflect on the personalities found on Western's campus. The variety of students provided endless opportunities to meet new and interesting people.

True realities

THE **TRUE REALITIES** OF LIFE AT MISSOURI WESTERN WERE

MADE UP OF THE PEOPLE THAT BROUGHT THE CAMPUS TO LIFE.

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STREETS SAFE, **GRIFFONS** USED THEIR INDIVIDUAL TALENTS FOR

THE BENEFIT OF THE COLLEGE.

by D. Silvers

Kwanza, an African name, means the first fruit of the first harvest. Kwanza Humphrey added a new dimension to his namesake.

Even at the age of 20, Humphrey cultivated his artistic and academic talents. Naturally inclined toward a very expressive artistic style, Humphrey chose to major in commercial art in order to hone his abilities. A college

KWANZA HUMPHREY

Service and sacrifice were the keys to his success

logo, designed for Graphics I, won a 1995-96 Collegiate Addy awarded by the St. Joseph Advertising and Marketing Federation. Through an internship with the Instructional Media Center, Humphrey developed photography and other multimedia skills. He planned to pursue freelance illustration or teaching after attending graduate school.

“I’ve thought about being a lawyer or biologist. If I could do one thing, I’d continue being a student. There are so many things I would love to learn to do.”

Humphrey’s responsibilities multiplied almost as quickly as his interests. In addition to working with the Diversity Center, Humphrey served as the director for *A Few Good Men*, a minority focus group. As director, Humphrey organized a tutoring program through Eastside Human Resources Center for children with academic and behavioral problems.

“As college students, volunteering is really important because it allows children to see that there is something more in the world. Volunteering also keeps us in touch with reality; it’s easy for college students to become wrapped up in themselves. The best part about tutoring was seeing the kids respond and knowing that you made a difference,” Humphrey said.

Humphrey’s leadership abilities became evident in many fields. High school football helped Humphrey understand the necessary ingredients in a successful leadership style. Although his career as a college player didn’t involve earning an MVP award as he had done in high school, Humphrey realized that his skills could be nurtured in other areas.

Humphrey’s involvement branched into many other fields. Serving as president of The Ebony Collegians, Humphrey planted the vision of increased diversity on campus. This hope came to fruition with the *Gospel Extravaganza* and the *Beyond the Dream* teleconference.

“Minority students need someone they can look up to. Talking to students gives me the opportunity to see that more diversity is needed,” Humphrey said.

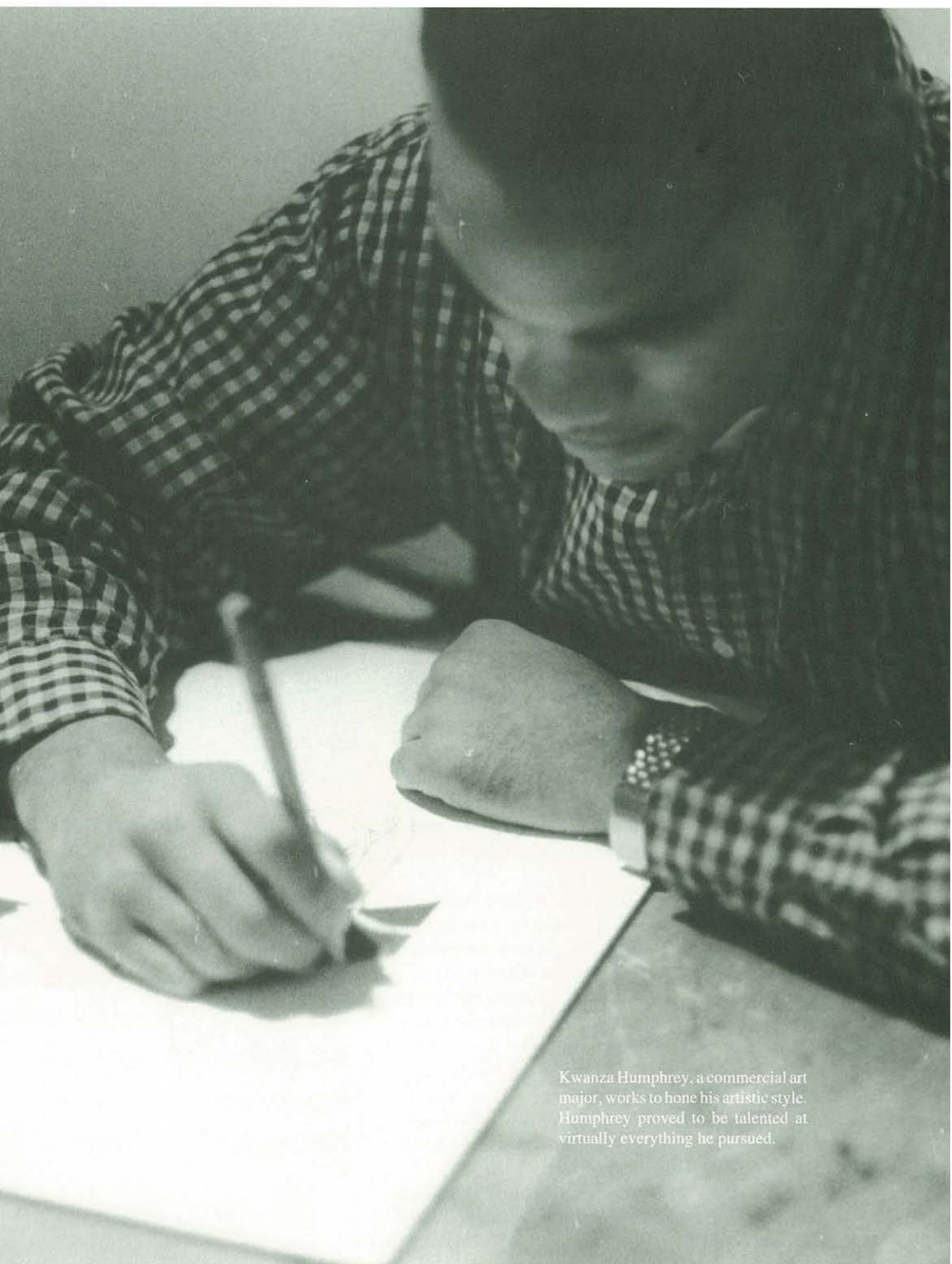
Humphrey carried his influence as a leader into other roles. After becoming involved with registration, VIP members encouraged Humphrey to apply to that organization. After he was hired by the VIP program, he applied for the Student Regent’s position. Gov. Mel Carnahan appointed Humphrey as Student Regent for a term lasting until December 1997.

“I’ve tried hard to do right. I’ve learned something: one of the greatest ways to lead is to serve others.”

The seeds of talent, responsibility, leadership and compassion sown by Kwanza Humphrey had only begun to grow.



Marci Brown



Kwanza Humphrey, a commercial art major, works to hone his artistic style. Humphrey proved to be talented at virtually everything he pursued.

by D. Silvers

Faster than a speeding bullet. It's not a bird or a plane. It's Bob Lock. Lock gained Superman status at almost everything he tried. Placing sixth in the Junior Olympic National Speed Skating Championship seemed only natural for such an inherently talented individual.

Skaters from all over the country gathered in Fresno, Calif. in early September to compete in the Junior Olympics. Although Lock had only taken up speed skating eight months previously, he earned second place in the ten-state Midwestern region competition held June 12 in Lincoln, Neb. As a result, he automatically qualified to compete in the senior men's division in the national competition.

Lock's preparation for the competition, however, didn't include a grueling training program.

"I didn't have much time to practice because of school and other commitments, so I skated outside a few times and practiced at the rink once," Lock said about his unconventional training regime.

Time was definitely limited for Lock. While pursuing a B.A. in commercial music, Lock was speeding to the top of his academic field. He was a valued member of the MWSC Marching Band, wind ensemble, two jazz bands, and a percussion ensemble. An original member of the highly successful Steel Drum Band, Lock also performed with Western Legacies.

His success was also evident in his professional work. He completed an internship at Air Digital, a Kansas City-based soundtrack recording studio. As a floor director for KQ-2, he was also in charge of the camera, audio production, and digital graphics for the local station.

Without time left to even jump into a phone booth and change into his spandex, Lock found himself poised at the 1,000-meter starting line in the national championship. Despite the pressure, he remained cool, calm and relaxed.

"By that time, racing was just natural. Knowing how to make the race yours, controlling it, so that nobody else has the edge. Whoever has the right mindset will win," Lock said.

If mindset was the key to success, Lock had the right attitude. "I just do everything I do because it's fun. None of it is work even though it does take a lot of time," Lock said. Lock plans to continue indulging his hobbies of cycling, speed skating and skate boarding as long as time allows.

Although he may not be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, it seems that nothing, not even kryptonite, could break Bob Lock's stride.

Mastering



Kelly Lock-Kerns

the art of



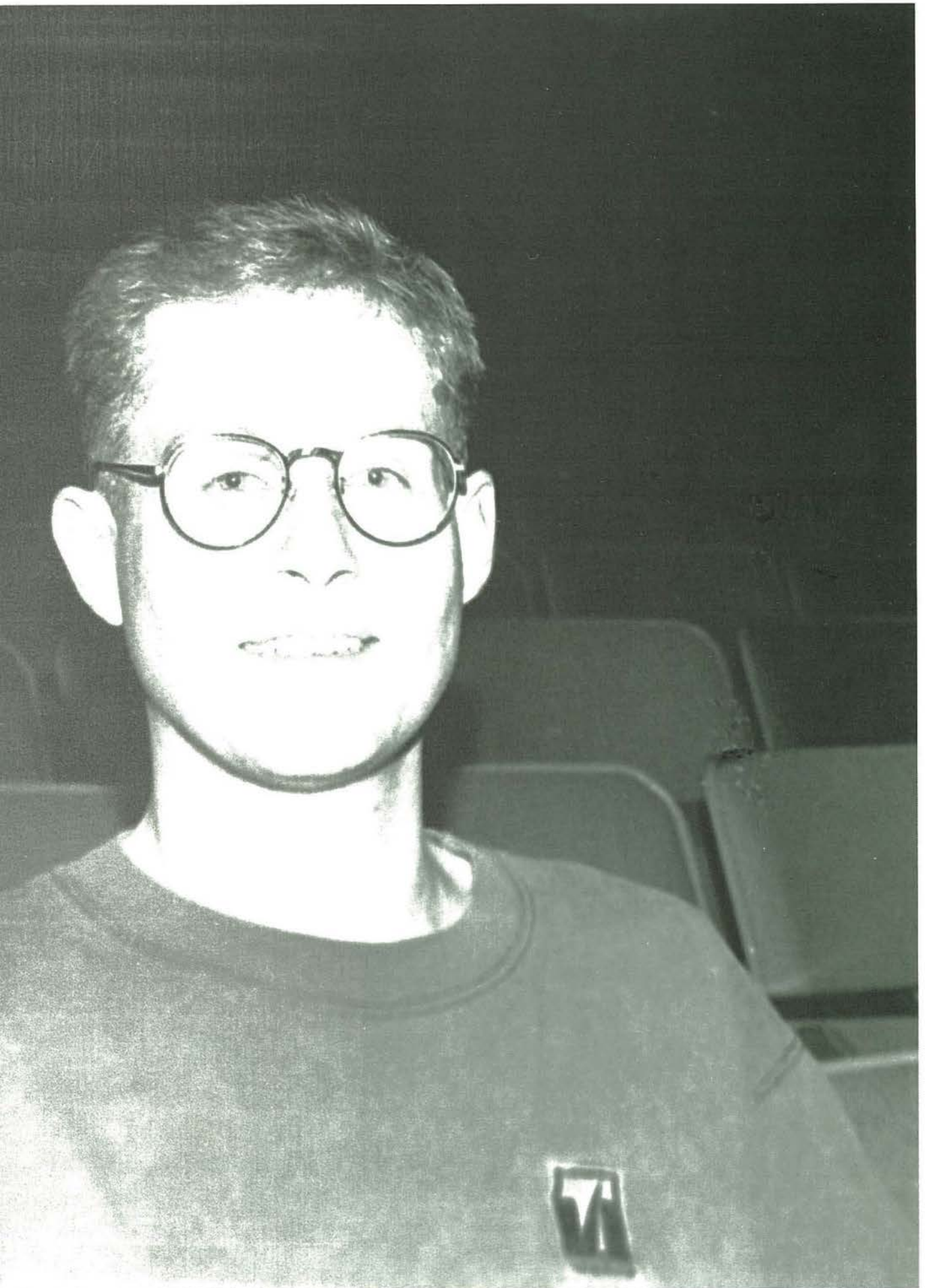
Kelly Lock-Kerns

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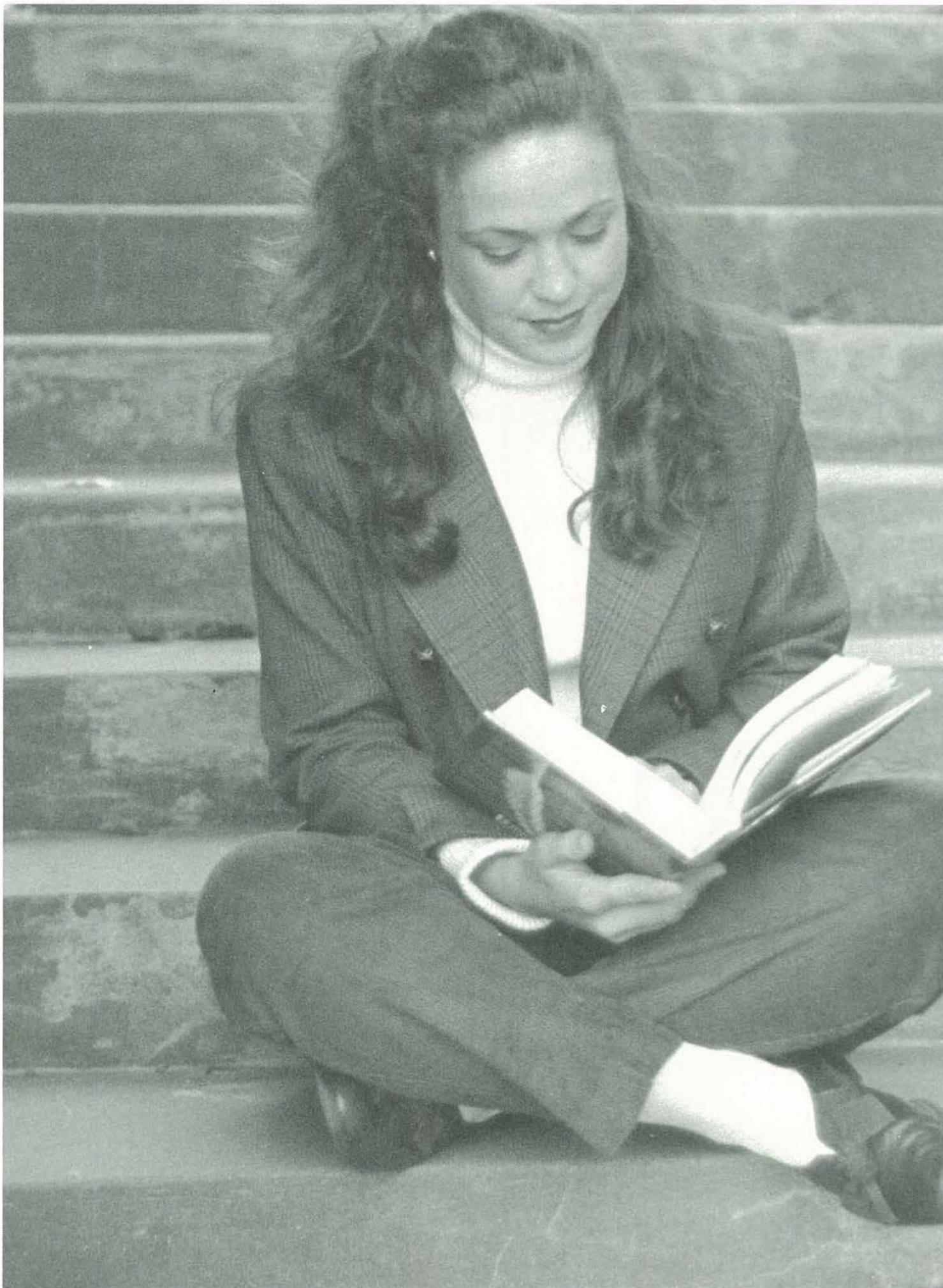


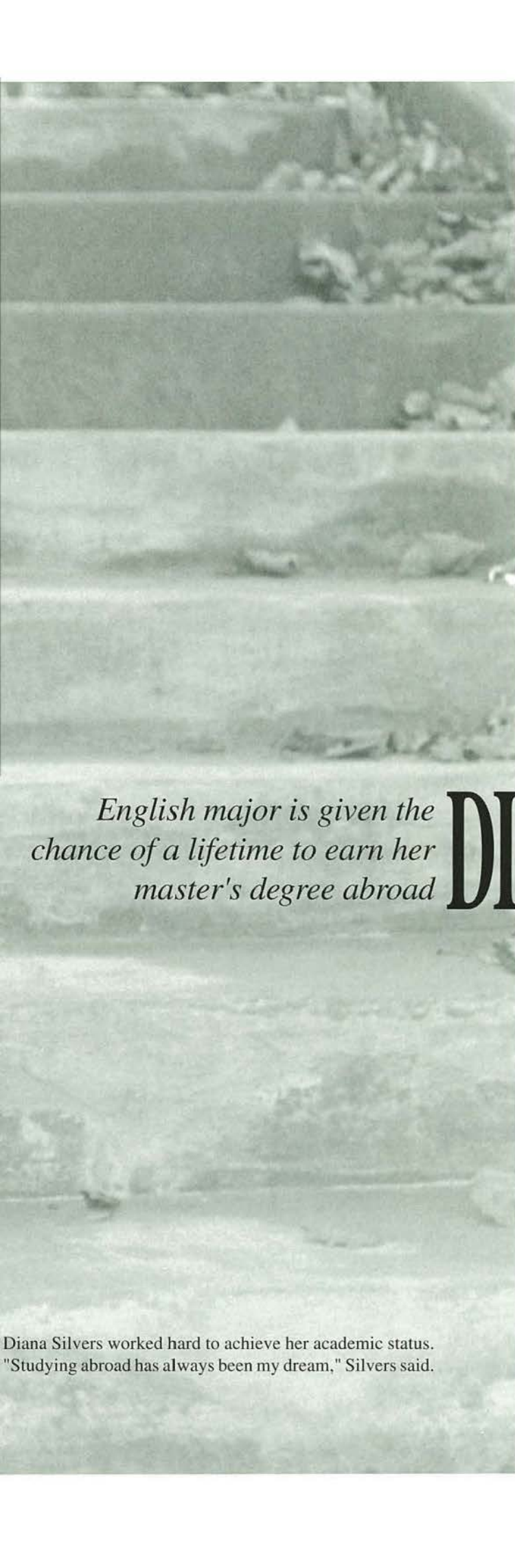
Courtesy of Jerry Shores

and music



exhibits the admirable qualities of confidence and modesty. In addition to placing sixth in the Junior Olympic National Speed Skating Championships, Lock excelled musically and professionally.





by Amy Supple

Diana Silvers had always dreamed of traveling abroad; living and learning in a different culture. However, this senior English major never expected her dream to be realized.

Through a \$21,500 scholarship awarded to her by Rotary International, Silvers will be pursuing her master's degree in either Ireland or Scotland next year.

In February of 1994, Silvers learned about the scholarship which provided funding to students who wished to study abroad. An English professor, Dr. Dakota Hamilton, approached Silvers about the scholarship two days before the application deadline.

She had to fill out the application, solicit three letters of recommendation and write three essays to finalize the application packet. In addition to these criteria, the committee also took into account her scholastic standing, community and campus involvement and degree of commitment. Silvers applied for the scholarship in this region last February and was accepted in July.

"Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Stacey and Dr. McCarthy were extremely supportive and helpful with the scholarship," Silvers said.

English major is given the chance of a lifetime to earn her master's degree abroad

DIANA SILVERS

Silvers, a senior majoring in English/Literature and English/Technical Communications will pursue her masters' degree with the scholarship.

"Although I have been awarded the scholarship, I am still waiting to hear from The Queen's University in Belfast in Ireland and The University of Glasgow in Scotland to see if I was accepted," Silvers said.

"I'm still a little surprised about the entire experience, but I'm ready. The fact that I'll be half way across the world really doesn't scare me; the idea of going to graduate school overseas is just amazing," she said.

While studying abroad, Silvers will also work with the Rotary Organization by giving speeches and assisting in community service. "I think that the Rotary is an amazing organization. Although they are not a high-profile organization, the amount of time and money they invest into helping others is incredible. I'm so grateful to be a recipient of this kind of generosity."

Diana Silvers worked hard to achieve her academic status. "Studying abroad has always been my dream," Silvers said.

Kelly Lock-Kerns

by Amy Supple

To most they were just headlines. An atrocity, horrible, yet thousands of miles away. However, to one MWSC student, it was home.

The language, the heritage and the memories of the once peaceful Yugoslavia stayed in the thoughts of Angelo Bartulica daily as he read stories and listened to reports of the injustices facing his people and his country.

Bartulica's parents were born and raised in the former Yugoslavia, but left the communist country to come to the United States.

In the past several years the Bartulica's homeland has been the hot spot of the world. As the rest of Europe was tearing down the iron curtain of communism, Yugoslavia's transition to democracy was not as smooth.

"There has always been unrest. I have always been aware that Croatians and Serbs had problems," Bartulica said.

From the sidelines in the United States, Bartulica and his family watched the violence erupt.

"When I was 16 the war officially started but it had been brewing for a long time. Two years later my mom organized a relief shipment of medical supplies and other necessities."

Bartulica traveled to Croatia to help with the distribution

of the much-needed supplies donated from the United States. "I wasn't really scared. I was

**ANGELO
BARTULICA**

happy," Bartulica said. "I was going to the country which meant so much to my family and I was experiencing it for the first time as an independent, democratic Croatia."

However, freedom does have its price as Bartulica soon realized. "My cousin was killed while fighting for his country. And some of my relatives were in heavily bombarded areas. They had to live in a basement for months while the fighting went on around them."

Bartulica, who traveled to Croatia again last year, credits his strong ties to Croatia to his family.

"My grandmother lived with us before she died and all she spoke was Croatian. The language has always been part of our life." But more than just language binds Bartulica to his history. "My Croatian heritage is a big part of me. I am the person I am because I was raised Croatian. I love the country. Being there makes you realize that people have more important things to worry about," Bartulica said.

The future of Croatia looks optimistic to Bartulica.

"It is really black and white and in the end what is right will prevail."

Although a world away



Amy Supple

the war in Bosnia



Photo courtesy of Angelo Bartulica

is close to home



Photo courtesy of Angelo Bartulica

for Angelo Bartulica



Amy Supple

Every day Angelo Bartulica visited family and friends affected by the war in Bosnia. Although born in the U.S., Bartulica's Croatian heritage was a big part of his life.



JAMIE DENNEY

Homecoming queen turns cop

Donning her Missouri Western security uniform, Jamie Denney prepares to hit the campus streets. Denney traded in her 1994 Homecoming crown for a badge after graduating from Missouri Western's second police academy.

by D. Silvers and Amy Supple

Jamie Denney never did anything half way. From the Homecoming Queen contest to her career in law enforcement, Denney pursued things aggressively.

After graduating from a high school of 56 students in Mount Ayr, Iowa, Denney didn't let Missouri Western's size intimidate her.

"I adjusted really well," Denney said. Denney quickly established herself as an outgoing student. She served as a Western VIP and Registration/Orientation Advisor for three years. In addition, Denney took some military leadership and ROTC classes just for fun. Major Joe McDonald soon signed Denney up to run for the 1994 Homecoming Queen. ROTC members promoted Denney in a campaign that the armed services would be proud to claim.

With Missouri Western's military forces behind her, Denney won the title of Homecoming Queen. "I was very surprised I got it. I'm such a tomboy. I'm not worried about being stereotyped as a beauty queen," Denney said.

If anyone did peg Denney as a typical beauty queen, she soon proved the image wrong by trading in her crown for a badge. Denney passed background checks and interviews to become accepted to Missouri Western's second police academy. The academy involved thirteen weeks of training on civil and criminal law, domestic violence issues, traffic violations, marksmanship and gun safety, handcuffing and physical training.

As a female entering a traditionally male profession, Denney wasn't threatened. "I believe in earning respect on an individual basis. I've found that most people in the profession respect me for my abilities," Denney said.

After working in security for Heartland Health System, Denney landed a job a little closer to home. she was hired as a Western security officer. After her graduation from the academy, Denney received her commission which led to a full-time position in Western's security department.

"I've received a huge amount of respect from my coworkers and students at Missouri Western. The experience has been great. I learn much more on the street than from books," Denney said.

Law school or federal work may be in Denney's future. After her graduation in December, Denney's ultimate goal was to be a lawyer or judge..

Marcie Brown

by Jenny King

When Chernobyl exploded over the cities of Belarus, Mogilev and other Belarussian cities, the excessive damage left citizens in turmoil and fear. Instant aid poured in from all over the world, however, several years later, many had forgotten the devastating effects of the blast—especially on the children.

One MWSC student could not forget. “God has plans for you!” said senior management major Taira Morgan describing how she came to be involved with the children of Cherobyl. Having been young when the explosion occurred and living all their life in the aftermath, if these youngsters were to lead healthy lives, they needed to receive medical attention and get a break from the toxic environment.

Working with the St. Joseph Baptist Association, Morgan decided to do something. The association began a fund-raising effort and decided to bring a group of children to the United States. Morgan acted as organizer, chauffeur, tour guide, activity coordinator, surrogate mother and friend to the Belarussian youth during their journey.

On July 8, 1995, after months of planning and preparation, 15 children, dressed in ragged clothing, arrived at KCI airport. Speaking no English, they relied only on an interpreter and sign language to communicate to Morgan and their host families. “Our first stop was Wal-Mart. We literally had to hold them back; they were in awe,” Morgan remembered with a smile.

No stranger to Belarus, Morgan could relate to the children’s background because she had experienced it first hand. She was sent as a missionary to Belarus in 1994 by the MWSC Baptist Student Union.

During their visit, the children were kept occupied. Morgan scheduled doctor appointments and in-between planned typical American tourist activities. “Their activities were endless, and they seemed to really enjoy themselves,” said Morgan. Some of the activities she planned were visiting Worlds of Fun and Arrowhead Stadium, picnicking, fishing, visiting farms, and swimming at Missouri Western.

Throughout the six week stay, being with the children became a part of her and an experience that she would never forget. And when the time came for the children to return to their home, nobody cried harder than Morgan.

“No matter how bad things appear, someone always has it worse than you,” Morgan said teary-eyed. “The Chernobyl incident and the children’s lives can really make you see that. It was a great experience; one that will always be with me.”

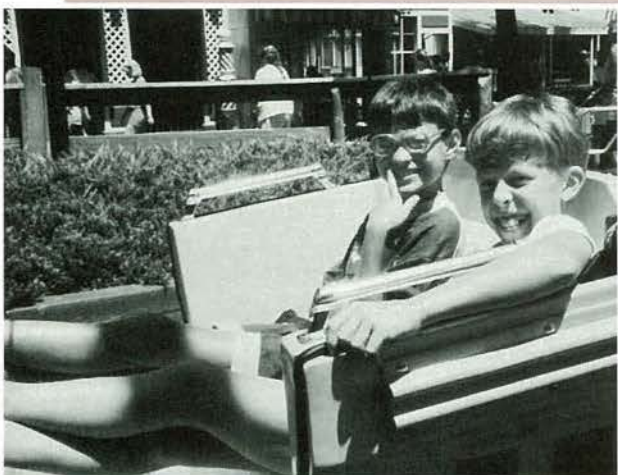
Concerned but



not discouraged,



Taira Morgan helps



Photos courtesy of Taira Morgan

Chernobyl's children



Kelly Lock-Kerns

gives her best to each of her many activities. Morgan said Chernobyl is the greatest activities she has ever been involved with.



Courtesy of Charlie Polite

Poirier proved to be a success in all that she does. She doesn't let being beautiful get in the way of being herself or doing the things she e

Renee Poirier



proved to be much



more than just



another pretty face

by D. Silvers

Renee Poirier is, literally, a model student. She is bright, articulate and studious. Of course, she also happens to be glamorous, gorgeous and quite cosmopolitan. Although Poirier may look like a typical college student, her look is precisely what sets her apart.

She was going to school full time when she first thought she about modeling. In May 1995, she began working with John Casablancas Modeling Agency in Kansas City. Within a month, Poirier found herself in Milan, Italy, the modeling capital of the world, building her portfolio.

"Milan was wonderful, even though I did experience some culture shock," said Poirier, a Wathena resident. "The city was very dirty, and the men treat women very differently. I lived with other models so it wasn't as hard to adjust. My dream would be to live in Milan."

Pursuing a dream, however, took up a lot of her time. Poirier's modeling career demanded more and more time, but she still maintained an active college career. Although she had to give up varsity cheerleading, Poirier volunteered at the

RENEE POIRIER

American Red Cross several hours a week. In addition to keeping her GPA above 3.0, Poirier found extra time to teach gymnastics, work at the St. Joseph Truss Co. and spend time with her friends. Poirier's hectic schedule eventually took its toll. "I used to be so organized but I just had to learn to be more flexible," Poirier said.

Poirier's hard work paid off when Flash Model Management, based in Milan, discovered her. "When I found out they wanted to hire me, I couldn't believe it. I was incredibly excited and so was my family," said Poirier. She didn't think twice before accepting the offer. After all, Flash had offered her the opportunity of a lifetime.

In January, Poirier jetted to Milan officially beginning her career as a top model. She soon found out that the elite world of modeling was not all glitz and glamour. For four months, she raced from one job to the next doing eight to nine castings a day. "Modeling is mentally exhausting. You are constantly confronted with very strong opinions. Models hear that they are fat or ugly all the time. I learned to just grin and bear it because there will always be a different opinion."

Poirier plans to continue modeling but recognizes the importance of education. "Between modeling jobs, I will finish my accounting degree," said Poirier who is a junior at Western. Despite the unique pressures of pursuing a modeling career and fulfilling the role of college student, Poirier has proven to be more than just a pretty face.



Reflecting on his decision to return to college, John Hirsch, a sophomore communications major, relaxes in his apartment. Through a series of t and turns and several career moves, Hirsch began looking into Missouri Western about the time he and his son became roommates in St. Jo

by Amy Supple

JOHN HIRSCH

Taking a plunge in the fountain of knowledge

When John Hirsch moved from Olathe, Kan. to St. Joseph to be closer to his son Brian who was attending Missouri Western State College, he had no idea of the experiences that awaited him.

Hirsch, a sophomore communications major found himself returning to college after a life that could only be described as full.

After a stint in the reserves during the Vietnam War, Hirsch embarked on a career in sales which eventually led to owning a retail clothing store in Kansas City.

Through a series of twists and turns and several career moves, Hirsch began looking for more about the time he and his son became roommates in St. Joe.

"I have done a lot in my life," Hirsch said. "I have a thick resume but there is no education to back it up. Now I want to go back and fill in the blanks, pick up the pieces."

Hirsch began picking up the pieces fast. After taking several courses as a non-degree seeking student, he jumped into his first full-time semester with both feet.

He became active with the Non-Traditional Club, CAB and the Student Senate and planned to become involved with Western Weekly.

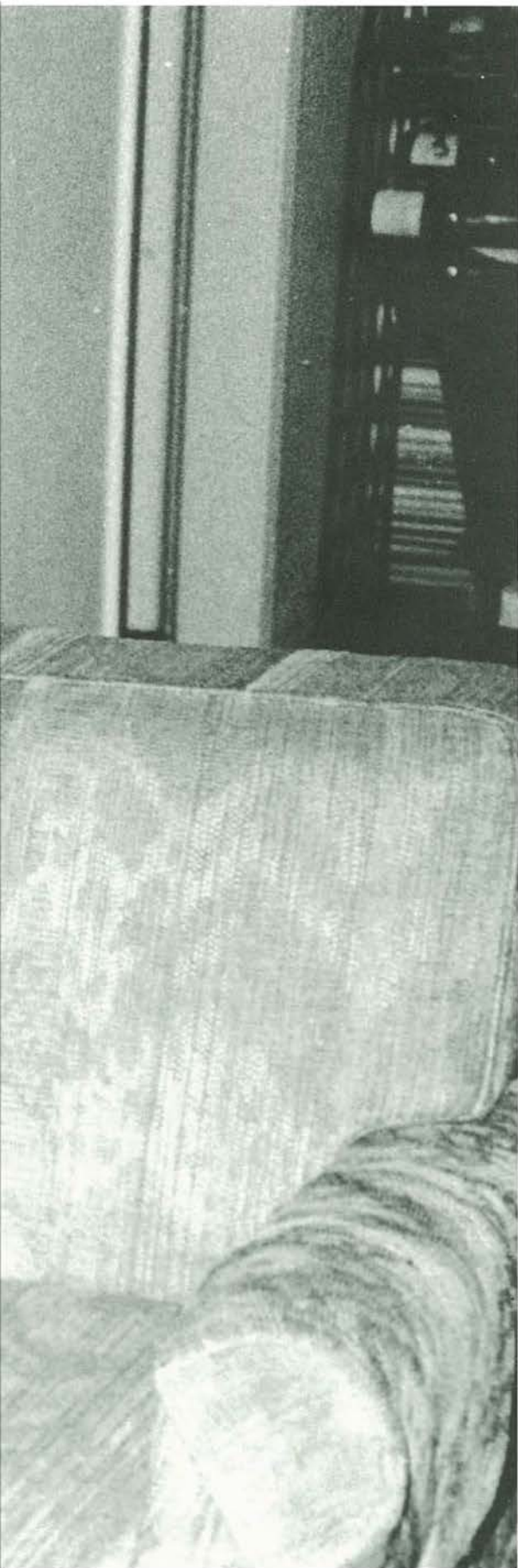
Having experience in communication, Hirsch chose that as a major.

"I have always been told I have a nice voice, and I decided to see where that could take me," Hirsch said in his trademark smooth, deep voice. "I would like to look into advertising and voice-overs and things in that area,"

Although Hirsch encountered few problems academically and socially in returning to college, he admits that it was not easy to do.

"I am not sure exactly why I came back or what I am going to do with my degree but at the very least I will have gained knowledge," he said.

"When I talk to others who are wavering about returning to college, I ask them where they will be in four years if they don't go for the degree. That is what I had to ask myself." He added with a smile, "In the meantime, I am having a ball."



Amy Supple

by Gaynell Pouncil

For two years sophomore Philana Harris took MWSC by storm.

She was exceedingly active on campus participating in a number of events and activities including the Gospel Extravaganza, Alpha Phi Alpha's Miss Black and Gold Competition, The Ebony Collegians, and the Instruments of Praise Gospel Choir.

Many of the events that she was involved with stemmed from her religious convictions.

When the Instruments of Praise, a vocal group she was involved with, found itself without a director, Harris volunteered her time and effort to fill the role.

Holding the position of the director, she learned to prioritize her schedule much better because she had more responsibilities.

"I've learned now to prioritize my school, work, studies, and then the choir," Harris said.

Being director has not only helped her to prioritize her studies, but has also given her a chance to express herself more and to have more confidence and boldness.

"With profession comes confidence, and with confidence comes boldness. Taking on responsibilities sometimes bring pressures, but you have to be confident in your faith and efforts," Harris said.

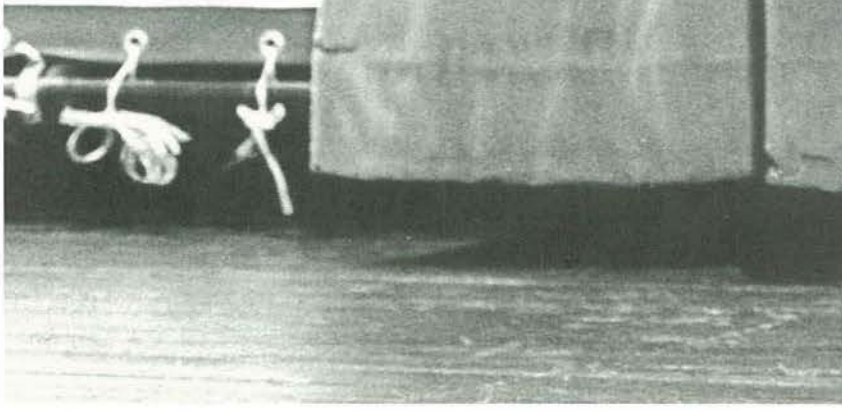
Having a religious background, Harris felt that being director strengthened her faith more. "Being that when you're away from home it is much easier to stray away from the church," said Harris. Harris also felt that there should be more religious events that take place on campus.

"The campus should expand more on religion. We should have a place for Bible study, a place for worship, and other religious activities for students who are away from their home of worship," said Harris.

Harris said that she would like to continue being the director of The Instruments of Praise, and is looking forward to the choir becoming more recognized on campus and bigger and stronger.

PHILANA HARRIS

Using her voice to be an instrument of praise





On the fine arts theatre stage, sophomore Philana Harris demonstrates her talents. Harris, a native of St. Louis, was active in all areas of campus life.

Patty Wilson



Sherry Jones sits outside the SS/C building on Western's campus. Jones, like most non-traditional students, divided her time between work, school and family.

by Shela Gibson

Sherry Jones thought she had her life all mapped out. Then she returned to college and opportunities that she had never considered presented themselves to her.

Jones, a junior speech communications major with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in journalism, worked as youth coordinator for Heartland Health System in St. Joseph for five years before deciding to return to college.

SHERRY JONES

Heading for new horizons

After getting hired for the job at Heartland, Jones decided to return to college to enhance her skills as a writer. She intended to stay with the hospital and use her new skills as a tool to becoming better at her job as youth coordinator. But the longer she stayed in school, the more interested she became in working in different areas.

“When I went back to school, I found interests I didn’t even know I had,” Jones said.

Jones had always been an avid supporter of volunteering. She had been on both sides of the desk, first as a volunteer herself, and then in her career.

“I work with young people in the volunteer program as well as high school student interns who are working at Heartland to earn class credits,” Jones said.

Before getting the job working with volunteers at Heartland, she had been doing some volunteer work of her own with the Girl Scouts.

As a non-traditional student Jones faced the pressure of finding the delicate balance between school, work and family. In addition she also found time to become involved on campus and take a position with the Griffon News.

Jones had decided that after college, a career in public relations was worth pursuing. Her minor in journalism as well as a position on the Griffon News, led Jones to wonder about eventually developing a career in tourism and travel writing.

“My educational career has opened up so many horizons for me,” Jones said.

Patty Wilson

Abels – Filley

Amy Abels
Mercedes Abels
Janell Alden
Connie Allen
Diana Allen
Shelly Ambrose
Obie Austin



Sherry Behrendt
Jason Bess
Joel Blacketer
Ellen Blessing
Elaine Bowls
Krista Brockhoff
Connie Brosi



Stacie Brosi
Althera Brown
Glenna Bruffy
Carole Buck
Angela Buis
Jennifer Bunse
Karen Burec



Regina Burk
Marlon Burton
Angela Bush
Brian Campbell
Brian Carrender
Paula Carriger
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Tonya Conard
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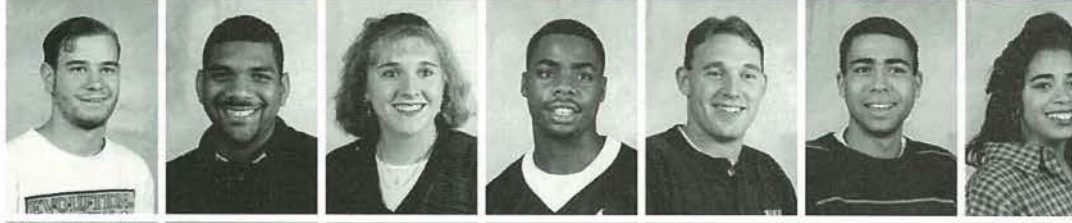
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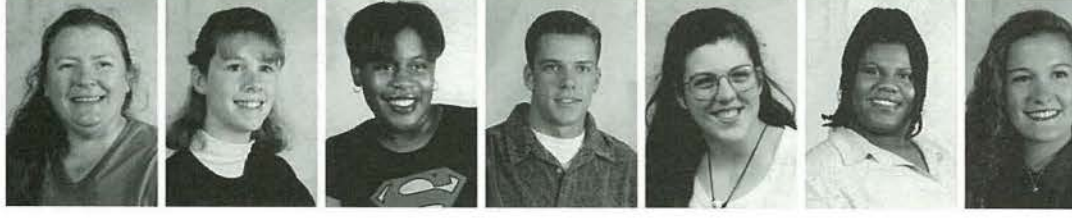
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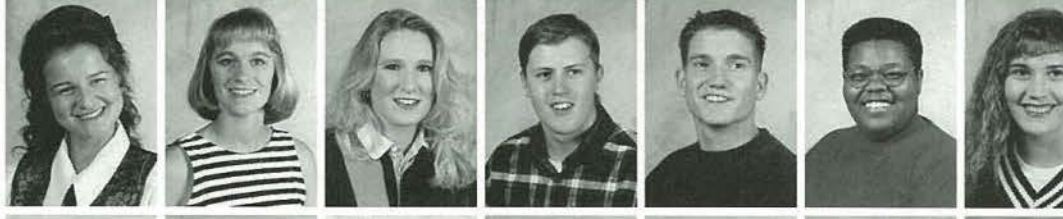
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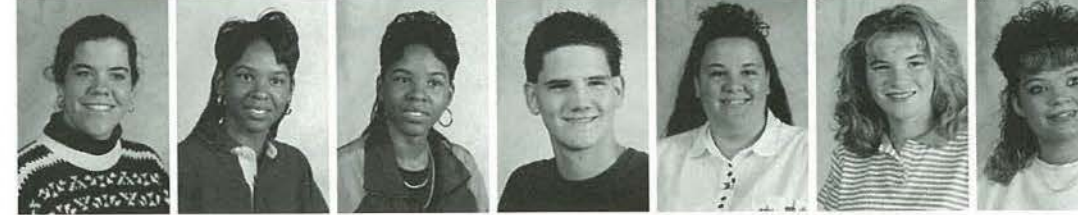
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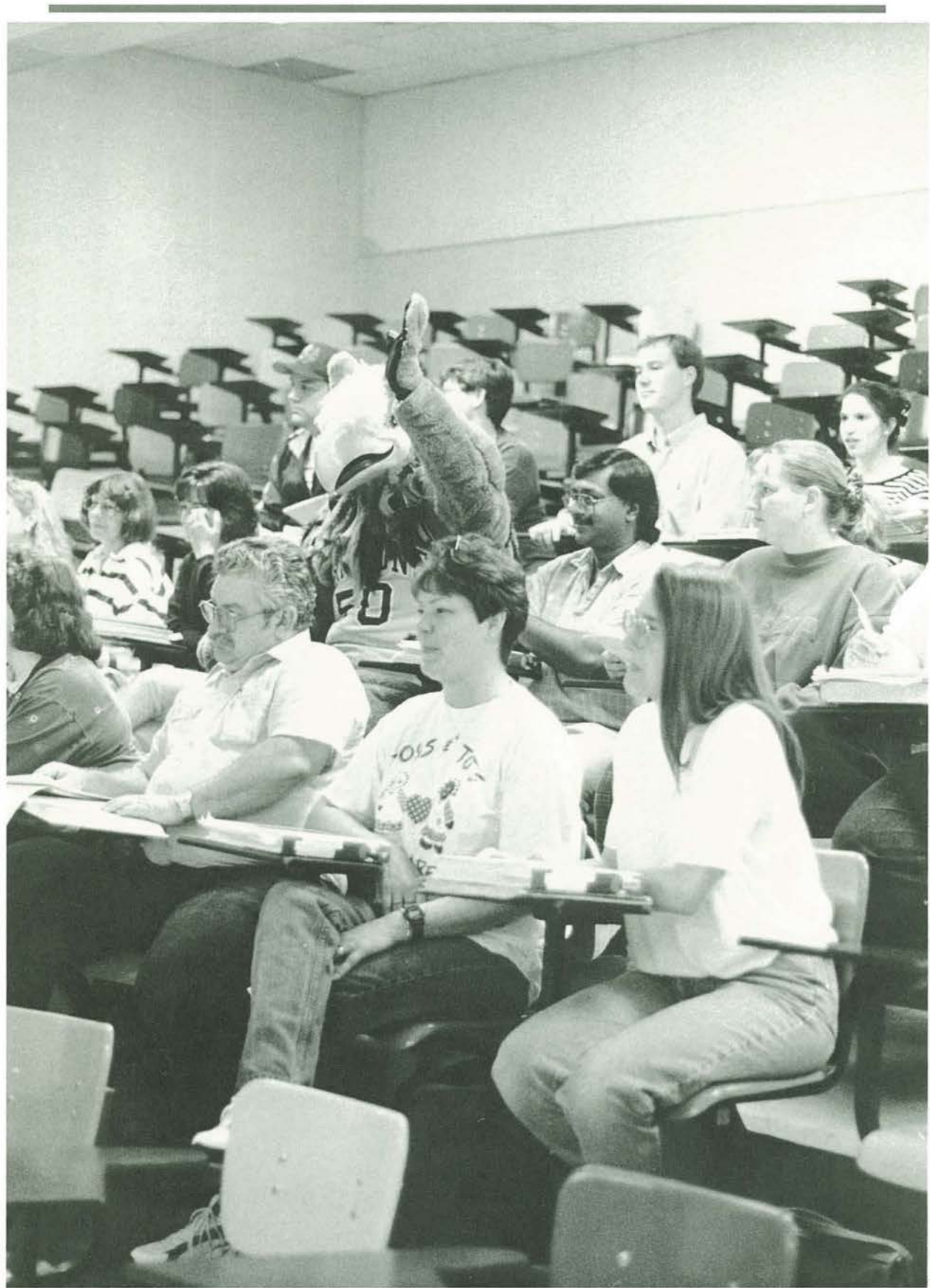
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A WELL-ROUNDED LIFE IS WHAT TURE GRIFFONS STRIVED FOR.

BUT THE BOND THAT UNITED ALL GRIFFONS WAS THE PURSUIT OF
KNOWLEDGE. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WERE
BROUGHT TOGETHER IN PURSUIT OF A DEGREE.

AND JUST AS STUDENTS FOUND WAYS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES
DURING THEIR LEISURE TIME, WHEN IT CAME TO ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS,
GRIFFONS HIT THE BOOKS WITH GUSTO AND INDIVIDUALITY.

WITH CAREFUL GUIDANCE FROM ADMINISTRATORS AND FACULTY,
MISSOURI WESTERN STUDENTS FOUND A VARIETY OF WAYS TO EDUCATE
THEMSELVES DURING THEIR COLLEGE CAREER. FROM STUDYING ABROAD
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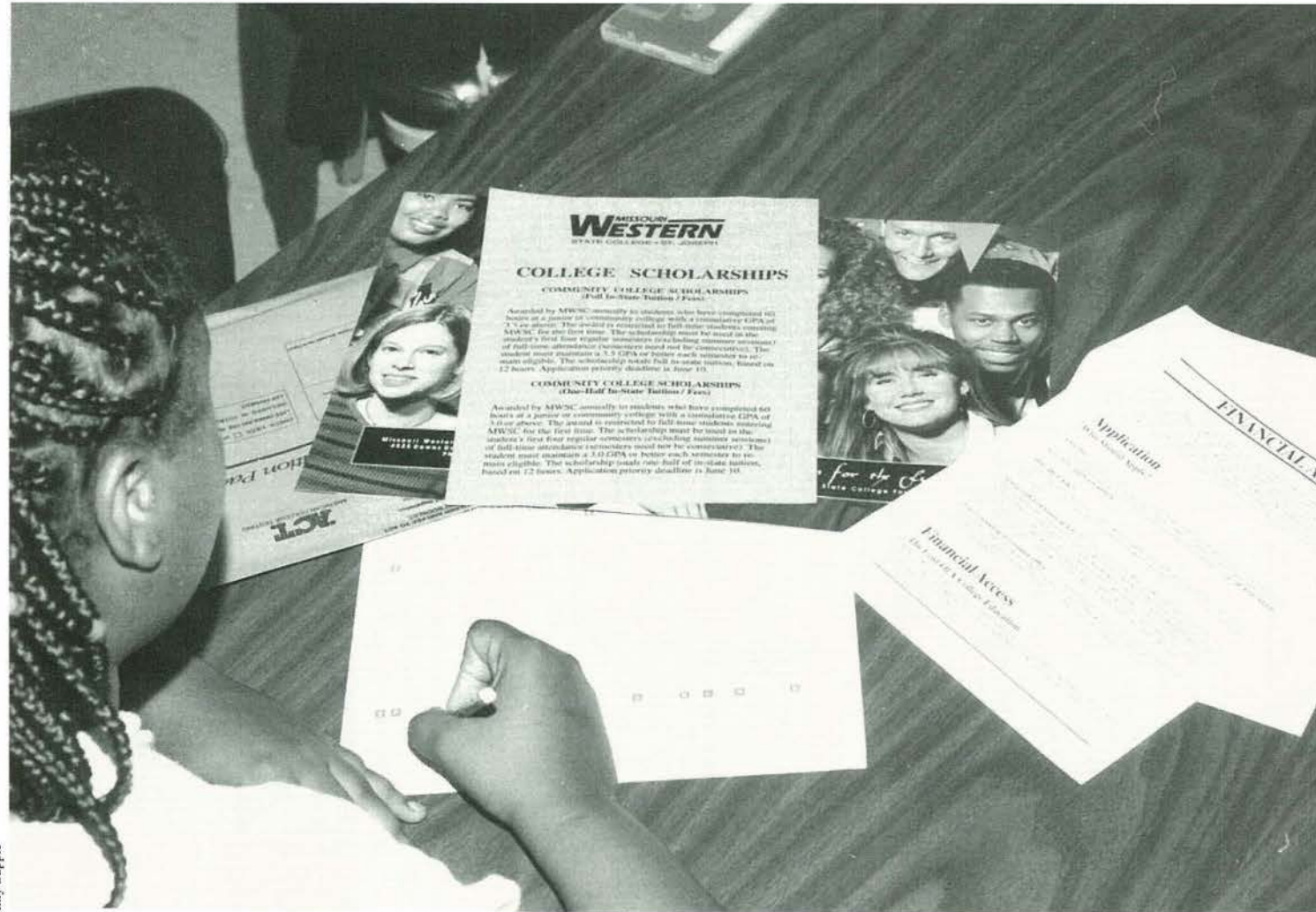
Sampson the Griffon answers a question during one of Professor R.J. Dick's management classes. When it came to test taking, quizzes, and research, Griffons were always at the top of the class.



Kelly Luck-Kerns

MEMBERS OF THE MWSC College Democrats appear from left to right: Mary Ellen Stanley, Tara Cluck, Rachelle Barns and Jason Kelley. This newly formed campus organization was instrumental in bringing Clinton to campus.

FILLING OUT FINANCIAL aid forms can be a hassle but over 80% of Western's students receive financial aid. Loans, scholarships and grants make getting a degree easier on students.



Jenny Campbell

*"I don't want ours to become
a nation where what you learn
depends on what you earn."*

CLINTON ON CAMPUS

by Amy Supple

President Bill Clinton came to Missouri Western on September 11, 1995. And only 50 people showed up to see him. Even though the President's visit was via satellite, it was an important event nonetheless.

The MWSC College Democrats were responsible for this special event. Clinton was speaking live from Southern Illinois University and was scheduled to address higher education concerns, specifically student financial aid.

The address was seen live via satellite on campuses all over the United States and Missouri Western was the only institution in Missouri that picked up the downlink.

"It was extremely exciting for us," said MWSC College Democrats President Rachelle Barnes. "We had just began to form our organization when they asked us if we would pick up the downlink for the address. We were thrilled at the opportunity, but it was on very short notice. We basically had one day for publicity, and

we were happy with the turnout."

Clinton's speech, aimed at college students, was particularly pertinent to Missouri Western students. "I don't want ours to become a nation where what you learn depends on what you earn," said Clinton in discussing the issue of student financial aid.



Photo courtesy of Associated Press

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON spoke via satellite to college campuses across the United States. The MWSC College Democrats brought the address to Western.

President Clinton talked of being the first person in his family to go to college and what a struggle it was. He worked and received student loans, without which he wouldn't be where he is today, said the president. Many Missouri Western students can relate to the reliance of financial aid to get them through college. Over 80% of Western students receive some type of fi-

nancial aid.

"Today there is a 74% difference between what somebody with a high school diploma makes and what somebody that has a college degree makes," said Clinton. "The fault line of who makes it and who doesn't in today's society is education."

*“The best way to learn
the language is to live it.”*

LIVING A LANGUAGE

by *D. Silvers*

While many students spent their summers immersed in chlorinated water, twelve students spent three weeks immersed in a new language and culture. Under the direction of Dr. Sandra Schumm, the students completed Western's first interim program in Spain.

Students left the security of home on May 13 and arrived in Barcelona, a cosmopolitan city of over three million, on May 14. Students were forced to use their Spanish-speaking skills immediately in order to find their luggage which had been misrouted. Despite these minor traveling problems, students enthusiastically met the challenge of studying abroad.

“Really the best way to learn the language is to live it,” said Melissa Ostorga, senior, English/Writing major.

“I was pleasantly surprised with the way the students embraced the opportunity to learn. Moving from our community to a big city like Barcelona is a major challenge,” Schumm said concerning student's immersion into the Spanish language and culture.

Once in Barcelona, students met the families that they would be living with for two weeks. Host families housed several students from all over the world.

“My host family was really cool. Other students in the house were from Japan, Switzerland and Illinois. We all

really got along well,” said participant Nyaya Tipton.

While in Barcelona, students attended classes at the Eurocentre Language School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The morning classes focused on grammar and conversation improvement. These classes were taught by native speakers. In the afternoon, students attended workshops, conducted in Spanish, regarding Barcelona's many events and attractions.

Optional excursions provided students with the opportunity to learn more about the land's beauty, mystery and romance. Attractions included the famous Salvador Dalí museum located in Figueras. Montserrat, established as a monastery during the Middle Ages, offered museums, a world-renowned youth choir and a Modernist painting exhibit.

At the conclusion of the three-week study, students spent their final three days in Madrid, Segovia and Toledo. In Segovia, students toured the Alcazar, a structure modeled after the Disney castle. The working aqueduct system, also in Segovia, was one of the most popular sites visited by the group.

“Studying in Spain was the best experience of my life. Traveling, learning and speaking really opened my eyes to the opportunities available around the world,” concluded Ostorga.

UNGE on the beach in Sitges, a resort town in Spain. They enjoyed the beauty of the Spanish seashore.



Photos courtesy of Nyaya Tipton

IN BARCELONA, students viewed a sculpture carved in stone at La Sagrada Familia. Spanish architecture provided students with the opportunity to learn more about the land's beauty, mystery and romance.

AT THE WATER'S EDGE in Girona, Spain, students saw apartment houses built on the river that runs through town. Schumm said that the students adapted well to the cosmopolitan atmosphere.



AMERICAN STUDENTS pose after arriving in Spain. Students from left to right are Damon Nathan Thomas, Chris Frick, Jennifer Bledsoe, Nyaya Tipton, Melissa Ostorga, Kaysie Willis and Jackie Rodriguez.



EL ALCAZAR (The Castle) is in Segovia, Spain. Spanish architecture was an "awesome" experience according to Nyaya Tipton.

USING STAGE MAKE-UP, Abels blends the skullcap with Nulph's skin. Nulph was transformed into Frankenstein for four consecutive performances.

TRIMMING OFF the edges gives the skullcap a natural look. Preparing Nulph's makeup took Abels three hours.



*Victor Frankenstein wasn't the
only one who could create a monster.
So could Amy Abels.*

MAKING OF A MONSTER

by Shiela Gibson

Thunder clapped, electricity sparked and life surged through the body on the table. With a primal scream, he sprang up, his face and back hideously scarred. Frankenstein was alive!

But only on the Missouri Western stage, as makeup designer Amy Abels used her talents to create a monster out of actor Robert Nulph. Abels, a senior theater major, did an independent study in costume and makeup as her senior project.

"We used liquid latex for the scars," said Abels. "A mold is cast in plaster to create a negative. Then the plaster mold is filled with liquid latex to make the positive." Abels explained how each scar had to have the proper amount of thickness to make them

stand out, yet the edges had to be kept thinner in order to blend with and stick to the actor's skin.

Spirit gum glue kept the scars in place around Nulph's eye and down his back.

Head scars were impressed onto a skull cap, which Nulph wore after his hair had been slicked back.

As a finishing touch, stage makeup was applied. The whole process took about three hours to complete before each of the four performances, Nulph said.

"The makeup was a little uncomfortable to put on and to take off, but during the performance it was hardly noticeable," Nulph said. "There were too many other things to worry about after the curtain went up."

Spirit gum remover was used to remove the scars. It took only a half-hour to 45 minutes after each show to remove the facial scars. The long back scar was removed during the 15 minute intermis-

sion, but the glue used to make the scars stick was a little trickier.

"Nothing really takes off spirit gum. It just has to wear off," Nulph said. "I'm still working on it."



AMY ABELS FITS the scarred skullcap over Robert Nulph's head, turning him into a bald Frankenstein.

Kelly Lock-Kerns



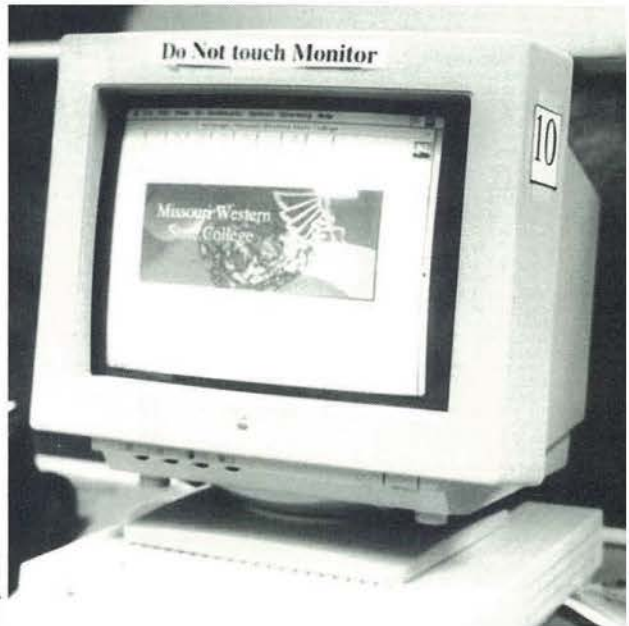
Instructor Fred Nesslage oversees a group creating their own home page. Those new sites were going to spotlight Missouri Western organizations.

Shela Gibson searches the net for an assignment in the World Wide Web class. Academic use of the Internet became popular in 1996.



Patty Wilson

Missouri Western's home page greets students wanting to surf the net. The new web class led students into cyberspace.



Patty Wilson

*“Employers need people
who know how to work with
the World Wide Web.”*

STAYING AFLOAT

by Tracy Jones and Shela Gibson

Write a research paper. In the old days this meant spending most of a weekend locked in the library, digging through mountains of books in a desperate search for just the right information. But not in 1996.

With the Internet becoming more accessible, students were able to get the information they needed without getting up from their computer. As the modern world became increasingly electronic, the curriculum at Missouri Western was a reflection of that movement, setting students on the crest of the wave that was the web.

“A lot of students come into the lab for research, and some don’t really know that much about the web,” LRC Computer Lab Manager Stephen Cook said. “More classes that deal with World Wide Web instruction would be valuable.”

When English and journalism department faculty reviewed alumni surveys, they discovered that graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary to work with the exploding World Wide Web, were very much in demand.

“What we found was that employers have a need for people who know how to work with the web,” said Ann Thorne, journalism professor.

With that knowledge, she and English

Department Chair Jane Frick teamed up with Computer Advisor Fred Nesslage, to transform JOU 314 from feature writing to ground breaking instruction on the web.

The class began with students browsing the web for visually stimulating sites. That may have appeared to be fun and games at first glance, but getting a feel for what sizzled in cyberspace gave students insight when they began creating their own home pages as a final project.

“We’ll have people coming out of this class knowing not only how to do HTML, but also how to do web design as well,” Thorne said.

Senior David Lang, who used the Internet to assist in his job in sports information, took the class to learn how to establish and design home pages for sports information offices.

“The web can be used for creating home pages for interested alumni who would like to keep track of scores and sports information that they might not be able to get from their local newspapers,” Lang said.

As the web charged ahead, giving nearly unlimited access to information, Missouri Western State College led the pack, preparing students for employment in the world of cyberspace.

*The new building
was on the cutting edge
of technology, making
it much more than...*

CONCRETE & SPACE

by Amy Supple

Nothing but the best for students. This truly Griffon theory was never more evident than in a new building being completed on campus.

The Leah Spratt Classroom Building will transport Western students into the future of academics. The building will feature state of the art technology and classrooms of the future.

Although an ideal learning environment is not always the most important thing on a student's mind, these conditions are important. And the new addition to campus is truly the classroom of the future.

"This addition to campus will allow students and faculty to explore completely new academic areas," Dr. James Roever, vice-president of academic affairs said.

"Because of currently limited space on campus, the building is vital to the growth of the college," Roever said.

In all, 13 classrooms will be added, each with unique features.

"Each classroom of the building will be an excellent learning environment," Max Schlesinger said, director of the Instructional

Media Center. The rooms will feature ideal lighting, angle of view and acoustics for an academic setting.

A standard package of electronic equipment will be available in each room.

Ceiling-mounted video and data projection equipment, document cameras and videoplayers, among other items, will be installed. Each room in the lecture hall will have unique features, such as an audience response system in the lecture hall.

Three collaborative classrooms will be a feature of the Spratt Building. These rooms, equipped with individual learning stations, are designed to encourage more student interaction and discussion among classes.

A lecture hall with a 200-person capacity will be located on the first floor. This space can also be utilized as a recital hall or large classroom. Three smaller halls are located above it on the second floor and will be used mainly as classrooms.

Most classrooms will be equipped with computer hook ups for modular units.

A multi-purpose room will be located on the second floor. It will be used for conferences, seminars and various meetings.



MAX SCHLESINGER, Dr. Janet Murphy and Dr. James Roever hold a photo of an artist's rendition of the new Leah Spratt Classroom Building. The new building added 13 classrooms to the campus.

D. Silvers



Patty Wilson

WESTERN'S CAMPUS expands into the future with the addition of the new classroom building. The Leah Spratt Classroom Building is the latest in modern classroom technology.

“I had to learn that publishing was not glamorous. Publishing involved going to the post office here in mundane old St. Joseph and sending out something every day of the year.”

PROFS IN PRINT

by D. Silvers

Dr. John Gilgun grew up believing that he would be published by companies like Random House and magazines like *The New Yorker*. “I had to learn that publishing was not glamorous. Publishing involved going to the post office on Olive Street here in mundane old St. Joseph and sending something out every day of the year. I had to do it myself,” Gilgun said.

In the contemporary world of corporate publishing, quantity, not quality, seems to set the precedent. Becoming published was hard, discouraging work if your name was not Anne Rice or Stephen King. Several Missouri Western faculty members, however, finally had the opportunity to see their work in print.

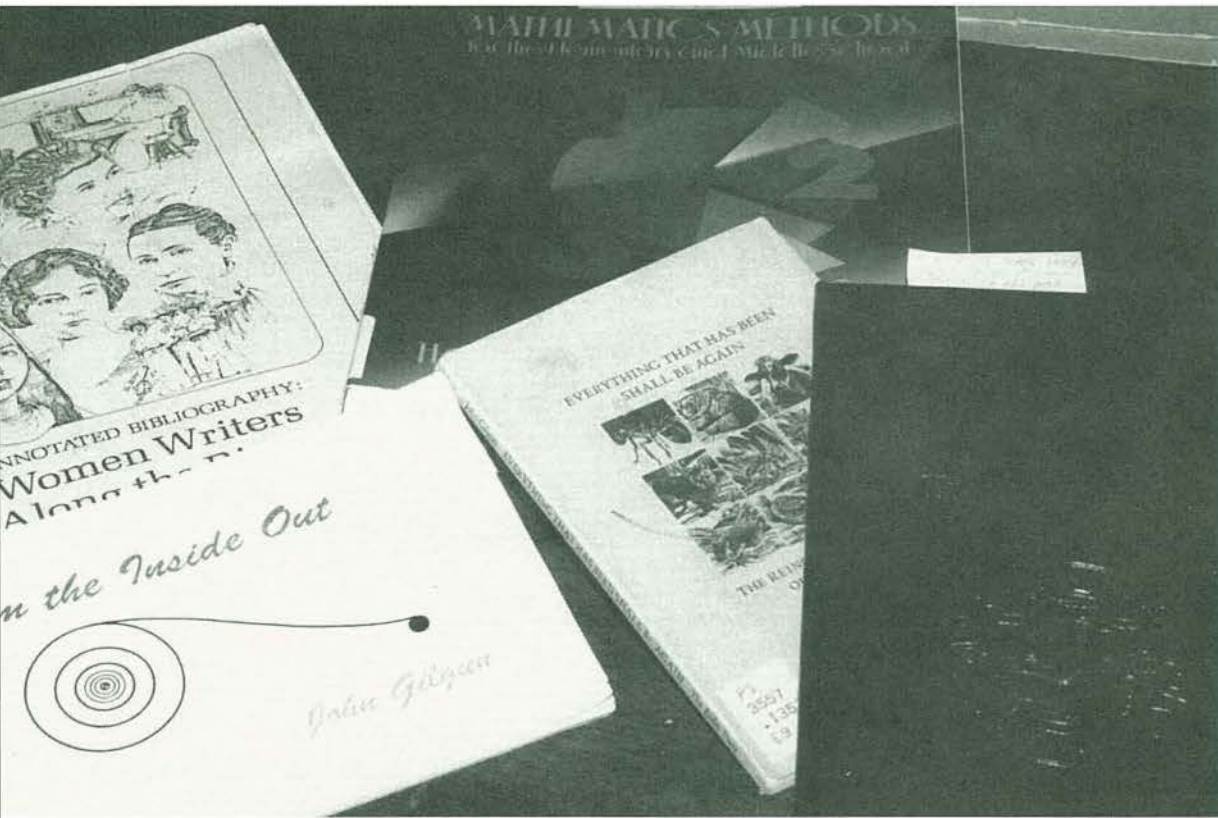
Small presses provided several professors a venue for publication. Gilgun’s novel *Music I Never Dreamed Of*, for example, was picked up by the Amethyst Press based in New York. Dr. Sally Radmacher, professor of psychology, did not have such a tough time finding a publisher. Radmacher, co-author of *Health Psychology: Challenging the Biomedical Model*, said finding the time to research,

analyze and write was harder to find.

Professors commonly cited lack of time as the most difficult aspect of publication. “Getting stretches of time to write and being able to specialize enough in one area when we teach such a potpourri of courses. Also that our subject changes so much that keeping up to teach can be overwhelming even without writing,” said Dr. Frank Kessler.

Technology provided new possibilities for publication. Dr. Nancy Edwards, co-author of *Mathematics Methods for the Elementary and Middle School*, utilized avenues available only through modern technology. “The mathematics methods book is the first mathematics methods book to have a CD-ROM provided for every student who buys the book. The new third edition will have its own world wide web home page — another first for math methods books,” Edwards said.

While these professors may not have been published by Random House or *The New Yorker*, the experience of being published was worth the time and effort for some Western professors.



Kelly Lock-Kerns



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THE LIBRARY HOUSES SEVERAL WORKS BY CAMPUS FACULTY. WORKS INCLUDE SEVERAL BOOKS BY GILGUN AND AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY BY DR. JANE FRICK.

SALLY RADMACHER STAYS ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF PSYCHOLOGY THROUGH HER SCIENTIFIC AND SCHOLARLY WRITING. FOR RADMACHER A LACK OF TIME POSED THE LARGEST OBSTACLE TO PUBLICATION.



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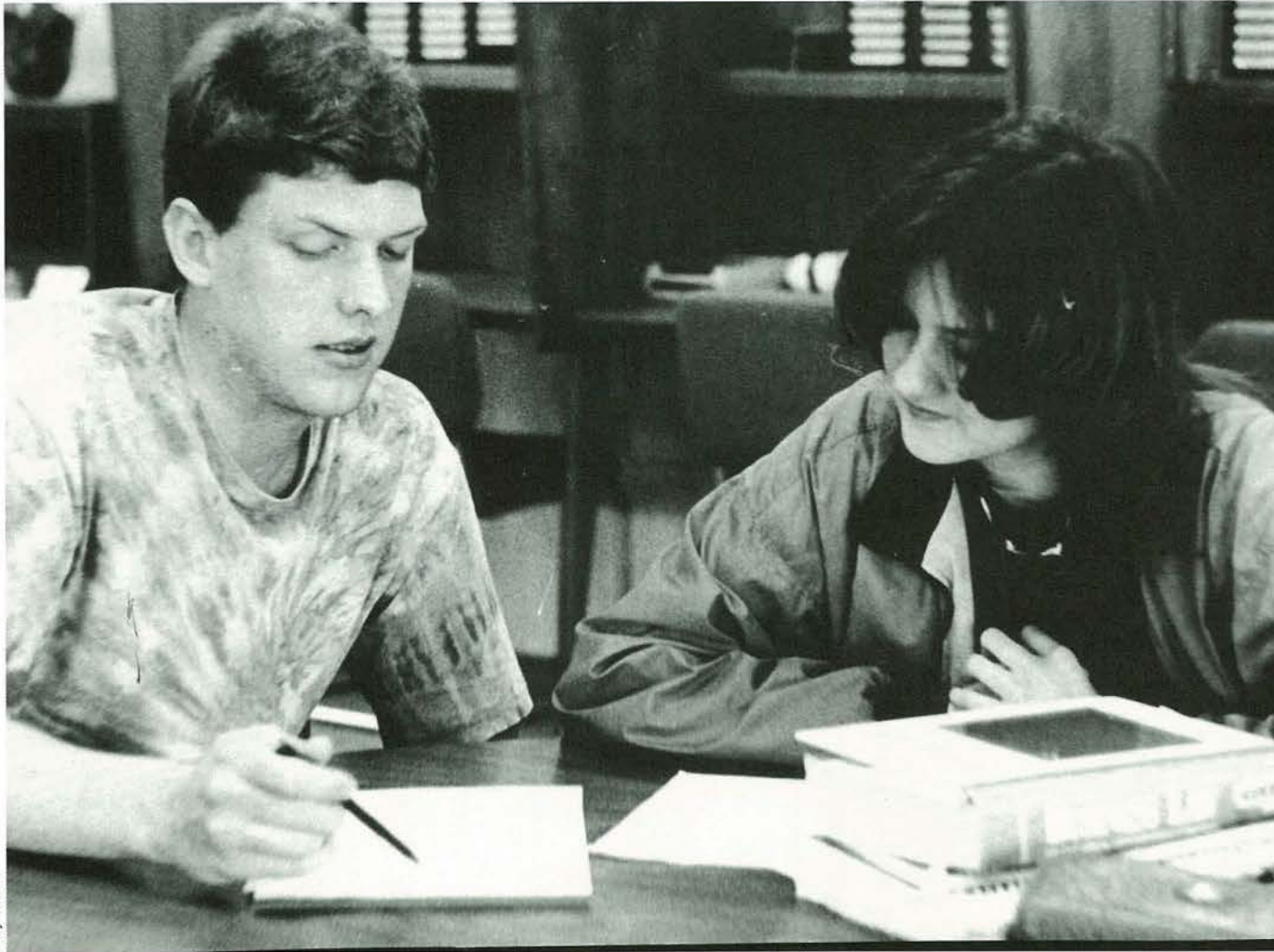


Kelly Lock-Kerns

DR. JOHN TAPIA DISPLAYS TWO OF HIS BOOKS IN COMMUNICATION. TAPIA ALSO PUBLISHED A BOOK ABOUT ST. JOSEPH'S HISTORY.

DR. JOHN GILGUN'S *Music I Never Dreamed Of* IS TAUGHT IN SEVERAL ENGLISH CLASSES. GILGUN HAD TO LEARN TO BECOME HIS OWN AGENT.

DR. FRANK KESSLER RECEIVES REQUESTS BY PUBLISHING HOUSES FAMILIAR WITH HIS SUBJECT MATTER AND STYLE. KESSLER PUBLISHED MORE THAN 350 ARTICLES, REVIEWS AND ESSAYS IN ADDITION TO CHAPTERS IN ANTHOLOGIES AND A BOOK.



Patty Wilson

COLLEGE CAN BE a scary place upon first glance. But this student receives help from tutor Glenn Wagner at the Center for Academic Support.

A STUDENT receives pointers on her paper from Lara Drake. Non-trads found the center helpful in returning to school after being away from an educational environment.



Patty Wilson

*For struggling students,
it was only a question of learning
the ins and outs of . . .*

TAPPING SOURCES

by Amy Supple

A sea full of blank stares confronted the professor as he rapidly solved a complex equation on the board. A few students kept up easily, several struggled to copy everything in the hopes of deciphering it later and a few just knew they were never going to graduate because they would never pass college algebra.

But for those students who had almost given up on themselves there was a place that kept hope alive.

The center for academic support, located in the Hearn Learning Resources Center opened its doors to math and writing refugees across campus.

"Everyone is capable of learning. The center is responsible for providing a place for that learning," said Jan Norton, director of the center for academic support.

The center operated under the basic concepts of peer tutoring and students helping other students.

Tutors in math and English worked

one-on-one with students helping them to master skills that they may not have been able to pick up in class.

"My goal when I tutor a student is to help that student learn on their own. The center's goal is to make students independent. We want them to know how to fix the problem themselves rather than fixing it for them," said Kendra Conwell, a writing tutor.

Another service the center offered was study skill enhancement.

"I feel that we provide those seeking assistance with well-trained tutors in various skills. There is always somebody here to help," Norton said.

The center operated free of charge and was open to all students although to some there seemed to be a negative connotation associated with needing a tutor.

"I tell other students all the time there is nothing wrong with asking for help," said sophomore John Hirsh. "If the service is available it should be utilized."

URSI SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS

- Dr. Jane Frick and Amy Richardson
"DESIGNING PEER-GROUP TUTORIALS FOR WRITER'S WORKSHOPS"
- Dr. Gloria Owen-Roddy and Amy Kretzer
"COMMONALITIES IN THE ANCIENT MYTHS OF GREEK AND EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATIONS"
- Dr. Larry Lambing, Chris Hulett and Brent Teaford
"DETERMINATION OF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES IN RUN OFF WATER IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI"
- Dr. Mark Mikkelsen and Devon Kerns
"CONTEMPORARY EVALUATIONS OF ANSELM'S PROOF FOR THE EXISTENCE OF GOD"
- Dr. Chris Godfrey and Gerald Shroyer
"GALACTIC ULTRAVIOLET, X-RAY AND GAMMA RAY SOURCES: A STATISTICAL STUDY OF POSITIONAL COINCIDENCE AND TEMPORAL VARIABILITY"
- Dr. Phil Wann and Jennifer Riordan
"EFFECTS OF GLUCOSE ON EMOTIONAL AND NON-EMOTIONAL MEMORIES"



Jeanette Browning

AMY RICHARDSON explains her research results to Doug Fridell. She worked with Jane Frick to design tutorials for English 100 writer's workshops.



Jeanette Browning

"URSI allows faculty the opportunity to research, as well as giving students research experiences they would normally not have before graduate school."

ACADEMIC ONE-ON-ONE

by Sheila Gibson

Summer for most of us is a time for vacationing and relaxing in the sun. But for a group of die-hard students and professors, it was a time for research and study.

Six groups composed of one professor and one or two students participated in the Undergraduate Research Summer Institute (URSI). This program allows the professor and student to collaboratively pursue creative scholarly research on a topic of their choice, in a one-on-one environment.

Sponsored by the Liberal Arts and Sciences Division, URSI is open to professor/student teams in nine departments. The groups begin by submitting their research proposals to the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dr. Martin Johnson. The proposals go before a committee and money is awarded by the MWSC Foundation to the groups whose proposals are accepted. Each participating student is awarded \$500.

Through the ten week program the pro-

fessor and student work closely together researching their topic and reporting progress to Johnson. After the research is done the groups present their topics, along with their research findings, at a symposium where their findings can be viewed.

"URSI is a mutually beneficial program for students and faculty. It allows faculty the opportunity to research a topic of interest to them, as well as giving students research experiences they would normally not have before graduate school," Johnson said.

Six teams from five departments participated in the 1995 URSI program. Dr. Jane Frick and Amy Richardson studied "Designing Peer-Group Tutorials for Writer's Workshops." A junior English education major,

Richardson's research was implemented and tested in English 100 classes.

"URSI gave me in-depth experience writing for a classroom workshop environment and I am grateful for the opportunity," Richardson said.



GERALD SHROYER DEMONSTRATES his work on Galactic Ultraviolet, X-ray and Gamma ray sources. Shroyer displayed research collected over the summer with Dr. Chris Godfrey.

Jeanette Browning

*"I decided to wear
the clothes I needed to wear
to do the work I wanted to do."*

75 YEARS OF EQUALITY

by Amy Supple

As thousands of United States citizens gathered in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment, Missouri Western planned its own celebration on campus.

The 19th amendment secured the right to vote for women. It was a social revolution that allowed women to enjoy the full privilege of citizenship.

In celebration, One Woman One Vote was conceived to commemorate this historic event. The week of activities, which took place on campus from Oct. 15-19, took months of planning. Activities included an essay contest, information booths, speakers and a performance by the Outside Agitators.

Alice Puett, the campus organizer for One Woman One Vote, was approached by local women to hold something that would highlight the woman's suffrage movement.

"It was a non-partisan event. Although the numbers for some activities were not as high as we wanted, the week on the whole was a success. We registered 67 students to vote so that was an accomplishment," Puett said.

The Outside Agitators brought life to the women of the suffragist movement. Audience members were transposed back in time to hear the words of women of the day.

Joyce Thierer, Ph.D. in American History, portrayed Elizabeth Hampstead, a composite character from 1894. Hampstead

was a school teacher who traveled across Kansas to speak to groups about giving women the vote.

Hampstead compared the American women's desire to vote to that of men who fought for freedom from Britain. "They complained that taxation without representation is tyranny and so is this," the character said.

Ann Birney, Ph.D. in American Studies, was the other agitator of the evening. She brought to life the legendary Calamity Jane.

Calamity wasn't a suffragist who gave speeches or attended rallies. She promoted the idea of women as equals through the way she lived her life. From her clothes to her demeanor, Calamity could hold her own with any man.

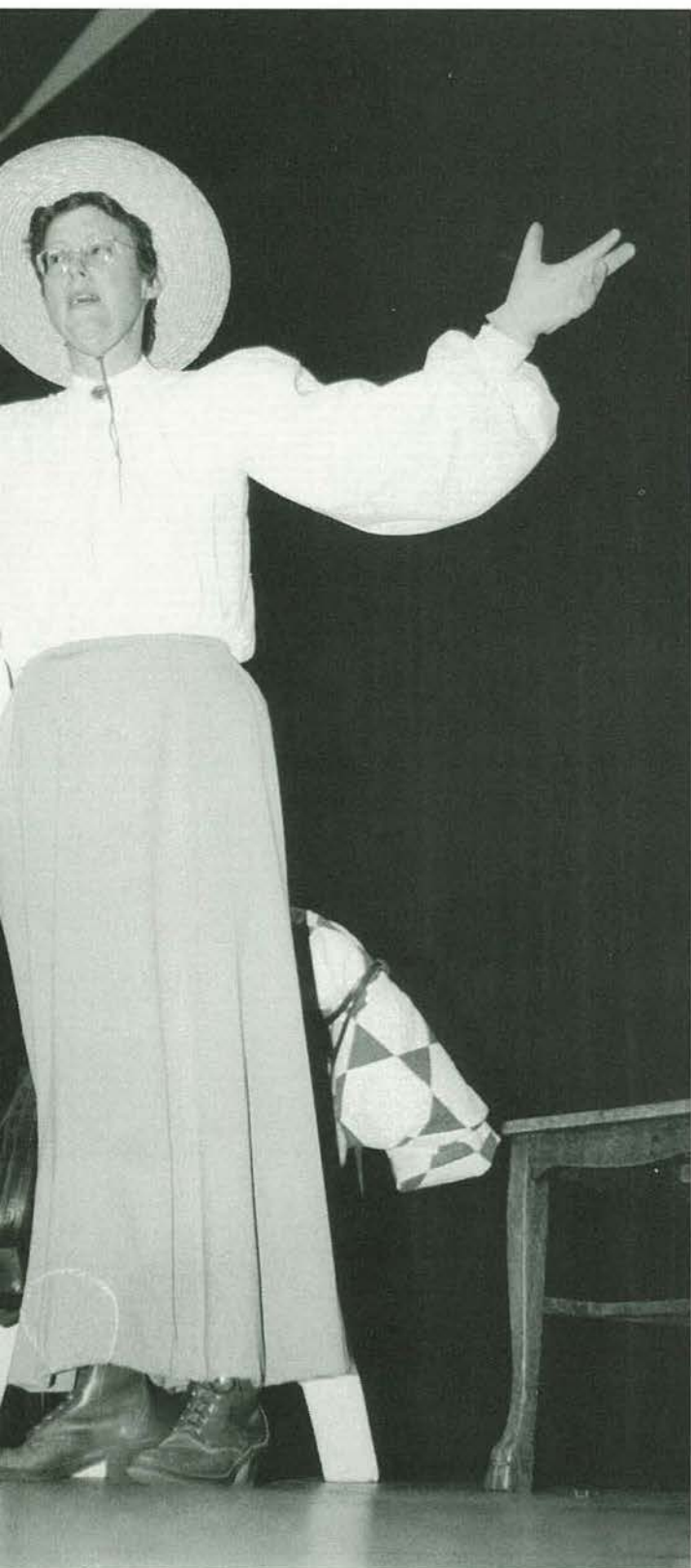
"I decided to wear the clothes I needed to wear to do the work I wanted to do," Calamity Jane said.

Although student turnout to the Outside Agitators performance was less than expected, those who attended reacted very positively.

"It was refreshing," Margaret Stanton said. Stanton, a senior English major, found the characters very unsterotypical.

"It's a wonderful way for students to learn history."

"We offer audiences of all ages the opportunity to experience the past without textbooks, or dry academic lectures," the Outside Agitators said.



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DR. ANN BIRNEY as Elizabeth Hampstead delivers a speech on women's suffrage. She traveled across Kansas to speak to groups about the right to vote.

HAMPSTEAD TALKS to her makeshift horse during the performance. The horse sported an original side saddle that was used by women riders.



Patty Wilson

ROTC MEMBERS WORK as a team to maneuver through a makeshift minefield. Team-building exercises were used extensively in ROTC classes.

*Opportunities abound
for students interested
in the ROTC program.*

PUSHING THE LIMITS

by Amy Supple

For those men and women willing to take on the challenges that the ROTC program offered, the rewards could be well worth the effort.

The Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps program was administered through the department of military science. They offered a variety of courses which could be taken to earn a four-year or two-year degree. The department also offered a minor, an army commission and advanced placement to students.

Long weekends of intense training excersises, meeting the physical and emotional demands of being a part of this team taught some students as much as any other course work offered at Missouri Western State College.

Some students couldn't say enough about the benefits they received from being involved in the program.

"While in the program, I have learned to manage my time and also the value of duty. But most importantly I have learned leadership and pride for my country," said Junior Matt Provost.

Raepelling, rifle marksmanship, problem-solving skills, survival skills as well as leadership and management skills are taught through military sciences courses as well as through hands-on training. Also students who are not involved in the military science program may take those clasees.

Although students don't always think military science is the easiest course work, most find ways to cope and make it though.

"All I can say is you have to suck it up," said Junior Roberto Yerz about his military science experince.

The physical and emotional benefits were not the only rewards to students received from ROTC. Students could also profit financially. Scholarships and stipends were given to those who were serious about thier military science careers.

With some changes in leadership in the department, they continued to strive to mold their members.

"We teach leadership to younger students that can be used with whatever they choose to do, whether it be the army or their student career." said Cpt. James Hoel.

SHEDDING THE TYPICAL sorority image, Alpha Gama Delta member Betsy Langhammer plays bingo with Delbert Dykes. As with many organizations, the sorority volunteered their time in a variety of ways.



TIPS TO FINDING THE RIGHT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Narrow the field.
- Do some research.
- Evaluate your skills.
- Treat it like a job interview.
- Dress appropriately.
- Be flexible.
- Choose a regular block of time.
- Be reliable.
- Be patient.
- If it doesn't work, try something else.



WORKING ON AN ART PROJECT Jeremy Miller assists Jaron Langley, a student at Neely Elementary School. Eight MWSC students assisted at Neely as part of the Presidential Service Program.

*From volunteering,
MWSC students learned
the meaning of . . .*

INTANGIBLE REWARDS

by Sherry Jones and Amy Supple

An increasing number of college students were becoming involved in volunteer programs in hospitals, schools and community organizations. But for these busy students, making the decision to volunteer their time involved careful consideration and choosing the right organization.

"It gives you a warm-hearted feeling to help others," Jeremy Miller said. "It gives you a sense of reality and brings you down to see the needs of other people."

Miller was one of eight Missouri Western students who participated in the Presidential Service Program. The program required students to devote 15 hours each week at Neely Elementary School.

"Volunteering exposes our students to the importance of community service early on," said Shirley Morrison, director of institutional advancement. "We need students who will leave here and continue to support their communities."

Sophomore Amy Holthouse was a literacy volunteer for Pass the Power Adult Literacy Program.

"Unfortunately, I don't have as much time to volunteer as I would like to," Holthouse said. "But it was a wonderfully rewarding experience."

Organizations also recognized the benefits of community service. Most Greek organizations and departmental clubs became committed to philanthropic efforts which dually served to benefit others while

building group cohesiveness.

One MWSC student took volunteering to the ultimate. Soon after his degree was completed in January, Senior Micky Mayes packed his bags and moved to Central America as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Mayes' service would last two years.

"This is something I have really always wanted to do. I am sure it will be an amazing experience," Mayes said.

Many employers now look carefully at volunteer experience when screening applicants. Girl Scout Executive Director Laura Wijkowski said that many of her staff members were hired on the basis of previous volunteer experience.

"Employers now realize the value that volunteer experience gives a person," Wijkowski said. "Volunteer work demonstrates a person's ability to commit which is a key thing to look for."

The networking aspect of volunteering paid off for recent graduate Tara Cluck, who also volunteered at Neely School. After graduating with an elementary education degree, she was offered a teaching position at the school. Her involvement as a volunteer contributed significantly to her being offered the position, Cluck said.

"The one universal theme agreed upon by volunteers of almost all ages and types is this: the one who gets the most out of service is the volunteer," Wijkowski said. "This is the wonderful paradox of volunteering."

Photo illustrations by Tara Hovenga



BEFORE GETTING DOWN to business, getting caught up on the latest magazine and music is a must. Procrastinators found a wide variety of activities to put off studying.



PROCRASTINATING often resulted in begging the professor for an extension. Slipping the paper under the door late with a nice note was another option.



TALKING ON THE PHONE provides a temporary diversion before getting work. Students could always use the excuse of calling to get moral before tackling the assignment.

*Putting off until tomorrow
what could be done today
caused widespread*

PROCRASTINATION PANIC

by Amy Supple

Syllabi were given for a reason. This was a concept that faculty members desperately wanted MWSC students to grasp. Students on the other had the tendency to fight the theory of advanced planning every step of the way.

Procrastinator was one title all Western students could have worn at one point or another. Hoping to instill values of responsibility and independence, professors often gave long-range assignments.

Some students took advantage of the extra time to get ahead while others procrastinated and then procrastinated some more.

"My motto is; I am working on it," said Sophomore Nikki Marshall. "I procrastinate because I am too busy getting caught up on what I put off before to do what needs immediate attention. But most of the time I get it done. I work best under pressure."

Marshall is far from alone in her academic perils.

"When I get a long-range assignment I always think I have plenty of time to do it so I put it off," said Freshman Cinda Sterner. "I go out with friends, sleep, talk on the phone,

anything and everything except the assignment. Then at the last minute I end up staying up all night to get it done. I always kick myself afterwards though."

Although students were the largest offenders when it came to procrastinating, they were not alone in putting things off.

Dr. David Stacey, professor of English, found himself guilty of procrastinating from time to time.

"I do all the busy work first. Work that takes thought and commitment is often put off for things that produce an immediate return," Stacey said.

Eventually though all students learned the lesson that procrastinating did not pay.

Some students however learned from their past procrastination problems and attempted to move on.

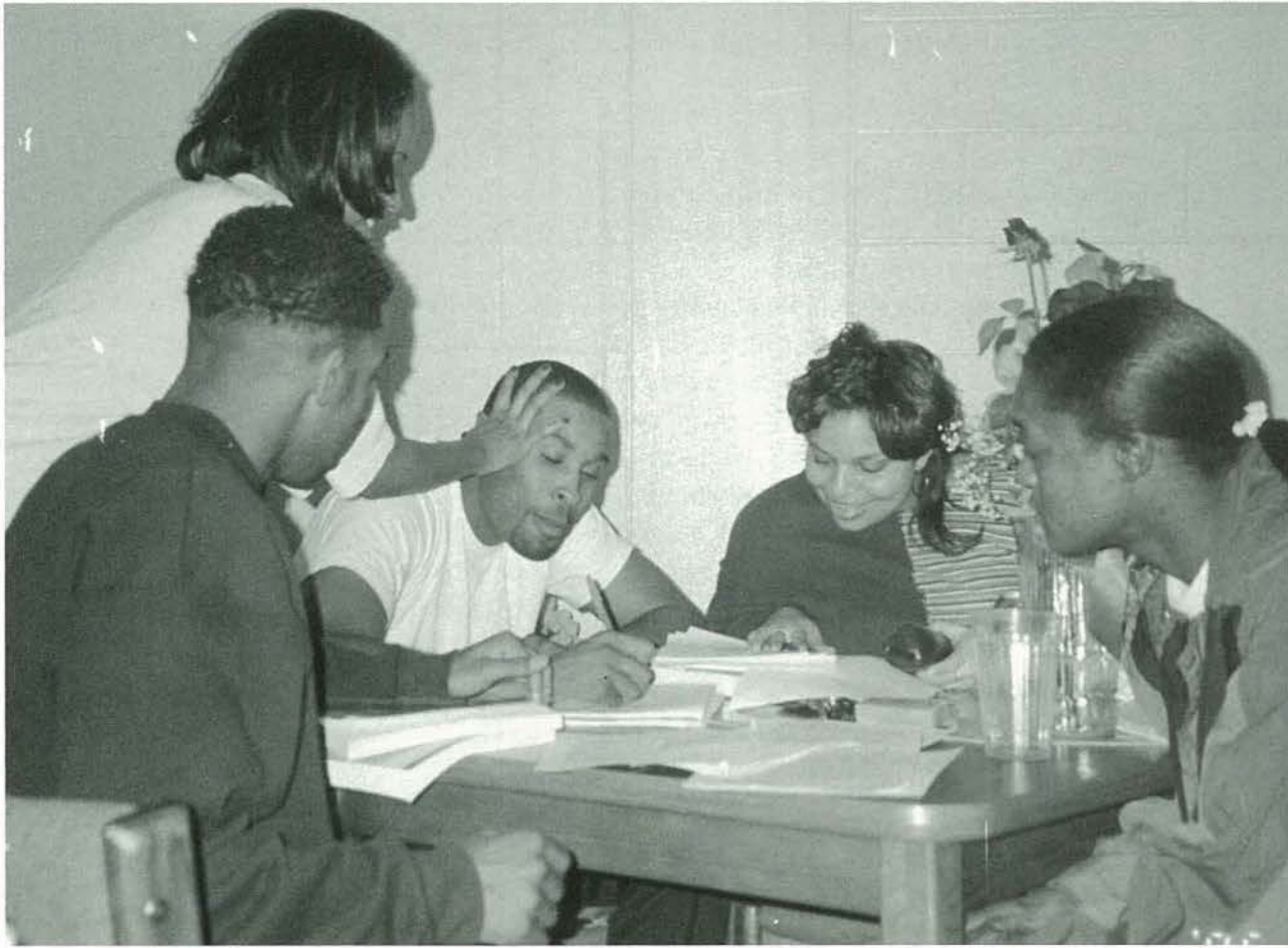
"Unfortunately, I have had to learn the hard way that procrastination is not the thing to do in college," Junior Kim Foley said. "It has no positive benefits to our academic progress. I have tried to learn to take things in stride and be more responsible and that has really helped to reduce stress in my life"

AT PERKINS RESTAURANT, a popular all-night study spot, students stay awake with the help of coffee. Many students consumed insane amounts of caffeine on nights before finals.

DESPITE DISTRACTION from friends, Frederick Rollins, Shereka Kelly and Jenny Maar attempt to cram for finals. Many students worked in groups to cover more material in less time.



D. Silvers



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*“At this point, everything is
Grand Central Station.”*

ONE WACKY WEEK

by Tracy Jones

What was able to reduce even the toughest of linebackers to a puddle of tears? What could set hearts to racing and send thousands into unparalleled frenzy? It was none other than finals week at Missouri Western, and that spelled crunch time for almost every bewildered student.

As the semester was drawing to a close, thoughts of sleeping until early afternoon, only rising to raid the fridge and catch one's favorite soap opera or talk show, began to flood the average student's summer itinerary. This blissful image was quickly shattered by those pesky little formalities called final exams.

“We have students pouring in to write last-minute papers,” says Reference Librarian Jennifer Langlois. “The last two weeks have been very hectic for those of us working in the library.”

Final papers, final exams, final projects; not only was the semester coming to an end, but life seemed to be as well. Some students, however, found the craziness and chaos of this week to be a welcome change of events.

“To see whether or not I can make it

through the week is a great challenge for me,” Senior Karla Manuel said. “All of my exams are on the last day of finals this year, so I really miss the craziness of having them throughout the week.”

This craziness wasn't just reserved for the student population. Faculty members often fell prey to the wickedness of the countdown as well. While we had a paper or two, a final exam here and there, professors were preparing tests, reading ongoing stacks of papers, and tending to ongoing administrative duties.

“I sometimes feel like an air traffic controller,” says English Professor Betty Sawin, “trying to keep a dozen blips from running into one another. At this point, everything is Grand Central Station.”

It happened just the same each and every semester, an endless cycle that no one ever seemed to be prepared to face. However, through some act of divine intervention, or perhaps it was just the effect of an insane amount of caffeine, each student miraculously made it though this exercise in torture, thereby, staring down and making waste of that horrid final-monster.

*"Hinton demands a lot. Band
is hard work but nobody
expected it to be easy"*

A DIFFERENT BEAT

by Missi Smith

If you have seen the MWSC Golden Griffon Marching Band this year, you know there has been a change.

"They are incredible," Cathy Wells said. Wells, a senior biology major, enjoyed the band's performance at halftime of a home football game.

The change is Jeff Hinton. Last fall Hinton walked onto the practice field to be put to the test by 128 faces in the Golden Griffon Marching Band. And he passed the test with flying colors.

Hinton is the new director of one of the top bands in the state. He comes to Missouri Western after a fruitful career. In 1984, he was the assistant director of the Olympic band in Los Angeles. He also directed the inaugural band in Washington, D.C. in 1985, and helped direct the Statue of Liberty Band in New York in 1986. In 1988 his Wentzville High School band was invited to a World Expo in Australia.

Most members of the band welcomed his vision and plans for the Golden Griffons. "He has some good ideas about the

band, its future and goals," said Erin Phillips.

"The potential here is fantastic," said Hinton on his decision to come to Missouri Western. Originally he thought the band had a lot of growing to do but he feels they have come a long way and thinks they can go even further.

"I'm looking for them to become a leader in the state. I want to give them something to be proud of," said Hinton. His students agree with this philosophy.

"He is doing a really good job with the band. He knows how to communicate with the students. I think it has been successful so far and will be even better," band member Jill Hass said.

However, Hinton and his students both realize it won't be an easy road to reach these goals.

"Hinton makes being in band hard but fun," said Angie Morrow.

Derek Snyder said, "I think the band is well disciplined. Hinton demands a lot but it is not unrealistic. Band is not easy but no one expected it to be easy."



HINTON AND JIM Edwards, drum major, discuss strategies for the band. Hinton and Edwards worked together in planning halftime shows.



GRIFTON Marching Band demonstrates the finished product. Hours of hard work go into polishing each routine.



Tara Hovenga

JEFF HINTON comes to Missouri Western with extensive experience with bands. He has high hopes for the Golden Griffons.

“Learning to interpret Native American values, in a sense, means learning how to interpret your own world.”

BACK TO NATURE

by Tara Hovenga

On a gorgeous day last May, a student sat in an economics class at 1:45 p.m. and daydreamed about being out in the beautiful spring air; taking a long walk; dreaming about being anywhere except cooped up in a classroom.

Meanwhile, another class was studying Native American heritage. However this class had little to do with books and even less to do with a classroom.

Dr. Elizabeth Sawin, Dr. James Reidy and James Grechus coordinated a summer interdisciplinary program between the English department and the Physical Education department. The program was designed to help students obtain a greater understanding of the Native American culture.

Sixteen students participated in a seven day journey to Minnesota, Wyoming and South Dakota with visits to the Badlands, the Black Hills, Devil’s Tower and Bear Butte Mountain.

One of the day trips included a visit to Devil’s Tower in Wyoming. Quipped

“Devil’s Tower” by the white man, the enormous rock surrounded by dense forest was originally called Bear’s Lodge by Native Americans which seemed a much more appropriate name to Senior Tina Hillyer.

“Learning to interpret Native American values in a sense means learning how to interpret your own world,” said Hillyer.

Throughout the trip students were asked to keep written journals of their experiences. These journals allowed students to give their own personal meaning to the Native American values they encountered.

Hillyer recounted a moment when it began snowing which was quite a surprise for the month of June. The caravan of vehicles pulled to the side of the road to enjoy the beautiful snowfall and were surprised by a bison which slowly walked past the group allowing them to photograph him.

“It was definitely the most spiritual moment on the trip for me. The bison was covered in snow; he was gorgeous. It was an incredible experience,” said Hillyer.



A WILD BISON allows Eric Keith to approach. Bison were a common sight throughout the journey.

ERIC KEITH waits poised to photograph Tina Hillyer. Hiking was a major component of the trip.



Photos courtesy of Anne Adams



STUDENTS TREK ACROSS the plains of South Dakota. The Badlands were a significant point of interest for students.

THE Devil's Tower majestically profiles against blue Wyoming sky. The enormous stone tower was originally called Bear's Lodge by Native Americans.

"Becoming a Regent has been challenging and motivating. I've become more involved in Missouri Western activities."

KEEPING THE COURSE

by D. Silvers

Imagine being responsible for the administration of the entire college. How about possessing power over personnel and salaries? Although such issues caused controversy, seven persons steered Missouri Western in the right direction.

Instead of dealing with everyday decisions, the Board of Regents concerned themselves with the general government of the college. Short and long-term financial planning and legal items were among the issues covered by the Regents. In addition, Regents established college policies, by-laws, rules and regulations.

"I don't think many students realize exactly what the Regents do. Their decisions regarding tuition probably have the most direct impact on students. Regents make the toughest decisions," Board Secretary Lisa Little said.

Regents were appointed for six-year terms by respective Missouri governors; presidents have been serving for one year. John Thomas, of Strop, Thomas, Burns and Holliday law firm, served as the Board of Regents' president during the 1995-96 academic year. The spring semester brought a new student

representative to the Board. Sophomore Kwanza Humphrey replaced former Student Regent Micky Mayes. Although required to attend all meetings of the Board and to serve on committees, Regents received no compensation for their time.



D. Silvers

BECOMING STUDENT REGENT was an honor for Kwanza Humphrey pictured here being sworn in. The board met monthly to discuss all matters of concern to Missouri Western State College.

"I never think of serving on the Board as sacrificing my time because it has been such a pleasurable experience. Being a Regent has been challenging and motivating. I've really become more involved in Missouri Western's activities," Regent Karen Baker said.

Regents appreciated the tranquillity of the year. "Our biggest focus was on planning. College Attorney Charlie Wilcox's retirement kept us busy," Regent Bill Carpenter said. Wilcox

had been the college attorney since 1969. Attorney Steve Briggs was elected by the interview council to fill Wilcox's position.

In addition, Regents voted on the health service fee based upon the outcome of the student vote, implemented the Access Plus program and managed the college budget.

The talents of Thomas, Humphrey and Baker combined with those of Julia Rupp, Theresa Herzog, Greg Wall and Bob Roth kept Missouri Western on a true and steady course.



Tara Hovenga

Gov. Mel Carnahan, Karen Baker is sworn in by Judge Edwin Smith. Baker taught at Humboldt Elementary in addition to serving as a member of the board.

James McCarthy

Executive Vice President

Raised in the east, Dr. McCarthy could often be heard claiming that he had been a model child. Although that may have been hyperbole, McCarthy did grow up to be an effective vice president. McCarthy took care of business while always welcoming communication with students.

"In reflecting the president's theme, I am committed to a student-centered administration. I want students, faculty and staff to realize that Missouri Western is *their* college. My division wants to create a sense of ownership among students," McCarthy said.



Earl Milton

Vice President of Administration

The stress of making investments and advising Dr. Murphy on all financial matters didn't cause Earl Milton to lose his easy-going nature. Milton's division included the physical plant, financial aid office, business office, employee relations and the computer center.

"My staff and I are very dedicated to maintaining an attractive, comfortable atmosphere for students and staff," Milton said. Milton's area also improved services to students through automated self-enrollment and automated filing of federal financial aid applications. Earl Milton certainly proved to be more than just a signature on a check.



James Roever

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Whether it was sending e-mail or using the World Wide Web, Dr. Roever was the computer guru of the administrators. Roever realized the importance of technology for education's sake. "We're on a track where we are advancing and adapting technology through the development of the new building. This year has been spent preparing and training to fully utilize our future capabilities," Roever said.

Roever's division also proved instrumental in the development of the Access-Plus program and Freshman Interest Groups. Through careful planning and training, Roever proved to be a leader.



"I always make communication with students, faculty and staff a priority."

PERFECT PIECES

by *D. Silvers*

Dr. Janet Gorman Murphy's office contained a multitude of gifts given throughout the year as tokens of appreciation. One such gift, partially hidden underneath an array of papers and file folders, was a button which proclaimed "Still Perfect After These Years." Despite the teasing nature of the man, Murphy's performance as president of Missouri Western contained few flaws.

After nearly thirty-five years of higher education administration, Murphy had honed her

philosophy to a razor-sharp point. That point was that students should be given opportunity to pursue an education. "As an administrator, I have an obligation to support that mission through an open access policy," Murphy said.

Maintaining the second lowest tuition in the state (of 4-year public institutions), hiring quality faculty and keeping classes full were among the strategies employed by Murphy to support her administrative philosophy.

Her tactics for Missouri Western's success didn't stop with maintaining her administrative philosophy. Murphy focused her energies into developing a program

called Access Plus. Murphy conquered the first hurdle by generating the money for the program. "Access Plus is important to me because it finances our mission by allowing us to hire more

teachers who we need because of increased enrollment," Murphy said. "The program will essentially strengthen first-year students' skills in math and English, and generally make the transition into college smoother by improving registration, orientation and advisement systems," she added.

In addition to implementing the Access-Plus program, Murphy managed to balance other responsibilities with grace. The year brought Murphy many challenges, like finding a new athletic director

and working with the Missouri legislature.

Murphy, however, conquered these challenges with her usual east coast style. New programs, like physical therapy and health information services, required careful monitoring and evaluation by Murphy. She also fostered communication with the community by coordinating a joint committee involving Missouri Western and the St. Joseph School District. With all of that, Murphy still didn't forget about Missouri Western students.

"I always make communication with students, faculty and staff a priority. My door is always open," Murphy said.

Whether she was distributing

mittens, gloves and sweatshirts to Neely Elementary school children or serving as vice president of the MIAA conference, Murphy moved to make her philosophy a reality.



Janet Murphy
President

Edwin Gorsky

Dean of Continuing Education

The truly hectic year faced Dr. Ed Gorsky, dean of continuing education, who had been at Missouri Western since 1986. The year found Gorsky preparing to move his entire operation into a new building next year. Also with the increased technology on campus, continuing education was able to grow and offer more classes than ever through a variety of mediums.

“We are all very excited about the changes taking place,” Gorsky said. We look forward to getting settled in the new Leah Spratt Classroom Building where we will strive to make improvements and additions as we always have.”



Forrest Hoff

Dean of Student Affairs

Forrest Hoff, dean of student affairs, stayed on his toes all year. From dealing with student conduct dilemmas to overseeing more than one thousand students on campus, Hoff accomplished it all in his laid back style.

“This was a busy year with the growing Greek system the new residence hall as well as annual events like Homecoming and Parent’s Council,” said Hoff who had been at Missouri Western for over 25 years. Student interaction was always at the top of his list.



Martin Johnson

Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences

While many noteworthy events happened on campus over the last year, Dr. Martin Johnson, dean of professional studies, thought some of the most exciting accomplishments were tucked away in the classroom. Johnson, who started as a psychology professor at MWSC in 1973, accepted his current position four years ago.

"I think some of our division's greatest accomplishments have been in the area of faculty development," Johnson said. "We are constantly looking to find new ways to enhance instruction."



Patty Wilson

Charles Perkins

Dean of Professional Studies

After beginning as a professor, Dr. Charles Perkins, dean of professional studies was the former head of the business and economics department before accepting his current position. Perkins understands the importance of academics as part of the truly Griffon experience.

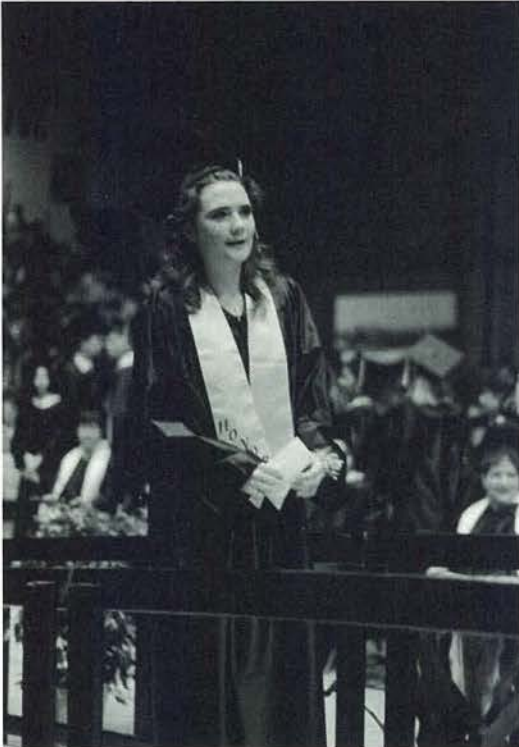
"Our division continues to strive for excellence," Perkins said. "Our departments are constantly looking for new ways to bring enriching experiences to students."



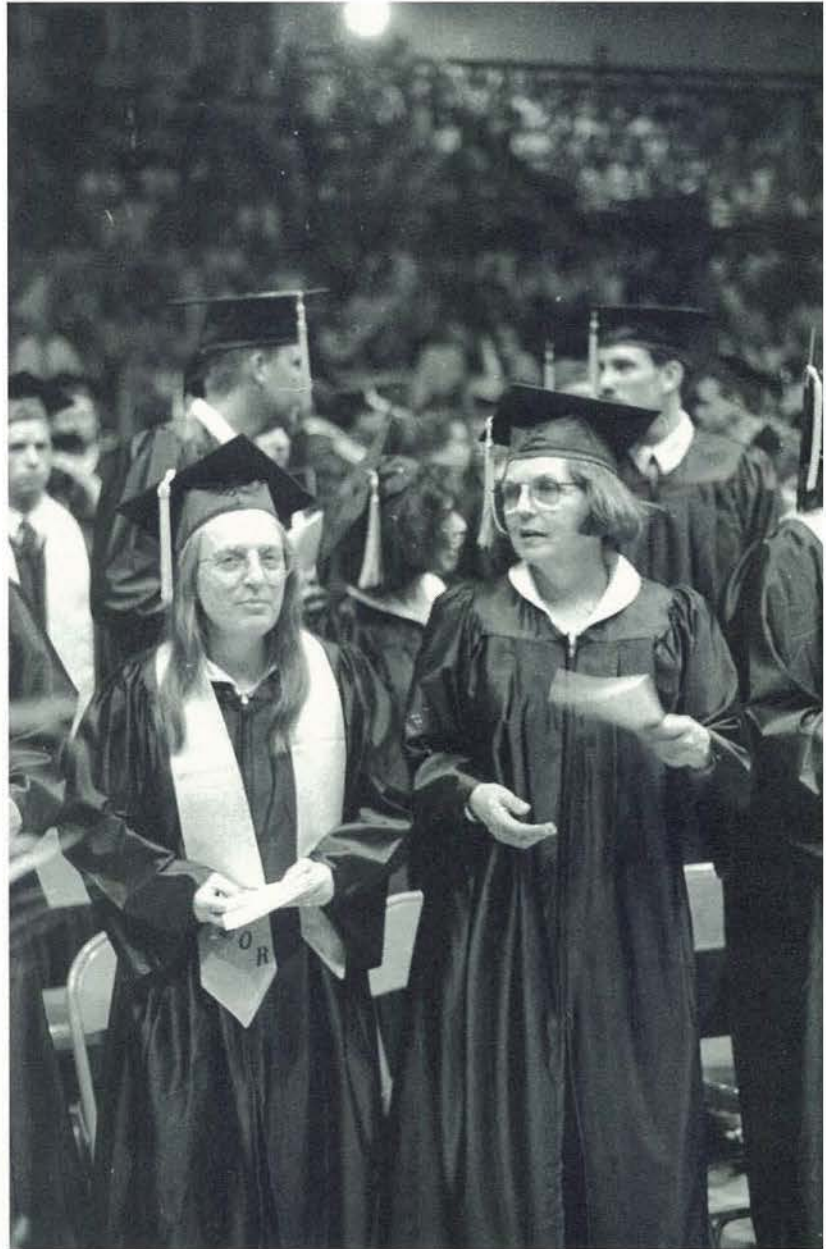
Patty Wilson

JOANNE SCHNELL AND PAT SHEELY watch the rest of the MWSC Class of 1996 march into the Fieldhouse. The high temperature was no deterrent to a huge crowd on graduation day.

WAITING TO ACCEPT her degree from Dr. Janet Murphy, Lisa Thies anticipates hearing her name called. Thies graduated with a bachelor of science in education and bachelor of arts in literature.



Tara Hovenga



*As their time at MWSC drew to a close,
Griffons realized that they had achieved a*

DEGREE OF SUCCESS

by Amy Supple

No more papers, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks. To paraphrase the nursery school rhyme, this summed up the feeling of hundreds of Western students on May 15.

Graduation was the long-awaited reward for four or more years of hard work.

"I can't explain the feeling I had walking across the stage," said graduate Jenny Schenk. "All the courses and hours of studying flashed through my head. But so did all of the good times, the friends and activities."

The practicalities of Western's graduation had become a problem in recent years. A hot, crowded fieldhouse seemed the only option to house the ceremony. In past years, late-comers not only found it impossible to find a seat, they found it impossible to find standing room.

To accommodate more spectators, commencement organizers decided to si-

mulcast the graduation ceremony in the Potter Fine Arts Theatre.

"I feel we were lucky," said family member Jeanie Sample. "We got to sit in the air conditioned theatre and watch. I think it was a good idea."

Another new option for family and friends of graduates was to view commencement from the comfort of their own home on cable channel 39 where it was broadcast live.

"The graduation ceremony is the crowning glory on an academic career," said English graduate Lisa Thies. "It was an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life."

And even though receiving their degree meant

the end of late night study sessions and pop quizzes, it also signaled the end of the MWSC experience.

"I will miss Missouri Western," Schenk said. "I have had so much fun over the past four years and met a lot of friends."



DR. KAREN FULTON watches as many of her students take their final walk. Fulton was one of many faculty who marched in the graduation ceremony.

Tara Hovenga



Patty Wilson

The faces that make up a Griffon year were organized into all types of clubs. Finding a place to belong on Western's campus was easily accomplished.

True ties

KEEPING THINGS ORGANIZED WAS NOT AN EASY TASK EVEN FOR THE TRUEST GRIFFON. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR THE INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN CAMPUS CLUBS. THE TIES THAT BIND STUDENTS TOGETHER WERE MANY AND VARIED ON CAMPUS.

CLUBS PARTICIPATED IN FAMILY DAY, HOMECOMING AND SPRINGFEST, AND IF NO CAMPUS ACTIVITIES WERE PLANNED, THEY MADE THEIR OWN FUN. WHETHER IT WAS BUILDING BRIDGES WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS OR PLANNING CONCERTS WITH CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD, CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS WERE ON THE MOVE.

WITH EVERYTHING FROM FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES TO PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, FOR EVERY GRIFFON, THERE WAS A GROUP.

"We're not just a bunch of students with our faces in books. We're a social club that likes to have fun."

Chris Archer



Alchemist Club

Front Row: Rusty Herpel, Krull, Julie Richard, Jody Snapp, Boswell, Katherine Linebaugh
Row: Dr. Len Archer, Kenneth Josh Leigh, Jason Meadows Archer, Dr. Tony Wallner.

"Alpha Chi is a nice organization, and it's quite an honor to be a member."

Bonnie Morrison



Alpha Chi

Front Row: Joyce McCreery, Morrison, *president*, Pam W secretary/treasurer, Sue Fa vice-president. **Second Row** Doogs, Joely Eivins, Marge Dw Teresa Schmitt. **Back Row:** Ph Richard Turner, Betty Backe Malotte, Dr. James Roever, a

"These women are not only academically the cream of the crop, but emotionally they are also."

Stephanie Cassity



Alpha Gamma De

Front Row: Heather Burk Michelle Lindeman, Carla W Habersat, Jaime Williams, Newsom, Jamie Banks, Kay **Second Row:** Kelly Simpson Johnson, Amy Liesmann, Montgomery, Kara Sanders, St Jaekel, Heather Laprade, Hamilton. **Third Row:** J Bledsoe, Jennifer Ellwyn, tr Julie Stehle, Connie Burrow Schenk, Joanna Marrs, J Vanzandt, Amanda Schultz, se **Back Row:** Gwendlyn Welke Glowers, Christina Daniels, Yeast, *vice-president*, Cindy H Ashley Storrs, Stephanie (president.

"We're a very close knit bond of sisterhood; we try our best to make sure that college life is college life."

Marla Gibson



Alpha Kappa Alf

Front Row: Karla Manuel Gibson, Raquel West, Alther **Back Row:** Letetia Johnson Jones, Nicole Washington, G Craft.

Griffons With Honors

BY RHONDA GEE

those who spent hours studying, who endeavored to be at the top of every class and who worked hard for each letter A, there were rewards. Alpha Chi Honors was an organization on campus for students who excelled academically.

The Alpha Chi honors program established high standards that potential members had to meet in order to become members.

"The students in this organization have worked hard to get where they are now," Senior Bonnie Morrison said. "In order to become an Alpha Chi member, students

needed to be in the top ten percent of their class and they had to have two letters of reference. After this, Dr. James Roever, group advisor and vice-president of academic affairs, selected those who became a part of the prestigious organization.

Alpha Chi members helped the community and those who were less fortunate than them through various community service projects such as adopting a family for Christmas.

"It is nice to be recognized for your academic accomplishments," said Margaret Stanton, a senior and member of Alpha Chi. "There are a lot of students who work hard and deserve to be noticed."



Patty Wilson

Alpha Chi sponsor Dr. James Roever discusses the organization with members Margaret Stanton, senior, and Betty Backes, junior. Alpha Chi honored students for scholastic achievements.

"Being a part of Alpha Sigma Alpha means sisterhood and knowing that there are always people there in times of need."

Carla Crandall



Alpha Sigma Alp.

Front Row: Becky Wilcox, Cowsck, Michelle Stout, Kari Andrea Huber, Cindy Long. **Row:** Kristi Foreman, Stacy C Shelby Coxon, Stacey Siesser Hueffmeier, LeAnne Asbury, M Vaughn, Katherine Linebaugh Thorburn. **Third Row:** Heather Tanya Stroud, Jenny VanNess Crandall, Terri Phillips, Katie Tracie Kamp, Stacey Cowlick, I Patton, Clover Moon. **Back** Laura Johnson, Becky Smith, St Wirth, Aimee Cowick, Missy B Tina Flatt, Brandy Gonjewett, Rindom, Jessica Watkins, Miss

"I enjoyed the professional and social context being a part of AIA allowed me"

Jondenna Patrick



American Market Association

Front Row: Kory Hales, Morrison, Anita Segó. **Back** Ameerah Salaam, Denise Jondenna Patrick, Stacy Cabe

"Attending the annual convention was really a unique experience because our Missouri Western chapter was the only college represented."

Tanya Zimmerman



Association of General Contracto

Front Row: Ed Shilling, Jeff I Greg Davis, Bart Bujestrom Estep. **Second Row:** Zachary Mahdi Elmholi, Mitch Buter president, Tonya Zimmer treasurer, Brent Heldenbrand Lungoria, Mark Allegri. **Back** John Kulak, Lynda Juradl, Robinson, Dustin Bingham, Dr. Dr. Varma, advisor, Keith Stutt

"The members of BSV are like a family. I could count on them for anything."

Taira Morgan



Baptist Student Un.

Front Row: Ron Wynne, Tair gan, James Feuerbacher, Mar Christine Lake, Debra Kau Mary Wilford, Jennie Roberts tina Musser, Lori Connell. **Row:** Shawn Yates, Erika I Angie Morrow, Katie Riddle, Mofield, Kim Foley, Devon Amy Johnson, Cara Harrington **Row:** Kent Mills, Carrie Cr Joseph Myscofski, Daniel Do Branson, Misty Cracraft, Am Andra Clipson, Rhonda Morfor **Row:** Matthew Harris, Mary C Matthew Silber, Scott Yocor Deufon, Janene Snyder, Andrea son, Lori Bigham, Rhonda M William Prevost, John Seever



AGC members show a group of Boy Scouts how to use surveying equipment. Community service was a priority for AGC; members offered surveying badge workshops to Boy Scouts in May.

AGC members stand on "Eddie's Bridge." They collaborated with the biology department to install the 100-foot long bridge.



Patty Wilson

Building Success

BY D. SILVERS

Members of the Associated General Contractors have the blueprint for a successful organization. Although relatively small in size with 17 members, AGC is one of the most visible and active groups on Missouri Western's campus.

AGC's work began during the fall semester with a collaborative project between the engineering technology and biology departments. The 100-foot long bridge was designed and constructed by AGC members and other engineering technology students. In addition to allowing students to gain construction experience, the bridge provided an easy way for all students to access the reestablished prairie study area behind the Missouri Department of Conservation.

"We strove for simplicity in design and construction to create a bridge that would merge with the environment," Dr.

Virendra Varma, AGC sponsor, said.

After finishing the bridge project in the fall, AGC completed OSHA training in December. January brought the opportunity to attend the Annual Associated General Contractors Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

"Attending the annual convention was really a unique experience because our Missouri Western chapter was the only college represented. All the other people there were professionals," said Tanya Zimmerman, AGC officer.

AGC activities continued to build in the spring. AGC, in conjunction with the engineering technology department, conducted a seminar on "Trenchless Technology" in March. Community service was also a priority for AGC; members offered surveying badge workshops to Boy Scouts.

Throughout the year, AGC members laid solid foundations for a well-built organization.

"Our group is really progressive this year. We had a lot of participation and many new activities."
 Kamto Lee



Beta Beta Beta

Front Row: Kamto Lee, Jamie Katherine Linebaugh. **Back Row:** Todd Eckdahl, Ryan Evans, Reece, John Bundridge.

"The club fosters a relationship between biology majors which helps in defining and attaining goals."
 Katherine Linebaugh



Biology Club

Front Row: Jamie King, I Wagner, Katherine Linebaugh. **Row:** Ryan Evans, John Bund Kamto Lee, Sophia Henlon, Reece.

"This was a building year for us. We experimented with new activities to get more involvement and I think we succeeded."
 Cindy Hathaway



AEA

Front Row: Gwen Cowick, I Johnson, Shelby Coxen. **Second Row:** Jennifer Ellwyn, Cindy Hathaway Foley, Jessica Yeast. **Back Row:** Gittings, Stephen Cook, Sonya mas, Laney Wheeler, Precious Jondenna Patrick.

"We have a new squad, and sometimes it is difficult to balance cheerleading and other commitments."
 April Spear



Cheerleaders

Front Row: Hadley Miljavac, C Collier, Nicole Huston. **Second Row:** Allison Edwards, Kerri Ca Mechelle Barrett, Mary Gurera. **Row:** "Samson" Shauna St Marcie Yoakum, Rachel Cun April Spear, Malachi Wright, Bucker, Pam Partridge, coach.

CAB is the Cure

BY HEATHER PRESSLY

a plague that sweeps even the largest of colleges or another. Boredomitis is not a stranger to one campus organization has offered a remedy to suffer from less than healthy social lives.

Activities Board is an organization that receives from Student Government Association to put on the entire campus.

Our major concerns is that we provide events at the most possible for the students," says CAB President Spencer. "This is a major plus because it helps get students involved and aware of the activities that are going on."

Sponsored a variety of activities at little or no cost to students. We have expanded their activities to give a wider range of entertainment to all types of students.

The favorite CAB activity is movie week because it gives students a break in the middle of the week to relax and get my mind off school. It only costs a buck so that is always good,"

Sophomore Amy Jacobs said.

In addition to movie week, some of CAB's most popular events are Fun-Flicks, comedians, magic acts and of course, the annual Homecoming activities.

"This year's increase in number of attendance really helped make the Homecoming Dance a success; we had a great turnout," Yeast said. The dance was free and open to all students.

The organization received attention this year because of some highly successful events they sponsored. Spencer's Magic Act will return next year because of the positive response they received this year. But the biggest headliner for the semester was Carrot Top.

"It was exciting to be able to bring somebody with national name recognition to campus and I thought it was a wonderful event," CAB member Kim Foley said.

"I believe that being a part of CAB has given me a great sense of responsibility and I have learned a lot of leadership," Yeast said.



Kelly Lock-Kerns

Fans flock to have programs autographed after Spencer's Magic Act. The magic act was very popular. CAB plans to invite them back to campus next year.

DeAngela Mims, Kelli Moechoe and Tracy McReynolds perform during Fun Flicks. This gave students the opportunity to star in their own video.

"The best thing about being in Delta Phi is getting the opportunity to experience different aspects of law enforcement."

Phillip Hill



Delta Phi Upsilon

Front Row: Cory DeVaul, Jana M
Back Row: Phillip Hill.

"DSJ represents and celebrates the power of women. We want to serve the community and set an example."

Precious Love



Devastating Sisters of Today

Front Row: Amy Waite, Catina S
Binita Thurman. Back Row: Ar
Salaam, Darlene Lenley, Pr
Love.

"Each of us has a voice and we are simply looking for the motivation and support to make those voices heard."

Kynan Ramsey



The Ebony Collegia

Front Row: Marc Highsmith,
Sahnoe, Kwanza Humphrey,
Thomas, Robyn Reynolds, Phila
ris. Back Row: Walter Jones, Ar
Salaam, Audrey Dodd, Preciou
Brandy Jenkins.

"Being a member of a departmental club allows you to get to know others in your field. We have a lot of fun."

Benjamin Roberts



Economics Club

Front Row: Stacy Cabeen, Par
iams, president, Amy Lies
secretary, Bonnie Morrison, vice
dent. Back Row: Nader V
Konstantin Velikor, Benjamin
erts, Jennifer Ellwyn.



D. Silvers

Missouri Western's own *Instruments of Praise* sing the final selection at the Gospel Extravaganza. After their last song there were tears of joy in the eyes of several audience members.

Voices, Plans and Choices

BY TRACY L. McREYNOLDS

group of voices, plans and choices; many faces, many voices. The Ebony Collegians are one on-campus organization with great plans for the future.

The group of approximately 30 students worked together with a common goal of unifying Missouri Western's campus. Each member furthered this cause by participating in several events.

T.E.C. was most proud of the Gospel Extravaganza; the largest project that they hold each year. For this event, several choirs and individuals from St. Joseph arrived on Missouri Western's campus for the festivities.

"T.E.C. is a positive organization that gives students recognition and recognition on campus," said organization chair Kwanza Humphrey.

To learn more about T.E.C. and its many benefits to the campus, contact Humphrey and co-chairman of their recruitment

committee, Kynan Ramsey urged students to attend meetings which were held the second Sunday of each month.

"The need for leaders in this college community is immense and those who are interested or even just curious are more than welcome to come out and voice their opinions," Humphrey said.

Ramsey felt that the greatest thing about being a part of this organization was opportunity.

"Each of us has a voice and we are simply looking for the motivation and support to make those voices heard. T.E.C. truly supports every individual involved and makes great effort to open doors for minority students here," Ramsey said.

"It is extremely important and encouraging to have organizations such as this to make mere ideas into voices by giving students choices," Ramsey said.

"We are a very close squad—even when we are not dancing."
Melissa Velasquez



Golden Girls

Front Row: Jacki Potter, Heath Melissa Velasquez, *president* Worrell, *vice-president*. **Back Row:** Cynthia Patterson, Julie Calfee Burec, Heather Hennessey, Mollie Cook, *historian*, Dave Brown, *sponsor*

"Working on the Griffon News puts one on the cutting edge of life at Missouri Western State College."
Margaret Stanton



Griffon News

Front Row: Ken Rosenaur, Liz Burnett, Nyaya Tipton, Liz Yaffe, Greg Yaffe. **Second Row:** Matt Buhman, Vickie Demoreuille, Robert Stanton, Cassandra Peterson, Naushay Riley. **Third Row:** Matt Reardon, Patty Wilson, Troy Thompson, Mashawna Thompson, Mollie Cook. **Back Row:** Angie Wellborn, Faubion, Nikki Marshall, Harrah, Nathan Washington.

"I wanted to see more school spirit on campus; Griffon Pride was a good way to do that."
Kim Black



Griffon Pride

Front Row: Heather Christoff, Kim Black. **Back Row:** Nikki Marshall, Jeanette Browning, Yolanda Blalock, Tiffany Blalock.

"Griffon Yearbook was a great writing experience. Being part of the staff and doing my part to create this book has made me very proud"
Shela Gibson



Griffon Yearbook

Front Row: Kelly Lock-Kerns, Shela Gibson, Amy Supple, Diana Smith. **Second Row:** Emily Thomas, Heather Pressly, Amy Zipp, Wesley King, Shela Gibson, Andrew Kunz. **Third Row:** Jaime Williams, Jodi McClair, Wiesbach, LeeAnne Asbury, Jonathan Patrick, Brandy DeBord, Ann Thompson. **Back Row:** Adrienne Roberts, Lisa Beverlin, Angela Lintner, Amy Dodd, Tara Hovenga, Matt Reardon, Jeanette Browning.

Going for the Gold

BY TANIA MAYS

zy group of women on campus proved that n dance. The pom-pom squad, currently known SC Golden Girls was founded in the fall of 1994. "They are really hard working girls," said Dave Brown rls sponsor and counseling coordinator. "They her as a team well."

and improve dancing skills the 11 Golden led a summer dance camp known as the Univer- Association. In addition to honing their ce skills, competing at summer camp brought the d place trophy in the dance competition. "Everybody is motivated," Velasquez said. "We are h and every time we go out to perform." e more progressive as a team they spent time

together outside of practice and had activities such as slum- ber parties.

Golden Girl Heather Hill felt that being a member of the squad enhanced her experience as a student at Missouri Western greatly.

"I feel that we are like a family and everybody's input is welcomed," Hill said.

"It is important for team cohesion for us to get to know each other better," Valasquez said.

The Golden Girls choreograph most of their dances which can become a rather large task. The rest of the routines they learn at camps they attend.

Currently MWSC's dance squad is ranked 26th in the nation with plans to go for the gold with gusto.



Kelly Lock-Kerns



Kelly Lock-Kerns

The Golden Girls show their spirit led by team captain Melissa Velasquez. The squad helped cheer the team on to victory.

Golden Girl members entertain the audience at a basketball game. Although they have a new name and look, the squad has been performing at sporting events for years.

"Our chapter is beneficial because we organize meetings that allow students to network with business people."

Carla Lattin



Institute of Management Accountants

Front Row: Rodney Potter, Williams, Carla Lattin, Melinda
Back Row: Teresa Trenary, Dworshak, Lou Fowler, Morrison.

"We bring together all the Greek organizations on campus to communicate with each other and discuss what would make Greek life better on campus."

Nathan Beck



Inter Greek Council

Front Row: Richard Venc Schier, Nathan Beck, Suzie
Second Row: Karla Manue Shannon, Jason West, Sarah Jessica Watkins, Shelby Bethany Stahlman. **Back Row:** Amanda Schultz, Jessica Michael Benz, Jason Hallquist, Craig, Chrissie Ryan, Molly M. Jeremy Benninghoff, Mike S

"We hope to build the journalism club into a more active organization and also to explore the professional opportunities available to those interested in the field of journalism."

Amy Supple



Journalism Club

Front Row: Christy Buhm Thorne, *sponsor*, Jondenna Nyaya Tipton, Scott Faubion Wilson, *secretary*. **Back Row:** Silvers, Tara Hovenga, *vice-president*, Amy Supple, *president*, Adrienne Everts, *treasurer*, Erin W. Margaret Stanton.

"We are a national honors organization for students who excel in mathematics."

We offer a weekly colloquium taught by a math instructor at Missouri Western."

Brian Bettis



Kappa Mu Epsilon

Front Row: Kent Mills, Brian Devon Kerns, Linda Meyer
Back Row: David Bayne, Tanya Dawn Powell, Val Jones.

Adding up the Advantages

BY JULIE CALFEE

agents sitting behind a wall shuffling papers and numbers into an adding machine, contemplating money people owe them was a common stereotype in the accounting field.

On the Missouri Western campus an organization, the Institute of Management Accountants, existed as a resource to help accounting majors find employment after graduation.

Dr. John Klimick, the organization's sponsor, believed the most important attribute to this organization was networking.

Monthly meetings consist of speakers from sur-

rounding areas within different avenues of accounting," Klimick said.

The main goal of the group, was to be exposed to the working community of accountants.

In order to become a member of this group attendance at meetings and an interest in the accounting field was all that was required.

"Anyone who is interested can come to a meeting and learn about a fascinating field," Klimick said. "While the public only gets one perception of accountants, accountants should be looked at as people who try to get the most out of what they do."



Patty Wilson

Members of the Institute of Management Accountants celebrate the end of the year at a banquet at Hoof and Horn Restaurant. The organization was established as a professional club for students.

"The association is there for students enrolled in the legal assistant program and more people should become involved in it."

Sherry O'Neil



Legal Assistant Association

Front Row: Stephenie Carte O'Neal, Carla Wampler, Amy Bayne
Back Row: David Dye, Schneider, Sharon Housell.

"Math Club is more of a social organization for students who enjoy math and math related fields."

Brian Bettis



Math Club

Front Row: Brian Bettis, Kerna Griffon, Linda Meyer, Sean Hutto.
Back Row: Dawn Powell, Val Joseph, Shaginaw, Julie Richard, K Linebaugh.

"The mentor program has been a benefit to me. My mentor has been a friend and teacher to me."

Erica Wills



Mentor Program

Front Row: Raquel West, Sonya Thomas.
Second Row: Santos, LaVesca Love, Amalaam, Marc Highsmith, Washington, Tandra Foote, Ray, Catina Shannon, Cheshia Erica Wills.
Third Row: L Hunter, Wenddlyn Smith, Brown, Kasey Bruce, Stan Irving, Graham, Kynan Ramsa, Tipton, Letetia Johnson, Less.
Fourth Row: Sophia Her Lindor, Darrell Harden, Frank Ralpph Aldridge, Edward C. Audry Dodd, Safiyah Mason Lenley.
Back row: Julie Jamie Johnson, Rob Spann, Jarris, Kenny Ford, Anthony H Courtney Stevenson, Chelsie Brandy Jenkins.

"The housing staff is great work experience for students."

Dusty Davis



Housing Staff

Front Row: Duffy Lewis, Eryn Cathy Carney, Jill Riegel, Ellwyn, Gary Chaney, Richard Althera Brown.
Second Row: Jamin Roberts, Konstantin Wendy Robinson, Rodney Tamika Austin, Dawn Lenle Rittman, Rosemary Hamilton Bowsls.
Back Row: Phines Michelle Marshall, Aaron Hay Yager, Randy Buckman, Brad Shaun Piatt, Richard Mase Mestemacher.

Calculated Camaraderie

BY AMY SUPPLE

Like most Western students put off the dreaded algebra class until the last possible semester, some embraced equations, word problems and trigonometry with open arms.

The MWSC Math Club was open to all math majors and students interested in learning more about the field, exploring job opportunities and socializing.

"I feel the main purpose of the club is to form a community," said Junior Tanya Griffin. "Math is such a discipline and we spend so much time on homework that it's nice to have a group of others who understand."

The math club shares a room in the Agenstein Science

and Math Building with another club. Everything from chatting about weekend plans to cramming for an upcoming midterm took place in the lounge.

Members of the math club often tutored one another on an informal level.

"It is natural for different people to do better with different concepts. We all help each other out," Griffin said.

Senior David Bayne enjoyed the networking opportunity the club offered.

"The math field was a very logical career choice for me," Bayne said. "I have met others in my field through conferences associated with the math club."



Dr. John Atkinson



Dr. John Atkinson

Preparing to leave for a conference, math club members receive final instructions. Road trips were popular activities for all organizations.

Working at a fundraiser for the math club, members try their luck at craps. The club was a social outlet as well as an academic organization.

"We are providing support, fellowship and community service for non-traditional students."

Lois Fox



Non-Traditional C

Front Row: Juanita Crews, Watkins, Michele Duddy, Corzine, Michele Hanway, *pt* Annette Campbell. **Back Row:** Smither, Linda Mallotte, Dodi Kevin Wilson, Paula Price, Pa son, Terry Nelson.

"Omicron Psi recognized outstanding academic achievements by non-traditional students who manage multiple responsibilities."

Ellen Smither



Omicron-Psi

Front Row: Terri Levy, Diana C secretary/treasurer, Michele president, Carrol Watkins, Mac **Back Row:** Terry Nelson, vic dent, Patty Wilson, Paula Price Malotte, Dodi Kamler, Ellen S sponsor.

"We have an active involvement in the community working with people who have found themselves in need."

Debra Johnson



Organization of Stud Social Workers

Front Row: Lanny Howe, Johnson, Cyndi DeBey, Amy Ruth Meyer. **Back Row:** Tonya Mandy Coffman, Kelley W Jeanne Grable, Jill Shrewsbury Dockery.

"Being a part of Phi Delta Theta means that we are individuals, friends and brothers."

Jason Mullin



Phi Delta Theta

Front Row: Rayman Bradshaw Foster, Robert Morrison, Sean Brian Ousley, Richard Vencill Garrett, Brad Guardado. **Second Row:** Chris Lentz, Darrell Cowan Long, Chris Craig, Kevin Brown Brown, secretary, Aaron Hays West, Josh Joseph. **Third Row:** Hallquist, Kyle Jones, Joe I Scott Lundgren, Jason Carson Flynn, Jason Mullin, president Loro, Jeff Taylor. **Back Row:** White.

Making the Grade

BY SHELA GIBSON

...y office buzzed with activity as students popped
...t of the doorway. Some paused for a moment to
...ions. Others stopped by to share news of their
...ademic ventures.

...e students were unique in that they were all over
...ve years old. Most of these non-traditional stu-
...gled jobs, homes and children as well as busy
...chedules.

...was the non-traditional student center; home of
...Western's chapter of Omicron-Psi National Honor

...s is the first time we've been a part of a national

honors organization for non-traditional students which is really exciting for all the students involved," said Ellen Smither, sponsor for Omicron-Psi.

At the first meeting of the new chapter, 125 members were inducted. Those students came from a list of six-hundred who met the requirements of the national organization, Smither said. Students listed were at least 25 years old, with junior standing and had at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

"The GPA requirements for Omicron-Psi may be a little less than they are in other honor societies, but our objective is to recognize these busy people for their outstanding academic accomplishments," Smither said.



The Junior College Conference room is the site for Omicron-Psi's spring induction. Michele Duddy, president, Ellen Smither, sponsor and Loretta Swartz were all involved in the organization.

The reading of the previous meetings minutes begins an Omicron-Psi meeting. The group was designed to honor the scholastic achievements of non-traditional students.

Phi Gamma Epsilon

Front Row: Heather Gall, hi
Diana Huffman, Amanda Walt
dent, Jill Jackson, *vice-pr*
Ashley Worrell, *treasurer*.
Row: Lisa Pulliam, Connie
pledge educator, Melissa
Chrissie Ryan, *social chair*
Ratliff, *intramural chair*, Lacey
Alicia Copeland, Shari Loscl
Row: Jasmine Prestwood, M
Murdock, April Spear, *commu*
vice chair, Rachel Cummins,
DeWeese, Leslie Briggs,
Ramsey.



Phi Sigma Kappa

Front Row: Ben Helt, John Je
Kevin Doll, Nathan Beck, .
Howard, Dave Wells, Jim Bartl
Riney, JJ Richie, Mike Sattma
McSweeney, Jeremy Benni
Andy Leak, Brian Stephens.
Row: Nate Kinder, Aaron Fra
son Hoyt, Doug Loehner,
Westhoff, Jim Voight, Mike
Geof Green, Kevin Scott, Jas
mas, Sean Fisher, Jim Hayes
Spicknel. **Third Row:** Matt C
Zack Riney, Todd Fessenden
Stigler, Bob Weidner, Chris
Ric Howard, Mike Skubic, Sha
Tyson Amos, Brian Smith. **Back**
Aaron Cook, Anthony Long
Jenkins, Aaron McCoppin,
Latimer, Shannon Grabel, Matt
Jason Gardener, Mike Johnson
Dukes, Tim Osborn, Tim Duf



Physical Education Majors

Front Row: Ryan Addington,
Buis, Teresa Stroud, Mark W
Jeff Hahn. **Back Row:** N
Wolford, *advisor*, Juria West
nifer Clevenger, Brad Colho
Greschus, *sponsor*.



Pi Kappa Delta

Front Row: Christine Bum
Jason Smith, Ashley Storrs, C
Thompson. **Back Row:**
Grassmann, *sponsor*, Brandi
Jason Kelley, Stephanie Doss



*"Phi Gamma Epsilon
is proud of their growth and
their growing numbers and
involvement at MWSC."*

Jill Jackson

*"Phi Sigma Kappa is a
very active organization on
and off campus. The num-
ber one thing about Phi
Sigma Kappa is the broth-
erhood among us."*

Geoff Green

*"The PE M Club is an
excellent way to bring
physical education majors
together for learning more
about our field."*

Brad Colhour

*"Pi Kappa Delta is a
beneficial activity for all
students to participate in."*

Jessica Grassman

Speaking Out

BY GAYNELL POUNCIL

campus organization was all talk. Pi Kappa Delta, a forensics organization, let students explore the fine arts and more.

"Pi Kappa Delta was a beneficial activity for students to participate in," said Jessica Grassman, faculty sponsor of the organization.

Organized to promote the practice of communication, the students practiced various types of speech including informative, after-dinner and impromptu. They also performed different kinds of oral interpretation from poetry recitations to dramatic duo interpretations.

"The organization teaches research, speaking and writing skills," Grassman said.

The organization sponsored weekend trips to various places to compete in speech competitions.

The weekend of March 1-3 they took a trip to the Canyon Texas District to compete in some of the speaking and dramatic activities.

The events were divided into two categories; those that focused on public speaking and those focused on oral interpretation of literature.

"Being involved in forensics and Pi Kappa Delta has been a very rewarding and educational opportunity for me," Sophomore Amy Holthouse said. "It has given me more confidence in public speaking and it has also just been a lot of fun for me."



A dramatic interpretation of a poem allows Brandi Jenkins to express her creativity. Jenkins advanced to the national competition with Pi Kappa Delta.

"Our mission is to promote and get people involved in the political system."

Rachelle Barnes



Political Awareness

Front Row: Tracy Carlson, Matt Hawks, *vice-president*, Rachelle Barnes, *president*. **Back Row:** Gittings, Kelley William Dockery.

"Psi Chi is getting more involved in community activities and more fundraisers. We are interested in promoting psychology and advancing. Being a member is a great experience."

Sue Fasching



Psi Chi

Front Row: Elaine Brinkley, *president*, Sue Fasching, *president*, Teresa Schmitt, *treasurer*. **Back Row:** Wendy Hammen, Geoff Hammen, Sherri Harmon, Terri Soll.

"I have never worked with a more dedicated and social minded group of students. Their future will be bright due to their involvement in the club."

Julia Mullican



Psychology Club

Front Row: Elaine Brinkley, *president*, Webb-Otto, *president*, Terri Schmitt, *president*, Melissa Velasquez, *president*. **Back Row:** Wendy Hammen, Geoff Heckman, Fasching, Sherri Harmon, Schmitt.

Residence Council

Front Row: Arnell Joiner, Richard Vencill, *president*, Yager, *vice-president*, Lori Robyn Reynolds, Sonya Thon. **Second Row:** Kim Mestemacher, Lindov, Joe Dane, Duane Bruce, Carney, Mary Mancuso, Marianne, Nicole Washington, *secretary*, Austin, Walter Jones, Richard. **Third Row:** Anita Scego, Liesmann, Lai-Mont Hunter, Shannon, Wendy Fisher, Ellwyn, Kim Nielson, Jill Rie, Waite, Stacey Taibi. **Fourth Row:** Richard, Jaime Habersat, Bardell, Kendra Rogers, Marchall, Wendy Robinson, Crittendon, Andi Rittman, Brown, Susan Ethridge, Moechoe, Audrey Dodd. **Back Row:** Amy Schwant, Tania Hamilton, Rodabaugh, Brad Harrah, Laz Williams, Randy Buckman, Hoggatt, Janice Wallace, Lyons, Irving Graham.

"Residence Council is a club encouraging partnership between a student's academic and social life."

Mary Mancuso



All Psyched Up

BY AMY SUPPLE

group on campus got all psyched up about their new chapter of Psi Chi Honors Society was held on campus in 1989 for those students who had an interest in psychology as well as met the requirements for induction.

To be considered for induction, students had to rank in the top 5% of their class with a B average in psychology and overall. The purpose of Psi Chi was to encourage and maintain excellence in scholarship and the science of psychology.

The organization, whose main purpose was to promote the science of psychology, had 20 members.

"The chapter was involved in both social and academic endeavors," said club sponsor and psychology

professor Phil Wann.

The students of Psi Chi worked fundraisers such as bake sales and also had informal get togethers like picnics.

Although club members did have fun, they were just as dedicated to the academic responsibilities of the club.

Members presented papers at the Missouri Academy of Science and the Great Plains Student Psychology Conference.

"I think the research opportunities they have been exposed to provide tremendous benefits," Wann said. "Academically it is a great experience as well as allowing students to network."

So whether they were psyched up or psyched out, Psi Chi members found the perfect balance of work and play, through interacting together.



Psi Chi members staff a bake sale in the SS/C building. Members worked together on a variety of projects, both academic and social.

Patty Wilson

"One of our major accomplishments was reaching more people on campus. Student interest in SSA is growing everyday."

Angela Paden



SSA

Front Row: Ben Helt, Suzie Logan, Catina Shannon, Roselyn E. Cathy Carney, Angela Paden, Logan. **Second Row:** Tracy Craig Trussel, Sonya Thor Phillips, John Hirsch, Kim Phillips. **Back Row:** Keri Bartlett, Nath Eric Jones, Chris Craig, Mar Ameerah Salaam.

"We are very excited about starting a new chapter. Our organization is an important component of female students involved in the music department."

Janell Bauer



Sigma Alpha Tau

Front Row: Christina Musser, Janell Bauer, Janell Heinz, Erika Redden. **Back Row:** Rachel Ruth Wagner, p

"Being the largest sorority on campus has allowed us to achieve a very diverse group while still being close. We share the common bond of sisterhood."

Suzie Maudlin



Sigma Sigma Sig.

Front Row: Michelle Davis, Conwell, Ashley Smith, Gustafson, Tricia Meyer, Brancato. **Second Row:** Suzie Maudlin, Jenny Farrenkopf, Marisa Amy Jacobs, Cheryl Anderson, gela Christy, Leann Poonters. **Third Row:** Tammy Crossfield, C Pointer, Leslie Adams, Angel Erin Raney, Kimberly Cole. **Fourth Row:** Heather Svoboda, Lc Sarah Holland, Stacy Mit Molly McClintic, Tina M Margie Houghton, Jill Man Purtek. **Fifth Row:** Heather Amy Head, Jeannette Smith Geiger, Missie Reece, Nico Audalyn Vessar. **Back Row:** Ramirez, Chris Ostervich, Walters, Bethany Stahlman, Boone, Lisa Woolridge, M Fultz, Tanekia Simpson.

"Our chapter members share a very close bond. We strive to share literature and language with everyone."

Diana Silvers



Sigma Tau Delta

Front Row: Kelly Lock-Kerr, tine Bumgardner, Sara Margaret Stanton, Diana Sil gela Bush. **Back Row:** Schiermeyer, Tina Janc-Hill, Thies, Brian Carrender, Patty Connie Allen, Dr. Christa M



Missi Smith

Matt Giovanni pours over his daily planner and organizes the rest of his week. Boggled down by his presidential duties, schoolwork and fraternity activities, Matt needed a planner to keep him on track.

Ben Helt confers with Wendy Fisher over a new filing system in the SGA office. Ben and Matt have depended on help to make things run more smoothly for the Student Government.



Missi Smith

SGA Gets Serious

BY AMY SUPPLE

Pride is wide-spread across the Missouri West- thanks in part to the Student Government. The 1995-96 SGA took the job of promoting the theme seriously. It is a pride that goes deeper respecting a mascot; it is an attitude that the s trying to embody.

mate, campus activities board and residence coun- the three areas of SGA, and all areas have made e focus of this year's work.

n goal is to improve the visibility of SGA on d President Matt Giovanni. To achieve their goal, their attentions to bringing new traditions to getting more students involved.

"Campus activities must be strong," Vice President Ben Helt said. One thing we have tried to do is to give more support to the residence council and CAB."

Giovanni and Helt came into office after running unop- posed. However, this fact did not lessen the challenge that the positions offered or the enthusiasm they possessed.

"Coming into office we had big goals, but we had to internalize some of them," Helt said. "Student government is an organization, and it takes a certain group dynamic for it to click. That is something we will continue to strive for."

"We want students to come to our office and see that we run a real student government; that we are working for them. This is our job and we take it very seriously," Helt said.

"STC offers professional affiliation to persons involved in any aspect of the technical communications field."

Margaret Stanton



MTWSC/STC

Front Row: Margaret Stanton Silvers, Nyaya Tipton. **Back Row:** Patty Wilson, Jondenna Patricia Bush.

"It's fun to perform popular songs in a style they might never have heard before."

Kimberly Augustyn



Steel Drum Band

Front Row: Ben Leimkukler, Hofmeister, Kim Augustyn, Johnston, Terry Tannerhill. **Back Row:** Matt Heniken, Jamaal Johnson, Flaska, Mike Shehan, Bart Hass, Williams, Mark Fakhry, Bret Jeff Taylor, Bob Lock, Dana J. Jay Albright, Kirk Branson, Wells.

"SMSTA is a branch of the larger state organization that gives students many of the same privileges associated with a larger organization."

Ferrel Kump



Student Missouri State Teachers Association

Royal Jolliff, Andrea Pfeiffer, M. Cox, Barbie Hinnen.

"The Student Nurses Association is a wonderful professional organization for our nursing students."

Bonnie Asbury



Student Nurses Association

Front Row: Jana Meeks, Gibson, Bonnie Holcomb. **Back Row:** Bonnie Asbury, sponsor, I. Golding, Rose Edmondson.



Sharing a common interest, Professor David Stacey and STC past president Syra Ibrahim discuss current technical meeting issues. ISO documentation was among issues discussed by professionals and student members of MWSC/STC.

At MWSC/STC's first conference, Diana Silvers listens intently to responses. Silvers presented a workshop on producing newsletters.



Adding up the Advantages

BY TRACY JONES

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... and writing clearly, all in relationship to the

world of technical communications. The organization also put out a monthly newsletter that offered news about fundraising efforts and upcoming guest lectures.

In cooperation with the national STC organization, they held a conference dealing with contemporary issues such as networking, copyright laws and ethics surrounding the exploding World Wide Web.

"STC gives us great opportunities for networking," said member Rae Lynn Anderson, "We get to meet with professionals who are able to give us insight into what it takes to make it in today's job market."

"We are proud to be a part of the growing Greek system at Missouri Western State College."

Brad Williams



Theta Xi

Front Row: Jeff Bles, Jason West, Martin Faudere.
Row: Brad Williams, Tony J. Michael Benz, Brendan Dillon Stephens.
Back Row: Mason, John Minton, Strathman, Phil Wehmeyer.

"Being a VIP has been one of the most positive experiences of my time at Missouri Western."

Jamie Hahn



Western VIPs

Front Row: Andy Howan Bigham, Kwanza Humphrey.
Row: Laney Wheeler, Cathy Marla Pope, Marla Gibson, Hathaway.
Back Row: Shell Taira Morgan, Kim Foley, Johnson, Kristin Hoggatt.



On tours, visitors often comment on the beauty of Western's campus. Many students admit to attending MWSC because of the positive experience of their VIP tour.

VIP Marla Gibson explains campus policies to a prospective student and her mother. Dozens of students visited campus each week as part of VIP visit days.



Patty Wilson

Representing MWSC

BY TRACY MCREYNOLDS

man orientation, student tours and graduation important events at Missouri Western State College. However, what most students did not realize was that special events, an enormous amount of preparatory planning was done.

Known as Western VIPs these students were an integral part to the behind the scenes activity of the organization.

Only the best were chosen as student ambassadors to represent the college. Each year many students applied for the position, but only 20 to 22 were chosen.

Advisor and admissions counselor Shelly Sims explained that becoming a member of the organization was

a highly selective process.

"Students must apply during the application period, go through a series of interviews and supply letters of reference," Sims said.

Students interested in being a part of this organization had to have at least a 2.5 GPA, worked three hours in the VIP office and attended mandatory events. These student ambassadors represented the college at events such as the graduation celebrations, political events and special dinners.

"Being a VIP has really enhanced my leadership abilities and communication skills," said Junior Laney Wheeler. "I have been able to meet many people and it has been a very positive experience."

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Colin Powell. He thought he might run, so much so he cancel his appearance at Missouri Western this year, an other signing sessions for his autobiography, “My An Journey.” But after much thought, the former Joint C Staff decided not to run for the U.S. Presidency. He whether he would accept the chance to be Vice-Pres candidate for Bob Dole was anyone’s guess.

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Soon, NATO got involved by creating safe areas around many of the cities. The Serbs besieged many of the same cities by taking many UN peacekeepers hostage. The conflict grabbed American attention as Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady was shot down during a routine fly-over near Northern Bosnia. He was rescued six days later, and had to survive using whatever the surrounding countryside had available. Months later, a peace agreement was reached, allowing for American troops to protect the area as part of a large demilitarized effort to bring forth new elections, the beginning of re-

construction in many towns. Nowhere was this protection appreciated more than in Sarajevo.

Hurricanes from A to Z. When Florida's Gulf Coast was blasted by Hurricane Opal on the evening of October 4, 1995, it brought with it 1



Victims would wait at least a week to return home.

mile per hour winds. Once the storm had gone, it left 20 people dead and caused at least \$1.8 billion in damages. Hurricane Opal had ravaged Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula before moving east toward Florida. The storm destroyed thousands of homes and businesses along the 120-mile stretch of Florida Panhandle.

March. The fourth-largest demonstration in Washington's history took place on October 16, 1995. Hundreds of thousands of African-American men gathered in the nation's capitol to rally for unity and brotherhood. The March, orchestrated by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, featured such speakers as Rosa Parks, Reverend Jesse Jackson, and Poet Maya Angelou. Farrakhan's closing speech urged the crowd to fight racism and rid neighborhoods

and violence.



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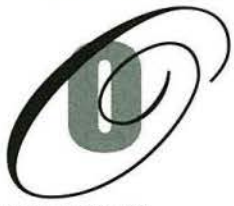
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“Long Live the Dead!” The King of Rock ‘n Roll tour group came to a sad end on August 9, 1995 when the lead and founding member of the Grateful Dead, Jerry Garcia, died of a heart attack attributed to many years of the performer’s abuse. He died while at a drug rehabilitation center in San Francisco, California. The group was famous not as much for their records but for their ability of improvisation during a concert as well as their talent for blending the sounds of Bluegrass, and Folk music. Followers of the group, often called Deadheads, came together for one last time to mourn the death of Garcia. He was 53.



Hillary in China. No one ever accused Hillary Rodham Clinton of being a gracious visitor. During the United Nation’s World Conference on Women, she used the opportunity to discuss the way women were being treated, especially in the Conference’s host country, China. Human rights and freedom of expression were some of the issues that Mrs. Clinton suggested the nations focus their efforts on.



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John Paul II celebrates UN 50th Anniversary. He was with many people celebrating the United Nation's 50th anniversary of a world-wide organization whose international membership has grown since its establishment in 1945. He spent the last few days of his five-day stay that included stops in both New York and New Jersey. The message was sent for paying more attention to the plight of the



Train sabotaged. On October 9, 1995, Amtrak's Superliner train was derailed near Phoenix, Arizona. It was determined that the train had been sabotaged by someone who presumably knew the train's systems. Wires for the train's warning system was disabled. The FBI released an article which described a similar accident occurred 10 years ago. It was believed the saboteur might have used the same model for this accident. To date, no one had been identified in the accident that killed one person and injured

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Western's campus was 'home sweet home' for students who pulled onto 'Downs Drive' everyday. Having the homefield advantage and true Griffon support was especially important for athletic teams.

The quietness that settled on Missouri Western over the year was reflected in the world as well. As Western recovered from the excitement of 25th Anniversary festivities and the disappointment of the cancellation of the convocation with Colin Powell, the country recovered from a tumultuous year as well.

With O.J. acquitted and a Oklahoma City Bomber suspect captured, everybody got back to the business of true life.

The unabomber was captured in his hideout in Montana; Whitewater and the Million Man March rocked Washington D.C. and pop-star Madonna planned to become a mother.

Several activities spiced up Western life as well. With a record number of students living on campus, ARA Mark food service and residence hall directors stayed busy. New programs such as Access Plus, the Griffon Edge and Freshman Interest Groups were implemented in an effort to help true Griffons excel at MWSC.

And through it all, the individuals that made the year memorable were truly athletic, truly intelligent, truly individual, truly ambitious, truly creative, truly wonderful and most of all Truly Griffon.



Setting sail on the SS Griffon, college President Janet Murphy, Vice President for Academic Affairs James Roever, Executive Vice President James McCarthy, and Vice President of Administration Earl Milton enjoy the ride. The administrators proved that all work and no play was no fun for even the truest Griffon.

Lounging in the afternoon sun, Sampson the Griffon brushes up before a final. When it came to academics, those who excelled in the classroom exemplified the Truly Griffon spirit.



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