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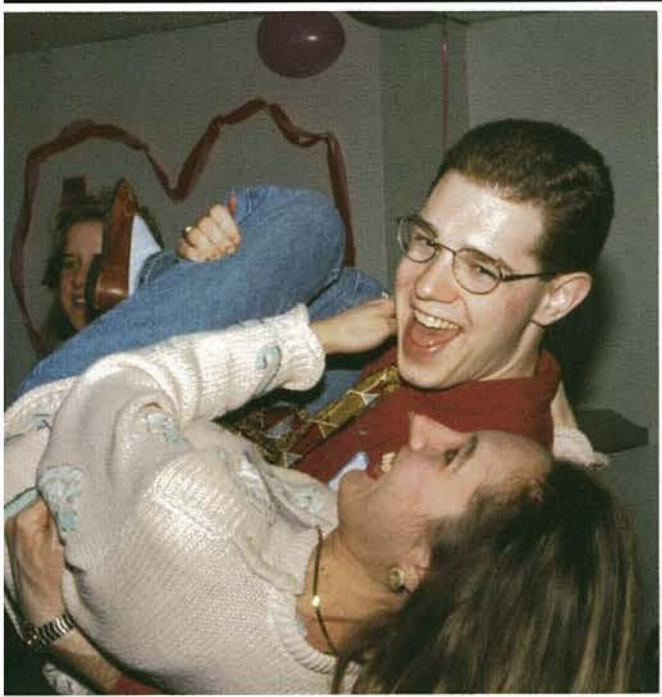
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*Darrick Jones flies through the air to block a punt in a game at NWMSU.*

To *Put it Simply*, Missouri Western State College celebrated a quarter of a century in style. In May, the celebration festivities kicked off with a week of concerts, presentations and dinners. Administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni and members of the St. Joseph community found their own way to honor Missouri Western's Legacy and say "thanks" for what the college has done for the community.

In 1969, the St. Joseph Junior College closed its doors and opened them again in that same year, this time as Missouri Western State College — a four year institution with a brand new campus located along Interstate 29.





Jennifer Kiszczak

*Seniors Johnathan Compton and Angie Paden clown around at the Sweetheart Dance.*

*(Lower photo) Simply Put, after getting up at 4 am to capture this sunrise, photo editor Rob Mitchell is surprised it's in focus.*



Rob Mitchell



Rex Whitman and Professor Jim Estes pour molten bronze from a crucible into plaster molds made by sculpture students. As an experienced bronze sculptor, Dennis McCarthy provided assistance and expertise. Photo By Patrick Hickey





Rob Mitchell

*Junior Colleen Williams, Junior Chuck Jones and Senior Terry McCray enjoy the cool shade of the trees during Western Warm-up.*

While many had great things in mind with the opening of this new college, few could anticipate what a force it would become academically and athletically — not only within the state of Missouri but throughout the entire country.

Twenty-five years passed. Some quietly, some not so quietly. Western grew from 1,800 students in 1969, to an enrollment of 5,000 by 1995. Western's growth included much more than enrollment. Academic programs such as the Nursing and Education majors were among some of the nation's most reputable programs. In the late 1980's, the men's Griffon basketball team put Missouri Western on the map. They created a legacy that teams in the '90's continued and the women's team followed with their own.

Over the past two and a half decades, the Western campus continued to expand. In 1990, a new addition to the library was

constructed. In 1991, a state-of-the-art housing complex was built. In 1994, a recreational fitness center opened its doors to students and faculty. Much-needed improvements to the tennis courts and pool area were made, and a new track circled the football field in Spratt Stadium. By 1995, Western was busting at its seams with improvements. A new 200-bed housing complex would be ready for the fall semester, and construction plans for a new student classroom building were well under way.

Western's successful combination of traditional and non-traditional students was one that few, if any, other four year colleges could match. The list goes on. When it all came down to the line, there was no disputing that Missouri Western State College was *Simply Put*, running with the best.



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*Andre Crittendon slam dunks the ball at a game in the Hillyard Tip-Off Classic.*

*Junior Brad Harrah takes control of his style, even to the point of not being remotely recognizable.*



Ryan Barber

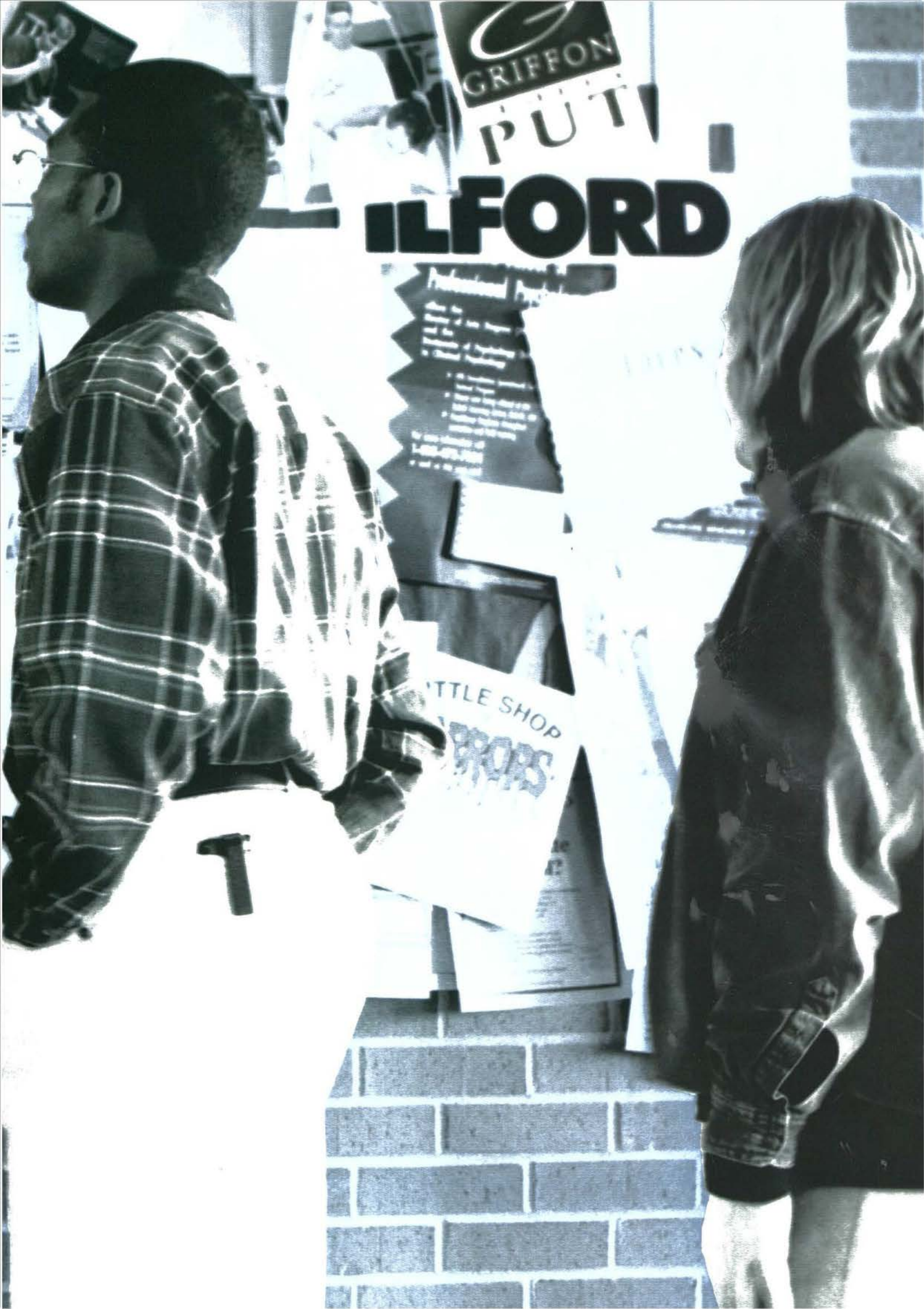




## Student Life



What should we do this weekend? Good question. And one that was answered **easily** this year. The only difficult question was whether to attend sporting events, parties, plays, concerts or any of the other activities that comprise a **typical** students social life. Fraternities, sororities and individuals sponsored all-school parties; three dollars and a valid I.D. bought you all the music and dancing you could handle. CAB and Residence Council gave **easy** access to movies, skating, bowling and miniature golf. So no matter what students did they had the **time** of their life.



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# Parade



Pat Hickey

The inclement weather on Homecoming Day didn't dampen the spirit of the SGA president and vice president Johnathon Compton and Daniel Compton as Aaron Hayes chauffeured along the parade route.

by R. Faulk

A group of bra-burning hippies picketed their way down the streets of St. Joseph on Oct. 15, and astronaut with the U.S. flag in hand waved to the crowd lining the streets of downtown St. Joseph. A thundering boom echoed through downtown as two convulsing hornets laid on Francis Street. It was 1994, and the Legacy that began in 1969 was continuing with the MWSC Homecoming Parade.

The echoing boom was thanks to the Phi Sigma Kappa cannon on their float that took first place in the parade competition. The Phi Sig cannon was a long-time tradition at Western football games — the fraternity fired the cannon for each touchdown the Griffons scored.

"Everyone knows that the cannon is ours, so we thought putting the cannon on the float would be a great way to let people know who was coming," President Mike Mastio said.

With that boom, there was no mistaking who was coming. However, it took a lot of work to put the idea together.

"We didn't want to just fire the



Two Emporia State Hornets attack Sam the Griffon on the Phi Sigma Kappa float. The crowds were surprised by the explosion of the Phi Sig cannon and by Sam the Griffon throwing the Hornets from the float. The Phi Sigs took first place in the float competition.

# e pays tribute

to

# 1969

Dan Swanson and the rest of Phi Delta Theta rode their lunar lander through downtown to take second place in the float contest.



Pat Hickey



Pat Hickey

ing the kind of enthusiasm that won her sorority the stick, Alpha Chi Delta member Cathy Carney is in the homecoming parade.

tion, we wanted to come up with something creative that would really retain the crowd," Mastio said.

Mission complete. All eyes were d to the float which had a big board reproduction of a space . Two "Emporia State Hornets"

were buzzing around the outside of the space craft as smoke began pouring out the chamber door, soon followed by Sam the Griffon. The hornets attacked Sam and he began fighting them off, with a burst of power and the boom of the cannon, the hornets went flying off the float and landed on the street as Sam raised his arms in victory.

"I've seen some great floats at these parades, but I don't think I've ever been as impressed with one as I was with the Phi Sigs' this year," Assistant Dean of Students Don Willis said. "Everyone was talking about it. That boom was so loud you had to cover your ears."

The Phi Sigs weren't the only organization with some entertaining parade performances. The Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority was turning some heads as they marched in their

bell bottoms, velour body suits and tie-dye shirts and headbands. They were bringing that spirit of '69 and Woodstock to St. Joseph in 1994. Everyone felt the American spirit as they watched the Phi Delta Theta fraternity float go by. Their float commemorated man's first steps on the moon in July of 1969. It consisted of a papier-mache' moon surface with a space shuttle and an astronaut holding the U.S. flag. The Phi Deltas placed second in the float competition.

The parade was a big hit with participants and spectators, and it was only a precursor to more success for Western on Oct. 15. The Griffons ended the afternoon with a Homecoming victory over Emporia State, and the prosperity of Homecoming 1994 was only a precursor to even greater things to come as Missouri Western continued its Legacy.

# Homecoming

# Victory



Marti Wilson

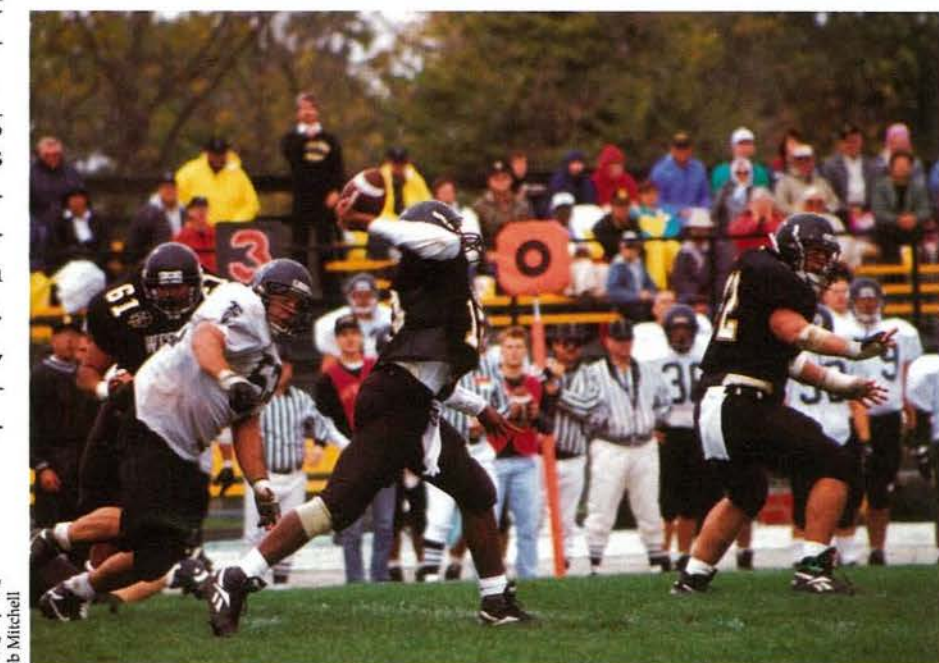
*As the defense goes to work against the Hornets, wide receiver Marcus Bridges gets some assistance with his equipment by a member of the coaching staff.*

by Chris Whipple

The cold and mist couldn't keep students, alumni and fans from Spratt Stadium on Oct. 15. It was the biggest football game of the year — the Homecoming Game against Emporia State.

Emporia State won the opening coin toss and chose to let the Griffons receive. On the second play of the opening drive, the Griffons gave up an interception that turned into a quick seven points for the Hornets of Emporia State. With the expiration of only 50 seconds, the Griffons got a quick wake up call — it wasn't going to be an easy win simply because it was Homecoming.

*Western Quarterback Trendall Williams looks for an open receiver while Marcus Rhode (61) and Brad Eise provide protection.*



Rob Mitchell

Their second drive resulted in two punts. Late in the first quarter, the Hornets struck with a 6-yard pass for a touchdown and took a two-touchdown lead over the Griffons.

The Griffon defense initiated the comeback. They intercepted the Hornets twice in Emporia's next two drives. The first quarter was winding down when the scoreless Griffons took a chance on a fourth-and-one situation. Running back Dess Douglas put the first points on the scoreboard as he ran for a touchdown with only seven seconds left in the first quarter. Clay Rush kicked his first of four extra points in the game.

The second quarter was high-

lighted for the Griffons by a Hornets fumble. Western's Davette White picked up the loose ball and ran for what seemed to be a game-tying touchdown, but a penalty erased the TD and the Griffons were forced to punt. A 60-yard run by Emporia's Quincy Tillmon set the Hornets on top for a short pass and an eleven-yard run that put them on top of the Griffons 21-7.

"At halftime I told the team they were better than the score indicated and that they would bounce back," Griffons Head Coach Steve McGarvey said.

In the second half, Western sacked Emporia's quarterback

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Pat Hickey

(above) With four Griffons closing in on him, the Emporia State player has nowhere to run. Western's Richard Smith (48) took the Hornet down.



After taking the hand-off, Running back Dess Douglas breaks out of the traffic and looks downfield. Douglas scored three touchdowns in the Homecoming Game, including the winning TD.

and forced them into three hold-  
penalties. The Griffon offense came  
back and scored a touchdown on a  
play by Douglas. Quarterback Trendell  
Williams was injured on a play and  
replaced by Freshman Ian Page.  
Page took the Griffons down field and  
connected with Wide Receiver Marcus

Bridges for the game-tying touch-  
down. Western's defense held the Hor-  
nets and took over on offense again.  
They started their final drive from  
their own 28-yard line. With Williams  
back in at quarterback, the Griffons  
put together a balanced passing and  
running drive. Douglas scored the

winning TD with 12 seconds left in the  
game. Rush tacked on his fourth extra  
point making the final 28-21.

"We had a tremendous second  
half offensively and defensively."  
McGarvey said. "This game was very  
significant. We wanted our alumni to  
be proud of their institution."

# Silver



*The Pep Rally brings out sides of students not often seen. Jennifer Ellwyn of ZDT successfully found Hersheys Kiss in the whipped cream during the Olympics.*

as a state college," Student Government President Johnathan Compton said, "and 1969 was such an important year in history, that we knew we would have a lot of creative ideas to put Homecoming in action."

Compton was right. Students and Homecoming organizers had no problems coming up with workable concepts to tie the theme into their window paintings, signs, floats and parade entries.

Windows on buildings all over campus were painted with peace signs, space shuttles and tributes to Western and national history. The Phi Delta

Rob Mitchell

Theta fraternity worked on window painting contests with their artwork coming up with the moon with an astronaut landing on it and also a painting of the earth, showing a satellite view of the Missouri Western campus. The Phi Deltas used the same theme for their float in the parade.

The window painting kicked the week

by R. Faulk

It wasn't hard to see why so many students got involved in Homecoming Week this year. The theme, "1969 — The Legacy Begins," provoked a lot of interest by itself. That year was significant not only in national and world history, but it was also especially significant to the St. Joseph community. It was 1969 when this institution closed its doors as the St. Joseph Junior College, and re-opened them, as Missouri Western State College, a fully accredited 4-year institution.

"We wanted to pay respect to the 25 years that Western has flourished



*Antwoun Harian gets ready to enter the world of Virtuality during Homecoming week. Mindy Johnson was just one of many students who volunteered to help in the popular activity.*

Jenny Kiszczak

From then, each day and night was packed with contests and activities for students and clubs. From a Mo

# Legacy Week

The 1994 Homecoming Queen, Natalie Veatch is crowned by last year's queen Jamie Denney. Veatch was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.



Rob Mitchell

Night Football pizza party to a scavenger hunt that had clubs spread from St. Joseph to Kansas City, communicating by cellular phones as they searched for strange and obscure items, Homecoming '94 offered a lot of variety.

"It wasn't all the same activities that we've had before. I think the organizers did a good job of getting some new things in there," Phi Delt Quentin Dane said.

But most of the standard activities still remained — like the Talent Show, the Pep Rally and Bonfire and, of course, Student Activities Day. Student Activities Day was the Friday of Homecoming Week when all classes were canceled, the library was closed and faculty and staff had the day off. It was originally designed to give students an opportunity to work on their floats and finalize their preparations for Homecoming Day, but most students just looked at it as a free day off from school.

It was a free day, perhaps, but certainly not at all a wasted day. Whether students took advantage of Activities Day to work on floats, study or to just catch up on some

sleep after a hectic week, a quick look at the outcome of Homecoming Week — from the school spirit shown through participation in all the events, to the Homecoming Victory the Griffon Football team captured — it was plain to see that Activities Day was a well-deserved day away from the classroom.

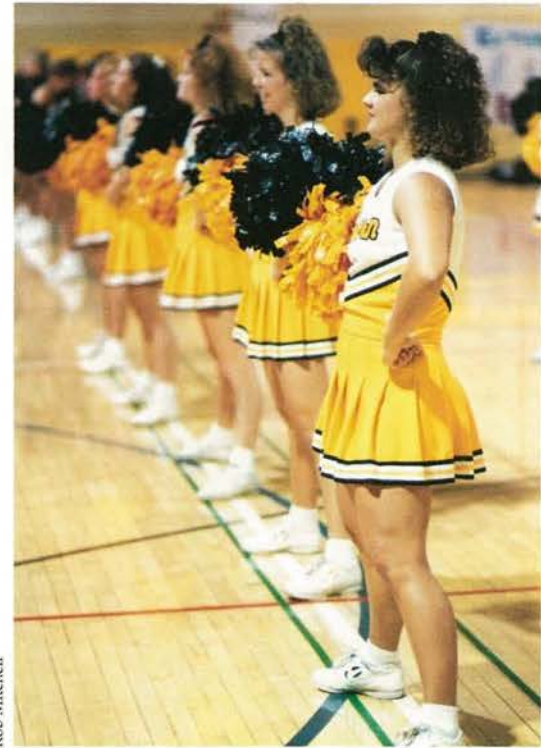


Ryan Barker

... was a dizzying experience. Virtuality was new for video gamers to try between classes.

Assistant Housing Coordinator Arnell Joiner marks a sheet for judging in the residence complex sheet painting contest. Many of the suites participated in the contest.

Shelly Nixon performs with the cheerleaders during the pep Rally in the old gym. The cheerleaders performed several new routines to open the 1994 pep rally along with the new Golden Girls.



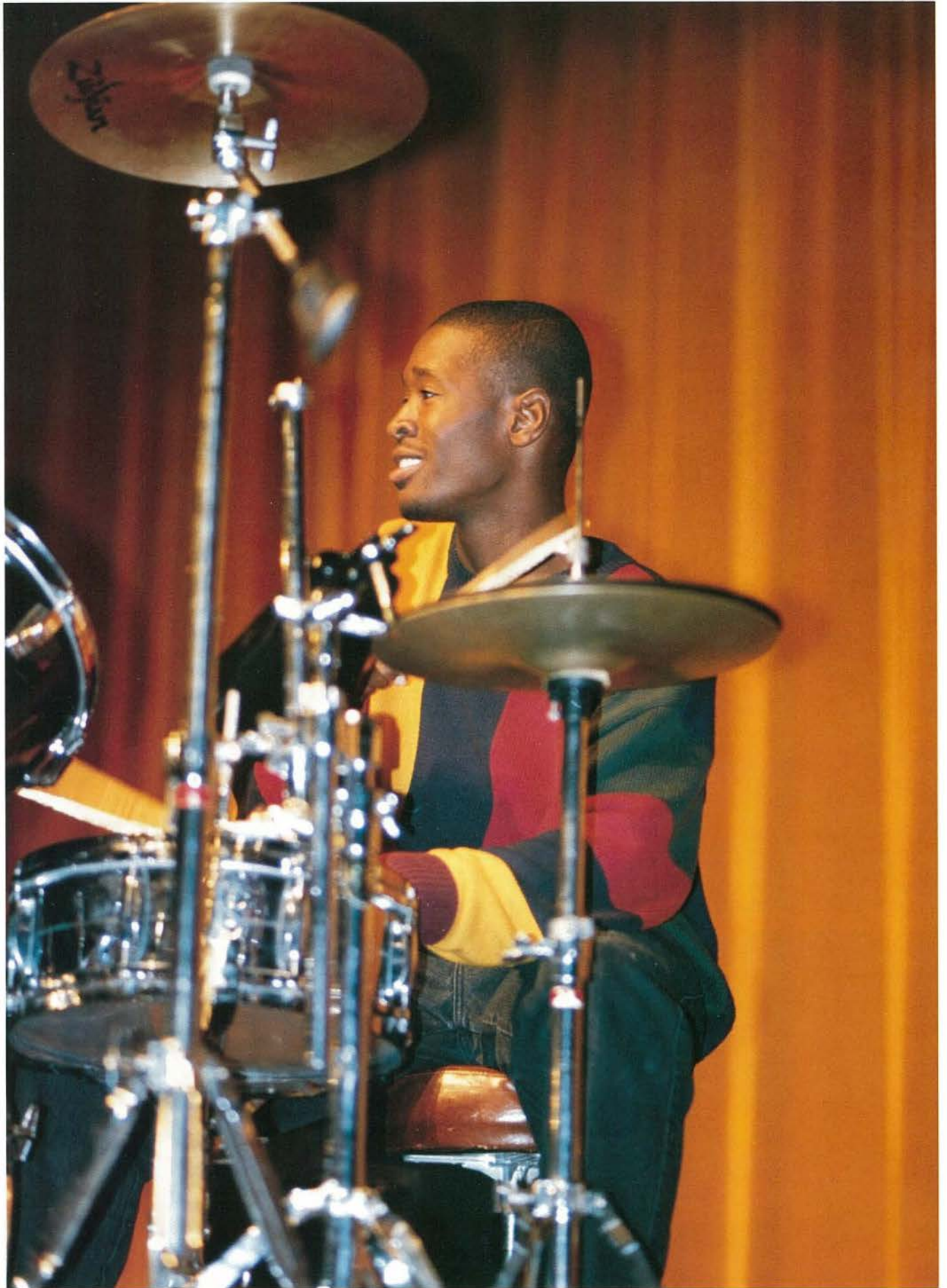
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*Drummer Brian Alford performs at the Homecoming talent show along with his band.*

# The night they let their Talent show

"Maybe every student participating in the Homecoming Talent Show didn't have a lot of talent... but you had to give them credit, they had a lot of courage," said Sophomore Stefen Micko. "It wasn't easy to get up in front of hundreds of screaming people and perform." Micko was the first to tell you that.

"It's nerve-racking getting up in front of that crowd," Micko said. "The Talent Show crowd is notorious for being onery."

Micko and his friends, Greg Jones and Stacy Brooks were a little more fortunate—they happened to have the talent to go along with the courage. But even still, Micko says, "It's not easy."

*Junior Greg Jones performs with Rough, Mellow and Smooth.*



Rob Mitchell

*(right) The emcee at the talent show didn't make a big hit with students, but Paul Wilson and Justin Baston shared some laughs over the comedian.*



Melinda Hodges

*The Talent Show gets heated up with rap act from Senior Nathan Snedden.*



Rob Mitchell

# Trying Your Luck...on the

# River

by Amy Supple

People in St. Joseph and Missouri Western students were taking their money to the boat — the Riverboat that was. Riverboat casinos dotted the Mississippi River and the “Mighty

MO” throughout the state after voters gave the green light.

The Frontier Casino opened its decks to the St. Joseph public to mixed reviews. Some saw it as a welcome relief to the mundane social life in Joetown while others viewed it as the beginning of the end for morality and family values.

But, throwing caution to the wind, curiosity got the better

of people as they purchased boarding passes and were swept into the fast paced world of the gambling elite. The most asked question in town was soon “Have you been on the boat?” which was inevitably followed by a lengthy discussion of wins/losses endured at the hands of lady luck.

The Frontier Casino could hold 600 passengers. Daily cruises departed starting at 8 a.m. and e



Marti Wilson

*The riverboat provides employment and social opportunities as well as rest and relaxation for Western students.*

St. Jo Frontier Casino

Port of St. Joseph, Mo.

When Lanny Days wasn't in the classroom at Missouri Western, he's at the helm of the riverboat.

# boat



Marti Wilson

n hour thereafter until midnight. m the 17 Blackjack tables, six Kino chines, three craps tables, and two ribbean stud tables, to the 235 slot chines — there was something for rylene. Gamblers and opposing ces clashed once again in Novem- as the issue of allowing games of nce (i.e. slot machines) to be al- ved in Missouri casinos. The hot ie of slot machines passed and hin weeks the one-armed bandits

inhabited St. Joseph.

The boat also provided something new for Western students. Many students tried their luck at the tables and slots — others took advantage of employment opportunities. Open from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. everyday, and until 2 a.m. on weekends, students had plenty of times available to work or play.

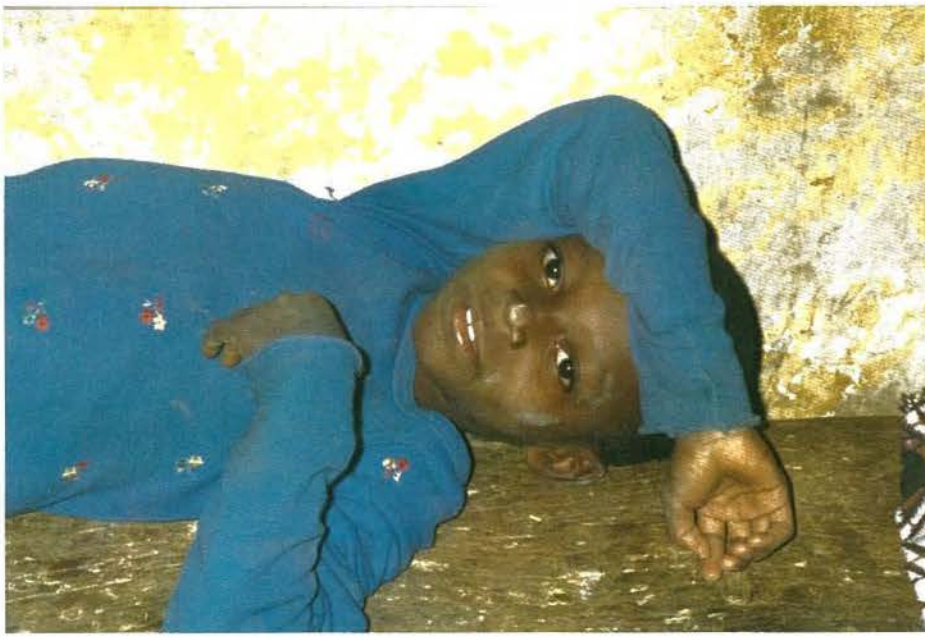
Junior political science major Matt Hawks was a dealer at the boat. He attended classes during the day and

worked several evenings a week. The boat employed about 400 people, many of them college students.

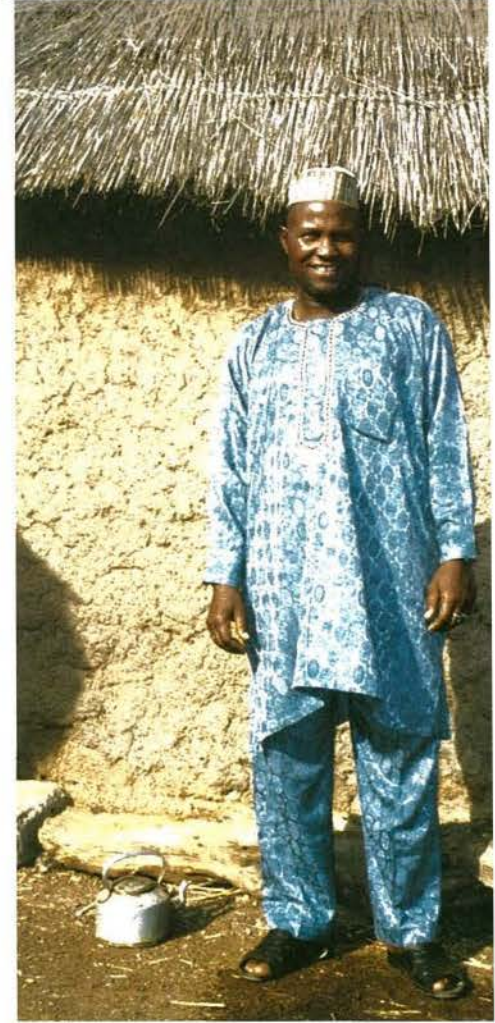
"I love working there. I enjoy seeing all the people and being in a fast paced atmosphere," he said. "It works good with my class schedule."

The Frontier Casino seemed to have made it home on the banks of the Missouri River, and students and the community seemed to be making the most of it.





One of the things Bauer will remember most about her trip is the people, including Lunna's son Suli.



Bauer's teacher, Abubakari Lunna, is wearing traditional African clothing.

# Music Calls Student to Africa

by Angela Bush  
photos by Janelle Bauer

Studying abroad was only a dream for many students. Senior Janelle Bauer's dream of studying abroad became a reality over the semester break. Bauer traveled to Ghana, Africa, to study the music of the Dagomba tribe. Her trip was centered around her music education degree.

In the spring of 1993, Abubakari Lunna Wombie was a guest lecturer in a music class that Bauer was enrolled in at Missouri Western. After one lecture, Bauer spoke with Wombie, and he invited her to spend some time in Africa studying the music under him. Wombie has accepted more than 100 students from Switzerland, the United States and other countries to study with him. Wombie lived in Ghana, a small country in northern Africa. Bauer lived with his family while she studied the music.

"I have seen a whole new world,"

she said. "I learned more about music and I learned about a lifestyle and culture, totally different than mine."

Bauer said she got to see a music in its context. The Dagomba tribe was one of the tribes in Ghana who performed their dances and music at funerals and initiations. While in Ghana, Bauer attended several funerals. It was a very different experience from attending a funeral in the States—in Ghana, a funeral was regarded as a social time with dancing, drumming and celebrating.

As a music education major, Bauer was interested in learning about how the African people used music in their culture. She learned many children's songs. Most of the songs taught lessons and gave advice like a fable, she said. She learned the music of the lineages of past chiefs, which told a history of the families and

people. Each family has their own and dance.

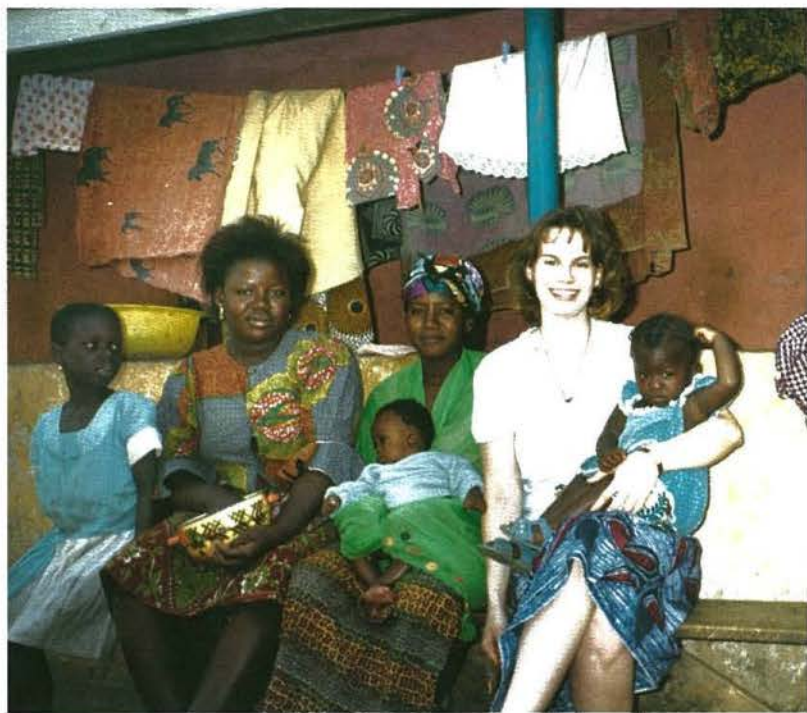
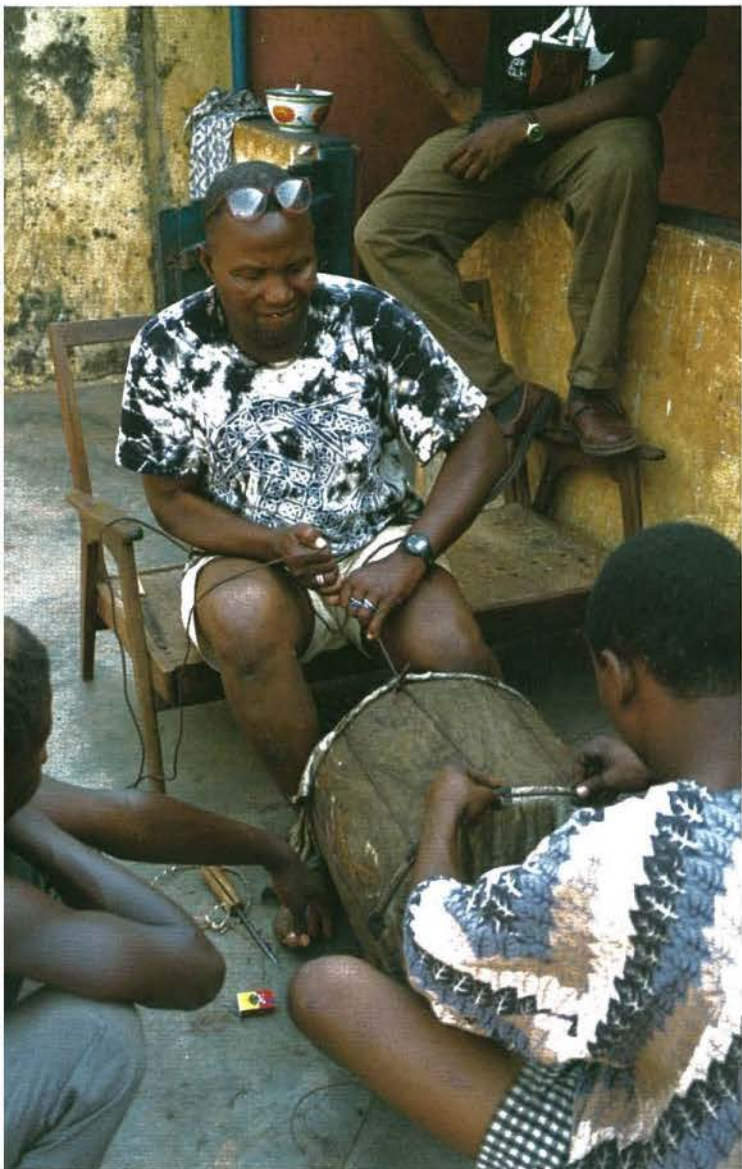
"They all love their music and dance," Bauer said. "They all know what it means and what it says."

There were countless differences between this beautiful, faraway country and the United States, but Bauer said perhaps the most significant difference she noticed was that the people in Ghana are happier with less.

"Their life is simpler because we don't have all the stuff we have," Bauer said. "They don't worry about material things or material issues like we often do."

The month that Bauer spent in Africa will be priceless to her not only as a valuable experience for her future in music education, but also as a musician and a person.

"You can only learn so much from books," Bauer said.



*Bauer stayed in Tamale with her host family who helped educate her in African culture.*

*(Above) A picture perfect sunset in the village of Tamale. Bauer's trip to Ghana, Africa was possible because of funding from the MWSC Foundation.*

*(Left) A gun-gon, one of the drums Bauer learned to play while in Africa, is made by hand.*

# HELP WANTED:

## \$5 per hour

by R. Faulk

Just about any poor college students would jump at an opportunity to work for \$5 per hour. The Job Placement Center and Job Location Coordinator Rufus Hernandez were there to help college students take advantage of employment opportunities in the St. Joseph area.

The Job Placement Service provided the needed link between employers and prospective employees. This service provided the

students work experience, often related to their major, and most importantly — money.

Approximately 1,100 students visited the Job Placement Service annually. Of that number who sought employment, the Job Placement Service usually placed at least half of them in employment, according to Hernandez.

"Employers use our service because we prescreen potential

employees for them," Hernandez said. "It does away with the hassle of going through the public."

Hernandez said that students provided good feedback and were usually very pleased with their experience with Job Placement.

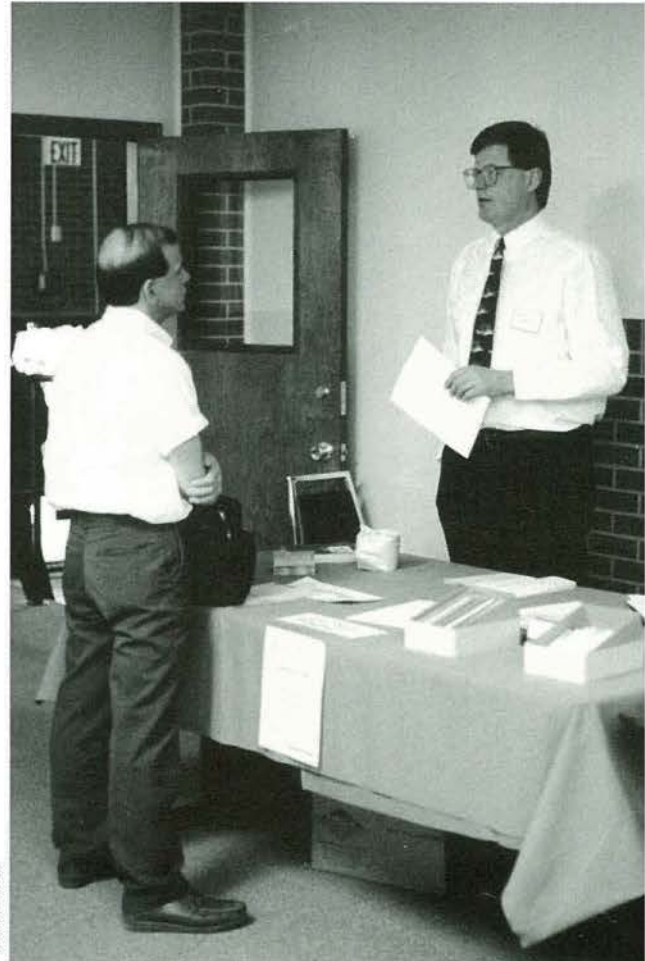
"I heard about the service at freshman orientation," junior Tonya Strickland said. "I've used it twice to obtain a job. I'd recommend the service to other Missouri Western students looking



Rob Mitchell

*Career week included the job fair where companies discussed career possibilities with students.*

*Senior Mike Carpentier talks with Bob Koranda from St. Joseph Light & Power about available positions.*



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Most of senior Century Shell's hours at U.P.S. are spent working at her computer terminal. Shell got her job through the job placement office.



Pat Hickey

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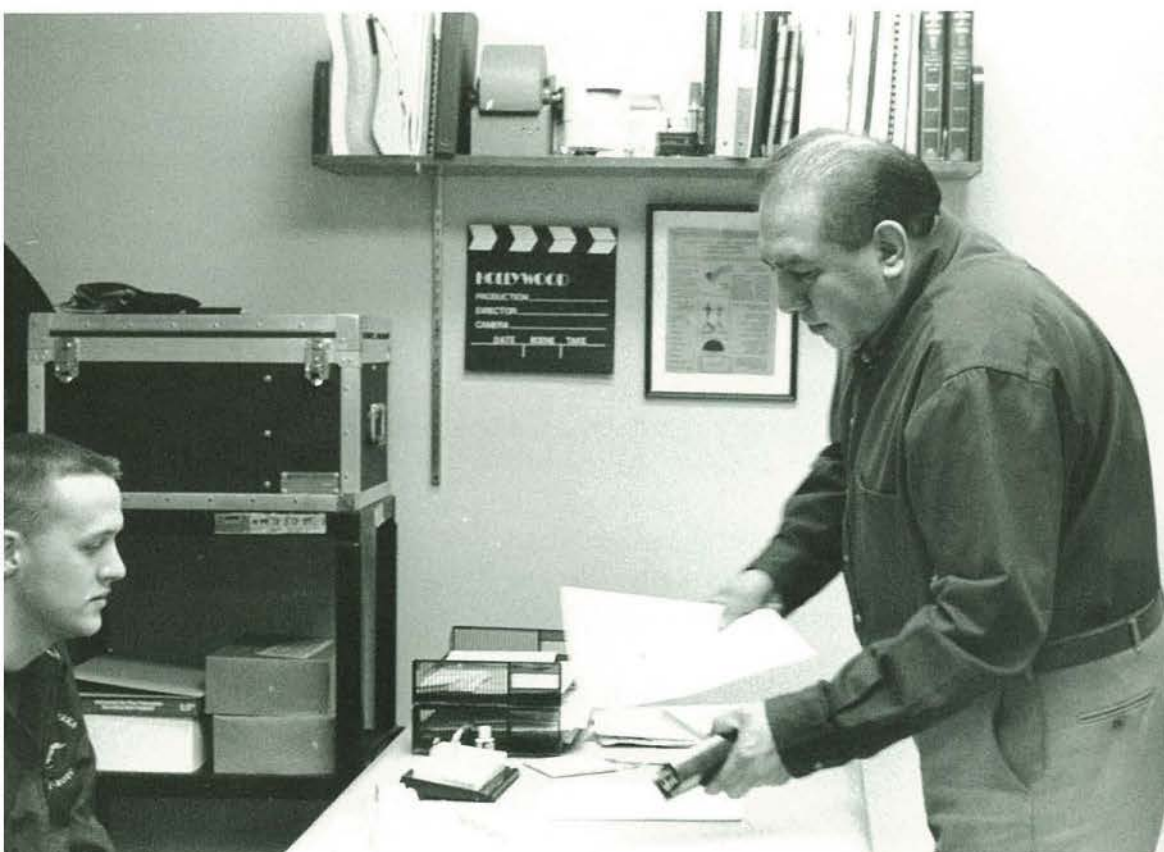
Most the students who ob-  
ed jobs through Hernandez's  
re agreed that the employers  
ked well with class sched-  
s. They also liked the  
venience of having the list of  
in front of them.

"It's certainly a lot better  
n running all across town  
ing for work," senior Duane  
ott said.

Hernandez personally  
ed students to tell them about

prospective jobs. He said that  
Missouri Western's Job  
Placement took pride in the  
fact that they were so per-  
sonalized and friendly.  
Hernandez recommended  
students check in every three  
to four days because they  
were constantly getting calls  
from employers needing  
workers.

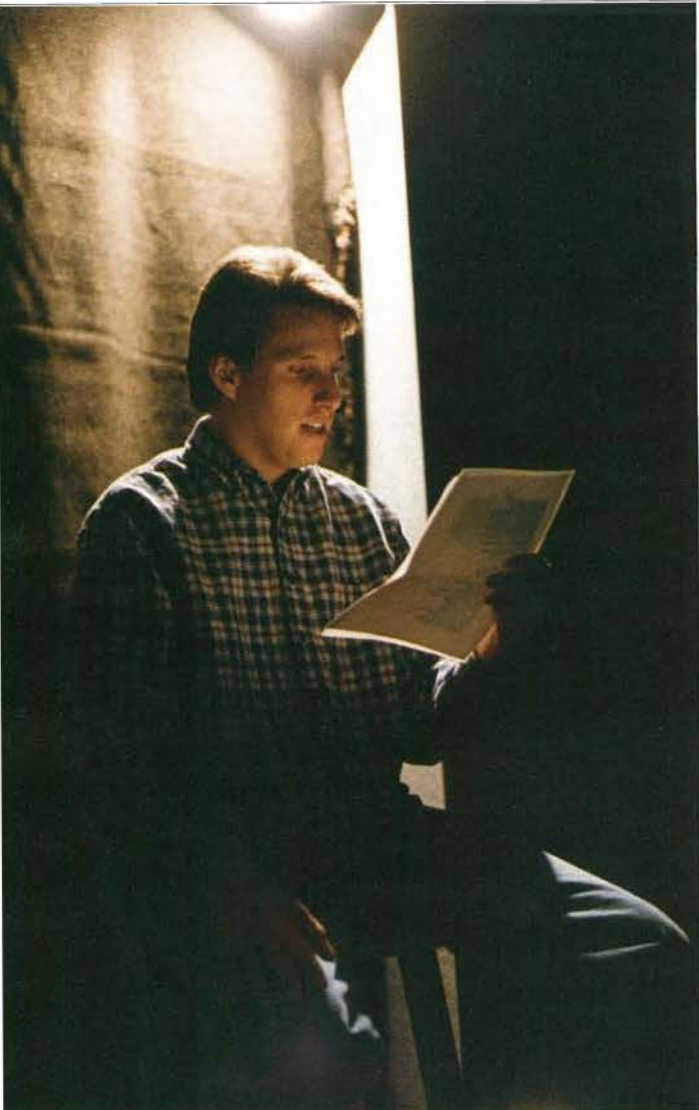
"Students must cover all  
sources available to them if  
they are serious about find-  
ing a job," Hernandez said.



Jennifer Kiszczak

Junior Michael Sexton meets with  
Rufus Hernandez, looking for a job.  
The Job Location office acted as  
liason between employers and stu-  
dents.





English major Greg Woods reads his poem "Ring Dove in the Wind." The poem appeared in Missouri Western's literary magazine *Icarus*.

Patrick Hickey

# Poets go Centerstage at Cardshark

By R. Faulk

It all started with the simple idea of opening a card shop. That simple idea led to something much bigger for Tony Angelo.

Angelo, a native of Kansas City, opened "Cardsharks" in downtown St. Joseph in the summer of 1994. His idea for a simple card shop blossomed into a unique gift shop. Soon, Cardsharks turned into a forum for poetry and literature.

In August, Missouri Western's English honor society Sigma Tau Delta hosted a poetry reading in the shop. Missouri Western students and the public were invited to spend the evening reading and listening to poetry in an avant-garde atmosphere.

"We offer something you don't see a lot of in St. Joe," Angelo said.

From hand-crafted frames, candles and jewelry made by artists throughout the country, to the wide variety of gay and lesbian and alternative lifestyles literature, Cardsharks offered something new to the community — and to Missouri Western students.

"Cardsharks is really unique to

this town," senior Rena Deckard said. "It's good that poets have a place to present their work to the public."

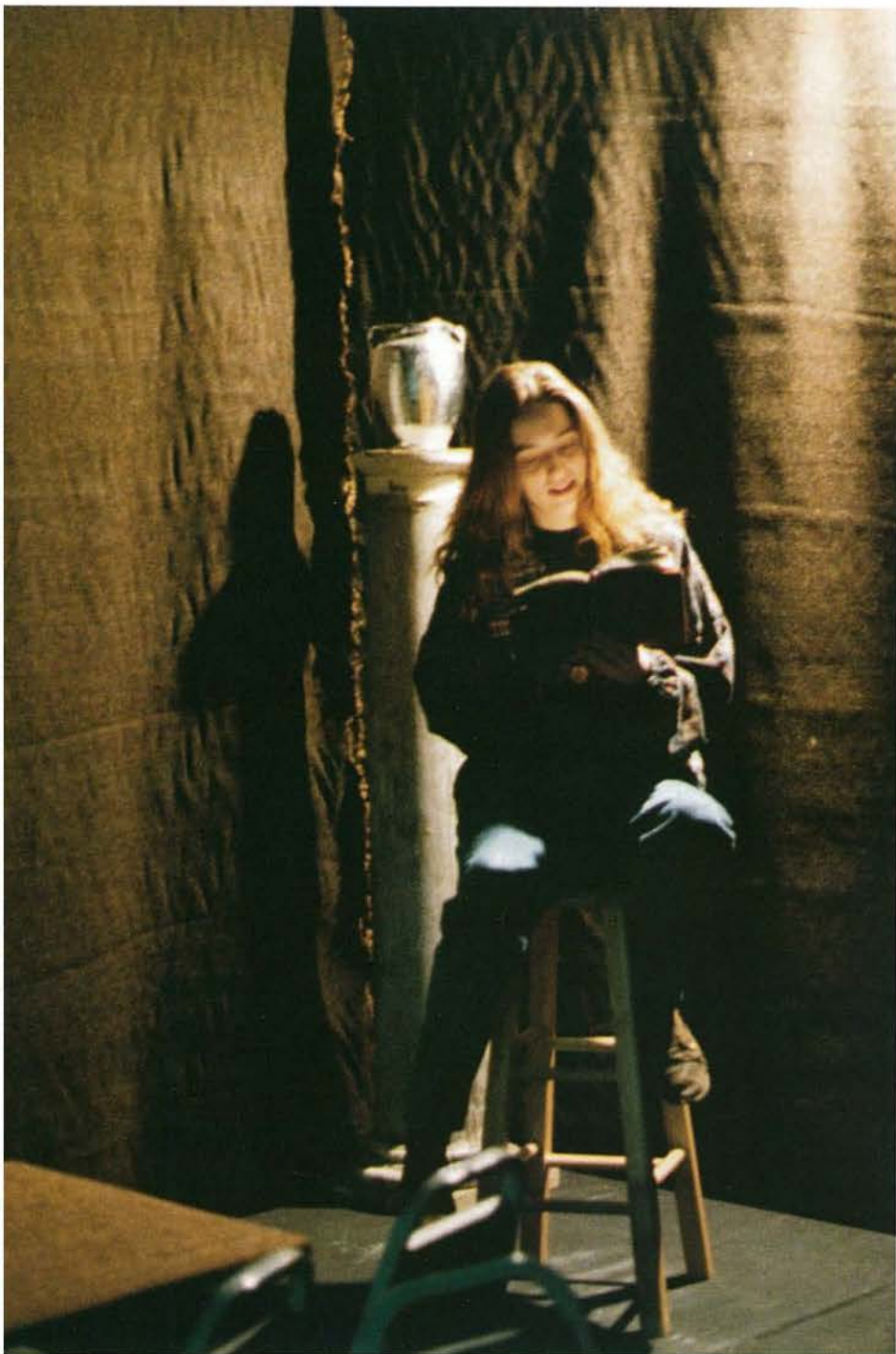
The first Monday of each month was reserved for the Sigma Tau Delta poetry readings. Sigma Tau invited students and the public to share an evening of live poetry. Before long, there was not enough room to hold the attendance at the popular readings. Angelo turned a storage room into an arena for the poetry readings. He put in tracking lights, a small wooden stage, and brought round tables and chairs to seat 40 people. The atmosphere was complete with globed, scented candles as the centerpiece.

"I just love the way it worked out," Angelo said. "I've received positive comments about the readings and the shop."

Cardsharks also hosted art exhibits of local artists. Through poetry readings, the art exhibits, multi-ethnic gifts and even the scented cards, Cardsharks promotes culture. That was something any Missouri Western student could appreciate — especially those with a love for a poet in them.



Patrick Hickey Senior Rena Deckard laughs at a response from an audience member as she prepares to give a reading. Deckard gave several readings after *Cardsharks* opened in August.



Patrick Hickey



Patrick Hickey

(above) Shaking off her nervousness by concentrating on other readers, Senior Christine Bumgardner prepares to give her first public poetry reading at *Cardsharks*.

(left) Deckard recites one of her sestinas at a reading at *Cardsharks*. Deckard was known for writing sestinas, poems which have a very structured and complex form.

# Weekly Inspections Make Students Keep It Clean

by Michelle Cox

"The worst part of cleaning has to be when you're cleaning away and you notice your sponge has suddenly started to grow hair," freshman Michelle Price said.

Cleaning is defined in Webster's New World Dictionary as "keeping oneself or one's surroundings clean, neat, and tidy." For those students who lived in campus housing and wanted to pass weekly room inspections, cleaning their "surroundings" was a necessary part of life.

"Room inspections were done primarily to make sure the rooms were cleaned at least once a week and to keep an eye on damage done to the rooms," said Housing Director Annette Diorio.

Resident Assistants, students hired by housing for these reasons, were responsible for going room to room once a week. They rate each suite on a scale of one to four with a one being "excellent" and a four being "poor".

"When I did room inspections, I looked for trash in trashcans, unkept floors, moldy showers, hairy sinks with toothpaste caked in them, and body hair problems on toilets," said senior Richard Vencill, RA.

Different Resident Assistants meant different styles of inspections. Some gave pizza parties to the cleanest suites or cans of pop to the most consistently clean suites.

When they inspected the rooms they couldn't go through closets or drawers, but they did have to observe the rooms pretty carefully. And if the room was a complete disaster, a pink slip was issued and the student or students had 24 hours to clean it up or they were fined \$9, \$12, and \$10 per person for the living room, bathroom, and bedroom respectively.

"When I received my first pink slip, it felt like I got a speeding ticket, it made me feel pretty bad," said sophomore Lonia Thompson, "But I just re-cleaned the bathroom, and it passed the next time."

Most Resident Assistants posted a weekly schedule in rooms, dividing the responsibilities between suites. But the schedule didn't always prevent problems from arising occasionally.

"There were arguments all the time between roommates over cleaning, but most of the time they got it resolved," said junior Darlene Lenley, RA. As with any policy, there were mixed feelings concerning the room inspections. Some students had no problem with them.

"I didn't mind inspections because I'm a clean freak, sometimes to an extreme. But I had to sit on the toilet seat, too," said senior Teresa Brooks.

Some students saw the inspections as a good motivator. "I like them because I don't think my suite mates would have cleaned at all otherwise. They did the bare minimum the way it was," said junior Melinda Griffin. Others didn't share the same opinion. They felt the inspections were inconvenient. Some students thought that the inspection policy was unnecessary. They felt that they were adult enough by now to clean their room on their own.

"My mom didn't "inspect" me and I still cleaned my room. I would also have cleaned my room here with or without inspections," said junior Jim Romesburg.

Whether students liked them or not, room inspections had to be done. The Resident Assistants could be seen each week knocking on doors with clipboard in hand, causing students further down the hall to dash to their rooms to throw dirty clothes in closets and yank covers over unmade beds. And students got a taste of "real life" while learning that cleaning was one of the many "perks" of living away from home.

*Anderson discusses her weekly visits with one resident. If they failed the inspection, students had 24 hours to get their room in shape.*





Melinda Hodges



Melinda Hodges

*Resident Assistant Terry Anderson consulted her checklist during an inspection. Inspections were required weekly and if rooms were not in satisfactory conditions, pink slips and fines could be issued.*

*from discussing cleanliness, RA's also kept students on their beat updated  
on campus events during their visits.*



*Marilyn Nelson, Leslee Ball and John Benjamin work on a map of the terrain for the next days events.*



Rob Mitchell

*Greg Walker, ROTC Team leader, briefs his troupes on the upcoming events.*

*As part of a disorientation exercise, junior Tammy Witt is blindfolded and told to walk off the diving board.*



# Ranger Competition Offers Challenge

By Dick Gilbert

The Reserve Officers Training Corps had an event challenging all cadets to succeed in something over and above their regular classes. The event was the Ranger Challenge and was held once a year at various locations.

The teams designated to participate in the event was limited to 10 members and two alternates. The ROTC program has been involved in the challenge since 1985. With the 10 involved, the 1992 squad had the best showing.

No specific team or member can be credited with being the star because the points are accumulated as a group, not individuals.

There are no individual awards, trophies, or plaques given out at these events, only team jackets and clothing awards. The reward was to participate and be your best. This was achieved through hard work and dedication.

Requirements necessary to participate in this event were that the individual be involved in Military Science. The team members normally consisted of both freshmen and upperclassmen, male and female. The events were identical for both sexes, but normally there were only 1 or 2 females participating and one alternate for that category.

Practice and training for the Challenge usually began sometime in August, with a specific date designated at the beginning of that month. Once the team had been organized the normal practices are conducted.

*Team leader Greg Walker explains the steps for building a wood bridge to his troops.*

*Squad leader Leslee Ball instructs her troops as to how to knock out a bunker.*



Patrick Hickey



Rob Mitchell

# 20/20

by R. Faulk

Even though John Compton wore glasses, he had perfect vision—when it came to Missouri Western’s student government the right way. When Compton and Daniel Grover took over as the president and vice president of the Student Government Association at Missouri Western, they brought with them a clear vision.

“We felt that Western’s student government lacked direction,” Compton, president said. “The student government needs to be a catalyst — you’ll never achieve anything without setting goals.”

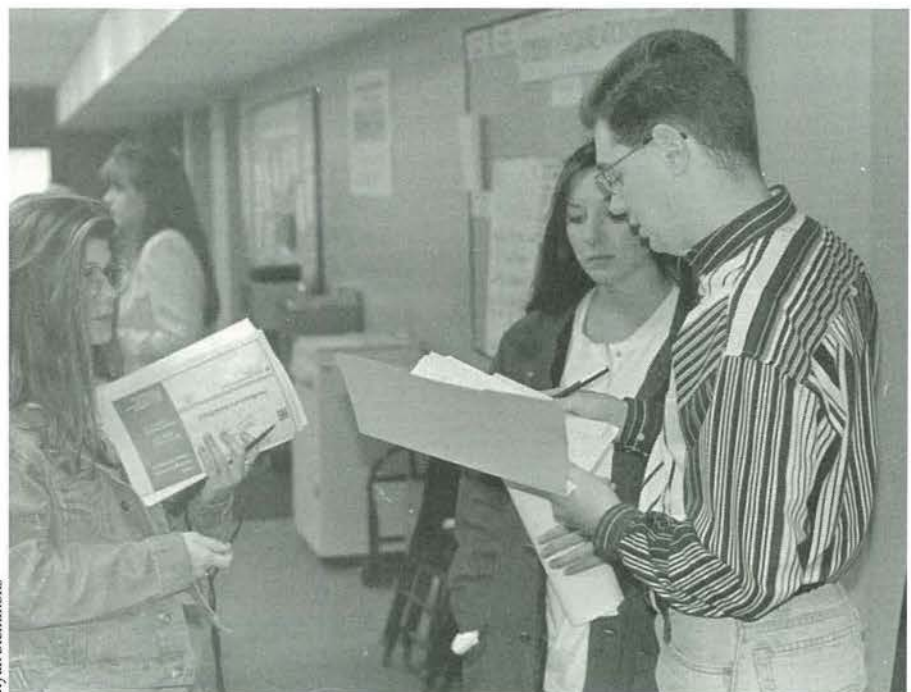
“The Vision” was a plan developed by the duo when they took office. Compton and Grover and other student government officials kept the vision in sight as they accomplished goal after goal. Some of these

Ryan Stemmons



(above) Missouri Western student body President Johnathan Compton (seated) and Vice President Daniel Grover.

(right) Always ready to offer a helping hand, Compton helps out a student at the college fair.



Ryan Stemmons

# Vision with Compton and Grover



*During a SGA session, Compton and Grover help work out one of the many problems that face student government.*

ided getting microwaves installed in buildings for student use and television terminals which broadcasted editions of Western Weekly, a calendar of events and class openings and registration.

Compton, a senior, was a biology major and chemistry minor who was joining the Air Force Officer's Training School upon graduation in May. Grover, who had a degree from Western in leisure management, had spent several years in the Navy. Both had strong leadership and communication skills. "We work well together and have been fortunate to have a student government that really gets

things done," Grover said.

Compton and Grover felt that student apathy was one of the biggest problems that Missouri Western was facing. Student participation was in decline. The Campus Activities Board was spending money on activities that few people were showing up to. One bright side seemed to be the resurgence of interest in greek organizations. Compton and Grover were both members of Phi Delta Theta, a national fraternity.

"There have been several new greek organizations form, and we're very optimistic about that happening," Compton said.

The student government and C.A.B. were faced with the challenge of listening to students' wants and needs and providing for those wants and needs—not always an easy thing to do considering Western's diverse student population. However, a definite advantage was that Grover was a "non-traditional" student—or, a student over 25 years of age. The working relationship Compton and Grover had was a positive influence for traditional and non-traditional students.

"We feel good about what we've achieved this year," Compton said. "And we hope that future SGA's will continue the Vision."



# Sorority offer it

by R. Faulk

In March, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority teamed up to raise money for the Lou Gehrig Disease Foundation and the Robbie Page Foundation.

A hot tub set up outside the Nelle Blum Student Union was the setting for the fundraiser. For 72 hours, members of the fraternity and sorority took turns sitting in the hot tub. Participants collected pledges and donations from local businesses and individuals for each hour they sat in the hot tub.

"Naturally, we wanted to do something worthwhile," Phi Delt President Quinton Dane said. "But we also wanted to have fun and do something unique."

The idea was certainly that.

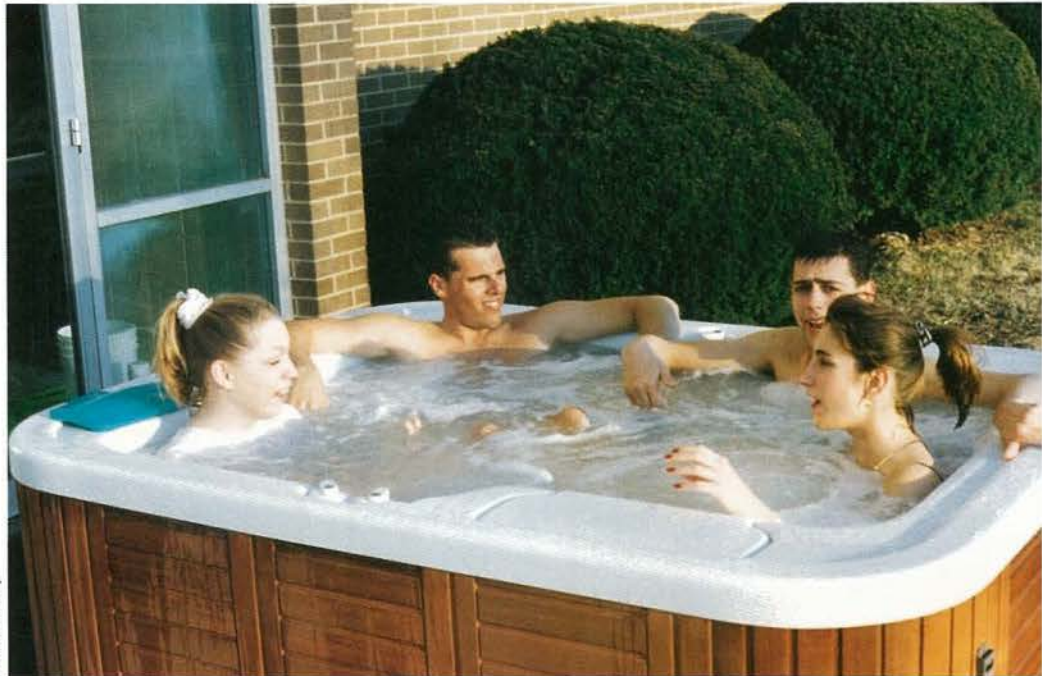
However, it was also cold. Unfortunately, the March winds blew bitter and the temperature sunk in the 20's as the brave greeks took to the water.

"The cold weather made the event more memorable," Tri Sig President Lisa Woolridge said. "I'm sure everyone on campus thought we were crazy

when they saw us sitting there."

The picture of four people sitting in a hot tub outside the student union in 20 degree weather did draw a lot of attention.

"They're dedicated, that's for sure," said Kendra Wilcoxson, secretary to the dean of student affairs.



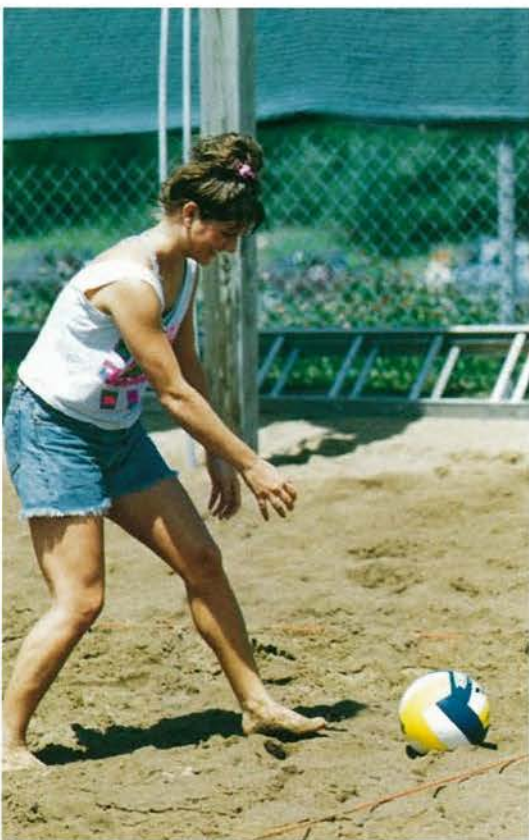
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*Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority members Kendra Conwell and Lynnae Boone take their turn during their hot tub fundraiser along with Phi Delta Theta members Aaron Hayes and Bobby Green. The two groups braved cold weather for 72 hours to raise money for the Lou Gehrig Foundation and the Robbie Page Foundation.*

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nk they're role models for other organizations on this campus.

"We wanted to show that we're serious about helping others," Phi Lt Jason Larsen said. "And, it re-



Patrick Hickey

arm weather and sunshine attracted Dana Peterson and many other sorority and fraternity members to Volley's for volleyball and a cookout early in the fall.

ally was a lot of fun — just a little cold."

"To me, Alpha Chi represents the ideal sorority," said Angie Paden, sorority secretary. "There's really something for everyone. I feel that we're a very inviting kind of organization."

Paden and other members of the Alpha Chi Delta sorority liked their image. From giving the Phi Sigs a run for their money each year in the Most Active Organization Contest to gathering at a fellow sister's apartment for an evening of pepperoni pizza and a special showing of "Thelma and Louise," Alpha



Patrick Hickey

The sisters of Alpha Chi Delta gather for an evening of pizza and laughs. Spending time together was an important aspect of the sorority.

Chi Delta was an organization that combined traditional greek organization values with not-so traditional values.

"Sometimes greek organizations like to be known for their partying habits or how many members they have," said Stephanie Smiser, former president. "We just try to find a balance and do what our members want."

Time and time again, an Alpha Chi member painted from head to toe could be seen cheering for the Griffon football team and getting the crowd motivated. Time and time again, an Alpha Chi members gave up Saturday morning sleep-ins to work in community service projects.

"We're just the right size that we all stay involved and we all stay close," Paden said. After all, wasn't that what a sorority was supposed to be?

# Western's 1st Greek Week More than just

# Fun & Games



(left) Phi Delta Theta donned permed wigs and Brad Guardado lip synched the 70s "Hooked on a Feeling" during "Goofy Greek" Week.

(right) Ric Howard offers the crowd his version of the guitar classic Eruption. Howard performed with the Phi Sigma Kappa entry in the Greek Week talent show.



by R. Faulk

The only thing missing toga party — but there were lots. In April, Missouri Western had its first ever Greek Week. Sororities, fraternities and the Inter-Council teamed up to plan the

"We've been planning this for last fall so it's definitely an important event we've looked forward to," said Jimmy Ezzell, IGC president.

Ten campus Greek organizations took part in the Greek Week activities. From everything as simple as chariot races to the not-so-simple twist contest, student organizations added a little something for everyone — even the victims of the Oklahoma City tragedy. All proceeds from the "Goofy Greek" contest were sent to Oklahoma for support.

"The bombing occurred just before Greek Week, and a lot of attention was turned away from our activities because our nation was dealing with this terrible tragedy," Ezzell said. "We wanted to do something. Of course, the money we raised wouldn't solve the problem, but



Pat Hickey  
*Greek Week was capped off with an all Greek party at Camp Hillyard. The activities were directed toward unity in the Greek organizations.*

good knowing that we were giving a little help to someone who really needed it."

Sending money to Oklahoma is only one of the charitable acts that extended from Greek Week. The organizations also had a clothes drive and collected clothes for many families in the community who were in need of clothing. But Greek Week was even about more than helping others and having fun — it was about financing greek unity.

"It really brought everyone closer together," said Nathan Beck, Greek Week chairperson. "We had great participation and even though the activities were competitions, the organizations really supported each other and had fun with each other."

Even though the weather put a damper on some of the week's activities, organizers were pleased with the event overall and felt confident it would carry on.

"It will carry on," Ezzell said. "Everyone knows how it feels to party together now."



Pat Hickey  
*The weather didn't put a damper on the outdoor events the Inter-Greek Council had planned. This volleyball tournament was one of several outdoor events enjoyed by the Greek organization members.*

# Fraternities Gain New Resp

by R. Faulk

Missouri Western's chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa turned 15 years old with a bang.

March 12-17 was officially proclaimed "Phi Sig Week" at Missouri Western, and at 8 a.m., noon and 3 p.m., the Phi Sig cannon was set off in the middle of campus. The thundering boom turned a lot of heads. Which was precisely what the brotherhood had been doing for 15 years.

"The Phi Sigs have continually been the most active greek organization that Missouri Western has," said Forrest Hoff, dean of student affairs. "I have supported them from the beginning, and I am thrilled with what they've become."

It was a very important time for the fraternity. Not only was it a time to celebrate, it was also a time to reflect Phi Sigma Kappa's rich history as a force on campus.

"We love being involved with every aspect of Missouri Western," Senior Mike Mastio said. "As a former president of the fraternity, I can personally tell you that supporting this college is one of our main goals."

That support was evident when Phi Sigma Kappa won the Most Active Homecoming Contest for the eighth consecutive year. They continued to be a leading community service provider, and they were singled out as an outstanding chapter by the international Phi Sigma Kappa organization.

"We do what we can." President Ben Helt said. "The more we do for others, the more we do for our organization."

With that attitude, it was no wonder that Phi Sigma Kappa was celebrating their 15th birthday with

such a bang.

However, the Phi Sigs are not alone in their quest for brotherhood. Phi Sigma Kappa may be the oldest fraternity on campus, but they are definitely not the only one. Three Greek organizations for male students currently exist on Missouri Western's campus.

Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta and Tau Chi Upsilon, also offer students the chance for brotherhood.



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Fraternities, while usually ght of as strictly social organiza- used their time energy and tal- o benefit the campus and com- ty as well. Book sales, working local school children and all ol parties were all on the agendas WSC's frats.

Although Western fraternities ete during homecoming and k week activities, they agree on



R. Faulk

Delta members Jason Larsen, Quentin Dane and Mullin show off their Griffon pride during the A Regionals pep rally.

A Phi Delta Theta pledge cleans the area behind residence halls.



Rob Mitchell

Jeremy Hoffman prepares the Phi Sigma Kappa cannon for one of the many blasts that rocked campus during Phi Sig Week.

several points. They have proven through their activities that they are committed to serving the community and campus and perpetuating the Greek way of life at Missouri Western State College.

# Terrorists strike a little too close to home

by Tammy Boris

With the end of the Cold War and the break up of the Soviet Union, acts of terrorism have increased dramatically. Hot spots in recent years have been Bosnia, Armenia, Somalia, Rwanda, Iraq, Israel, and Kuwait. Countless Midwesterners thanked God that this permanent terror was not part of daily life. Our illusion of safety was shattered on April 19, 1995 as a bomb weighing thou-

sands of pounds ripped through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City killing 167 and injuring hundreds.

Initially, many felt it was Islamic terrorists connected to the New York City Trade Center bombing. In February 1993, the Trade Center was bombed by Arab terrorists. The April 19 bombing marked the second anniversary of the Waco incident so others blamed the Branch Davidians. Hours after the explosion, the FBI and other



Rescue crews work together as they climb over areas of debris at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 20 to search for victims of a deadly car bombing.

sister agencies were following up on hundreds of possible suspects. In retrospect, very few tips would lead authorities to John Doe No. 1 who was identified as Timothy McVeigh.

Less than 90 minutes after the explosion in Oklahoma City, McVeigh was stopped by a highway patrolman in Perry, Okla. for driving without a license plate. The patrolman arrested him after discovering a five-inch knife and an unregistered semiautomatic handgun loaded with

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day, Terry Nichols surrendered to local authorities in Herrington, Kansas and his brother, James, was arrested by FBI and ATF agents who raided his Decker, Michigan farm. Terry had served with McVeigh in the Gulf War. All three shared anti-government sentiments and the fondness for ammunition and explosives. McVeigh frequently expressed how disillusioned he was, especially when it came to the government. Mc...

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d guilty. Many of McVeigh's  
ds and even his sister were called  
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re authorities what happened.  
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zed family members and friends  
l by praying for those still miss-  
Of the 167 dead, 19 were children  
attended the daycare in the cor-

ner of the federal building.

The Ryder rental truck that car-  
ried the bomb made from fertilizer  
and fuel oil was parked directly in  
front of the building when it exploded.  
At the front of the building all nine  
floors collapsed. An ATM machine  
across the street caught a glimpse of  
the truck but not the license plate. The  
VIN number led FBI agents to Elliott's  
Body Shop in Junction City, Kan.  
where McVeigh and John Doe No. 2  
allegedly rented it.

When the New York City Trade  
Center was bombed, many in the Mid-  
west said nothing like that could  
happen here. As donations poured in  
from around the country to help the  
victims and their families, the night-  
mare was realized. Evidence later  
surfaced suggesting that McVeigh  
wanted to blow up federal buildings  
in Omaha and Phoenix at the same  
time as the Oklahoma City blast. It  
was closer to home than anyone  
wanted to believe.



*The Alfred Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City sits in ruin after the explosion on April 19. After recovery efforts ceased, the building was determined unsafe and was imploded.*

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# Man-eating Plant on Campus



Audrey, played by Daisy Barbosa, longs to be "Somewhere That's Green" instead of Skid Row.

by R. Faulk

They had it all. Even the man-eating plant — *especially* the man-eating plant.

"That flower was just too cool," senior Jack Nelson said. "I saw the movie and I swear, this play was just as good. Especially the flower. I mean, that was the real thing."

In March the theatre department presented the classical music comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" written by Howard Ashman and music by Alan Menken. It was a presentation everyone was anticipating. The department rented the plant from a professional stage rental company. Rumors about

the "gruesome" plant spread across campus, and when flyers and posters appeared picturing the man-eating flower, people were talking about the play long before opening night on March 9.

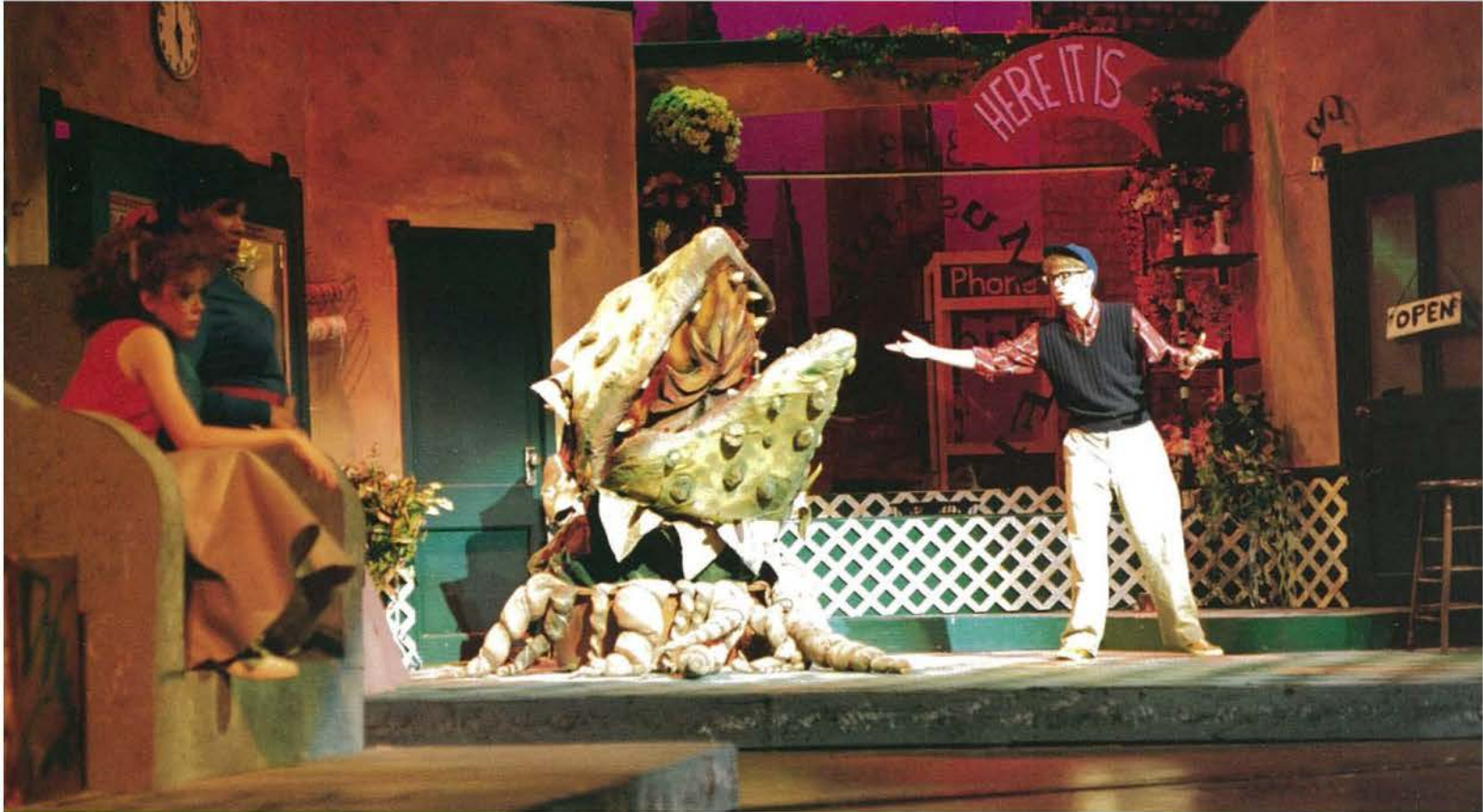
While the man-eating plant certainly was the most impressive element of scenery, it was only one element of the production that made "Little Shop of Horrors" one of the theatre department's most successful productions in several years.

"We had great crowd response," cast member Jim Edwards said. "We had good crowds who really

Orin, played by Jim Edwards, performs "Now (It's Just the Gas)" with Seymour played by L.T. Everett.



Rob Mitchell



d what we were doing and that e it all the better for those of us up e on and behind the stage."

The large crowds came to a sur- e for many of the cast. The play the unfortunate fate of falling on same weekend that Western was en to host the men's and women's AA Division II Regional Basket- Tournament.

"The only thing I regret is that we

didn't present it the next weekend, also," cast member Daisy Barbosa said. "We got great reviews in the paper, and a lot of people who wanted to see it didn't get a chance to because they thought it would run longer."

Even still, Barbosa couldn't com- plain. She felt that one of the main reasons that the production was such a big hit was because it only lasted an hour and 45 minutes.

"We really kept everyone's atten- tion and kept them laughing for the entire show," she said.

*Jim Edwards and Brandy Jenkins exchange lines during a scene.*

*Seymour, as played by L.T. Everett, shares the spotlight with "the plant."*





Rob Mitchell

Jack-of-all trades Obie Austin, enjoys the interaction with students working in the administration's office.

# Stu Doc

by R. Faulk

To put it plainly, there were just some students who went overboard when it came to getting involved.

Take for example, Senior Obie Austin. It all started his freshman year with a job as a resident assistant. From there, he quickly became Missouri Western's jack-of-all-trades. He got involved with The Ebony Collegians, he became a yell leader, played saxophone in the jazz ensemble and served as Residence Council president. He joined the Soccer Club, the Student Government Association and the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in which he served as vice president and a student editor to the Sphinx, Alpha Phi Alpha's national magazine.

Austin became Missouri Western's first African-American Residence Council and Student Government president.

"Becoming the first African-American student body president was very important to me," Austin said. "I try to be myself and work against

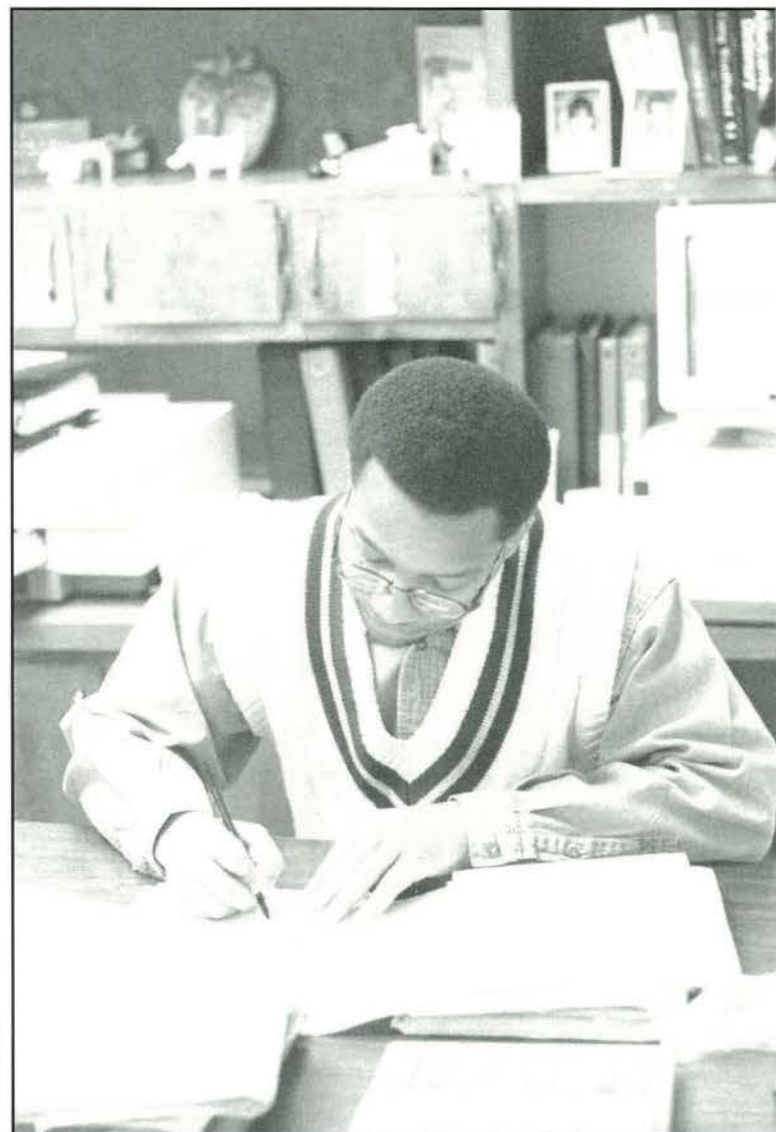
every stereotype that exists for the black man."

Austin said that he was a leader for all cultures.

"Our student body is diverse and we must make sure we're all represented," he said. "There's a pressure. It's important that I don't become a tool for a higher power—I won't let that happen."

With all of these roles, came a lot of responsibility. Austin's reputation as a strong leader only led him to more responsibilities.

He was appointed to several committees, such as the Cultural Committee and the Physical Education and R



Rob Mitchell

# Students Who Juggle It All

*Frank Harris works on a senate agenda in the SGA office. Spending several hours each week in the office was just one of his many responsibilities.*

Task Force — just to name a few. One of the involvements which was especially meaningful to Austin was working at the Helen Davis School. Participating in NAACP Freedom rides and cleaning inner city parks and his fraternity were also important to Austin.

These things are very important because I come from the inner city of Kansas City, and I want to ensure the children get the same opportunities that I've had," he said. All of this, while he was working and had a degree in nursing. Working during the summers at KU Medical Center sparked an interest in the health profession for Austin. After taking an introductory course in nursing at Missouri Western, he had found his path. Now that Austin is nearing graduation, he has dropped a few of his activities to concentrate more on his studies.

At times it's been extremely stressful," he said. "I just go. You do what you can do."

It sounds like a good philosophy. The question was, what can't Obie do?

*As he gets closer to graduation, his involvement in activities gives him more time to study.*



## Balancing the College Life

December 10, 1991 was a very significant day in the life of Senior Frank Harris.

"That's the day I decided I wanted to do something more with my life," Harris said.

Living in Chicago, Harris went from job to job to make enough money to live on. Though he had never planned on attending college, Harris decided that college would be the something that he did with his life. Mission accomplished.

He came to Missouri Western and walked on the football team. He enrolled in 15 hours, and he joined every organization that interested him.

"If there's something I want to do, I do it," Harris said.

Some of his activities apart from his criminal justice major, were being a member of Omega Psi Phi, an international fraternity, serving as the Sergeant of Arms of The Ebony Colle-

gians and Delta Phi Upsilon. He served as the chair of the financial committee and the campus projects director of student senate, and held positions in scores of other committees and organizations. He worked with the Mentor Program and was a participant of the Barbara Sprong Leadership Challenge.

With all of this to keep him busy, getting burned out was inevitable.

"Sure, I got stressed out, everyone does," Harris said. "You just have to keep focused. Staying in good physical shape also helps."

Harris was working toward a career in law enforcement. He wanted to be a police officer in the inner city. Since he came from the inner city, he wanted to return there and help in any way he could. Somehow, Harris had managed to maintain above a 3.0 grade point average, and was getting a B.S. degree in less than four years.

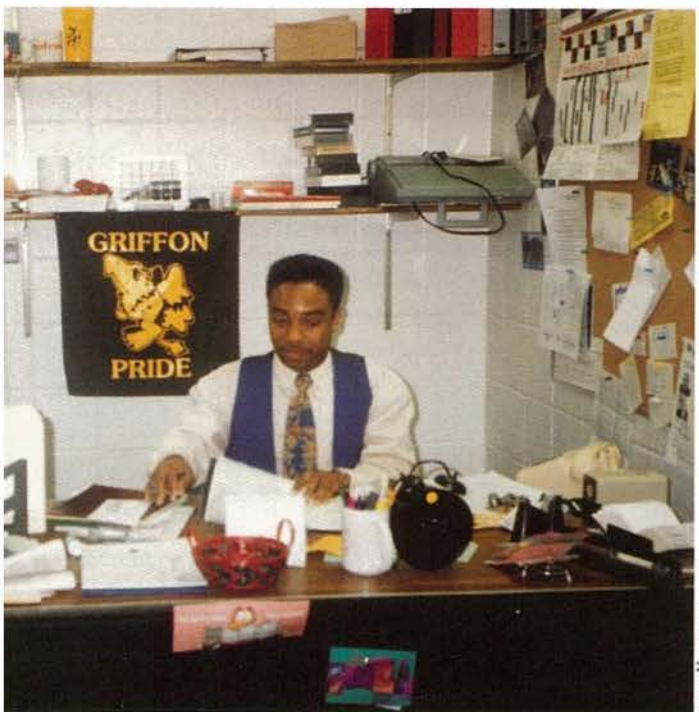
Harris had lots of good advice to offer other students who wanted to get involved in activities, while staying true to their studies.

"Make sure you enjoy college," he said. "Don't get so bogged down with making perfect grades or worrying about which social levels you move in. Find a balance between the two, and it'll work for you."

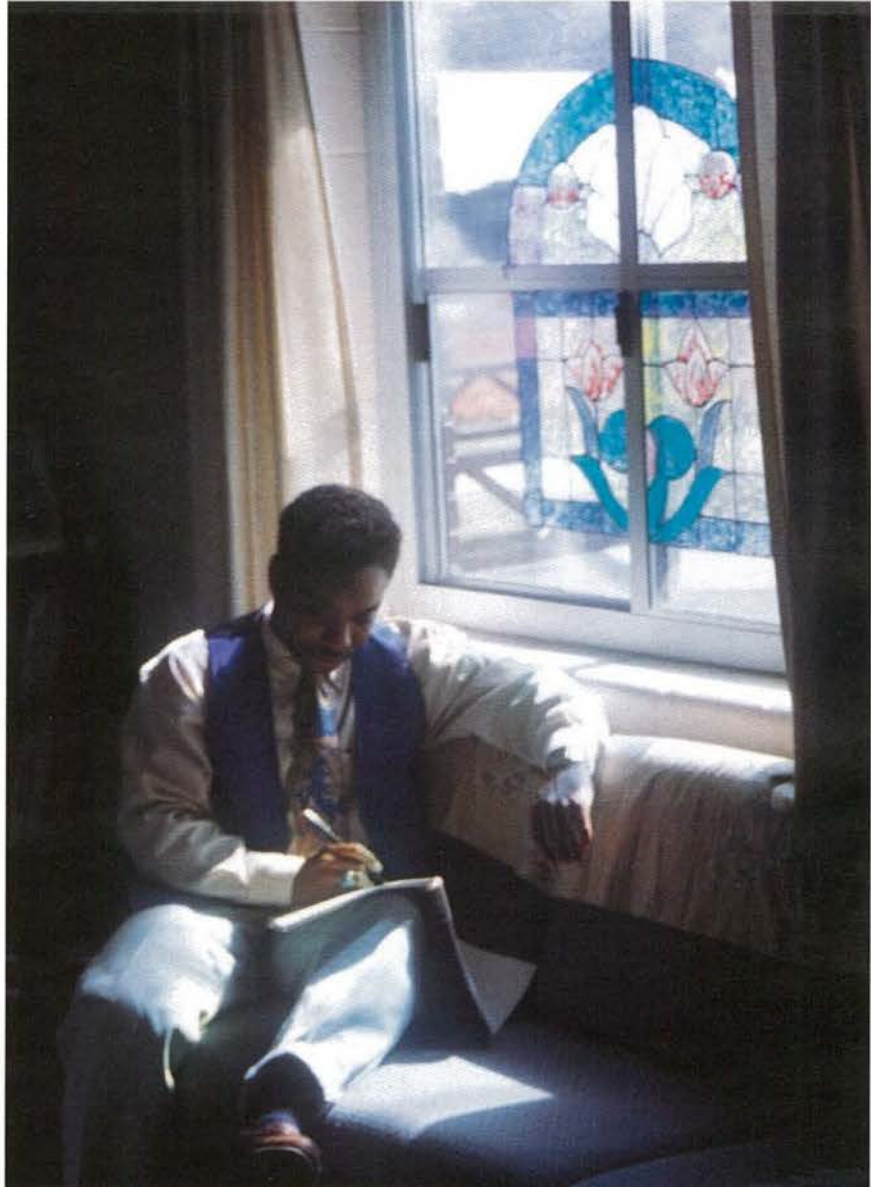
Finding a balance certainly seemed to work for Harris.

Arnell Joiner reverts to his hobby of making stained glass windows when he is not busy with residence hall duties.

Joiner credits his desire to help others and his knowledge of campus life with his decision to become assistant housing coordinator.



Laura Krumme



# On a *Mission* to Help

By R. Faulk

"I see my mission in life as helping others," the new Assistant Housing Coordinator said.

That's one of the reasons why Arnell Joiner chose a career in residential life. Some of the other reasons were because of his long list of leadership experiences from college, high school, and even before that. Joiner said his leadership roles as a Boy Scout led to even bigger roles in high school where he was the editor of the yearbook and involved in numerous activities.

Student Life

While in college at Southeast Missouri State University, Joiner was a member

of the school's charter pledge class of Phi Beta Sigma.

Living on campus was definitely something Joiner could relate to. It was during his years at Southeast that Arnell became a Resident Assistant. He said that the RA on his floor was like a big brother to him and was a positive influence in his decision to work as an RA.

However, Arnell didn't know that he would be working in residential life after graduation. He was a liberal arts major with an emphasis in marketing and TV broadcasting, and he was leaning toward a career in adver-

tising. At Southeast he was the DJ for the radio station, but after graduation and the job market led him in a different direction.

"I love being on the college campus and being involved with what's going on," he said.

One day he flipped through the Chronicle of Higher Education and saw that Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph was searching for an Assistant Housing Coordinator. When Arnell came for an interview over the summer, it was the first time he'd set foot on the campus. It didn't take long for him to become a familiar face.



Laura Krumme

Annette Diorio, MWSC housing coordinator, takes a phone call in her office which she has furnished to reflect her various interests.

## A Life Revolving Around *College* Life

by Eric Jarvis

Annette Diorio knew a thing or two about college life. That's because for Diorio, coordinator of housing, college was her life. In more ways than anyone could imagine.

Aside from putting in 40 hours a week and being on call 24 hours a day in her position as housing coordinator, Diorio also taught a College 101 course and worked as a co-sponsor for Residence Council.

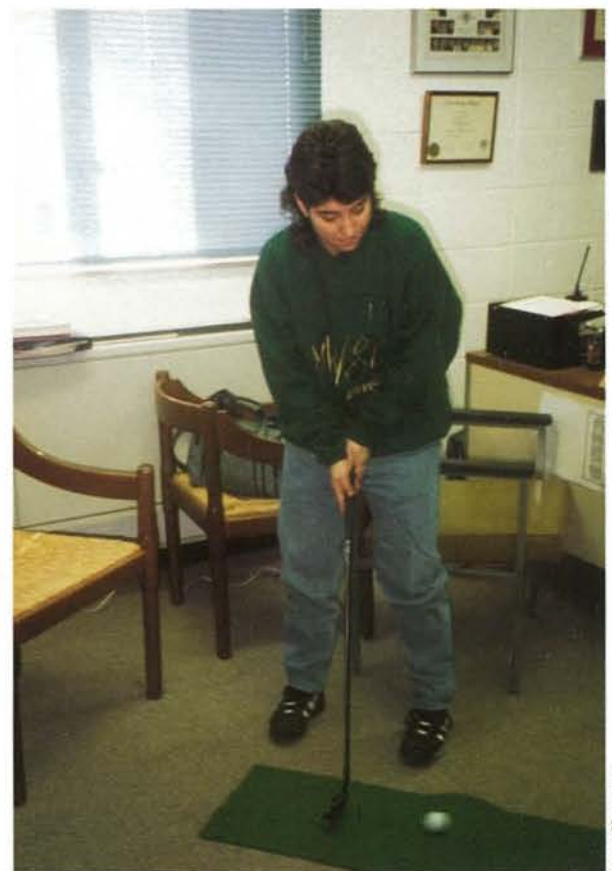
"I enjoy living in the housing complex and interacting with the students," she said. "But it's hard to ever remove myself from: — my life really does revolve around college."

Diorio came to Missouri Western three years ago from State University of New York in Cortland where she was from, originally. She received a bachelor's in education from State University and a master's from St. Lawrence University.

Along with all her responsibilities at Western, she was still finding time to work on a Ph.D. from Kansas University in Lawrence.

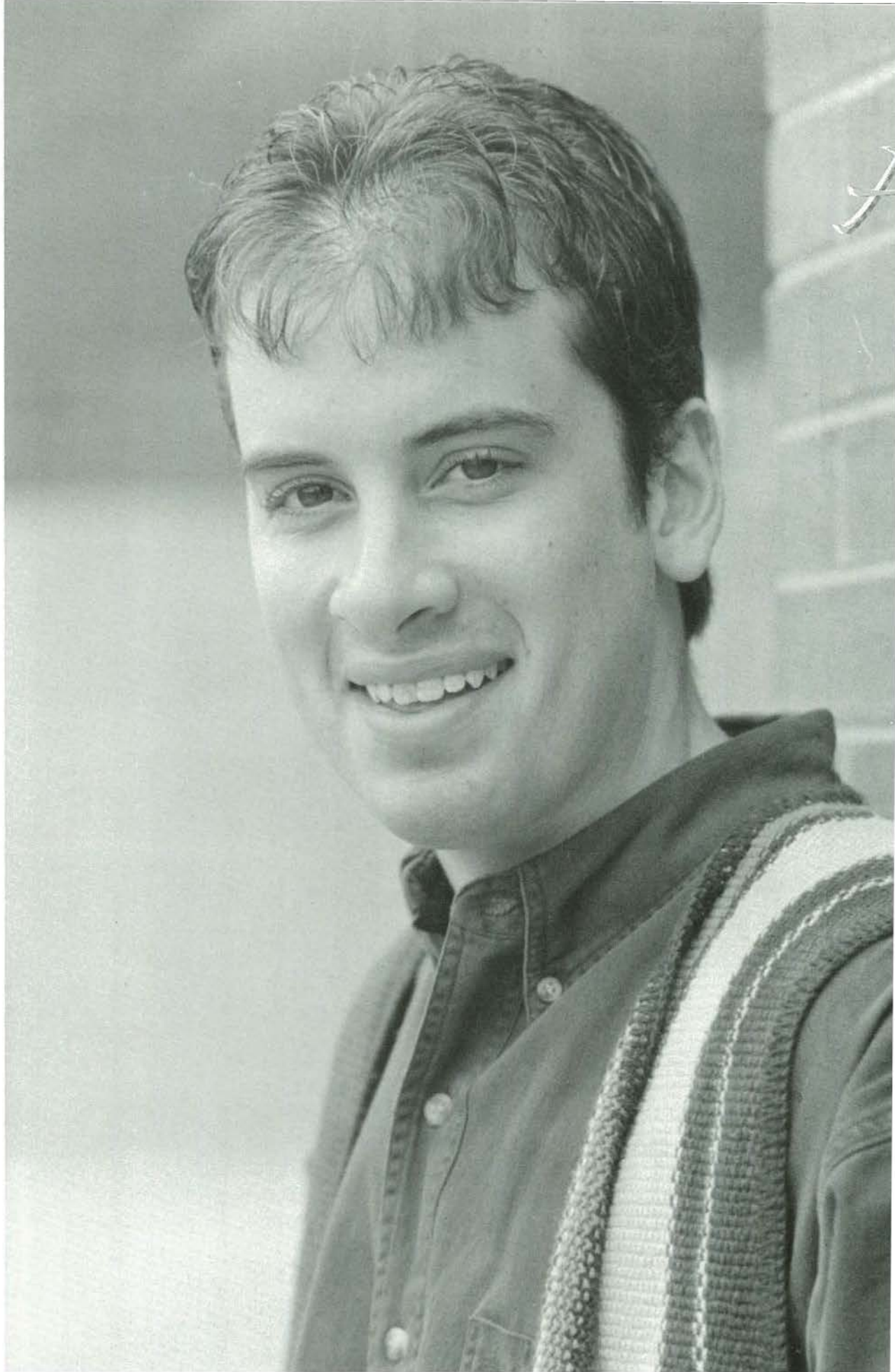
It was easy to see why Diorio was so good at relating to students about stress and dealing with problems in college.

"I tell them I've been there," Diorio said. "And, I'm still there."



Laura Krumme

Diorio takes a break from her hectic daily routine to practice her favorite past time.



*Student Regent Mickey Mayes will graduate in fall of 1995 a degree in both Management and Marketing.*

*(right) Mickey Mayes makes another revision to his p schedule. Keeping an organized schedule is the key for son as busy as Mayes.*

# Dreams Come True

by Amy Supple

As a high school student, senior Mike Mayes thought he would be an architect. "My parents bought me a dining table that I still have, but I eventually realized I didn't want to live out other people's dreams for the rest of my life." So instead, Mayes set out to make his own dreams reality. The road to these aspirations hasn't been easy. But Mayes seemed to thrive on challenges and effective time management. "Doing nothing and being bored just makes me sick," explained Mayes.

For the past three semesters he has had the honor of serving as Missouri Western's student representative on the Board of Regents. He was also a Western VIP, Summer R/O Advisor and intern for Admissions.

Added to all of these responsibilities was a challenging core of courses required to fulfill his double major in marketing and management.

"I have a system. In my date book I coordinate all the things I have

to do. If something is written in blue, then it is a top priority. But if it's in black then that is more flexible. Green and red are in between. It is a little confusing but it keeps me on track," said Mayes.

But Mayes hasn't always had to depend on colored pens to keep him on track. He entered Western as a virtually anonymous freshman. Looking back on his college experience, Mayes is satisfied except for his first year.

"I studied hard and got good grades, which is important. But I didn't go out; I just didn't have much fun. The way I look at it, I wasted a year of my life. I was bored, and I didn't make many friends. Looking back I wonder what I did with all that free time."

In later semesters Mayes had difficulty finding time for all of his activities as well as time to spend with friends. One of his favorite mottos is "work hard and play hard" which Mayes was constantly trying to live

up to. "I always have classwork; papers and projects and then there's my job. It's really nice to be able to wind down at the end of a long day by going out with friends," said Mayes.

But fitting in all those priorities sometimes means those little luxuries of daily life have to be sacrificed - like sleep. "Before I go to bed every night I write down all the things I want to get accomplished for the next day. And then when I go to bed I am so pumped to get those things done that I can't sleep. I end up getting up and working," he explained. However Mayes admitted he is getting better. "This semester I think I have slept more than any other."

The lack of sleep never seemed to affect Mayes's personality. In fact nothing seemed to affect his personality. When questioned about his legendary nice guy status Mayes got unusually quiet. "I am who I am because of my parents; they instilled respect and basic human kindness in me from a very early age. I don't think I am all that nice; I am just the kind of friend I want people to be for me. Family and friends are the most important things in the world to me."

One of the inspirational posters that adorns Mayes's room sums up just how he feels: 'It's not that nice guys finish last; it's that they are running a different race.' "And it is a race I definitely plan to keep running," said Mayes.



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# Western Hosts Men's and Women's Regionals

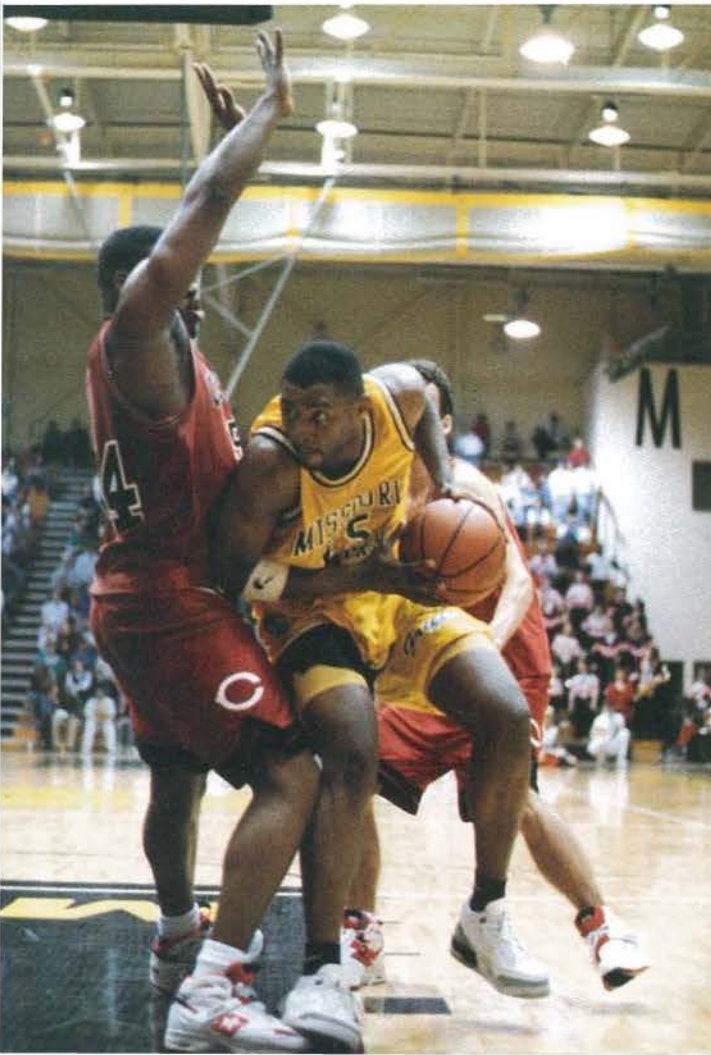
(Left) Kathy Dyess, Lady Griff's point guard, looks to pass during the final game of the regional tournament held at MWSC.

(Below) A capacity crowd watched as the Griffons battled with the Mules. CMSU defeated MWSC 80-78.

Rob Mitchell



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Patrick Hickey

by R. Faulk

For the first time in NCAA Division II history, a single college hosted the men's and women's regional basketball tournament.

"This is a great honor for our institution to play host to this tournament," said Ed Harris, athletic director. "Not only did the teams deserve this, but the die-hard fans in this community also deserved to see the tournament here."

Missouri Western was selected to host the tournament for many reasons. Western had the facilities to accommodate thousands of people, and after

holding the women's regionals here last year, the athletic department proved they could handle the operation.

The tournament was held March 10-12. Western's men's and women's teams went into the tournament seeded first and both drew first round opponents. Western's women's team defeated Abeline Christian on Friday, March 11, to advance to the championship game against Washburn University. On Saturday afternoon, they played in front of a near-capacity crowd.

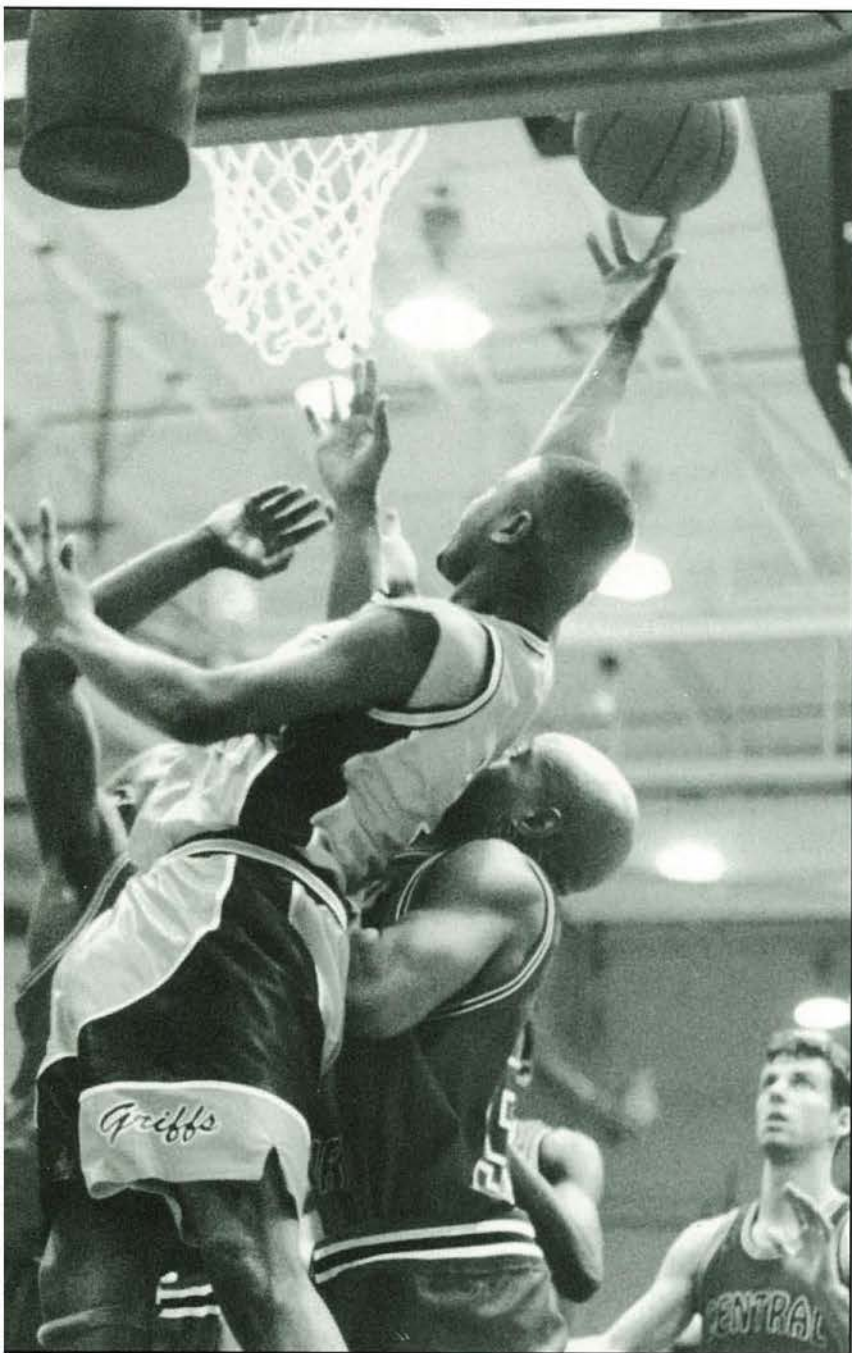
*Towne struggles for the ball  
as a team member from  
Ashburn in the regional cham-  
pionship game.*

...d, the women defeated  
Ashburn. They were headed  
to Fargo, North Dakota, site of  
the Elite Eight, for the second  
consecutive year. They headed  
to Fargo ranked third in the na-  
tion with a 29-2 record.

Only a few short hours af-  
ter the women captured the  
championship crown, Western's  
men took the court to face a de-  
termined Central Missouri State  
University team. Despite com-  
ing out strong, the Mules  
prevailed. CMSU downed Cen-

tral Oklahoma to advance to  
the Elite Eight. On Sunday, the  
men ended the season with a  
disappointing loss in the third  
place contest against Missis-  
sippi College.

"Other than the fact that  
we wish the men could've  
joined the women in their trip  
to the Elite Eight, we couldn't  
be happier with how things  
went," Harris said. "Everyone  
involved showed composure  
and professionalism — espe-  
cially our teams."



Patrick Hickey



(Above) Lady Griffon coach  
Jeff Mittie coached his team to  
their second straight Elite Eight  
tournament.

(Left) Darrell Wright ascends  
above CMSU competitors for  
two points.

Rob Mitchell



Thousands of fans packed the fieldhouse for the men's and women's NCAA Division II South Central Regional playoffs. It was the first time ever that a single college hosted the men's and women's tournament. The women's team advanced to the Elite Eight for the second year in a row.

# Western experiences its own dose of March Madness

by R. Faulk

March Madness struck Missouri Western. When it was announced that the NCAA Division II South Central Regional men's and women's playoffs would be hosted by Missouri Western — the madness began. Coaches, athletes, students and fans packed the little theater in the Hearn Learning Resource Center as they anxiously awaited the confirmation of the rumor flying around. It was almost definite that Western would get at least one of the playoffs, but to get the men's and women's pairings wasn't so definite. At last, in a live teleconference from NCAA headquarters in Kansas City, the rumor was confirmed — Western would host the men's and women's playoffs. It was the first time that a single college hosted the men's and women's playoffs. Both the men's and women's

team were top-ranked teams in the nation and went into the tournament seeded first.

"It was a very exciting time for not only our student-athletes, but also for this college and this community," said Ed Harris, athletic director.

The playoffs weren't just an exciting time — they were a very busy time. Harris and the athletic department had a lot of preparing to do in a short time. They had to make arrangements for opposing teams' accommodations, get the facilities in perfect condition, take care of ticketing and deal with the media. News reporters from television stations, newspapers, radio stations and magazines flocked to the campus for the upcoming tournament.

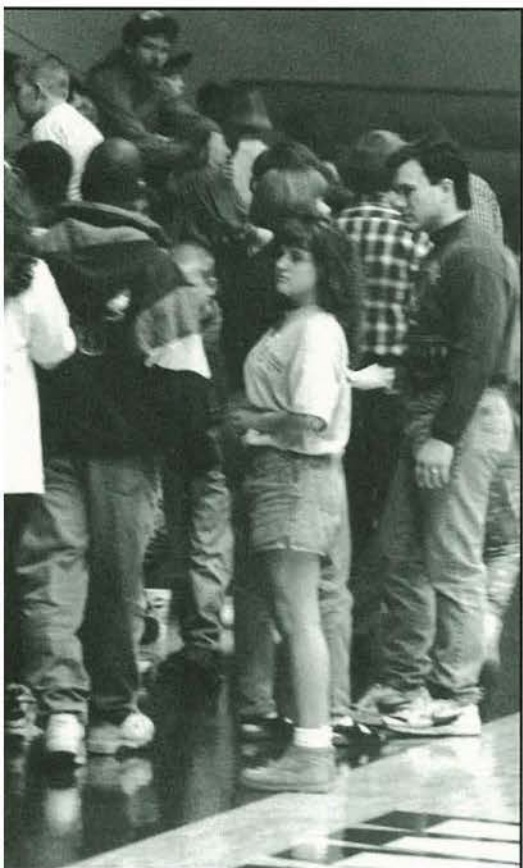
"It took a lot of preparation and hard work from everyone in our department," Harris said.

On Friday, March 10, the day of the women's competition, the athletic department was a complete madhouse. Hundreds of calls came in requesting tickets and other information. Tickets went fast. Reserved seats for the men's and women's games sold out and by 7 p.m. Friday evening rolled around, there were few general admission seats still available.

The madness was in full swing by Saturday evening after Western's women's won the championship game and was headed to the Elite Eight again. Despite the men's season coming to an abrupt end, fans were still satisfied.

"This was too cool," Senior Nelson said. "This was like the best thing — I even bought a t-shirt. I can't wait for next year."

Students showed up to the game early to get the limited number of free tickets available to MWSC students. CAB purchased a block of tickets for each game which were distributed to students on a first-come basis.



Patrick Hickey



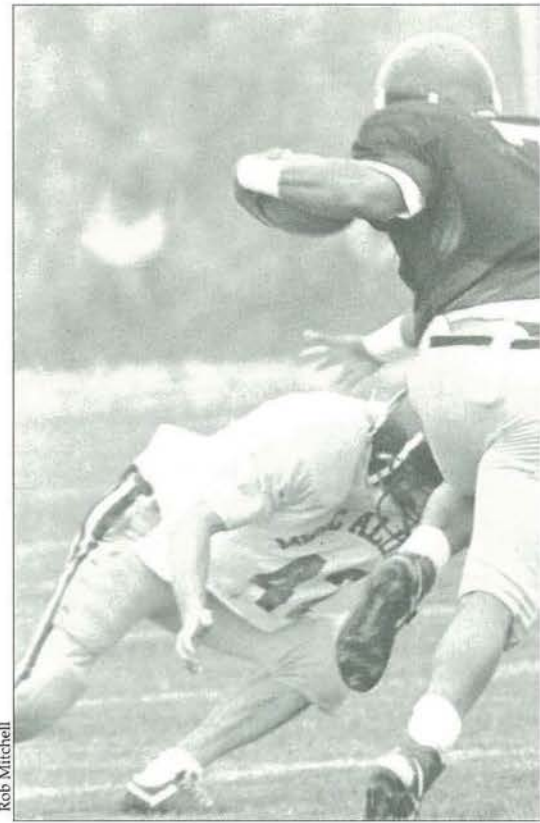
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Western Weekly sports editor Andre Hannon captures the regional tournament on video.



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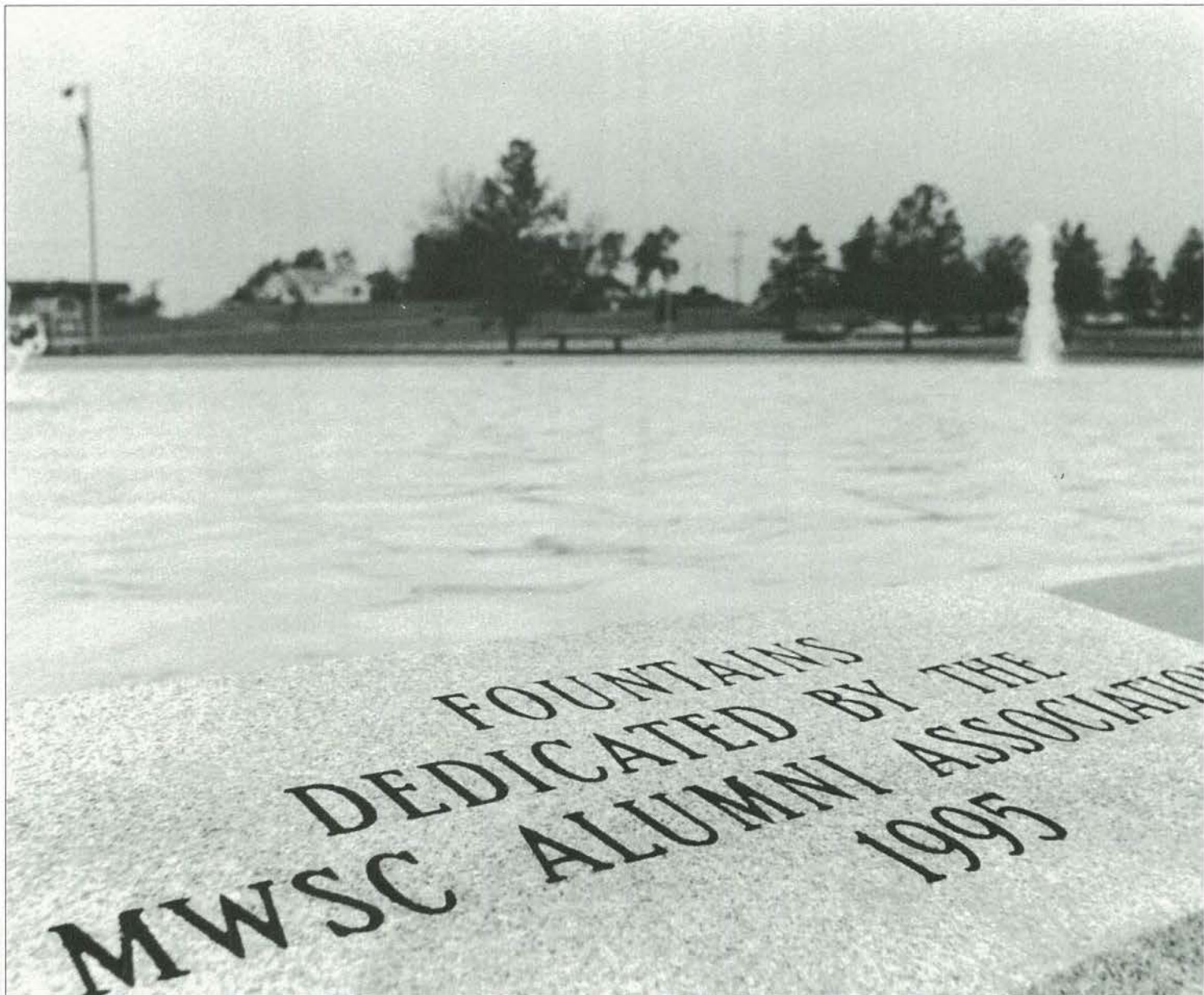
Dr. Steven Griert prepares to announce the starting lineup for the first-round of women's action. Paul Sweetgall, Sports information director, sits at the typewriter ready to take down statistics which would be called in to other NCAA score tables throughout the game.



*(left) #7 eludes a tackle during the Alumni Football Game. Many players asked if it was halftime after the first play. That kind of lighthearted attitude insued that everyone involved had a good time.*

*(below) This stone marker was placed where the rededication ceremony of the reflection pool was held. Yellow lights illuminate the fountain at night.*

Rob Mitchell



Rob Mitchell

# Western Turns 25 in Style

Roth directs the fountain rededication ceremony. dedication was part of the 25th Anniversary ation.



Rob Mitchell

by R. Faulk

Missouri Western State College celebrated its 25th anniversary with a bang — literally. The first week of May was dedicated to celebrating Western's 25th year as a four-year college. It had everything from dinners, lectures and dedications to concerts, Fun Flicks and fireworks — especially fireworks.

In 1969 the St. Joseph Junior College received its four-year accreditation and from that point on, there was no looking back. During the 1970s Western began making a name for itself. By the time 1995 rolled around, Missouri Western had an enrollment of more than 5,000 students and the campus continued to grow.

"It's a remarkable milestone for Missouri Western," President Janet G. Murphy said. "This cel-

ebration is something that students, administrators and staff will always remember. It's a real treat."

The 25th Anniversary Celebration was the talk of the town. Months of preparations went into planning the event. One of the major events was the 25th Anniversary Dinner which was held on Friday, May 12 at the Ramada Inn. More than 500 people attended the dinner.

Along with booking musical performances and contacting alumni, the office of college relations had the task of publicizing the event and orchestrating the due dates for such projects as the re-dedication of the reflection pool in front of the Fred Eder Student Services/Classroom Building and the dedication of the St. Joseph Junior College Room in the Nelle Blum Student Union.

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Kelly Kerns



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(above and left) One of the major events, the 25th Anniversary Dinner, was held at the Ramada Inn. The theme of gold stars on a deep blue background graced the programs at the dinner as well as banners and posters on campus. Five hundred people attended the dinner, including this years VIP's.

# Anniversary Celebration Caps Off Year

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"The weather delayed a lot of the beautification projects and work was being done on the Junior College Room right up to almost the last minute," said Shirley Morrison, director of college relations. "We really got lucky that our timing worked out so well."

Timing was the name of the game especially Saturday night when the week's events were capped off with a huge fireworks display. Thousands of people filed into Spratt Stadium and lined College Drive to watch the

display which was scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. Threatening clouds and scattered raindrops had everyone holding their breath, but the rain held off as the fireworks were set off right at nine on the dot. For more than 20 minutes the crowd had their heads turned to the sky as they watched one glimmering image after another explode against the night sky. The fireworks were set in perfect timing to a medley of songs including the Alma Mater, When I Wish Upon A Star and fittingly, Chariots of Fire.

"The fireworks display was overwhelming," Senior Micky M said. "Everyone was impressed, was a great way to end the week."

But the week's celebrations were quite over. On Sunday there was a reunion brunch for St. Joseph Junior College alumni and the dedication of the St. Joseph Junior College Room.

"The celebration was a great success," Murphy said. "Everyone's work paid off and Missouri Western can be proud of these first 25 years. We look forward to the next."

*Music was provided for the celebration by several bands, including a local band Fresh Cut Grass, a country western band.*



Kelly Kerns

*Fresh Cut Grass plays a song by Garth Brooks at the celebration. They were one of several musical acts who performed at the festivities.*



Pat Hickey

*(above) The crowd enjoys the festivities at the celebration finale held at Spratt Stadium*



Kelly Kerns

*4th Anniversary Celebration fireworks lit up the sky for the thousands of people who turned out to watch the display, despite the threat of rain*



# It seemed like only Yesterday...

by R. Faulk

As a special part of the 25th Anniversary Celebration, spectators were invited to take a step back in time with former Western students as their guide. "The MWSC Story: This Is Your Life, 1969-1995," was presented during the Anniversary Celebration week as part of the Chautauqua Lecture Series.

"Storytellers" from Western's past gathered together to give their take on the college over the past 25 years. The result was a sometimes insightful, sometimes humorous and always a sincere tribute to a college

which influenced all their lives.

The voices from Western's past and present who wove tales of Griffon pride included Ken Hawk, "Missouri Western College: A Bird's Eye View;" Jill Ann Miller, "Student Life in 1969 at Western;" Norma Gallagher, "The Underside of Higher Education;" Charlie Burri, "From the YMCA to the Hog Farm;" Susan Hinrichs, "The Golden Pi Awards;" Janet Murphy, "Challenges of Growth: Exceeding Expectations;" and Mike Mathews, "Music for Western." The evening was capped off with David Bennett per-

forming the MWSC Alma Mater

The Chautauqua Lecture Series began in 1990 in conjunction with the Monya Rositzky Chautauqua Foundation. The series was sponsored by the MRF and averaged two programs a semester on various cultural and historical topics.

"We were very excited that we could combine the Chautauqua Series with the 25th Anniversary Celebration. The program went very well and I think was entertaining to the audience," said Dr. John Tapia, one of the coordinators of the Chautauqua program.

*Norma Gallagher gets a laugh as she describes a funny moment in the process of moving to the new campus of from the Junior College.*



Pat Hickey



*(Left) The emcees at the Chataugua storytelling were Denise Bartles, Business Law professor, and John Tapia, Humanities professor.*

Pat Hickey

*(below) Ken Hawk listens as Jill Ann Miller recounts her days as a student at MWCS during 1969.*



Pat Hickey

# A Tribute to St. Joe

by R. Faulk

Forrest Hoff, dean of student affairs, watched from his office as an idea of his became reality. In the spring semester, a conference room honoring the St. Joseph Junior College was constructed on the second floor of the Nelle Blum Student Union.

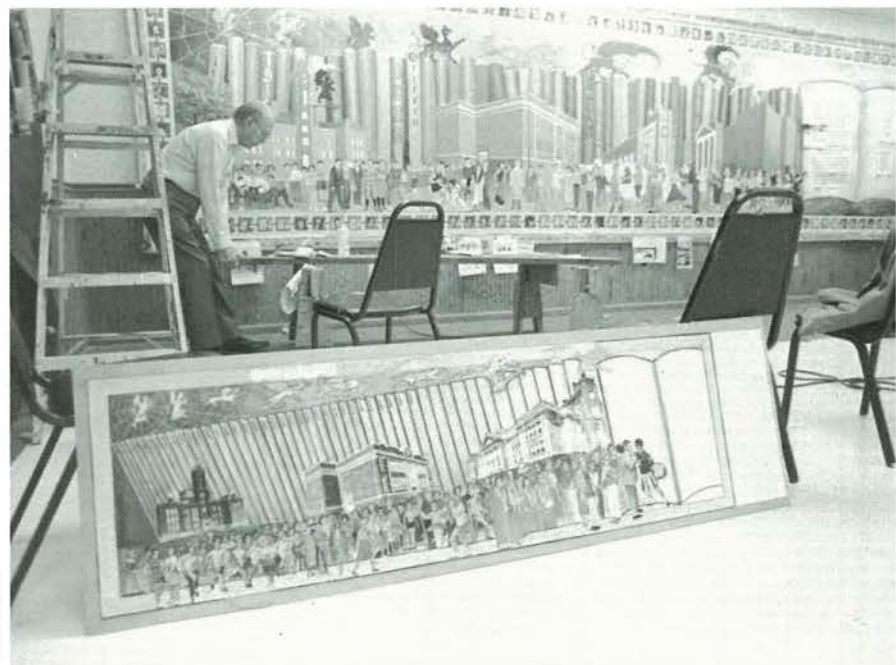
"I always thought that we needed something to commemorate the Junior College," Hoff said. "We needed another conference room with the 25th Anniversary of Missouri Western as a four-year institution, it just seemed like the perfect time to set the plan into action."

In conjunction with the 25th anniversary of Missouri Western becoming a four-year institution, the college hosted a special dedication of the brand new St. Joseph Junior College Conference Room.

The St. Joseph Junior College, which began in 1915, was the predecessor for the current Missouri Western.

*Kost took pictures of people and places from Griffon yearbooks during the period of 1915-1969. He then incorporated these into the mural.*

*(below) Kost undertook the project of designing and painting the mural as his tribute to the Junior College. He has been an artist in the St. Joseph area for many years.*



# Joseph Junior College

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cial support, volunteering time  
alent to design and decorate the

room by donating memorabilia from  
their days at the Junior College.

The highlight of the room was a mural which was designed and painted by JC alum Al Kost. Kost, a local artist, captured the spirit of the Junior College in his mural which featured the various Junior College buildings, faculty, students and the decade to decade evolution of the Griffon mascot. Other items which will be on display in the room include a book

of autographs, yearbooks, theater pro-  
grams, copies of the Griffon News and  
a basketball jersey. Most of these items  
were donated by Junior College  
alumni.

"The JC is our history; without it  
Missouri Western would not exist. I  
think the Conference Room is a fitting  
tribute to the St. Joseph Junior College  
and its graduates," said Elizabeth  
Castle, chair of the Junior College  
Alumni Committee.



as artist and Junior College alum Al Kost's vision that turned a rough sketch into a striking mural which spanned the width of the new Junior College room.



More and more Missouri Western students are taking advantage of the students health service

by Dick Gilbert

Some things are still free and they are in the Student Union building. "In the nurses office there are free condoms, HIV testing, sexually transmitted disease testing, consultations, and most of the over-the-counter drugs," says Director of Health Services, RN Betty Joyce Courter.

There are 1000 condoms ordered every 6 weeks which fulfills the demand of the Missouri Western, students but just barely. The number of students taking advantage of the free condoms is increasing constantly with a wide variety of both male and female students utilizing the program. "When the program was instituted last year, we would allow students to have up to 100 condoms for various presentations, but that had to be

stopped because of limited availability," says Courter.

Testing for the HIV virus and other sexually transmitted diseases is offered through this office at no charge. The blood for these tests is drawn here at MWSC and sent to the lab in Jefferson City for analysis. All materials related to these tests are kept confidential between nurse and client. Should the test results return positive, the necessary medications and treatments are also administered at no charge to the client. "Since the program began in September of 1994, there have only been 39 people tested for HIV," says Courter. For those who do feel the threat of possi-

*Both men and women are coming to the office where condoms are available at no charge.*

bly contracting a disease, consultation is offered strictly on a confidential

Free consultation and most the-counter drugs are more ser offered through this office. Any stu seeking medical advice for health



# Let's Talk About Sex



sons, needs only to inquire at this office. When drugs are needed for minor health problems, aspirin, Tylenol, ibuprofen and decongestants are administered. Some over-the-counter drugs have a small fee based on the cost of these drugs to the department. "If we have to purchase things like cough syrup at a higher

cost, we charge students a dollar for a 4 ounce bottle to supplement the program," says Courter.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but closed Saturdays and Sundays. The office is also closed during the month of June, along with all holidays and days classes are not in session.

*(right) A large display of pamphlets are available to students who have questions or just want some information.*

*(left) Other services such as over the counter medication, STD testing and a Doctor's scale are available to all students.*

# Student produced news show makes the waves

by Angela Bush

There was a rumor going around campus that Missouri Western had a news show. A real news show that aired on local television stations. The rumor was

Western Weekly was a student-produced news show that kept students, faculty and community up to date with what was happening on campus.

"We've worked hard to get this going," Producer Thad Vessar said. "People have talked about the idea for a long time, and it's happening."

It was happening each week on channels 71 at 10 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. It also aired on St. Joseph cable channel 37 on Monday through noon. However, the work for each segment began weeks before it aired.

Vessar said that students usually worked two weeks ahead to get stories edited, arranged and shot. Assignment Editor Col Williams developed story ideas and the show. For instance, one show focused on summer activities. The edition covered department trips to Oxford, Spain, Mexico and Europe.

"We look for stories that impact the campus and that people are going to find interest in," Vessar said. "Our viewing audience is steadily increasing."

Most the students involved with the production of Western Weekly enjoyed working on deadlines and digging for news. Reporter Lesley Stracke said that it gave students to meet important people on campus such as Dr. James McCarthy, executive president and Forrest Hoff, Dean of Student affairs.

"The interviews I've conducted have always been very positive," Stracke said. "Administrators are willing to provide you the information you need to get your story



(above) Cecil Searcy works sound control for "Western Weekly."

(right) Doug Lesan, Deanna Geise and Robert Nulph keep the program running smoothly in the control room.



Ryan Stemmons

Ryan Stemmons



The reporter and videographer worked closely. After they filmed the interviews, the next step was for the reporter to edit the clips. Vassar said it took approximately one hour for a minute of story to edit completely—a very time-consuming process. The reporters, anchors and producers put in 15-20 hours each week. Thursday nights were set aside to shoot the takes. Anchor Colleen Williams said it took about four takes for each story.

Auditions were held for reporters. They were required to be communication majors. Williams said that job experience was a key factor for all the people involved in Western Weekly.

“Any work on the show can be used on a resume tape or video portfolio,” Williams said. “It’s a real benefit to the reporters.”

As well as a resume tape, the workers also compiled a bloopers tape which included mispronunciations of words and names. The Western Weekly crew agreed that that tape wasn’t always an advantage.



(above) Anchors Andrea Hammon, Colleen Williams and Karen Pheobic bring the news to the campus. Thad Vessar and Randy Gunn work the camera.

(left) “3,2,1, you’re on!” Vessar gets the show started while Gunn catches it with the camera.

Ryan Stemmons





Laura Krumme

*For more than 10 years, Kendra Wilcoxson, secretary to the dean of Student Affairs, has been baking treats for students and co-workers.*

by R. Faulk

There were still a few good free things college students could depend on. Namely, Kendra's cookies.

Kendra Wilcoxson was the secretary to the dean of student affairs in the Nelle Blum Student Union. Every couple of weeks Kendra would come to work with a Tupperware full of goodies.

"When you see that Tupperware bowl in the office you know that Kendra's made something good," Campus Activities Board Chairperson Michelle Lindemann said. "You can always depend on Kendra for cookies."

Wilcoxson said she liked to bake and she enjoyed sharing her treats with students and other staff members. Since the student affairs office worked closely with C.A.B., the Residence Council and the Student

Government, Wilcoxson got to know a lot of the students.

"I just like to bake and the students always enjoy it," she said. "And I know that you don't always get a lot of homemade things when you're in college."

Wilcoxson had worked on campus for 22 years. She'd been bringing in her baked goods regularly for 10

#### "Sue Cookies"

A cup of margarine  
 A cup of vegetable oil  
 A cup of brown sugar  
 A cup of granulated sugar  
 1 egg  
 2 teaspoons vanilla  
 3 1/2 cups of flour  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon soda  
 1 teaspoon cream of tartar  
 1 cup of oatmeal  
 1 cup of Rice Crispies  
 16 oz. chocolate chips  
 Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes.  
 Makes 6 dozen cookies.

years. She said that she brought either six dozen cookies or a pan of lemon squares about once every two weeks.

"The word kind of gets around when I bring in cookies so people come in and get a couple," she said. "And, I have my regulars."

SGA President Johnathan Compton was one of those regulars.

"There's nothing better than starting a Monday out with some of Kendra's 'Sue cookies'," Compton said. "That's one of the things I'll

miss most when I'm gone."

"Sue cookies" were one of Wilcoxson's specialties. She named the cookies from a friend of her daughter's.

"My daughter Rhonda had a slumber party and her friend brought these chocolate chip cookies that everyone loved," Wilcoxson said. "So she gave us the recipe and since we've just called them 'Sue cookies.'"

On Mondays the cookies and treats went especially fast because Monday was the day the students ate held their weekly meeting. Sometimes, the cookies might last two days — but not very often. Wilcoxson's baked goods were a hot commodity.

"I really enjoy it and I'll keep doing it as long as people keep asking for what I bake," Wilcoxson said.

With so many poor, hungry college students around, Wilcoxson could be confident her cookies would always find a home.

#### Lemon Squares

##### Crust Mix:

Melt: 2 sticks of butter in a pan

Add: 2 cups of flour  
 1/2 cup powdered sugar

Pat it down. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

##### Topping Mix: 4 eggs

1/4 cup lemon juice  
 2 cups sugar  
 1/4 cup flour  
 1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt.

Mix and pour over crust and bake for 25 minutes at 350° sift powdered sugar over top

# Just Like *MOM* makes them

*Secretary provides students with treats*



*A.B. Chairperson Michelle Lindemann, Residents Council member Sonya Thomas and SGA President Johnathan Compton were regulars to the dean of students office—especially for Wilcoxson's cookies.*

# Students

# TRIM the FAT

## With fat-free foods

by R. Faulk

The media and the rest of the world said America was fat. But with the recent surge of low-fat and fat-free foods available to consumers, it looked like America was getting in on the skinny of it and Missouri Western students were included. Health-conscious students were very aware of what they were putting into their bodies.

"Some people watch calories without realizing that the fat grams are what they should really be watching," Junior Angie Paden said. "Sure, calories are important, but with exercise you can work off the calories."

Everyone seemed to have their own methods of calculating nutrient values. Some were only concerned with fat, others were worried about sugar levels. Though table sugar was fat free, aside from promoting cavities, many people didn't realize that sugar was a contributor to high cholesterol. Once individuals started paying attention to ingredients, often a whole new world was opened to students.

"I can't believe some of the things that I ate when I was young," Junior Cynthia Gatton said. "I'm lucky that I've never had to watch my weight, but it goes beyond weight — you have to take care of your body."



Rob Mitchell

*The fat content of foods can be accurately calculated using the Nutritional Fact labels recently developed.*

Women weren't the only ones watching their caloric and fat intake. Males were also very aware of what and what not to eat. Freshman Doug Ham always checked labels before he indulged.

"Exercise and my health are very important to me, and for the past year I've really got into the habit of moni-

toring what I eat," he said. "I don't stress out if I have a sandwich, but I really do care about what I eat."

Ham had the right idea. Nutritionists stressed the importance of not overdoing it when it came to watching what you eat.

"Just remember that your body does need some fat grams," Registered Nutritionist Leslie Weidmaier said. "If your body doesn't have the proper amount of fat grams to burn, it will use up muscle and then do something you don't want."

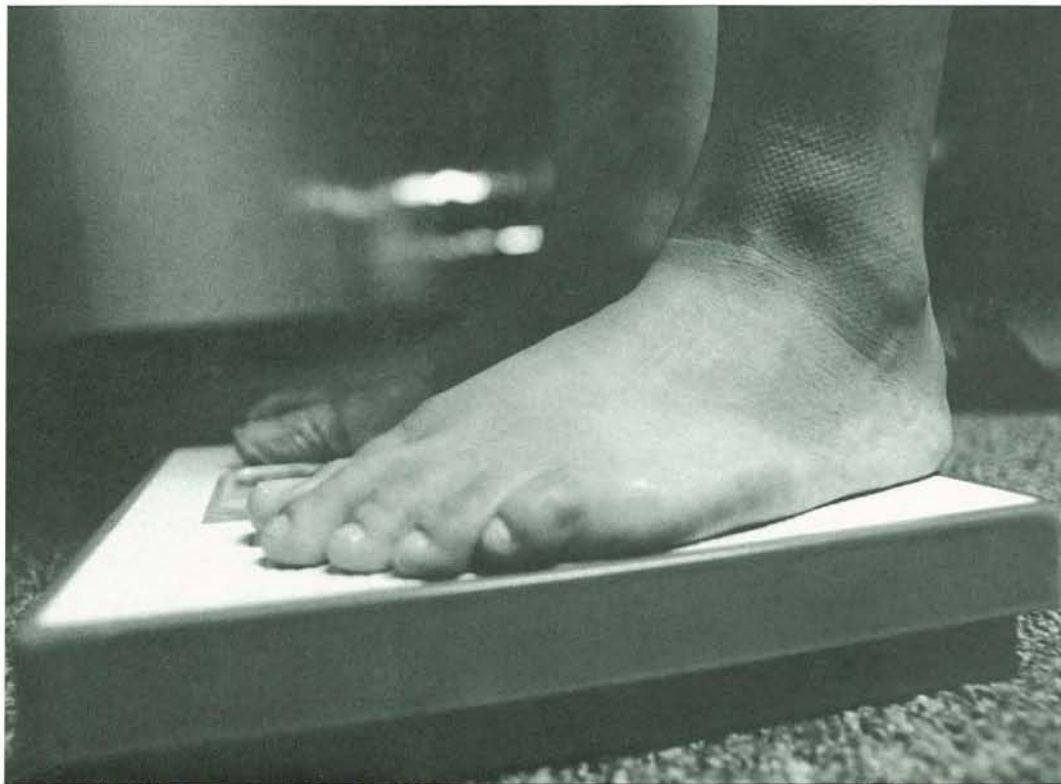
Ham said that his secret to keeping healthy was a consistent exercise schedule and limiting his intake of fatty foods. He said that once you start, it was easy to keep up a healthy lifestyle.

"Sometimes you can tell the difference between the fat and non-fat foods," Ham said.

"Usually the difference is more apparent in individual items, but in meals you usually can't tell if there's no fat all."

The simple fact of the matter is that students were shaping up. With food restaurants offering access to nutritional charts, college students were really starting to pay attention.

"Once you give it a try, it's easy to go fat-free," Gatton said.



Rob Mitchell

An important part of watching your weight is counting the fat grams in the food you eat.



Rob Mitchell

Government now requires standardized Nutritional Information Labels on all cans, bottles, bags and boxes of food.

# Student leaders work to get more students involved

by R. Faulk

Missouri Western had a problem with student apathy. Student government and the Campus Activities Board were trying to combat the problem. They were tired of seeing empty seats at events. When only one candidate entered the race for SGA president and only 22 students ran for the 20-seat student senate, it was undeniable — some students just didn't want to get involved.

But that wasn't the case with students who were members of fraternities and sororities. With a recent surge of greek organizations on campus, student leaders were positive about the future of student involvement on campus.

"It's discouraging to see how many people don't take the advantage of getting involved in college," said Mike Mastio, Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity member. "As a senior, I look back on my years of involvement and can't imagine what it would be like without the experience and memories I have from not only my fraternity, but many other organizations and events."

There were those students who did almost too much — then there were those who were satisfied with going to class and heading home.

"It's difficult when people work and have families to raise," Junior Rebecca Eliot said. "I just don't have time to do all the things I'd like to do."

Eliot wasn't alone. Since Missouri Western was known as more of a commuter and non-traditional institution, many other students also didn't have the time to dedicate to a club or activity. But, next year's Student Government president and vice-president said it wasn't just the non-traditional students that

weren't taking advantage of the extra-curricular activities at Western.

"There's a lot of students that live on campus that are missing out on a major part of the college experience by not coming to dances or joining clubs," President-elect Matt Giovanni said. "We're not saying you should rush out and join a fraternity or sorority, but we think students should take more interest in the college environment."

As a C.A.B. official, Giovanni had witnessed a lot of student apathy.

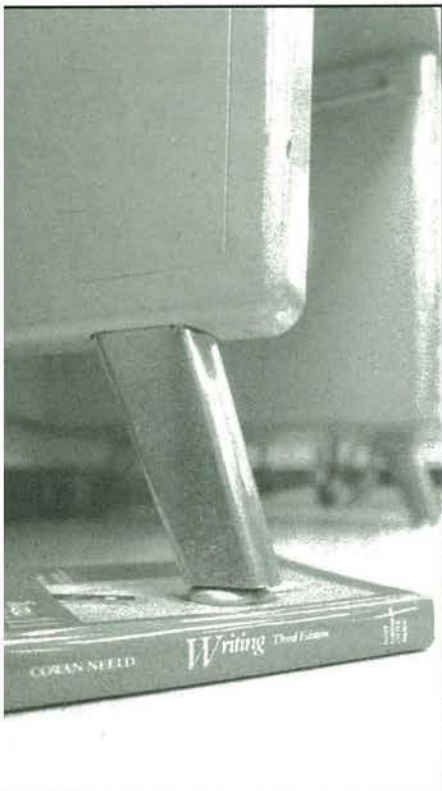
"We book shows and comedians and we have a theater full of empty seats instead of people," he said. "One of our main goals is to offer more appealing activities for students and hopefully get more people involved."

Giovanni and his running mate, vice-president-elect Ben Helt, got into office without making a single campaign speech — they were the only students that ran for the SGA executive offices. This was a clear indication that not enough students were taking part in college functions.

"We can be proud of our greek organizations and we have a few professional clubs that are very successful," said Forrest Hoff, dean of student affairs. "But we do wish more would get active in extra-curricular events. The more involved students we have, the better chance of a cohesive and positive college atmosphere we have."

The SGA and C.A.B. planned to spend a lot of time over the summer working out plans to combat student apathy at Western.

"We think we can make a difference," Helt said.



*For students who didn't care about studying, books served many purposes.*



Rob Mitchell

*During theater and sports events alike many seats went unoccupied, and enthusiasm was often a rare commodity. Campus leaders continually fought apathy and lack of involvement from students and the community.*

Marti Wilson



Pat Hickey

# Honor Organization Caters to Non-Trad



Rob Mitchell

*Nelson is an active member of the Non-Traditional Student Advisory Council. The council served as a support group to students over the age of 25.*

by Andrew Kunz

Many non-traditional students have wanted an organization that addressed their needs, taking consideration of how non-trads often have to get their education part-time. At last, there was a solution to that issue.

The solution came thanks to a non-traditional student. Terri Nelson. Due to her perseverance, the national honors organization, Omicron-Psi, will be organizing for national and local charters.

"We expect to have 100 members at Missouri Western," Nelson said.

To be inducted into the organization as a Gold member, the student had to be over 25, and at least a junior with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. The student didn't have to be full time, but had to show involvement in the community in addition to having been a member of three campus clubs.

Nelson was a board member of the national committee, and was encouraged to

choose this organization because of the scholarship opportunities it offered.

"This organization takes a third of the dues and uses it for scholarship opportunity. This was more than any other that we looked at," she said. "Also, once you are a member, you're always a member."

"I think that being a national board member is a fantastic honor for her, showing how she has succeeded. Her involvement will help the college a lot," said Ellen Smithers, the non-traditional student council sponsor. "All of her hard work will pay off, as Omicron-Psi takes off on campus."

In trying to get the organization off the ground, E-mail became a very important asset to Nelson. Since the board members lived in places across the country, talking to each other by E-mail helped them get to know each other and establish connections. Nelson, and the other board members, met in Portland, Oregon, May 1-6, to finalize plans.

She admitted that a lot of work went along with being involved in such an honorable organization, especially since it was a three-year commitment. But Nelson and other non-traditional students agreed, it has certainly been worth it.







# Ohrnell Named Volunteer of the Year

Angela Bush

Junior Lindy Ohrnell was always ready to give a helping hand. She balanced a full course schedule with a full volunteering schedule. She dedicated many hours each week to volunteer at The Baptist Student Union, Connect Tomorrow, the McCarthy Baptist Church and also at Missouri Children's Hospital.

For all of her goodwill work, Ohrnell was given the Missouri Volunteer of the Year Award.

"I was surprised," Ohrnell said. "There are so many people who do so much. It was so overwhelming to be named this award."

"I accepted the award humbly because I know that there are so many other people who make a difference every day," Ohrnell said.

As a service scholarship recipient, Ohrnell volunteered at Connect Tomorrow. It was a program which provided mentors with elementary and middle school students who were at risk of dropping out once they reached high school. Ohrnell's duties included volunteer recruitment, and the production of the newsletter and handbook. She also served on the advisory council and helped put together a video for the pro-



Jen Kiszczak

gram.

A communications major with a human relations emphasis, Ohrnell explained that she used a lot of the theories in books and put them into practical experience. She felt that volunteering was something that everyone should try.

"You learn to understand people and that you have more compassion," Ohrnell said. "It wakes up a part of yourself that makes you want to do something."

*Named the Missouri Volunteer of the Year for the 21-59 age group, Junior Lindy Ohrnell's life centered around college and community work.*

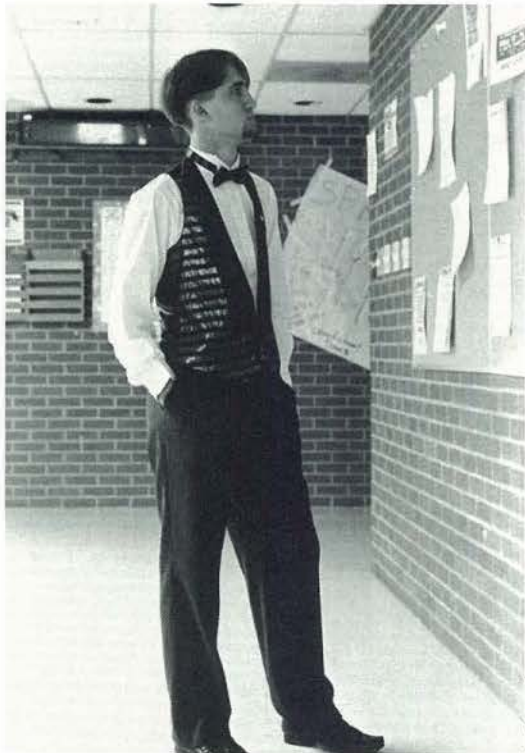
*Ohrnell uses desktop publishing to produce a newsletter for Connect Tomorrow. She was a service scholar. Connect Tomorrow was a community program that helped keep children in school.*

# Give Us Some

# Credit

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by Amy Supple



Jen Kiszczak

College and university campuses throughout America have long since been a microcosm of their environment. Groups of students, young and old, and of all nationalities are put together in the campus environment. And the problems that confront society seem to be reflected in this realm, usually to a higher degree. Missouri Western State College is no exception.

As they plan to enter college, students are lectured on the dangers of the traditional plagues associated with college life such as binge drinking and unprotected sex. However, there is a new problem on the horizon that is affecting more and more college students; credit card debt.

"I got my first credit card when I was 16 years old. They just sent it to me. I was in high school. I didn't have

a job, and here was my very first credit card, all mine. Now I don't use credit cards at all. I just got in over my head." This is the story of Debbie, a junior.

Mike, a recent graduate of Missouri Western State College (MWSC) also shared his financial woes. "I got a good job out of school that pays about \$18,000 a year. No one else would be ecstatic about that. I accumulated \$17,000 of loans while I was in school. Sometimes I feel like I will be making payments for the rest of my life."

However unfortunate, these financial problems are not specific to Missouri Western. They are how they are becoming increasingly typical of college students in general.

Western is indisputably one of the most affordable higher education

*Credit cards may be the wave of the future, but overwhelming debt doesn't have to be.*



Rob Mitchell



Jen Kiszczak

Black seeks credit counseling in the Financial Aid office from senior Jeanne Grable.

institutions in the state. But still students must find some way to pay college and living expenses while in school. More and more students are turning to large student loans to pay for their tuition and housing expenses as well as credit cards to purchase other items. For some, credit cards and credit cards are necessities they want to finish their education. Perhaps it is education that is the key when it comes to dealing with these issues.

Missouri Western has already recognized these student finance problems and have taken positive steps to combat it. In conjunction with the Consumer Credit Counseling office in St. Joseph, MWSC opened a campus credit counseling office staffed by an intern to help students with these financial problems. CCC works one

on one with students in complete confidentiality and guides them while setting up a budget and payment plan.

Greg Gann, a senior accounting major is currently the CCC intern. "I really enjoy my job. I like meeting and working with students and the challenge of helping them with financial planning," says Gann.

Gann says his busiest time season with credit problems occurs the months following Christmas. "People charge without always thinking of the consequences. Then when the bills start to come in they don't know what to do. That's where I come in."

Missouri Western has also taken a stand against credit cards by not allowing applications to be displayed on bulletin boards or distributed by clubs and organizations.

Credit card companies are adamant about targeting college

campuses. Companies entice student organizations to sign up fellow students by offering bonuses for each person signed up. Clubs and organizations at Western's campus in the past set up tables to recruit people to fill out applications. This event was a major fundraiser for the groups.

However, Western's Student Government Association voted to outlaw these mass sign-ups. "We feel that this is a major problem plaguing our students and while we would not want to keep them from ever getting credit cards, we feel better knowing the applications are that much less accessible on our campus," said Johnathon Compton, president of SGA.

Credit cards are a wave of the future, but credit card debt doesn't have to be.

# Simply



Pat Hickey

Two tow truck drivers from Scotty's Carriage Works in Cameron discuss how to move the delinquent semi without further damaging any of the cars in the apartment complex parking lot.

• **ON AUGUST 23** A RUN-AWAY 18-WHEELER that was parked on Downs Drive rolled through parking lot E, damaging 14 student vehicles, then finally came to a stop in parking lot F. The driver was preparing to deliver furniture for the Hancock Complex, and was out of the truck talking with security officers about the delivery site when it began to roll.

Security Officer Robert Bidding was coming from the Student Union when he noticed the truck moving. "I could hear the impact and see the truck bouncing up and down," he said. "I looked across the lot and could see debris flying up in the air."

"I don't know what made me turn around, but by the time I did, the truck had started rolling," said the driver of the truck, Gregory T. Clark. Clark said he had set the parking brake, but was shocked to see it crash into the row of parked cars. •

• **STUDENTS, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS** and education advocates said "NO" to the Hancock II Amendment in the November election. Hancock II, formerly known as Amendment 7 was a proposal that would drastically cut education and other state-wide funds. If Hancock II passed, it was estimated that cuts would be \$300 million at the primary and secondary levels, \$175 million from higher education and \$55 million from correctional institutions.

President Janet Murphy indicated a great likelihood of major budget cuts at Missouri Western if the Amendment had passed. These cuts would have released faculty and staff as well as cancelling several academic programs.

The SGA held a special voter registration on campus to get students registered to vote against Hancock II. The voter registration was in direct support of the student government and the administration's commitment to positioning themselves against the Hancock II amendment. The amendment failed by a resounding vote of 1,052,318 to 490,403 on November 8. •



Rob Mitchell

The whole campus seemed to brighten once the weather stopped and the new flower beds were in bloom. As a result of the beautification program, flower displays can be seen all over campus.

# WESTERN

• **WESTERN'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** team only lost three games this season — the last coming in the NCAA Division II Final Four — but its biggest loss came after the season was over when Coach Jeff Mittie announced April 14 that he was leaving his coaching position. He accepted a position at Arkansas State University, a NCAA Division I school. Assistant Coach Brian Boyer and two of the Lady Griffons top scorers would follow Mittie to Arkansas State.

In the three years as head coach of the women's basketball team, Mittie had been honored twice for MIAA Coach-of-the-Year. Before Mittie took over the Griffon team, they had only won 11 games in the two previous seasons. He left them as a team that had won 76 games in three seasons and was a national championship contender.

The 1994-95 team finished third in the nation and won both the MIAA championship and the South Central Regional Tournament •



Pat Hickey

*Jeff Mittie calls in a play from the sideline. Mittie will be coaching at Arkansas State next season.*



Rob Mitchell

*Softball fields were completed in the spring. Unfortunately, not in time for the team to play on them this year.*

• **IN 1993, A \$1.5 MILLION STATE BOND** passed allowing Missouri Western to make many campus improvements and additions. The projects were completed in the spring of 1995, just in time for the 25th anniversary celebrations.

Some of the improvements included a new arena floor in the physical education building, a new track around the football field, replacement of the tennis courts, new softball fields, repairs to the swimming pool and the new fitness center. The new improved track was made available for community use.

The new softball fields will at last allow the women's softball team to play on campus. Because of lack of facilities, the team had only a handful of home games over the past few years. •

# The Simple & Not so Simple



by Tammy Boris

• **THE PERFECT PUBLIC IMAGE** of football hero O.J. Simpson was shattered in June 1994 when he was named the prime suspect in the brutal slashing deaths of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend, Ronald Goldman. The events that led to Simpson's arrest would prove to be the most memorable in his life. His friend, Al Callings, drove him along southern California freeways trying to evade the police. Some called this murder case the most famous in American history. •

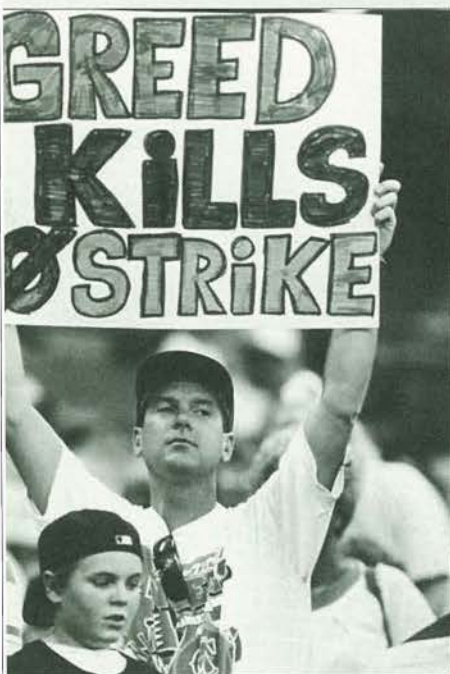
• **ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY** of Woodstock, 350,000 people showed up to celebrate the mood and music of the 1960s. Woodstock '94 ironically mirrored the original 1969 rock festival, even to the point to which promoters only expected the 200,000 ticket holders, and set up parking accordingly. Many ticket holders couldn't find spaces, some had to walk up to 12 miles just to get to the concert. Just as in the 1969, it rained. Thousands crashed the gates. Portable toilets overflowed. Food ran short occasionally and drugs were everywhere, just as in the 60s. A few gave up and went home. Those who stayed for the concert enjoyed the music, the mood, and went home bathed in mud — just as in 1969. •



• **AN EARTHQUAKE WITH THE** magnitude of 7.5 jolted northern Japan on January 17, 1995. After a series of strong quakes in late December, the powerful quake tore apart several cities, toppled hundreds of buildings, touched off fires, and killed more than 5,000 people. The city of Kobe, the worst hit, is the gateway for more than 12% of Japan's export. •

# Turn of Events

- **THE SILENCE OF NIGHT** was broken on September 15, 1994 when a single engine plane breached restricted air space around the White House and on the South Lawn. Upon impact, the stolen plane burst into flames killing the pilot, Frank Corder. Corder, 38, had a history of drug and alcohol abuse and had been suffering from depression after the breakup of his marriage and his father's death. It was unclear as to whether the flight was a publicity stunt or a suicide attempt. •



- **BALLPARKS ACROSS AMERICA** were empty after the team owners canceled the 1994 major league baseball season on the 34th day of the players strike. The great debate centered around the owners' insistence to cap player salaries. The players refused to accept this clause, but they didn't suffer the greatest loss. The fans and ballpark workers suffered through summer and fall without baseball. The 1994 season was the first time since 1904 that there wasn't a World Series. Some fans returned to their bleachers when the 1995 season began, others stayed home to protest last season's incident. •

- **DESPITE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS** to curb the Bosnian civil war, Serbs, Muslims and Croats continued to fight. Since the conflict began in 1992, over 200,000 people have been killed or reported missing. NATO air strikes on Bosnian Serbs brought minimal results as more than 2 million were uprooted by the war. The end didn't seem to be anywhere in the near future. •



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## Sports

Griffon running back Dess Douglas made breaking tackles to get into the end zone look so **easy**. Averaging 5.5 kills per each game seemed an **effortless** task for volleyball player Shelly Lowery. The men's basketball team made alley-oops look like **child's play**. One sometimes wondered if the women's basketball team even had to practice. The crack of ball to bat and the scratchy click of cleats crossing homeplate were **common** sounds to the baseball and softball teams.

Often, Western's teams made winning look as if it came **naturally**. But the **truth** was that they ran, lifted, sweated, practiced and worked their butts off to get where they were. Throughout their careers and throughout 1995, Western's athletes learned to **never under estimate** their opponent, and to **never take their talent for granted**.





# 8 on 8

## with Western's Tonya Foster



Rob Mitchell

Senior Tonya Foster prepares to leave college basketball and prepare for a job in the real world — and maybe someday, she'll give women's professional basketball a shot.

by Angela Bush

These days — especially this March, hoops were the talk of the town. Missouri Western played host to the men's and women's NCAA Division II South Central Regional Tournament and the women's team wound up

in the Final Four. Basketball definitely gave people a lot to talk about. But for Senior Tonya Foster, hoops was a lot more than just talk. It was her ticket to education and to her dreams.

Foster started to play basketball when she was in the sixth grade. During her ninth grade year, she played AAU basketball and her team advanced to the national level.

Years later as a senior in college, Foster found herself leading her team into the national finals. She was one of the nation's leading shot blockers, one of Western's leading scorers and rebounders and her name was known by anyone who followed Division II basketball.

Foster said that she realized that basketball would

help her by paying her way through school. Studying and basketball wasn't a difficult balancing act for Foster. She finished practice at six and always allowed time to study in the evening. She said she was satisfied with her time at Western as a student and with what the team accomplished.

Although her college basketball career has ended, that doesn't necessarily mean that fans won't ever see Foster on the court again.

With the recent emergence of women's professional basketball teams, female college athletes now have the opportunity to do what once only male basketball players could do — go pro. Though Foster didn't have any definite plans, she was aware of the fact that Kansas City will be establishing a professional women's team in the near future. There were already several women's teams that Foster would be qualified for, but Foster said that if she tries out she will go to Kansas City.

"If I try out, it will be for fun," Foster said. "I would like to see how far I can go, but I'm not looking for a career in professional basketball — even though it is good to see that women are finally getting paid to play now."





*(Right) Off the field, Johnson is an English major who wants to pursue a Masters degree in literature.*



*On the field, Johnson is a force to be reckoned with in his position as offensive*

# He's a Lover and a Fighter

by R. Faulk

When Junior Mitchell Johnson wasn't breaking a sweat in the weight room, he was breaking stereotypes.

"Sometimes my teammates tease me about reading poetry

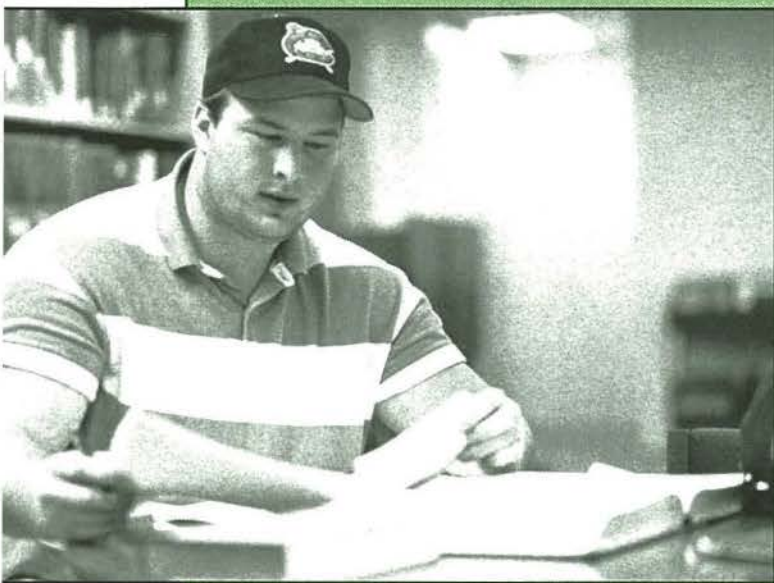
Football and literature had always been Johnson's two greatest loves. He had played football since fourth grade. He was 8 years old when he read the Hobbitt and since then, he's never quit reading.

"Football and literature are an integral part of my 'self,'" Johnson said. "During the football season I need a means of escape, and mine is reading. The same goes with school and homework, I escape from these by playing football."

He said that he could feel the influences of football and literature on each other. He felt that his athletic and competitive nature propelled him toward more aggressive or horrific literature. Some of his favorite authors were Mary Shelley, Robert Jordan and Edgar Allan Poe. His favorite poets were William Blake and Robert Frost. Johnson said that the Gothic-Romantic era was his favorite in literature because the world was changing from the natural world to an industrial one, and the literature of that time reflects that.

Johnson said his biggest complaint with people stereotyping him as the big, strong jock was that people often mistook his strong will and physical strength for insensitivity. He said he was tough and sensitive.

"I have to stand up for what I believe in," he said. "But a good book or movie can even make this giant cry."



*A football player Johnson is as comfortable reading the verse of Romantic poets as he is protecting the quarterback.*

and being a literature major, but I secretly enjoy all the teasing," Johnson said.

A 6 foot 4 inch tall, 310 pound football player, stereotypically, wasn't the most likely candidate to be found reading the verse of Emily Dickinson or novels of George Elliot and F. Scott Fitzgerald. But Johnson didn't care about stereotypes. He was an English major who planned to pursue a master's degree in literature, hoping to do his dissertation on the Gothic writers. He was also a starting offensive tackle for the Griffon football team.

# Young Tennis Team Finds Early Success

## Looks toward the Future

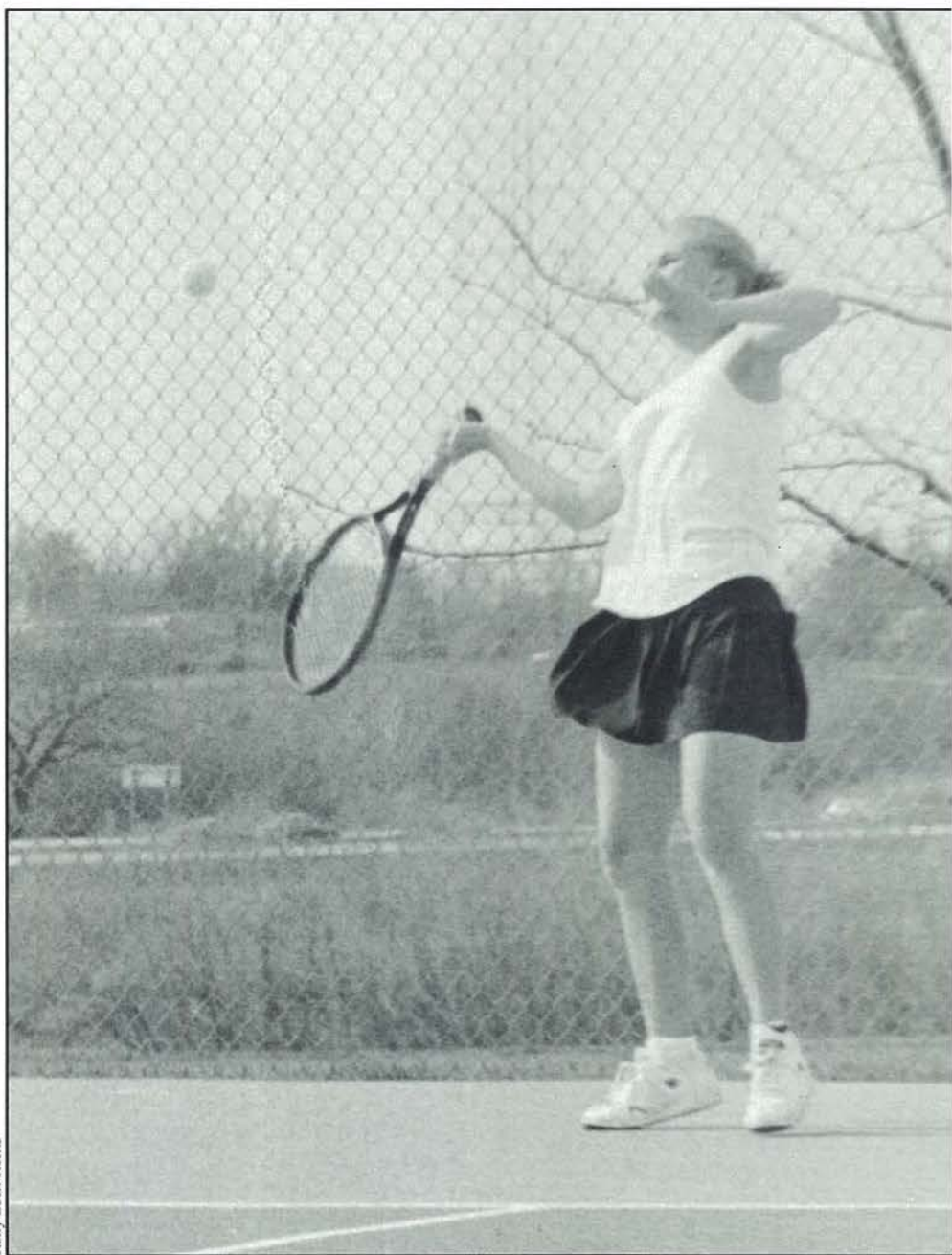
by R. Faulk

The Missouri Western tennis team didn't have a lot of experienced players — they just had young players who played like they had years of experience. Six of the team's eight players were freshmen, the other two were sophomores.

"We had a very young team and we're really pleased with our season," Head Coach and Athletic Director Ed Harris said. "We can certainly look forward to a lot of success with this group of athletes."

Playing in the number one position, Freshman Amy Jacobs finished the season with a 7-9 record. Freshman Tina Varma had the team's best singles record with a 10-5 mark. She played as the number three player. She also had the best team record in doubles. Varma and fellow freshman Misti Godbey were the number two doubles team. They cooperated for a 10-6 record.

"To start with numbers as good as these is just wonderful," Harris said. "It will be exciting to see where this team will go over the next few years."



Kelly Lock-Kerris

Playing in the number one position, Freshman Amy Jacobs finished the season with a 7-9 record. Jacobs one of six freshmen on the team.



*J.P. Logan chips his way to the green. The golf team benefited from the friendly competition, and placed in the top positions in all of the meets they competed in.*

Ryan Stemmons

## Teamwork Pays Off Even On the Green

L. Faulk

J.P. Logan knew Matt Thrasher's about as well as he knew his . That's because Logan and her had been playing golf together since they were freshmen in school.

"We were best friends in high school and on the golf team and it's great being teammates in college," Logan said.

Although being on the same team often meant competing against another, Thrasher and Logan found the friendly competition.

"We've both had our good seasons and our bad seasons," Thrasher said. "We always encourage each other and try to help each other out."

The rest of the Western golf team also benefited from Thrasher and Logan's relationship.

"They've got a lot of experience behind them and they're really great about supporting and helping us," Freshman Erin Hatcher said.

Hatcher seemed to have very few problems fitting in. In his first year with the team he came through with

some impressive performances, including shooting 73-77 at the University of Missouri-Rolla meet in the fall. Sophomore Mark Korrell was another young player that performed well for the Western team. In the spring season he had achieved the team's best stroke average at 76.1.

The team fared better in the spring semester as they placed in the top positions in all of the meets they competed in. They won the Lincoln meet and came in second out of 19 teams at the Central Missouri State University meet.



# 14 Griffons Take Honors

## Western Finishes 8-3



*A block by offensive tackle Ryan Johnson springs running back Dess Douglas for a gain against the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners. Douglas was named to the MIAA First Team Offense for the '94 season.*

by R. Faulk

After a look at the roster of post-season honors the Griffon Football team received, it was easy to see why Western's football program was proud of their accomplishments.

"We had 14 players who were recognized as All-MIAA," Senior offensive guard Brad Eise said. "That deserves some respect."

Respect was something that the

Griffons were finally getting. Last year's 8-2-1 record turned a lot of heads, and this year's 8-3 record established Western as a dominate force in the MIAA. They ended with a third-place finish in the conference.

"We expected more out of this season," Head Coach Stan McGarvey said. "But when you have the talent we did it's hard not to want it all."

The Griffs started the season with three quick wins, including an easy shut-out over rival North Western. Western dropped its first game of the season to Pittsburg State. The Griffons went on to win the MIAA for the first time in six years. As always, the season's final game was a tough one for Western.

"Each year I want to be a champion at Pittsburg State, and this year I really thought

# Post-Season



Rob Mitchell

*Douglas recovers his own fumble near the goal line. Western lost only seven of 21 fumbles on the season.*

ld do it," Senior Jason Larsen said.

A victory over the Gorillas just isn't in the cards for the Griffs, and Western would drop the next two games before they went on a streak to end the season out with five consecutive wins.

"Those three games hurt us," senior running back Dess Douglas said. "If we could have just converted

a couple of plays it would have been a different season altogether."

Douglas led the team with 1,488 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns. He was named to the All-MIAA First Team. Eise, kicker Clay Rush, safety John Fisher and defensive tackle Scott Howell joined Douglas as First Team selections. Fisher led the team with 90 tackles, including 65 unassisted

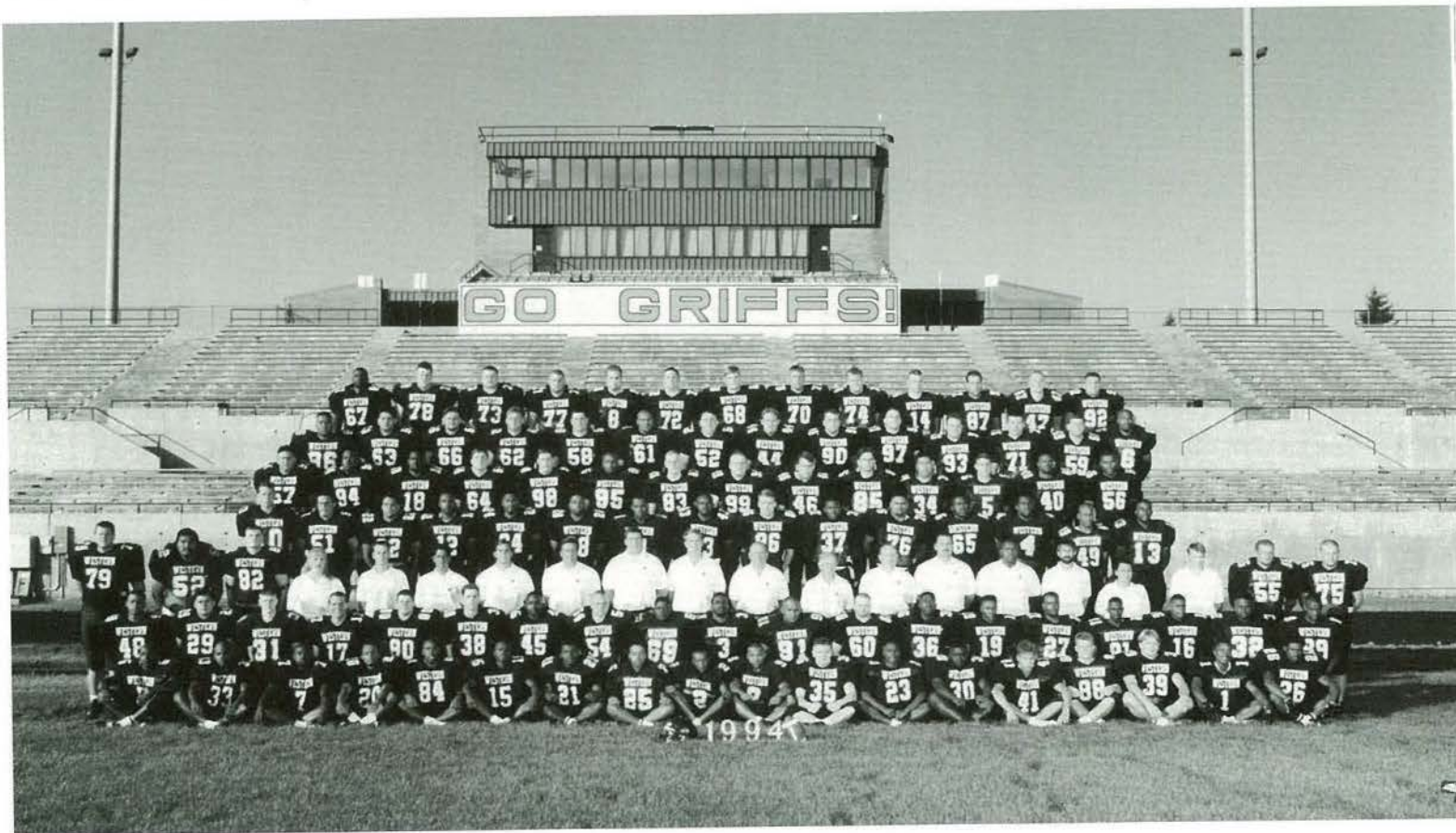
takedowns. Howell had 68 tackles on the year and led the Griffs with seven quarterback sacks. Larsen and Jason Bess made the Second Team. Quarterback Trendell Williams, wide receivers Marcus Bridges and Cecil Hawkins, defensive linemen Nate Gallow and Matt Williamson and defensive back Calvin Johnson received Honorable Mention Awards.



*Strong safety Michael Dillard ends up on the receiving end of a stiff arm as he brings down his Northeastern Oklahoma opponent. This was the first meeting ever for the two teams.*

*(left) Western quarterback Richard Lowery scrambles out of the pocket on one of 113 attempted passes. Lowery passed for 665 yards and three touchdowns.*

Rob Mitchell





Pat Hickey

Running back Tony Williams races down the sideline as offensive tackle Mitch Johnson keeps watch for pursuing Rolla Miners. Williams also contributed to the Western offense with nine receptions, one completed in a touchdown.

# The 1994/95 MWSC Football Team

Front Row (L to R): Marcus Bridges, Richard Rowe, Cecil Hawkins, Nathan Holston, Asifa Aikens, Jamie Grayson, Tony Williams, Joe Glass, Mitch Johnson, Benny Evans, Chad Coy, Jason Grayson, Lee Dunn Wesley, James Stufflebean, Jamie Brackett, Kurt Brueckmann, Mitchell Mason, James Brown.

Row Two (L to R): Richard Smith, Rod Lasley, Troy Jorgensen, Eric Hickey, Eric Starkey, Matt Forrester, Napoleon Key, Kevin Kilroy, Matt Johnson, John Fisher, Sonny Gucake, Nathan Washington, Cortez Williams, James Silas, Antwoun Harlan, Michael Russell, Karlos Jones, Liddell Thomas, James Brown, Mickles.

Row Three (L to R): Mike Halford, Rick Muasau, Jesse Pringle, Missie Hurlerlake, Frank Accevedo, Andy Williams, Ron Ponciano, Todd Ackmorton, Jerry Partridge, Stan McGarvey, Paul McGarvey, Dan Carter, Paffenroth, Anthony Robinson, Myron Unzicker, Regina Hernandez, Mitch Johnson, John Block.

Row Four (L to R): Clay Rush, Nate Gallow, Michael Dillard, Trendell Johnson, Dess Douglas, Terriano Perry, Richard Lowery, Davette Whitney, Newsome, Sekou Johnson, Joe Babineux, Hamilton Crowder, Chris Brown, unidentified, Willie Coleman.

Row Five (L to R): Nick Avila, Gary Osby, Donta Simpson, Ken Ware, James Ware, Bundini Watkins, Jon Worstell, Paul McMurtrey, Lawrence Walker, James Rapp, Felix Perez, Dave Hunkins, Kenric Lanier, Richard Coleman.

Row Six (L to R): Michael Nichols, Daniel Rodriguez, Jason Bess, Brad Hickey, Eric Mitchell, Marcus Rhode, Matt Gahner, Russell Word, Matt Williamson, Howell, Brent Batcheller, Daniel Wise, Matt Hester, Darrick Jones.

Row Seven (L to R): Presley Ingram, Jason Larsen, Mitch Johnson, Chris Brown, Justin Campbell, Shane Moore, Matt Dunham, Ryan Johnson, Matt Johnson, Ian Page, Mark Allegri, Matt Gragg, Rodney Bettencourt.

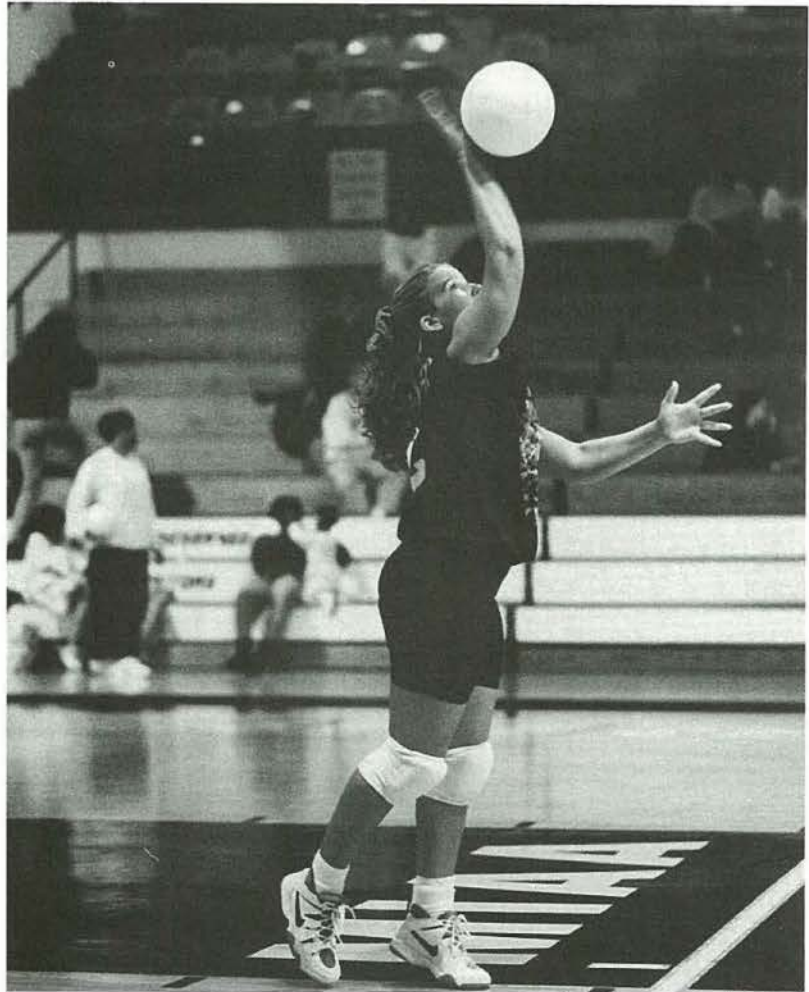
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Rob Mitchell

Dillard plays an important part of the Griffon defense. With 29 unassisted tackles for the season, Dillard kept the attention of opponents' offenses.

# Team Finds Benefits in Going With the Flow



Photos by Rob Mitchell

*Freshman Tiffany Bock's serving success was second only to teammate Shelly Lowery's. Bock received honorable mention in the MIAA.*

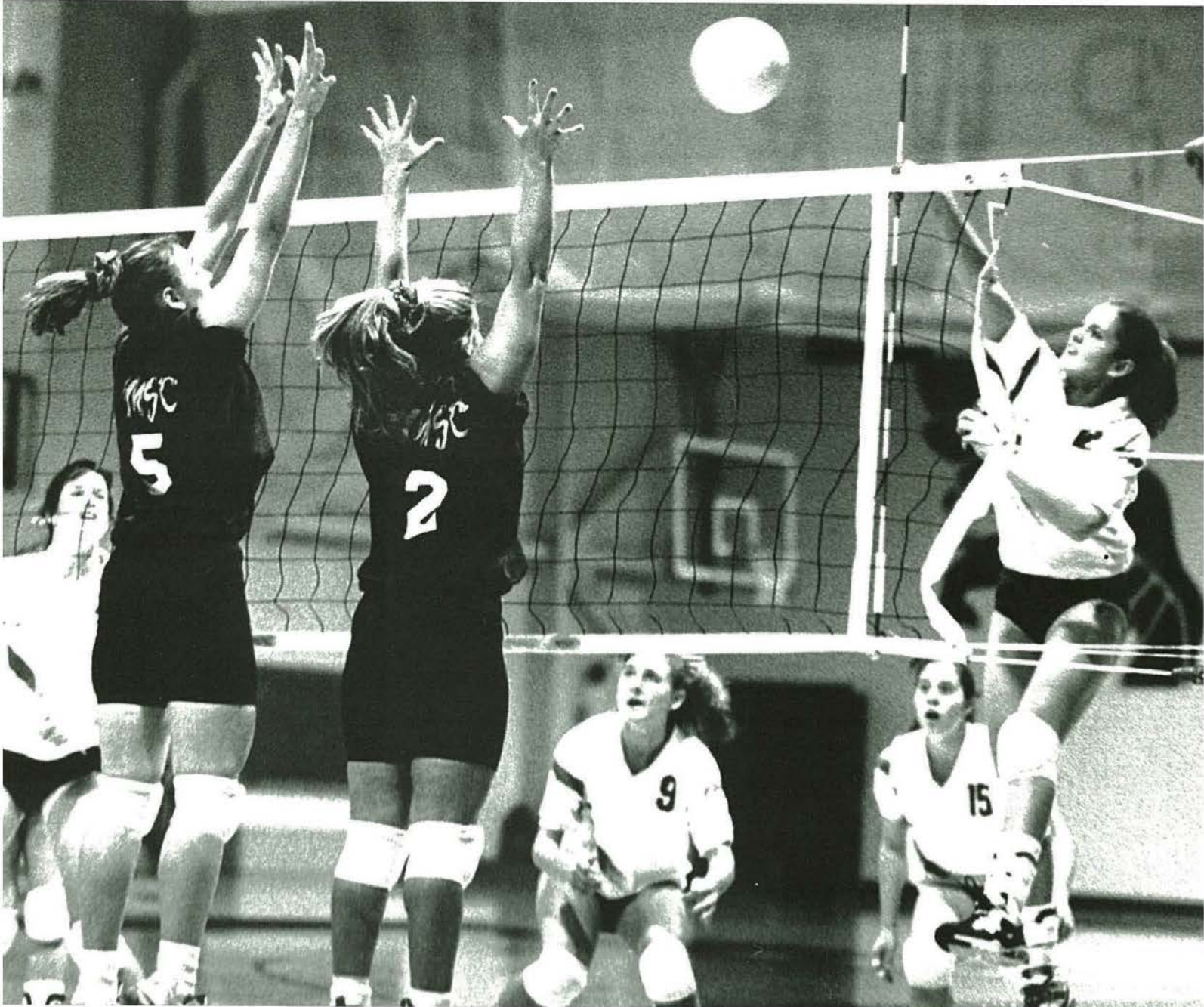


Team photo courtesy of Paul Sweetgall

## The 1994/95 MWSC Volleyball Team

Front Row (l to r): Jennifer Carl, Mary Baack, Tammy Anderson, Shelly Lowery, Jodi Grunewald, Seona Furlow, Andrea Reed, Kendra Lyons

Back Row (l to r): Head coach Kay Peterson, manager Jana Nichols, student asst. Matt Seten, Tiffany Bock, Rebekah Maudlin, Tia Newman, student asst. C. Blakemore, manager Twyla Fishback



Western's Jodi Grunewald and Tiffany Bock set up a two person block against the Northwest attack. The team went on to win the match 3 to 1.

## Faulk

When the '94 volleyball season started, Missouri Western wasn't setting any unrealistic goals for itself. Instead, last year's 7-26 record and the fact that only three players were returning didn't exactly sound promising. The team was content to just go with the flow.

Going with the flow landed West-ern a 20-20 season and a fourth place finish in the conference — a considerable improvement, but the real highlight of the season came when the

Griffons beat Central Missouri State University. Central was the MIAA Conference champion for 12 consecutive years. They went on this season to make it 13, but not before they fell to Western on Oct. 21.

"Beating them was the best feeling of my life," Junior middle hitter Shelly Lowery said. "They needed to be beat."

It was Lowery's first season in a Western uniform, but she wasn't a stranger to the team. Unable to play

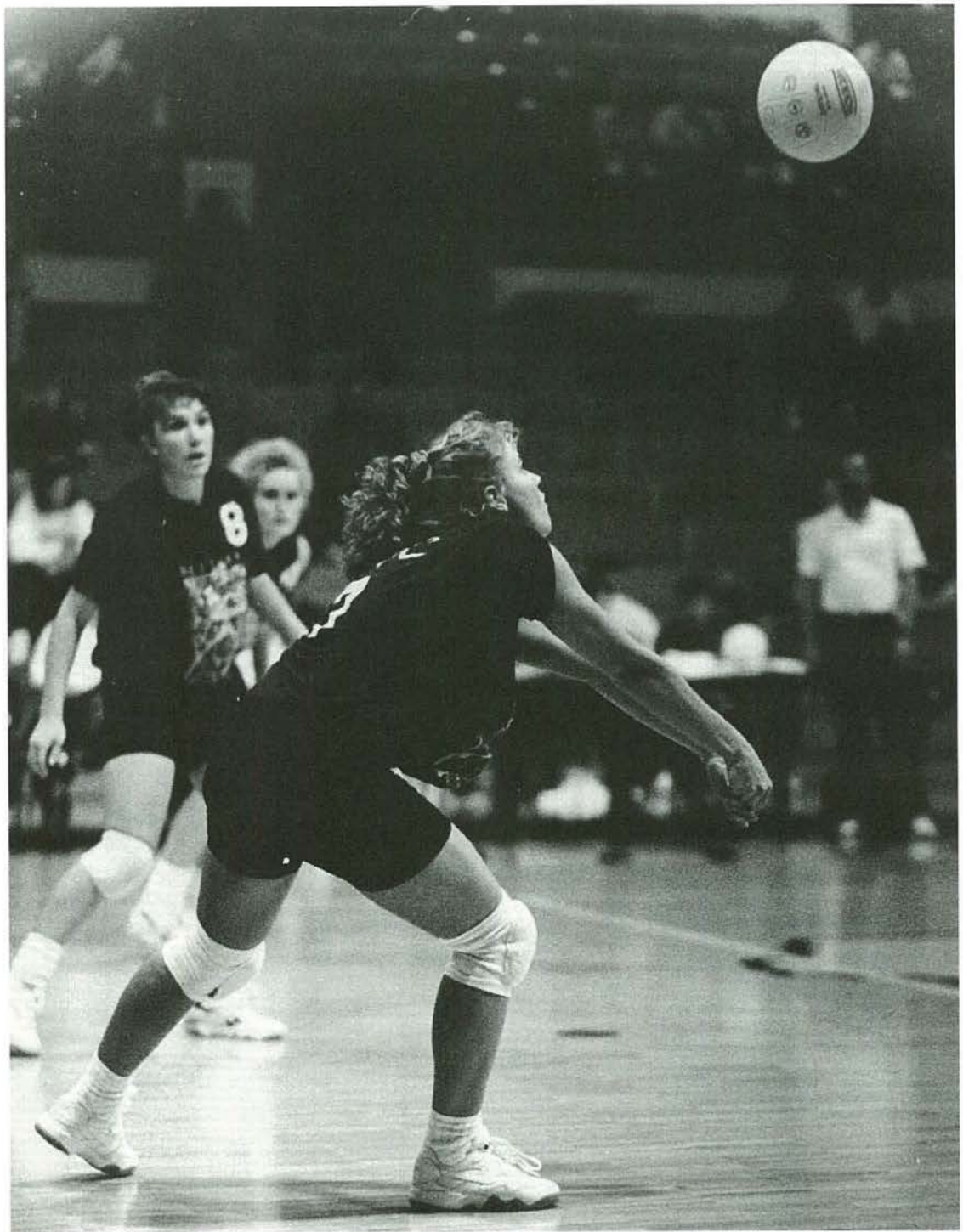
last year due to problems transferring credits from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Lowery spent last season on the bench — as an assistant coach for the Griffons.

"It drove me nuts being on the sidelines last year, but it made me more mature," she said.

Lowery said that she didn't want to assume the position of assistant coach because she knew she'd be on the court this year.

"I wanted them to remember that

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*Freshman Jennifer Carlson played in all 40 games of the season. She averaged 2.7 digs per game.*

Rob Mitchell

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I was their teammate," she said.

After seeing Lowery on the court as a player, Head Coach Karen Peterson said she knew Lowery was the key that the team had been missing.

"They were missing a team leader, and Shelly stepped in and very naturally assumed that position," Coach Peterson said.

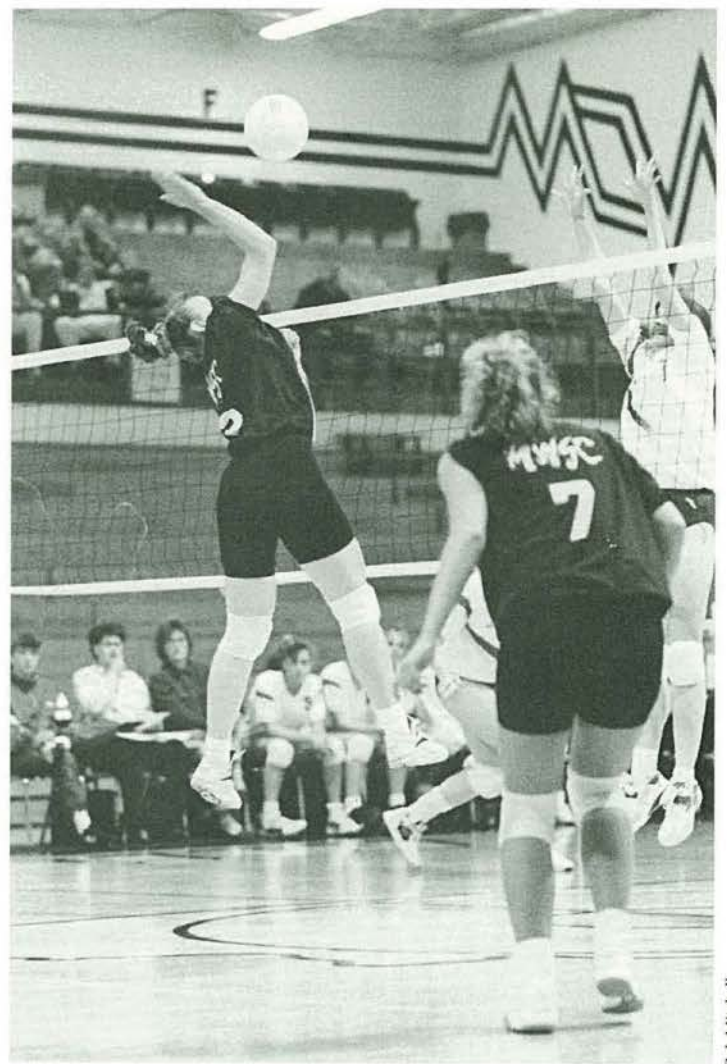
Junior outside hitter Rebbie Maudlin was one of the players that had

persevered through last season a season that never had a chance the beginning. It had been Peterson's first year as coach, and she was only a few short weeks before the season began.

"We didn't have a feel for each other last year," Maudlin said. "It was like we were going one way and the coach was going the other. This year it was totally different."



Rob Mitchell



Rob Mitchell

(right) Hitter Jennifer Carson watches as teammate Jodi Grunewald spikes the ball for a point against Northwest. The volleyball team ended their season at .500.

(below) Tammy Andersen, Seona Furlong and Shelly Lowery take a moment to catch their breath and regroup between games in a match against Northwest Missouri State.

Finishing at .500 was just one part of the season that the team was blessed with. Some of the others were post-season honors Western received. Shelley Lowery was named league's Most Valuable Player, Junior middle hitter Jodi Grunewald and Freshman setter Tiffany Bock received Honorable Mention for their efforts. Middle hitter Hanie Gockley was named the

league's Freshman of the Year.

With the league's MVP and Freshman of the Year on the team, and the fact that every player would return next year, it was hard for Western not to look to the future. The team agreed that next year, going with the flow wouldn't be an acceptable option.

"This was our working year," Maudlin said. "Next year we're going to see the rewards of all this work."



# Western's Own Dream Team

by Andrew Kunz

There was no doubt about it, Head Coach Jeff Mittie had a dream team on his hands. The women's basketball team started the 1994-95 season with the NCAA Division II Final Four in sight — and that's precisely where they wound up. Like the year before, the Griffons were eliminated from championship contention by North Dakota State, but this year they made it a step further.

"You can't get much closer than that," Mittie said. "Each year we've just been inching closer."

The women started the season with nine straight wins. They quickly recovered from a surprise loss to Mount Mercy and went on a 10-game winning streak.

"We were definitely going strong," forward Amy Towne said.

Going strong was a good description for Towne, herself. A sophomore, she was the team's leading scorer with a 13.4 per game average. She received

honors on the Final Four first team. Senior Tonya Foster ended her career as one of the nation's leading blocked shots holder. She averaged 3.4 blocked shots and 11.3 points per game.

"This was my last shot at a national title and I put everything I had into it," Foster said. "We all did."

After capturing the MIAA title and taking the regional championship, the women were Elite Eight bound again. They traveled to Fargo, North Dakota with a 31-2 record. They faced Florida Southern in the first round and pulled out a 79-67 victory.

The next game put them face-to-face with NDSU. The Bisons prevailed once again, getting past the Griffons by a 74-67 margin. North Dakota went on to claim the championship once again. The Griffons went home with a third place finish as they defeated Stonehill College.



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Tonya Foster fights for the advantage inside against a Mount Mercy defender. Foster led the team with 22 points in the game.

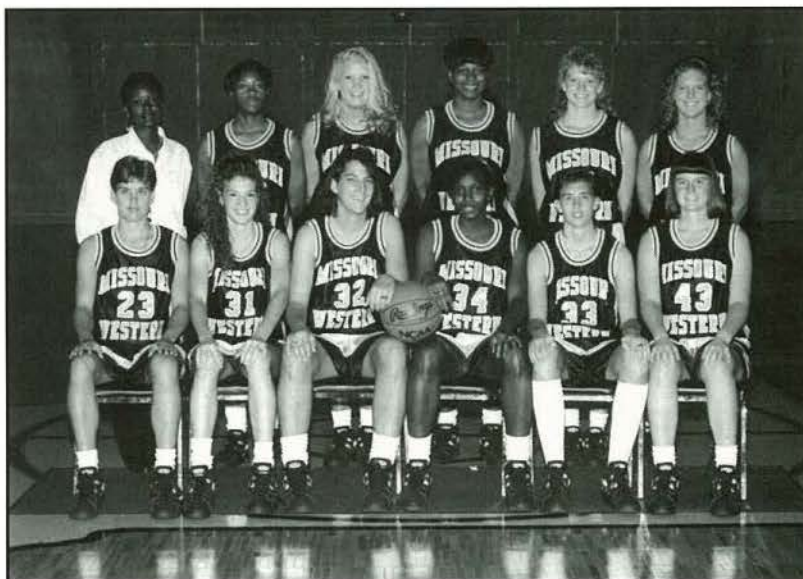


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## The 1994/95 Women's Basketball Team

Front Row: Julie Johnson, Amy Towne, Kamie Arnold, Tonya Foster, Amanda Devers, Holly Hennessey.

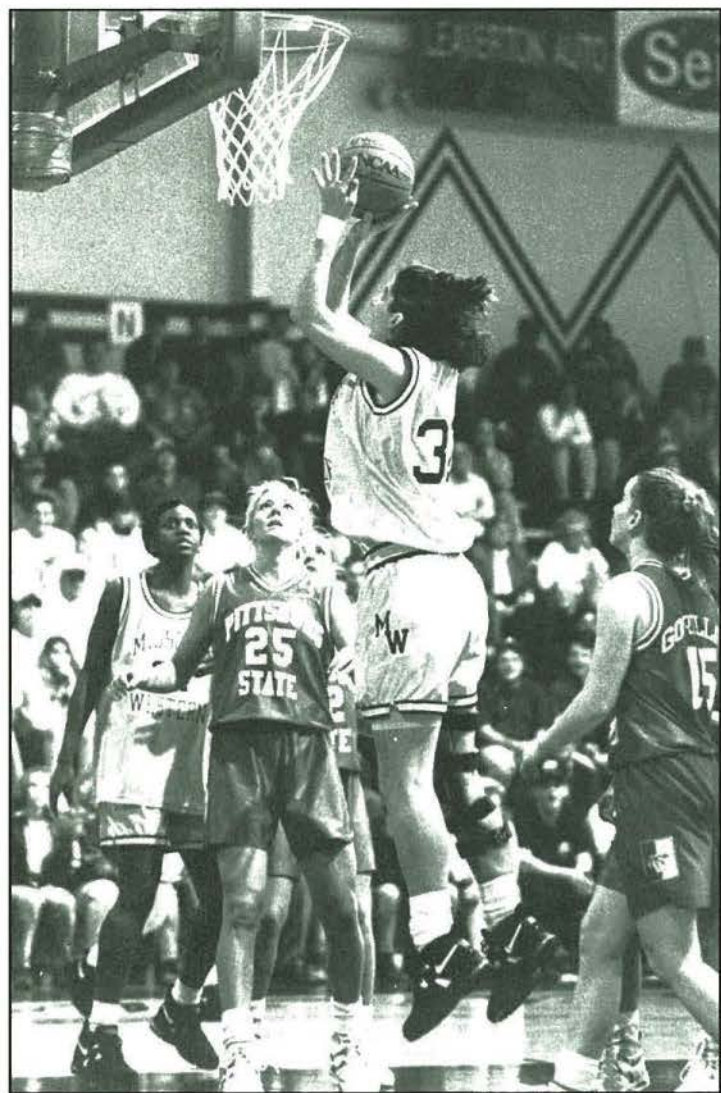
Back Row: Manager Tina Shanley, Kathy Dyess, Mary Baack, Lashon Eggen, Toni Wood, Dana Obersteadt.



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*Toni Wood fights a Pitt State defender after bringing down an offensive rebound. Julie Johnson and Tonya Foster anxiously look on.*

*Kami Arnold shoots an easy jumper against the Lady Gorillas. Arnold was one of several Lady Griffons to fight back from late season knee injuries last year.*



Pat Hickey

# Women Advanced

## Elite Eight-Age

by Andrew Kunz

For the second time, Missouri Western's Lady Griffons headed up to Fargo, North Dakota. And for the second time, they and everyone knew that the team to beat was North Dakota State University (NDSU). And that fact had some coaches up in arms.

Fargo is no bigger than St. Joseph, but has a significantly

larger campus than Missouri Western. With a student population of about 10,000, some coaches were commenting in the student paper, *The Spectrum*, that for a better competition, NDSU should go up from a Division II to a Division I school.

Assistant Coach Brian Boyer said he believed it would take more than money or size

coming into the Elite Eight a record of 29-0 and ranked number one in the nation. Western had a record of 29-2, nationally ranked #3. Unlike last year where Western immediately played North Dakota State, this year Western started with Florida Southern College.

However, this was no cakewalk. The Western win in 1979-77 was attributed to their success at the free throw line. Everyone seemed nervous about it was the opening night of a Broadway play.

"Both teams play the same up tempo style, and practice style defense," said Boyer.

Everyone wasn't prepared to play up to par, and it was hoped

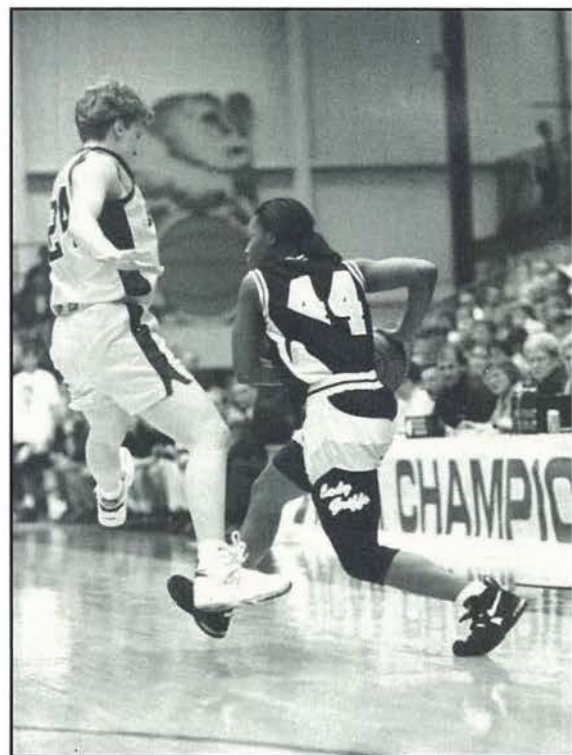
for them to move from Division I to Division II. "They've set a standard," he said.

In fact, NDSU was undefeated



Amy Towne guards her Florida Southern opponent. Western won the game 79-77.

Kathy Dyess looks to pass the ball by Jen Radmacher for NDSU. Dyess scored 28 points in the game.



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didn't extend into the the  
n Dakota State matchup.  
Western started out rather  
as North Dakota State ran  
0-0 start. However, NDSU  
Western come back slowly.  
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half, it was a 25-19 NDSU  
At the half, it was only a  
oint lead, 36-30.

Then Amanda Devers led  
e-woman charge as she  
shot after shot in a big  
Because of her effort and  
Wood's five three-point  
by the ten minute mark  
e second half, the score  
ied at 51-51.

However, NDSU's Kasey  
ock had a big night as she  
a majority of her points at  
ee-throw line. The final  
was 74-67, NDSU. No  
team in the tournament  
d get this close to NDSU  
again.

One of our problems that  
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ig fouled and drawing  
" said Boyer.

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*Toni Wood drives to the basket against NDSU. Wood finished the year with 417 points.*

*Amanda Devers, Tonya Foster and Amy Towne swarm around Kacey Morlock of NDSU. Western lost the game 74-67.*



# Men Win 26

## Stop Short of Elite Eight Action

by R. Faulk

Despite ending the season in regional action, the Griffons still finished the year with 26 victories — the most wins ever recorded by a Western men's team.

"Certainly we thought we'd go further than we did," Coach Tom Smith said. "But with 26 victories, you can't be too disappointed."

With the men's and women's teams ranked nationally, the season was full of buzzer-beating buckets, in-your-face blocks, gravity-defying dunks and yes, unfortunately, at times disappointing losses — but not many. "We were a good team," Senior Vonzell McGrew said. "But like any team, we made mistakes. Some mental, some strategic."

McGrew was the team's leading rebounder and blocker. He averaged 8.0 rebounds per game and

an impressive 4.3 blocks per game. His blocked shot average placed him as one of the nation's leading blockers. It wasn't just defense that gave McGrew his good reputation in collegiate basketball. Averaging 14 points per game, McGrew definitely got the job done at both ends of the court.

"He's such an incredible athlete and such an exciting player to watch," Coach Smith said. "This was an explosive team. There were many dull moments this season."

Darroll Wright was the team's leading scorer. His 23-point average, which often included clutch 3-pointers and other big baskets, helped capture those 26 victories for Western. Jerran Cobb was next in scoring with a 14.7 per game average.

The men's team headed into the Elite Eight.

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Will Kendrick goes up above the Lincoln University defense to grab an offensive rebound. Kendrick led the Griffons with 79 offensive rebounds for the season.



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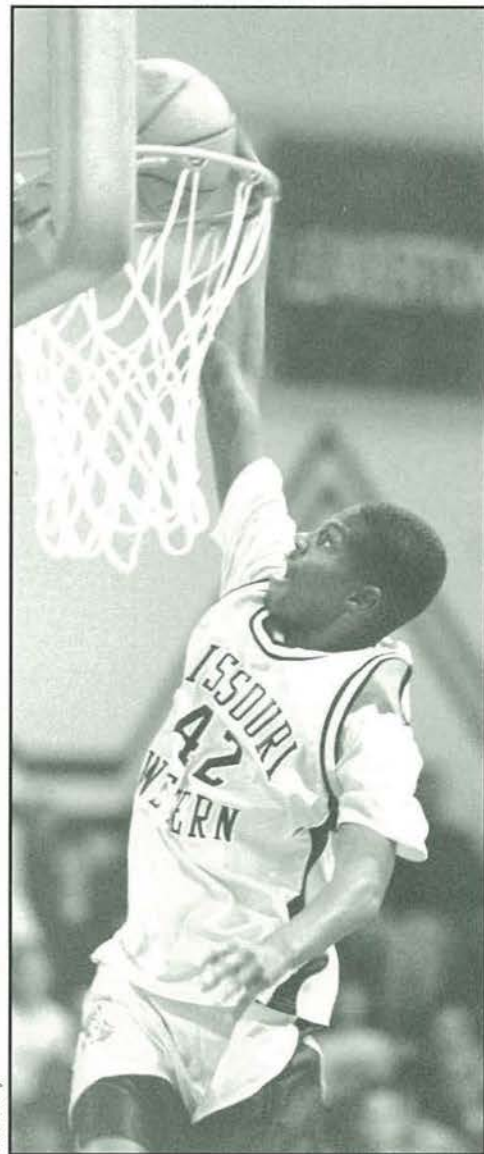
## The 1994/95 Men's Basketball Team

Front Row: Lamont Thomas, Dylon Mitchell, Vonzell McGrew, Will Kendrick, Scotty Washington, Juan Martin.

Back Row: Toby Hoggatt, Jerran Cobb, Andre Crittendon, Nathan Smith, Darroll Wright.



(below) Andre Crittendon dunks the ball after a fast break during the Hillyard Classic. The Griffons were undefeated in the tournament.



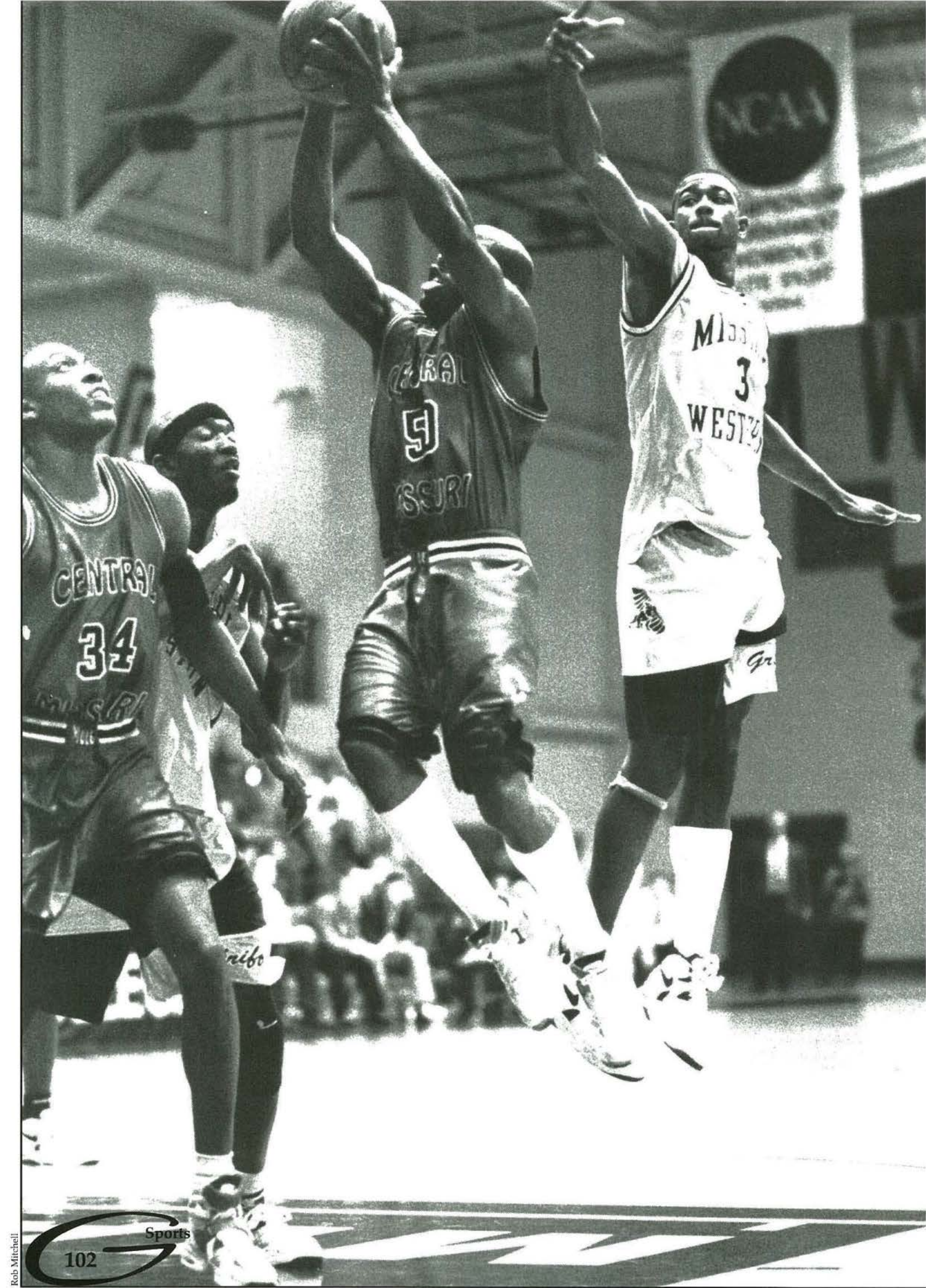
(above) Darroll Wright drives inside to score against Northeast Missouri State. Wright led the Griffons in scoring, averaging 23 points per game for the season.

(left) Opponents had trouble scoring against the defensive efforts of Vonzell McGrew. One hundred thirty-two blocked shots put McGrew at the top of the heap, leading the nation.

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Goodnight tries to block a shot by a guard for CMSU. Western won the game 89-79.

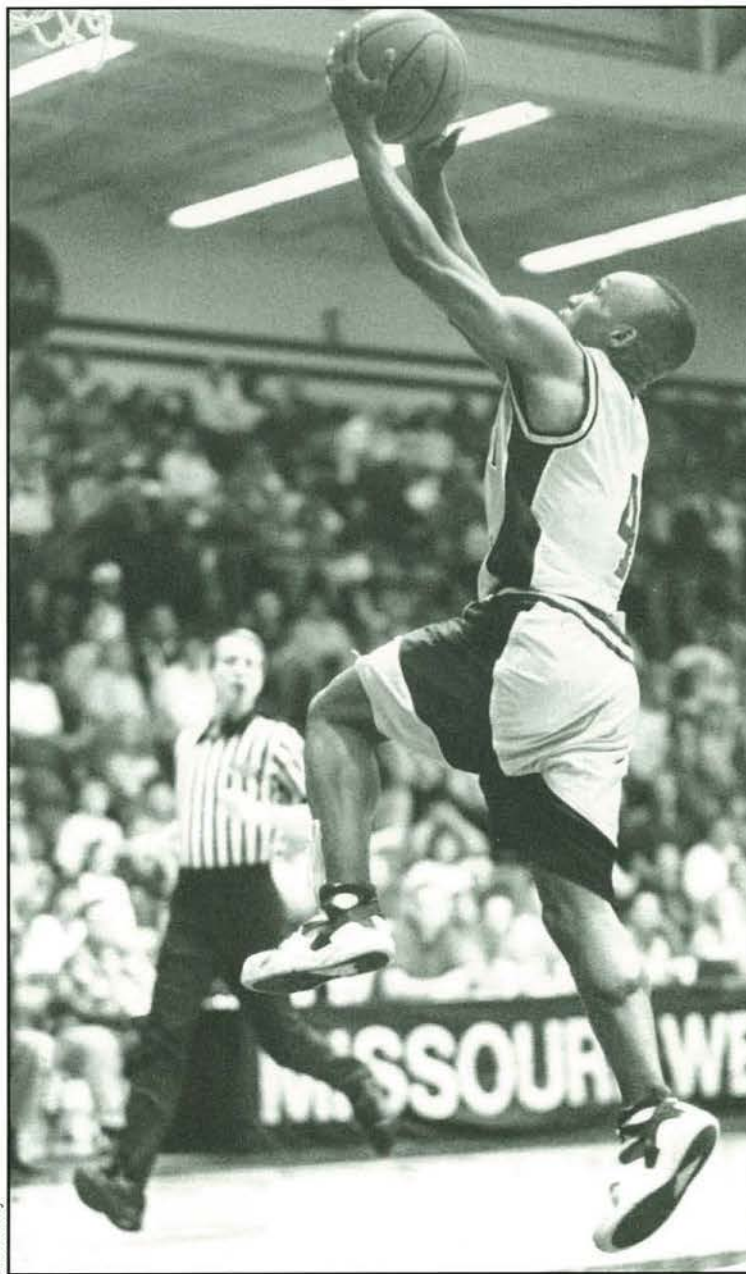
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A Tournament with a 23-3 record. They ended out with a 26-3 record. After winning MIAA Tourney, the Griffons had the court advantage in the South Central Regional Play-Offs. However, the homecourt advantage wasn't enough to hold off a persistent Central Missouri team. Only two points separated the Griffons from joining Western's men in the SCR championship game. Censlipped by Western 80-78 as Western went on to play for third place. Unable to recover from the loss the night before, the Griffons dropped their final game of the season against Mississippi College by a margin of 90-77 to end the season at the 26-5 mark.

Rob Mitchell



Pat Hickey



(above) Coach Tom Smith makes his point to the team. Smith led Western to a 26-5 record for the year.

(left) Lanont Thomas finishes off a fastbreak with a lay-up. Thomas finished the season with 259 points.

(left) Jarran Cobb shoots a jump shot over Lincoln's center. Western won the game 110-87.



# 1995 Men's Baseball Team

Front Row: Brian Reese, B.J. Winn, Eric Jones, Brad Gillen, Donnie Crist, Cory Legner, David Cook, Parrish Lutz, Travis Sartain.

Second Row: Dickie Coy, Craig Lester, Eric Severtson, Student Assistant Coach Brett King, Head Coach Doug Minnis, Student Assistant Coach Erick Bracero, Student Assistant Coach Scott Archibald, Travis Grosdidier, Lee Hunter, Mike Skubic.

Third Row: Ryan Livingston, Wally Elmore, Rusty Laverentz, Eric Wilhelm, Stephen Reynolds, Javier Martinez, Angel Melendez, Mark Forrester, Jason Crist.

Back Row: Ryan Evans, Jeff Droege, Chris Barb, Kevin Thom, Adrian Roberts, Jim Templeton, Doug Casler, Justin Arnold, Joe Johnson, Todd Campbell.



Photo courtesy of Paul Sweeagall

Catcher Cory Legner beats pitcher Craig Lester to the ball as both attempt to field a bunt in a game against Southwest Baptist.



Pat Hickey

# Griffons Face rollercoaster season

Faulk

In terms of wins and losses, it isn't exactly a successful season for the Griffon baseball team. The Griffons ended the year with a 18-22 record and tied for third in the MIAA North Division with a 9-9 mark. But despite the numbers, Head Coach Craig Minnis wasn't altogether disappointed with the season.

"We had a good team but we didn't always play as solid as we could have," Minnis said. "Our seniors came through with experience and the freshman really played with maturity. It was just hard working

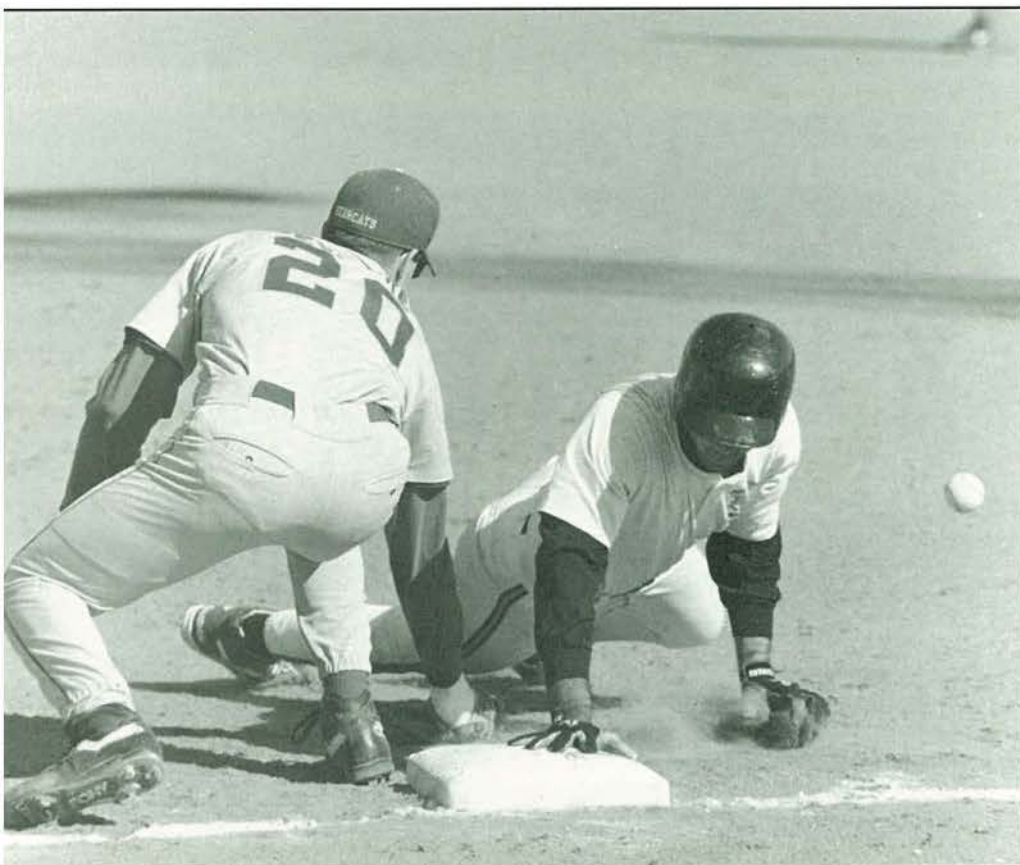
out the problems in between."

The team played consistent through much of the season — it would win two games and then drop two games. Twice during the season they followed a four or five game losing streak with a three game winning streak.

Western's strength was at bat. The team had four starters batting above .300. Shortstop Javier Martinez batted .364 and led the team with 51 hits and 5 homeruns on the season. Outfielder Eric Jones had a .330 average while outfielder Stephen

Reynolds batted .325 and third basemen Brad Gillen had a .316 average.

Despite good performances at the plate, Western couldn't get above .500. In April the Griffons went into the MIAA Playoffs in Joplin with a 18-20 record. In a best of three series, Western fell to the first-ranked Missouri Southern team in the first round. They needed to win the second game in order to stay alive, but Southern defeated Western by a 3-9 margin and eliminated them from the play-offs.



*Javier Martinez dives safely back in to first base while the ball scoots up the right field line. The error allowed Reynolds to advance to second base.*

Pat Hickey

# On the Road Again

Softball team only plays four home games

by R. Faulk

The women's softball team just didn't get off on the right foot. They started the season by dropping the first five games.

"It's always discouraging to start the season off with losses, but you have to do what you can to get back on track," Head Softball Coach Mary Nichols said.

When the team picked up their first win by a 5-0 margin against Milligan College, it looked like it would be the spark the Griffons were looking for. But the women would drop two more games and slump to a 7-1 record. At last, they broke out of their slump and went on a much-needed eight game winning streak.

"It felt so good to start winning some games," said Pitcher Lori Forrester. "But then we went on another losing streak, and we just didn't

get another groove going."

Forrester got four wins out of that eight game winning streak. She started 23 games during the season and finished with 10 wins

and 12 losses. She pitched four shutouts on the year.

The Griffis failed to get another strong streak established as they headed into end-of-the-season play



Stefanie Schwab slides hard into the Pittsburg State catcher, dislodging the ball and scoring a run. Western lost the game 8-4.

## 1995 Women's Softball Team

Front Row: Erin McCamy, Stef Schwab, Angie McCamy, Erynn Walls, Tammy Richardson, Regina Hernandez, Teresa Trenary.

Back Row: Head Coach Mary Nichols, Julie Brennan, Julie Kerns, Deanna Perry, Lori Forrester, Krendi Kennedy, Assisant Coach Patty Hartenbower, Assistant Coach Shirley Schwab.

Photo courtesy of Paul Sweetgall





Rob Mitchell

Western dropped the last four games of the season and ended the year with a 17-24 record, including a 12-12 showing in the MIAA.

Western only had the opportunity to play four games at home throughout the season, but new ball fields on campus were under construction and would be

ready for the next season.

"I think we'll see a big difference in our play and our attitude when we finally get the chance to play some games at home," Nichols said. "We've only played a handful of games at home over the past three or four years. We're ready to get off the road and start playing at home."

*Pitcher Lori Forrester zeros in on her target in a game against Southwest Baptist. Forrester threw a shutout in the game.*

# GRIFFON SCOREBOARDS

## Women's Basketball

Fresno Pacific	83-50
Western New Mexico	71-63
William Jewell	96-62
Tarleton State	78-50
Abilene Christian	81-76
Doane College	89-63
Mount Mercy	82-70
Nebraska-Omaha	89-79
Quincy University	82-68
Mount Mercy	68-79
Missouri-Rolla	84-66
Central Mo. State	94-69
Missouri Southern	95-79
Emporia State	71-57
Northeast Mo. State	103-64
Lincoln University	84-53
Pittsburg State	85-68
Missouri-St. Louis	100-60
Southwest Baptist	81-63
Northwest Mo. State	93-71
Washburn University	58-69
Central Mo. State	61-56
Missouri Southern	83-73
Emporia State	90-84
Northeast Mo. State	97-83
Lincoln University	92-43
Emporia State	80-69
Pittsburg State	81-72
Washburn University	76-62
Abilene Christian	79-71
Washburn University	73-57
Florida Southern	79-77
Norht Dakota State	67-74
Stonehill College	76-66

31 Wins • 3 Losses

## Golf

Lincoln	312-295
CMSU	306-300
Missouri-St. Louis	297-305
Missouri Western	289-325
MIAA	310-155

1 Wins • 4 Losses

## Tennis

Hastings College	4-5
Baker University	5-2
Southwest Baptist	0-7
William Jewell	7-0
Missouri Southern	3-4
William Jewell	6-1
Lincoln University	5-2
William Woods	6-1
Benedictine College	3-4
Drury College	7-0
Northeast Mo. State	0-7
Emporia State	0-7
Washburn University	1-6
Fort Hays State	7-0
Rockhurst College	2-5
Northwest Mo. State	0-7

7 Wins • 9 Losses

## Volleyball

South Dakota State	0-3
Nebraska-Kearney	1-3
Chadron State	3-1
Mankato State	0-3
Washburn University	3-0
Fort Hays State	3-0
Southwest State	3-1
Graceland College	3-1
Chadron State	0-3
Nebraska-Kearney	0-3
Northeast Mo. State	1-3
Chadron State	1-3
Western State	2-3
Fort Lewis	3-2
Mesa State	0-3
Northwest Mo. State	1-3
Pittsburg State	3-0
Missouri Southern	0-3
Morningside College	2-3
Doane College	3-0
Fort Hays State	3-0
Augustana College	0-3
Northeast Mo. State	1-3
Central Mo. State	1-3
Pittsburg State	3-1
Missouri-St. Louis	3-0
Missouri Southern	3-1
Rockhurst College	1-3
Central Mo. State	3-1
Southwest Baptist	3-0
Northwest Mo. State	3-1
Quincy University	2-3
Angelo State	3-2
Missouri-St. Louis	3-0
Wisconsin-Parkside	3-0
Emporia State	1-3
Southwest Baptist	3-0
Northeast Mo. State	1-3

20 Wins • 20 Losses

## Baseball

Kansas State	4-6
Kansas State	3-10
Southwest Baptist	4-3
Southwest Baptist	9-11
Rockhurst College	16-5
Northern Iowa	3-6
Northern Iowa	0-6
Briar Cliff College	7-1
Avila College	9-2
Wayne State	3-4
Wayne State	0-6
Central Mo. State	2-13
Central Mo. State	4-11
Central Mo. State	5-11
Central Mo. State	7-3
Pittsburg State	9-1
Pittsburg State	11-7
Fort Hays State	7-14
Morningside	8-12
Missouri Southern	6-16
Northeast Mo. State	2-6
Northeast Mo. State	10-9
Avila College	8-7
Emporia State	6-0
Emporia State	6-5
Emporia State	4-8
Emporia State	15-13
University of Missouri	2-4
Rockhurst College	12-2
Rockhurst College	6-5
Washburn University	4-5
Washburn University	8-7
Washburn University	1-6
Washburn University	5-6
Northwest Mo. State	10-9
Northwest Mo. State	2-5
Northwest Mo. State	8-1
Northwest Mo. State	12-11
Missouri Southern	0-12
Missouri Southern	3-9

18 Wins • 22 Losses

## Men's Basketball

Rockhurst College	94-70
Evangel College	97-69
Pace University	73-56
Florida Tech	66-54
Bellevue University	127-63
Angelo State	95-80
Saginaw Valley	114-84
Doane College	104-78
Northern Colorado	114-98
Grand Canyon	118-84
Missouri-Rolla	88-77
Central Mo. State	100-93
Missouri Southern	106-111
Emporia State	86-75
Northeast Mo. State	85-88
Lincoln University	104-86
Pittsburg State	84-88
Missouri-St. Louis	89-61
Southwest Baptist	74-65
Northwest Mo. State	92-87
Washburn University	86-83
Central Mo. State	89-79
Missouri Southern	83-67
Emporia State	93-90
Northeast Mo. State	94-83
Lincoln University	110-87
Northwest Mo. State	112-73
Central Mo. State	99-93
Washburn University	66-58
Central Mo. State	78-80
Mississippi College	77-90

26 Wins • 5 Losses

## Softball

Univ. of South Dakota	4-7
Oklahoma Baptist	1-3
Missouri Southern	0-9
Wisconsin-Parkside	3-14
Park College	1-2
Milligan College	5-0
Kansas Newman	1-4
West Florida	1-7
Columbia College	8-7
West Florida	2-1
Bellamine College	10-4
University of Mobile	3-1
Central Connecticut	5-1
Central Connecticut	4-2
St. Olaf College	7-1
St. Olaf College	13-9
Northeast Mo. State	0-5
Northeast Mo. State	0-4
Central Mo. State	3-11
Central Mo. State	6-7
Quincy University	0-6
Dana College	7-0
Peru State	0-3
Missouri-Rolla	6-2
College of St. Mary	0-9
Emporia State	5-10
Emporia State	4-2
SIU-Edwardsville	3-5
Central Oklahoma	5-4
Lincoln University	7-0
Central Mo. State	4-6
Pittsburg State	4-8
Lincoln University	7-0
Southwest Baptist	1-0
Missouri-St. Louis	4-5
Missouri Southern	0-8
Missouri-Rolla	3-0
Northwest Mo. State	0-4
Northwest Mo. State	0-2
Washburn University	4-8
Washburn University	0-5

17 Wins • 24 Losses

## Football

Southwest State	30-20
Northeastern State	33-13
Northwest Mo. State	20-0
Pittsburg State	8-31
Central Mo. State	42-59
Missouri Southern	28-29
Emporia State	28-21
Washburn University	60-28
Missouri-Rolla	30-10
Southwest Baptist	32-2
Northeast Mo. State	36-34

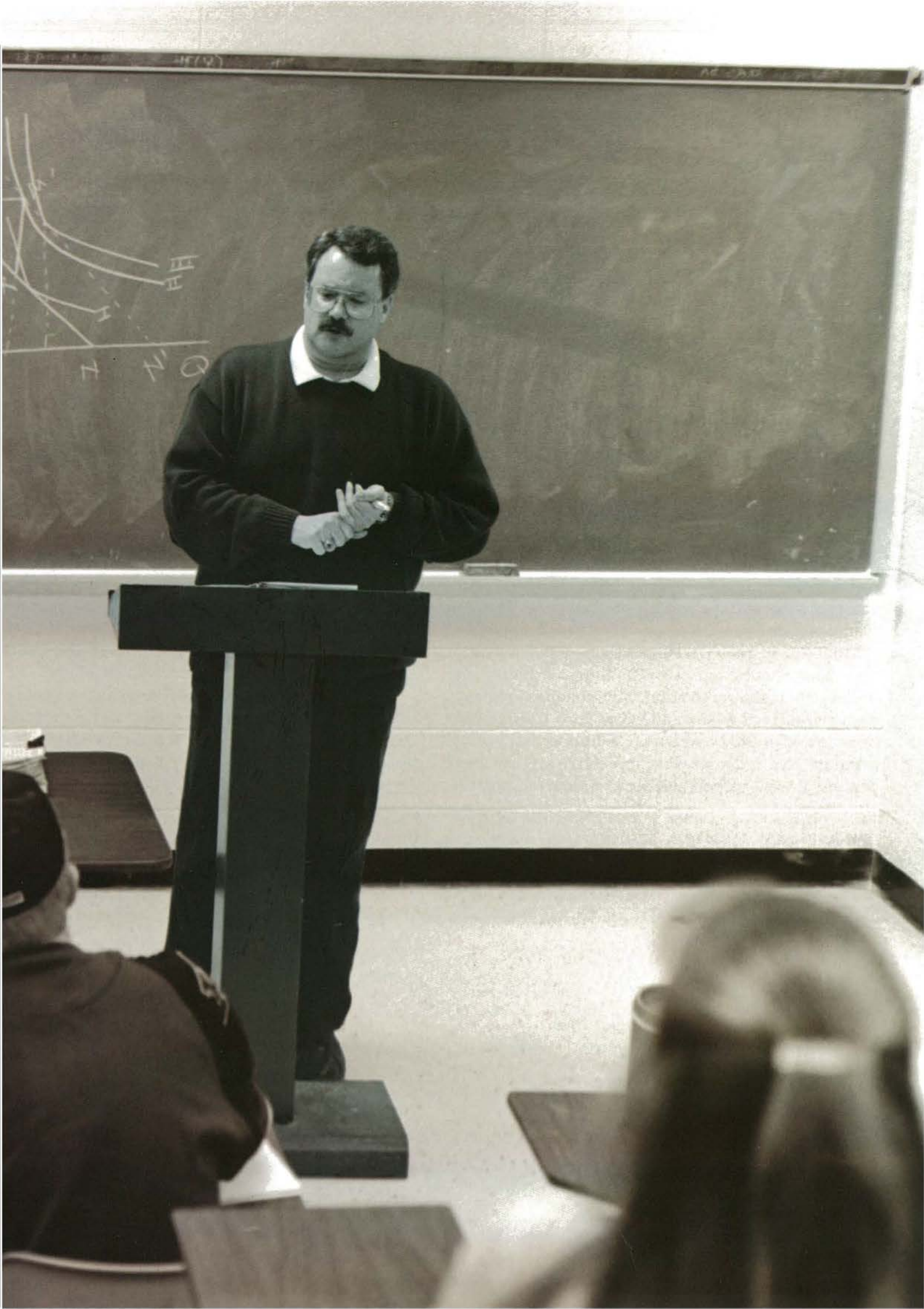
8 Wins • 3 Losses



## Academics

It **wasn't hard** finding an organization to get involved with. Phi Delta Theta was one of several social fraternities that campaigned for interested students, Kappa Mu Epsilon's doors were always **open** to aspiring mathematicians, and joining Peers Reaching Others was an **easy** way to do precisely what the name says.

The hard part was choosing from these organizations, and finding time to keep involved with your club or clubs. Club presidents and other active members knew first-hand what it took to keep things **organized**.





# Campus Gets Make-Over

by Dick Gilbert

It was twenty-five years in the making, and no offense, but it was time for a facelift — or at least a few nips and tucks.

As Missouri Western State College celebrated its 25th anniversary, administrators and college officials introduced a beautification project to enhance the already finely-manicured campus. One of the plans for the project included allotting \$750 to each department improving the appearance of their building.

Several spots on campus received makeovers. One of the first projects was to remove the old brick wall and concrete poles that surrounded the flagpoles at the campus' main entrance off Mitchell Avenue. Workers planted seven Bradford pear trees, each surrounded by a 6-foot flower bed. The reflection pool in front of the Fred Eder Student Services/Classroom Building also underwent major renovation. Maintenance repaired a faulty circulation system and Crawford Construction came in and poured new concrete around the pool and installed five redwood benches. The physical plant personnel were responsible for cleaning and painting

the pool as well as installing two fountains which were donated by the Alumni committee. Amber lights were installed to accent the spray of the fountains.

"Some of the smallest projects have made the biggest difference," said Susan Roth, chairperson of the 25th anniversary beautification committee. "Although the thrust of the efforts is the 25th anniversary, it will continue on."

Other improvements to the landscaping included the addition of two Magnolia trees around the residence halls and a large Blue Spruce which will be decorated at Christmas. New trees, bushes and flower gardens popped up all over campus. The light poles around the campus drive donned commemorative flags and a sundial graced the lawn of the Evan Agenstein Science and Mathematics Building.

"We are fortunate to have such a beautiful campus, and we hope everyone appreciates the efforts of the beautification committee and the men and women who worked so hard to make these improvements," President Janet Murphy said.

*Workers unload machinery used to level the ground surrounding the reflecting pool. After the ground was leveled, concrete was poured and benches were installed around the pool.*



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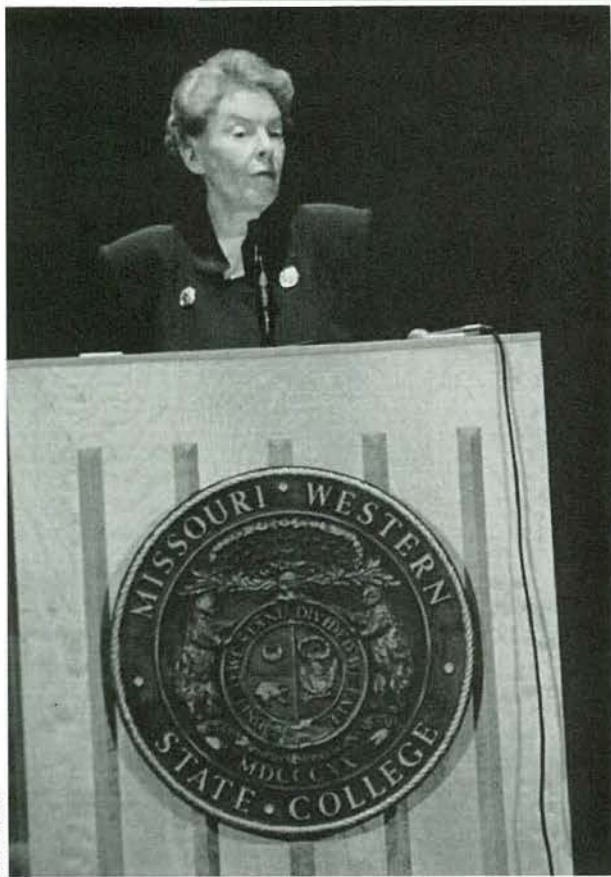
*The reflecting pool takes shape one piece at a time. The pool was rededicated during the 25th Anniversary celebration.*

Rob Mitchell

*Bruce Whitsell puts the finishing touches on a sundial in front of the Science and Math Building. The sundial was designed by Jerry Wilkerson, associate professor of mathematics.*



# Former U.N. Ambassador Second Annual



*Dr. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick spoke in front of a capacity crowd at the 2nd Annual Convocation. Her speech covered many world issues in which the United Nations is involved.*

# Ambassador Speaks at Convocation

by Tammy Boris

The mortar shells bombarding Sarajevo from a surrounding hillside or Somali gunmen firing on United Nations peacekeeping troops may have seemed very distant from a college in the midwestern United States. But in our technologically-advanced world, we learned daily, hourly or by the minute about events that occurred across the globe.

In recognition of the importance of awareness and education of global politics, Missouri Western kept in touch with the world by teleconferencing and having national speakers come to campus. In the fall, the Missouri Western State College Foundation with the help of Monya Rositzky, a member of the foundation board, presented former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Dr. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick as a guest speaker at Western's Second Annual Convocation on Critical Issues. Kirkpatrick opened her address with a lengthy quote from President Bill Clinton on our ties to the world. Like many government officials who have dealt in international affairs, she stated that isolationism is not possible since our nation has so many global ties.

"Isolationism is not in our best interest, nor our neighbors' or the nations that depend on our democratic leadership," Kirkpatrick said.

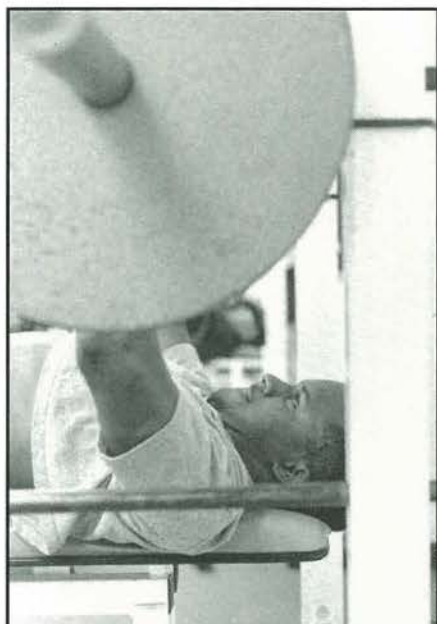
Kirkpatrick served as a member of President Reagan's Cabinet for nearly four years. She was the author of seven books and also wrote a syndicated column on world affairs. Kirkpatrick traveled the globe giving extensive lectures on politics.

At the first convocation held in the fall semester of 1993, noted author and political analyst Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. spoke on the difficulties surrounding ethnic groups in our diverse society. Schlesinger cited Ireland, Lebanon, India and Czechoslovakia as examples of the inability of different peoples to live in a nation peacefully.

Both events were held in honor of R. Dan Boulware, former Board of Regents president, and were planned to help foster thought and debate among students, staff, faculty and community members.

# Fitness Center

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Sophomore Liddell Thomas takes it easy with an 80 lb. bench press warm-up. He understood the importance of a proper warm-up.

Rob Mitchell

by Angela B

Missouri Western students, faculty and alumni were only a building or away from complete physical fitness. A new fitness center opened its doors campus, and everyone was reaping the benefits.

Fitness Center Operator Roger McCush, exercise and physiology major said, "The fitness center allows for easy access to students who live on campus. This is a lit pathway."

"It has easy access and convenience. If you go off campus, it costs more there's less equipment and you have to make reservations," Freshman Michael Fisher said.

McCush said that 300 concept students, 1,000 free-time recreational users and 30 Gold Coat members used the fitness center.

The fitness center contained three Stair Masters, one Nautilus step, one spin mill, three recumbent bikes, two treadmills, two Nordic Tracks, one concept rower and three Airdines.

"I like the variety of exercise machines and opportunities that the students have," Instructor Jim Grechus said.

McCush said that some students ride the bikes and study.

"I like the bikes because you can relax while riding them," Fisher said.

"A lot of people like it better than the old center because it's cleaner, more exciting, roomier and there are more people available to help the students," McCush said.

"The atmosphere is great. Everyone is nice and if you have a question about a machine they will help you," Fisher said.

"Students should take advantage of the facility because they are paying for it. It's a great opportunity," McCush said.

Despite the fact that some students didn't think the mandatory usage fee of \$3 per credit hour was fair, the students that did take advantage of the center said that they were getting their money's worth.

Nyaya Tipton, senior, said that it was a good use of students' money, "It's great hours and you can go over there any time," Tipton said.

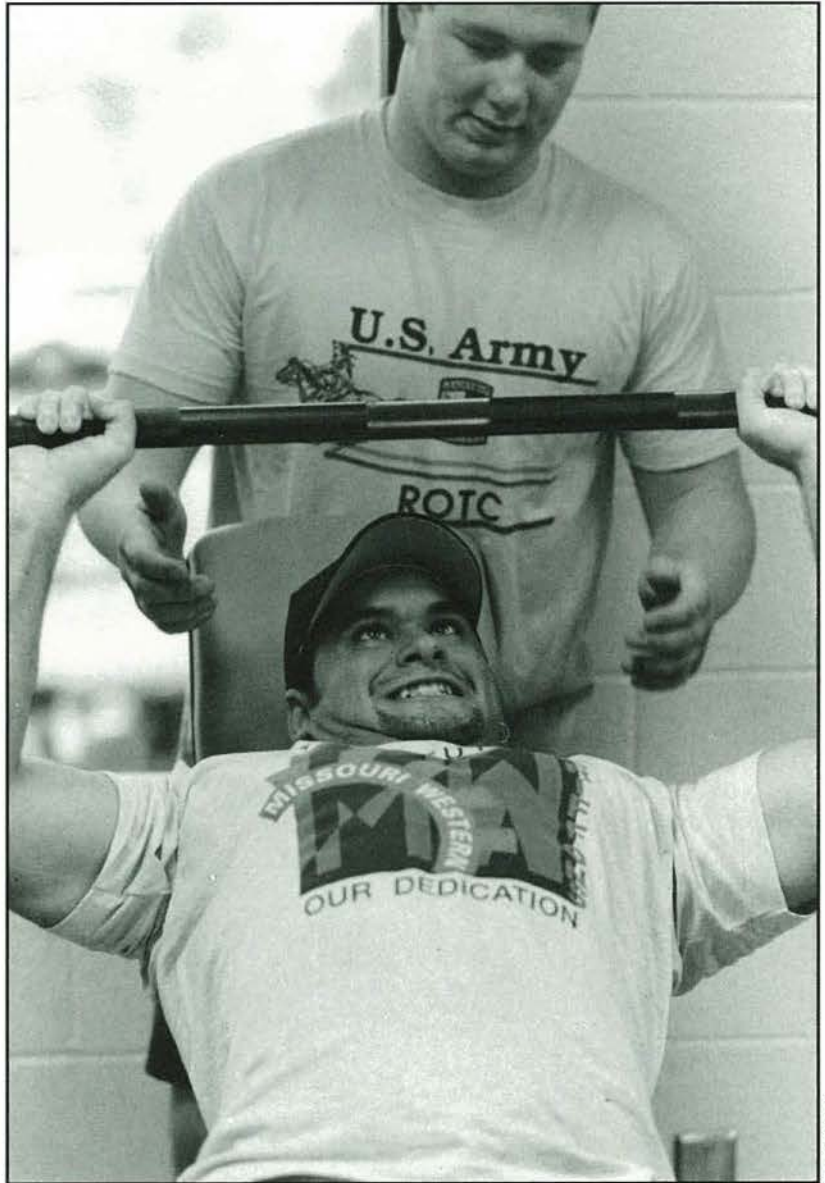
"All the indications show that the students will continue the new activities. It's safe and hygienic. It's a beautiful addition to the campus," Grechus said.

# Provides For dents

Freshman Ken Ware concentrates on correct form and balance to prevent injury during his upper body workout. He took advantage of the use of one of many nautilus machines in the center.



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Sophomore Jesse Cano knows that focus is the key when lifting weights. His attention is so focused on the bar that he barely notices Freshman Matt Gahner spotting him.

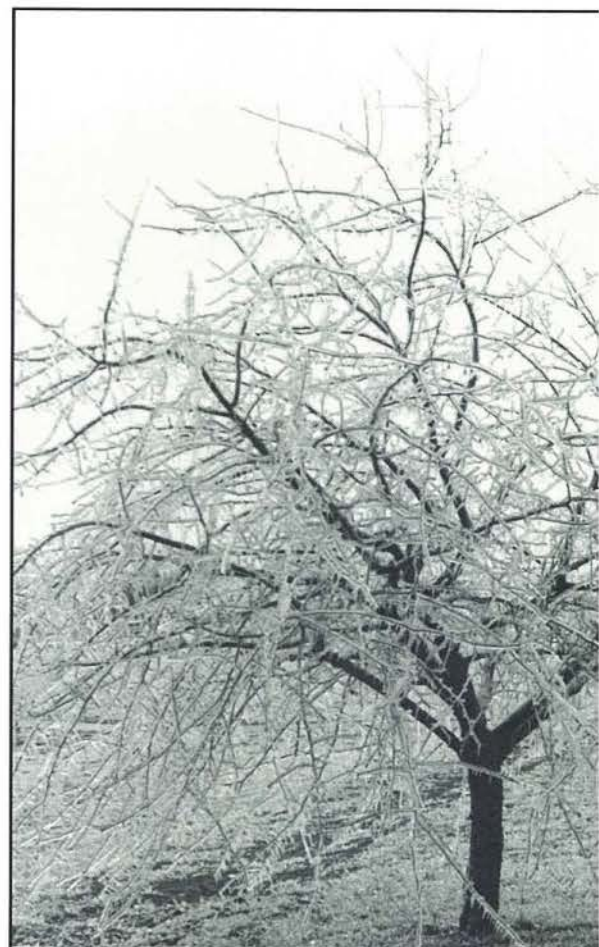
(left) Now that construction is completed students can take advantage of the convenient hours and available exercise equipment at the new fitness center.



*Even more damage was done to many campus trees when the layer of ice melted off and branches broke.*



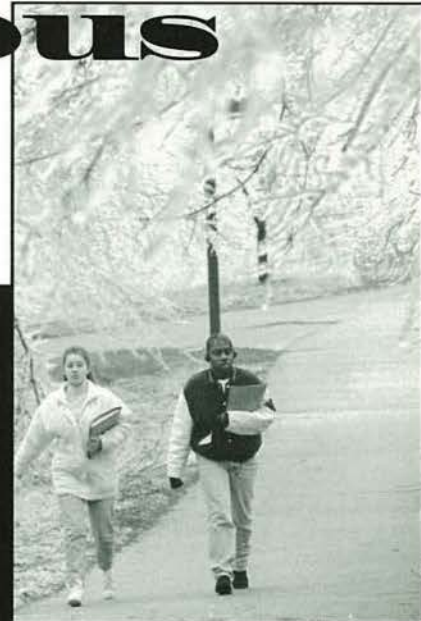
*Limbs, breaking under the weight of the ice, littered the walkway leading to the Fine Arts Building.*



*Few trees were as lucky as this one behind the SS/C building to survive the ice storm's damage.*

# December Ice Storm Hits Western Campus

by R. Faulk



*Freshmen Amy Sommer and Tamara Jones brave the walk through the canopy of icy branches between the Student Union and LRC buildings.*

Photos by Rob Mitchell

When the freezing rain began to fall, coating the trees and bushes across campus, Dr. James McCarthy, executive vice president, thought the iced landscape would make for a pretty greeting card for Missouri Western for next year's holidays. Little did Dr. McCarthy or any other administrators, students and faculty know what damage the ice would do to the campus, and the city of St. Joseph.

On December 6, Northwest Missouri was hit with a severe ice storm that stopped traffic, froze pipes, downed power, telephone and cable lines, and destroyed thousands of trees. Thousands of people were without power and heat for several days. The rain and cold weather didn't let up, freezing temperatures hung around for several days after the ice storm on the 6th. The ice refused to melt, and in doing so, took down tree after tree.

Throughout the city limbs crashed and fell on power lines, roofs and roads. St. Joseph Light and Power technicians and city crews worked around the clock to repair the damages. Though Western didn't lose power and did not have to cancel classes, the college suffered with the rest of the community.

"We did not want to cancel classes because it was nearing the end of the semester — a time when every day is especially important to students and instructors," McCarthy said.

Twelve Bradford Pear trees were completely destroyed by the storm, and many more trees suffered injuries.

"We had numerable trees with varying degrees of damage that we are trying to save," said Lonnie Johnson, director of physical plant.

The cost to replace the 12 Bradford Pear trees was \$140 per tree.

"The ice storm was very costly," McCarthy said. "Not only in terms of the money to repair everything it damaged, but also in terms of the destruction to nature that took place."

Despite the damage, most agreed that the Western campus was fortunate compared to much of the rest of St. Joseph, and Johnson said that with a little luck, fair weather and hard work, the campus would be back in good shape for the spring blossoms.

"And hopefully, by next season you won't be able to tell that there was an ice storm," he said.

Hopefully. But even once the signs of damage were erased, it was unlikely that anyone would forget the ice storm of '94 for a very long time.





Ryan Stemmmons

*Ameerah Salaam sets up the food table for Cultural Awareness Week. The Diversity Center featured different food each day during the events.*

# Center Promotes Cultural Awareness

by R. Faulk

Throughout the year the Campus Diversity Center sponsored ethnic food fests and held seminars on everything from fighting racism to discussions about Christopher Columbus not discovering America. Promoting cultural awareness was what the center was all about. It also played an important role with the Mentor Program.

"It all starts by individuals doing their part," Center Coordinator Ameerah Salaam said. "We're doing our part by bringing people together and educating them about other cultures."

One of the center's most popular activities was the food fest. In October, the center paid tribute to Germanic culture with their own little Oktoberfest. The center provided free German food for students. Aside from the obvious sauerkraut recipes, several other, more authentic dishes were available. Other ethnic foods which were featured were Chinese, Mexican and Native American.

"Everyone enjoyed the food, and we encouraged people to talk about what they knew about the different ethnic groups whose food we featured," Salaam said.

The first week of May was "Cultural Awareness Week". Throughout the week the Diversity Center presented a variety of videos and seminars which dealt with cultural issues. The center also presented information about date rape and many other

women's issues.

"As we continually become a more multi-cultural campus the center will continue to serve as an educational tool and provide a much-needed link between people of different ethnic and racial backgrounds," Salaam said.

The center kept up-to-date with other cultural diversity programs in colleges throughout the country. The Missouri Western Diversity Center Advisory Board was a group of students, faculty and administrators that met twice a month to discuss and review the Diversity Center's activities.

"The center reports their business to the board and we try to evaluate the programs and submit ideas for implementing new programs into the schedule," Rodney Watson said.

Watson had been an advisory board member for two years and said that he'd seen a lot of improvement in the center in those two years.

"We have a lot of big plans for Cultural Awareness Week in the future," he said. "Each year our ethnic fests get better and we're confident these improvements will continue."



*The Diversity Center distributed many flyers in an effort to increase awareness of other cultures*

Rob Mitchell

# Western Cultural Programs Doing Their Part

by Angela Bush

Leaving home for the first time to head off to college could be a frightening experience. Life as a college student promised a whole new world of trials, triumphs and tribulations. From dealing with sexual initiation and drugs to learning which professors to not take, college students had a lot of decisions to make. With the support of the Mentor Program, making those decisions and adjusting to college life was made a little easier.

The Mentor Program was created to provide guidance and assistance for minority freshmen and first-time students. Upperclassmen volunteered to spend time with mentorees, offering advice and friendship.

"The program helped me to adjust better to loneliness," freshman Philana Harris said. "My relationship with my mentor is like having a big sister here on campus."

The Mentor Program was set in motion at the beginning of the fall semester. The Culture Diversity Center and a special committee helped di-



Andrea Ray and Deatra Tyler discuss possibilities for the next event at a Diversity Center meeting.

Jen Kiszczak

rect the Mentor Program. Diversity Center coordinators Andrea Ray and Ameerah Salaam also played an instrumental role in getting the program off the ground.

Mentors spent 10 hours each week with their mentoree and met with a Diversity Center advocate twice a month. There were 15 paid mentors who received their pay through an AmeriCorps grant. Along with their Mentor Program service, the mentors also did community service with Americorps. After completing 900 hours of service, each mentor was awarded a grant by AmeriCorps.

Salaam said that the program was

making a positive impact on college as well as the community. However, the program was having the most positive impact on the students involved in it.

"I've gotten so much assistance from my mentor," freshman Kadesh Burnett said. "My mentor helped me register for the semester and gave me a lot of suggestions on what courses to take."

"The mentors help with preparation and work with the mentorees to develop good study skills," Salaam said. "The mentors give the freshmen a lot of insight on their experiences."

One of the program requirements was that all mentors and mentorees keep weekly journals of all of their activities and interaction with each other. Twice a month the participants met with Ray and Salaam to review the journals and discuss individual's progress.

"The journals help us see what's working and what's not working," Ray said.

Ray and Salaam both agree

the Mentor Program was heading in the right direction.

"All of the mentors make the comment that they wish that the college would have had this program when they were freshmen," she said.

The Mentor Program worked closely with the Diversity Center. Throughout the year the Diversity Center worked to promote cultural awareness. They did so by planning such events as a monthly free ethnic food fest. In October, the Diversity



Ryan Stemmons

*Sonya Thomas helps her mentoree, Carmen Martin, with her studies. The Mentor Program has helped a number of students adjust to college life.*

Center celebrated its own "Oktoberfest" by offering students German food. Throughout the year they also featured Chinese and Native American dishes in their food booths.

"Not everyone has eaten German or Native American foods," Ray said. "We just thought it would be a good way to draw people in and introduce them to something different."

The Diversity Center also presented films and seminars on cultural awareness. They offered literature and education about the effects racism and prejudice can have.

"We don't preach, we educate," Ray said. "We're just doing what we can to promote racial and ethnic harmony at Missouri Western."

Ray and Salaam said that every step of progress the Mentor Program and Diversity Center makes at Missouri Western is just another step of progress on a wider scale.

"We feel like we're doing our part," Salaam said.



Jen Kiszczak

*Tia Newman stops to check out the Cultural Diversity Center's Mexican food booth, sponsored by Barbosa's. The center offered different types of food throughout the year.*

# Golfer looks

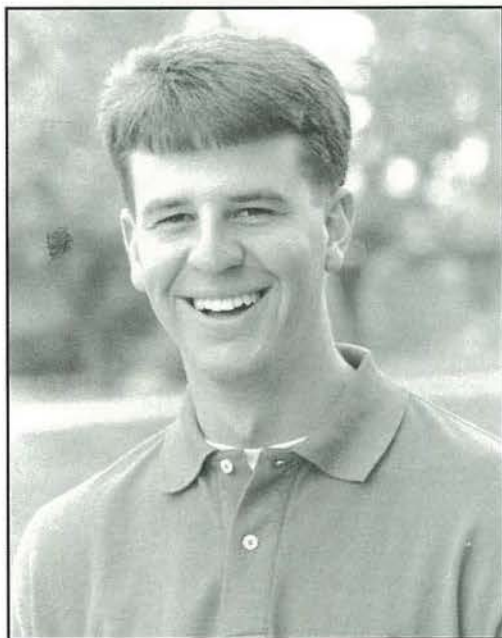
## after graduation

by R. Faulk

If things go as planned, J. P. Logan will never have to choose between a career and his favorite past time.

As a senior marketing and Spanish major and a member of the Missouri Western golf team, Logan had some good ideas about what he would be doing after graduation.

"I would love to tie golf into my career," Logan said. "The ideal job would be to get into international sales for a golf equipment company."



*J.P. Logan is a senior Marketing/Spanish major and a member of the golf team. He hopes to tie those three platforms into his career.*

Logan knew that his marketing and Spanish combination would be advantageous in the job market and it looked like his golf hobby was also already turning up some

interesting leads.

"I've been to a couple of interviews and when the interviewers saw on the

resume that I was a member of the golf team, they started asking me what they needed to do with their swing and how to improve their game," Logan said. "It kind of breaks the ice."

Last summer Logan spent three months studying in Mexico. He has kept in touch with the family he lived with and was returning this summer to visit them and check out a few job prospects. Logan said he was only pursuing positions that required bilingual skills because he really wanted to use his Spanish skills. He said that finding a job in the golf market in Mexico might not be too easy, though.

"It's a sport that only the very rich can afford to play in Mexico," he said. "Here we have public courses that the average person can afford to play on, but in Mexico, it's a luxury."

Logan didn't get to play any golf last summer while he was in Mexico because it was so expensive. And the environment he lived in in Cuernavaca was very different from the golf courses of the Mexican elitists.

"I experienced culture shock at first," he said. "I washed my clothes on a washboard. My stay there was an incredible experience and I could see myself living and working there."

And, Logan added, if golf ever did make its way to the average public in Mexico, some golf entrepreneurs were going to make a lot of money. And with Logan's marketing/Spanish/golf background, he just might be one of them.

*Logan is heading back to Mexico for a two-week stay and will look into the job market while there.*



# Military Science: Paintball,



Pat Hickey

*A squad winds their way through the woods to overtake a bunker.*

by Amy Supple

Getting up with the sun, ten mile hikes in the rain and men with shaved heads. This is the stereotypical image conjured up when thinking about the military. But at Missouri Western, the department of military science is changing this image with the Army ROTC program on campus.

"ROTC is work and it can be very challenging at times, but the benefits you take away from the experience

are well worth it," said 2nd Lt. James Tenpenny, a recent graduate of the program.

Tenpenny admits life as an ROTC cadet can be pretty hectic at times. "You do more than the average student, you put in at least five hours at ROTC plus your regular class schedule." That is the down side of the program, but there is a silver lining.

Increased leadership abilities and more effective time management are listed as pluses to the program by cadets. "I learned how to handle myself in almost any situation and as busy as you are in the program you can't help but learn how to budget your time," said Tenpenny.

Tenpenny and other cadets like him have made the ultimate commitment to the program. Their junior year of college they entered what is called the senior program and contracted to serve time in the U.S. Army after graduation. "I knew after being in ROTC that this is what I wanted to do," said Tenpenny. "And now I am doing it and I love it."

However there are students who don't necessarily want to have a military career that are involved in mili-

tary science. Several introductory courses offered by the department are very popular with the general student population. Diana Silvers, a senior English major completed MIL 105 - Rappelling and Military Firearms Marksmanship with flying colors.

"I loved the class and I am not from your typical military type," said Silvers. "It taught me not only the skills of rappelling and marksmanship but also about leadership and working with others in difficult situations. After the class was over I had an incredible feeling of accomplishment."

In MIL 105, students rappelled or scaled down the side of a rappelling tower which is located on Western's west campus. Other popular courses feature military leadership training and mock paintball wars waged on competing teams.

"There are many reasons to become involved in ROTC or even to enroll in a military science course such as scholarship opportunities and meeting new people," said Tenpenny. "But the best reason I think of is for yourself; you learn much about yourself through different facets of the military science program. It really makes hard work worth it."

# Rappelling and More



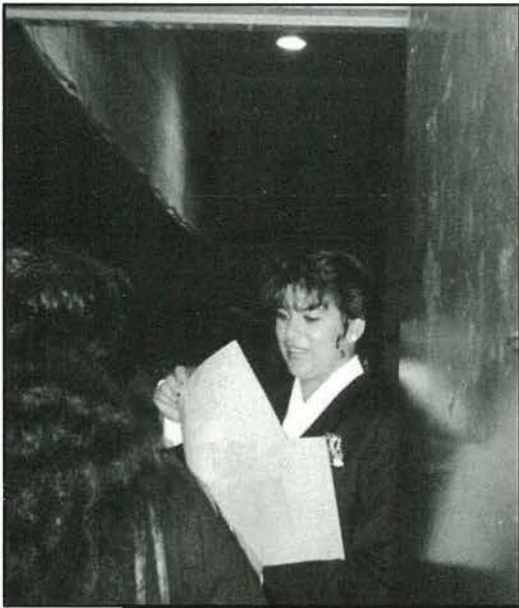
*In ROTC, shoes must be in line as well as the soldiers. Students in the ROTC program often put in at least five hours plus regular class time.*

*(below) Lietenant Davis directs two cadets through an exercise. Increased leadership abilities and more effective time management are both skills cadets list as major advantages in the ROTC program.*





# Through Rain *the V.I.P.'s*



*Chrystal Neeves was enjoying the VIP host role at the MWSC College fair.*

by R. Faulk

They were known as one of Missouri Western's most exclusive groups. They were also known as one of Missouri Western's busiest groups.

The Western V.I.P.'s

were a group of students who served as ambassadors to the college. Their goal was to promote a positive image for the college and help improve the college in any way possible. The V.I.P.'s operated out of the admissions office. They were selected through a very competitive application and interview process. That selective reputation was one reason why many students strived to become part of the V.I.P.'s.

"I saw the V.I.P.'s at a function and thought they were very impressive," Senior Mandy Tolen said.

Tolen had been a V.I.P. for four years. She said that being a part of the group puts you in contact with almost everyone on campus and you get to be involved in a lot of events that you otherwise would not be.

Aside from participating in Family Day, hosting events for high school students, assisting Registration/Orientation programs and serving as hosts at graduation and banquets, the V.I.P.'s were probably best known for their tours. The V.I.P.'s were responsible for giving campus tours to any incoming students or visitors who wanted to see the campus up close. Tolen said she averaged about three to four tours a week. Last year the V.I.P.'s gave more than 1,000 tours to various groups on campus.

The V.I.P.'s were elected for one-year terms. Each V.I.P. received a scholarship. Along with working at extracurricular activities, they were required to spend three hours each week in the admissions office working on different projects.

"You really dedicate a lot of time and effort to the V.I.P.'s and it's all worth it," Tolen said.

Gina Colson

# and Shine, are there



*Tamara Violet, Adrienne Roberts and Amy Supple get ready for VIP touring. Showing students around campus led to almost 1,000 tours last year.*



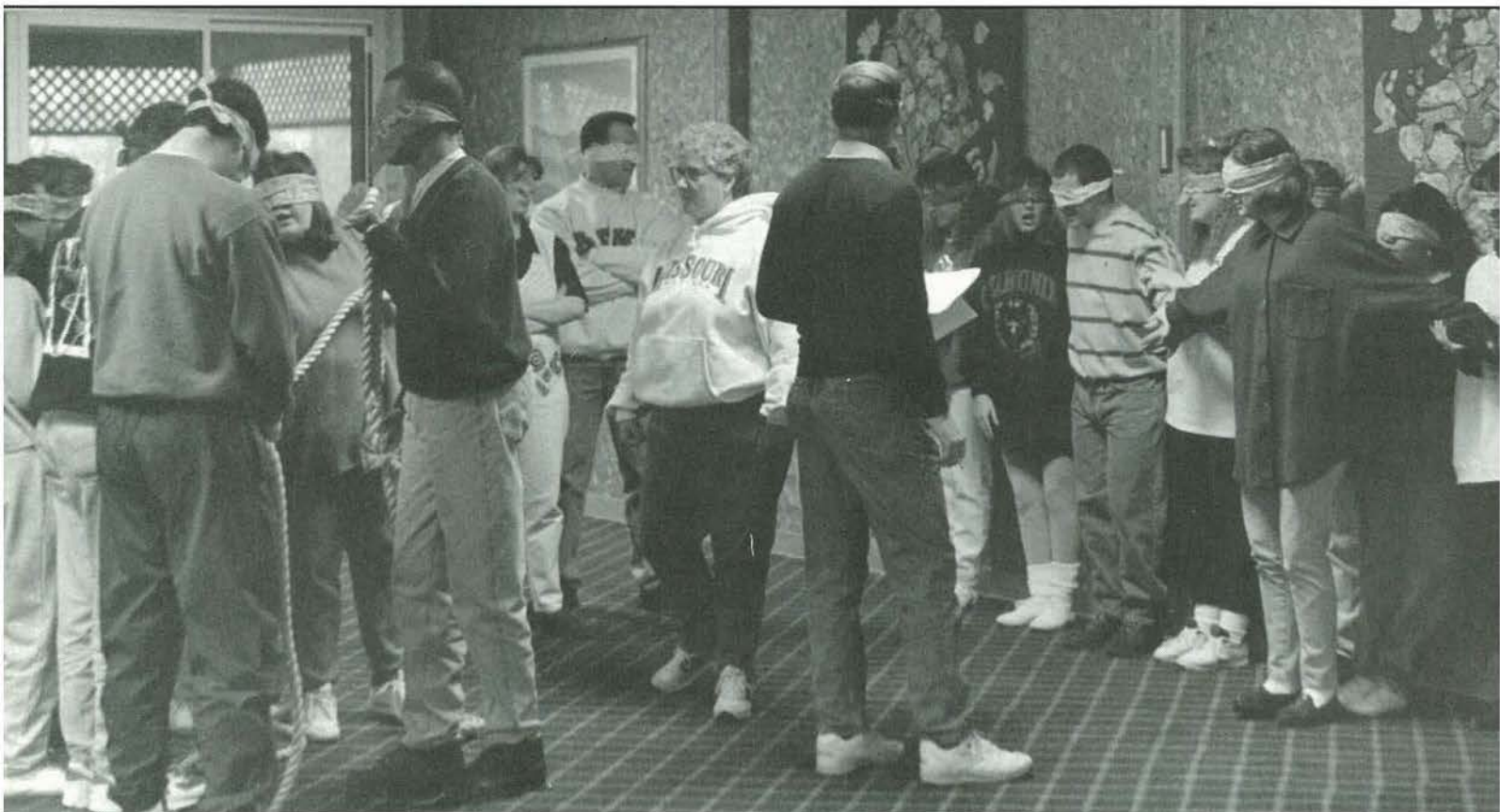
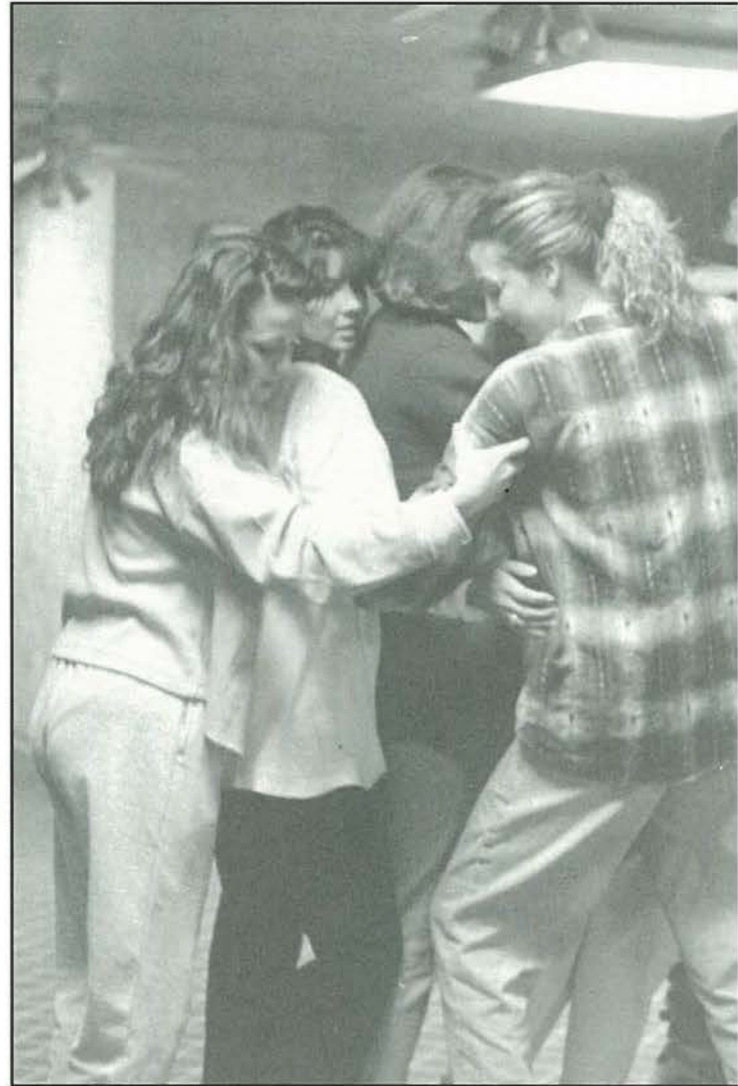
*Amy Supple, Jaime Hahn, Kelli Meyers and Mandi Tolen represent the VIPs at the college fair. Participating in events such as this was just one of the many events to which they contributed.*

(right) Diana Silvers, Ruby Faulk and Allyson Cook cling to each other in an effort to balance themselves during a problem-solving exercise. Brenda Blessing and James Grechus of the HPER department orchestrated the Challenge.

(below) Challengers Bill Peper and Johnathan Compton attempt to make a perfect square out of a rope while blindfolded. The participants spent a weekend at Bass Woods Resort to begin the Barbara Sprong Leadership Challenge.



Photos by R. Faulk



The twenty-three participants in the Challenge learned valuable lessons about all aspects of leadership. Working with others, problem-solving and decision-making taught through interactive lessons.

# The Seven A. M. Challenge

by Amy Supple

For six Tuesday mornings in March and April, twenty-three half-sleeping students stumbled their way to the Private Dining Room of the Nelle Blum Student Union. And every Tuesday morning, as they arose before the sun, those students asked themselves again why they had completed the application, solicited a faculty nomination and sat through a competitive interview for the opportunity to attend these sessions. The response to this question was answered as the sessions began.

Six dynamic community and college leaders attended these early morning presentations that made up the bulk of the 1995 Barbara Sprong Leadership Challenge.

"The leadership challenge was extremely motivational and the information presented was very applicable to aspiring leaders," said senior challenger Diana Silvers.

The Challenge, which is in its fourth year at Missouri Western, was established in honor of Barbara Sprong, an individual who has been a leader both at Missouri Western and in the St. Joseph community for years. Shirley Morrison, director of planned giving and college relations interviewed participants along with Sprong. Morrison also attended the weekend retreat and orchestrated the weekly sessions.

"Leadership is very important in the lives of our students today. They have a tough world to face out there so hopefully the challenge will give them a little extra edge," said Morrison.

The Challenge participants, hand-picked for their leadership abilities and possibilities, descended upon Bass Woods Resort in Platte City, on March 3 for the BSLC weekend retreat. Two days of intensive, yet entertaining leadership training awaited these individuals. After the retreat were the leadership challenge weekly sessions.

The culmination of the challenge was a dinner on April 20. At the dinner four challengers made presentations on behalf of the group. The presentations focused on various social problems and solutions.

Citing the early morning breakfast sessions as one of the only drawbacks, challengers agreed that they took much more away from the challenge than just effective leadership strategies.

"I especially enjoyed the retreat and getting to know the other participants," said senior leisure management major Daniel Grover. "We really seemed to work well and had great group chemistry."

# Rushin'



Pat Hickey

*Dr. Rushin stands next to the pond located on the biology trail he helped create and maintain. Rushin has also set up several cooperative programs between the Missouri Conservation Department and Missouri Western.*

by Amy Supple

The thought of dissecting animals and studying various plants may bring on a fit of yawning for some Missouri Western students for those who have had the experience of working with Dr. James Rushin, this is far from the case.

"In high school I was never really into science. I just didn't like it. But last year I had Dr. Rushin's biology 101 class and I loved it. He made the concepts very interesting, and the class was actually fun," said senior communications major Amy Miller.

His ability to excel in the classroom has been commended over the years with various teaching awards. One such honor came in 1993 when Rushin received the Distinguished Faculty Award, given by the Missouri Western Alumni Association. Selection for this award is based on the criteria of teaching excellence, accomplishments in the profession, availability to students and a high degree of ethical values.

Rushin, who currently serves as assistant professor of biology, earned his bachelor of science and master's degree from Indiana State University, and his doctorate from Idaho State University. He began teaching at Western in 1979.

# Full Speed Ahead

Aside from his teaching duties, he has been a member of 11 professional and honorary organizations, is involved in the presentation and compilation of 29 grants, publications, papers and special works and belongs to 11 professional and community service organizations.

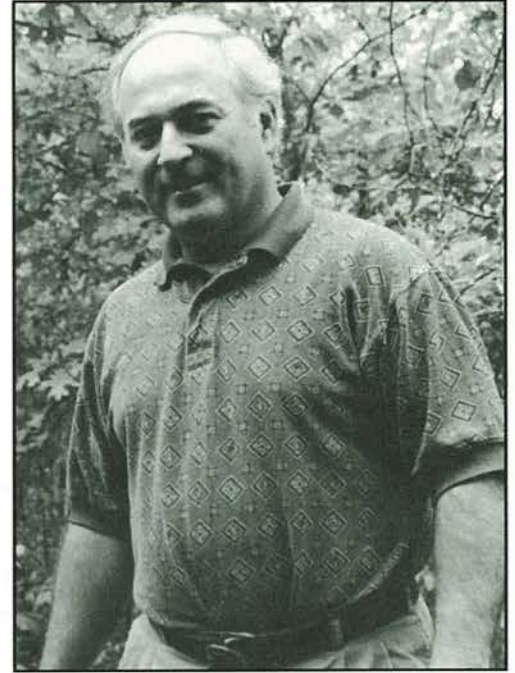
However, students are always a priority to Rushin. He is the advisor for biology majors going into the field, assists with honors projects and is a consultant on various environmental research projects.

Most of Rushin's research has been centered around ecology and

the environment. He was instrumental in the development of the biology nature study trail and has set up several cooperative programs between the Missouri Conservation Department and Missouri Western.

"We have students do research as part of upper level classes as well as independent study. They work on the project for one or two years and submit a proposal that is usually submitted at a conference," said Rushin. "Research projects are a fairly big time commitment, but it is important for students to learn hands on what research is all about."

Cathy Wells, a junior biology



*Dr. John Rushin has been a vital part of Missouri Western's Biology department for the past 16 years.*

major plans to do research with Dr. Rushin next year. "I'm very excited about beginning the project, said Wells. "I think it will be incredible interesting and challenging. Plus I will have the opportunity to work with Dr. Rushin. I have had him for classes before and he is a great instructor. I'm sure I will learn a lot from him on this project."

As his students know, Dr. Rushin is big on field trips. "Going to various locations and collecting data is an invaluable experience," said Rushin. However, his luck with transportation has been less than desirable on these trips. "We always get the junkiest van," said Wells, who has been a passenger on several Rushin field trips. "Every time we go on one of these trips, without fail, he always gets assigned the absolute worst van with the door rattling the whole way there. It is hilarious."

Among his other responsibilities Dr. Rushin also has begun to take students on a summer trip to the Rocky Mountains for research experience.



*Junior student Amy Head studies examples of local flora in one of the labs in the conservation building.*

# Board enjoys successful year

by R. Faulk

The Missouri Western State College Board of Regents was a group of six people appointed by the Governor. Each member's term lasted for six years. The primary duties of the Board of Regents were to establish the the policies, by-laws, rules and regulations for control and government of the college, and to review and pass the recommendations of the President regarding the financial matters, personnel management, and to be responsible for the administration of the college.

"The Board of Regents is a very important governing body which al-

lows this college to function so successfully," President Janet Murphy said.

Board officers were elected each June. Greg Wall, a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and the owner of the Ferris Wheel restaurant in Savannah was the Board of Regents' president. Wall's duties as president consisted of presiding at all meetings, calling special meetings, and to perform all duties prescribed by law or mandated by action of the board.

"We've had an especially busy year," Wall said. "Fortunately, it's

also been a very good year."

The Board of Regents dealt with several major issues throughout the year. Some of which included the Hancock II Amendment, the Northwest Community College dilemma and the bond proposal which Governor Mel Carnahan approved for Missouri Western and Missouri Southern State College.

"We defeated Hancock, we persisted the junior college, the bond issue passed, and we celebrated 50 years as a four-year institution," Wall said. "It's certainly been quite a year for Missouri Western."

*Student Regent Mickey Mayes was also an official member of the Board of Regents. Mayes was an elected member and was required to attend all the meetings.*



Rob Mitchell

## 1994-95 Board of Regents

Greg Wall, *President*  
Bill Carpenter  
Teresa Herzog  
Micky Mayes, *Student Regent*  
Bob Roth  
Julia Rupp  
John Thomas, *Vice President*



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*Board Secretary Theresa Herzog listens closely to a proposal at the monthly meeting in May.*



*The MWSC ROTC presents a forum to the Board of Regents and administrator. The ROTC department discussed achievements and future goals. One of the board's duties was to evaluate certain academic programs and agendas.*

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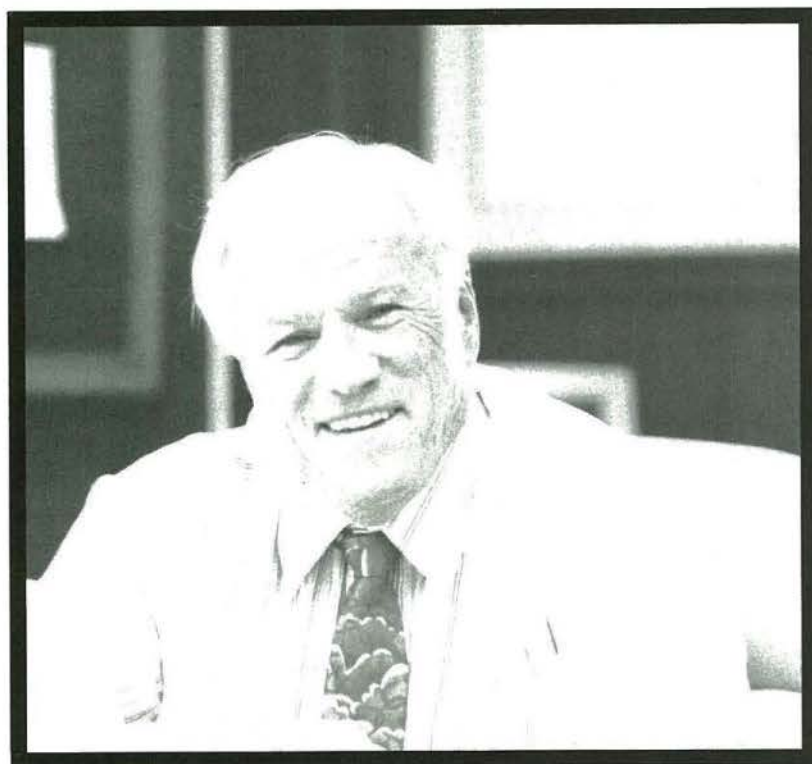
# Presidents Reflect



**Janet Gorman Murphy**

President Janet Gorman Murphy had spent a decade at Missouri Western. 1995 was her eleventh year at Western. In her 11 years she had seen a big part of the "growth" of Western that everyone was talking about with the 25th anniversary of the institution as a four-year college.

"It's hard to describe the progress that this college has experienced over the years," Murphy said. "I feel extremely fortunate to have played a part in the development of this fine institution."



**James J. McCarthy**

Dr. James McCarthy, executive vice president had to deal with more excitement than just the 25th anniversary.

When the local Northwest Community College was forced to shut its doors mid-semester, hundreds of students were left out of money, out of credits and some, out of graduation.

But thanks to Governor Mel Carnahan, Missouri Western, and Dr. McCarthy who spent the semester acting as the community college's president, 90 students received their diplomas.

# Western's 25 Years



**Earl Milton**

Perhaps Earl Milton, vice-president of administration, put Missouri Western's 25th anniversary into perspective best when he described the 25 years of existence as "terrific."

"The growth and progress that this college has made is just simply terrific," Milton said. "That seems to be the best way to describe all of Western's success over the years."



**James Roever**

"This celebration is making people aware of just how far Missouri Western has come," said Dr. James Roever, vice-president for academic affairs. "I think it's wonderful that this college is finally receiving the recognition and respect it deserves."

In his nine years as an administrator, Roever had seen academic department after department improve and help set national standards. He had watched building after building go up as the campus blossomed into one of the state's finest educational institutions.

# Deans Reflect On



**Forrest D. Hoff**

When Forrest Hoff talked about Missouri Western's accomplishments, people listened. Hoff, Dean of Student Affairs, had been at Missouri Western longer than any other administrator. He came to Missouri Western in 1970, just one year after Western made the transition from junior college to a four-year institution.

"There's so much this college can be proud of," Hoff said. "But I think the number one accomplishment is that our enrollment has grown from 1,800 to more than 5,000 students."



**Edwin L. Gorsky**

Dr. Ed Gorsky, Dean of Continuing Education, came to Western in 1986. He was instrumental in helping incorporate more intersession, summer and evening classes into the schedule. Providing these additional classes gave non-traditional and working students a chance to get a degree when it would otherwise have been impossible.

"This college can be most proud of what they've given back to the community," Gorsky said. "They had the vision in establishing this institution, and now that vision is paying off."

# Western's 25 Years



**Martin Johnson**

Like Dean Hoff, Dr. Martin Johnson had been at Western for almost the entire 25 years of its existence. Johnson, Dean of Liberal Arts and Science, came to the college in 1973 as a psychology professor. He felt that Western had flourished in so many areas it was impossible to choose one area to comment on.

"This college just simply has made outstanding growth," Johnson said. "When you take the enrollment growth, the expansion of the departments and degrees offered, and everything else, it's all something to be proud of."



**Charles A. Perkins**

Four years ago Dr. Charles Perkins came to Western as the chair of the business and economics department. In 1992 he was named interim Dean of Professional Studies, and in 1993 he was hired permanently to that position. Perkins looked at Western's growth on a short-term basis.

"Just in the few years I've been here this college has made tremendous steps," Perkins said. "We're doing everything we can to keep up with technology and the competitive global market. We're preparing our students to go on to graduate school and to go into the real world with a solid education. We can be very proud."

# A Little R-E-S-P-E-C-T

## geoff heckman's junior experience

by Chris Whipple



Photos by Ryan Barker

*Geoff Heckman was enduring some pretty long days in the classroom at Central High School where he was completing his junior experience.*

Junior Geoff Heckman didn't like answering to "Hey, You!" Considering the fact that it was a class full of rowdy teenagers, he could've been answering to something a lot worse than "Hey, You!" But Heckman learned how to handle the situation.

"It's Mr. Heckman. If you have any more questions, you can call me that," Heckman coolly tells the student.

Heckman, an English education and psychology major, was completing his junior experience. Four days during the week, 20-year-old Heckman went to Central High School in St. Joseph to help teach in classes of approximately 25 students who ranged from 16 to 17 years old. Since Heckman was so close to the students' age, he had to endure some disrespect.

"I expect it [disrespect] because that's just the way students are, but I think I deserve respect," he said.

Heckman tried to distance himself from the students so that the amount of disrespect could be lessened. It wasn't always easy. He said that he could remember what he did in high school, and since he'd only been out of high school a couple of years, it was sometimes hard to separate himself from the students as the teacher. Keeping control of the class became his main objective at times. He had an amusing experience trying to get two students to stop talking. He told them repeatedly to be quiet. They didn't heed his warning.

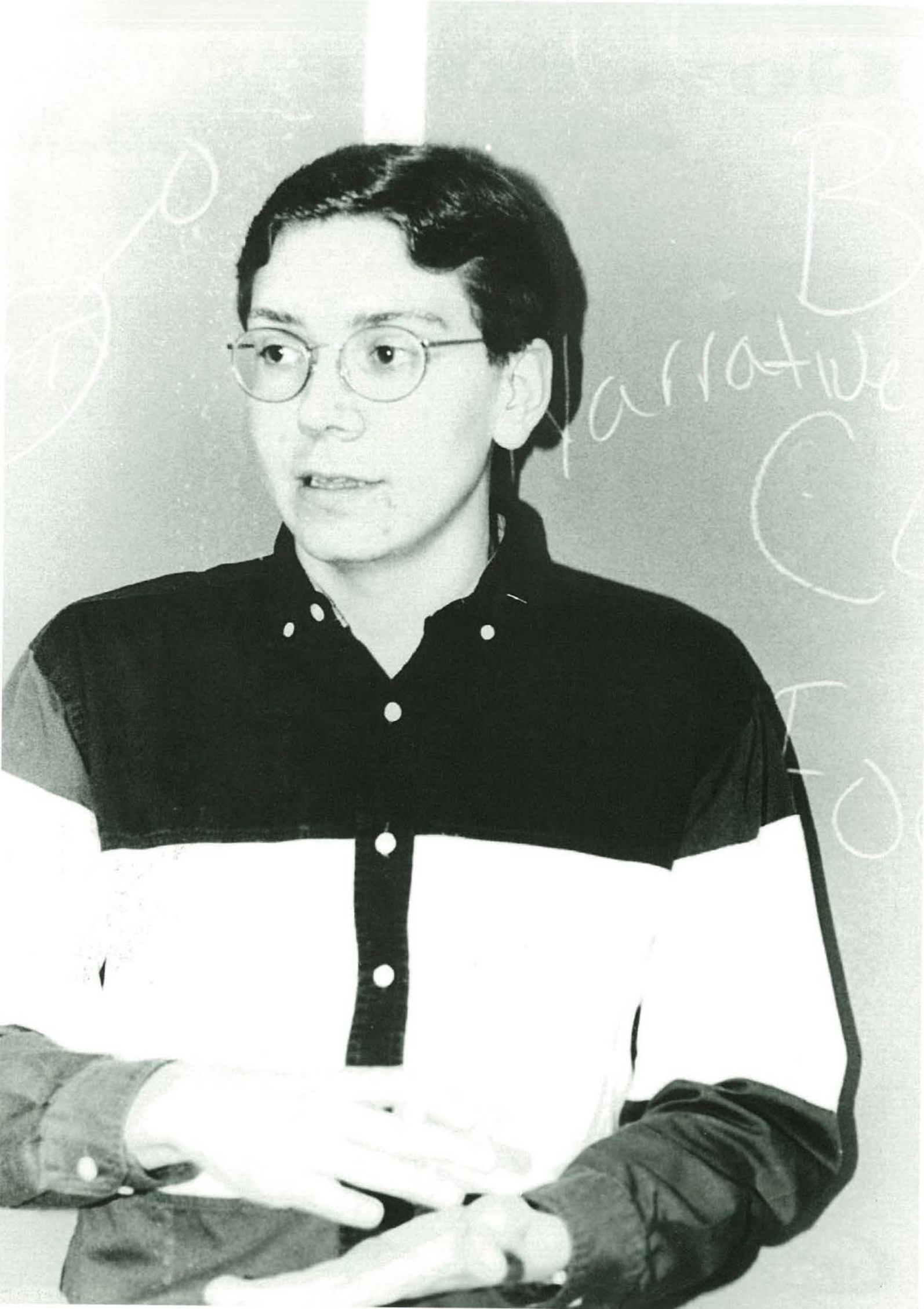
"I just went and stood between them," Heckman said. "One looked at me and said, 'We're trying to talk.' I told them I knew that and that's why I was standing there."

Heckman was able to handle these situations, and the experience was a great help to him.

"It is good to be treated with disrespect — kind of," he said. "Whatever happens, I am that much more prepared for when I teach on my own."

Heckman still had some time before he would be teaching on his own. His junior experience was preparing him for next year when he would be in the classroom all day long as a student teacher. From there, he would at last find himself in front of a class of rowdy teenagers again. Only this time — it wouldn't be so hard to get the respect he deserved.

*Heckman said that since he was so close to the students' ages that he had to fight for every ounce of respect from them.*



# Governor Signs \$2.2



Kelly Kerns

*Governor Mel Carnahan signs a copy of House Bill 442 in the St. Joseph Junior College Room in the Student Union. Board of Regents member Julia Rupp looks on.*

by R. Faulk

On Friday, May 26, Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan made a very important trip to the Missouri Western campus. He was here to sign House Bill 442 which would allocate \$2.2 million for Western.

"This is a fine institution that continues to prove it can operate with the best," the Governor said.

The \$2.2 million will be used over a three-year period. "Access Plus" was a program in the works that would determine how the money was used. The Board of Regents and faculty members would play a part in deciding which departments and areas the money would be used for. All of their proposals will then go to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval. Much of "Access Plus" was still in the developmental stages, but President Janet G. Murphy felt confident the program would be a success.

"Along with adding faculty and staff personnel, the money will also be used for technology," she said.

Murphy said that keeping the technology up-to-date was a key in promoting interactive teaching methods.

House Bill 442 also gave money to Western's sister college, Missouri Southern in Joplin. Southern's president, Dr. Julio S. Leon was also present at the signing of the bill which took place in the new St. Joseph Junior College Room in the Nelle Blum Student Union. More than 130 people were present at the event, including several local and state politicians who played a direct hand in moving the bill through legislature.

Sidney Johnson, D-Gower, sponsored the bill in the Missouri Senate. He said the Governor's signing of the bill was just another indication of how intent Carnahan was on supporting higher education and the St. Joseph community.

"No other governor in recent history has visited this area as much as Carnahan has," Johnson said. "He was here to help through the flood, he was here to help with the Northwest Community College crisis and he's here today to sign this bill which will enable Missouri Western to become an even better school."

Murphy said that 40 new jobs could be created because of the money from the bill. She wanted to increase faculty to positions to make classes smaller and offer a wider variety of courses.

"Western is well-deserving of this money and we are very grateful to the Governor and all the supporters of the bill which made this possible," Murphy said.

# Million Bill at Western



*Missouri Southern President Julio S. Leon poses with the Governor and Dr. Murphy. House Bill 442 also allocated money to Missouri Southern.*

*(below) Governor Carnahan and Western President Janet G. Murphy both gave brief speeches at the bill-signing ceremony. The bill allocated \$2.2 million.*





# Paging Nurse Spoonmore

by Angela Bush

"Paging Nurse Spoonmore to room 251. Nurse Spoonmore to room 251, STAT."

In May, Tracy Spoonmore would graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Western's Nursing Department was noted as one of the most successful and prestigious programs in the country,—

and was also one of the toughest. Spoonmore knew that first hand.

"It's intense," she said. "You always have to be ahead of the game."

Getting accepted into Western's program was a challenge in itself. Over the past few years, the department had to turn away many students. Once they were in, the real work began. Most nursing students spent approximately 30 hours a week studying outside the classroom, and seniors, like Spoonmore, had to spend another twelve hours at Heartland Hospital doing clinicals.

"No one ever said it would be easy," Spoonmore said. "It's a lot of work and it takes a whole lot of self-motivation."

Spoonmore, like many other nursing students, took advantage of leadership management courses and workshops. She said it was important to learn how to deal with everything expected from you on the job and to be able to balance it with your personal life.

While the required chemistry, anatomy and nursing courses were always educational and challenging, most nursing students agreed that clinicals were where everything became real. Spoonmore said that clinicals gave her the opportunity to see every part of the hospital. She worked on the progressive care unit, intensive care unit, coronary care unit, surgical step down, recovery and the emergency room. She learned how to work with specialized techs and how to do charting.

"In college you have to keep on all the reading, but after school, there are no books," she said. "You have to be prepared for change."

With her degree, Spoonmore had many career options in the health care field. She could work in a hospital, home health care, a nursing home or as a school nurse. Spoonmore said that more and more nurses are continuing their education and obtaining master's degrees. She planned to work for awhile and then return to school for a masters degree



Laura Krumme

*Spoonmore is an active member of the nursing department.*



*Jamie Balser looks for the best place to start an IV under the watchful eye of instructor Bonnie Gregory.*

Laura Krumme



*(left) Bonnie Holcomb helps patient Jamie Balser walk with her crutches.*

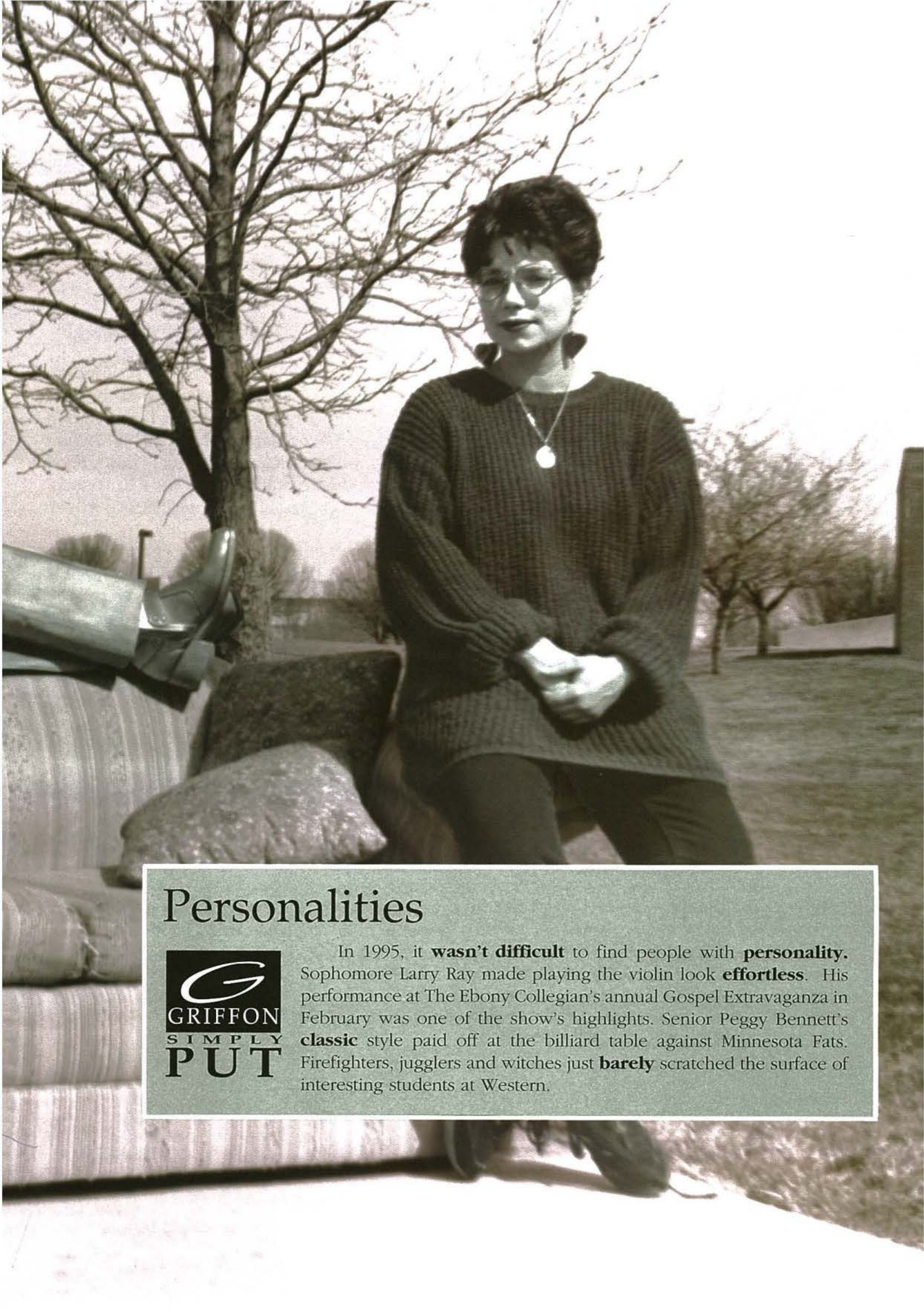
*(below) Emily Donaldson and Alicia Miller practice the intravenous procedure in preparation for clinical experience.*



*Emily Donaldson instructs patient Jana Meeks on her options before she leaves the hospital.*

Laura Krumme





## Personalities



In 1995, it **wasn't difficult** to find people with **personality**. Sophomore Larry Ray made playing the violin look **effortless**. His performance at The Ebony Collegian's annual Gospel Extravaganza in February was one of the show's highlights. Senior Peggy Bennett's **classic** style paid off at the billiard table against Minnesota Fats. Firefighters, jugglers and witches just **barely** scratched the surface of interesting students at Western.

# An Artist in His Groove

By R. Faulk



Photos by Patrick Hickey

*From the Boy Scout uniform he wore in the summer, to the wool stocking cap he wore in the winter, Frye wasn't always as serious as his art.*

There was nothing Senior Aaron Frye loved more than finding a groove. Once in his groove, the outside world disappeared and Frye blended into the reds, the blacks and the greens on the huge canvas before him.

"Whenever I paint, everything and everyone escapes me," he said.

Frye was working toward a bachelor of arts degree in studio art with an emphasis in painting. His paintings had been on display at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in St. Joseph, and he entered his work in exhibits every chance he got. Even when his paintings weren't on display, they were still getting a lot of attention.

"A lot of people just walk in the paint studio and see something of mine that interests them," Frye said. "Their usual question was 'what does it mean?' I sometimes have a hard time giving them an honest answer that they will understand."

Most of his paintings were large—eight feet wide and seven tall. Frye said he preferred painting things on a large scale because he felt that the usual themes of which he painted needed to be large to aptly portray the images. His paintings often depicted a form of violence—usually with strong political messages. Some of Frye's influences included American con-

temporary artists Jean-Michel Basquiat and Keith Haring. He patterned many of his styles and ideas after Basquiat and Haring's.

"I'm a very politically-aware person and I see so much needless violence and murder and the only way to express how I feel about it is to paint it," Frye said. Although most of what he painted was violent and very serious, Frye didn't let his artistic themes control his moods—unless the paint brush was secure in his hand.

"Sometimes it's hard to separate myself from my art, but I know I have to. When I walk out of the studio I try to leave the images of violence on the canvas and not on my mind," he said.

"Like most mothers, my mother wishes I would paint flowers or pretty things. I told her that I would—they would just be really big flowers with guns."

When he wasn't in an artistic groove zoning out the rest of the world, he spent a lot of his time keeping active with the Boy Scouts of America. Frye was an Eagle Scout and a Mic-O-Say, and spent time lifeguarding and giving swimming lessons to Boy Scouts. Frye didn't think being a Boy Scout really had much of an influence on the themes he chose to paint, but some of the connections were obvious. After all, Boy Scouts wanted to make the world a better place, and Frye's paintings opened people's eyes to things going on in the world that needed to be changed.

"I don't know if I paint for any certain reason," he said. "I just paint because there's something inside that tells me I must."

"Scout's Honor," Frye added.

*Behind Aaron Frye is a one of his large paintings that took about three months to complete. The idea for the painting was triggered by events taking place in the world. —most of Frye's paintings had strong political*



# Allen Finds Calling in WICCA

by Andrew Kunz

It didn't bother Senior Andrea Allen that a lot of people thought she was going to hell for the things she believed in — because she didn't believe there was a hell.

"They are fearful because I'm doing something weird.

This fear is from ignorance," she said.

Allen was a member of Wicca, a witch clan. She was quick to point out that being a witch didn't mean you were a satanic worshipper.

"We do not believe in the type of gods that Christians do," she said. "We don't believe in a heaven or a hell."

She was raised in a Catholic home, and her mother made her go to church, but she didn't feel right.

"Going to church felt weird, as if I shouldn't be there. I thought I was weird even as a kid," said Allen.

As a teenager, she then found her calling at a bookstore.

"I met with a couple of my friends just to check out an occult bookstore. The smell of incense overwhelmed me. It seemed like a church. You could figure yourself out. It seemed very reassuring for me."

Allen believed that everything has a force, and

some of the things that she had represented this. The five elements, fire, earth, wind, water and akasha — is another name for spirit. Often times, gems and metals represent these things.

Gems in her bag included snowquartz, rose quartz, citrin — which helped her to not have nightmares, and ruby, which was love matter.

"The magic and the symbols could mean anything," said Allen.

An example of this was the Tarot cards. These are cards that are effective in finding a specific answer to your questions. How the cards are dealt is very important. Each card has a meaning both forward and backward.

"Both have a good and bad side, like Ying or Yang," said Allen.

She used a technique of reading cards called a Celtic Cross, in which 10 cards are displayed in the cross. The first three cards determine the person's state at the moment. Card one describes you, yourself. The second card determines your obstacles. The third card determines the future. The other seven determine your history, future, outside influences, and the final card accumulates everything to determine your state.

"Things like Tarot can clear your mind on issues you want it bad enough, it will happen," Allen said. "Nothing has power, or Shamen."



Allen employed the Celtic Cross technique of reading Tarot cards.

Photos by Ryan Barker







# A Pool Shark in Disguise

by Amy Supple

Wife – Mother – Communication studies major – Intern. These words could describe countless students at Missouri Western State College. However, add comedienne and pool shark and the numbers get considerably smaller.

Senior Margaret “Peggy” Bennett is a non-traditional student on campus who has literally done it all.

Bennett graduated from high school in 1977. “I didn’t go to college because I didn’t feel like a career girl,” Bennett said. Instead she entered the workforce in 1977. She got married in 1985.

During this period of her life, one of Bennett’s claims to fame occurred. She was working in Colorado in the accounting department of a hotel. Minnesota Fats was staying there for a pool tournament and they had a promotional offer to sign up and pay a fee to play him in an exhibition game of pool. Bennett was lucky enough to get her money in on time. She ended up beating him, or almost, as she explains. “Technically, I won. He scratched on the last shot – so I won, but I didn’t necessarily out-play him.”

Bennett and her husband moved to St. Joseph as part of a business venture. They ended up divorcing in January of 1990. Unsure of what to do, a friend encouraged her to stay in St. Joseph. “I realized that a \$5 an hour job as a single mother was not going to cut it. I didn’t think I’d be able to afford to go back to school, but I looked into it and realized it was a realistic possibility,” said Bennett.

The winter of 1990 was a very busy time for Bennett. “On January 3 I got divorced, January 14 I began classes and on January 10, I moved into a new apartment,” said Bennett. Her freshman writing placement exam topic was on change—appropriately enough. She could have filled a book.

“When I first came back to school, I was terrified of competing with younger students. But after first semester I realized it was going to be fun.”

“To say my college experience has been very positive would be an understatement,” Bennett continues. “It has been so much more than just coming to classes for me. It has changed my attitude on life. I received much more than just a book education.

Bennett started doing stand-up comedy at a Divorce Adjustment Group she attended. She has put on a Mini-Teen-Institute for Savannah High School doing comedy as a way to reach teenagers. Besides community service her comedy routine has also brought her some opportunities. She won an open-mike night at Ramada Inn and won the opportunity to do her routine at Stanford’s Comedy Club.

“Thanks to all of my life experiences, including my time here at Missouri Western, I feel like I am ready to tackle life rather than have it tackle me.”



Photos by Ryan Barker

*Peggy Bennett will graduate this year with a communications degree. She feels her time here as been the most valuable experience of her life.*

*Senior Peggy Bennett won an exhibition game of pool against Minnesota Fats when he scratched in the last round of the game.*

# U2: Playing the ROLE OF Devil's ADVOCATE



Photos by Ryan Barker

*Brad Harrah works his shiny suit for his cover photos.*

by Ryan Barker

Junior art major Brad Harrah finally found what he was looking for. "It all started when I was younger when I was forced to listen to my brother's favorite music," Harrah said.

That music was the music of the rock group U2. U2's music became the background for Harrah's life and art. Though he didn't like the group's music at first, when the "Achtung Baby" album came out, Harrah said it changed his life.

Because of his art background, Harrah was instantly intrigued with U2's style and persona which he felt mirrored Andy Warhol's Art package. Brad's favorite character was MacPhisto. Bono, the lead singer of U2, developed the character MacPhisto to incorporate into the band's shows. MacPhisto was a symbolic manifestation of a show business icon who refused to admit his time in the limelight had run out. MacPhisto's appearance was a combination of disco, Elvis and opera. The character was decked out in a gold lame' suit

complete with glitter platform boots, red tuxedo enhanced operatic make-up, and a set of demonic horns.

Harrah became especially interested in mimicking the dress and actions of MacPhisto. Once he started performing and acting out the role of MacPhisto, he was hooked. He also found other opportunities to get more involved with U2. Harrah's performance was linked by the Internet to a computer appreciation group that sells and discusses the latest buzz of their favorite group.

A contest among the Internet group involved producing a cover album of U2 songs and also an album cover photos. Harrah decided to work on an album cover contest. Harrah turned to photographer and fellow art major, Ryan Barker for help in designing the album cover.

"I knew his work and felt a connection," Harrah said. "I knew we could work well together."

The album cover and video productions of U2-tapes were just a pastime for Harrah, but he definitely felt more than just fun for him.

"I've found something unique and creative in my interests with U2," Harrah said. "Everyone should have something like I have in their music."





# Gettin' Physical with Howard

Amy Supple

Sticks and stones may break bones, but rest assured Andy Howard would put them back together. "When I was in high school, a friend of mine hurt his leg, and I went with him to his physical therapy sessions. I was seriously impressed with the physical therapist. And that's when I decided physical therapy was definitely what I wanted to do."

Howard, a junior exercise science major, planned on attending graduate school in physical therapy after he graduated from Missouri Western.

"The human side of the profession is very appealing to me. Working with all of the advances in medical technology to help someone walk again through hip replacements and knee replacements is an amazing thing to be a part of," commented Howard on his expected career.

At Missouri Western, there was no four year degree in physical therapy. However, it continues to be a very popular career choice among Western students. Howard and his friends in his chosen field were considered pre-professional students. He had the choice of majoring in biology or exercise science and chose exercise science.

"After I graduate I hope to go on to graduate school. I've tried to keep my grades up. Physical therapy school is very competitive, as I have found out. They only take the top 10% of the crop. But I think the pre-professional curricu-

lum here at Western has prepared me well for any further education I decide to undertake," said Howard.

Besides studying and lab work, Howard has also made a name for himself in Missouri

Western's social circles. Being a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, Western VIPs, the Honors Program, the Pre-Professional Club, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, the Barbara Sprong Leadership Challenge and Student Government has literally forced Howard to learn and practice effective time management.

"I don't usually go out during the week. That time is reserved for studying and meetings. But on the weekends you need a little time to leave all the studying and time commitments behind and just have fun,"

Howard strongly believed that all his hard work will pay off. "The course work has been very challenging. But physical therapy is a challenging career, with constantly changing equipment and technology so it is good practice," added Howard.



Jennifer Kiszczak

Andy Howard, an exercise science major, plans to pursue a career in physical therapy.

# on fire

## With Godbey

by Chris Whipple

Freshman Misti Godbey liked it hot — which was pretty ironic considering fires used to scare her.

“Now I just get a total rush when I’m on a fire truck going to a scene,” she said.

Godbey was a volunteer firefighter in her hometown, Kearney, Mo. She’d been fighting fires since she was 13 years old. She got interested in fire fighting because her father was a firefighter as well

as some of her friends. Along with hours of hands-on training, to become a firefighter Godbey completed a course in introduction to fire service and a course in the general differences in fires. Godbey also had the opportunity to go to summer and winter fire school. When she was in junior high, Godbey was teased by classmates because she was able to get out of school to go on calls. To be able to leave school for a fire, she had to keep her grades high enough. Now that she’s in college Godbey only goes on calls during the weekends.

“When I go home, if I get a call I go,” she

said. “All of my training stays with me and as I get older I can tell I’m improving as a firefighter.”

Female, and only about 5’1” tall, Godbey may have expected to endure pressures and ill treatment that other members may not face — but she wasn’t discouraged. In fact, the other members of the fire department helped her out quite a bit.

“They treated me like I was their little sister,” she said. “They watched out for me but they didn’t pamper me. They wanted me to learn.”

One experience Godbey remembered was a call at 2:00 a.m. It was a car wreck that caused one lane of a two-way bridge to be closed. When she arrived at the call she did what any firefighter would do — she went to work. She jumped off the truck and pulled the hose down — much to the amazement of a crowd of truck drivers that were standing around gawking. As she worked, Godbey heard the men commenting on her gender, size and age, yet her fellow firefighters told them to leave her alone.

“No matter how big or small I am — I know I can do my job,” she said.

Though fighting fires wasn’t in Godbey’s long term career plans, she said she was sure that volunteer fire fighting would always be an important part of her life.



Patrick Hickey

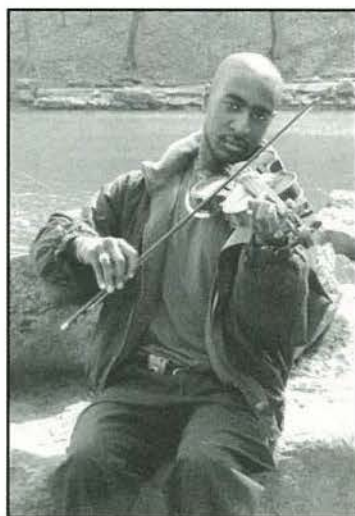
*Freshman Misti Godbey's weekends are sometimes spent extinguishing burning houses in her hometown, where she's a volunteer firefighter.*





# Violinist likes to

# JAZZ things up



Ryan Stemmons

Ray, an engineering major has performed Jazz, Blues, and Gospel in talent competitions and at the KC Jazz and Spirit Fest.

by R. Faulk

Senior Larry Ray could play Mozart and Beethoven on his violin — but he'd rather not. He'd rather be playing something jazzy, something bluesy, so that's what he played.

Not too many people had the chance to meet famous musicians — and very few had the opportunity to actually perform with a famous musician. Ray was lucky to be one of those few.

Ray played the violin and had the good fortune of not only performing with a well-known violinist, he also had the fortune of having a friendship with and taking lessons from Sam Murrell. Murrell, known as "The Fiddler," was especially famous as a Kansas City jazz and blues musician. Ray's mother was friends with Murrell, so when Ray started playing the violin in fifth grade, he had a lot of encouragement.

"I had wanted to play the drums but they told me I was too small so they put a violin in my hand," Ray said.

Ray stuck with the violin even though he

didn't especially enjoy the classical music he was taught in high school orchestra at Lincoln Academy. It was Murrell's unique musical style that inspired Ray to keep playing.

"I remember the first time I heard him play I couldn't believe it was coming from a violin," Ray said. "He showed me another side to the violin and how much you can do with it."

At Ray's high school graduation, he and Murrell played a duet together. Ray and Murrell also played together for other events. Ray attended the University of Missouri-Rolla for two years and while there he played his violin in talent competitions. He had also performed in the KC Jazz and Spirit Fest as well as performing at Missouri Western's Gospel Extravaganza. Gospel, blues and jazz were his favorite to play.

"I like to perform, but it takes a lot of time and dedication which I don't have a lot of," he said.

Between finishing his degree in electronic engineering, working, and spending time with his girlfriend and their 7-month-old daughter, Ray didn't have a lot of time to play the violin. But he said he wanted to keep up with it, and perhaps someday he might record an album.

"When I tell someone I play they always say they wished they played," Ray said. "They tell me they hope I appreciate it, and the older I get, the more I do appreciate my ability to play the violin."



# Step by Step

## with Masako



Photos by Pat Hickey

*In an intermediate drawing class, Masako Lampkin works on recreating an old drawing. An architectural drawing assignment from a few days earlier hangs on the wall behind her.*

by Angela Bush

Masako Lampkin knew about change. She knew how to deal with it and how to make the most of it.

"Sometimes you don't know what to expect," Lampkin said.

Two years ago Lampkin decided to make a big change in her life. She moved from Kyoto, Japan to the United States. Although she already held a degree in Japanese literature with a minor in education and library studies from Kiran College in Osaka, Lampkin wanted something more.

"I've always liked art and wanted to study it. I almost went to an art college in Japan, but that meant I would have no job," Lampkin said.

She spent some time studying English in England and while there, she met her husband, Michael. When she came to the States, she decided to follow her heart and found herself majoring in art at Missouri Western.

Lampkin said that there were many differences between Missouri Western and the colleges in Japan. In Japan, she attended a private women's college. The school only had three departments — Japanese, English

and nutrition. She said her degree would have allowed her to teach middle school in Japan or work as a librarian. However, she said that most job opportunities in Japan were office jobs such as a secretary positions — especially for women.

Another difference between the higher educational institutions she especially noticed was that there were more "non-traditional" students at Western. She said that in Japan 40, 60 or 80 year olds just didn't decide to go back to college like they did here.

"I like Missouri Western," Lampkin said. "The teachers know your name and face, and they take better care of the students."

Perhaps there was only one change that Lampkin had not completely adjusted to — the English language. Lampkin said she looked forward to becoming bilingual.

"I am not comfortable with English yet," she said. "But someday I will be comfortable with listening and speaking English."

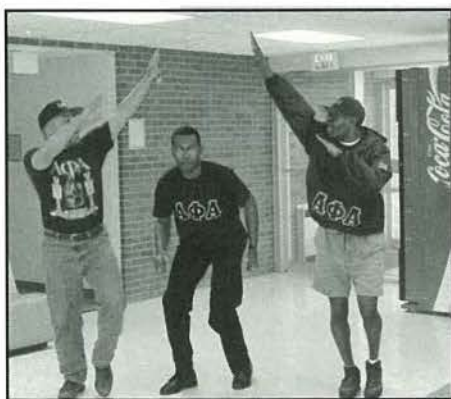
Lampkin said that the writing classes were better here than in Japan and that here she went step by step and little by little. Perhaps it was a technique that could apply to her new life — taking it step by step. Certainly, Lampkin had already taken the biggest and bravest step when she followed her dreams.



# Checking the

# VITALS

## With Watson



Rodney Watson (center) practices a Fraternity step routine with fellow Alphas, Brian Butner (L.) and Dale Rodney (R.).

Photos by Ryan Stemmions

by R. Faulk

Rodney Watson had a lot of respect for the human life. He also had a lot of respect for death. The first day Watson volunteered at a hospital there was a code blue, and he saw a man die. Only hours before Watson had talked to the man.

"It shook me up and kind of made me nauseous," he said. "It made me realize how quickly life can end."

Watson, a senior psychology major, was pursuing a career in medicine. It was a demanding discipline, but Watson had also found time to participate in virtually every campus activity imaginable. He also made time for his fraternity brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha, his girlfriend, singing and playing piano and trombone.

"You can find a balance," Watson said. "It's not always so easy, but I want to make sure I'm living every moment to the fullest."

He had already spent three years and more than 900 hours volunteering at Heartland Hospital as scrub technician and medical assistant. He

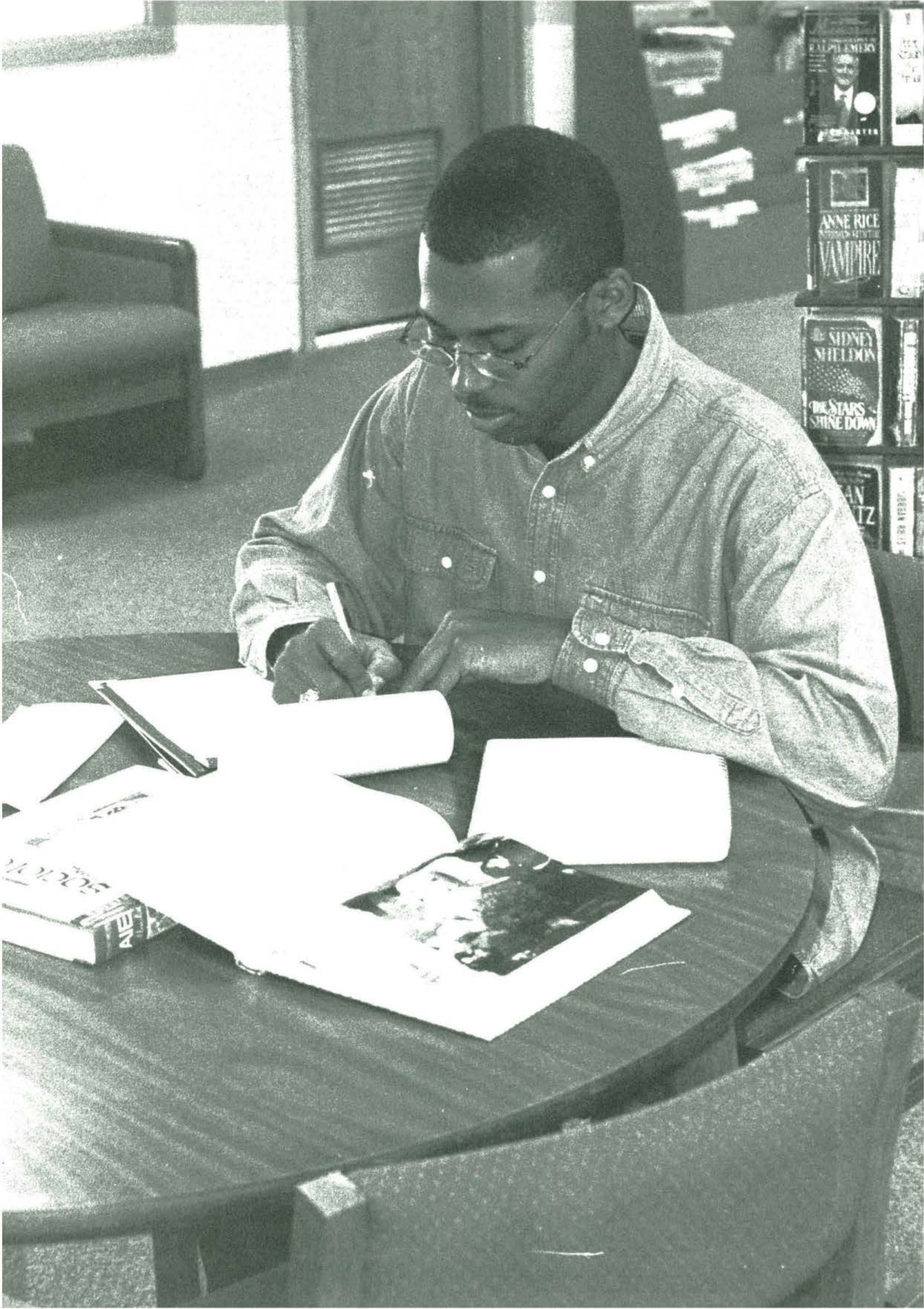
had put in several hours in the emergency room taking basic vitals and in the operating room assisting three surgeons.

"When I become a doctor I want to help other pre-med students like Dr. Andres, Dr. Mulder and Dr. Wade have helped me," he said.

On top of his volunteer work, Watson was employed in the human resources department at Heartland and worked as a psychiatric aide for the Missouri Department of Mental Health. He had already spent more hours dealing with emergencies, miracles and life and death than a lot of medical students had. He said some of his more memorable experiences were working in trauma and observing his first autopsy.

However, dealing with the sometimes gruesome realities of the human body didn't scare Watson away. Watson said the biggest fear facing him was not being able to help every one of his patients.

"I already know that as a doctor you can't take every case to heart," Watson said. "But a person's life is a remarkable thing, and I will always respect life and death."





# Living a Juggler's Life

Faulk

Christine Bumgardner used to be a klutz. Who would have thought that a total klutz would be able to help support herself while working as a juggler?

"I tripped over everything and dropped everything," she said. "One day I bought the Klutz Book to Juggling after about an hour, I was on my way to juggling," Bumgardner said.

Before traveling around the world and finally making a decision to study English at Missouri Western, Bumgardner worked at a mall in Seattle as a juggler and juggler. When she wasn't pulling rabbits out of hats or making quarters disappear, she was tossing around balls, bowling pins and any other objects that she could get her hands on.

While Bumgardner enjoyed her time in Seattle, she had bigger and better things in mind. She and her Japanese boyfriend, whom she also juggled, decided to take their act on the road.

"We were going to travel around the world as street performers," Bumgardner said. "We had our act all packed out."

Unfortunately, all didn't go as planned. Once they were in Japan, Bumgardner's boyfriend decided he wasn't going out for a career in juggling and was ready to return to college. He literally left her standing alone in the middle of Tokyo.

"There I was in a foreign country with a broken heart, no money and no clue of what I was going to do," she said. "And the worst part was that I couldn't talk about it to anyone because I couldn't speak the language!"

Bumgardner said that she wanted to pursue her

juggling career without her boyfriend, but wasn't able to because it was dangerous for a woman to street perform on her own. She said despite striding the feminist movement had given women, working on the street in big cities — especially in foreign countries — wasn't safe for a woman.

Reluctantly, Bumgardner realized that her ex-boyfriend probably made the right decision to finish a college degree, and she knew that for her it would be in the English field. She returned to the states and enrolled in college for the second time — the first time had been six years earlier right out of high school.

"I didn't take it seriously before," Bumgardner said. "But I knew that this time I would do it right."

Now Bumgardner was doing a different kind of juggling. She had a full load of literature and history courses and worked part time to support herself and finance a trip to study in England with the English department next summer.

While juggling wasn't making her money any longer, Bumgardner now and then performed for friends at parties. She also felt that she'd find some way to incorporate juggling into the classroom as a professor teaching English as a second language in a foreign country.

"I'm sure I'll always be a juggler at heart," Bumgardner said.



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*Taking a well earned bow, Bumgardner is all smiles after showing off her gravity-defying skill.*

*Concentration is the key in the art of juggling. Christine Bumgardner uses mind over matter to keep all balls off the ground.*



# Father of Four Takes on the Challenge

by R. Faulk

If Robert Drake had a nickname, it was probably "Mr. Mom." Drake, a divorced, non-traditional student, had full custody of 10-year-old Josh and joint custody of 6-year-old twins Kelsey and Corey, and four-year-old Zach. When he wasn't running from teacher's conferences, pediatric appointments and birthday parties, he was running across campus to one of his own classes.

"My kids come first," Drake said. "Sometimes I miss a class because one of them has a doctor's appointment. Their mother works and goes to school and we try to work out good schedules, but sometimes something comes up and one of us has to be there — and with four kids, we each miss our share of classes."

Drake was a secondary education major with an emphasis in history and minors in English and physical education. He was a second-time college student. He attended college directly out of high school, but didn't take it seriously. His story was similar to that of many non-traditional students — he liked the money a job gave him and didn't think a college degree was too important.

"I got married and worked and had kids," Drake said. "Then after about 10 years my marriage was ending, and I suddenly realized that I wanted to do something different with my life."

Drake was 31 when he enrolled in college again. This time, there was no turning back. He took 18 hours each semester and attended intersessions. At 33, Drake was only a year away from fulfilling his dream of becoming a high school history teacher and coach — seemingly suitable career for such a dedicated father.

"Everyone probably likes to think they can communicate with children, and I'm no different," he said. "My philosophy is that I let them be kids. If they're splashing or wrestling and they're not hurting anything, I let them do it. I can take all four of them into a grocery store with me and we don't have a single problem."

Drake made a lot of sacrifices, though. His student loan balance was astronomical and sometimes he went without books for classes because he just couldn't afford them.

"I know the money is supposed to be used only for education, but I can't make my kids suffer because they want to go to school," Drake said. "I'll worry about the loans later. Right now I want my kids to play sports and have what other kids have — but in the same sense, I want to get my degree and get a chance to do what I always wanted."

"Often people think I'm doing something special because I'm a man taking care of my kids and going to school and working," Drake said. "The truth is, women do it all the time and my ex-wife is doing it now — I just draw attention because I'm a man doing it. I'm just doing my part of being a parent and even though I'm working harder in school and will have more money to pay back than I would've if I didn't have my children, I don't regret any of it for one second. My kids are the most important part of my life."



Rob Mitchell

Senior Bob Drake has discovered the trials and tribulations of being a non-traditional student and father.

Keeping up with these four and going to school is sometimes a challenge for Drake. The children's mother was faced with the same challenge. Pictured with their father are Corey, Zach, Kelsey and Josh.



# Sophomore likes to keep things moving



by R. Faulk

Patricia Parks didn't stand still for very long. Maybe it was the dancer in her. Maybe it was the dreamer and doer in her — maybe it was all of these things in her, and then some.

"I'll get bored doing one thing," Parks said. "There's too many things I want to do and want to be."

One of those things was a dancer. When Parks was young she took dance lessons but fell away from it. In col-

lege, she enrolled in a dance class and the instructor encouraged her to continue her lessons. She went on to take advanced dance lessons and began performing modern, jazz and dramatic dance.

"Modern dance is my favorite because you really feel the music and become a part of it," she said. "Without saying a word you can move slightly one way and send a message out to everyone watching."

For Parks, the message her dancing sent out was often an important one. She performed a dance on video for AIDS Awareness Week and after winning the Alpha Phi Alpha's Miss Black and Gold competition last year, she moved on to the district level of that competition and her dance portion of the contest was dedicated to AIDS victims — one in particular.

"I had a friend who lost a loved one to AIDS, and I expressed my care through danc-

ing," Parks said. "Dancing is such a release and gives you such a great feeling and then when you're doing it for a reason, it becomes such an incredible experience."

Dancing was only one side of this multi-faceted sophomore. After graduating from a high school in Kansas City, Parks moved to Louisiana. A friend persuaded her to come to Missouri Western. Parks found herself back in Missouri and studying to become a pediatric therapist. She got an early start on her career by volunteering in physical therapy at Heartland Hospital East.

Along with having the prestige of being a past Miss Black and Gold, she was an associate member of The Ebony Collegians and a sister of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

"I like to be involved in things," Parks said. "Living on campus and being in my sorority has given me so much."

Parks said that part of her would always be a dancer, part of her would always be a doctor, and part of her would always be looking for what comes next.

"I want to be a doctor — but not just a doctor — I want to do a lot of other things," she said. "For example, I want to own my own shopping plaza, and I would dedicate it to my sorority."

Parks said that by the age of 24 she wanted to be able to say she'd done something. At the rate she was going, that shouldn't be a problem.

*"My Alpha Kappa Alpha sisters are always there for me no matter what I'm doing," Sophomore Patricia Parks said. Being involved in a sorority was only one of the activities that kept Parks on the move.*





# Pumping up the Volume with Chiang

by Ruby Faulk

Whether he was selling shoes, promoting music concerts or reading a Chinese newspaper, one thing was for sure, senior Kenneth Chiang always had something to do.

"I go to school, I listen to music, I work, and I don't have any days off," said Chiang.

Chiang had a lot more to keep himself busy with besides a double major in accounting and marketing. He was a shoe salesman and an intern with the nation's largest companies which promoted, marketed, and managed Sandstone Amphitheater in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

His internship consisted of helping promote and advertise concert events at Sandstone. Among some of his responsibilities were to take tickets and trade them to businesses for service, merchandise or publicity. For example, the company Chiang worked for would take a block of 250 tickets and trade it to a musical store for five electric guitars. The company would then get the artists to autograph the guitars and auction them off. The proceeds usually went to a charity.

The job was right down Chiang's alley in terms of his career plans to work in marketing and advertising. The only disadvantage was that it was not a paying internship. However, that didn't bother Chiang because there were plenty of benefits, like free passes for the groups.

In May, he worked at the R.E.M. concerts at Sandstone. His primary job was to hang out with the Chief's cheerleaders who were there as a part of a publicity campaign for the concert company. This was a job Chiang said he could definitely handle.

When Chiang wasn't faxing concert announcements to newspapers and radio and tele-

vision stations and driving all over Kansas City dropping off or picking up promotional material for the upcoming concerts, he was selling shoes in the men's department at Dillard's.

"My two jobs are definitely very different," Chiang said. "I guess I have to like selling shoes since it makes me money, but I could really see myself working as a marketing executive in the music industry."

Chiang was born in China and his family didn't come to the United States until he was 14. Chiang already knew the language, he'd been taught English in grade school, but his parents had to learn it.

Even in China, Chiang grew up listening to the Beatles, Madonna and Michael Jackson. But today, he prefers "alternative" music to the pop music that he once listened to in China. Chiang lived in a close-knit Chinese family. They subscribed to a Chinese newspaper to keep current on events in their homeland and Chiang's mother always cooked Chinese dishes, still Chiang's favorite. He'd take the alternative music in the U.S., but as far as the food went, a Big Mac could never be an alternative to his mother's cooking.



Rob Mitchell

*Senior Kenneth Chiang was completing an internship for a concert promotions company. The position provided Chiang with free passes to R.E.M. concerts and Lollapalooza '95.*

*Chiang's internship and Accounting/Marketing major could lead him in the direction of the music industries. Chiang's used to going in a lot of directions. He moved to the U.S. from China when he was 14.*

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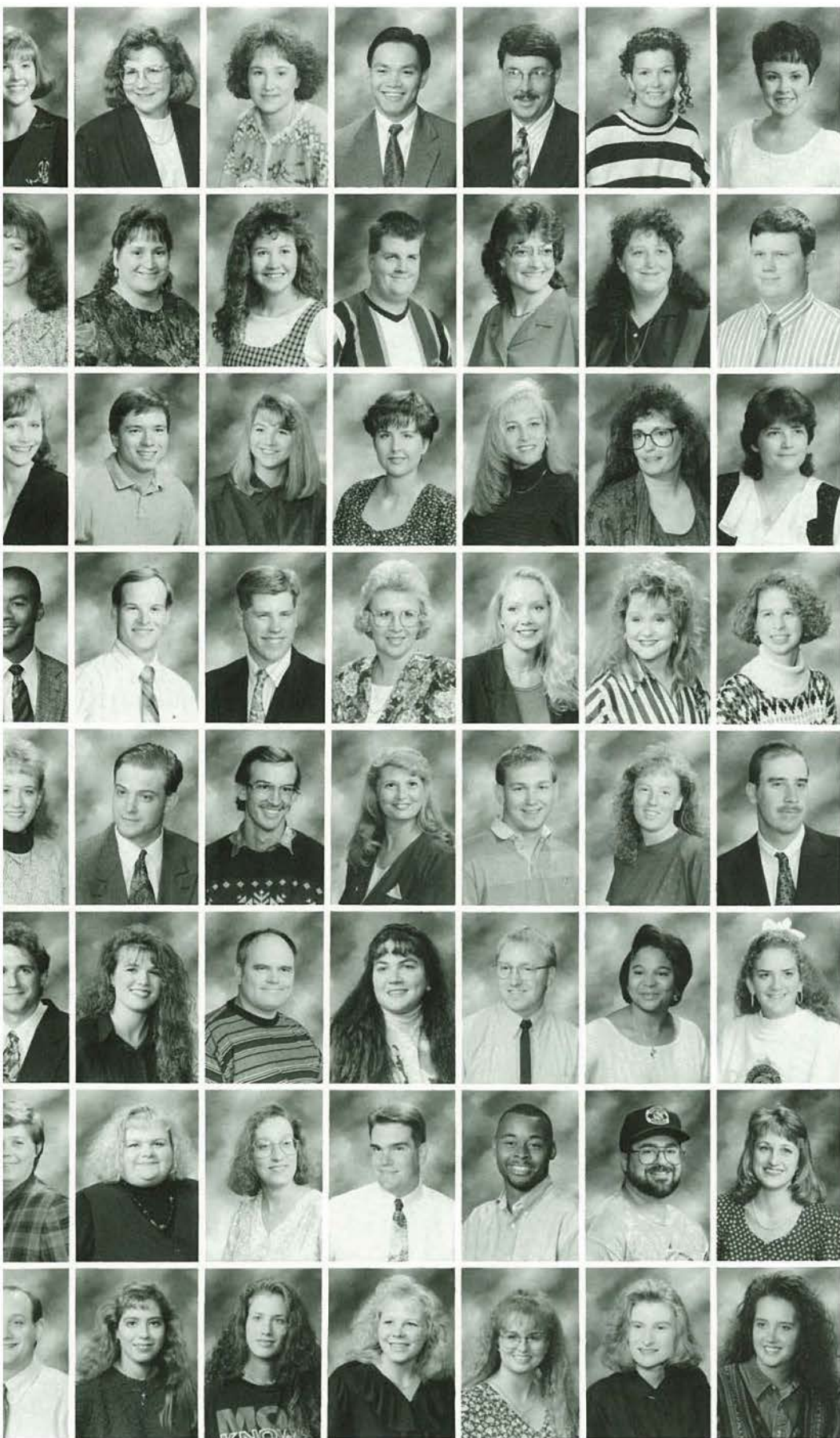


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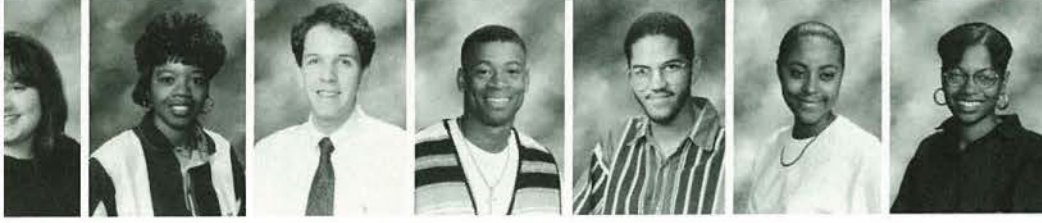


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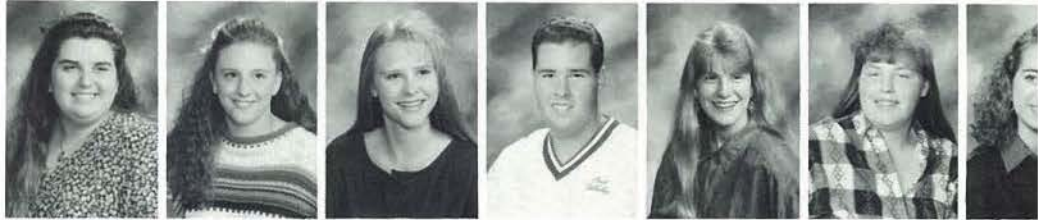


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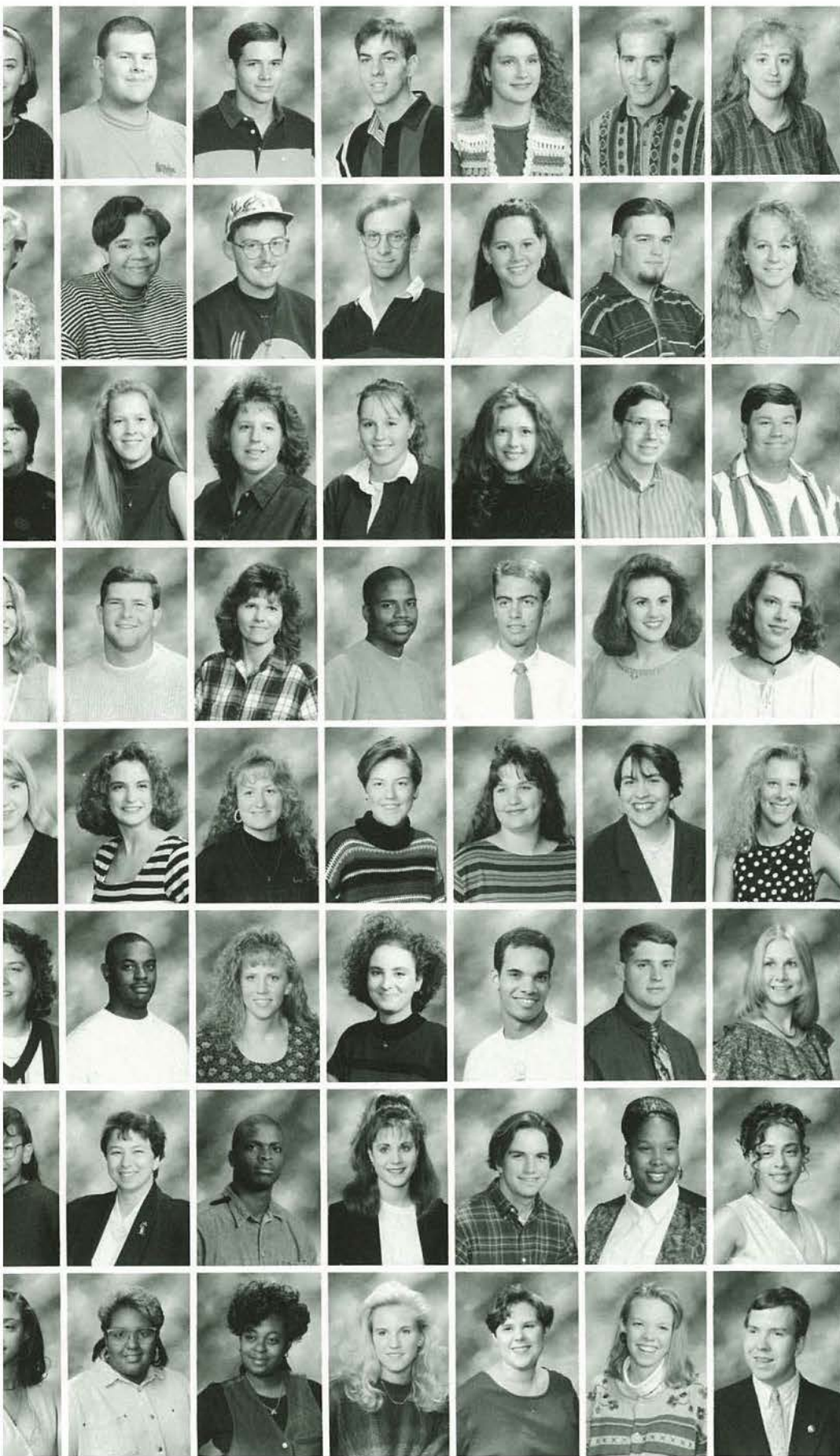


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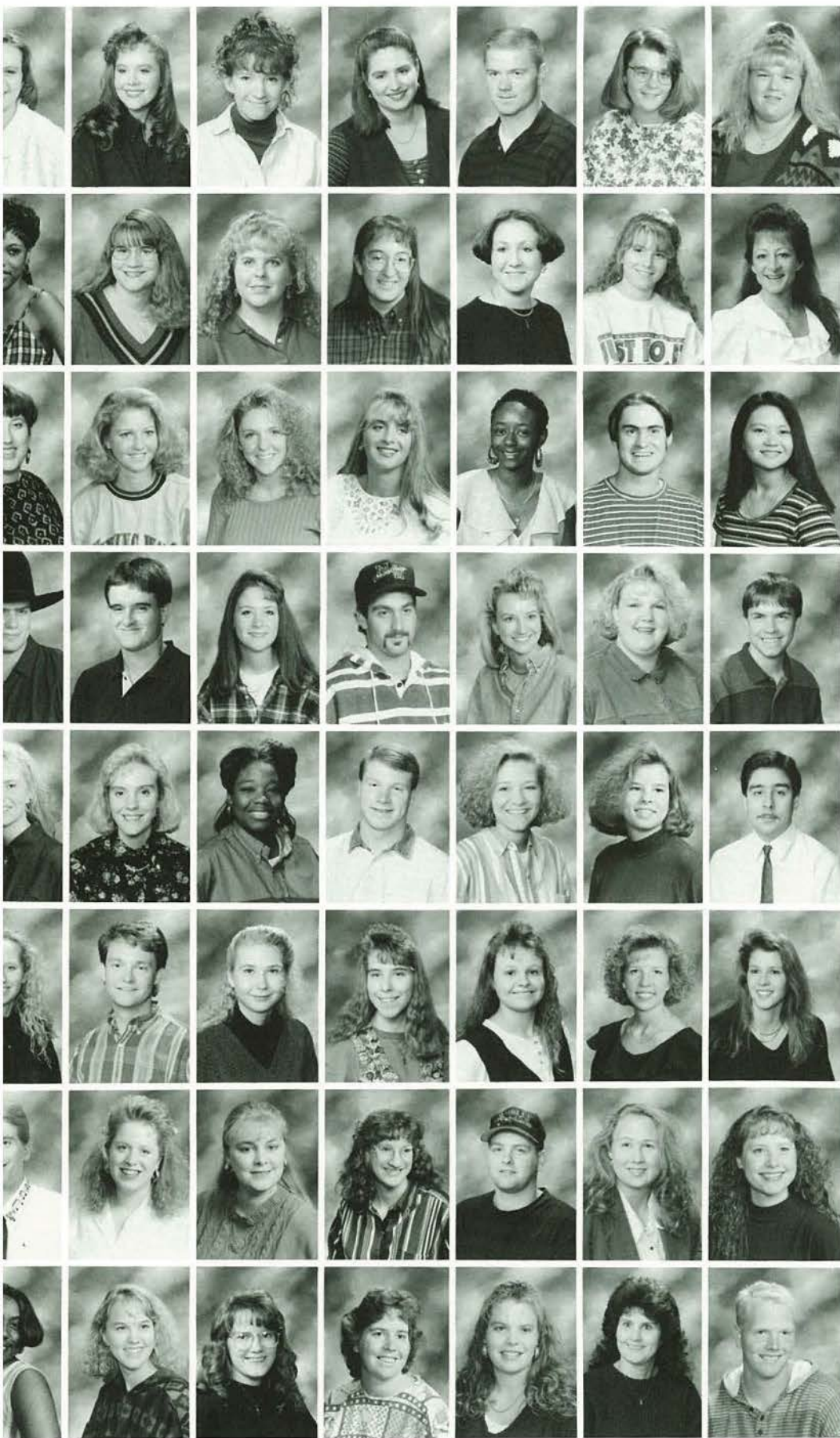


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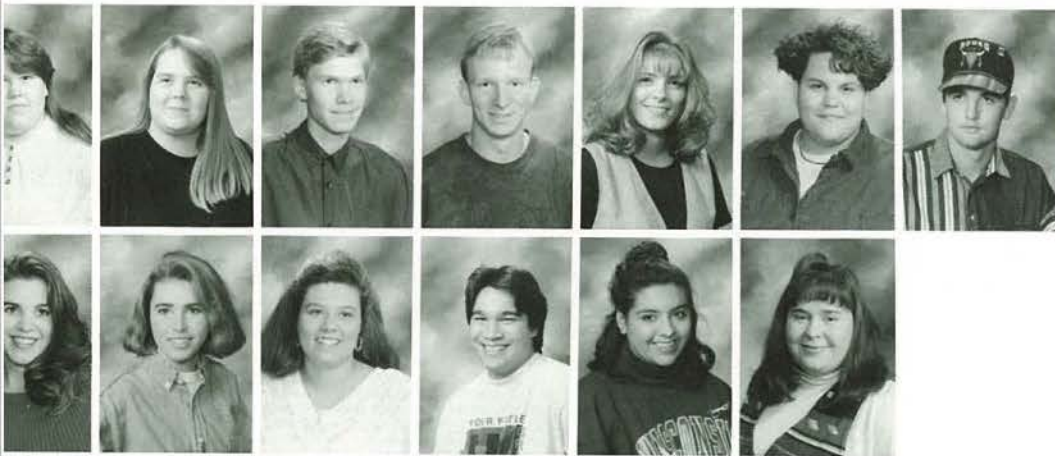


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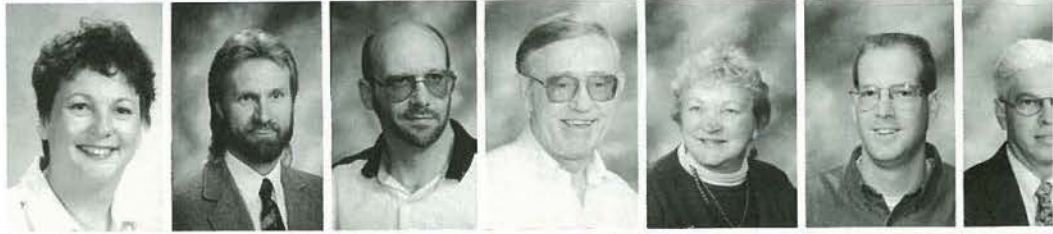
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# He Does His Homework

Sammy Boris

Students weren't the only ones who had to do their homework. As a professor, author and researcher, Dr. Frank Kessler was no stranger to homework. He did his homework for his students, for his books and for his research.

Kessler, a political science professor at Missouri Western and a graduate professor at the University of Kansas Lawrence, said one of his first steps in interviewing a political personality was to do homework on that person in his or her area of politics. In politics, he said it was hard to keep up, but he combated that with a list of standard questions in addition to more specific questions.

Due to his high standard of research excellence, teaching skills and subject knowledge, Kessler was offered teaching positions by several universities, but he declined all of them.

"I'm a Missouri person and have lived in St. Louis. Plus I enjoy the interaction with students on a one-to-one basis or in the small class setting," he said.

Good high school teachers and a first political science class at St. Louis University sparked his interest. Kessler received his B.S. and M.A. from Missouri University and his Ph.D. from Notre Dame University in Indiana. His doctoral thesis was on US foreign policy toward Cuba through the Ordeal of American States. In 1974 Kessler ended up at the State Department on the Cuba desk as a scholar diplomat in political affairs. He left the following year, but returned to

participate in a summer Intelligence Research Program.

Once Kessler was asked to run for a local office. He declined, because he said that he had the good sense not to run. Many Americans naively think that government can cure all of our society's problems. Kessler's eyes were opened by his experiences on the Cuba desk.

"After I left the Cuba desk, my view of politics was more realistic," he said, "I saw more of the limits of government."

One of his most recent research projects lead him to interview presidential and vice presidential staff members of the Clinton administration. In doing so, Jack Quinn, the Vice President Al Gore's Chief of Staff proved to be a strong personality.

Doing your homework can pay off. Just ask Dr. Kessler.

*Not many people can say they have met the president. Not only has Dr. Frank Kessler met President Clinton, he has interviewed every president since Nixon.*



Pat Hickey



Pat Hickey

Kessler is a widely published author in the field of



## Organizations



It **wasn't hard** finding an organization to get involved with. Phi Delta Theta was one of several social fraternities that campaigned for interested students, Kappa Mu Epsilon's doors were always **open** to aspiring mathematicians, and joining Peers Reaching Others was an **easy** way to do precisely what the name says.

The hard part was choosing from these organizations and finding time to keep involved with the club or clubs. Club presidents and other active members knew first-hand what it took to keep things **organized**.



# MWSC *Science* Majors

## Help Area Scouts

By Amy Supple

One hundred and seventy-eight Girl Scouts invaded the Agenstein Science and Math Building at Missouri Western on November 5. And it had nothing to do with thin mints or cookies of any kind. They were guests of the biology department and were on campus for some serious science.

The biology department sponsored an annual scout workshop for area youth to give them an opportunity to earn merit badges in science. The Biology Club and Beta Beta Beta, the biological honor society sponsor the Girl Scout workshop in the fall.

"The scouts pick subjects and they get to learn hands-on about science in various sessions," said Vicky Wibberg, biology major and secretary for the biology club.

"We sponsor the workshop that will give the scouts an opportunity to earn badges. We help them work

through experiments throughout the day and when they leave they have earned two merit badges in biology," said Wibberg.

The Biology Club was active on campus in other aspects also. They were responsible for the maintenance associated with the Biology Nature Trail located behind the Missouri Conservation Building on campus. They also participated in several Homecoming activities.

*Local girl scouts use a microscope in one of the biology labs in the science and math building. With the aid of Biology Club and Beta Beta Beta, scouts used real laboratory equipment and earn merit badges.*



Ryan Stemmons



Ryan Stemmons

*Biology club secretary Vicky Wibbery blows bubbles as part of an experiment during the annual girl scout workshop.*



## Agriculture Club

**Front Row:** Chris O'Donnell, Corey Thompson, Adam Khan. **Back Row:** Duane Everhart, Steve Brosi, Eric Starkey.



## Alchemist Club

**Front Row:** Jay Pike, Heather Riley, Margie Houghton, Frankie Kohler, Debra Kauzlarich. **Back Row:** Kenneth Osborn, Greg Crumb, David Alvary, Chris Archer, Kamto Lee.



## Alpha Chi Honor Society

**Front Row:** Michelle Masters, *president*, Amy Pickett, *secretary*, Bonnie Morrison, *treasurer*, Jessica Bayne, *vice-president*, Sandy Quint, Teresa Schmitt. **Second Row:** Dr. Phil Wann, Chuck Lauritzen, Sylvia Jeffers, Angie Droege, Sue Fasching, Julie Miller, Bill Wright, Tobie Wilcox, Janice Trajoani, Christine Murray, Andrew Howard. **Third Row:** James Roevers, Faculty Sponsor, Alyson Cook, Peggy Bennett, Pam Williams, Peggy Stanton, Sharon Tootle, Lindy Ohnell, April Windham, Michelle Deering.





Laura Krumme

Students at the Baptist Student Union sing and clap in praise at one of their meetings. Approximately 40 Missouri Western students turn out for the weekly meeting.

# B.S.U. Gives Support

by Michelle Cox

Spring Break to most students usually meant days of sun and fun on the beach, but for members of the Baptist Student Union, it meant something totally different.

The BSU spent the year preparing for mission trips to St. Louis and Wyoming where they would spend Spring Break doing volunteer work.

"We decided to go on these trips so we could help others and to be of service to those who needed it," member Taira Morgan said.

The organization was divided into two groups. One headed to St. Louis, and the other group, along with members of a St. Joseph church, headed for Wyoming. While in these locations, the members sang in nursing homes and worked with children with the help of local churches. The volunteers also cleaned and painted and did

handy work within the churches they visited.

Spring Break was not the only time the BSU was involved with volunteer work. The group often went to St. Joseph nursing homes to spend time with residents and do things such as give the women manicures and just sit and converse with the elderly.

"Most the time all they want is someone to talk to," Morgan said. "We're like a support group. We're there for other students, and we're also there for the other people within

our organization."

Aside from providing volunteer work in the community as well as across the country, the Baptist Student Union offered a lot to students. The Baptist Student Union was a place where students were invited to watch television, play billiards or just hang around and socialize or study. Wynne, the Baptist Student Union sponsor, was there each day of the week to talk to anyone who felt the need to talk about college, family stress — or anything else.



Laura Krumme

Rob Albright plays his guitar for the B.S.U. meetings. The meetings consist of dinner, singing, and a devotional time.



## Baptist Student Union

Front Row: Nicholle Haupt, Marla Pope, Amy Grove, Natalie Veach  
 Second Row: Virginia Melling, Lindy Ohnell, Darlene Drury, Taia Morgan, Mike Holcer, Roberto Yroz, Erika Redden, Christine Lake. Third Row: Naya Tipton, Erin Plaisted, Misty Cracraft, Erin Willoughby, Tracy Schemmer, Kimberly Hughes, Kent Mills, Amy Holthouse, Sherri Kuhlman, Dawiel Dorr. Back Row: Gretchen Stock, Lori Bigham, Dawn Svoboda, Mary Wilford, Julie Deaton, Keri Bartlett, Gregg Krumme, Shawn Marney, Scott Yocom. Not Pictured: Cheri Guthals, Ryan Stiffler.



## Alpha Chi Delta

**Front Row:** Michelle Vaughn, Rebekah Baker, Erin Elliott, Becky Obermeir, Andrew Huber, Jeana Wescott. **Second Row:** Shannon Davis, Tina Flatt, Angie Paden, Stephanie Smiser, Michelle Stout, Cathy Carney, Kristi Marshall. **Third Row:** Stacey Cowick, Teri Phillips, Andrea Anderson, Michele Wilson, Robin Thomas, Heather Sipes. **Back Row:** Tanya Stroud, Chrystal Reed, Aimee Cowick, Katie Syron, Kelly Strehl, Kari Shier.



## Alpha Phi Alpha

**Front Row:** Obie Austin, Dale Rodney, Tori Hicks, Tarek Delavallade, Aklume Butner. **Back Row:** Joe English, Rodney Watson, Abdul Abdelnassar, Kennard Toombs, Eric Jones.

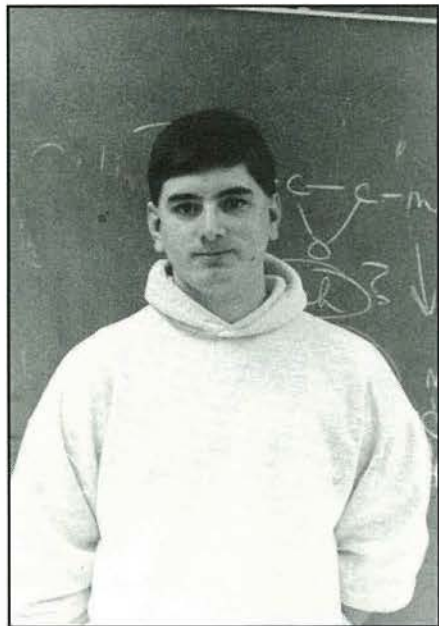


## Associated General Contractors

**Front Row:** David Landers, *secretary*, Chad Parsons, *vice president*, Jess Innis, *president*, Mitch Buter, *treasurer*, Tanya Zimmerman, Michelle Frick. **Second Row:** Zachary Kerns, John Kulak, Joel McBee, Michael Mooney, Diana Allen, Dr. Najafi. **Back Row:** Mike Wing, Joe DePriest, Mike Holcer, Chad Lester, John Wilcox, Dr. Varman.

# Get the Chemistry Going

by Amy Supple



Ryan Stemmions

*Dave Alvarez played an instrumental role in the Chemistry Club. Keeping up with the latest academic curriculum was always a challenge in itself.*

*Dr. Smith and Dr. Schwarz worked with officers Dave Alvarez and Chris Archer in and out of classes to help the Chemistry Club.*

The Missouri Western Alchemists have been offering chemistry majors a deviation from lab work and classes for years. The group is the departmental club for chemistry majors on campus.

"Chemistry is an extremely tough major," said Dave Alvarez, president of the Alchemists. "We are in the classroom and the lab so much, some days from 8 to 5, and it is nice to be able to get people together and have some fun. The Alchemists offer a nice alternative to school."

The club, however, is not all fun and games. They try to have a meeting every three weeks and do a variety of academic activities including

watching a teleconference on chemical careers.

The group also sponsors a Boy Scout Workshop every year. All scouts can come and work toward merit badges in chemistry assisted by members of the Alchemists.

Campus involvement is also important to the organization. "We have sponsored a float in the homecoming parade every year," said Alchemists vice-president Chris Archer.

While they do try to participate in academic activities such as teleconferences and various other conferences, the Alchemists goal is to give chemistry majors the opportunity to have a good time.



Ryan Stemmions

## Campus Activities Board

**Front Row:** Sherry Behrendt, *vice chairperson*, Michelle Linderman, *chairperson*, Mindy Johnson.

**Second Row:** Kim Thoman, *movie chair*, Sonya Thomas, Stacie Fehr, *travel chair*.



## Center For Campus Diversity/ Mentor Program

**Front Row:** Karima Muhammad, Tamika Austin, Dawn Jones, Robyn Reynolds, Ebony Smith, Letha Az-Zubair, Wendy Robinson.

**Second Row:** Darlene Lenley, Nakia Wilson, Dawn Lenley, Ann Waite, Erika Buchner, Tina Shannon, Damon Randle. **Third Row:** Franklin L. Harris, Vlonda Sappington, Shereka Kelly, Carmen Martin, Nichole Washington, Ameerah Salaam, Geramine Williams, Leteza Johnson, Philana Harris, Tasha McClendoh. **Fourth Row:** Tisha Blankenship, Binita Thurman, Althera Brown, Janice Wallace, Kennard Toombs, Carla Byrd, Brandy Jenkins, Melvin Jones, Kendra Lyons, Brandon Austin.



## Cheers

**Front Row:** Susan Donalson, *parliamentarian*, Kandy Eads, *vice-president*, Michelle Masters, *treasurer*. **Second Row:** Leslie Barnes, Amy Pickett.



# Change Proves Positive For

# Cheerleading Squad



Rob Mitchell



Junior Nikki Cook  
fire up the crowd  
during a MWSC  
basketball game

## Scholz Honored For Service To Squad

After standing on the sidelines season after season, cheerleader Nikki Scholz finally had her night in the spotlight. At the last home basketball game, Scholz was honored by her peers for four years of dedication to the cheerleading squad.

She started as a freshman four years ago and has served as captain for the past two years. "Being captain has taught me so much. Any time you have a group of people to manage, you have to learn to compromise," said Scholz.

Scholz won All-American at cheerleading camp her sophomore year and All-American nominee her senior year. This award is given to an individual for outstanding performance and attitude.

Scholz will graduate this year with a degree in criminal justice and legal studies. But the four years she spent cheering will stay with her. "I am getting married in November and three of the girls I cheered with are in my wedding. I will never forget the friendships I made on the squad," said Scholtz.

by Amy Supple

Starting the season with a new sponsor and making the switch to an all-girl squad seemed to have little effect on the MWSC Cheerleaders. They boosted the morale of players and entertained fans despite the challenges that faced the squad at the beginning of this year.

"This was my first year as the cheerleader's sponsor and I wasn't really sure what to expect," said Pam

Partridge. "I didn't know what all into cheerleading in the beginning these girls really impressed me with talent and their dedication."

"I think the biggest misconception people have about cheerleading is it is easy. But I have learned first hand difficult it is. The girls have to be in shape, especially on an all-girl squad. Physically it is extremely demanding," said Partridge.



## Cheerleaders

**Front Row:** Rachel Cummins, Kim Deveney, Renée Poirier, Nikki Scholz, *captain*, Nikki Cook, *co-captain*. **Second Row:** Erika Buckner, Jennifer Strauss, Mechelle Barrett, Pam Partridge, *coach*, Shelly Nixon, April Spear, Nicole Huston.



## College Republicans

**Front Row:** Ron Dickson, Matthew Provost, Jacqueline Zapien. **Second Row:** Tiffany Monique Hakey, Brad Baska, Paul Frey, Josh Welsh.



## Computer Science Club

**Front Row:** James Williams, Cheryl Hicks, Jackie Kalahurka. **Second Row:** Brian Goens, Michael K. Adkins, Kevin Power.



## Ebony Collegians

**Front Row:** Dawn Jones, Shereka Kelly, Ebony Smith, Letetia Johnson, Sonya Thomas, Ameerah Salaam, Eric Jones. **Second Row:** Nicole Washington, Darlene Lenley, Nakia Wilson, Carmen Martin, Philana Harris, Joe English, Tara Ponds. **Back Row:** Franklin L. Harris, Dawn Lenley, Althera Brown, Tori Hicks, Robyn Reynolds, Letha Az-Zubair, Marc Highsmith, Ben Roberts.



*Delta Phi Upsilon president, Angie Droege.*

Rob Mitchell



# Community Service

by Chris Whipple

Many people enjoy deer season for the thrill of the hunt or to prove to themselves that they can survive in the game of human beings against nature.

Delta Phi Upsilon, an honor society for criminal justice students at Missouri Western, chose to participate in a different way by helping to tag deer in the fall.

"It's an experience that everyone should try," Angie Droege, the president of Delta Phi Upsilon, said. "It's great when 10-year-olds bring in their first deer, and they're really excited."

The members of Delta Phi Upsilon participated in deer-tagging as well as other community service projects, such as picking up trash along the highway.

The group had fund-raisers in order to pay for the members' trips to conferences that were held. In the fall, they went to Sheridan, Wyoming, and they went to Wilmington, Del., in the spring. These conferences help to further the study of criminal justice.

On campus, Delta Phi Upsilon held Criminal Justice Day which included a job fair for criminal justice students and graduates. They also set up booths to recruit new members.

"We haven't been too active, but we're trying to change that," Droege said. Any Criminal Justice major can be in the organization which is beneficial to students who are majoring in the field.

"It's very beneficial because you mix with professionals, and can apply your knowledge," Droege said.

## On the Go with Droege

Time-management is a big part of a college student's experience. Angie Droege, senior, knew how important this element was to her education. Droege took an average of 18 hours of courses in order to graduate on time with her double major in criminal justice and psychology. She also had overloads during the summer. Along with her two majors, Droege is earning a minor in Spanish.

"I started out in Psychology, then I took a criminal justice course and really liked it," Droege said. "I'm always studying, now."

Droege was the president of Delta Phi and also became a member of both Psi Chi and Alpha Chi.

Droege handles her lack of time well, though.

"I set my goals high for myself, and it's hard work, but I get done quicker," she said.

Droege sees the future when she thinks about all of the time that she is putting in now. She wants to work for the FBI with VICAP which stands for Violent Criminal Apprehension Program. She wants to profile serial murders. This is an area where both of her majors can work together.

"You have to put yourself in their thoughts," she said.



## Delta Phi Upsilon

*Front Row: Patti Talbert secretary, Jill Franklin vice president, Sandy Quin treasurer, Jessica Bayne, Matthew Heelan. Second Row: Franklin Harris, Angla Droege, president, Dawn Svoboda, Christina Daniels.*



## Golden Girls

(fall) **Front Row:** Ashley Worrell, Melissa Velasquez. **Second Row:** Melissa Hoke, Molley Reid, Kadesh Burnett. **Back Row:** Connie Kraft, Julie Calfee, Arya Wallace, Kari Shier.



## Golden Girls

(spring) **Front Row:** Melissa Velasquez, Ashley Worrell. **Second Row:** Karima Muhanima, Atanya Jackson, Andrea Huber. **Third Row:** Christi Berendsen, Melissa Hoke, Elisha Vincent. **Back Row:** Kenna Ruffcorn, Heather Hennessey, Julie Calfee, Alica Florke.



## Griffon News

**Front Row:** Andrew Kunz, Tina Jac -Hillyer, Grady Pyle, Jason Sheets, Kevin Wisness, Cecil Searcy, Amy Slater, Cassandra Perrette, Jennie Kiszczak, Brian Carrender, (spring Editor). **Second Row:** Ken Rosenauer, Advisor, Joe Glass, Aaron Baublitz, Amy Kretzer, Nikki Marshall, Marti Wilson, Eric Jarvis, Alicia Stutterheim, Marker Jones, Sarah Ward, Melinda Hodges, Jod Grizzel. **Third Row:** Teisha Thompson (fall Editor), Chad Slater, Amanda Jo Holmes, Brandy Jenkins, Joe Cook, Andrae Hummer, Brad Baska, Brooke Rogers, Vickie Tafoya.





# Yearbook

**(Fall Staff) Front Row:** Amy Supple, El...  
Bowls, James Bohon, MeLinda Hodges, Ch...  
Whipple, Andrew Kunz, Jennifer Kiszcz...  
**Advisor** Ann Thorne, Angela Bush. **Seco**  
**Row:** Tammy Boris, Charlie Ford, Ruby Faulk,  
Jeanne Stagner, Kathrin Mackey, Marti V...  
son, Melinda Harrah, Rob Mitchell. **Back R**  
Rae Lynn Anderson, Adrienne Roberts,  
Hankins, Patrick Hickey, Laura Krum...  
Michelle Cox, Randy Myers, Jodi McCl...  
Ryan Barker.



Rob Mitchell

*Patrick Hickey looks on as Randy Myers gives Ruby Faulk one of his famous looks as Faulk makes her case that there is no parking problem at Missouri Western.*

## From Start to Finish The Yearbook Story

by R. Faulk

Things weren't as simple as they appeared. No one knew this better than the editors of the Griffon Yearbook.

"I didn't know what to expect," Freshman Adrienne Roberts said. "It took awhile getting used to everyone's sense of humor, especially Randy and Ruby."

Randy Myers was the business manager and Ruby Faulk was the copy editor. Myers and Faulk had been on staff for five years and were an infamous duo. Myers had a shrine established in his bedroom that lucky staffers were given tours. Faulk was easy to get along with as long as you admitted Paul Simon was God and Little Caesar's pizza was the best.

The class was greeted with Photography Editor Rob Mitchell's Ger-

man greetings that no one seemed to understand — with the exception of Tammy Boris, managing editor and chief political and foreign language correspondent. Mitchell had worked as a professional photographer in Germany for two years and Boris was fluent in German and Spanish.

The Griffon Yearbook also had their own version of Beavis and Butthead; aka Design Editor Bill Hankins and Assistant Photo Editor Patrick Hickey. Their antics were always a sure crowd pleaser.

At the ACP Convention in New Orleans, aside from keeping track of the nomad, Freshman Andrew Kunz, and dealing with wild adventures on Bourbon Street, the 1994 *RE: Griffon* captured the Best of Show. Award. At the helm of this group was Editor-in-Chief, Jeanne Stagner. The staff was

convinced their captain was somewhere in the swamps. Keeping narcaleptic dinosaurs out of h... rooms and refraining from the m... lion-dollar ice cream dishes beca... quite a problem, but everyone s... vived, even the future editor, T... Hovenga.

Second semester saw the emergence of the assistant editors. '... world's greatest Mary Kay associ... Adrienne Roberts and the dec... ingly-quiet-and-shy Jodi McClair... the design and production staff. '... staff's social butterfly, Junior A... Supple fluttered her wings in the c... area.

Most made it to the years-end... time to finish the book and sweat... the final deadlines, in spite of... MIA's. All in all — just another typ... yearbook year



## Journalism Club

**Front Row:** Rob Mitchell, Jeanne Stagner, Tammy Boris, Amy Supple, Ruby Faulk. **Back Row:** Randy Myers, Pat Hickey, Bill Hankins, Andrew Kunz, Advisor Ann Thorne.



## Inter-Greek Council

**Front Row:** Chris Craig, Molly Reid, Janelle Walters, Kari Shier, Cathy Carney. **Second Row:** Tara Ponds, Stephanie Solomon, Nathan Beck, Jim Bartley, John Norton. **Back Row:** Suzie Maudlin, Laurie Chrisian, Chrystal Reed, Christina Daniels, Tim Hahn.



## Math Club

**Front Row:** Dawn Powell, Tracy Schemmer, *Vice president* Beth Slater, *President* Val Jones, Ryoko Tamoto, Devon Kerns, Genny Simmons. **Second Row:** Bill Juston, *treasurer* Henry Trammell, William Siefras, Brian Beths, Lowell Hughes, David Bayne, Kevin Power, Brian Boens. **Back Row:** Keith Brandt, David John, *sponsor* Jerry Wilkerson, *sponsor* John Atkinson, Anita Wiederholt, Carrie Findley, Linda Meyer, E. Sambasnam.

# Council confronts Non-Trad Issues

by Amy Supple

"Non-trad" became a household word at Missouri Western. Students 25 years or older, were coming back to school, with their own set of issues. Whether they were degree-seeking students wanting to re-enter the job market or students who were concerned with perpetual learning, Western's Non-Traditional Student Council provided support and guidance.

"Our main objective is to encourage students and make them see that they can succeed," said Ellen Smithers, director of the center. "If you

can convince them to give it a try, they succeed fairly well."

Many of Western's non-traditional students were women returning to school after having raised a family, or single parents trying to re-enter the workplace with better skills. The Non-Traditional Council provided support and a way to get involved in college activities.



Taking time out of their busy schedules, the council enjoyed providing support for fellow Non-TradTrads.

The council sponsored Coffee and Conversation for Non-Trads once a month. This was a time to meet and discuss the ups and downs of college life. The council was very active

on campus, sponsoring bake sales and participating in Homecoming activities. They also held several presentations each semester with speakers addressing issues pertinent to non-traditional students.

## Keeping It Real



Jennifer Kaszszak

Non-traditional students often made the best of their situations. Their life experiences — failures and successes — had a lot to do with their educational career.

Susan Donaldson, a senior political science major, was president of the Non-Traditional Student Advisory Council. Under her guidance the council saw a significant increase in membership. Donaldson kept the council rolling. She was also active in the Student Government Association where she served as Parliamentarian.

"As a non-traditional student, I have had a wonderful educational experience here. I have been able to form relationships with a variety of students, both traditional and non-traditional, and I have always been treated very well. Missouri Western has just been an amazing experience for me," Donaldson said.



## Non-Traditional Student Council

**Front Row:** Susan Donaldson, *president*, Kandy Eads, *1st vice-president*, Amy Pickett, *parliamentarian*, Michele Hanway, *2nd vice-president*. **Back Row:** Michelle Masters, Shirley J. Wright, Ellen Smithers, Sally M. Frakes, Judy Blessing.



## Kappa Psi Omega

**Front Row:** Stephanie Santellan, Kim Black, Kim Thorman, Nicole Sanning. **Back Row:** Jennifer Kersting, Julie Skinner, Sherry Behrendt, Stephanie Andres.



## Ladies of Vision

**Front Row:** Leslie Hostetter, Anissa A. Krudup, Marla M. Gibson. **Back Row:** Tara Ponds, Stephanie R. Solomon, Karla L. Manuel.



## Liahona

**Front Row:** Carrie Crawford, Angela Bailey, Amy Sylvester, Jodi McClain. **Back Row:** Charity Coney, David Bayne, Greg Moser, Pete White.

# Professional Club With *Spirit*

by Angela Bush

You didn't have to be Greek to have school spirit. At most colleges, including Missouri Western, the Greek fraternities and sororities were usually the clubs that showed the most school spirit. Phi Beta Lambda, a business organization, was the exception to the rule.

The non-social organization placed in the top five in the Homecoming Contest for most spirited club.

"I was proud of the fact that a non-social organization could show so much spirit," said Terry Estes, member. "We pulled together and made it to fifth place."

Junior Bret Wise said that Phi Beta Lambda was set apart from other organizations by activities.

"We are the most active organization on campus outside of the fraternities and sororities," Wise said.

"We try to participate more than other organizations."

Wise said that Phi Beta Lambda members participated in CAB activities, as well as Springfest, Homecoming and Family Day.

"If other non-social organizations would follow Phi Beta Lambda's lead, we could see a tremendous boost in school spirit," said Don Willis, assistant dean of student affairs.



(Right) Sherry Behrendt, president of Phi Beta Lambda, listens for feedback.

(Far Right) Behrendt works diligently in the Continuing Education department.



## Phi Beta Lambda

**Front Row:** Rose Hartsock, Pam Williams, Christie Grove, Stephanie Santellan, Jill Dicavolo, Kim Thorman. **Second Row:** Lou Fowler, Martha Gerling, Bonnie Woodfill, Allison Carder, Erick Bracero, Shelly Evans. **Back Row:** Sherry Behrendt, Bonnie Morrison, Aaron Hays, Stephen Roberts, Dan Koch.

## A Trip Tak

Majoring in three fields would be enough to challenge anyone. Maybe anyone except Junior Sherry Behrendt. On top of her triple major, she served as an officer in three campus organizations. She was a major in accounting, marketing and management and played an active role in Campus Activities Board, Phi Beta Lambda and Kappa Psi Omega.

Behrendt said she did it because she wanted to be involved on campus and make a lot of friends, and she said that campus involvement was also important because employers looked at more than grade point averages.

"Being in clubs is not only fun, it can be very beneficial when it comes to getting a job," she said.



## Math Club

**Front Row:** Dawn Powell, Tracy Schemmer, Beth Slater, *vice president*, Val Jones, *president*, Ryoko Tamoto, Devon Kerns, Genny Simmons. **Second Row:** Bill Huston, Henry Trammell, William B Siefra, Brian Bettis, Lowell Hughes, David Bayne, Kevin Power, Brian Goens. **Back Row:** Keith Brandt, David John, Jerry Wilkerson, *sponsor*, John Atkinson, *sponsor*, Anita Wiederholt, Carrie Findley, Linda Meyer, E. Sambasivam.



## MWSC/STC

**Front Row:** Diana Silvers, *president*, Dr. Jeanie Crain. **Back Row:** Peggy Stanton, *vice-president*, P.J. Phelps, Rae Lynn Anderson, Nyaya Tipton.



## Peers Reaching Others

**Front Row:** Phyllis Pierson, Ron Kinsey, Steve Potter, Stacie Fehr.

# ST Involvement

By R. Faulk

Sigma Tau Delta was the international English honor society. It was a prestigious organization with a strong, rich history in upholding and contributing to literature, art and culture. Missouri Western's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta was no exception. In fact, Western's chapter was one of the most respected Sigma Tau organizations.

"Being one of the most well-noted chapters in the country is something we take very seriously," Vice President Kelly Lock-Kerns said.

Along with the prestigious reputation came a lot of hard work. Sigma

Tau Delta was one of the campus's most active organizations. From sponsoring book sales to hosting poetry readings, the chapter moved from one event to the next.

The book sale and other events were long-time traditions in Sigma Tau's history. This year, Sigma Tau added to that list of traditions. Each month Sigma Tau Delta sponsored poetry readings at a local shop in St. Joseph. The poetry readings at "Cardsharks" received a lot of attention on campus as well as throughout the community.

Perhaps Sigma Tau Delta's most honorable event was its involvement with National Literacy Action Week. In October, Sigma Tau worked with a local literacy program "Pass the Power" to host a week's worth of programs, lectures

and presentations on literacy. Events like this gave the society the name it had.



Sigma Tau Delta President Diana Silvers takes a time out of her hectic schedule, to sit in on one of the clubs monthly poetry readings.



Lisa Thies, Diana Silvers and Kelly Lock-Kerns enjoy a humorous short story at a reading at Cardsharks. Poetry readings were held the first Wednesday of each month.



**Sigma Tau Delta**

**Front Row:** Peggy Stanton, Ruby Faulk, Diana Silvers. **Second Row:** Kelly Lock-Kerns, Brian Carrender, Lisa Thies, Tina Hillver.

## Getting Crazy with Silvers

President Diana Silvers had a knack for making things look easy.

"The English department students, alumni and professors look to us and expect us to do everything right," Silvers said. "It's a lot of pressure, but each year we keep meeting the challenge. Each year, our reputation gets better and our organization grows stronger."

An English literature and technical communications major with a minor in Spanish, Silvers wasn't new at handling a lot of pressures. She also served as the president for STC, an organization for technical communication and worked in one of the busiest and most important offices on campus — the Vice President's office. All the while, she was applying to the Peace Corps and a score of international graduate schools, and each semester her name appeared on the President's List. It appeared that maybe her job to uphold Sigma Tau Delta's good name did just come naturally to Silvers.

"It gets a little crazy sometimes, but it's fun," Silvers said.



## Political Awareness Club

**Front Row:** Amy Pickett, *president*, Michelle Masters, *vice president*, Dawn Coates, *treasurer*.  
**Back Row:** Susan Donaldson, *parliamentarian*, Leslie Barnes, Kandy Eads.



## Psychology Club

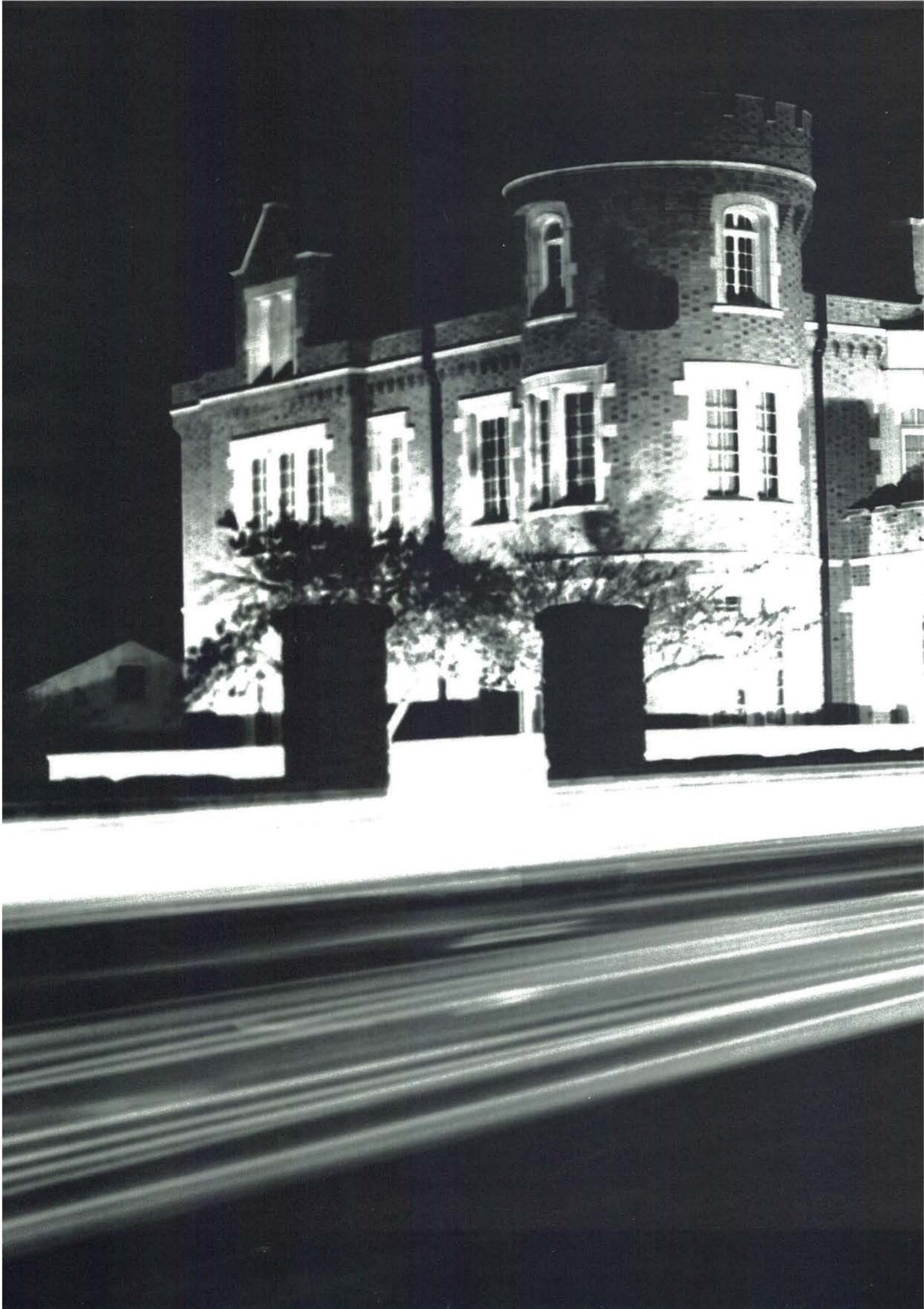
**Front Row:** Elaine Brinkly, Jessica Bayne, *secretary*, Sandy Quint, Catherine Cilke, Melissa Velasquez. **Second Row:** Geoff Heckman, Sue Fashing, Mary Herman, *vice president*, Celia Faulkner, *president*.



## Recreation Administration

**Front Row:** Kim Baskett, *president*. **Second Row:** Gwendlyn Welker, Jennifer Dodds, *secretary/treasurer*, Lori Niblock, *public relations*, Dawn and Max Gallegos. **Back Row:** Lesley Frederick, David Lang, Ron Welch, Kevin Hill.







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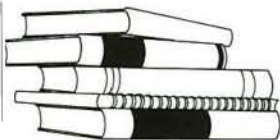
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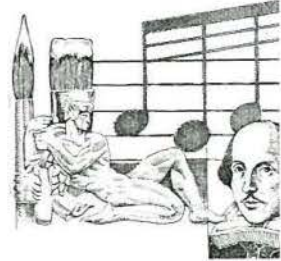
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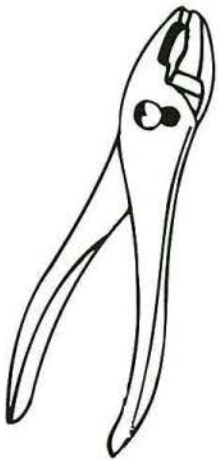


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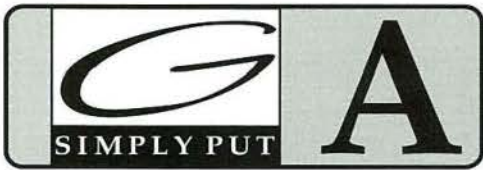
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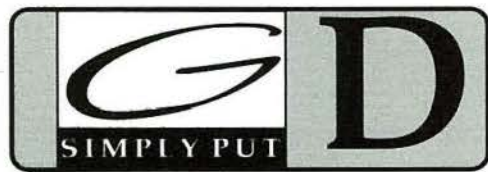


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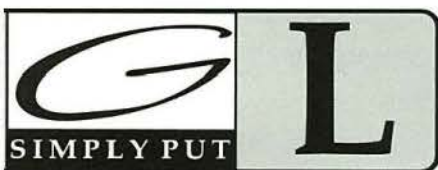
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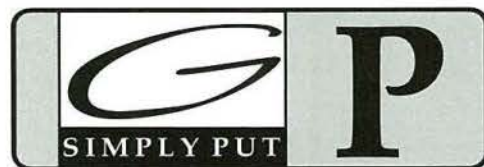


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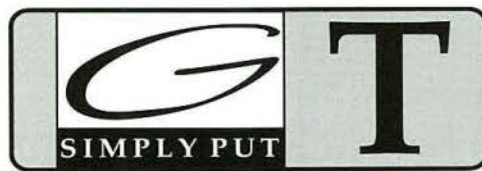
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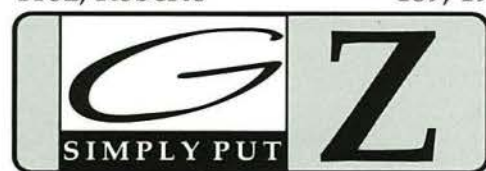
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*The MWSC Lady Griffons won the MIAA title for the second year in a row. Earning this title allowed the Lady Griffons to advance to the Elite Eight for the second straight year.*

## Simply in Conclusion...

by Ruby Faulk

From September's Family Day to May's 25th Anniversary Celebration, the year simply flew by. Turning our eyes away from Missouri Western and St. Joseph, we watched the rest of the world spin by. In October, we watched the O.J. Simpson trial and speculated — still. By spring, the trial dragged on and we turned our televisions to other news.

In April, our fears were turned toward domestic terrorism as we turned our hearts toward the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. California continued to shake and slide with earthquakes and mudslides; and a rainy spring in the Midwest rekindled memories and the fear of a repeat performance of the 1993 flooding. Baseball was back in working order, but fans were reluctant to head out to the ball park. It would take time to earn their trust again.

These were just a sliver of the events taking place in the world around us. On our very own campus we saw a lot of

change. A campus beautification project brought several changes to the landscaping and the approval of another state bond promised even more changes and improvements for academics.

The Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity won the Most Active Organization award. Two sororities received national charters, and a new residence hall would have its doors open in the fall for more students

Making that move was a big step and an important step. No one said it would always be easy. But the thing to remember was that no one said it would always be difficult, either.

The world around us and the campus around us taught us that things aren't always so simple, that's why you learned to respect, most, the things that were **SIMPLY PUT.**

shman Erin Teschner watches her step during a country line dancing workshop. Karen Pipker instructed the two-hour workshop.



Sometimes it doesn't pay to get out of bed. Yearbook production editor Adrienne Roberts tries to explain why her car was not only in a visitors spot, (for just a couple of minutes) but also why it had rolled out into the line of traffic - unattended.



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Micky Mayes, a member of Western VIP program, leads games for future Western students during Family Day in September.



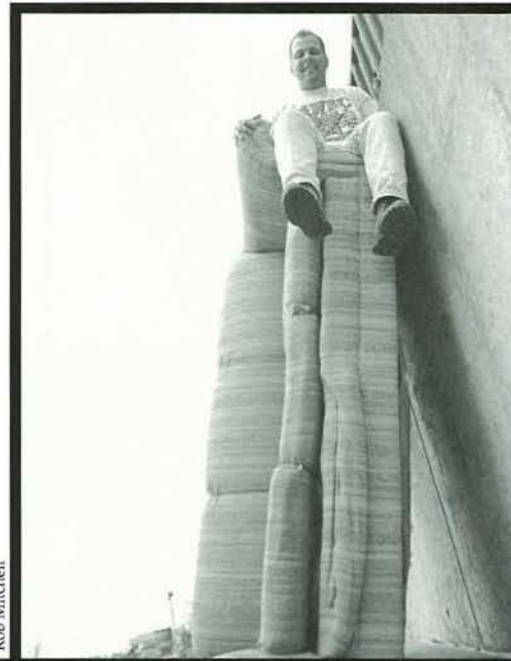
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# Yearbook Editors

This year was the year of the graduating editors. Seven of the editors will all be off in separate directions, taking the yearbook experience with them. They leave with memories of lots of late nights, deadlines met (and not met), outrageous fun, and a tons of learning. But even beyond that, they put out prize-winning books that they can always be proud of. Some of them have had a hand in as many as six books winning All-American Awards, Best of Show Awards, Golden Crowns and Pacemakers. They are all property of Missouri Western Griffon Yearbook, but even more they belong to the faithful yearbook staff who stayed with it through thick and thin.

(right) No one ever knew where business manager Randy Myers was going to end up.

Rob Mitchell



Rob Mitchell

(above) Assistant Production/Design editor Jodi McClain puts her feet up after a few hours of working on the index of the yearbook.



(above) Adviser Ann Thorne was determined to squeeze one more thing into her office. The couch was a perfect fit.



Rob Mitchell

(above) A woman who wears many hats, managing editor Tammy Boris sticks to one end of the couch.



Rob Mitchell

Never afraid to get her feet wet, Amy Supple, assistant copy editor decides the cushions are all she really needs from the yearbook couch.

(right) Production/Design editor Bill Hankins had a certain unexplained attraction to this dummy.





(left) Definitely in his element, Rob Mitchell, photo editor always brought his smile with him.

Pat Hickey



(right) Copy Editor Ruby Faulk and her loyal assistant, Katy wake up from a nap on their couch.

Pat Hickey



(right) A little wishful thinking never hurt anyone. Patrick Hickey, assistant photo editor lounges in Dr. Murphy's parking space.

Rob Mitchell



(left) Assistant Production/Design editor Adrienne Roberts can't figure out how to get the couch into the elevator for the long ride between the first and second floors in the S/SC building.

Rob Mitchell



Rob Mitchell



(left) Finally back where they found it, the couch makes it back to room 202. This time Editor-in-chief Jeanne Stagner returns it to what it is simply made for – relaxing.

Rob Mitchell



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## Colophon

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Inquiries concerning the *Griffon* should be addressed to Griffon SS/C 202, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, Missouri, 64507.

## Editors Note:

Finally it is complete, this book and more. None of this would have been possible if it had not been for the unwavering support of Ray. Thank you for never wondering if I really *was* at the yearbook that late. Thank you for the support of a dream.

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You taught me that sometimes we don't need the answers, we just want to pose the questions. Thanks Ann for not always giving the answers.

A million "Thanks" to all the true-blue Year-bookers - you know who you are. You wrote the last minute story, typed and retyped the portrait names and all the other jobs that makes this yearbook truly yours.

Thank You.

See Ya,  
Jeanne