

Special election today decides college's future

Voting yes to a 3.75 mill increase today will extend growth to the college as well as the community. The special election will determine exactly what part Westark will play in the development and expansion of Fort Smith and surrounding communities in the years ahead.

If passed, the current millage of 1.5 mills on real property will be increased to 3.75 mills costing the average family with a \$50,000 home \$2.97 per month. The tax increase is the first of this type to be proposed in 25 years.

Westark operates with one-third of the space of any comprehensive two-year college in the state and with one-third of the dollars of any similar college in the nation, according to President Joel Stubblefield.

The proposed increase will provide University Center classrooms (1991), math/science/technology building (1991), combination classroom/student services building (1993), furnishings and equipment for the above new buildings, peripheral property for temporary offices and more parking, renovation and major repairs to three aging buildings, general purpose classroom building (1996) and space for an expanding student population.

If the millage is not passed, Westark will be forced to limit enrollment and turn away an additional 300 to 700 students each year, curtail the Business and Industrial Institute to make space for primary degree programs, curtail community and continuing education public service programs that serve 10,000 a year and forego plans to bring in bachelor's and master's degree programs from universities.

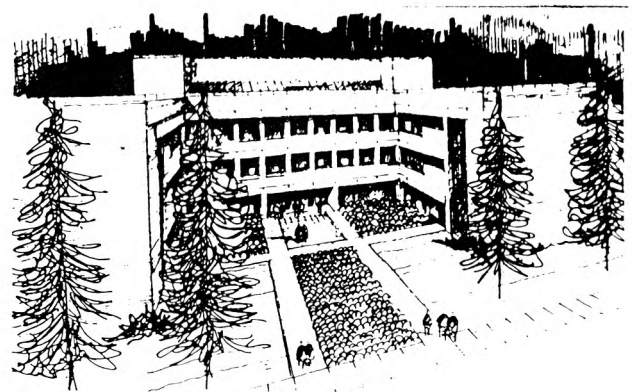
In 1989 Westark received only 3% of millage revenues compared to the Public School System who received 68%. By law, local millage is the only source of money for construction, furnishing and equipping new classrooms, labs and training facilities, debt service, major repairs on existing buildings and land purchases. Westark's facilities are no longer adequate for current enrollments much less for the 10,000 students predicted by 2000.

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by Angela Barlow

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Artist's rendering of proposed 80,000 square feet building to house the University Center and science/math/engineering.

**VOTE
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TODAY**

Commencement exercises on tap Friday night

It's about time for those students who have paid their dues to finally take the long walk across the stage and venture into the real world. For some, graduating is merely a milestone, with yet another star to reach for. For others, this is it, now it's time to use the education they have worked so long and hard for. Now is their time to get the ball rolling and put that knowledge to the test.

Commencement exercises are scheduled to take place on Friday, May 4. Of the 335 graduates, 233 will participate in the ceremonies. According to Vice President of Instruction Dr. John McKay, there is only one graduation ceremony per year so the participants will be graduates from summer 1989, fall 1990 and spring 1990. Sixty of the

233 participating will be graduating with honors. The ceremonies will be at the Fort Smith Civic Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Paul Marion, Director of Arkansas Department of Higher Education, will be the featured speaker.

"I've enjoyed my two years here at Westark. I've made a lot of new friends. I wish if the University Center opens in the fall it could offer Business Administration so I can continue to work on my bachelor's degree without having to leave town," says Mike Jennings.

There will be a reception immediately following the ceremonies. "It's an exciting time to recognize those students who have fulfilled the requirements for either an associate's degree or certificate. We're pleased to

recognize them and give their friends and family the chance to see them reach a milestone in their lives," adds Dr. McKay.

by Shanteel Jones

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Briefs

**Instructor Named
To State Post**

Business instructor Emma Watts, one of the sponsors of S.T.E.P., (Students Together Effectively Progressing), has been named advisor to the Arkansas Black Student Association's Executive Board for the coming year.

**Bookstore Book Buy
In Union This Week**

Students are encouraged to bring their used textbooks to the Fullerton Student Union Wednesday through Saturday of this week for possible buy back. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, until 4:30 p.m. Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to noon Saturday.

**First Summer Session
Starts Next Week**

The first of three summer sessions begins Monday, May 7. Summer II begins June 11. Summer III begins July 16. Each session runs five weeks. Registration is underway for both summer and fall.

**Editors Chosen For
1990-'91 Publications**

Shanteel Jones has been selected as editor of the student newspaper *Lion Pride* for the 1990-'91 school year. Amy Hardin has been selected as editor of the 1991 yearbook *NUMA*.

In addition, Greg George has been selected as Darkroom Manager for next school year. Each student receives a full in-district tuition scholarship plus a monthly performance scholarship. Their duties begin with the start of summer sessions.

Summer enrollment also underway

Fall registration will be capped just over 5,000

Students planning to attend in the fall should take the phrase "the early bird gets the worm" to heart. Despite 1989's record fall enrollment, administration says they will have to limit the number of students this fall not to exceed last year's enrollment. "We will enroll a little more than 5,000 students," Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Eric Priest says.

Morning classes are utilizing all classroom space to capacity. Afternoon and weekend classes will be available, but according to Priest, most students want to attend morning classes. "We are at the end of our rope to accommodate and the problem is worse."

If the proposed millage increase passes, enrollment could start to climb once the proposed 80,000 square foot building to be built with the additional funds is complete, explains Priest.

Summer I, II, and III enrollment is open and Priest says he expects enrollment to be up this year. "It is increasing dramatically. We have room to accommodate there, especially Summer III."

by Angela Barlow



It's long line time of the year again as registration is underway for summer and fall registration upstairs in the student union.

*Algebra classes
to add latest
technology*

This fall the division of science/math/engineering will offer three sections of Graphics Calculator College Algebra.

The course will be taught using the textbook 'College Algebra' by Demana/Waits and each student will be required to have a graphics calculator, according to math instructor Larry Weigand. The bookstore will stock the calculator this summer and it will be available at a competitive price.

College Algebra is a required course for transferring and Graphics Calculator College Algebra will open the variety of algebra courses available. "We decided to use some new technology and see how it goes," says Weigand.

by Angela Barlow

**WATCH FOR
SUMMER ISSUES
OF LION PRIDE**

May 22
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"We've got the write stuff!"

State law insures annual evaluations for tenured faculty

A revised Faculty Evaluation Plan law passed in the last state legislative session of 1989. The revised law requires all colleges and universities to adopt a system that evaluates tenured and nontenured faculty every year.

According to Dr. John McKay, Vice President of Instruction, Westark uses an evaluation system so the new law didn't require major changes in it. Previously, tenured faculty were evaluated every other year and nontenured faculty every year, so the only change will be to evaluate the tenured faculty annually. "I think the evaluation will give the faculty information they need to do a better job", adds Dr. McKay.

"I usually benefit from the evaluation procedure," says Tom Walton, instructor of speech/journalism. "It is yet another method to help keep me on my toes, current, and doing my best. In the 14 years I've been here I've seen tremendous efforts developing to continue insuring that our instruction is as quality as it can be."

The evaluation is divided into four parts: peer evaluations, student evaluation, self evaluation and administrative evaluation. According to McKay, division chairs visit one or more of each of the faculty members classes, makes his/her own evaluation, then gathers the information given by the other three sources and makes the final evaluation. The evaluation is done on a point system. The faculty can fail in three ways: exceeds expectations,

meets expectations and needs improvement.

If the latter is chosen, that particular faculty member is put on probation, and has a year and a half to correct the deficiencies. If, after that period,

a problem still exists, then the faculty member is terminated.

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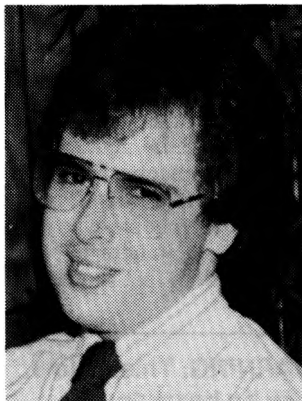
standardized form," says Curtis Haney. "I've never seen an instructor really change from what I've written on their evaluation. Of course, I've never said much negatively on any of them."

"Hopefully, each faculty member will take the results of the four components of the evaluation and look at them and we will work with them to try to do a better job of providing quality instruction."

by Shanteel Jones

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MY VIEWS

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Smoking is a freedom of choice

In a free society, each individual owns himself or herself. That means each is permitted to take chances or risks with his or her own life.

If someone wanted to play football or go water skiing, you wouldn't try to prevent them from doing it just because of the injuries he/she could possibly incur. Nor would you prevent someone from driving an automobile just because there is a possibility an accident or fatality may occur. Why then, would you try to prevent people who smoke from doing so? Not allowing a person to engage in an activity because of the health or safety risks is taking away a freedom that is guaranteed to them in the constitution.



WARNING: This article may be hazardous to your health.

I am not a smoker, nor do I enjoy being around smoke, but I am informed enough to know refusing someone the right to smoke, regardless, is taking away a personal right. Some say smokers infringe upon nonsmokers rights to breathe clean, fresh, wholesome air. If this is your stand, then you need to become

more informed on the rights of the individual. It is my right to breathe clean air if I choose, and your right to breathe clean air if you choose, too. But I don't think it is our right to dictate to others about smoking in a public place.

Others have conceded smokers have the right to harm themselves but not others. It has not yet been proven that ETS (environment tobacco smoke) increases the chances of getting lung cancer and cancer of other tissues, but it has been shown to claim an association between exposure to ETS and increased risk of cancer.

Virtually everything we use on the interior, such as the ovens for cooking, gas and oil for burning, clothing, floor covers and many more, cause some type of air pollution, so the limitation doesn't stop at the smoke inhaled by the nonsmoker.

The accumulation of many pollutants is simply a symptom of a more serious problem. I think we need to stop blaming the smokers and look at the root of the problem. Air pollution would still exist even if no one had even started smoking. There are many things adding to pollution and smoking just happens to be one of them. So instead of placing blame on one thing or another, lets look at the need to address the steps to achieve better quality, cleaner and safer indoor air.

The steps are simple. First, we need to check the ventilation of the building. If the ventilation is poor, then the air circulation will be poor regardless of the quality of air in the room. Second, we need to have air filters installed and checked regularly and changed when necessary. Lastly, we should have laws enforcing the application of ventilation rates in the design and ongoing operations of buildings.

YOUR VIEWS

letters

Letters show difference between those for, against millage

Dear Editor,

Have you noticed how most of the letters appearing in the local newspaper opposed to the millage increase are short with really unfounded claims lacking any evidence?

Have you noticed how the letters appearing in the local newspaper for the millage increase are longer with claims validly supported by documentation?

Seems to me that's one of the big differences between those who support college education and those who don't. Those opposed have one reason and base an entire decision on it whether they are informed, knowledgeable or what.

On the other hand, all the letters for the millage are careful to have support for all their claims and to have their facts straight. Perhaps this is as readily an example of the difference between college-educated and non-college-educated people right there.

M.S.S.

Education goes beyond just job training

Dear Editor,

A lot has been written recently about the excellent occupational training and updating Westark provides along with its tremendous economic impact on the community.

With all these sound arguments being presented as evidence for the importance of passing the millage increase, another piece of evidence has not been mentioned. Nobody has written anything about the people skills Westark provides.

We don't go to college just to learn and/or update job skills. We go to college to also learn and sharpen our people skills. Being the best mechanic or computer operator in the world doesn't wholly serve us unless we can also be good siblings, spouses, parents, co-workers, citizens, neighbors and friends.

Life is more than a job and a paycheck. Life is being the best family member we can be, being the best citizen we can be, having the most positive influence on others we can have, being good neighbors, friends, siblings, etc.

Westark provides training in these areas, too. Let's not forget about the whole person Westark builds, nurtures, and develops in ways other than just occupational. Let's not forget the critical thinking skills, the communication skills, the citizen skills, the problem-solving skills, etc., Westark provides.

Just because young couples say "I do," that doesn't automatically make them good husbands and wives. Just because young couples give birth to children, that doesn't automatically make them good parents. Just because young families move into neighborhoods, that doesn't make them good neighbors. Just because we have brothers, sisters, mom and dads, that doesn't automatically make us good siblings or children.

These are all skills also taught in college in combination with and in addition to our at home learning and day-to-day experiences. Support Westark not just because it provides the community with better-trained employees, but also so it will continue to provide the community with more enlightened sons and daughters, husbands and wives, neighbors and friends.

The future educational opportunities of our community depend upon the passage of the millage today. Please do what is right for the continued growth and development of our most precious natural resource -- the educated and productive citizen, worker, family member, neighbor and friend. A vote for Westark is a vote for a better all of us.

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YOUR VIEWS *survey*

Next Issue: What do you think about the results of the millage election?

Students feel smokers infringe upon nonsmokers rights


Who infringes upon whom? Both sides of the coin have legitimate arguments as to why they are right and the other is wrong. What I want to do is to inform you of both sides and simply let you make the decision for yourself.

One of the strongest arguments of the smoker is that they have just as much right to engage in an activity they enjoy as the nonsmoker, whether it be walking in the park, water skiing, playing sports or smoking. It is their right as an American to do as they please as long as it is in the confines of the law, and as of right now, smoking is not illegal.

On the flip side of the coin, the nonsmoker argues the smoker takes away his/her right to breathe clean, fresh, unpolluted air. Nonsmokers believe keeping smokers from engaging in an activity they enjoy is going to help solve the air pollution problem and cutdown on health risks.


The question posed to the students this week was: **Do smokers infringe upon the right of the nonsmoker or do the nonsmokers infringe upon the rights of the smoker?**

by Shanteel Jones


"Smokers only infringe upon the rights of the nonsmoker when they smoke in confined areas where fresh air is not available."

- Ray Stambaugh




"I think smokers infringe upon smokers rights, especially in restuarants. I can't breathe when they smoke."

- James White



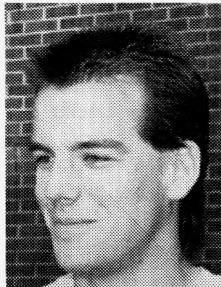
"I smoke and I feel smokers infringe upon nonsmokers rights in undesignated areas."

-Cecil Parker




"I think that smokers infringe upon nonsmokers only if they are in a designated section."

- Chris Bartsch



"The smell of smoke is very offensive. Smokers are invading my air space."

- Steve Werthmuller



"Definitely smokers because nonsmokers have as much right to clean air as smokers have to smoke."

-Amy Hardin

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S.T.E.P. earns 'Club Of The Year' at Honors Reception

Students from all across campus received recognition for their outstanding work at the Student Honors Reception Friday night.

Awards, presented by faculty members at the reception which featured a buffet meal in the student union, ranged from certificates to scholarships to permanent plaques.

Thirty-four students received recognition for making the **National Dean's List**. They are: Deborah Bader, Shannon Brownfield, Pamela Core, Michael Ewing, Patrick Flake, Tracy Fry, Valarie Harp, James Maxwell, Kathryn Mitchell, Danny Oldham, Barbara Pope, Mari Newby, Nancy Rhodes, Jo Schmiedeke, Shari Breuer, Kelly-Anne Cole, Mark Crawford, Catherine Gramlich, Mary Hanning, Chapel Harcrow, Sonya Hawkins, Rick Juelfs, Kinda Kanak, Natome Latta, Elizabeth Mayo, Debra Meeker, Shelly Mullen, Deborah Phelps, Christine Reisman, Carol Warner, Kevin Wasson, Mark Williamson, Mark Wilson, and Julie Wood.

Seventeen students were honored for their work with **Student Activities**. They are: Rebecca Barnwell, Mark Cooper, Stephen Criswell, Shelly Curtis, Darrell Dishner, Greg Dooly, Robbin Edwards, Amanda Elder, Sean Ferguson, Jason Formby, Catherine Gramlich, David Holland, Jeana Vaughan, LaTonda McGehee, Nicole Simpkins, Thomas Fuhrman, and Dawn Cole.

Phi Beta Lambda presented awards to eight students. They are: Bea Anderson, Lori Beran, Katrina Friddle, Kim Kamerling, John Larru, Vicki Larru, Michelle Pereira, and Linda White.

S.T.E.P. honored six students. Outstanding Student Servicewent to Magnus Johnson, Kevin Gary and Angela Mingo. Honorable Student Service went to Tammy Delt, Robin Bolton, and Cetrevia Whitmore.

Phi Theta Kappa acknowledged nine students. They are: Lori Cravens, Thomas Ervin, Brenda Johnson, Mari Newby, Nancy O'Hern, Julie Stec, Dina Treece, Malcolm Williamson, and Pam Yancey.

WSNA gave awards to three students. They are: Vicki Bassett, Tom Ervin, and Tamara Holycross.

Public Awareness Committee Awards went to: Kelly-Anne Cole, Mark Crawford, James Maxwell, Debra Meeker, Jo Schmiedeke, Dan Thames, and Carol Warner.

Twenty students made the **Who's Who in American Junior Colleges**. They are: Lori Beran, Debbie Breeden, Kelly-Anne Cole, Mark Crawford, Shelly Curtis, Darrell Dishner, Stacey Dishner, Cash Durrett, Gloria Edwards, Robbin Edwards, Catherine Gram-

lich, Curtis Haney, Rebecca Libby, James Maxwell, Debbie Meeker, Barbara Pope, Jo Schmiedeke, Lana Stoll, Dan Thames, and Carol Warner.

Twenty-one students received recognition for **Pride of Westark**. They are: Erika Abernathy, Stephanie Black, John Clayton, Tracie Cosgrove, Laura Jacobson, Kim Kamerling, Bryan King, Keri Kish, Tisha Kolb, Brad Lelemsis, Krista Lewis, Jenny Massey, Shawn Mullens, Misty Smith, Shannon Solesbee, Thomas Turner, Randa Underwood, Amy Whittington, Elizabeth Trantham, Sandra Wilson, and Twyla Yates.

Other **Outstanding Student Award** winners included: **Programmer of the Year** - Robbin Edwards; **Biology** - Laura Hough; **Chemistry** - Mark Crawford; **Mathematics** - Marquita Carty; **Physics** - Mark Crawford; **Engineering** - Kevin Wasson; **Student Publications Lion Pride** - Mike Jennings; **Student Publications NUMA** - Barbara Pope; **Student Publications Photography** - Curtis Haney; **Journalism** - Joy Barnes; **General Business** - Lori Beran; **Office Administration** - Debra Meeker; **CIS** - Kathy Worthington; **Legal Assistant** - Pam Morton; **History** - A. Shane Roughley; **Education** - Mari Newby; **Psychology** - Karen Carson.

Physical Education - Hayes Lemley; **Surgical Technology** - Jane Hildreth (**Academic**) and Karen Mulligan (**Clinical**); **Paramedic** - Mark Baxter and Neil Lowrey; **Practical Nursing** - Brenda Gregory; **Associate Degree Nursing** - Susan Westphal and Angie Spoon; **Welding** - Newton Hyman; **Electronics** - Michael Rofkahr; **Drafting** - Mark Wilson; **Spanish** - Carol Warner and Malcolm Williamson; **French** - Brad Lelemsis; **Minority Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Community College Graduates** - Lydia Wiechert and Yvette Phillips.

Music awards included: **Deddeyn Award** - Jan Brusio; **Bollinger Award** (Music Theory) - Chris Dennis; **Butterfield Award** (Keyboard) - Lucretia Reed; **Sophomore Musician** - David Holland; **IKARD** (Applied Music) - Michael Thurman; **Most Improved Musician** - James Maxwell; **Choir** - Cash Durrett.

Outstanding Club Award was won by S.T.E.P.

In addition to all the student awards, four faculty members received honors. The **Lucille Speakman Excellence in Teaching Award** went to instructors Martha Efurd, Gene Wells, and Jim Houston. The **Whirlpool Master Teacher Award** went to Business and Industrial Institute's Ron Floyd.

by Christy Griffin

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STUDENT AWARDS RECEPTION



members of Students Together Effectively Progressing are (back) Kevin Gary, Eric Magnus Jounson, Cetreiva Whitmore, (Front) Terri Leins-sponsor, Robin Bolton, Delt, and Genine Steward. (Photo by Spencer Kinsey)

Busy agenda in store for new Miss Westark

Now that Kelly Rogers is the reigning Miss Westark, she has a busy agenda until next spring.

Her preparations for the Miss Arkansas pageant in July include proper diet, adequate exercise, and guidance with her talent, wardrobe, and interview. "I hope to do well at Miss Arkansas, but I consider it an honor to be able to compete. I'll be shooting for Top Ten," she says.

As Miss Westark, Kelly will represent the college in many ways as well as speaking and performing. "I will do anything the school needs me to do."

Kelly's feelings of being a repre-

sentative of Westark are mixed right now. "I am a little excited, nervous, and scared at the same time! But as each day goes by my confidence grows and it becomes a fun and challenging thing for me to do."

Kelly admits the Miss Westark Committee is great and they are all very excited and will support her all the way. Kelly feels the committee did a super job on the pageant and it was one of the best she'd ever seen or been in. "I feel the quality of the pageant is excellent because so much time and effort is put into it! I am very proud and honored to be Miss Westark."

Other winners at the pageant include: Stacy Dishner, first runner-up and overall talent winner; Shawntel Smith, second runner-up and vocal talent winner; Melissa Lloyd, third runner-up; and Kebra Baker, fourth runner-up.

Spirit of Miss Westark went to Jeanna Vaughn and Robbin Edwards. Miss Congeniality went to Jeanna Vaughn and Shawntel Smith. Lynnette Roberts received a vocal talent award and Cilla Karl received an instrumental talent award. Cathy Gramlich received an academic scholarship for highest GPA.

by Jennifer Montgomery

"I will do anything the school needs me to do."

- Kelly Rogers

Kelly poses with Miss Arkansas Marci Lewallen, Miss Westark 1989 Stephanie Hester, and Miss America 1983 Debra Sue Maffett.

Kelly waves to a fan while having her first photos taken just after her coronation as Miss Westark 1990.

(Photos by Curtis Haney)



DIVERSIONS *jason earll*

Renting movies can fill leisure time this summer



Welcome to the finals week of spring semester 1990. If you're not going to attend summer classes, you may find yourself with a little extra time on your hands.

At first, the leisure is something to be enjoyed. But eventually the boredom sets in. You may find yourself frantically chasing strangers, begging them to give you an essay test. You might end up devoting

undivided attention to flicking a lint ball. You might even read a book. And after all of this, you may just settle for the most basic of all human activities: renting a movie. Here's a little guide of things you might want to try.

Honey, I Shrank the Kids. The primary appeal of this movie is the special effects. The kids of a bumbling inventor are accidentally shrunk by one of his machines to "the size of boogers." And if their adventures are representative of the life of a booger, here's to hoping you can't be reincarnated into one.

First, their dad sweeps them up and puts them out with the trash. After getting out of the garbage bag, they make their way through a forest of grass. They run into oceans of mud, toy dinosaurs and a sleeping quarters provided in blue lego. When one falls into pollen, he has giant yellow balls stuck all over him. They even befriend a baby ant the size of a whale.

The plot is pretty shallow. But just as soon as you start getting turned off by all the sappiness, another "tubular" effect attracts your interest. If you're willing to wade through some garbage for that trippy look, you will probably enjoy this.

Actually, the best part of this video is the opening cartoon. It's Roger Rabbit and Baby Herman in *Tummy Trouble*, and is the most hyperactive piece of film ever made. Though it's probably less than five minutes long, it is just about worth the rental fee of the whole cassette. If you've got nothing better to do, I'd say go for it.

When Harry Met Sally. Talk your contrasts! This movie is totally subtle and restrained. So much so that it gets a little boring at times. The movie is the story of two born complainers who run the entire gamut in terms of how you would classify their relationship.

Harry and Sally meet on a trip to New York in 1977. They are the only people in the car, so they are forced to make conversation. Harry, who is a little obnoxious in his youth, comes out with his belief that men and women can never be friends because sex will always get in the way. But later they meet again and they do become good friends. Everything seems to go well for a long time. But guess what, sex does eventually get in the way.

Though it has its slow parts, everything seems right in the end. Besides, when you get bored, you can pretend you're being intellectual or artsy!

Kiss Meets the Phantom of the Park is a cult classic. Never forget the cult classics! This movie is for anyone who has ever loved a pretentious rock band. And its charm is in the fact it's so horrible it's great. It's a movie you'll love to hate. Perhaps the best thing about Kiss, for short, is it was made in the '70s. It's pretty funny to hear disco background music in a movie starring the original glam heavy metal band.

Another hilarious aspect of the movie is the idea of Kiss as superheroes. On one hand, they carry talismans as the source of their powers, read minds and use archaic language. On the other, they speak in Brooklyn accents and are constantly making jokes, as evidenced by Peter (Catman) Criss' ultimatum "let's stop pussyfooting around."

There are many other great cult classics you can check out, such as *Spinal Tap*, *Clockwork Orange*, *Eraserhead* and *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*.

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Basketball teams going through 'revolving door' time of year

"Hello, I Must Be Going" could be the theme song for basketball coaches Louis Whorton and Bobby Vint this time of year. It's time to say goodbye to the sophomores who have been an integral part of the Lady Lions and Lions for the past two years, and hello to the new crop of high school seniors who will replace them.

The Lady Lions say goodbye to five sophomores: Tina Chadwick, Vicki Herekamp, Kim Reaves, Lazandra Thomas, and manager Christy Huddleston. Thomas has signed with Memphis State, and Herekamp with Harding University in Searcy. "It's close to home, and Harding has an excellent academic program," says Herekamp, who is from McRae.

Harding coach Greg Harnden is thrilled that Herekamp is coming. "Vicki will be a tremendous asset for us. Her size, shooting ability, and experience will certainly help us out. And by getting a good student like Vicki I don't have to worry about her going to class and staying eligible, so it makes it easier on me."

"I've enjoyed my time here. The people are friendly," says Reaves. "I'll miss Westark," says Chadwick. "I think in a few years Westark will be the team to beat, like Connors is now."

Whorton has signed five high school seniors for next year, including four members of the *Southwest Times Record* All-Area team. Area Player of the Year Andrea O'Neal of Northside leads the signees. Tonjia Eubanks of Northside, Hillaree Hatchett of Southside, and Kim Blevins of County Line also made the *SWTR* team. The other signee is Taba Stephenson of Lamar.

Another new face on the court next year, but not on campus, will be that of Missy Boroughs. Boroughs, from Gentry, transferred from Louisiana Tech this year. "I really like the coaching staff here," says Boroughs.

The Lions also lose five sophomores: Andre Brown, Ezell

Calvin, David Johnson, Brad Nolan, and James White. Brown and Johnson have signed with Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. White has signed with New Mexico State. "It's a chance to play against the best, and I like their style of play. Also they need a center, so I have a chance to start right away," says White.

"My two years here have been helpful," says Johnson. "I'm happy to be a part of the Westark basketball tradition."

So far, Vint has only signed one recruit, Chad Keaster of Russellville. "We expect to sign six or seven," says Vint. "We're waiting 'til the kids get their ACT scores back."

In other news, the Lions and Lady Lions will rejoin the Arkansas Juco Conference next year. The teams will compete in both the Arkansas and Bi-State East conferences. "The two primary advantages are that it helps solidify our scheduling, and it gives us the chance to be the number one seed in the state tournament," Athletic Director Jim Wyatt. "Under the present system we can only be seeded as high as number three."

Westark competed in both conferences until 1981, so there shouldn't be too many surprises. "The reason we got out was because there were so many new community colleges in Arkansas it pushed us over the 31-game limit. Since then, Phillips County and SAU-El Dorado have dropped their athletic programs," adds Wyatt.

Finally, in the best news of the week Lady Lion forward Nafeesah Brown has been named to the NJCAA All-Region II team. Brown led the Lady Lions in both scoring and rebounding this season. Joining Brown on the All-Region team are Vicki Jones and Kenya Robinson of Connors St., Cathy Moore of Southern Baptist, and Nicole Wilkett of Northark.

by Mike Jennings

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Mother Nature hurts baseball Lions more than other teams

The baseball Lions have more trouble with Mother Nature than with their opponents these days. As of a week ago, the Lions had a 24-17 record, having played a total of 41 games. Regional rival Seminole, on the other hand, had played 71 games. "We need more playing time," says outfielder Marc Denson. "The rain is really hurting us."

Weather permitting, the Lions will wind up the regular season this week. This afternoon the squad will travel to Miami, OK, to take on NEO. Saturday it's off to Warner, OK, to face 12th-ranked Connors St. in a 1:00 p.m. contest.

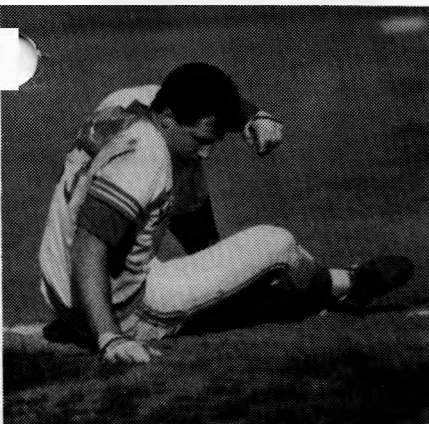
The Region II tournament gets underway May 11 in Tulsa. The Lions are hoping for a high seeding, but

know they have their work cut out for them. "We have a shot at the regional championship. If we win the rest of our games we have a chance at getting a good seed," says Denson. "Seminole will be the favorite," according to Coach Bill Crowder. "They're 68-3 and ranked 2nd in the country."

The Lions are in good shape injury-wise. "Terry Vaske has some arm problems, but outside of that only some nagging injuries," says Crowder.

Layne Galyean leads the Lion attack, hitting .431. He's followed by Jay Richardson at .393, Philip Ward at .380, Ben Blake at .358, and Dennis Keeley at .351. David Christenberry is the ace of the pitching staff. As of Thursday, he sports a 8-1 record.

by Mike Jennings



Philip Ward finishes a slide into third base.

(Photo by Paul Sayavong)

Two Lion golfers qualify for national tournament

The Lion golfers fell to NEO 317-357 in the Region II tournament, finishing up what Coach Ron Richard calls, "overall one of the worst seasons we've had." The best news was that the second day of the tournament was cancelled due to bad weather.

NEO's David Jones was medalist with a 73. Jeff Smith led the Lions with a 78, and Marcus Hall shot an 83. "Marcus and Jeff are good golfers, but couldn't get untracked," says Richard. Brent Lewis' 95 and Barry Tabor's 101 rounded out the Lions scoring.

In a continuing theme among Westark athletic teams this spring, Richard feels the weather hurt his squad. "Rainy conditions prevented consistent practice and play."

On the bright side, Smith and Hall both qualified for the national tournament to be held in Scottsdale, AZ, in June. "I can't wait to get there," says Smith. They are concerned that since the entire team did not qualify, the school might not pay their way. "I'm excited, I'm ready to go," says Hall. "I just hope we get to go."

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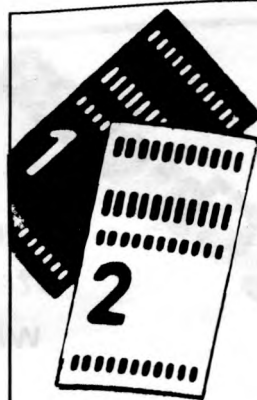
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Business student featured in national magazine

Business student Sandi DeVore got a taste of the business world when she was featured in the April issue of *Money* magazine.

Sandi, who has made investments in mortgage-backed bonds, gave the magazine an interview for a story on high yield investments.

She found her investment advisor, Mollie Wilson of October Money Management, through her economics instructor David Craig.

"Mollie Wilson helps me with my investments," Sandi says. "She called me a couple of months ago because *Money* magazine called her and asked to talk to a client who was making these high yield investments."

The magazine flew Kansas City freelance photographer Ed Lallo to Fort Smith for a photo session. "He spent the day with us and took hundreds of photographs," Sandi says.

The magazine used a full-page portrait of Sandi and her daughter Stacey, 18, to accompany the article. The story focused on her investment in collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) which yield 9.25 percent interest and have an average maturity of seven years.

Sandi says she made the investments to keep her principal safe while boosting her monthly interest income because of the needs to maximize her income to help meet college expenses for her daughter who will enter the University of Oklahoma in fall.

A part-time student, Sandi would like to complete a degree in finance and banking. She already has a degree in speech therapy.

Sandi looks forward to upper division business offerings through the University Center, whose start up depends upon the outcome of today's millage election, so she can complete her education in Fort Smith.

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