



Grand opening for new bookstore

by Jeff Brasher

By Nov. 12, the new bookstore at the corner of Waldron and Kinkead will be open. The bookstore move began Nov. 4. During the move, the store will be open to students on a very limited basis at the old location.

According to Jeanne Stevens, bookstore manager, items available to students will be Scantron test forms, Blue books, pencils and texts for late starting classes such as Computer Science and Office Administration classes that are short, five week courses. "We're going to try to make it a comfortable transition for students. If students come in and there's a study guide that they desperately need, we'll try to locate it overnight, and let them pick it up the next day. It's going to become difficult to determine which textbooks are in which box," Stevens said.

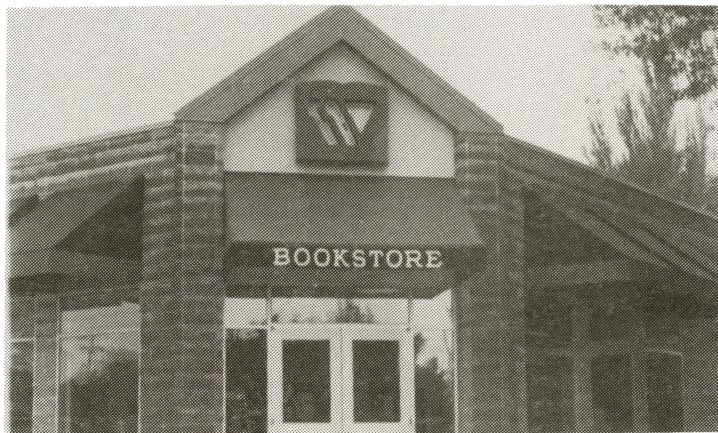
The new bookstore used to be Chappell's, a gas station and convenience store. The old bookstore is an estimated 2,926 square feet, while the new facility will have 3,547 square feet. "The offices will be a little smaller than the offices we have now, but we'll have the room for expansion for the University Center's textbooks, which we really need," Stevens said. Stevens added that the automated teller machine would stay at the building for the students who use it.

In addition to larger space, the biggest attraction of the new bookstore is better parking. "There will still be a rush when it comes time to get books for the spring semester, but the parking won't be as dangerous as it was at the old store.

As for the old bookstore, the Business Institute will expand, using the new space for offices and computer facilities.

As a grand opening bonus on Nov. 12 only, students, faculty and staff will receive a 10% discount on all WCC insignia material.

"I hope it's spacious enough where the kids aren't standing on top of one another during those peak periods. Undoubtedly, we'll have some kinks to work out, but it will be a real improvement over what we have," Stevens concluded.



The new bookstore on the corner of Kinkead and Waldron will have more room and better parking. (Photo by Jorge Martinez)

Agreement reached

Westark officials and Robert Waldon reached an agreement Oct. 22 concerning the Oct. 12 altercation between Waldon and four Westark basketball players, according to Richard Hudson, vice president for planning.

The altercation involved Waldon and the players Quentin Benson, Jerome Lambert, Byron Bell and Damon Cobbs. Waldon claimed in his lawsuit that the athletes dragged him into what is known as the basketball dorm at 544 N. 51st Street and beat him. However, police reports named Waldon and the group of young men with him as the attackers and the players as the victims. Waldon was suspended indefinitely for the incident.

According to the agreement, Waldon must arrive at the campus ten minutes before class and leave immediately after the duration of class. In exchange, Waldon is dropping his \$275,000 lawsuit against the players.

"This policy will continue for the duration of this semester, whereas next semester Mr. Waldon plans to transfer to Henderson State," Hudson said.

Threat of computer virus present

by Jody Birchfield

Westark's computer system is not now infected with a computer virus, but the possibility of infection is always present and has created extra work for the computer division.

A computer virus is a program that is designed to replicate itself and spread without the user's knowledge of its existence. They can be programmed to do anything from printing a joke message to completely erasing the files stored on a computer, according to Bernadette Vogler, academic computer support specialist. She explained, "These aren't things that just happen coincidentally, they are programs that are actually written by people with vicious intentions."

According to Vogler, two micro-

computers were infected with a computer virus that was set to trigger on Friday, Sept. 13. "Currently, we do not have a virus in the system and there has never been a computer virus on the mainframe computer system," Vogler said. "We had a couple of the microcomputers that were infected with a virus and to prevent the spread, or until we could find the source of that virus, we were scanning (disks) continuously."

Vogler said Friday the 13th was a popular day for computer viruses to be activated. "It just seems to be one of the favorite trigger dates of virus programmers," she said.

Initially, students were asked to get their diskettes scanned before using the computer labs, but it was eventually ruled to be too time-consuming. "It

(scanning) made us more aware of how many students used the labs," Cheryl Swearingin-Roe, computer operator, said.

"It took too much class time," Vogler said, "We have gone to a policy of offering disk scanning services in Gardner building 207. We scan our lab machines once a week to make sure that they are clean. The scanning is on a voluntary basis." Other measures have also been taken, "We have posted some tips for students to help them understand how they can practice safe computing. In other words, before they take (their disks) home and work on another machine, they should have their disks scanned to make sure they haven't picked up a virus," Vogler said.

Music department receives donations, new equipment

by Shane Deitert

As students walk past the Breedlove building this semester, they will hear new sounds coming from the Music Department. Don Bailey, Westark Community College music instructor and director of the Westark Jazz Band, likes the sound of the new music equipment the department received from both private donations and money from the Westark budget.

"We received a percussion cabinet, tenor, and baritone saxophones, an oboe, french horn, and sound shell for the music room," Bailey said. The money for the instruments came from the Westark Community College Foundation, and from the college budget, according to Bailey. "Without these

new instruments some people would not be able to play in the jazz band," Bailey said.

"The money for the Foundation comes from private donations from people within the community," Dr. Carolyn Branch, executive director of the Westark Foundation, said. "Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stubblefield of Little Rock purchased the percussion cabinet in honor of their son's birthday," Branch said. The Stubblefields are the parents of President Joel Stubblefield.

According to Dr. Branch, Bailey and his staff sit down and go over the equipment they need the most, and come up with a list. The list is then given to Branch and she goes out into the community and seeks people who are willing to buy the

equipment, and donate it to the school for the music program.

During the Alamo foundation auction, in late spring, a former music teacher at Westark, who wishes to remain anonymous, bought sound equipment the foundation had, for a fraction of the price it would have cost the school to purchase it commercially.

"If it were not for the foundation buying the equipment, I would not be able to play in the jazz band," Hope Guzenhauser said. Guzenhauser, who attends Westark on a musical scholarship, plays tenor saxophone in the band.

"When we get the new instruments in, we try to hand them out according to need, then we go by who is a music major," Paul Johnston, music instructor, said.

Closing policy

In the event of inclement weather the following procedure has been established for cancellation of classes.

1. There will be separate announcements for day and evening classes.

2. If day classes (those beginning before 3:45 p.m.) are to be cancelled, students will be called before 6:30 a.m.

3. A separate decision will be made for classes beginning after 4 p.m. If night classes are to be cancelled, students will be called prior to 3 p.m.

4. If students do not receive a call classes are in session.

5. The University Center programs through Arkansas Tech University, Arkansas State University, and the University of Arkansas held on the Westark Campus will follow Westark's policy on cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.

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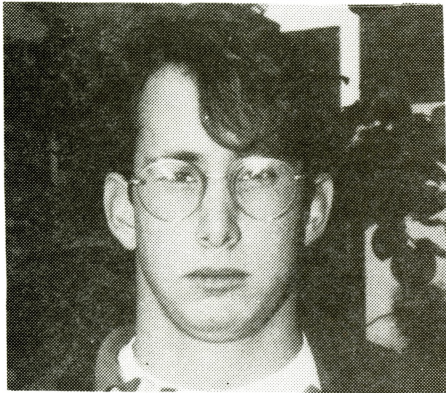


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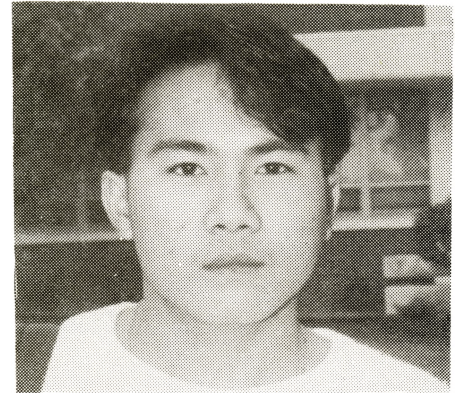
“No, I don’t because once you ban one thing they’re going to start banning everything else and censoring your every move. Banning is a form of censorship.”

— William Lee



“No, because it’s not the firearms that are hurting everyone it is the people that use them, and go to extremes.”

— Jennifer Buie



“They should be banned because they are very dangerous. Kids might get their hands on them and have an accident and kill someone.”

— Fonz Maymoundok



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Gun control could save lives

Last month a man drove through the front of Luby’s Cafeteria in Killean, Texas and started shooting people. When he was done he had killed 22 people. A week later a student from Northside shot a student from Southside in a Fort Smith park. Two weeks ago a Fort Smith man threatened to shoot people with a handgun and the police stopped him without shooting.

In the ‘80s the number of people ages 10 to 19 killed by firearms rose over 30 percent from 1,336 to 1,770, while the number of people killed

by other means declined sharply from 812 to 478. Sixty-two percent of the murders committed in ‘89 were committed with firearms.

There are 30,000 deaths and 200,000 injuries from firearms per year. This includes children, like the son of a Washington state woman, who accidentally killed his brother with a handgun. There are 10 children killed every day by handguns.

Maybe it’s time to do something to stop these senseless deaths. Federal gun control laws would help. Other countries have strict

regulations on gun ownership. Only 15 states have any regulations or even waiting periods to buy a gun. Last year there was a proposal before the congress to ban military style rifles and pistols but it didn’t pass.

According to a Sept. ‘90 Gallup Poll, 95 percent of Americans support a seven day waiting period to buy a handgun. This would not be a solution by any means, but it just might make it a little more difficult for a mentally ill person or a criminal to buy a gun. Besides what could a person need a handgun for that couldn’t wait a week?

For your consideration

What’s that clicking noise?

by Lisa Grosvold

When I took Driver’s Education in high school they called it defensive driving, but lately I’ve been thinking about looking for a *Road Warrior* school of driving. The streets are getting more dangerous all the time. A couple of years ago people were shooting at each other on L.A. freeway. Last month a woman hit an 11-year-old crossing guard with her car and yelled at him to get out of the way. These may be extreme examples but they seem to be indicating a trend in the attitude of drivers.

Two months ago a guy backed out of his driveway into my car. He didn’t even look before he backed out. On the

way to school last week I was driving down the street when another driver decided to drive through a stop sign. I slammed on my brakes and just missed hitting him. A few blocks later at a four way stop, I stopped and started to go when the person coming toward me suddenly decided to turn left. Again I slammed on my brakes and honked my horn.

At railroad crossings people honk for me to go when the bells and lights are flashing. Like I really want to take the chance of being hit by a 5000 ton piece of metal because some bozo behind me wants to get to work. It takes a train going 35 mph over half a mile to stop and I’d rather it stopped without me in

the way.

I know the driving laws are different in every state but I don’t think a stop sign means stop when you feel like it. A turn signal is not a cute little dashboard decoration that makes a funny clicking noise. When some people get behind the wheel of a car they enter a kind of *Twilight Zone*, focusing only on their destination. They seem to forget there are other people on the road.

I know we are busy people, with jobs, school, children, and homework, but stopping at a stop sign or waiting for a train takes a few minutes. I don’t know about you but I know I’d rather be a few minutes late than dead. It’s just not worth it to me, how about you?

Seven recognized
by the community
for academic, leadership
qualities

Outstanding students

by Jody Birchfield

Seven Westark students are being recognized as "Outstanding Students" by the Public Awareness Committee, a local organization consisting of business people, educators, and local government officials, according to Business Division Instructor Paul Leggett, who serves as committee secretary. "The purpose of it is to honor returning sophomores based on their academic and leadership qualities," Leggett said.

"The Public Awareness Committee's mission is to provide a public forum for a variety of local issues," Leggett explained. "It's really just a group that tries to put issues of the day before the public."

"This year, for the first time, we're going to have a reception for them (the students receiving the award) and their parents," Leggett said. "We present them with a certificate from the Public Awareness Committee. They are also recognized by the Mayor of Fort Smith." Leggett also said the students will be recognized at graduation and that local television stations and newspapers will cover the reception.

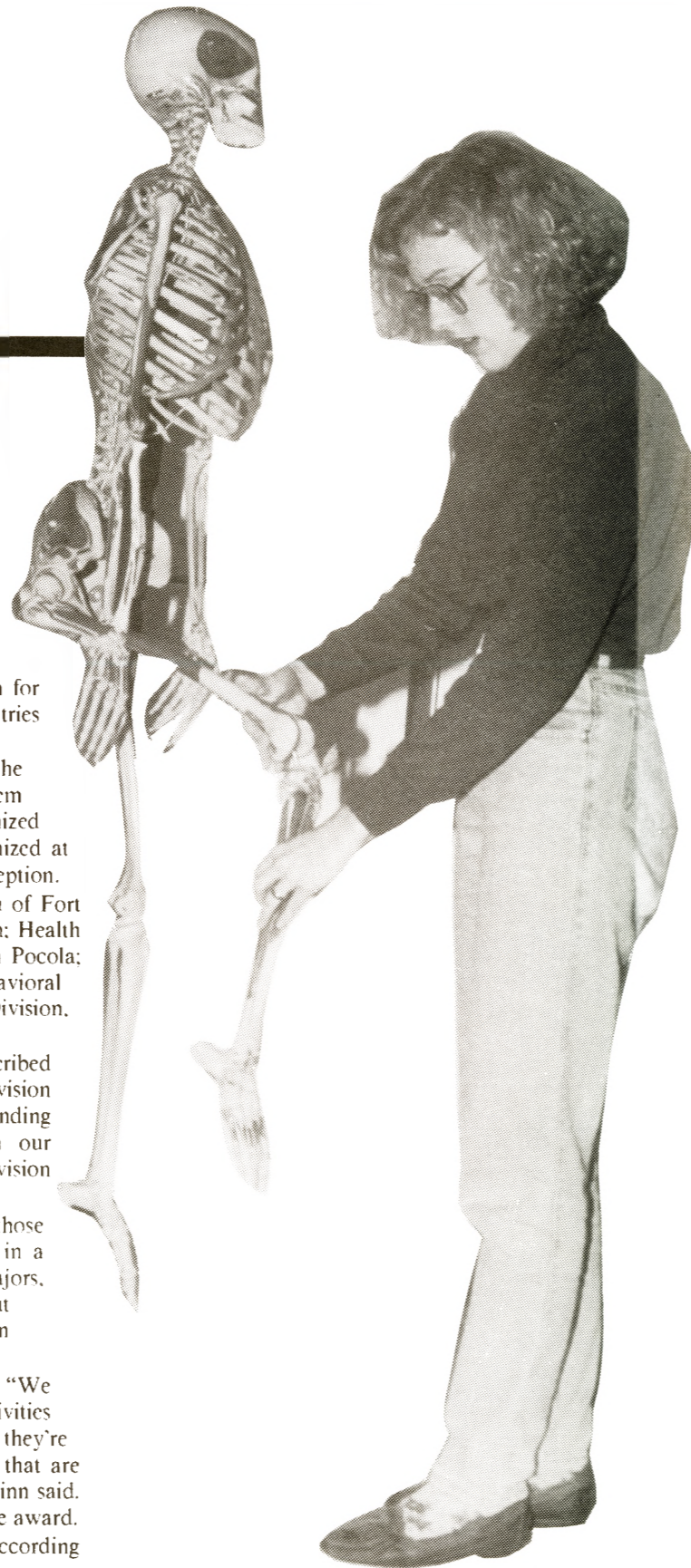
The students to be recognized are: from the Business division, John Larru of Fort Smith; Computing and Information Systems, Pamela Turner from Van Buren; Health Occupations, Patty Veit of Fort Smith; Humanities Division, Keri Kish from Pocola; Science, Math and Engineering, Marshall Newcity of Fort Smith; Social and Behavioral Science, Tabitha R. Stephenson from Lamar; and from the Technology Division, Nancy O'Hare of Cedarville.

Instructor Sharon Winn from the Office Administration Department described how the department nominated their students. "After everyone in our division nominated some students and gave the criteria that they felt made them an outstanding student, our division chairperson went through and selected one from our nominations. So for us, it was a combination of the instructors and the division chairperson working together to select that outstanding student," Winn said.

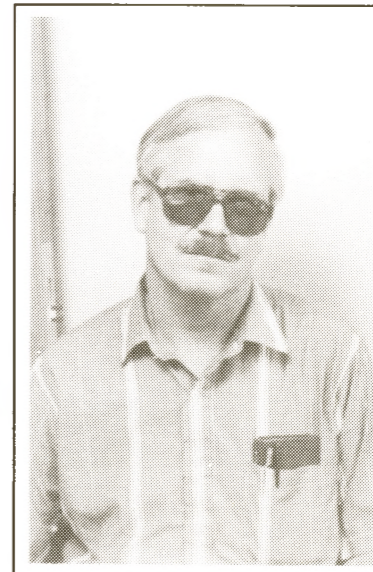
"It's really quite an honor for a division to select one student out of all those who were majoring in that area. In the business division, that would take in a lot of people because it includes Office Administration majors, Accounting majors, Business Administration majors, and Economics majors. We're talking about a lot of people who select one person each as an outstanding student," Winn said.

The students are nominated based on more than just academic ability. "We have to know what their grade point average is, what extra-curricular activities they're involved in, if they're a member of some student organizations, and if they're active in some of the civic organizations or their church. Those are factors that are considered in selecting the outstanding students in these various divisions," Winn said. The Public Awareness Committee makes the final decision on who receives the award.

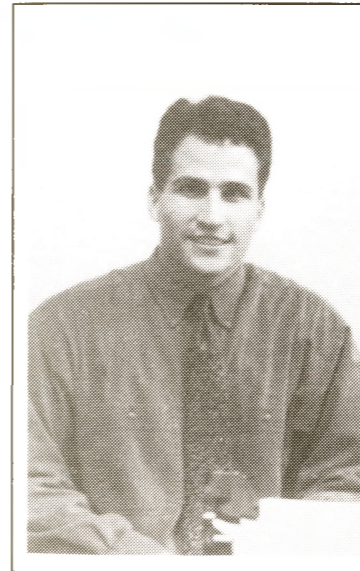
Outstanding students have been given this award for the past 12 to 13 years according to Leggett.



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I appreciate the opportunity to learn here at Westark and to be around the people that I study with.
-Pamela Turner



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I feel honored. I wasn't expecting it. I've been struggling all along.
-John Larru



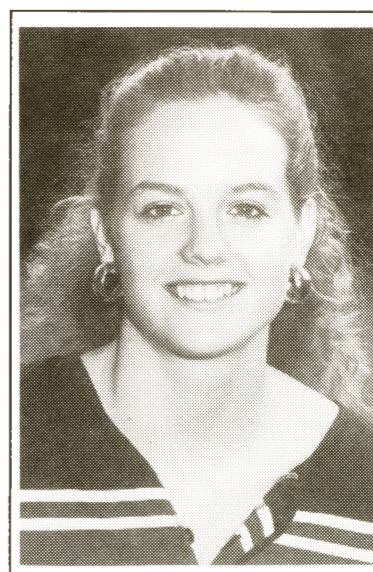
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It's a great honor to be considered for this award by my instructors and the science department.
-Marshall Newcity



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I had never heard of this award before, so it's a real honor.
-Nancy O'hare



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It's a great privilege and I'm very appreciative to the teachers that I'm in contact with.
-Keri Kish



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I was really surprised to get it and really honored, considering how many students there are at Westark.
-Tabitha Stephenson

Briefs

Free copies of the '91 yearbook are still available to '90-'91 students in room 105A of the Ballman-Speer Building.

"A Christmas Carol" will be performed Nov. 26 - 28 in the Breedlove Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$6 in the Student Activities office. For more information call 7200.

The '91-'92 Spirit Squad has chosen two new members. Lori Blochowiak of Fort Smith and Cresha Tanner of Van Buren.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) will be attending the annual Oklahoma/Arkansas Regional Convention in El Dorado, on Nov. 21-23. Christine Mobley will run for regional president and Kerry Franklin will be running for regional secretary.

Two computer programming teams representing Westark placed second and third in a contest held during the Arkansas Society for Computing with Information Technology in Little Rock. Ray Sparks, CIS division chair and Brenda Cantwell, faculty advisor, accompanied the students.

For information on the Single Parent Homemaker program call Kathy Phillips at 452-8994.

Continuing Education and Earth Educate will co-sponsor a seminar "Plan for the Planet" on Nov. 14 in the Echols Conference Center to discuss how economy and ecology work together to save the earth. The fee is \$5. For more information call 785-7300.

A two hour information session "For Women Only," will be held for women considering enrolling in college. It will be held in Holt 115 on Nov. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 7015 for more information.

Westark has family ties

by Jeff Brasher

Westark has many students who are related: brothers, sisters, cousins...mothers. Mothers? Imagine going to school with your mother. That's what Sherla Bryant had to imagine when her mother, Rhonda, told her she wanted to go to school.

"I had asked her if she minded if I went to Westark because I was prepared to wait a year if that's what she wanted," Rhonda, an elementary education major, said.

Needless to say, Sherla didn't mind her mom going to college. "I think it's kind of neat. We don't have any classes together, though. We ride up here from Greenwood together and go home together, but other than that I only see her once a day. I don't run into her a lot on campus." Sherla, a medical technology major, said.

Rhonda said the University

Center convinced her to come to Westark. "My kids' are grown up, and the University Center is here. There's every reason for it and no reason not to," Rhonda said. She plans on attending Westark for four years, while Sherla plans to attend for two. Rhonda's son and Sherla's brother Paul, a senior in high school, plans to attend Westark next year to become an electronic technician.

Rhonda, who likes to spend her spare time with church activities,

cooking or sewing, likes Westark for the activities that are available to the students. "I like Westark. I think it's great Westark has all the clubs for the students who have the time and energy to get involved," Rhonda said.

Sherla likes Westark also. "I think it's a good college. It gives people an opportunity to go here and find out if they like college before they go to a university. I'm glad I started here," Sherla said.



Instructor receives award

by Lisa Grosvold

The Arkansas Association for Developmental Education presented Martha Efurd with the Arkansas Outstanding Developmental Educator Award at their recent conference in Hot Springs. Efurd, a developmental reading instructor on-campus, is the first to receive the award.

"I was thrilled in the first place to be nominated and then to receive it was another thrill. Arkansas is blessed with a lot of good developmental educators, a lot of good teachers that really have their heart in what they do. To be chosen among the top is quite rewarding," Efurd said.

Efurd has been teaching for 30 years. "After I tried several things I realized I really enjoyed the field of education. I finished college after I married and when I had children I realized more than ever that I was going to be a teacher."

In '74 Efurd began the developmental reading program at Westark. The entire developmental program came from the reading classes. "It has grown tremendously and made us the leader in the state for developmental education.

"There's always going to be someone who needs to update their skills. We all have to update at some point or we get stagnant," she said.

"I like Mrs Efurd, she's warm, helpful and fair. She does her job well and gives fair grades," Toum Sayavong, a student, said.

Efurd and her husband have three children and four grandchildren. One daughter is a reading specialist in Texas and the other daughter is a third grade teacher in Greenwood. Their son is not a teacher but his wife is an elementary school counselor.

Efurd received the Lucille Speakman Excellence in Teaching Award, '90. She was chairperson for the Faculty Association in '82-'83 and the Academic Standards Committee in '79 and '90-'91. She received the Whirlpool Corp. Grant for National Master Teacher Seminar, '81. Efurd is the author of the college text, "Vocabulary, Reading, and Reasoning," published in '84 and '90.

Efurd received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla.; her Master's degree from Texas Tech University

in Lubbock; and a reading specialist certificate from the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

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Jazz band prepares for fall concert

by Shane Deitert

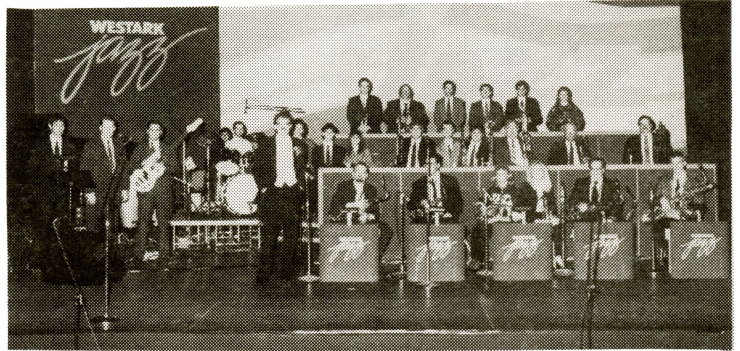
The Westark Jazz Band fall concert is coming soon. The first show on Monday, Nov. 18 has sold out, another show has been added on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

"This is the first time we have added a second show, we usually do one per season," Don Bailey, director of the Westark Jazz Band said. "I am seeing more interest in jazz from the student body. We are excited about the growing support we continue to receive and are glad to be able to offer two shows," Bailey said. The concert will be filled with a variety of songs from the Big Band era, Dixieland tunes, blues, Latin, funk, and popular ballads.

The Van Buren High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mike Jones, will be performing with the Jazz Band. The concert will also have other special guests including vocalists Judy Davis and Dwayne Walden. The newly formed Westark Jazz Lab Ensemble, and a "secret" guest artist.

The Jazz band also has two new albums, their annual tape "Jammin'," which is a mixture of styles, and "Sentimental Journey." This album features Big Band favorites from the 30's and 40's.

Bailey invites everyone to the shows and promises a night of good jazz music. Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. in the Breedlove Auditorium. Free tickets are available for students in the Student Activities Office in the Fullerton Union. General admission is \$5. For more information, call 785-7200.



Seattle bands hitting the bigtime

by Jeff Brasher

Pearl Jam
Ten
Epic Records

Nirvana
Nevermind
DGC Records

Lately the statement, "And on the eighth day, God created the Seattle music scene," has been gaining some credibility. Since this is the home of a lot of fresh, inspiring bands like Soundgarden, Mother Love Bone, Mudhoney, Alice In Chains, Tad, Temple of the Dog, and the Screaming Trees, divine intervention no longer seems all that unlikely. From the Seattle area, two new bands, Pearl Jam and Nirvana have recently released debut albums.

After three different drummers, and a name change Pearl Jam is finally ready to get what's coming to them. With the help of producer Rick Parashar, Pearl Jam has a striking first single called "Alive."

Recorded in two months, *Ten* contains 11 creative and vibrant, yet frank and depressing songs. "Why Go" and "Jeremy" dip into the mind of a battered and neglected child, as does "Alive." "How could I forget/He hit me with a surprise left/My jaw left hurtin'/Dropped wide open/Just like the day/Like the day I heard/Daddy didn't give affection/And the boy was something that Mommy wouldn't

wear/King Jeremy the wicked/Ruled his world," say the lyrics to "Jeremy." "Evenflow," the second song, is a song about the homeless, written by Vender, who worked with the homeless. With this album, the band seems very aware that they can create moods with their songs. The sound of this tape is not like the psychedelic sound of Mother Love Bone, but more like an accessible radio sound. Vender, who did backing vocals on the temple of the Dog CD, sounds extremely close to Chris Cornell's vocals of Soundgarden.

Look for Pearl Jam to be playing a bit part as Matt Dillion's backup band in Cameron Crowe's new, upcoming movie, *Singles*.

The latest export from Seattle is Nirvana. Kurt Cobin, vocals; David Grohl, drums; and Chris Novoseli, bass; make up the three man assault.

As bands like Jane's Addiction and Nine Inch Nails gain popularity and record sales, guitar-heavy punk/funk rock and roll is at an all time high with the young college crowd. With its current single, "Smells Like Teen Spirit," Nirvana has reached the number one spot on college radio playlists, according to *Rolling Stone* magazine. Teens, young adults and MTV viewers are having a hard time keeping their heads and feet still when they hear the recurring chorus of "Smells Like Teen Spirit," "With the lights out, it's dangerous/ Here we are now/Entertain us/'I feel

stupid and contagious/Here we are now/Entertain us/A mulatto/An albino/A mosquito/Yay."

With songs like "In Bloom" and "Breed," Nirvana portrays a sound reminiscent of Seattle homeboys Alice in Chains. Recorded in three weeks, *Nevermind* makes the listener want to sit and ponder the lyrics, as well as slam dance.

But not all of Nirvana's songs are

fast. Slower portions on the CD are the acoustic, lyrically confusing "Polly" and the beginning of the fifth song, "Lithium," until the song shifts into a fast, head-banging overdrive. "Something in the Way," the last song, exemplifies Nirvana at their slowest and most melodic with the use of acoustic guitar and a cello. Overall, the 12 songs generate a chaotic and alluring album of music.

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Lions begin showtime

by James Barnard

The blue and white scrimmages are over. Pre-season preparation has been completed. For the Westark Lion's the moment of truth has arrived, it's show time. "It's going to be a knock down drag out season," Lion Head Coach Bobby Vint said.

The Lions concluded their final blue and white game Oct. 28 as the white team cruised to a 84-74 win. Freshman post Jerome Lambert led scoring with 28 points. "Lambert might be the most active player we've had at his position since I've been here," Vint said.

Coach Vint points to team unity as one of the Lions strongest points. "Last year's team played together and this group plays together even more so. This (the team unity) is going to overcome our youth and inexperience."

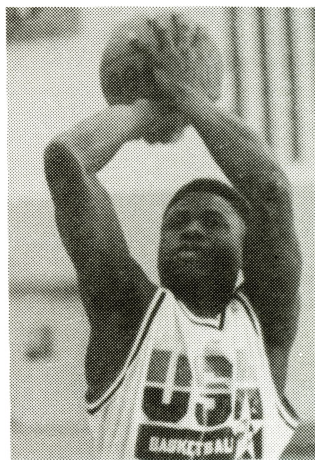
Rebounding still represents a

question mark for the Lions though. Gone are the 200-plus-pound Eric Traylor of last year. "We're not as thick physically, but I think we can hold on." The Lions head into one of the toughest conference schedules in recent years. Carl Albert is returning their two best players and NEO is returning four starters from the squad that beat the Lions in the regional playoffs. "Everyone is better this year, it ought to be against the law to play in this conference."

The Lions answered the call in the season opener as they crushed Hill Junior College 89-62 at home. Freshmen Jerome Lambert lived up to Vint's expectations and led the charge with 21 points while pulling down 10 rebounds. Sophomore Quentin Benson scored 13 and added 2 of Westark's 7 three pointers for the night. Neil Rice scored 15 while Keith Stricklen and Marcus trailed with 12 and 9 points. "I really enjoyed the

enthusiasm of our freshmen. I'm pleased with our overall effort in our opener."

The Lions take on Trinity Valley Junior College in the Trinity Valley Classic this Friday.



Toeing the line, Lion Neil Rice begins to shoot a pair of free throws.

Season brings experience but lacks depth

by James Barnard

Heading into the season strong on experience, the Lady Lions are suffering from a decreasing number of players. Due to recent withdrawals and injuries the Lady lions are down to 11 players. Despite the drop from a 15 member squad at the beginning of the season, Coach Louis Whorton remains optimistic. "We can't let lack of depth become a problem and I don't think it will be."

Coach Whorton plans to offset

this lack of depth by using the full range of his bench. "If they show up in uniform we're going to play them. They are all working hard and trying to make a contribution and we have got to give them that chance."

One obstacle the Lady Lions will have to overcome is the loss of Stephanie Childers for the season to a knee injury. "Anytime you lose a division one player it hurts you, but in the course of events we've just got to close ranks and go on.

It just takes away some of our depth inside."

What the Lions lack inside they make up for on the perimeter. The Lady Lions have six players returning from the guard position. "If this team has an advantage over last year's it would be our experience in those positions."

Coach Whorton's promise rang true as all 10 Lady Lions that suited up played and no one scored less than 3 points. Tracy Duggin did not dress out due to an injury.

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