



# Lion Pride

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## 1 In 4 students still undecided

### BUSH BEATS DOLE IN STUDENT POLL

Republican George Bush will be the next president of the United States, at least if students have their say.

In a poll of 328 students, conducted February 2-5 by the *LP*, the vice president is the choice of 28 percent. Senate minority leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is second among the announced candidates with 13 percent.

A special thanks go to political science instructor Ed Levy for allowing the *LP* to use his classes to help conduct the poll.

Clearly, though, Bush (or any other of the announced candidates) cannot rest easy. Roughly 25 percent of students polled favor unannounced candidates (Mario Cuomo, D-N.Y., and Ted Kennedy, D-Mass. among them) or none of the official candidates.

All the other Republican presidential candidates have percentages in single digits.

<b>Bush 28%</b>	<b>Gephardt 3%</b>
<b>Other 25%</b>	<b>Jackson 3%</b>
<b>Dole 13%</b>	<b>Robertson 3%</b>
<b>Hart 6%</b>	<b>Simon 3%</b>
<b>Kemp 5%</b>	<b>Babbitt 1%</b>
<b>Dukakis 4%</b>	<b>DuPont 1%</b>
<b>Haig 4%</b>	<b>Gore 1%</b>

The leading Democratic presidential vote-getter is former Colorado senator Gary Hart with 21 votes, or 6 percent of the vote. Rounding out the Democratic Party field, Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis has 4 percent of the tally for president, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Missouri congressman Richard Gephardt and Illinois senator Paul Simon each have 3 percent. Former Arizona governor Bruce Babbitt and Tennessee senator Al Gore have less than 2 percent of the vote.

The bottom four finishers on the GOP side are New York congressman Jack Kemp, retired general Al Haig, the Rev. Pat Robertson and former Delaware governor Pete DuPont. Kemp has 16 votes, or roughly 5 percent of the vote for president. Haig beats out televangelist Robertson by five votes for fourth place. DuPont has four votes, the fewest of any of the announced presidential challengers.

It is somewhat surprising Robertson has only 3 percent of the tally. The president of the Christian Broadcasting Network finished first in a straw poll at the state Republican Party gathering last month in Little Rock.

Totaling the vote of the GOP and Democratic presidential candidates, 54 percent of the

students favor Republicans with the Democrats picking up 21 percent of the vote.

Comparing the February 2 poll results to the October 13, 1987 *LP* figures, George Bush appears to be the biggest loser. Bush's support has dropped 6 points from 34 percent of the vote last fall to 28 percent today. The good news for Bush is that apparently no one is picking up substantial support. Dole received 15 percent of the overall vote in October, 13 percent this time out. The undecided/other vote is roughly the same. 27 percent of the students polled last fall were not sure of their choice for president, compared to 25 percent today.

### HOW STUDENTS SELECT A CANDIDATE

In closely descending order intelligence, experience, and honesty are viewed by students as reasons to select a candidate for public office. In this category students were allowed to select more than one specific trait. 31 percent of the students say intelligence is what they look for in an office seeker. 29 percent count experience as most important. The honesty of a particular candidate is third with 27 percent. Roughly one-in-five or 19 percent, see similar views as imperative. Attractive appearance, popularity and other total 20 votes out of the 320 ballots marked.

<b>Intelligence 31%</b>
<b>Experience 29%</b>
<b>Honesty 27%</b>
<b>Similar Views 19%</b>
<b>Attractive Appearance 2%</b>
<b>Popularity 2%</b>
<b>Other 2%</b>

### AIDS SEEN AS BIGGEST PROBLEM

In a fairly close vote, students feel that AIDS, not the federal deficit, is the biggest problem facing the U.S. today. Almost one-in-three of the students say AIDS is 'at the top of the list,' followed by 27 percent who say the federal deficit is the problem that should be addressed foremost. The only other issue in double figures is literacy and/or education with 14 percent. Rounding out the list, in descending order, are poverty with 9 percent, the nuclear threat with 5 percent, racial and/or sexual intolerance with 3 percent and toxic waste with 2 percent of the vote. 8 percent of the students polled say 'other' problems are number one.

<b>AIDS 32%</b>
<b>Federal Deficit 27%</b>
<b>Literacy/Education 14%</b>
<b>Poverty 9%</b>
<b>Other 8%</b>
<b>Nuclear Threat 5%</b>
<b>Racial/Sexual Intolerance 3%</b>
<b>Toxic Waste 2%</b>

### SECURITY SOUGHT MOST BY STUDENTS

One-in-four or 25 percent of students say security is their number one priority upon graduation from college. 20 percent of the students polled say 'making a large income' is most important. Love and/or marriage is the choice of 18 percent of the students. 9 percent of students say further education and/or training will help most to lead to personal fulfillment. An additional 9 percent point to public service as a main goal. Power and 'recognition by peers' rounds out the voting with 6 and 4 percent, respectively. Other (such as children, good health and personal salvation) is checked by 8 percent.

<b>Security 25%</b>
<b>Large Salary 20%</b>
<b>Love/Marriage 18%</b>
<b>Further Education/Training 9%</b>
<b>Public Service 9%</b>
<b>Other 9%</b>
<b>Power 6%</b>
<b>Recognition by Peers 4%</b>

### CANDIDATE'S DRUG USE SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC

Roughly two-of-three (64 percent) of students polled say drug use by political candidates should be a public issue. Students are divided about candidates' disclosing personal finances. 42 percent say a political candidate needs to make his/her finances public knowledge. On the other hand, three-of-four (26 percent) say a candidates' sexual habits are strictly his/her business.

<b>Drug Use 64%</b>
<b>Finances 42%</b>
<b>Sexual Habits 26%</b>

by Anthony Caton

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LAC use up as well

## Spring enrollment breaks record

Spring enrollment headcount totals 3,584, a 4.9% increase over the spring 1987 count of 3,417.

"There is no *Readers Digest* version of why Westark's enrollment is up. We're doing a lot of the right things for the right reasons," replies Dr. Eric Priest, vice president for student affairs.

The combination of scheduling, advertising, quality and courses offered all play a role in the increasing of enrollment, according to Priest. "We spend a significant amount of money on advertising to reach and communicate more effectively with the public."

Distributing printed course schedules three times a year is a good form of public relations, according to Priest. "We have to give people what they need in a quality way and make it convenient." Priest also credits superb teaching and satisfied students for the increase.

"Frequently, registration takes less than an hour," replies Priest. "Our redesigned facility has expedited the process. Registration is more efficient now."

The areas of most rapid growth are transfer classes such as English, biology, speech, psychology, and other general classes. Enrollment in the associate degree nursing program, a paramedic program, and electronics are up as well.

*"Our priority is not to increase enrollment, but to identify what people need and give it to them."*

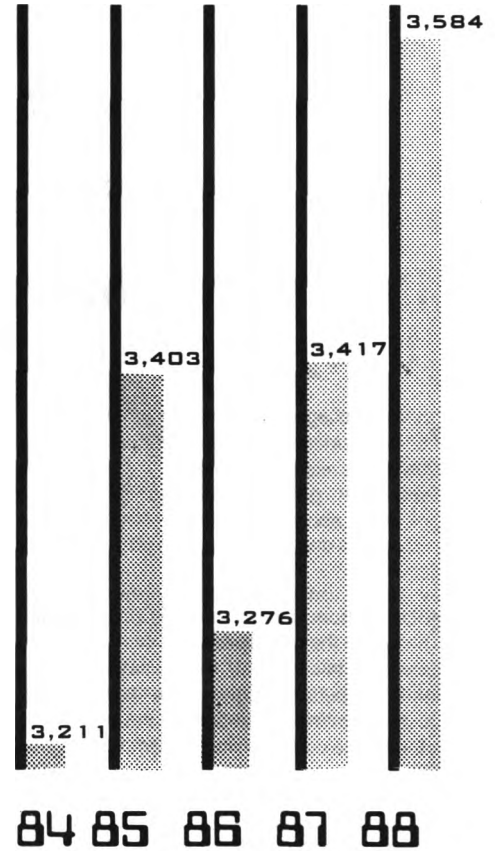
The Learning Assistance Center also reports a record spring 'enrollment,' an increase of 20%. The developing of core skills, support programs, grammar, and developmental writing skills have played a role in the LAC's increased use.

"We have hired more tutors to meet the increased LAC usage and we can now place the average student with a tutor in one day," explains Zoe Morgan, LAC director.

"The entire faculty and staff strive to serve students effectively and place a high priority on a student's satisfaction and success," says Priest.

"Our priority is not to increase enrollment, but to identify what people need and give it to them. If it increases enrollment, fine. It just means we're helping more people."

by Curtiss Haney



### Transfer Scholarships For Entering Juniors To Attend:

*Arkansas Tech University,  
Arkansas State University,  
University of Arkansas,  
UALR, or  
University of the Ozarks*

Scholarship applications are available in the Financial Aid Office on the upper level of the Fullerton Student Union.

**Application Deadlines  
start March 15.**

## Are you going to graduate in May?



Notices are in the mail to students eligible for graduation this spring. If you have not received a notice and feel you are eligible for an associate of arts or associate of general studies

degree, please meet with your counselor to verify you have met the core requirements and to make application for your degree. Students completing the associate of applied science degree or certificate should meet with their division chairman.

Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for May 6 in the Fort Smith Civic Center.

"Westark administrators and faculty promise an impressive ceremony," says counselor Cheryl Peters, "as it is custom for them to wear robes and the colors representing the university from which they graduated and their area of specialization."

Diplomas are presented by the chairman of the Board of Trustees. Special honors will be given to outstanding students in each division and scholastic honors are recognized.

Last year 372 students graduated and 189 participated in the ceremonies. This year's class may be even larger. "The school is proud of this important step you are making in your education," says Peters, "you owe it to your school,

family, community and yourself to be a part of this ceremony acknowledging your accomplishment. Let this be one of the milestones in your life."

Students must have completed 60 semester hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0 including general education requirements. The degrees conferred are; associate of arts, associate of general studies, associate of applied science, and certificates awarded in ten technology programs.

All students are invited to attend the graduation ceremonies and family and friends of graduates are particularly invited.

Graduation exercises were first held by European universities in the Middle Ages. American colleges and universities still have many European graduation customs. Traditionally, gowns are long and black. The tasseled cap or mortarboard is worn on the head with the tassel representing the kind of degree to be received. Graduates participating in the ceremonies may wear colored hoods on their robes indicating the highest degree they hold and the institution from which it was received.

The presentation of college degrees dates from the 1200s. In the last 100 years in the United States, college degrees have been expanded to include many new fields of study and achievement.

by Pat Parker

Due to the student poll results being placed on page one of this issue, expressing the opinions of the surveyed student body on various topics relating to the upcoming presidential election, this page usually reserved for editorial and opinion content has been allocated for news this issue. Ed.

## College Day allows students to talk with representatives from area colleges

Twenty-five colleges and military programs will give a hand to students at the sixth annual College/Career Day, Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Students will get the chance to talk to representatives about transferring, financial aid, scholarships, and degree plans, according to Cheryl Peters, counselor.

"They (the students) get to meet several representatives from different colleges and compare costs. They have the chance to meet someone from the campus and talk to them," Peters says.

"I think it's important to give students a chance to talk to representatives, and have the chance to discuss things like costs of living on campus, degree plans, applying to the college, the transfer requirements," says Peters.

The representatives set up shop on the upper level of the Fullerton Union from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24. All students are welcome to attend. Below is a list of colleges and military representatives scheduled to be here.

### ARKANSAS COLLEGES

Hendrix College, Southern Arkansas University,

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Arkansas College, Henderson State University, Philander Smith College, Arkansas State University, Harding University, University of the Ozarks, Ouachita Baptist, Arkansas Tech University, University of Central Arkansas, John Brown University, College of Pharmacy in Little Rock, College of Nursing (Medical Center in Little Rock), University of Arkansas of Medical Science.

### OKLAHOMA COLLEGES

Oklahoma State University, Oral Roberts University, Oklahoma Baptist University, University of Tulsa, Northeastern State University.

### MISSOURI COLLEGES

School of the Ozarks.

### MILITARY

Military Science Department, University of Arkansas, ROTC; International Guard (air guard)

by Kassie Cassel

## Orientation planned for prospective nursing students

For the first time, Westark will hold a nursing orientation for prospective students. Counselor Cheryl Peters, who hosts the program, explains why.

"There's been a lot of interest in the nursing program here. We've never held anything like this before and we hope to have a full room. It's something new. They can get oriented as a group. It's for our prospective students," says Peters.

Some of the ground Peters plans to cover are the different jobs available in nursing, nursing itself as career, the differences between LPN and RN, admission requirements, course requirements and the prerequisite courses, costs of the program, and "Plenty of time for questions and answers."

The orientation's on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the Assessment Center on the upper level of the Fullerton Union. One orientation's at 10 a.m. and the other's at 2 p.m. (both are the same) and admission is free.

by Kassie Cassel

## Engineering students receive scholarships

Every spring semester a scholarship is awarded to a deserving engineering student. This semester two students, Terry Wicks and Clayton Hicks, received full tuition scholarships to help them continue their engineering education.

Several students competed for the scholarship offered by the Fort Smith Chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Interested students, who attended Westark during the fall semester, had four weeks to compose an essay titled: "Why I Want To Be An Engineer." These essays, along with the students' academic records and the challenge of their classes, were the basis of the selection. Three judges from the society chose who would receive the scholarships.

At an informal ceremony in December, Terry and Clayton were awarded their scholarships. Vice president for instruction Dr. John McKay, engineering instructor Sam Heintz and Society president James Hudson attended.

by Carol Rosson



Terry Wicks (second from left back row), and Clayton Hicks (second from left front row), pose with judges from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and vise-making students. Judges were Dusty Cruise from Whirlpool (fifth from right back row), Hardie Jefferies from Whirlpool (far left front row), and James Hudson from Staton and Hudson (far right front row). Bill Norman, Roy Cary and Ryan Rogers (first, third, and fourth back row) were winners in the vise-making competition. (photo by Martha Bulau)

## Clubs

### SAC elects spring semester officers

The Student Activities Council meets each Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Board Room on the lower level of the student union. All students are considered members of the council.

SAC officers recently elected for spring semester are: James Hornsey-president, Mike Cooper-vice president of chairs, Maggie Janes-vice president of recruitment and retention, and Travis Hopson-secretary.

The Miss Westark Pageant Committee of SAC announces they are still accepting entry forms for the Miss Westark pageant through February 19. They also announce that construction of the set for the April 9 pageant is nearly completed. They welcome new members.

Phi Theta Kappa meets every third Wednesday in the Science Lecture Hall at 12:45 p.m.

Phi Beta Lambda meets the first Wednesday each month at 12:40 p.m. in Vines 201. They're making plans for their annual spring fashion show featuring Miss Westark Scholarship Pageant contestants.

PBL also celebrated Future Business Leaders of America Week last week by meeting with Fort Smith's Vice Mayor Buck Shell.

S.T.E.P. (Students Together Effectively Progressing) sponsored their fourth annual Achievement Awards Program in celebration of America's black heritage Saturday.

The group recognized outstanding achievements in the black community awarding black students, business people and community servants.

Speaker for the program was Dr. Katherine Phillips, chair of the education division of Philander Smith Smith College of Little Rock. She spoke on "American History: The Afro-Americans' Contribution."

Valentine's Day dance followed the program.

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# Dean's List

211 students made the fall semester Dean's List with 108 of those students (in boldface) maintaining a 4.00 grade point average. Listed by hometown, students include:

## ALMA

**Garry Goforth**, Grant Camden, Walter Davis, Jeanne Gray, Christina Heger, and Laquita Striplin.

## ARKOMA, OK

Geoffrey Stevens.

## BARLING

**Sheryl McCrea**, and Ginger Schoen.

## BOLES

**Virginia Hartnett**.

## BOONEVILLE

**Dennis Adair, Kimberly Blythe, Linda Chaplin, Beverly Duke,** Brian Berry, Sandra Carolan, and Debra Pyles.

## BRANCH

**Eva Terry**.

## CEDARVILLE

Steven Lesley.

## CHARLESTON

**Sarah McFerran**, Beth Mikles, and Bruce Womack.

## CHESTER

**Betty Lamproe**.

## CLARKSVILLE

Bryan Ross.

## FORT SMITH

**Arietta Adams, Kimberly Alexander, Mindy Atwood, Jane Bittle, Diane Brown, Ian Bullock, David Burks, Marquita Carty, Anthony Caton, Angela Cherry, Paula Comer, Stephanie Copeland, Barbara Daniels, Jennifer Daniels, Randall Dunagan, Sue Echols, Betty Fisher, Jodee Flatte, Dianna Fort, Tamara Green, Kathryn Guillory, Mary Hanning, Tim Hearn, Barbara Herring, Suzanne Herzig, Tim Horne, Lana Hunt, Sandra Jones, Pat Lee, Joyce Maestri, Vickie Manbeck, Dell Diane Manus, Janice Massey, William McFadden, Deborah Meldejohn, Louis Merlo, Peggy Montgomery, Stephanie Moreton, Cynthia Murray, Dale Neal, Marti Panikkar, Kerry Parker, Deborah Pilger, Lenora Polk, Karen Reith, Bruce Schlieff, Linda Shumate, Jack Sparks, Donna Stultz, Melissa Sweeney, Robyn Thompson, Sheryl Watkins, Rebecca Weatherton, Malcolm Williamson, Ariene Wilson, Cheryl Wilson, Loyd Young, Yvonne Abner, Seema Ahmed, Dorothy Bean, Tommy Berkshire, Amber Campbell, Roberta Cooke, Tracey Cyrus, Thomas Daigle, Bettye Davis-Moss, Sherry Durham, Valerie Faulkner, Katherine Fields, Melinda Griffin, Tracey Harrell, Eleanor Hartford, Linda Hawkins, Donna Helmer, Jack Hensley, Aaron Hopkins, Kim Hopkins, Julie Jay, Karin Johnson, Donna Kendrick, Patsy Knight, Betty Mazaheri, Quentin McCutchen, Laura Mechling, Douglas Mertens, Stephanie Minden, Jeff Mitchell, Patsy Mitchell, Theresa Molsbee, Lerinda Peek, Ladonna Scantling, Linda Schluterman, Christina Smith, Barbara Sterling, David Stewart, Troy Tedder, Terry Wicks, and Anita Zeiler.**

## GANS, OK

Kristin Lack.

## GREENWOOD

**Randy Davis, Brenda Gann, Debra Meeker, Don Smith, Andrew Wheeler,** Geneva Craig, Virginia Eimore, Glenda Goodwin, Sherry Gouger, Ronald Hicks, Tracy Lusher, Shelly McDougal, and Michael Neighbors.

## HACKETT

**Dana Hamilton, Vincent Pankratz,** Darwin Groomer, and Robin Hughes.

## HARTFORD

**Norma Henson**.

## HUNTINGTON

Bridget Downing.

## LAVACA

**Barbara Meredith, Dana Rainwater,** and Daria Hardgrave.

## LITTLE ROCK

**Timothy Byler**.

## MAGAZINE

Roy Carey.

## MANSFIELD

Betty Foster, Rhonda Reading, and Laura Wagner.

## MOUNTAINBURG

**Jeffrey France and Shelly Mullen**.

## MULBERRY

**Susan Crisman, Rebecca Riddle,** and Gary Peters.

## MULDROW

**Gary Butler,** Billie Armer, Clifta Fugett, and Duane Richmond.

## NATURAL DAM

Donna Wiley.

## OZARK

Cathryn Jones.

## PARIS

**Glenda Ezell, Vivian Fox,** and Angela Young.

## PLUMERVILLE

Reggie Rice.

## POCOLA, OK

**Carol Davis** and John Robertson.

## ROLAND, OK

**Barbara Mack**.

## RUDY

Tabatha Ramey.

## RUSSELLVILLE

**Beatrix Glasgow**.

## SALLISAW, OK

**Sue Sauder, David Williams,** and Tina Pierce.

## SCRANTON

Thomas Hanks.

## SHADY POINT, OK

Andy Poor.

## VAN BUREN

**Deena Bogner, Rick Juelts, James Lockhart, Ronald Moore, Roberta Parks, Patricia Paxton, Jana Thompson, Bernadette Vogler, Theima White, Judie Young,** Rebecca Beebe, Albert Campbell, Deborah Cunningham, Ricky Hunter, Stephanie Ladd, Gladys Lewis, Teresa Maxey, Erin Parker, Teresa Parker, Jennifer Steel, Deborah Strong, Kimberly Toran, Angie Watkins, and Tony Wellnitz.

## WALDRON

**Phills Cook**.

The Dean's List includes full-time students who have completed 12 hours or more and who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester. Part-time students who have completed six hours or more concurrently also become eligible upon completion of 12 cumulative semester hours if they have both semester and cumulative GPAs of 3.5 or above.

tuition-free classes available

## Senior citizens use college as outlet

After the retirement party...after the trips and the fishing...after the TV shows, the hobbies, the vegetable garden...after all is said and done, more and more senior citizens are returning to school as an outlet for their inquiring and creative instincts. Most schools of higher education, including Westark, recognize this growing student group and encourage their attendance with tuition-free classes for students over age sixty.

**For the first time in history, people age 60 and over exceed the age group between 18 and 24**

For the first time in history, people age 60 and over exceed the age group between 18 and 24. As the population gets older, the number of retired persons increases, and many of these older citizens are returning to classrooms across the country.

Sixty plus'ers who decide to pursue a degree, find themselves in the company of over 30,000 people age 60 and older, attending more than 3,000 colleges in the United States.

What do they study? Everything! Some learn a foreign language, many have interests in computer and related electronics courses, some pursue the degree they never had time to study for earlier. Whatever they study; mathematics, literature, history, psychology, foreign language, or computers, they all agree it isn't easy keeping up with younger students. But they welcome the challenge with vigor and a desire to learn that never grows old.

"The mind is like the muscles in your body," says one 60-plus student, "If you don't exercise and use it, it will slowly slip away and be useless."

Ed Gorman, 69, the oldest American student attending Oxford University, is working on a master's degree in British Commonwealth History. "The amount of knowledge I'm getting stuffed into my head amazes me," says Ed.

Entertainer Pearl Bailey, 67, recently earned her bachelor's degree in theology from Georgetown University.

Westark also offers both credit classes and continuing education courses specifically designed to meet the needs of senior citizens in the Fort Smith and surrounding area.

by Pat Parker

## Instructors, younger students enjoy older students

**"They have the actual experience of living through the times we study."**

As senior citizens across the country return to college campuses in record numbers, they ponder their acceptance by instructors and students.

Educational opportunities abound more today than at any time in history, and more than 30,000 60-plus students participate in degree programs. They are finding that learning becomes a personal satisfaction and a lifelong pleasure.

A recent survey of instructors and students on campus reveals most instructors enjoy the presence of older adults on the campus and in their classrooms. They say they genuinely encourage the mature students, and appreciate their punctuality and good attendance. Older students, most instructors agree, have a commitment to quality and a desire to learn and to participate. They eagerly ask questions and participate in class discussions, often raising questions and initiating discussions pertinent to the lecture or study. They help lead the class conversation and encourage younger students to enter the discussion and ask questions, too.

Younger students, too, give high marks to senior citizens' participation in the classroom. They answer the question "How do you feel about senior citizens in your classes?" with the following responses.

"They're OK by me, they add more life to the classes."

"I think it's great, we can learn a lot from them."

"In history and government classes, they have the actual experience of living through the times we study."

"They will ask questions we are afraid will sound dumb if we ask."

So, grandpa and grandma, if you've entertained the idea of returning to school, don't put it off, call today.

You may have the time of your life. Tomorrow might be too late!

by Pat Parker

Ozark's Pat Parker, known around campus as "Granny Pat," composes a story for LP on the typesetter. She got involved with student publications because she loves to write and because "that seems to be where the action is." (photo by Cyndi Owen)

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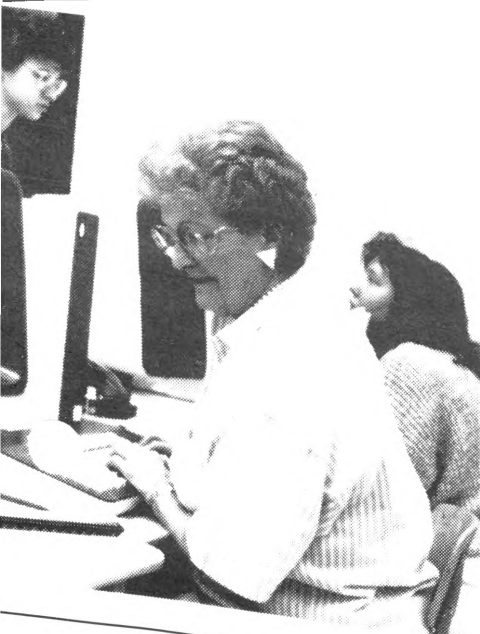
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We had Hippies; in the '70s along came  
'80s gave us the Yuppies. What can  
be done in the '90s? Why, the Yeepies, of

**Youthful energetic elderly people**,  
growing segment of our population, have  
the 18-24 age group in ever-growing numbers.  
Elderly people search for something with meaning  
in their hours. Many return to school and Westark  
offers classes of interest to them.

Westark offers 31 students took advantage of the  
program provided by Westark of tuition free credit classes  
for senior citizens. Sixty-plus students must register  
for a registration schedule for regular students to  
take advantage of available space in classrooms.  
Senior citizens have no problem selecting classes of  
interest. However, regular students and 60-plus, alike,  
enjoy computer classes, always full to overflowing.  
Senior citizens in the Fort Smith area return to school  
for a variety of reasons, some in pursuit of specialized  
education, some with a desire to continue education  
for more pressing demands of living.  
Westark also offers non-credit classes in the  
continuing education program tailored especially for 60-  
plus students. Senior citizens enjoy classes in exercise,  
gardening, crocheting, swimming and creative writing. Others  
enjoy crafts, cooking, and other popular continuing  
education classes. Sixty-plus pay one-half the regular  
tuition for these classes.  
Textbooks and supplies sell at regular price.

at Parker



## 1933 student returns for more

After 55 years and a successful career, she is back  
in class at Westark.

Bernice Kizer attended Westark (Fort Smith Junior  
College) in 1933. At that time classes met in what is  
now the Northside High School building. "We had one  
little study hall, and classes were on the second floor,"  
Bernice says.

Unable to afford the \$50. per semester tuition, she  
had to drop out after one semester. She is sympathetic  
toward students today who "are finding it difficult."

After dropping out of junior college, Bernice worked  
at Yutterman's Grocery Store on Rogers Avenue. It  
was "the first self-service grocery store in Fort Smith,"  
according to Bernice. She saved her money and went  
to Steven's College, a girls' school in Missouri. She  
attended Steven's for one year and transferred to the  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Before she  
received her degree there, she married James Parker.  
"I returned to get my law degree while my father was  
in the military during World War II."

Bernice married Harlin Kizer five years after her first  
husband died. She started practicing law during that  
time. "I had my degree for nearly ten years before I  
ever used it."

While practicing law, she ran for the Arkansas  
legislature. "The people were kind enough to elect me  
to seven terms," she affirms. "I had the privilege and  
honor of serving in the House of Representatives from  
our district." Then an opportunity became available to  
run for a newly created Chancellorship. "I was elected  
judge for two 6-year terms, and I retired last year."

Bernice holds education as one of the greatest gifts  
one can receive. While in the Legislature, she handled  
a great deal of legislation regarding junior colleges and  
vocational schools along with programs that were  
beneficial to the college. "It is certainly very well spent  
money from the tax dollar," she states.

Since retirement, Bernice has enjoyed the challenge  
of coming back to school. She has been very dedicated  
to learning Spanish and being able to speak it. Bernice  
thinks she would like to be a beach-comber in Mexico  
someday. "It might not be a high ambition for some,  
but it sounds like it would be delightful for me," she  
explains.

Bernice enjoys life and people. Her philosophy is "we  
must do everything to make every day beautiful. It's  
up to us."

by La Quita Striplin



**Bernice Kizer  
as FSJC student  
in 1933 ...**

**... and as WCC  
student in 1988**



## Contestant orientation next for Miss Westark entrants

Entries closed Friday for the Miss Westark Scholarship Pageant and Wednesday, Feb. 23, will be the Miss Westark Orientation for contestants at 7 p.m. on the lower level of the Student Union.

"The girls who are going to be in the pageant are required to be there because that is when we will explain the rules, and tell them what is expected of them," says Stacey Jones, director of student activities and general chairman of the pageant. "Mainly we need them there so we can take the

photographs for the program book. If any girl cannot attend, she needs to come and see me."

Four areas of competition make up the Miss Westark Scholarship Pageant: talent, swimsuit, evening gown and interview. The interview is the only competition that will not be held onstage. The Miss Westark Scholarship Pageant is a preliminary to the Miss America Pageant. The winner will participate in the Miss Arkansas Pageant in July.

by Terry Vincent



## Homecoming Court

The 1988 Homecoming court, with escorts, includes Michele Thomas with Mike Ritcher, Wendy Newman with Jeff Newman, Queen Liz Mayes with Brad Savage, Tracy Brashears with her father, and Monique Owens with Leon Thompson. (photo by Terry Biggerstaff)

### Season of Entertainment

## Mr. Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band returns for long-awaited concert

The music of a simpler time will fill the Fort Smith Civic Center on Monday, Feb. 22, when the Mr. Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band presents "A Hometown Homecoming" as part of Westark's Season of Entertainment VII. The 13-piece band will recreate a band concert given by a smalltown band on a summer night during the 1890s.

Inspired by a faded photograph taken in the mid 1890s, musician-actor Dave Fulmer pulled together authentic instruments and musical talents to recreate the small hometown band of Lynchburg, Tennessee. The original band which was financed by distiller Jack Daniel became known as one of the most musically active and ambitious town bands in Tennessee. In 1972, Fulmer, with the cooperation of the Jack Daniel Company, re-established the band. Since that time, the group has toured America making the music of an earlier time popular again.

*The group is the most requested attraction in the history of Westark's Season of Entertainment.*

The group's arrangements make use of original period instruments. The group takes its name from the silver conical horns used at the turn of the century. The instruments are now archaic, giving the band its distinctive sound.

The group is the most requested attraction in the history of Westark's Season of Entertainment, according to Stacey Jones, director of student activities.

"Of all the touring shows Westark has ever had the opportunity to bring in the Mr. Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band has proved to be the most popular. In terms of popular demand, the show has had phenomenal success. Even though it has been several years since we've had this group, our old audiences have remembered them and are lining up for tickets," says Jones.

by Terry Vincent

## YOU! What's your major? Where you transferring?

**W**hat do you want to be when you grow up? This is a question everyone must answer. Children dream of what they will be when they grow up. Some stick to that dream and become exactly what they set out to be. Others change their minds several times before finally coming to a decision. For some, this decision is not so easily made.

There are about 500 students on campus with undeclared majors, according to counselor Dr. Ron Formby. Sometimes it takes a student awhile to decide what career he or she wants to pursue. There is nothing wrong with not knowing, if you can "pay the price." The price can be paid in several different ways.

The most important reason to select a major as soon as possible deals with the courses you take. There are only so many general education courses that will transfer. When you know what you are majoring in and the school you are transferring to, you can be assured that "all courses will transfer to a four-year institution as long as they are a C or above," according to counselor Jane Pryor.

Westark has worked agreements with many senior institutions which outline the courses students should take. This prevents you from losing hours. If you have an undeclared major you stand a big chance of losing many hours when transferring.

The counseling center can help if you are unsure of what you want to be. "We have one of the best career centers in the state," Pryor says. All kinds of career information can be found in the counseling center. They have interest inventories to help you find your interests, abilities tests to match abilities with different careers, and career information like starting salaries and job demands. "We welcome students to come in and see a counselor," Pryor says. "Every counselor will help do their (the student's) background to decide which of these materials will be most useful."

Another aspect of being an undeclared is money. Losing hours means losing money. Every class you take costs money, and you can't get a refund on lost hours. If a class won't transfer, there will always be one you can take

in its place that will. "As long as a person doesn't have any problem with that, there isn't any real problem with not selecting a major," according to Dr. John McKay, vice president of instruction.

Time is involved in selecting a major. That may not be too important to you at age 19, but in 40 years you'll probably be wishing for all of the time you lost. "The quicker you can declare a major, the better off you are going to be in order to graduate on time and not have to take extra classes," McKay says.

Even if you still aren't sure what you want to be, it helps if you know where you want to become whatever it is you decide on. Knowing where you want to transfer to is as important as knowing what your major will be. "One school might require U.S. History and another might require American National Government," Pryor says. Students with declared majors but who aren't sure where they want to transfer run in to the same problems as undeclared majors. The counseling center can provide you with information from every college in Arkansas and some from other states to help you decide on a school.

Some people decide what they want to be until they start taking the classes. Changing majors is common among college students. "I've read somewhere that two out of three people change majors," McKay says. There is nothing wrong with changing majors. "It's better to change than to go through a major that you totally dislike," McKay continues. Changing majors results in losing hours. The earlier you change, the fewer hours you lose, but "sometimes it may take a few years to decide," Pryor says.

You should be happy with the career you select. You could be stuck with it for the rest of your life. Making decisions that affect the rest of your life require a lot of serious thought. Just don't think for too long or it might be too late. "If you like being a student and can afford going for six years, change your major every semester," McKay explains.

by La Qulta Striplin

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## Lions, Lady Lions host NEO Thursday in final home games

The Lions continue to sing those Bi-State East blues as the Lady Lions challenge for a conference title.

The Lions won two league contests in a row before losing another conference game to drop to 18-9 overall and 2-5 in conference action going into Saturday night's action.

The Lions hosted Southern Baptist two weeks ago in their final non-conference tilt and it wasn't a good night for the Lions. The Eagles invaded Fort Smith on a mission to defeat the Lions for the second time this year, and to spoil Westark's homecoming festivities. They did just that. Westark had a 44-43 advantage with 5:01 remaining when the visitors made their surge to take a 47-44. The game stayed close with the lead seesawing back and forth seven times. But it wasn't to be for the Lions as the Eagles escaped with a 53-52 victory. Clyde Fletcher led the Lions with 14 points and Roderick Brown chipped in 13.

Westark then got back to league action hosting Bacone. The Lions needed a win to booster their spirits. A win is just what they got courtesy of the Warriors. The Lions jumped to a quick 12-1 lead and held Bacone to just 10 first half points enroute to a 63-37 thrashing of the Warriors. Bacone didn't score it's first field goal until seven minutes into the game. Kenneth Allen and Phillip Roland combined for 22 points on 10 of 13 shooting. Wayne Embry led the Lions with 15 points.

Westark then traveled to Wilburton, Oklahoma, to take on Eastern State. The Lions had their hands full from the opening tip. In the game's opening minute, Eastern's Rod Kinard charged into Phillip Roland with Roland being whistled for the block. Two and a half minutes later Tim Durden was called for defensive goaltending which led to a Mountaineer three-point hoop. Later, Larry Robinson scored on a 15 footer to give Eastern a 86-85 advantage with :40 seconds left. The teams traded points down the stretch but it was Kinard who made the decisive shot to give ESU a 91-87 lead with a dozen seconds left. Wayne Embry scored a three pointer when time ran out as the Lions lost their third conference game by one point.

With revenge on their minds, the Lions traveled to Poteau to take on the slumping Carl Albert Trojans, who have lost their last six league contests after beating WCC by one point in Fort Smith one month ago. From the opening possession Westark had control. Westark hit seven of their first ten shots and caused the Trojans to turn the ball over seven times in the game's first six minutes while racing to 42-26 lead at intermission. The Lions went on to win 76-61. Clyde Fletcher led all scorers with 19 points.

**The 21-6 Lady Lions** have played great basketball throughout the season despite losing some tough games to a couple Top 20 teams in the early part of their schedule. The Lady Lions are unbeaten at home this year winning all 12 games in the friendly confines of the Lion Fieldhouse.

The Lady Eagles came to town in hopes of defeating the Lady Lions for the second straight time this year. But the Lady Lions had the last word about that showing the visitors their home winning streak was no fluke. The Lady Lions dominated from the very start as they jumped out to a 25-16 lead halfway through the first period helped by Tracy Lumkus coming off the bench to spark the Lady Lions with two key baskets. Westark defeated the Lady Eagles in their last non-conference contest 95-76.

Two nights later, the Lady Lions, then 1-2 in Bi-State East play, hosted Bacone. The Lady Lions came out of the starting gate hitting seven of eleven shots in the first four minutes to take a 20-11 lead, but they went into the lockerroom with a 37-37 deadlock. The Lady Lions, sparked by Cynthia Lucas, reeled off a 12-2 run to take a 67-56 lead with six minutes to go. But, Bacone's Stephanie Wetselline answered with five baskets in a three-minute span to cut the deficit to 67-66. That was as close as the Lady Warriors were to get, as Westark took the 83-78 win, despite Wetselline's 43 points. Diane Danials led Lady Lion scoring with 20 points, while Cynthia Lucas and Wendy Newman added 17 apiece.

Westark women then took to the road against Eastern State and picked up a crucial conference win, defeating Eastern 74-68. The Lady Mountaineers sliced the WCC lead to 64-61 with one and a half minutes remaining, but the Lady Lions responded with five unanswered points to cushion their lead at 69-63. Babette Dotson and Diane Danials added two buckets to seal the win.

The WCC ladies traveled to Poteau to take on the CAJC Trojanettes in another important conference tilt. The Lady Lions switched to a 2/3 zone defense from their traditional man-to-man in playing Carl Albert the second time around, with the result being a crisp, error-free 73-53 victory. The Lady Lions held Carl Albert to 7 of 39 shooting from the field in the second half. The Lady Lions led only 38-35 at halftime. Cynthia Lucas scored 15 points to lead the Lady Lion effort.

### LADY LIONS GET REVENGE ON NATIONALLY RANKED COWGIRLS

Both squads were looking for revenge Thursday night as the Cowboys and Cowgirls of Connors State rode into Fort Smith to take on the Lions and Lady Lions in a big conference clash. Connors State earlier in the season handed both squads defeats; the men fell by the score of 74-67, while the ladies dropped a heartbreaking 83-73 decision. So it was time to turn the tables on this occasion. But only one Westark team came out victorious.

In the men's contest, the Cowboys stunned the fans, coaches and players jumping out to a 19-point lead in the first half and taking a 47-35 advantage into the lockerroom at halftime. But the Lions mounted a valiant comeback as they took a 66-65 lead midway through the second half, only to

have Connors State regain the lead at 74-68. They never relinquished their lead as they handed the Lions one more conference loss, 84-76.

It was a nail biter in the ladies tilt from the opening tip to the final buzzer. The Lady Lions put the #10 ranked team in the nation, the Cowgirls of Connors State, out to pasture so to speak, as they handed the visitors from Warner, Oklahoma, a 78-77 conference loss. Babette Dotson hit on two three-point shots to give Westark a 76-74 lead, only to have the Cowgirls tie the score at 76 on two freethrows. With :33 ticks showing on the clock and the score knotted at 76, Westark let some time off the clock and some air out of the ball, as they went for the last shot. Wendy Newman received a pass with three seconds and drilled the 15-footer to give the ladies a 78-77 upset victory over nationally ranked Connors State.

"I'm very proud for this team," Lady Lion Coach Louis Whorton says. "This team deserves to win because they practice hard and they want to win. I'm proud how the team has progressed this season and this is a big win for us. We will celebrate this win for only a short time because we have a big game coming up at home against NEO.

The Lady Lions were tied at 5-2 with Eastern only a game behind league-leading NEO, going into Saturday night's game.

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Homecoming Queen Liz Mayes with her escort Brad Savage. (photo by Terry Biggerstaff)

## Baseball Lions open '88 season at ATU

### PLLAAYY BAALL!

Yes, while the basketball Lions and Lady Lions are winding down their regular season, the baseball Lions will take to the diamond to open their 1988 season, Saturday, Feb. 27, as they travel I-40 to take on Arkansas Tech University in Russellville.

The Lions lost 12 players from last year's 33-27 squad. But nine players return and 21 new faces come in. It looks to be an exciting season for the boys in blue and white.

Coach Bill Crowder, who's in his 23rd year as the Lions' skipper, will have his squad ready for the season opener in just 11 days. Assistant Coach Rick Ritschel assists Crowder, while Bobby Jones will serve as a part-time assistant coach.

The Lion hardballers have been practicing hard since September and they can't wait for the season to start; as both the coaching staff and players are eager to find out how the team shapes up in 1988.

"The players have been giving their 110% effort all during the off season preparing for what we hope to be a great year for Westark baseball", Coach Crowder notes.

"Due to the resurfacing of the baseball field the past couple of months, we haven't had much opportunity to get a lot of team oriented drills in, and that kind of hurt us. But we did get alot of baserunning, pitching, batting and fielding drills in. The players are looking great. We're all ready for the season to begin."

The 1988 baseball Lions roster includes these 30 players: Darrell Baker, Scotty Jonds, Bart Butler, Larry Dormont, Kevin Ervin, Jay Franklin, Bobby Harper, Darnel Hawkins, Tracy Hohenstein, Andy Menard, Reid Newman, Jeff Pace, P.T. Plunkett, Scot Rhea, Reggie Rice, John Robertson, Pryor Robertson, Bobby Rodgers, Bryan Ross, Jamie Scroggins, Bo Siberz, Michael Simmons, Billy Stopp, Chad Van Kotten, Dax Ward, Jim Wiley, David Williams, Gary Williams, Mike Weindel and Jeff Wood.

by John Popa

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### UPCOMING GAMES, STATE TOURNEY INFO

Both teams, who entertained Eastern Saturday night, will play host to NEO on Thursday, Feb. 18, and will wind down round-robin action on the road playing at Bacone Monday, Feb. 22. The Lady Lions will participate in the Women's Arkansas State Tournament Feb. 25-27 (site unknown at press time) with the Lions traveling to Little Rock to participate in the men's state tourney Feb. 29, March 1, 2 on the campus of UALR.


by John Popa

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat - Feb 25	Arkansas Tech	There	1 00
Tues - Mar 1	Garland County Community College	There	1 00
Thurs - Mar 3	Northark Community College	There	1 30
Sat - Mar 5	Arkansas Tech	Here	2 00
Sun - Mar 6	*Bethany Lutheran Junior College	Here	3 00
Wed - Mar 9	Bethany Lutheran Junior College	Here	2 00
Fri - Mar 11	*Bethany Lutheran Junior College	Here	12 00
	Longview Community College	Here	5 00
Sat - Mar 12	Longview Community College	Here	3 00
Mon - Mar 14	Maplewood Community College	Here	2 00
Tues - Mar 15	Maplewood Community College	Here	2 00
Wed - Mar 16	Western State	Here	2 00
Fri - Mar 18	Longview Community College	Here	5 00
Sat - Mar 19	Indian Hills	Here	2 00
Sun - Mar 20	Seminole Junior College	Here	1 30
Thurs - Mar 24	**Connors	Here	5 00
Fri - Mar 25	Indian Hills	Here	5 00
Sun - Mar 27	Southwest Iowa	Here	2 00
Tues - Mar 29	**Bacone	There	1 00
Thurs - Mar 31	Waldorf College	Here	2 00
Fri - Apr 1	Waldorf College	Here	2 00
Sat - Apr 2	**Eastern	Here	5 00
Tues - Apr 5	**Carl Albert	There	1 00
Thurs - Apr 7	Seminole	There	1 00
Sat - Apr 9	**NEO	There	1 00
Mon - Apr 11	Garland County	Here	5 00
Tues - Apr 12	**Connors	There	1 00
Sat - Apr 16	**Bacone	Here	5 00
Sun - Apr 17	**Carl Albert	Here	3 00
Tues - Apr 19	**Eastern	There	1 00
Fri - Apr 22	Labette, Kansas	Here	3 00
Sat - Apr 23	**Carl Albert	Here	6 00
Tues - Apr 26	**NEO	Here	5 00
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## Quality Technology program adds credit courses

This spring Westark expands its new quality technology program with two new credit courses and a new technological support course.

The new courses are "Introduction to Statistical Process Control" and "Quality Engineering Techniques." Statistical Process, originally a non-credit course, now earns two credit hours for students. Gary Wilson, program manager for the Business and Industrial Institute, explains why.

"We had to change Statistical Process to a credited course because of the number of people who required the credit for their professions. It's become a solid skill requirement," reveals Wilson.

While Total Quality Control made it's home as a course for four semesters both at Westark and in Siloam Springs (Clark Division of Cooper Industries); this is the first time Quality Engineering makes an appearance on the Westark campus, according to Wilson.

WCC's humanities division's English department offers a new course this spring. The course, Technical Composition serves as the second

semester of Freshman English for students in many technical programs, including quality technology. Rather than focusing on "expository prose drawn from library research" (according to the course catalog), it deals with the techniques involved in writing technical data reports. It also deals with writing proposals and business correspondence, according to Joy Lowe, division chairperson of humanities.

"I think the course is needed now. It's timely," says Lowe. The course is a spring-semester-only course.

The quality technology program began in the fall through the Business and Industrial Institute of the Community and Continuing Education Division. The program, designed for both degree seekers and those wanting certification or recertification with the American Society of Quality Control, has 79 students enrolled, half of whom are working toward the associate of applied science degree.

"We've written about half the courses for the program," says Wilson. "We have six now and we

eventually will have 11. Right now we're in the process of writing the other five and we hope to offer them in the 1988-89 school year."

Students involved in the program are already at work in the field and are seeking the necessary skills and education for a job in quality control. The quality control program will eventually offer majors in two concentrations -- manufacturing and fabrication, and food and chemical processing.

The program is offered in cooperation with the American Society for Quality Control, and a group of advisors including representative of U.S. Motors Division, Emerson Electric in Mena; Cooper Industries in Siloam Springs; Colt Automotive Products Division of Sallisaw; the Westark mathematics department; A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. of Van Buren; Fort Smith and Van Buren Tyson plants; and James River Corporation Dixie Products Group of Fort Smith.

by Kassie Cassel

## Nursing program gains maximum reaccreditation

The associate degree nursing program recently received reaccreditation for the next eight years. The National League for Nursing Board of Review for Associate Degree Programs awarded Westark the maximum number of years for reaccreditation.

Dr. Kathleen Buckner and Karen Monks conducted the site visit on October 6-8, 1987. The visit resulted in the citing of nine strengths including administration support and encouragement and working well with other programs. Faculty commitment to curriculum and concern with student achievement, student pride in their educational process, and excellence of both the college and clinical facilities rate as the most important strengths

according to Calline Dipboye, division chairperson of health occupations.

The December class of 28 travelled to Little Rock February 2-3 to take their licensing exam. They're following a hard act, since nine of the 11 classes before them have a 100% pass rate on the first write. Of the 1,340 students who've written the exam since 1971, an overall pass rate of 99.9% exists (some wrote the exam more than once). Dipboye explains how she thinks Westark maintains such a high rate.

"I attribute it to three things: faculty commitment and student pride in doing a good job, the pride in the facilities (both clinical and college), and the

interrelations between the people and our programs in college. All these work together toward the licensing exam. But I have to give the students the most credit, everything else is just support for them," Dipboye says.

The next site visit comes in 1995. The last site visit conductor, Dr. Buckner, resides as director of the Elgin Community College department of nursing, in Elgin, Illinois, and Monks, is division chairperson of human services of Arizona Western College in Yuma, Arizona. So far, the Westark associate degree nursing program has graduated 1,368.

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