

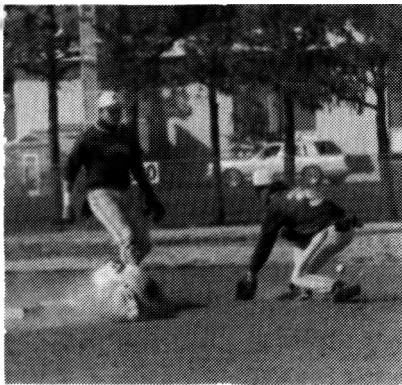


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PRIDE POLL

50 students were asked:

Do you think Iraqi
surrender is imminent?

Yes 29

No 21

Personal academic advisement program begins tomorrow

do you dread waiting long periods of time to see a counselor to register? Are you tired of being rushed once you finally get in because there are so many students to serve? Are you a student who has completed 24 or more credit hours with a 2.0 GPA, and not on probation? If you answered yes to these questions, you'd probably be interested in the Personal Academic Advisement Program.

"One of the things we've found out in the past is that during registration we (counselors) don't really have time to really sit down and work out each student's schedule and they feel rushed," Roger Young, Director of Counseling, says. According to Young, during registration it's hard to do anything about it because there are approximately 5,200 students and only eight counselors. With that ratio of counselors to students, if counselors keep a student in the office too long those waiting aren't treated fairly. Counselors, however, don't want students they're with to feel rushed either.

An answer to the problem is the Personal Academic Advisement Program. "We are going to bring students in who meet the criteria and sit down with them for a half hour or so and thoroughly assess their career goals and complete a comprehensive evaluation of their degree or transfer program and develop their class schedules a month early. Their schedules will be kept in their file until registration opens for them on April 22 and 23."

After this process is finished, the only thing the student will have to do at the actual reg-

istration time is come in and register.

"It (Personal Academic Advisement Program) provides the opportunity for counselors to do a more thorough job for the students. We can take time to talk to the students about their careers and other services that Westark offers and make sure they are on the right track," Lynn Ward, counselor, says.

The program will be implemented for registration of Summer I, II and III and fall semesters. Appointments will be taken starting tomorrow and the program will run from March 18 through April 19.

Students who meet the requirements will be seen by appointment only. "Then those who have gone through the program will have to come by and see their counselor on March 22 or 23 to verify the classes are still open," Young adds. "We are estimating that it will take five minutes or less to run each student through at that time."

The program enables sophomores to have registration priority, counselors to speed up registration at the actual registration time, and counselors to make registration more of a personal experience. "I want students to take advantage of this program," Ward adds.

Registration for the remainder of the student body starts on March 24. If this program works well, it will be implemented for all of the student body in the spring of 1992.

by Shanteel Jones



Shannon Cook, receptionist at the Counseling Center, gets bombarded by a group of students seeking registration information. (photo by Toum Sayavong)

briefs

Transfer Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for transfer scholarships for entering juniors to attend Arkansas Tech University, Arkansas State University, Henderson, State University, University of Arkansas, UALR, and University of the Ozarks are available in the Financial Aid Office on the upper level of the student union. Application deadlines begin March 15.

LAC Suggests Group Tutoring

Before it is too late, the LAC staff suggests free group tutoring to help improve grades. The staff invites students to come by Vines 104 to apply Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., or until 2 p.m. on Fridays.

UA Faculty Quintet Performs Tonight

The University of Arkansas Faculty Woodwind Quintet will perform in concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Breedlove Auditorium. Admission is free. They will perform works by Prokofiev, Bach, Arnold, Francaix, Ligeti, Gershwin, Joplin, and Sousa.

Yearbook Distribution Still Continues

Students wishing to pick up a copy of *NUMA '90, Take It To The Limit*, may stop by the Student Publications office in Ballman-Speer 105A. The yearbook is free to any 1989-90 student. Only a few remain.

Student ID Cards Still Available

Student ID cards will be made on Thursday evenings from 4 - 8 p.m. in the SAC Office in the student Union. There will be a \$5.00 replacement charge for any lost card or any remade card.

Church parking lot off limits Wednesday evenings

Attention Westark Students. No Parking after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays Only! While this sign appears clearly at the entrance of the Westark Church of Christ parking lot on the corner of Waldron Road and Grand Avenue, some students insist on disobeying it.

A spokesperson for the church says that since Wednesday night services begin at 7:00, it would be a great help for students to respect their wishes. "On the average, we have about 400 people attending on Wednesday nights. When the warmer weather arrives, we'll have more."

On the Wednesday night of January 27, 449 people attended the Westark Church of Christ. "We obviously need the parking space," the spokesperson adds.

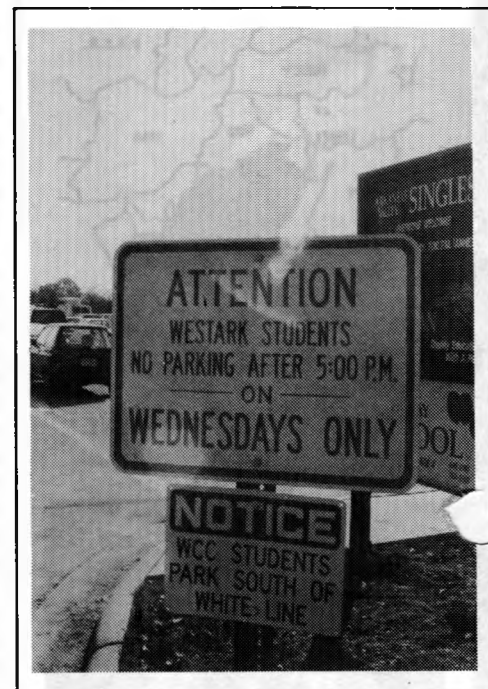
"I feel like they (Westark Church of Christ) are doing the college a service and being a good neighbor by allowing us the use of their parking lot. If they request that for one out of five nights students don't park there, we should respect their decision," Judy Kuykendall, evening student, says.

"Students who decide to park in the church parking lot after 5:00 on Wednesdays will be issued tickets," Bruce Crossno, Uniform Commander of Campus Police, says. Crossno adds that it may be difficult to determine the student vehicles from those of the churchgoers, but that this will not deter the issuance of tickets. "If we ticket the wrong car, they can turn it in to the church secretary and we will void them."

"I don't think we should park there. After 5:00, it's not like we can't find another place to park. Our own parking lots are empty," Brian Summerhill, student, says.

Not all students are so understanding. "I'm not saying I'm going to park there, but I don't see what it would hurt," one history major says.

by Duane McElroy



PTK initiates 18 honor students

Eighteen students have been rewarded for their academic excellence by being initiated into Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor fraternity for two-year colleges, in a ceremony in Gardner Lecture Hall last week.

Initiates and their majors are: Linda Russell, business; Jefferey Swafford, pre-optometry; Janet Gaines, business education; Judy Leding, special education; Christina Dennis, music/trumpet; Virginia Beshoner, nursing; Joey Cole, pharmacy; Kathleen King, business management; Brad Lelemsis, psychology; Jennifer Massey, elementary education; Christine Mobley, music education; Gary Schwartz, accounting; Wyann Stanton, elementary education; Wayne Walker, business management; Amy Whittington, elementary education; Dicie Williamson, Spanish/English; Curtis Champion, art education; and Bonnie Wells, nursing.

To be eligible for membership, students must have completed at least 12 semester hours in courses that can be applied toward a recognized degree in four-year colleges and universities or a two-year college. They must

have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better and must be enrolled in at least six semester hours.

Local chapter officers for 1990-91 are Dina Treece, nursing, president; Brenda Johnson, elementary education, vice president; Julie Stec, elementary education, vice president for membership; Kathleen King, business management, recording secretary; Angela Hulsey, elementary education, correspondence secretary; Nicole Simpkins, biology, treasurer; Lori Cravens, secondary education, reporter; and Bea Anderson, office administration, parliamentarian.

Phi Theta Kappa members, according to co-sponsors Sharon Winn, office administration instructor, and Linda Gibbons, psychology instructor and Honors Coordinator, are in a prestigious group of scholars from 850 four-year colleges across the nation and abroad. Local members are eligible for scholarships while attending here and wear gold stoles at commencement, signifying their academic achievement.

March 15 deadline for scholarship applications

Need money for tuition? The Financial Aid Office, located in the upper level of the student union, wants to help. The Financial Aid Office has two booklets, "Westark Community College Scholarships" and "The Student Guide to Financial Aid," available to students interested in receiving financial aid.

Approximately 30% of students here receive some kind of financial aid. More than \$2.5 million in scholarships, grants, loans and work study programs is awarded each year. Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), College Work-Study and Stafford Loans are the most common forms of financial aid.

To receive financial aid, a student must be enrolled in six or more hours for the fall or

spring semester, or six or more hours during the summer terms, and be making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with policy provided to students when awarded aid. Aid is not automatically renewed. Students should re-apply for financial assistance each year well ahead of the published deadlines.

According to Lois Garrett, Financial Aid Adviser, federal financial aid forms can be processed anytime during the school year as long as the student is still enrolled at the time the paperwork is processed. The deadline for all scholarship applications is March 15, and July 1 is the deadline for state grants. "As soon as they fill out their 1990 tax return, it is time to fill out these financial aid forms."

by Robert Rogers

PTK, PBL, Pride help with phonathon

Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda and Westark Pride members worked to raise money for scholarships and instructional needs this month through a phonathon sponsored by the Westark Foundation. The members of the various clubs telephoned alumni to ask for donations.

"The phonathon was something completely new to me," Bea Anderson, PBL member, says. "I really enjoyed doing it, because I know it is for a good cause. Since I have received a scholarship myself, I really know how much the extra money helps."

Jo Ella Douglas, coordinator for alumni relations, says the phonathon is a new concept for two-year colleges to raise money. "I want

the phonathon to leave the alumni members with positive feelings about Westark."

William H. Wilson, Chief Executive Officer at PRADCO Industries, gave Westark the opportunity to utilize their phones and office space. "We would like everyone to know how grateful we are to Mr. Wilson for letting us use the PRADCO facilities as a base for the phonathon," Douglas adds.

The phonathon culminated the latest fund raising effort which has resulted in national recognition for the college. Westark is one of the top ten two-year colleges in the country in terms of soliciting donations from the private sector.

by Jenny Hunt

TOP TEN PRIVATE FUND RAISING AMONG PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES FOR 1989

College	Enrollment	Amount
Miami Dade, FL	43,388	\$3,995,620
Dallas County, TX	48,906	\$1,940,624
Riverside, CA	16,227	\$1,844,950
Valencia, FL	51,148	\$1,842,942
Broward, FL	22,423	\$1,794,160
Foothill-DeAnza, CA	38,130	\$1,657,049
Edison, FL	7,251	\$1,538,994
Dixie, UT	2,301	\$1,527,042
NM Military Institute, NM	897	\$1,312,300
Westark, AR	5,009	\$1,265,464

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my views shanteel

Keyf haalik? Tayyib, shukran.

assalaamu alaykum! If you were in Saudi Arabia, this would be a phrase you would hear often. It means 'peace be upon you.' I thought it would be interesting to use my column this issue as an avenue to inform us of some of the customs and such of the Arabic people since our troops are there now.

While doing some reading on Saudi Arabia, I've found they are in some ways like we were years and years ago, and in some ways totally opposite. One of many examples of how they are different is the way they greet people. Although there are many ways to greet someone, the most common is the phrase 'assalaamu alaykum' accompanied with a handshake using the right hand. Veiled women are normally not introduced and you shouldn't expect to shake their hand, it's not going to happen. Greetings often depend on status and the relationship of one individual to one another. So, if you're a little guy, don't expect to hear 'assalaamu alaykum' from a big wig.

another difference is in invitation giving. Invitations are usually given solely to the man and meant for him only. In the event the wife is invited, she usually is sent to eat with the other women. I can't imagine eating in a separate room just because I'm a woman.

a few other things you should know before you go visiting. Never point at or signal to Saudi Arabians with your hands. It wouldn't be a good idea to point the soles of your shoes toward them either. If you are a woman and are caught crossing your legs in the company of a non-Westernized Saudi Arabian, you could be thought of as being quite disrespectful.

as most of us know, their fashion styles are different from ours. Men wear a thobe (a white robe), and a head cloth called a ghutra. Never ask them to remove the ghutra. Women wear a veil and abaya (a black robe that covers from head to foot), usually with a long dress underneath. Women visitors are warned not to wear shorts, short sleeves, low necklines or tight-fitting clothing. If you choose to do so, misconceptions about you could lead to embarrassment or harrassment.

being from California, general attitudes of Saudi Arabians remind me a lot of Fort Smith, very relaxed and slow paced. They make it a custom to establish a trust and confidence with the people they do business with. They are conscious of family honor and are easily offended.

arabic is the official language and is considered to be the language of God. Their official religion is Islam and Saudi Arabia is the home of Mecca and Medina, Islam's two most important shrines. Non-Muslims aren't admitted to these sacred cities. Saudi Arabians are not allowed to join Christian churches and do not accept Jesus as the Son of God.

holidays vary from year to year for the Islamics because their calendar is based on the lunar month of 29 1/2 days. Their years are generally 10 to 11 days shorter than ours.

Saudi Arabian families are male dominated and traditionally strong. They have, what we call, extended families where several generations live under the same roof. It is becoming a trend for families to move to the city and live in single family homes, and the sons gen-

erally stay in the same neighborhood as their father's home.

Women have rules on how they can act. These rules are designed to respect and protect their femininity since their behavior reflects on their family's honor and reputation. Customarily, women are not allowed to interact with men outside of their family and are forbidden to drive a car or ride a bicycle. These rules also usually apply to women visitors. We'd have less traffic in the states, that's for sure.

marriages are usually arranged, but again a trend is beginning. A growing minority are allowed to choose a mate for themselves. Weddings usually consist of an Islamic ceremony followed by separate parties for the men and women. That sounds like fun! Traditionally, men pay dowries for their wives and the money is used for their first home. Now that's a good idea! Their laws allow for the man to have up to four wives at the same time, but most only have one. I can't imagine a man not wanting to have more than one woman. Wouldn't that be like having your cake and eating it too?

recreation as we know it is limited to men only. Soccer is the national sport and women aren't even allowed to watch. The men also engage in hunting and hawking, and watching camel and horse races. Women collect jewelry and visit with other women for recreation. Oh, they can also babysit their own children and their families' children.

their government pays for them to go to college. Imagine that! That would be too cool! Surprisingly enough, enrollment in the past has been low,

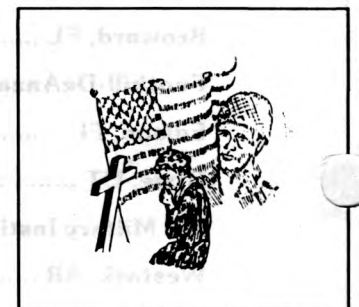
although the trend is reversing. Women and men attend separate schools. That factor alone would probably increase G.P.A.s, but it would also be pretty boring. You have to admit seeing a cute guy or girl in one of your classes usually motivates you to go to that class even if you don't want to. It does for me anyway. The literacy rate for Saudi Arabians is estimated at 25%.

Saudi Arabia's gross national product per capita is nearly \$10,000 and it has one of the strongest economies in the world. I wonder if there is something we can learn from them to make our economy more stable. Their internationally solid unit of currency is the riyal, and their inflation rate is over 25% compared to our 6-7% inflation. Saudi also has the world's largest petroleum reserves and the fifth largest natural gas reserves.

depending on where you go, the drinking water may need to be boiled or filtered, and fruits and vegetables soaked in a chlorine solution before eating.

airplanes are the most convenient mode of transportation between cities, and inside the cities travel is easiest by taxi or bus.

i thought I'd throw in some commonly used words to top things off, so look on page six for more.



your views letters

Due to the large amount of letters received this semester, I have decided to devote the whole page to printing them these next couple of issues. Some will get 'old' and dated if they aren't printed and responded to soon. Keep those letters coming! ED.

Student complains about extra P.E. costs, attacks bookstore prices

Dear Editor,

I have a problem! Since most majors have to take at least one P.E. credit, we must dish out more money for the educational system. I am in bowling. Not only does this class cost a base class price, but every Wednesday & Friday we go bowling which costs \$1.00 a game. We will bowl each week until March 6. This will cost each student \$25!! Plus we must furnish our own transportation.

Why can't the big, growing Westark pay for the extras in the class. If they have trouble finding the money to finance it, go to the bookstore - they're loaded with everyone's money!

R.M.

Dear R.M.

According to Harold Hile, Chairman of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the college doesn't have funding to pay for the games played at the bowling alley. He offered that the game costs would be comparable to the art material needed when taking an art class. He did say each student is getting a good discount on each game played. My suggestion to you would be next time take a P.E. class taught on campus. This would probably avoid any extra costs.

Also, Jeanne Stevens, Bookstore Manager, reported the bookstore is not a profit-making business. It is a self-supporting organization that marks up books 20% only to cover the cost of shipping and freight. ED.

Student wants action taken against those who smoke in non-smoking areas

Dear Editor,

I began to walk down a classroom corridor a few weeks ago when I saw a gray puff of smoke heading my way. It's getting to the point that you can't even walk down the halls or through a building without smelling smoke at least once.

Yes, I believe there should be something done about the problem. If they want to smoke their cigarettes or cigars, they should only do so in designated spots, but don't put other people's life in danger.

If you ask me, if students smoke in a spot where they should not, kick them out for a week. As far as our faculty members and administration go, they should be docked a day's pay because they should set examples for the student body.

B.M.

Dear B.M.,

Linda Gibbons, psychology instructor, who was a member on the committee in 1987, suggests that if a smoker walks through a non-smoking area and is disturbing you with his/her smoke, then either approach him/her yourself or go to an instructor or other higher-up and ask him/her to do so. ED.

Student resents editor's right to print opinion

Dear Editor,

I am upset about the column "My Views - Shanteel." I feel this column is too opinionated. Even though you are the Editor, this paper is for students and should show both points of view on all subjects. I'm speaking specifically about the last semester article, "Don't forget to vote for Clinton today." You have no right to put such biased opinions in a paper that is for students, unless you plan to show both sides equally. At least half the students were for Sheffield Nelson, and there was no article on Nelson in that issue of the paper, even though it was the day of elections. In the article you wrote, you used a very ridiculous source, "According to Clinton's commercial," instead of using the debate or an interview.

I've worked two years on a high school paper and one year on a college paper, and no newspaper that I've seen has a column where the editor only writes his/her opinion; normally they will have two writers writing two different points of view and it's titled 'editorials.' Many people I know are also upset about this lack of unbiased opinions, so we would appreciate a little more consideration in the future.

H.K.

Dear H.K.,

It is a main function of newspapers to be a voice of opinion. That's why there are letters, surveys, etc. Every newspaper has the obligation to take stands on political issues, etc., and to endorse candidates. There is not a single newspaper in the U.S. that isn't somewhat partisan.

By the way, we printed an article on the front page of the previous issue to which you are referring announcing results of a student poll which indicated Nelson would win. There's the balance. ED.

Student wants more parking near library

Dear Editor,

Have you ever noticed how there is no parking in front of the library for students? The very place where students who are serious about studying spend the majority of their time, and parking is so limited the serious student is forced to practically participate in a decathlon to get from their parking area to the library.

There are three to four spaces for visitors to park, the handicapped are allotted one to two spaces, and the remaining spaces are reserved for faculty. The act of even coming to the library to face hours of serious concentration can be stressful enough without having the added worry of finding a place to park. This can be especially difficult during times when classes meet in the library. Even if a student should be so lucky as to find an open visitor space, a two hour limit has been placed on it.

Our instructors have told us for each hour a class meets at least two hours should be spent outside the classroom studying. Most home environments do not provide an atmosphere for serious studying unless you are able to unplug the television, telephone, and the radio to achieve the quiet you need. So, unless a student is only taking one three hour course, the two hour time limit is not feasible.

R.E.

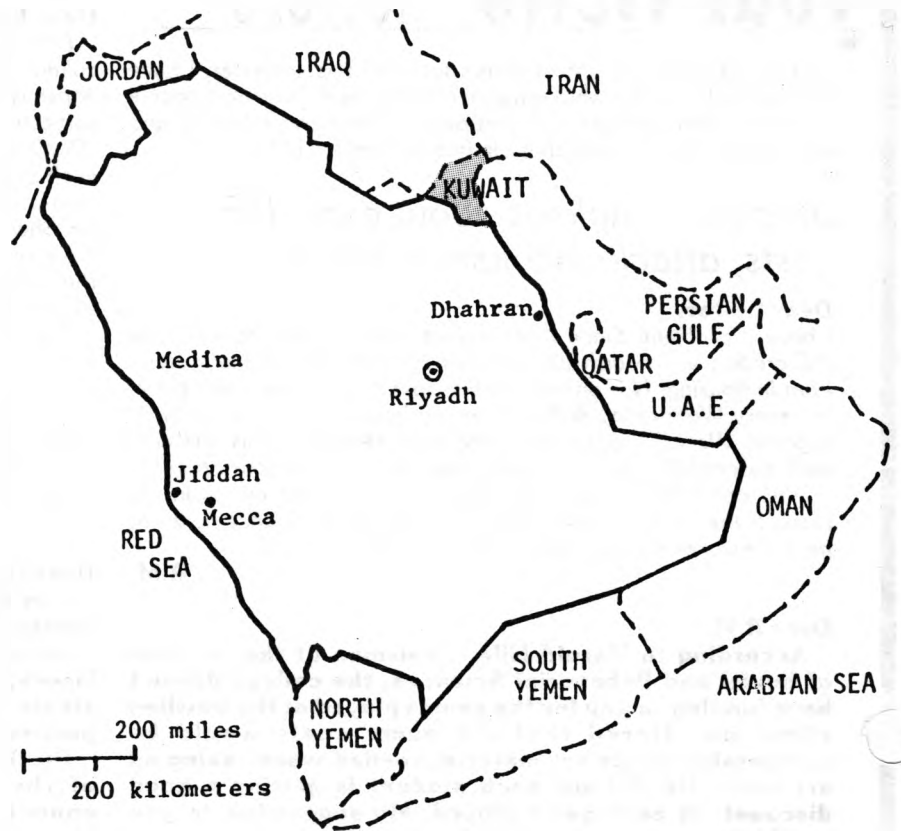
Dear R.E.

I think since we've been in class all day, we could probably use the exercise. Besides, this campus is so compact, it's not a long walk to the library from most parking lots. ED.

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COMMON SAUDI PHRASES AND THEIR ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Wa alaykum essalaam' And upon you, peace

Keyf hallik How are you?

Tayyib Very well, or O.K.

Shukran Thank You

A'fwan You're welcome

Ana assif I'm sorry

Maalish Never mind

Min faddlak Please

I thought I'd add in a little something extra. When I interviewed Kent Estes before he left, he asked me to put his address in the paper for students to write to him. So this one's for him.
Shanteel

**Darnell Army Community Hospital
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Attn. Capt. Stuart Kent Estes.**

Computer systems allow correspondence with troops

The war in the gulf really hits close to home when you have friends over there. It makes you think of the war differently. It makes you think of things you normally wouldn't think of," Travis Yates, criminal justice major, says.

When the activation of Guard and Reserve units began, no one knew how long they would be gone. As the war continues more lives become effected as more soldiers leave for the gulf. Many students have friends and relatives they would like to write to, but they don't know how to do so. "My former boss and good friend is in Saudi Arabia, and I don't know how to get in touch with him. I'd like to find out how he's doing and if he needs anything that we can send from home," Larry Rogers, medical lab technician major, says.

"My brother is over there, and I have a friend who is a sergeant in the Guard who will be ing soon. I don't know much about how to write to them," Candi Luttrull, office administration major, says.

To address a letter to military personnel in the gulf, certain guidelines must be followed. All addresses must include the correct name, rank and social security number. The exact unit designation (unit or ship name) and the

APO or FPO number. Without this information the letter may not get to the soldier.

Computer technology contributes greatly to the war effort and now it can help send messages of support to our troops. Some computer network bulletin board systems have been working on sending letters to Saudi Arabia. "GEnie is an on-line service similar to prodigy or compu-serve," Bob Morgan, computer programming major, says. Morgan pays a fee each month to be a member of this system. "Letters from Home," offered through GEnie, allows families and friends of military personnel to send messages to the gulf. A person with access to a computer and modem can use this service free of charge. Morgan sent a message to his friend Guy Fletcher. "I don't know if he's received it yet. I told him don't bother responding, I know you are busy," Morgan says.

RelayNet International Message Exchange (RINE), a network of computer systems has established a link for electronic mail sent to and from the gulf. Special mailboxes have been set up in Dhahran for troops to leave return messages. Volunteers pick up these messages and send them back to the United States. The message can be in the hands of the soldier within two days.

The number to have the modem call is 484-7821. If you don't have a modem or know someone who does, and you want to send a message, Call Bob Morgan, a member of GEnie, at 783-2591. "My cousin is in the gulf. I think it's a great idea for people that want to communicate immediately, but I think it's more special to them if it is personally written," Carrie Tigner journalism major, says.

by Lisa Grosvold

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WAR
IN THE GULF



Visiting Artist program features poet

Poet Robert F. Walton has been selected as the spring Visiting Artist guest, according to Ann Williams and Ann Scott Winters, English instructors and co-sponsors of the program.

Walton will read both his poetry and that of Robinson Jeffers to students, faculty, staff, and guests at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, in Gardner Lecture Hall. The reading is open to the public. While on campus, he will also conduct workshops with students from the imaginative writing classes.

"The reading by our first visiting artist, Sidney Burris, was very well received and well attended, and we're looking forward to continued support from the college and the community for the program, which we hope to make into an ongoing series," Williams says.

"We're honored to have Robert Walton here. He brings with him a background - altar boy, football player, and Air Force pilot - and a book of poetry which is filled with emotion, at times humorous and at times poignant, about nature and family and life."

A native of Evansville, Indiana, Walton lives in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he teaches English at Midwestern State University. He was in Evansville last August as part of a promotion tour for his critically-acclaimed book "Seeing The Lions," and is working on a second collection of poems, "Ceremonies," and a book about growing up in Evansville, "Confessions of an Altar Boy."

His plans while in Fort Smith also include lecturing at separate workshops for local high school English teachers.

Walton's next poetry reading will be this summer in Carmel, California, home of the late Robinson Jeffers, who is Walton's inspiration.



Robert F. Walton

Dan Horn, a comedian and ventriloquist, will perform at a free noon show, Tuesday, March 5, in the student union sponsored by the Student Activities Council.



13 contestants to vie for crown

Thirteen contestants will be 'Together As One' for the Miss Westark Scholarship Pageant Saturday, April 6, at the Westark Fieldhouse.

"I thought it would be a lot of fun," Shanna Coleman, 1991 contestant, says. "It's a great experience. You get to meet new people," Becky Fimble, 1991 contestant, says.

The contestants will be competing for over \$3,700 in scholarships. "That is what the pageant is all about - our scholarships," Bev Gilstrap, Miss Westark Executive Committee member, says. "I used the money to pay for my fall '90 semester. It saved me so much money," Jeana Vaughan, contestant in 1990 and again in 1991, says.

The scholarships come in two parts. "One is the institutional scholarship and the other is what the committee's raise which will apply to any institution," Stacey Jones, Miss Westark General Chairperson, says.

The institutional scholarship is what the college gives to the winner to be used for tuition. The cash scholarships, raised by the committees, will be given to the winners to use for their books. The cash scholarships will transfer from Westark to any other college.

Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Convenient Dental Care, Economy Coffee, Food 4-Less and the Student Activities Council make up the cash scholarships. Miss Arkansas International gave \$1000, not for scholarships, but to help the pageant in any way.

Six contestants will be able to win a talent cash scholarship. Scholarship patrons include: Lisa and Gary Dossett, \$100 vocal and \$100 instrumental; John and Norma Gary, \$100 vocal; Brian K. Gary, \$100 talent; and Patty Skinner Phillips, \$100 dance. There will be a

Miss Westark overall talent winner chosen by judges based on who receives the most points.

LaBelle LTD and Randy's Another World give matching gifts. LaBelle gives \$500, and Randy's Another World gives \$400. "If we can help the winner raise the \$500 and the \$400, she can walk into the store with \$1000 and \$800," Jones says. "We take advantage of it. This is for the girls to keep," Gilstrap says.

Zales Jewelry gives the winner a Seiko watch valued at \$500. Skinner Bridal Fashion gives \$500 to the winner to help prepare her for the Miss Arkansas pageant.

Other scholarships include Miss Congeniality, who is picked by the contestants. The Spirit of Miss Westark, who is chosen by the committee and includes an \$100 scholarship from Mr. John's, The Image Makers. Taco Bell will contribute a \$250 scholarship for the interview winner. A \$250 scholarship, from money contributed by Jackie Morse, and Joe and Edna Jackson, will be awarded to the contestant with the highest grade point average in memory of Pauline Plummer.

The 13 contestants include Andrea Moore, Heather Askew, Jeana Vaughan, Jennifer Dishner, Jennifer Montgomery, Shawntel Smith, Letha Hodson, Lisa Kay Griffin, Lori Jeanine Walker, Patty Dawn Williamson, Rebecca S. Fimple, Shanna D. Coleman, and Stephanie Sellars.

The theme for the pageant is 'Together As One.' Tickets will be \$7 for reserved seats and \$5 for general admission. Westark students receive a free general admission ticket with student ID.

by Jackie Holt

Jazz Band concert features Grammy winners

The Jazz Band will team up with two world-renowned jazz artists - two-time Emmy award winner Ernie Watts and Bill Watrous - for a clinic and a concert next Thursday at the Fort Smith Civic Center.

The free clinic, at 3:30 p.m., is for area band students, other jazz enthusiasts, and is open to the public. Watts and Watrous have been called excellent educators as they travel across the country holding clinics and performing. Watts is a saxophonist with the "Tonight Show" orchestra and Watrous is a high-demand studio musician from Los Angeles.

"We are very excited about performing with these two internationally acclaimed artists," Don Bailey, Director of the Jazz Band, says. "Both are considered to be among the best in the world by national jazz polls."

"People that like any kind of music will like this. These guys may not be household names to everybody, but I guarantee what the people see on stage will blow them away," Stacey Jones, SAC Director, says.

"I think the caliber of their music is real impressive. They have so much fun performing that you can't help having fun listening to it," Helen Harper, liberal arts major, says.

Watts is the lead tenor saxophonist for the "Tonight Show" orchestra. "Some of the charts they sent were tailor written for the "Tonight Show" orchestra and, therefore, very difficult. We've been having to rehearse late at night a few times just to stay on schedule," Bailey adds.

Watts' credits as a television and motion picture recording artist include "Ghostbusters," "The Karate Kid," "The Color Purple," "Night Court," "Arthur," "Tootsie,"

"Fame," and many more films. He has recorded and performed with Barbra Streisand, Diana Ross, Neil Diamond, Ray Charles, Sammy Davis Jr., Smokey Robinson, Buddy Rich, the Rolling Stones, and Thelonius Monk. He is also a two-time Grammy winner which includes his sax work on the "Chariots of Fire" soundtrack.

Watrous is a "first call" studio musician in Los Angeles, where he is extensively involved as a television and motion picture recording artist. "First call" musicians are ones who are called when name artists or studios need a top musician. He played trombone in the television studio bands for the Merv Griffin and Dick Cavett shows, and he has performed with J.J. Johnson, Quincy Jones, Louis Bellson, Woody Herman, among others.

Watrous has recorded more than 15 LPs, including the Grammy Award-winning album "Someplace Else" released in 1987. His latest album, "Reflections," has climbed to the top five of U.S. jazz charts. "Bill Watrous is the most unbelievably talented trombone player I've ever heard in my life without question," Herb Brock, Jazz Band trombone player, says.

It's a great experience to get to play with these musicians who've been around a while," Mike Moss, Jazz band trombone player and law enforcement major, says. Just getting to meet the professionals who actually get paid to do this is going to be a treat."

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are \$15 and \$13. Group rates are available, and students with ID cards may pick up a free ticket at the Student Activities Office in the student union.

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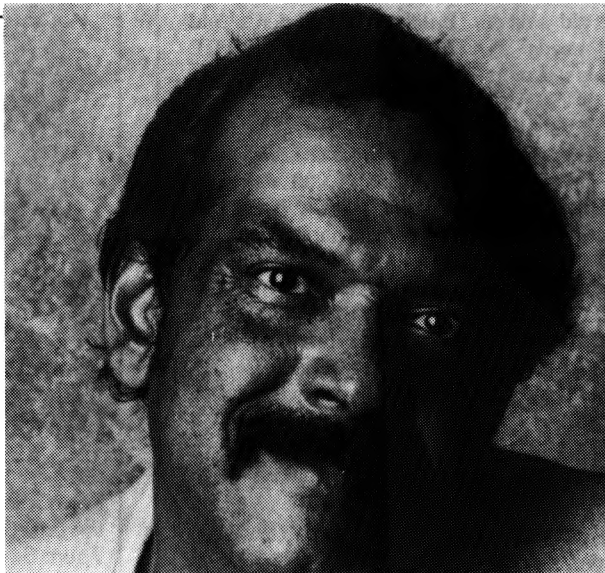


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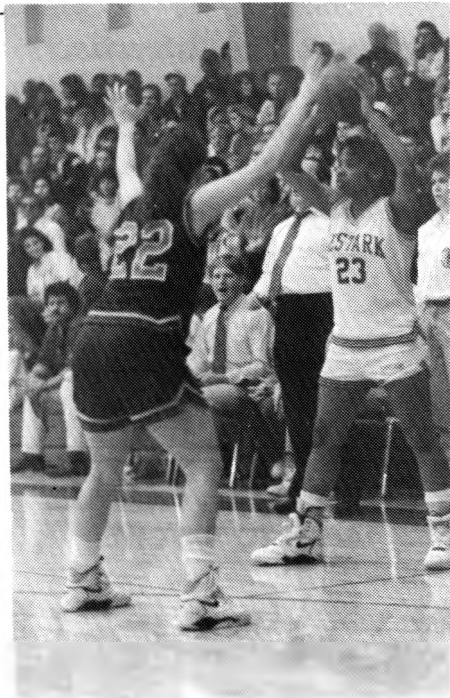
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Andrea O'Neal looks to pass against the Carl Albert defense. (photo by Toum Savavong)

Lions, Lady Lions ready to begin second season

Although tonight's game will be the last game in front of a home crowd for the Lady Lions, it really marks the beginning of a new season, the Arkansas State Tournament and the Regional II Playoffs.

Tracy Duggin feels the ASU Beebe game tonight will be an easy match. "We beat them by 20 over there, and we have just improved since then." A win tonight will leave the Lady Lions undefeated in the Arkansas Conference.

Coach Louis Whorton says the team is more than ready for post-season play. "This is what we play for all year." Kimblee Sykes eagerly anticipates the state tournament saying, "It will be different for me because I've never been in a state tournament." The number one seeded Lady Lions are predicted to win the state tournament, but are expected to face stiff competition from Northark. "We're going to have to work hard to take state," Nafeesah Brown says.

The Lady Lions stand 22-7 overall with a 7-3 record in Bi-State East play as they finish regular season play tonight against ASU-Beebe. The state tournament begins next week.

"If you lose now then its over," Coach Bobby Vint says about post-season play. That's right, it's getting to be crunch time again as the Lions play their last regular season home game against ASU Beebe tonight, and then prepare for post-season play with the Arkansas State Tournament and the Regional II Playoffs.

Coach Vint feels the Lions will not overlook ASU-Beebe tonight. "Our guys know we have to play hard every night out. This will ring true for post-season as every time you step out on the court it could be a season ender. The Lions, undefeated in Arkansas Conference play, are predicted to win the state tournament, but as Vint puts it, "they'll be waiting for us to trip."

The sixth-ranked Lions stand 26-3 overall and 8-2 in Bi-State East play as they hit the floor tonight.

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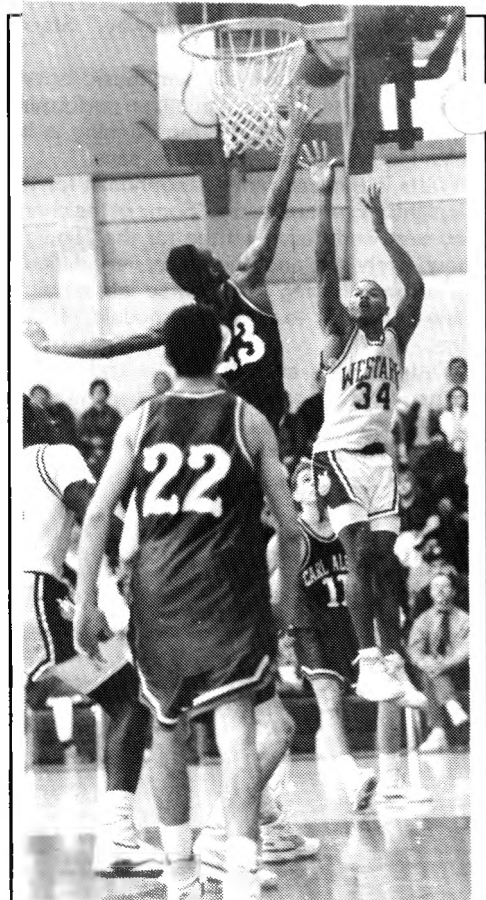
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Ron Coleman pops a short jumper from the baseline against Carl Albert. (photo by Toum Savavong)

Baseball Lions open season with pitching ahead of hitting

The baseball Lions feel they have more guns on their pitching staff than there was in the wild west. Unfortunately, pitching was not enough as the Lions fell to 1-2 against a strong Western State team in their season-opening weekend.

Freshmen Trevor Humphry took the win as the Lions defeated Western State 8-4 in the Saturday debut. Humphry was happy with his effort saying, "I think our pitching did pretty well and hitting will come through."

In the nightcap, Kevin Lomon threw four innings only allowing one hit and one run while fanning six. Relief fell through, however, as Western battled back to win 9-7. There was plenty of bright spots though, especially from Chad Tidwell's bat as he launched his second round-tripper of the year.

On Sunday, the hitting never came around

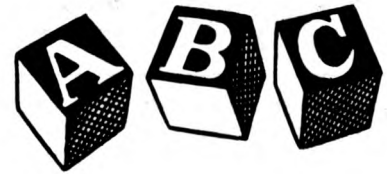
and neither did the Lions as they fell again to Western, 5-1. The season's still early and the Lions are optimistic. "We're not where we want to be, but we definitely got potential," Chad Tidwell says.

The baseball Lions begin a busy streak by traveling to El Reno for games tomorrow and Saturday. They will be back in town for a homestand against Maplewood Community College, Sunday, March 3, and against Bethany Lutheran Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6. Those home games start at 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 7, they Lions will travel to Hot Springs to face Garland County. They come right back to host Longview Community College in some 5 p.m. games both Friday and Saturday evenings, March 8 and 9.

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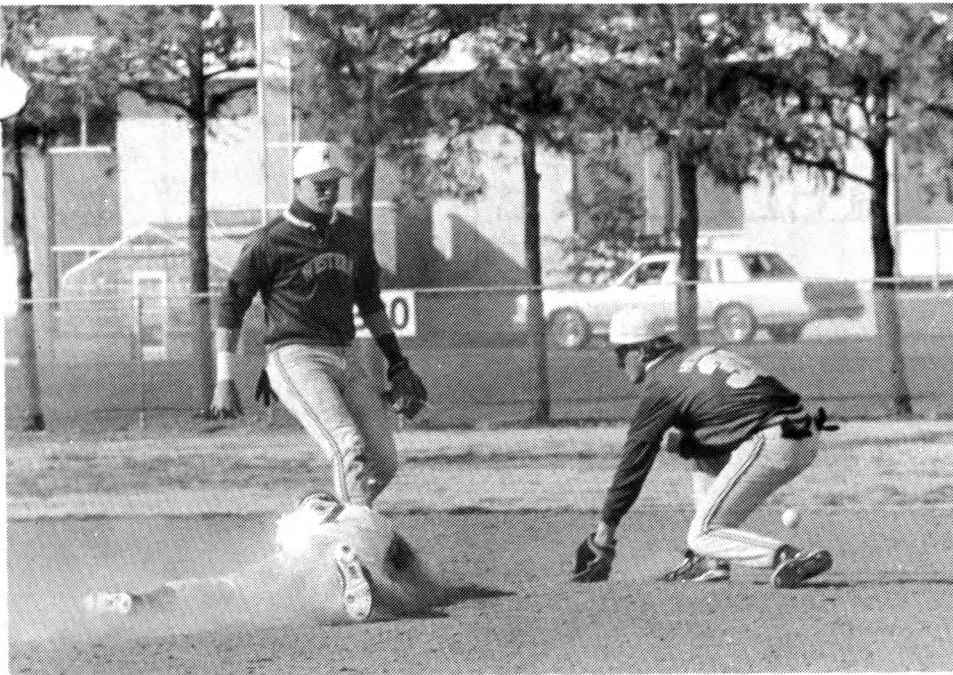
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Students still ask: *Why no drama program?*



Why doesn't Westark have a drama program if there's a facility for it? Many students ask this question. But, if there are so many students wanting the program reinstated, why have they not investigated other possible avenues?

The drama program found that because of continued low enrollment and budget problems in the spring semester of 1987, it was suspended for an undetermined amount of time, even though community involvement in the drama productions was at an all time high. The budget problems are still the same in this spring semester of 1991, yet enrollment has increased over the last three years and the student demand for the general education courses, such as English and speech, outweighs the demand for the drama classes.

"We have no immediate plans to reinstate the drama program because of the need and the demand for core courses," Dr. John McKay, Vice President for Instruction, says. Still, there are students who want a drama

program on campus. "It's a waste not to have a drama program if we have the facilities and interest for it," Jessica Elder, physical education major, says.

"There is still a desire to reinstate the drama program if the resources are available to the college, but first we have to serve where the demand is," McKay adds. Both McKay and Joy Beard, Chairperson for the Humanities Division, state there are other options for students with an interest in the drama program or drama majors. "There are numerous things the students could do. Why not start a drama club or a readers theater on campus?" she suggests.

"I think the Season of Entertainment does a fine job, but I feel a student participation show may draw a different and larger crowd," Amanda Elder, a psychology major, adds.

The question raised the most by prospective

drama majors is, "Why should I attend Westark if there is no drama program?" According to McKay, students can complete their basic education courses at Westark and then transfer to another college to focus on their drama degree. "They may miss being involved in some productions their first two years at another college, but by staying here they can get their core courses and get just as involved in other student organizations."

"If students and the community want the drama program reinstated, they need to stop talking and start getting organized with some specific action," Tom Walton, speech/journalism instructor, who used to be active in the theatre, says. "I'd suggest they start a drama club, do some reader's theatre, get some petitions going, or anything similar to get the attention of the administration."

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