

Life at Louisville

by Courtney Alexander

As another school year draws to a close, we find ourselves anticipating graduation and summer plans. While freshman and sophomores are still getting their feel for the high school, juniors and seniors are focusing their thoughts on the future. Seniors are bombarded with letters of acceptance from around the state. I recommend looking into the college of your choice.

If the need to stay close to home doesn't describe you then I have just the college. To find a great school with a wide range of study, look into the University of Louisville.

Beginning this fall, Louisville will be downsizing their incoming freshman class in order to more efficiently meet student needs. With class sizes of only 30 students, U of L will be focusing on individual student needs.

Like most colleges today, U of L is looking for students who are not afraid to take the challenging classes.

"A high GPA is always impor-

tant. But if you grasped the opportunity to take challenging classes then you have what Louisville is looking for," commented Ms. Jenny Sawyers from the admissions office.

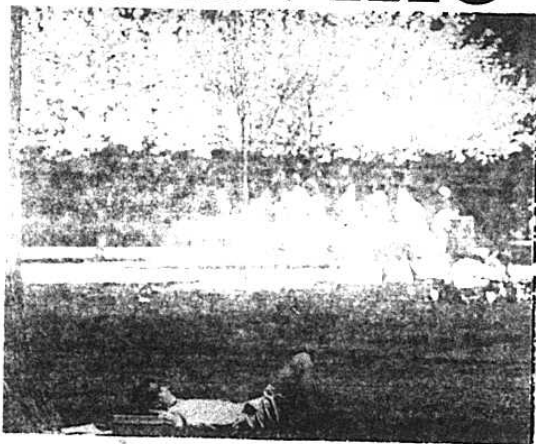
The school's academic programs have earned national and international acclaim in everything from medicine to engineering.

"Students who visit us find Louisville to be a welcoming environment," added Ms. Sawyers.

Located in the heart of urban Jefferson County, U of L is for those students who love the convenience of the city. Freshman do have the option of keeping a car on campus, therefore they can travel as they please.

Louisville is a fair distance from Mt. Vernon, so you must consider the expense of transportation. With the cost of transportation, tuition, room and board, books, and personal supplies, the yearly cost of going to the University of Louisville is \$13,500.

However, 65% of the students attending receive financial aid.



Around \$1.5 million is given out annually to incoming freshman, so the odds of receiving financial assistance are very high.

U of L will provide a beneficial cultural experience, not to mention a strong educational opportunity for any student.

"We encourage all students in-

terested in U of L to come tour our campus," stated Ms. Sawyers.

Student tours are given every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Students are invited to come and see college life for themselves.

For more info look for the University of Louisville website at www.louisville.edu.com.

Fast Facts for U of L

Location: Louisville, Kentucky

In-State Tuition (with room and board): \$4,530

Student-Faculty Ratio: 14 to 1

Mascot: Cardinals

Average ACT score: 20

Campus Population: Approximately 20,000 (47% male, 53% female)

Fast Facts for WKU

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Campus Population: About 15,000

In-state tuition (including room and board): \$7,970

Mascot: "Big Red", the Hilltopper

Common WKU references: DUC (Downing University Center), The Hill (the campus), The Herald (the campus newspaper)

WKU is picture-perfect

by Cheyenne Carmack

Upon reaching your senior year, you will have been mailed hundreds of packets and information guides from colleges near and far. After the first hundred or so, all the material begins to look the same, and sometimes, it even goes in the trash before you open it!

When you reach this point, it would take something really special to catch your attention and keep you from trashing the college info, right?

Western Kentucky University has compiled several eye-appealing media guides and informative brochures to send out to prospective students, but this is one school that doesn't have to rely on pre-sorted, bulk mailed packets to attract incoming freshmen.

WKU has a well-known reputation nationwide for excellence in various fields that range from photojournalism to education. Each year it draws in approximately 15,000 students from 47 states and over 40 foreign countries, through the offering of both

undergraduate and graduate programs.

One of RCHS's own administrators, Mr. Barry Noble, graduated from Western.

"...It really is a great school," said Mr. Noble.

Not only does the reputation speak for itself, but the landscape and unique campus is often what persuades people to stay on "the hill." Historical buildings, as well as more modern ones, adorn the 200-acres owned by WKU.

Western's campus overlooks the city of Bowling Green, which is comparable in size to Richmond. Though it is located 135 miles from Mt. Vernon, Bowling Green is just an hour from Nashville, Tennessee and is known as the central shopping area in south central Kentucky.

"Western is about in the perfect location. You're far away enough from home that no one knows you, but you're close enough that if you have an emergency you can come home," com-

mented Mr. Noble.

Thoughts of driving so many miles along the Cumberland Parkway may seem extremely boring, and expensive to boot. Tuition, books, and food cost enough, and with the ever-rising gas prices, who could afford the journey?

Even after paying your dues at WKU, you should have some pocket change. At Western you will receive a first-class, grade A education-- and all at the price of a "state school." Tuition, including room and board, for the 1999-2000 school year was \$7,970. Only half of the students paid that much, though; over 52% of the undergraduates receive financial aid.

Fortunately, you won't go hungry atop "the hill" either. The campus is filled with tasty treats and Bowling Green has more restaurants per person than most towns its size in the nation. A new food court is in the works for the 2001-2002 school year.

The 18 residence halls vary in

size and building structure and provide several options for the diversity of students. Off-campus apartments are also available, or if you choose to join a sorority or fraternity, that would be another option.

Regardless of where you decide to stay once you get there, the decision to become a Hilltopper will be the first step.

Kentucky is fortunate to have many colleges and universities that are overly qualified to equip students for future careers. Where a person decides to spend those four years of college life really depends on the individual and their preferences.

WKU is often a school that is overlooked, especially by Rockcastle County's juniors and seniors. Take a closer look at "the hill" and take heed to Western's newest information guide, which says, "Picture yourself here." You never know when you just might like the view.