



Archives and Regional History Library
East Hall, Room #111

Your Birthday at Western

Newspapers provide information on the daily events in a community or a campus. Old newspapers can provide a small glimpse into how things once were. The Western *Herald* has been publishing the news of the campus since 1916. At first it was a weekly publication. Today the *Herald* is published four times weekly during the Fall and Spring semesters. This challenge asks you to find out what was happening on Western's campus at the time you were born. The *Herald* may be found at the Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History Collections located on the East Campus. If this challenge intrigues you, we may have more materials of interest.

For this assignment, you will need to find the issue of the *Herald* closest to your date of birth. If you have a summer birthday, the publication was produced only twice a week in the Summer I session and once a week during the Summer II session. You should be able to find an issue within a week of your birthday even in July and August.

1. What are the major headlines and news stories?
2. Does the issue contain any editorial or editor's columns? If so, what are the topics and do you detect any bias?
3. What products are being marketed to students? How much do these products cost?
4. What are some of the entertainment options available to students?
5. What are your general impressions of the *Herald* from this time? Has it changed?