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Indie film to show on campus

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Louisville senior Nicole Koestel saw her opportunity to bring an independent movie to campus and took it, and now Western will reap its benefits.

Koestel bumped into director Stu Pollard, a Louisville native, while working at the Kentucky Derby in May 2005. Pollard introduced himself and a new movie he was working on: "Keep Your Distance." Pollard expressed interest in wanting to do a college tour of the film. Koestel informed him that she attended Western, and they exchanged information, she said.

"I told him I would try to help him out," Koestel said. "And I like to keep my word."

Last May, Koestel connected Pollard with Cory Lash, associate professor of film and television and director of the Western film festival. The two discussed the film and established a date and time for showing the film, Lash said.

Lash became excited with the idea, because he thought a successful, independent director would serve as a great inspiration for stu-

dents interested in pursuing a filmmaking career, he said.

"We're not some college sitting in the middle of L.A. with directors coming and going," Lash said.

Pollard also wanted to show students interested in filmmaking that it is possible to make movies, he said.

His inspiration for the film stemmed from a long-distance relationship he was in at the time. He learned that trust is a crucial part to any relationship, he said.

Pollard described his film as a psychological suspense drama. It deals with characters wrestling with pursuits of happiness like sex, love, money, power and the resulting consequences.

"In theory, we pursue what makes us happy," Pollard said. "But if we look back, those same things can make us miserable and happy."

The movie will be shown at 7:30 p.m. today in the Mass Media and Technology Hall auditorium. Admission is free.

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