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## 'FEARING FOR MY LIFE'

### SGA president details harassment experience

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Editor's note: This story contains profanities.

"Go fuck yourself."

The three words were scrawled in blue ink on the back of a Chick-fil-A receipt and placed behind the windshield wiper of Andi Dahmer's car.

An anonymous note like this would likely give anyone pause for concern, and it did her as well. Dahmer called the WKU Police to Minton Lot, where her car was parked, Friday, Feb. 9, at 7:29 p.m., according to a police report.

This incident was not the first time the Student Government Association president and student regent said she faced harassing behavior or had profane language thrown her way.

Over the course of the fall 2017 semester and this spring, Dahmer contended that several members of SGA had cursed at her in her office, called her derogatory names and had anonymously exchanged group messages with each other wishing her physical harm. All this resulted in her feeling unsafe on campus. The note, she said, was the point where months of ongoing insults suddenly made her fear for her safety.

"They knew what dorm that I stayed in," Dahmer said. "They knew where I parked my car and they had identified my car and so they could find me. I think that was the scariest part. That's when I really started fearing for my life on this campus."

Ann Coffey, Dahmer's mother, said she also grew concerned for her daughter's safety.

"We felt very threatened for her because we thought that someone was going to either hurt or kill her," Coffey said, referring to herself and Dahmer's father. "There were many nights that Andi did not feel safe on campus."



As a result of the note, Dahmer spent two weeks not staying in her residence hall. She used the campus police escort service to walk to and from her night classes and relied on groups of friends to walk with her.

After discovering the note and filing the police report, on Feb. 9, Dahmer confided in her residence hall director about what she had experienced. She said her residence hall director then reported the incident to WKU's Title IX of-

vice. Residence hall directors are mandatory reporters and must report such incidents if they are told.

While the note was one of the more direct messages she received, Dahmer explained, this behavior toward her had

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SGA President Andi Dahmer made harassment allegations against several SGA senators after receiving intimidating and insulting comments and messages. Dahmer took her case to the Title IX office where she sought out help. However, the Title IX office decided that her case did not qualify as harassment. Dahmer said she wanted to tell her story to help students who may find themselves in similar situations.

been taking place both inside and outside the SGA Senate chambers for several months.

#### Deep discord in SGA

Dahmer contended eight members of the Senate took part in a GroupMe message group called the "Justice League." The Herald has chosen not to publish the names of the students involved, but confirmed that six of the eight are part of SGA and used their real names in the message group. Two used the nicknames "Batman" and "Aquaman," and by the substance of their comments, indicated they also were part of SGA.

Five of the people were male and three female. According to the SGA website, there are 38 student members of the Senate, 23 men and 15 women.

The Herald reached out to the students for verification of their involvement and additional comment, but they either did not verify their involvement, declined comment or did not respond.

Dahmer provided the Herald with screenshots she had obtained of these messages.

One message read: "I could punch that bitch and her lawyer in the face."

Another read: "I hope she gets cancer and catches on fire."

And another read: "Could she be any more of a c--- like god damn."

Dahmer said her family met

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## Burch Institute established to aid student success

BY EMILY DELETTER

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A new center focused on retention, graduation and overall student success held its grand opening Monday.

The Kelly M. Burch Institute for Transformative Practices in Higher Education, named in honor of the late daughter of provost emerita Barbara Burch, will work with faculty, staff and administration to incubate and imple-

ment new ideas.

Burch said the idea for the institute began as a way to both celebrate her daughter, who died in 2015, and to benefit WKU. Burch said she considered starting a scholarship but decided instead to establish a place where the priority was to help students.

"Kelly had a great love for teaching and her students," Burch said. "We knew [the institute] would be something she would be excited about and would love working with."

Burch said plans were first discussed with former WKU President Gary Ransdell and Provost David Lee in the summer of 2016. Ransdell chose the location at 501 Regents Ave.

Burch said the institute is a place for faculty and staff to research and examine current policies and practices for student success. The institute will report findings to the provost.

"It's not an entity that will duplicate services that programs on campus provide but acts as a way to develop

and document what is and isn't working," Burch said.

Although the grand opening was Monday, work has been happening since January 2018.

Burch said several initiatives have already started, including finding ways to help dual credit students enter WKU and working with Enrollment Management to create a pathway program for first generation college students.

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She said the institute receives no direct funding from WKU but is on the lookout for grants to help fund projects in the future.

Two WKU staff members will hold positions at the institute, as well as a 12-person advocacy board.

Pam Petty serves as the institute's senior adviser. She has worked frequently with director Daniel Super on other projects for WKU, including an award-winning literacy course.

"We both have a common interest in being able to do more for students who could and should be successful," Petty said.

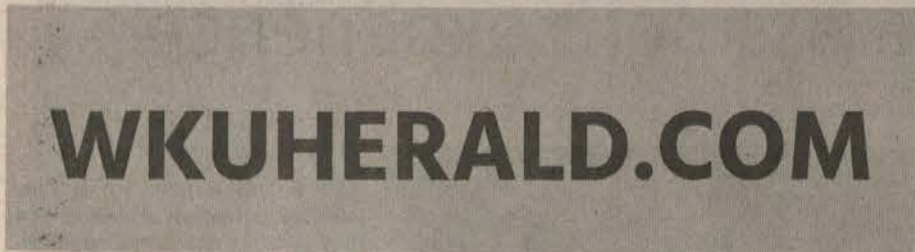
Petty's position as senior adviser will include forming strong partnerships

with the faculty, staff and administrators they are working with and closely monitoring project progress.

Super, said he believes the mission of the institute is important because it provides a place for people looking to make changes to allow "those ideas to come into fruition."

"There are so many people who work and care about WKU," Super said. "Reorganization of this size and complexity can be difficult and discouraging to make things happen at this scale. Many don't know where to start, and we believe the position we're in can make a difference."

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## What I've Learned

Journalism and the art of storytelling have been a passion of mine since attending WKU's Xposure program. In the journalism workshop, I would have never imagined that I would find a career that would allow me to explore my curiosities and a platform to voice them at the Herald. Working for the Herald has helped me create a foundation for life after college and diversify news coverage so that all communities are represented. I encourage you to bring your ideas and connections to the staff to help improve our understanding of each other as Hilltoppers."

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with a lawyer following people coming into her office and cursing at her, creating what she said she felt was an unsafe work environment for her within SGA. She also said additional legal counsel was sought after receiving the note so she could determine ways to feel safer on campus.

Dahmer said there were people in the group who more or less watched the messages go by and didn't engage in the exchange of violent language and behavior, but this was also unacceptable to her.

"If you stay silent, if you refuse to act, then you're complicit in those actions ... their silence was agreement, and I think that's what bothered me the most," she said.

Previously, Dahmer attributed tensions within student government as developing from partisan ideologies that have been brought into the Senate — although SGA is supposed to be a nonpartisan organization. That created a more divisive atmosphere among senators, she said.

Dahmer still believes ideological differences may have had a role in what she experienced. She said her views on LGBT and immigrant rights had been interpreted as her having an inherently liberal ideology, so others might have concluded she holds prejudice for those with more conservative viewpoints.

However, Dahmer said, she couldn't point to any one specific moment that would have brought about the alleged harassment.

Several SGA senators involved in the group messages would refer to Dahmer and other executive board members as "bitches" while in the SGA office. SGA's executive board has seven members; six are women.

SGA Director of Academic Affairs Emily Houston said derogatory terms like "bitch" and "c---" were only directed toward the female executive board members in the office.

Houston said Dahmer received the brunt of the negative behavior from SGA senators.

"I really do think that it comes down to gender because there is not many other factors at play," Houston said. "I think it really came down to her being a woman."

Multiple SGA senators involved in the threatening messages, but not all of them, often gathered at one particular desk in the SGA office, located directly in front of Dahmer's office. Interviews with SGA members confirmed this.

SGA Executive Vice President Savannah Molyneaux said she believed they did this to intimidate Dahmer.

"Whenever I saw them waiting outside her door, I would close my door because I felt scared too," Molyneaux said.

Dahmer said as many as six SGA senators would be waiting outside her door at the desk at one time.

"One of the boys specifically would sit outside of my office and wait for me to open the door just so he could look at me or stare at me," Dahmer said. "I think that the intention was to be intimidating."

**"Boys will be boys' mentality"**

Dahmer said she met with Charley Pride, WKU's Director of Student Activities and then the adviser to SGA, about other problems on a few occasions, but not specifically the messages. She said this was met with little success.

For instance, Dahmer said back in August there were instances of male SGA members declining to refer to female members by their proper titles. From there, things progressed to people coming into Dahmer's office without permission and people cursing at her. Dahmer said Pride did little to remedy the situation.

"He sort of chalked it up to this 'boys will be boys' mentality and didn't try to step in," Dahmer said.

Pride was contacted for comment, but declined to respond.

SGA Director of Public Relations Amy Wyer said she and other executive board members, including Dahmer, felt uncomfortable meeting with Pride about these issues.

"It felt like that wasn't an option," Wyer said, also saying Pride was seen numerous times meeting with several of the SGA senators who were involved in the alleged harassment.

Dahmer said she was uncomfortable going directly to Pride about what she was experiencing because of past meetings she had with him. On Jan. 23, Pride told Dahmer there was a group of senators who intended to impeach her, but she said he took no action to mediate this.

In mid-March, Pride resigned from his position as adviser of SGA. When the Herald requested a comment from Pride, he said he was currently "ex-officio" for SGA and declined to comment further. Ex-officio is typically used to refer to a person who is a non-voting member of a committee by virtue of

holding another office.

According to email correspondence obtained through an open records request, Pride has also stepped down from the Spirit Masters advisory board.

Wyer said Pride did not step in to stop the negative behavior.

"He was never very helpful," Wyer said. "It felt like there wasn't anything we could do."

On March 20, Dean of Students Lynne Holland and Assistant Director of Student Activities Randall Bogard sat in on the Senate meeting in place of Pride.

Dahmer said she was told by Holland that she and Bogard were now the co-advisers to SGA. Other SGA members confirmed that Pride has stopped attending Tuesday meetings and Holland and Bogard now attend.

The Herald reached out to Holland

member Nicole Ares conducted with Anderson in early 2017 and an off-the-record meeting Wilkins gave to the Herald editorial board in February 2017. She also said they would not be providing interviews or statements to the Herald while litigation is pending.

WKU sued the Herald in February 2017, after WKU denied an open records request by Ares in November 2016 for records concerning sexual misconduct allegations against employees at the university. WKU has acknowledged there had been 20 investigations since 2013 with six cases found to be in violation of university policy.

The lawsuit is ongoing. Oral arguments took place in early April.

During her meeting with Title IX officials, Dahmer said she requested to record the proceedings with her phone, as recommended by her attorney, but

her case did not constitute a violation of Title IX because it did not meet the legal standard for harassment.

Dahmer said Anderson explained to her that to have actionable harassment it has to be "objectively offensive, severe and pervasive," and that Anderson was unaware of a situation in which words alone have risen to the level of "actual harassment." Anderson told Dahmer for words to reach that level they would have to be extremely pervasive or persistent.

Dahmer confirmed that while her case did not rise to the level of Title IX, her complaint was processed by the Office of Student Conduct.

The Office of Student Conduct handles cases of students who are alleged to have violated the Student Code of Conduct.

It was through the Office of Student Conduct that Dahmer had two No Contact orders issued against two male members of the eight "Justice League" students, who she said harassed and threatened her.

A No Contact Order is a preventative measure the Office of Student Conduct can issue when reports have been received of alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct. These orders are also issued "even in cases where a respondent has not been found formally responsible for violating University policy," according to a Student Conduct webpage.

While Dahmer said she is aware of the Office of Student Conduct's involvement, she declined to disclose which students have been involved with the Office of Student Conduct and who, if any, faced repercussions. Disclosing that specific information would violate the rights of other students, and only they themselves could disclose it.

One student who was allegedly involved divulged to the the Herald that "there was an ongoing investigation with student conduct, and I was found not guilty, and no punishment was issued." However, another who was allegedly involved with the messages said they were never part of any investigation by the Office of Student Conduct.

Crowe did not respond for comment about who, if anyone, from SGA was involved in an investigation by the Office of Student Conduct.

**A lasting impact**

Dahmer said her experiences over the last few months have left an impact on her and hindered her from being able to accomplish what she wanted to as SGA president.

"It's been so hard to accomplish the agenda that I set out to, that I was elected to do, and write all the legislation that I really wanted to," she said.

Others spoke about how the experience affected Dahmer in her day-to-day life, especially after finding the note on her car.

"She had to change a lot of her routes to make sure that somebody could always walk her wherever she had to go, which is really inconvenient, and it's really awful that she had to change what she has to do when it's other people that are threatening her," Molyneaux said.

There were also changes in her personality and eating habits that members of the executive cabinet pointed towards.

"I know there are days that she literally cannot keep any food down," Houston said. "She just was running on fumes because if she tried to eat, it came right back up because she was so stressed about all of this. Regardless of your politics or your opinions, I just don't think that anyone should want someone to experience that."

Coffey, Dahmer's mother, said the stress of the situation really affected Dahmer.

"She would have no appetite because she was too scared to go out by herself to grab something to eat, or she would become very nauseated if she tried to eat," Coffey said. "She also had trouble sleeping because she truly felt like her life was in danger, and I did too."

Coffey said although she and Dahmer's father chose WKU was for its "exemplary" Title IX record, Dahmer's experience has also caused her to distrust the Title IX office and the administration at WKU.

"I am full of disappointment," Coffey said. "To think that they would treat a student this way, especially someone who has brought so much positive acclaim to Western, and to not believe her, it's really a sad thing."

Dahmer decided to not seek re-election for president for the 2018-19 year, but she said her decision was not made because she's "cowering in fear" of what she experienced. Rather, she said, she hopes to evoke change in other ways.

"Our university must be better," she said. "In a truly student-centered environment, all students must feel safe and respected."

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SGA President  
ANDI DAHMER

regarding her position as one of the new SGA advisers with Bogard in place of Pride, but she did not respond in time for publication.

**Going to the Title IX office**

Dahmer's experiences were put before WKU's Title IX office when her residence hall director, following university policy, reported Dahmer's concerns.

Dahmer said she had her first meeting with Title IX officials on Feb. 13.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law, part of the Education Amendments of 1972. Simply stated, Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in universities that receive federal funding (the vast majority of schools). The scope of Title IX was expanded by former President Barack Obama to mandate universities combat sexual harassment, including sexual violence.

Additionally, Title IX requires schools to prevent and remedy gender-based

was told it was unnecessary for her to record because the Title IX office would be recording. She ended up not recording. Kentucky is a one-party consent state for recording conversations, meaning you can legally record a conversation as long as you're a party in the conversation.

On Feb. 16, Dahmer approached Evans and requested a copy of the recording of her meeting, which Dahmer said Evans denied her.

"They said that they 'don't distribute those,' and I was totally denied," Dahmer said. "There were no further questions. It was just a flat refusal, which really it resulted in my distrust."

Dahmer took a friend with her, who works in Downing Student Union but requested not to be identified, when she went to request the copy. The friend confirmed that Evans denied Dahmer's request for her recording.

Evans did not respond to the Herald for comment.

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SGA Director of Academic Affairs  
EMILY HOUSTON

harassment, which is what Dahmer claimed she has experienced. According to the Department of Education, gender-based harassment is "unwelcome conduct based on a student's sex, harassing conduct based on a student's failure to conform to sex stereotypes."

Dahmer said she met with Michael Crowe, director of the Office of Student Conduct and a Title IX investigator; Melanie Evans, coordinator of Judicial Affairs in the Office of Student Conduct; and Andrea Anderson, director of Title IX and assistant general counsel.

The Herald reached out to Crowe, Evans and Anderson for comment and additional questions, as well as Joshua Hayes, director of Equal Employment Opportunity and Title IX deputy, and Deborah Wilkins, general counsel. The Herald received no response from

Attorneys for WKU stated in court earlier this month that if a student was to request his or her own Title IX documentation, then the university would release it to that student.

"If a student, who has filed a Title IX Complaint, wishes to release information and/or documentation related to the investigation, then he or she may do so on his or her own volition," WKU asserted in a brief filed with the Warren county Circuit Court as part of the WKU vs. Herald lawsuit.

Dahmer said her experience with the Title IX office caused her to distrust the office.

"It was also really frustrating to me because it was almost like they doubted the credibility of what I had experienced, even though I had lots of evidence to show them with the messages

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SGA Executive Vice President  
SAVANNAH MOLYNEAUX

Crowe, Evans or Anderson.

Hayes declined to take part in an interview.

"From my understanding, various representatives of the WKU Herald have already requested and conducted interviews with other Title IX campus officials. It is also my understanding that the upcoming article(s) will not provide an authentic, ethical, and/or truthful conveyance of information; therefore, I will not be participating in this process," he said in an email.

Wilkins declined an interview based on an interview former Herald staff

and everything that I experienced, and it was also hurtful because they asked me what I had done to cause the situation, which was just victim blaming," she said.

Kara Lowry, SGA administrative vice president, went to the Title IX office as a witness on Dahmer's behalf, and she went with Dahmer to receive the final decision on her complaint.

"She wanted me to go because she wanted somebody there to support her because she didn't really know what they were going to say," Lowry said.

Ultimately, Dahmer said she was told

# OPINION

EDITORIAL



HANNAH LEBOEUF • HERALD  
The Student Government Association meets on Feb. 27 in the SGA Senate Chambers in Downing Student Union. Last Wednesday the current SGA President-elect Stephen Mayer was temporarily disqualified from the elections because of a chalk campaign depicting a controversial meme, Pepe the Frog.

## CHAMBER OF CONFLICT

### Personal attacks have no place in student government

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**The Issue:** The election for the Student Government Association's newest student body president concluded early Wednesday morning, as Stephen Mayer received 35 percent of the votes, earning him the title of Student Government Association president-elect. Garrett Edmonds and Harper Anderson, who were elected executive vice president and administrative vice president respectively, also campaigned on Mayer's ticket even after being temporarily disqualified for the use of a "racist" meme in one of their chalk campaigns on campus.

**Our Stance:** SGA has turned into a circus and the students who actually care enough to pay attention to what goes on in our student government should be ashamed of some of what has taken place just this past month. Whether it's an SGA senator referring to the entire LGBT

community on campus as "wicked" or a judicial council holding a meeting in the middle of an election to practically eliminate two-thirds of the competition, it's no wonder such a low percentage of the student body has participated in SGA elections in the past.

Pepe the Frog, an image that once held little importance in the minds of WKU students, could have played a major role in determining the outcome of an SGA presidential election. The MEA ticket, which at one point was not allowed to win the election at all, should be thanking the outrage caused by a meme for their 2 percent victory margin.

Should MEA have been disqualified from campaigning in the election? No. The Pepe the Frog meme did not originate as a symbol advocating for white supremacy but was hijacked by alt-right groups during the 2016 U.S. Presidential election to further their own hate-driven agenda in support of current President Donald Trump.

While they should not have been dis-

qualified from campaigning in the election, it is concerning that Edmonds was informed of the meme's previous use by white supremacist groups, most notably last year at the white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, and chose to do nothing about it when he could have simply asked those in charge of the task to draw something else.

It is important to note that, although it was classified as a hate symbol by the Anti-Defamation League in 2016, the MEA campaign did not use the meme in any context that might imply racist connotations. Simply labeling people as racist for using an image that other groups have twisted to further their own evil agenda just adds to the tension and distrust that has highlighted SGA this past year.

Furthermore, in light of the recent election controversy, the Herald Editorial Board found this to be an excellent opportunity to elaborate on what constitutes a letter to the editor and the purpose it is designed to serve. While a letter to the editor was published this

past week by the Herald by an individual advocating for the Hounshell campaign, had we received a letter with fair points in favor of any other campaign, we would have published that as well.

These letters are designed to potentially give anyone who is passionate about an issue a platform to make their case for why other people should care about it too. Labeling an independent news publication as a fake news source with a political agenda is an insult to the long hours and hard work student journalists put in here to keep the public informed.

While the way SGA carried out their latest election was disappointing, perhaps it was enough evidence to show the public this particular institution of WKU needs to undergo some serious reconstruction. This latest incident should not be ignored because SGA does have the potential to do good for the students it represents. But personal attacks between senators and secretive meetings, albeit legal, that influence major elections will not give way to healthy change.

SYNTHESIS

## Maintaining a spirit of objectivity in American politics

BY DAVID HORMELL

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President Donald Trump is erratic and his behavior is unlike anything the country has witnessed in recent memory.

Consequently, the country doesn't know how to manage its expectations amid these strange circumstances. The tragic result is an incremental inchworm descent towards no-expectation hell, enacted by the administration and its most ardent supporters.

Trump's reactionary tendency to shoot from the hip or "tell it like it is" is oft-lauded as an American return to "toughness." In traditional models of American masculinity, being self-assured and assertive may be considered "tough." It's a key component of his vengeful rhetoric and overall brash personality.

However, Trump making innuendo-laced jokes about the size of his manhood while threatening foreign powers with nuclear devastation isn't tough-it's reprehensible.

Trump may be too emotional for office.

His knack for spontaneity and his fractured attention span have led to an ever-changing goalpost of American expectations. It's drastically changed how the country perceives the role of the president and muddled the moral demarcation between right and wrong.

### GASLIGHT ANTHEM

Last month, I wrote a column on how Trump's White House is inconsistent.

Another example of inconsistency reared its ugly head over the weekend. On April 13, the U.S. ordered a missile strike on Damascus, Syria. The following day in an oddly jovial tone, Trump tweeted, "A perfectly executed strike last night...Could not have had a better result. Mission accomplished!"

How the "mission" was accomplished is unclear. However, this past weekend illustrates Trump's unsurprising belief in singular short-term action as an easy-fix solution to a complicated problem.

Trump's excitement also stands in stark contrast to his stance on U.S. involvement in Syria in 2013. Criticizing former President Barack Obama, Trump tweeted, "we should stay the hell out

of Syria" (June 13). Trump criticized Obama's unilateral action and involvement in Syria 19 times.

How did we get here?

Last fall, Ryan Lizza noted this gradual descent in an article in "The New Yorker" titled "The GOP's 'Boil the Frog' Strategy to Save Trump." Lizza posits the revelation WikiLeaks worked in tandem with Russia to elevate Trump's chances of election should shock and startle.

It doesn't, partially due to the long and drawn-out nature of each respective scandal. The country has lost the ability to care.

Lizza concludes: "The scandal goes down a lot easier when the details are delivered in small bites."

### A DISTORTED PORTRAIT OF THE PAST

The moving goalpost has led to a defining shift in shared values.

The absurdity of the current political climate has prompted some folks to wear floppy nostalgia goggles and think of former President George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan in rosy terms. It's threatened the country's spirit of objectivity and, consequently, caused us to engage

in revisionist history.

Trump is a ridiculous caricature of a man, and his wild, off-the-wall antics are a positive proximity mine.

For example, Trump makes Pence look rational. Pence is capable of thinking in complete sentences.

Mike Pence supported gay conversion therapy. Last year, he cost taxpayers nearly a quarter of a million dollars as he traveled from consoling a broken community affected by the Las Vegas massacre to an Indianapolis Colts game and back again-just for the sake of cutesy political theater.

Value voters and fervent supporters of Trump have contributed to the shifting goal post.

Last year, "The Atlantic" reported that over half of Trump's supporters were "value voters." The article notes in 2011, 30 percent of white evangelical Protestants believed a political leader could be immoral in their private life and maintain their capacity for leadership. In 2016, that number swelled to 72 percent.

We need to demand more out of our leaders and avoid revising history. We mustn't lose our spirit of objectivity, no matter how absurd the circumstance.

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### Earth Science Trivia

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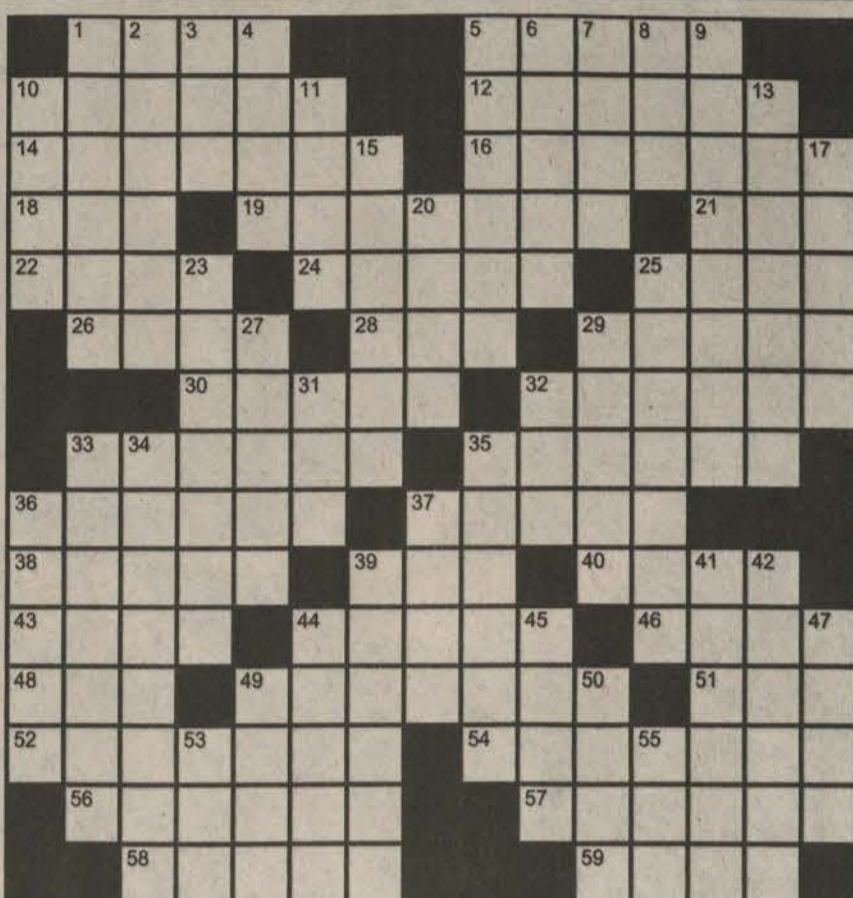
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- Earth is moving around the Sun at approximately how many miles per hour?  
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- What are the range of underwater mountains that run between North America and Europe?  
(a) Oceanic Ridge (b) Mid-Atlantic Ridge (c) North American Ridge
- What is the popular name for the Mesozoic era?  
(a) Age of Dinosaurs (b) Age of Transition (c) Age of Birds
- What mountain range was formed during the Silurian period?  
(a) Himalayas (b) Caledonians (c) Alps
- What percentage of Earth's surface is covered in water?  
(a) 52% (b) 48% (c) 71%
- Where do thunderstorms take place?  
(a) Troposphere (b) Ionosphere (c) Thermosphere
- In 1883, what event caused temperatures worldwide to plunge 30 degrees Fahrenheit?  
(a) Glacier melt (b) Eruption of Krakatoa (c) Meteor shower
- What two states had the lowest temperature recorded in the 20th century?  
(a) Alaska & Montana (b) Maine & Wyoming (c) Vermont & Michigan
- The core of the Earth is mostly composed of what element?  
(a) Magnesium (b) Silicon (c) Iron

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- Belly
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- Apple picker
- Faux pas
- Dapper
- Genesis son
- Hydroxyl compound
- Dissenting vote
- Series opener?
- Compassion
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- Winner's cry
- Bon mot
- Boated
- More than a scuffle
- Bring upon oneself
- J.F.K. watchdog
- Comic Carvey
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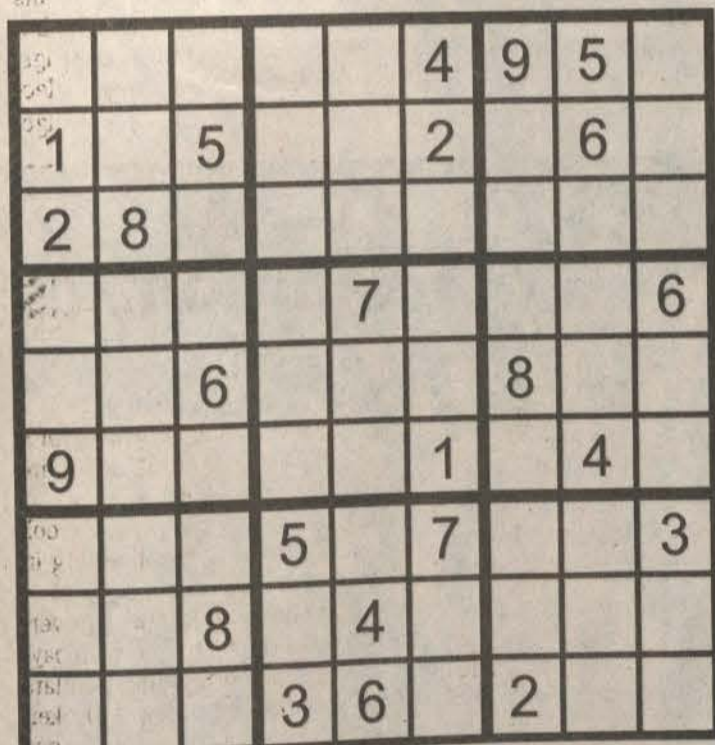
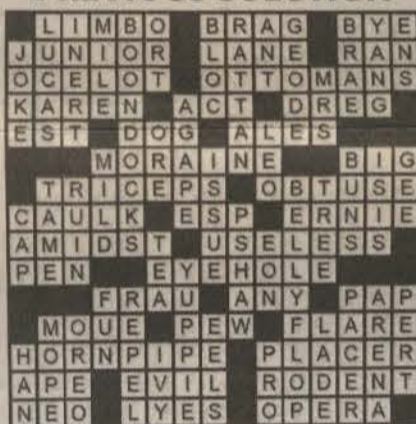
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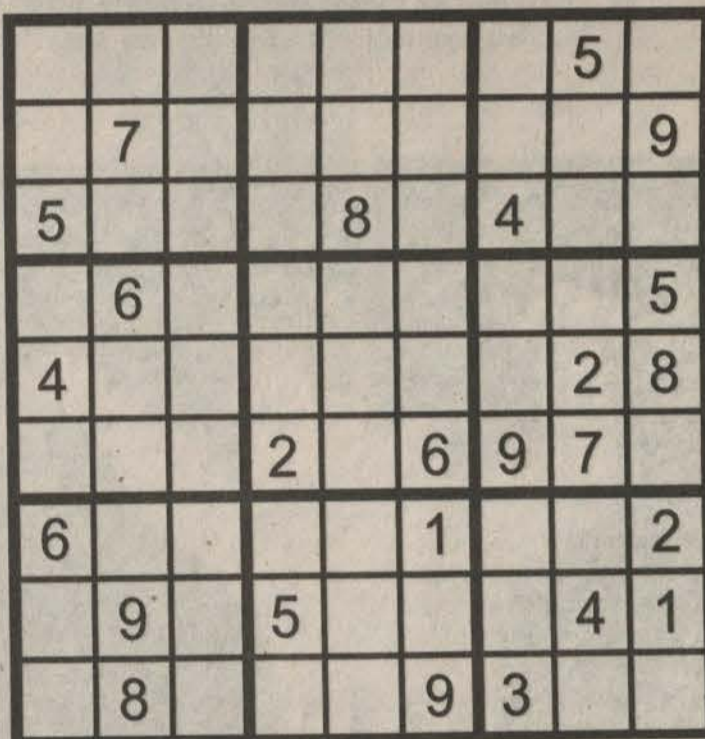
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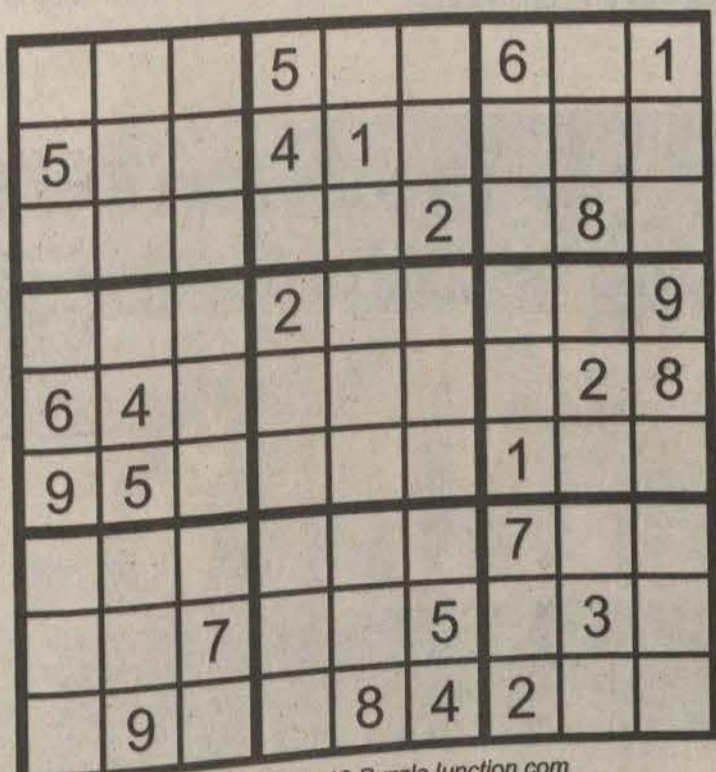
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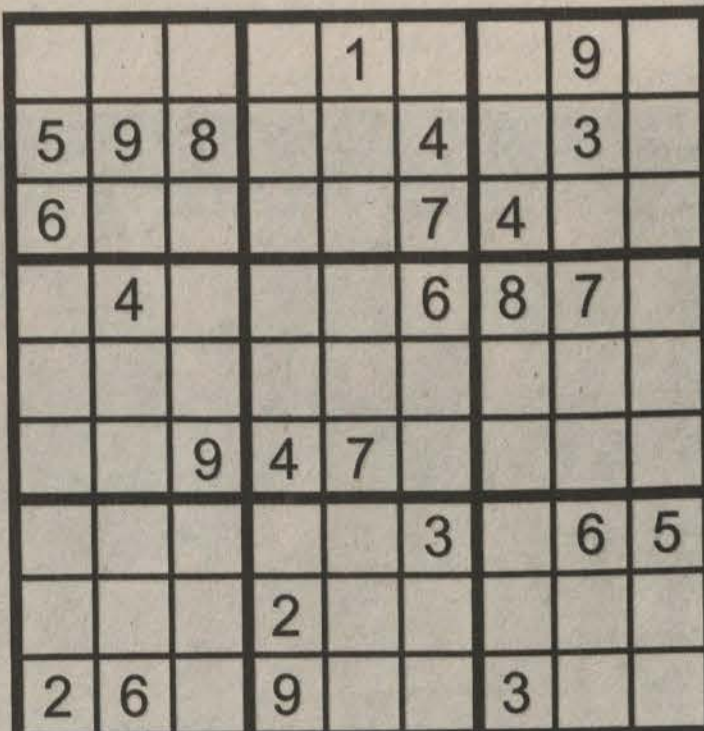
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Sigma Chi fraternity performs at Spring Sing on Sunday. The theme for their performance was Wild Wild West.

# SONG AND DANCE

## Greek week kicks off with Spring Sing

BY HANNAH LEBOEUF  
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Greek week began Sunday with Spring Sing, the annual singing and dancing competition between fraternities and sororities. Each chapter makes up their own routine for the year's theme and

performs it in front of judges, parents and other members of WKU Greek life. This year's theme was "The Adventure Begins." Performances ranged from Alpha Omicron Pi sorority's "The Greatest Show Man" to Sigma Chi fraternity's "Wild Wild West." The event was held in EA Diddle Arena and a total of 21 fraternities and sororities participated.

Greek Week is a week-long compe-

tion where every Greek organization participates in different events with the goal of winning at the end of the week. Events such as Spring Sing, Greek Feud, Events Day and Tug are held in order to bring the Greek community together for some friendly competition. The winner of Spring Sing and other Greek Week events will be announced on Sunday, April 29.



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Senior Kyle Smith plays Pennywise in Phi Delta Theta fraternity's performance at Spring Sing. Spring Sing is a singing and dancing event where fraternities and sororities make their own routines and perform them.



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Freshman Hannah Chalfant performs with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority in their "The Greatest Showman" themed dance at Spring Sing on Sunday. The sorority members dressed as lions, elephants and other circus characters to match the theme.



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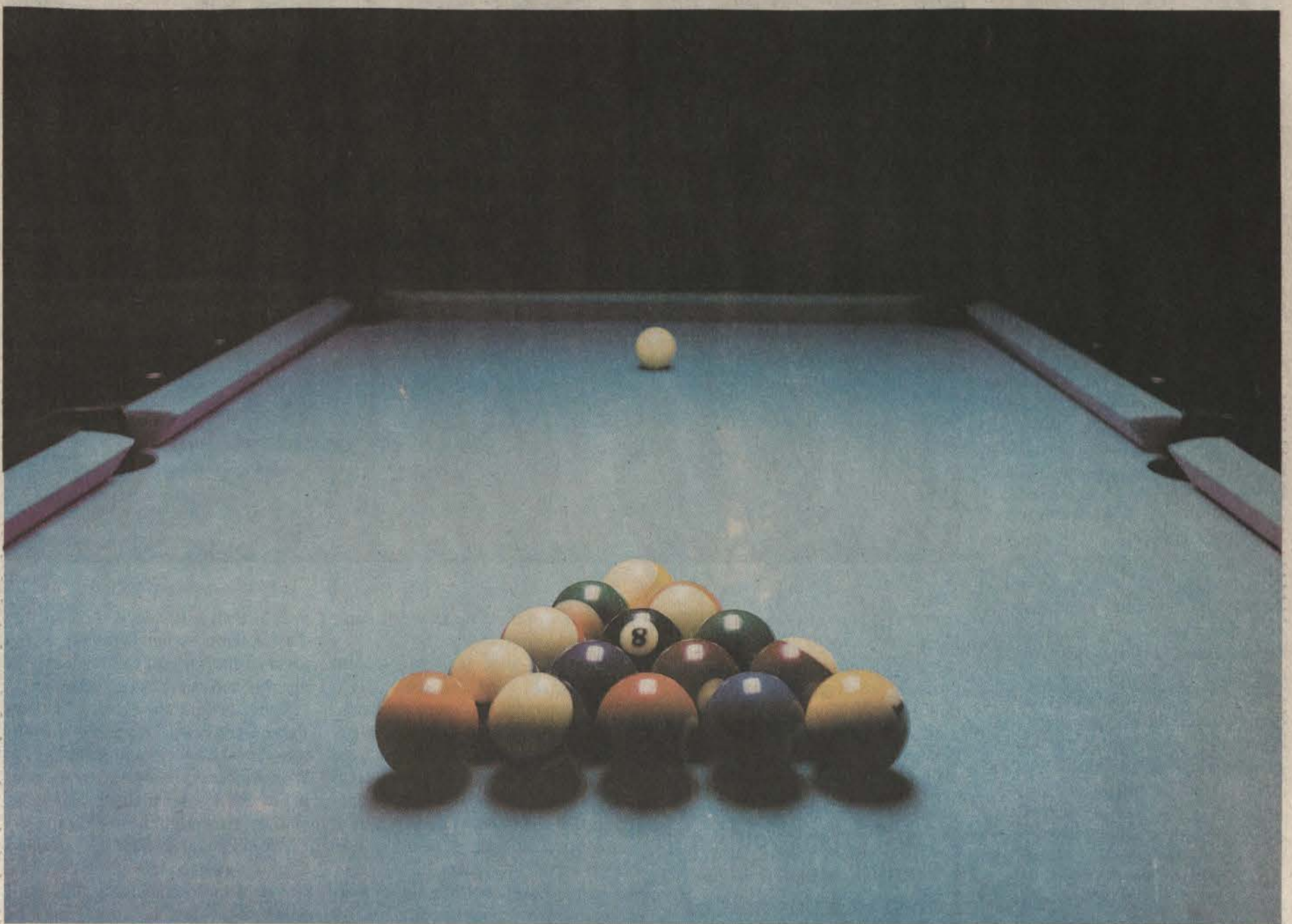
Delta Zeta sorority Member Alexandria Seng performs in Spring Sing. The group's performance was inspired by "Stranger Things."



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Members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity took the stage first to perform their "We All Float Down Here" themed dance, based on the movie "It." The performances took place on Sunday at Diddle Arena.

# LIFE



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Billiard balls sit racked on the table at Cue Time pool hall in Bowling Green on April 19. Nicole Hall-Rochester, co-owner of Cue Time, wanted to create a bar where games like darts and pool were in the forefront.

## RIGHT ON CUE

### Pool hall gives customers a taste of home

BY SARAH YAACOUB

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Cue Time Cocktails & Billiards, located at 532 Three Springs Road, is Bowling Green's largest pool hall.

Co-owner Nicole Hall-Rochester said while bars are common in the city, few have much in terms of games, unlike Cue Time.

Because it features an open bar, Cue Time has a 21-and-up age policy. The age restriction, in addition to the location—miles from campus and the downtown area—are the main reasons you won't find many college students at the establishment, although there are a few.

Hall-Rochester worked in hospitality as a restaurant manager and a bartender before her current position, and she said that what makes Cue Time special

is its "laid-back atmosphere", as well as the relationship between customers and staff.

"If we see you enough, we know your name," Hall-Rochester said of frequent visitors to the bar.

**"You don't like pool? We have darts. Don't do darts? We have music and an awesome bar staff that will keep you going and coming back."**

Cue Time waitress  
**NICHOLE SHANNON**

The people who typically go to Cue Time skew in age from anywhere in the early thirties up to their seventies.

Nichole Shannon, a waitress at Cue Time who goes by "Dos" at work, is also a veteran of the hospitality industry, having worked in serving for about 16 years. She began working at Cue Time a year and a half ago and said she now

considers it home.

Shannon said Cue Time is special because there is something for everyone.

"You don't like pool?" she said. "We have darts. Don't do darts? We have

this generation," she said.

Cue Time has a patio for drinking and smoking, plus themed nights like karaoke and live performances by a wide range of artists. While business typically slows down in the summer, Hall-Rochester said Cue Time remains open and continues to operate for those that do frequent it.

Shannon said she enjoys her job at Cue Time because of the atmosphere it has which she and the other employees work hard to maintain.

"I love my customers," she said. "They're like family. Once you've been [to Cue Time], I try hard to remember your name and what you drink, so when you come back, you feel like you're home."

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## Local art studio makes antique items new again

BY DRAKE KIZER

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Margaret Baker has always had an interest in art, and nearly five years after she approached her sister-in-law Mary Dale Reynolds about opening a business together, The Resurrection Shop has become a flourishing art studio in Bowling Green.

Baker is a Bowling Green native. She has been a pharmacist for decades but in 2013, she decided she also needed an artistic outlet in her life.

Baker enjoyed restoring old furniture, and though her original mission was to bring chalk paint she used to the local community, she said The Resurrection Shop's overall business model has evolved over time.

"The shop originally started off selling a chalk type of paint that people would have to travel to Louisville or Nashville to find," Baker said. "What you start off planning on doing and where you make your money are two different things though. The shop has since evolved into more of an artistic studio where we can empower artists

and teach them how they can make money at their craft too."

The shop often offers artistic classes and workshops, and spots in these classes have quickly become a hot commodity.

One class allows people in the community to bring in a small piece of furniture and learn how to restore it with chalk paint. The shop also hosts local artists and enables them to teach other types of classes, including canvas painting and macramé. Reynolds said showing people that anyone can be an artist is her favorite part of the classes.

"Everyone has a creative side to them," Reynolds said. "They sometimes defy that, but they do have it. We love seeing a guest realize that they can do something with their hands and create art. Whatever they come in here to do, we help them understand the techniques, and they can go home with that."

Reynolds is originally from Jackson, Tennessee, but the duo has been acquainted since she married Baker's oldest brother years ago. The pair have forged a close bond, but Reynolds said she was still a bit surprised when her sister-in-law approached her about

music and an awesome bar staff that will keep you going and coming back."

In addition to recreational games, the pool hall offers leagues for competitive players. Shannon said one of the business's goals is to keep the game of pool alive.

"It's an awesome sport, and we're trying to keep it fresh and relevant to



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Margaret Baker and Mary Dale Reynolds, Bowling Green residents, co-own The Resurrection Shop on Nutwood Street. The Resurrection Shop features antique pieces as well as art from local artists, and offers arts and crafts classes.

starting a business together. She was unsure about chalk paint, but after Baker showed her a finished piece, Reynolds said she was sold.

"When she approached me, I didn't know what in the world she was talking

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about when she said chalk paint," Reynolds said. "I have always loved doing things with my hands, but I had been struggling with finding something to incorporate my talents in. She asked me if I wanted to do something fun and come on this journey with her, and I said, 'Yep, let's do it.' So, we teamed up, and here we are."

The Resurrection Shop sells paint as well as gift items, home décor and furniture the women have recovered from various sources. Baker and Reynolds "love the hunt" for the items that comprise their inventory. The team leaves no stone unturned, and once an item is found, it's cleaned up and restored, which Baker says is one of her favorite parts of having the shop.

"I like re-doing furniture that would be a castaway," Baker said. "A lot of items would usually end up in some landfill, so whether it be a color change or different embellishments, I love being able to give things a second chance."

Being family means the relationship between Baker and Reynolds is different from a lot of people who co-own a business. Both women agree they are not particularly similar, but they also believe their differences have contributed to the shop's overall success.

"We see things differently, but we respect each other," Reynolds said. "That's very important, and we have a great relationship because of it. We're different, but we work together."

"As far as design and décor, she is more Southern sophisticated, whereas I am kind of eclectic and off-the-wall sometimes," Baker said. "She brings many talents to the table that are different than mine, so I think we complement each other on different aspects."

The Resurrection Shop is located inside of a house at 1216 Nutwood St. The business has since outgrown the cramped space, but Baker said she is hesitant to move elsewhere because she has heard from so many customers that part of the shop's charm is the "cute little place" it is housed in.

The shop has been around for almost five years, but the ladies indicated that many of their visitors each day are



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people who have just heard about their business recently. Daily foot traffic varies, but both women said that their business has developed a solid reputation.

"It's been amazing because people follow us from other states," Reynolds

or out of town than we do locals come in."

Baker said most customers learn about them by word of mouth.

"We have quite a few repeat customers, but our products are not something that people are going to need all the time," Baker said. "That makes it tough, but somebody will see something that they love and ask where it came from. So, word of mouth is how we get a lot of customers."

Marilyn Baker, another one of Margaret Baker's sisters-in-law, works in sales for Event Photo Market. Her office is located next door to The Resurrection Shop, but she said that was merely a coincidence. Marilyn Baker has known Margaret Baker and Reynolds for 40 years, and she said that the team's success is no surprise because both women are such hard workers.

"They can take old stuff and make it look great," Marilyn Baker said. "Everything they sell is one-of-a-kind, so you won't find it anywhere else. The

girls love what they do, and I think that they're there as much for the enjoyment as they are for the business. To me, that makes a world of difference."

Reynolds said she is very thankful Baker asked her to be a part of the venture almost five years ago. To Baker, the shop's success should encourage people to chase their dreams, regardless of where they might be in their lives.

"We did this at an older age, so I don't think it's ever too late in life to decide you want to do something different," Baker said. "Just because I may be pigeonholed as a pharmacist, that doesn't mean I don't have other things I could do. I don't think you should ever be afraid to start a business or do something you're passionate about. It is really never too late."

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**I don't think you should ever be afraid to start a business or do something you're passionate about."**

Co-owner of The Resurrection Shop  
**MARGARET BAKER**

said. "When they're driving through, they make a point in stopping in our store, which is incredible. Some days we have more people from out of state

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# ENACTUS brings students skills in entrepreneurship

BY NOAH MOORE

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WKU students are becoming young entrepreneurs and business professionals one conference at a time through WKU's chapter of ENACTUS, a national student organization dedicated to promoting business ideals and instilling them in college-aged students.

Recently, the WKU chapter of ENACTUS, was named a regional champion after a competition in Chicago against universities from across the Southeastern region. The group advanced to the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, which will take place in May.

The event will feature different entrepreneurial action showcases, demonstrating the work of various university chapters across the nation.

Krist Schell, executive-in-residence for the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and faculty adviser for the team, got involved with WKU ENACTUS because he said he was looking for a way to contribute to the missions of both WKU and the Gordon Ford College of Business.

"I wanted a way to foster applied learning experiences through the positive power of entrepreneurship," Schell said. "Being part of positive change and helping great students apply what they have learned and get outstanding career-building experiences has been wonderful."

The team is comprised of 17 students who work to solve problems within the Bowling Green community in an entrepreneurial way. Their projects, once fully integrated into the community, will continue to operate after ENACTUS steps away and continues to generate impact in the future, said chief information officer and inventory solutions project leader Emily Peck, a senior in the college of business.

"The projects that we implement do not seek to provide handouts or temporary solutions," Peck said. "Rather, these projects foster partnerships in the community that are long standing and mutually beneficial. My in-



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volvement in these projects has led to countless hours spent in collaboration. Getting to work with all of these individuals to accomplish our project goals creates such close relationships that have greatly enriched my experience at WKU."

ENACTUS has gotten involved with the community in several ways, including helping a local food bank with data inventory and through a bus project designed to reduce unemployment in Bowling Green.

One project, Inventory Solutions, helps HOTEL INC, which gives assistance with transportation to those in need, reduce food shortages and uses Microsoft Excel and Access to organize inventory and help its food pantry uphold high stock levels.

They have also created Job Bus Project to help reduce unemployment

through a ride-share program that connects residential areas that are often faced with high rates of unemployment, along with the Bowling Green Angels Project, which connects entrepreneurs to angel investors to kickstart new business.

Perhaps their most well-known project is the Bowling Green Night Market, a monthly event downtown to promote business growth in the city, Peck said.

"Night Market is a monthly event downtown that allows local entrepreneurs a place to sell their products and improve their business skills," Peck said. "Through all these experiences, my favorite part is the friendships I have made. ENACTUS has prepared me for the job market in more ways than I can name. ENACTUS has been a crash-course in learning to work in diverse teams to tackle complex prob-

lems that lack straight-forward solutions."

Through specific community projects and encouraging entrepreneurial development, ENACTUS strives to provide hands-on, technical experience for its participants. The skills they gain from this organization are what Schell said make him the most proud.

"When the team takes real ownership of a project and dynamically solves problems by sourcing solutions on their own, that is really the greatest feeling as an adviser—watching your folks make their own wings and fly by themselves," he said.

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# Winemakers to speak on family business dynamics

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To Dawn Bolton, management professor and director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, entrepreneurship means finding a way to innovate, an idea that will be explored during today's installment of the Entrepreneurship Speaker Series at 4 p.m. in Grise Hall 238.

"Entrepreneurs come in all shapes, sizes and goals, so entrepreneurship can mean a number of things," Bolton said. "People can innovate by doing something unique in an established industry, by creating a new product or market or by innovating within a company as an employee."

Though Bolton said the definition of entrepreneurship has been debated by academics for years, the numerous benefits can be found in a variety of places.

"Entrepreneurial qualities can benefit folks in nearly any context, and we work to share that message with every student who enters our Center and classroom environments," Bolton said.

In the spirit of sharing this message, the Entrepreneur Speaker Series was launched during the fall semester of 2014 and now features three speakers per semester.

The series is set up as a presentation followed by a question and answer session, allowing students to first hear from business owners and then ask more specific questions. This also enables students to network and make connections with local business owners.

The presentation, entitled "Going Back Home to the Family Business: A Father and Son's Perspective," goes into what Steven Dossey did after graduation and how those decisions impacted his future.

Dossey, co-winemaker and production manager and his father, Allen Dossey, owner and winemaker, run Purple Toad Winery in Paducah.

"Not only do our students learn from

these events, but over the years several internships and job opportunities have resulted from conversations during the one-on-one time with our speakers," Bolton said.

This year's series has covered topics

members in order to continue the conversation and allow students to direct the talk.

Dossey said he attended multiple Entrepreneur Speaker Series events during his time at WKU.

**"Entrepreneurs come in all shapes, sizes and goals, so entrepreneurship can mean a number of things."**

Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
**DAWN BOLTON**

such as business partnerships, finding entrepreneurial opportunities at every stage of a college career and developing a business from the career you're currently in.

Bolton said the April 24 presentation is particularly topical to all college students, including those outside of the business majors.

"This particular Entrepreneurial Speaker Series event features one of our recent graduates, Steven Dossey, and his father," Bolton said. "Their presentation highlights what many of our entrepreneurial students face upon graduation: now what?"

Steven Dossey said the presentation will first shed some light on owning a winery and the business of winemaking. The duo will cover their company's history, everyday operations, and what their future looks like.

Next, the presentation will delve into what it's like to co-own a business, especially when it's with a family member. Dossey said there are many challenges that present themselves when running a successful family business, but also numerous advantages.

"We'd like to explain the family dynamic of running a business together," Dossey said. "It can be challenging but definitely has an advantage over other businesses when run with a family."

Dossey said he hopes that there will be plenty of questions from audience

"The Speaker Series events were certainly something I was interested in," he said.

When discussing the benefits of attending these events, he recalled a particularly significant realization that

came to him during a talk by Dave Tatman, the Corvette plant manager.

"Managers are the leaders of the company and if the leader is not any good, the employees do not have a way to succeed," He said of the lesson he learned during Tatman's presentation.

This is exactly the type of reaction that Bolton hopes students will walk away from the presentations with, that students will learn valuable business and life lessons that will stick with them for years after the speakers' talks.

For more information about the Entrepreneur Speaker Series, go to [www.wku.edu/cei/index.php](http://www.wku.edu/cei/index.php) or the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, located at 234 Grise Hall.

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# Candle shop focuses on providing local products

BY LAUREL DEPPEN

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Despite its name, Candle Makers on the Square has a goal that goes beyond simply making candles.

The shop, located in the heart of downtown Bowling Green, aims to provide quality local products while bringing the community together.

Once customers walk into the shop, they are immediately greeted by the scent of candles. The back of the store is used as a candle-making studio.

Candlemaker Karen Hesson has worked for Candle Makers since 2009. She said her daughter, Becky Watts, taught her the trade. She called her daughter's ability to create scents amazing.

Hesson is currently the only person making candles. She said the process takes three days, and she enjoys it because she loves cooking. She emphasized that there's a lot more to candles than people might think.

Hesson said her process is carefully calculated and requires precision.

"I pay attention to detail," she said.

She said the candles she makes are of higher quality than commercial brands because they are hand-poured and burn longer.

"When I stir the wax, first I go counterclockwise to release the negativity and then clockwise to incorporate happiness," Hesson said. "Every time you burn your candle it brings you joy."

Though Candle Makers was originally started with the sole purpose of making and selling candles, it now places an emphasis on a variety of quality local items.

Hesson said while Watts no longer makes candles, she has a line of high-end jewelry sold at the store.

The shop also sells hand-



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Candle Makers on the Square opened in 2007 and serves as a place where local artists can sell their work as well as a candle workshop. They offer over 70 unique scents and allow shoppers to bring in their own container for their preferred scent to be poured in.

carved comfort birds, bath bombs, soaps and many other gifts. The company aims to have diverse but focused products. Candle Makers attempts to sell primarily wom-

en's products, while still being representative of the entire Bowling Green community.

Keep BG Weird, a campaign and brand focused on promoting what makes Bowling Green

unique, sells their products in Candle Makers. They create stickers, coffee mugs and shirts and hope to celebrate the uniqueness of the city.

One of the company's new-

est ventures is selling Ananda Hemp, a part of Kentucky Proud. According to its website, Ananda Hemp works closely with Kentucky farmers in ensuring a quality product. The website emphasizes "hemp not high," correcting a common misconception about the product.

Candle Makers also acts as a small gallery for the work of artist Misha Ambrosia. Ambrosia is a Bowling Green native who owns a studio in Alvaton, Kentucky.

Above Candle Makers is the Candle Loft, bed and breakfast that overlooks the square. The suite includes two bedrooms, a full bathroom, a kitchen, a dining area and a den. A night in the loft includes breakfast at Spencer's Coffee, Lunch Box Cafe or Lisa's Fifth Street Diner. Tenants also receive a candle from Candle Makers.

Dylan Carter said she started helping out at Candle Makers a few months ago. She emphasized the quality of the candles.

"I honestly had no idea the work and dedication it takes to make these candles," Carter said. "It really just is an appreciation for it."

Hesson says her husband calls her work days "play-time" because she enjoys it so much. Hesson emphasized that she loves her job because she's able to be creative and talk to people.

She said she's made connections with people in the community just by working at Candle Makers. She stressed the importance of the company's role in the culture of Bowling Green.

"It gives back to the community, it really does," Hesson said. "It helps everybody. It's a ripple effect of how we touch people's lives."

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# Hilltopper Creamery reaches one-year milestone

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The Hilltopper Creamery, tucked away on WKU's farm off Nashville Road, celebrated its first anniversary of becoming an approved cheese-making plant, making their first batch of cheese with students April 19.

The plant is operated by Gary Beu, who had formerly owned a cheese plant for 12 years and is also an artisan cheesemaker. He was hired at WKU to start the creamery. He said the cheese-making process starts off as a science and becomes an art.

Beu begins his Wednesdays, or cheese-making days, at 6 a.m. for the extensive process. Students assist him with nearly every part.

"Some come in thinking this would be an easy course," Beu said. "They find out it's not."

Their cheese is pressed into 20-pound blocks, but it isn't ready to be packaged at that point. Beu explained that, depending on the type,

cheeses may need to age anywhere between 30 days or even a year. The oldest cheese at the plant was made May of last year.

The creamery also packages the cheese and prints its own labels.

The type of cheese Beu and his students make each Wednesday depends on the inventory. The plant produces about seven types of cheese. Beu said

**"I like working there because not a day goes by where I doubt that I'm appreciated for doing the work I do there."**

Administrative assistant  
**RACHEL BUNNER**

the best sellers are pepper jack and cracked black pepper cheddar.

The cheese is sold both online and

on location at the WKU farm. Each Saturday, Beu said he sells the cheese at the SoKY Marketplace in downtown Bowling Green. The marketplace is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday and Tuesday.

Most of the students who work for the creamery are agriculture majors. Walton senior Ben Benton said he was interested in cheese making because it involved taking a raw product and selling it to the public.

Benton said he has worked for the creamery since last May. His responsibilities include pumping milk and hauling it to the creamery. He said one of the most rewarding things about it is learning something new each time.

"Working at Hilltopper Creamery has taught me a great deal of responsibility by having to get up early on cheese making days before most college students think about getting up," Benton said in an email.

Rachel Bunner, the creamery's administrative assistant and an exercise science major, said she began working at the creamery when it was first opening and needed extra help. She said

that the job taught her that she can enjoy her work.

"I like working there because not a day goes by where I doubt that I'm appreciated for doing the work I do there," Bunner said in an email.

Beu said he enjoys the process of cheese-making because it's constantly changing. He said he enjoyed the scientific aspect of it and how he could use different techniques to improve things that weren't working.

Above all, he said, he enjoys working with the students.

"Overall, it's a lot of fun, and they have fun, and I have fun," he said. "I think we all enjoy it. I haven't had anybody yet who wasn't having fun. If it isn't fun, why do it?"

To celebrate its one-year anniversary, the creamery is offering a 15 percent discount on all of its products. The offer lasts through April 30. The discount can be applied to online orders with the code 1YGGKW9P4P2V.

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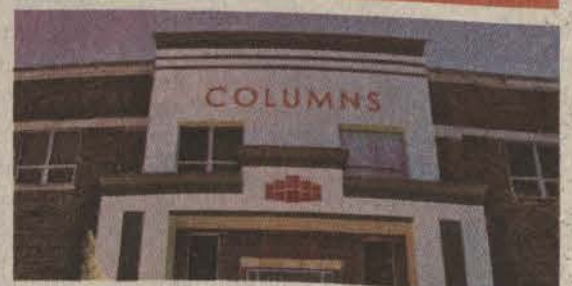
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(From left to right) Monica Malinen from Finland, Elpida Malamou from Greece, Moka Ito from Japan, Violetta Shatalova from Belarus, Natalia De Ugarte from Bolivia, and Cindy Oest from Paraguay. The team made it to the quarterfinals of the Conference USA Championship this year.

## Spring practice includes more defensive line improvement

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WKU's defensive line has concluded a spring practice season that featured a focus on improving pass rush and replacing graduating veterans.

The Hilltoppers will be looking for a new group of players to step up this season after losing much of their production to graduation, especially Derik Overstreet and Chris Johnson, who combined for four of WKU's 12 sacks last season, a total that put them in last in Conference USA.

Defensive line coach Jimmy Lindsey said that he was looking for improvement in technique from his players over the course of spring practice.

"Going back to day-one teaching, just getting the guys fundamentally as best we can," Lindsey said of the spring focus.

Lindsey said that he was happy with what he saw from his defensive line this spring, despite missing several players due to injury.

"It's been good to build some depth with some younger guys," Lindsey said. "Who might have not got as many reps with our older guys back."

One of those players is rising redshirt sophomore Jeremy Darwin, who played in eight games last season, registering 17 total tackles, including 1.5 for loss. Darwin, who is listed at six-foot-one-inch and 305 lbs, said that he was happy with the way spring practice went.

"They've been coaching us up," Darwin said. "Making sure we do all the lineman assignment stuff right. We've been flying around, making sure we know the plays and stuff like that."

Darwin said he had been working on technique and trying to get faster over the course of spring practice.

"This spring I've been working on just getting off the ball," Darwin said. "Getting faster off the ball, I've been working on that a lot, and hands. Hands is a big thing, you know grabbing the o-lineman and shedding quick."

Darwin said that he expected to move in to a bigger role on the defensive line this season.

"With our big guy, Chris, leaving last year, and with Julien and Sayner, they're out for a minute," Darwin said. "I've been in a bigger role this spring. Coach [Kenny] Martin's been prepping me for that, you know, telling me that. We've been working hard this spring, especially with

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# FOUND FAMILY

## Tennis team features diversity of cultures

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The 2018 WKU tennis team featured six players from six different countries, which created a diversity and blending of cultures that the Lady Toppers embraced, forming a bond that extends well beyond the court.

Members of the tennis team were recruited to WKU by head coach Jonatan Berhane, and they all traveled similar paths to Bowling Green. They decided to leave their home countries in order to attend college in the United States, which graduate student Elpida Malamou said many international players do if they want to pursue education while still furthering their tennis career.

"Back home in Greece, we don't have college athletics," Malamou said. "You either go to university and study, or you turn pro. You can try to do both, but it's really hard. Coming here is the best option for someone who's not sure what she wants to do because you can get four years of doing both. After that, you can decide to study more or you can try

going pro."

Malamou decided she would remain at WKU for an extra year to pursue a graduate degree, and she said the main reason that she was in no hurry to leave was because of the camaraderie she had formed with her teammates.

"I stayed because this is the best group we have ever had," Malamou said. "I had fun the previous years too, but this group is so good because we are all different. When they told me that I could get a master's and be around people I like for one more year, there was no reason for me not to do it."

Sophomore Monica Malinen received scholarship offers from numerous programs, but she said she only visited WKU. Malinen is from a small town in Finland, which she said caused her to prioritize an intimate campus environment.

Adjusting to life in America has been difficult for Malinen, but she said she feels at home on the court, especially with her doubles partner, Moka Ito, a freshman from Fukushima, Japan.

"Last year I had some difficulties finding a good doubles partner, but doubles with Moka is going pretty well," Malinen said. "She hits flat shots like my doubles partner

back in Finland, which makes it easy to play with her. Moka understands English very well, but she has some difficulties speaking, so when I'm playing with her I take the speaking role."

The language barrier that exists on the team is not as difficult to navigate as people might assume, mostly because English is not any player's first language. Senior Violetta Shatalova said since everyone is learning, understanding each other is a lot easier.

"English is not our native language, so we understand when someone makes mistakes," Shatalova said. "I can figure out what someone is saying based on body language or context. We don't care if someone's grammar is perfect because we can get the feeling of their major idea."

Shatalova said the atmosphere surrounding the team has always been very inviting, which made her feel welcome when she arrived from her home country, Belarus.

"I heard a lot of stories about how when freshman come, seniors make them collect the balls and do all of the dirty work," Shatalova said. "On our team we don't

## Quarterback battle continues beyond spring practice

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WKU football head coach Mike Sanford is still figuring out who his starting quarterback will be for the 2018 season opener.

The annual Red vs. White Spring Game was the conclusion of the spring practice season for the team, and neither rising redshirt senior Drew Eckels or rising redshirt sophomore Steven Duncan has outright claimed the starting spot yet. Sanford said he will use the spring game tape to continue the evaluation of his quarterbacks.

"We're going to continue to evaluate the film," Sanford said. "Obviously I have to take a look at this spring game. There's a lot of nuances you see from watching the film in terms of what we're asking them to do. A big part of that position is doing what

your coached to do. We'll make a decision when the time is right."

Eckels got the first reps with the first team offense and moved them right down the field immediately. He went 3 for 3 for 60 yards and a touchdown on the first drive.

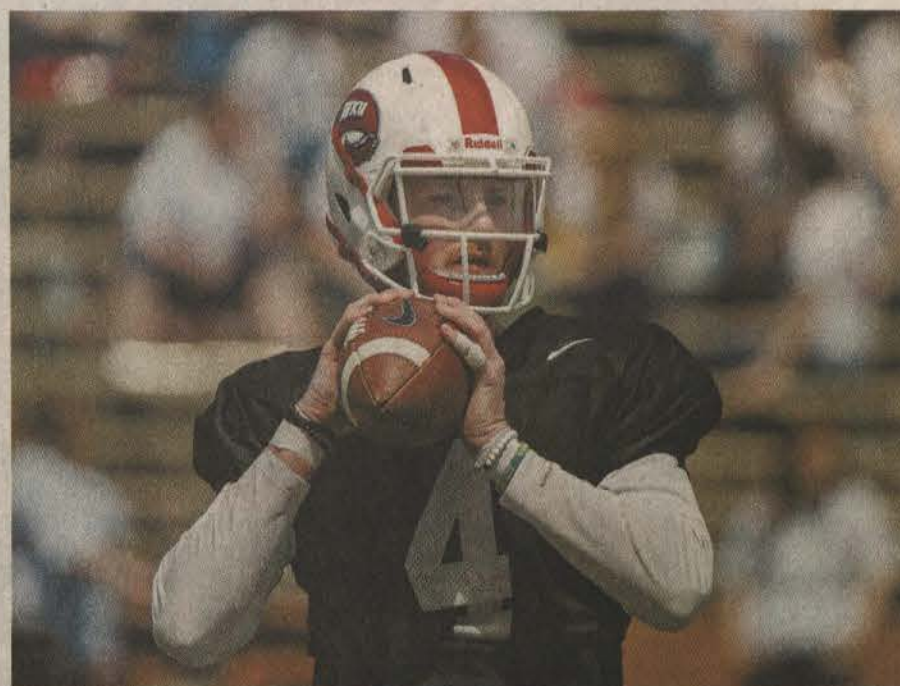
"We need a quarterback with the toughness to be able to bounce back from adversity," Sanford said. "I thought Drew has been very steady in that area."

Eckels said he knows as a senior that it's his time to lead and it is one of the keys to secure the starting job.

"I need to lead better," Eckels said. "I need to be a better example and be a voice for the younger kids. Just really look out for myself in everything I do and I should be good after that."

Although the goal is to be the starter, Eckels said he is content with playing where the coaching staff wants him.

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Redshirt senior quarterback Drew Eckels (4) throws a pass while warming up at the preseason spring football game in LT. Smith Stadium on Saturday.

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differentiate like that, we treat everyone the same. I think that being a tennis player brings a lot of knowledge and experience to your life, which you will appreciate, maybe not now, but later for sure.

For sophomore Natalia De Ugarte, one of the hardest parts about coming to WKU was leaving her family in Bolivia behind. She said since she has arrived in the U.S., she has become a lot more responsible and accountable for her actions.

"I'm the youngest of four siblings, so I was always the little baby in my house back home," De Ugarte said. "I used to have my parents fix everything for me. If I was tired one day and I didn't want to go to practice, I was like, 'I'm not going today.' That was something that had to change in my mind, so overcoming that and learning to be stronger has been a really good experience."

De Ugarte's main doubles partner, sophomore Cindy Oest, is from Paraguay. De Ugarte said she knew Oest before they started at WKU because they are both from neighboring countries in South America. Though she has been around Oest longest, De Ugarte said she has become close with all of her teammates because they have spent so much time together.

"Since we are all far away from family, we try to stay together and support each other," De Ugarte said. "We are basically like family because we are together on weekdays and the weekends too. Whenever we have free time, we will definitely go do something fun together. I love the team, and our friendship is strong because my teammates make it special."

The Lady Toppers said they all possess their own individual cultural characteristics, which sometimes causes turbulence in their relations with one another.

"Greeks are very outgoing and social, so I may say some things that might sound

mean. I don't mean it that way. I just don't want to keep things inside," Malamou said.

"In Finland, we never play tennis as a team. I'm a team player, but it's kind of weird for me to play an individual sport this way because I can lose, and the team can still win," Malinen said.

"Latins love partying, and we are the hype people. Sometimes in practice everyone is like, 'Natalia, please stop smiling and focus.' I say sorry and stop messing around," De Ugarte said.

Upon first glance, the six members of the WKU tennis team could not be more different. Though it would be easy to allow their differences to drive them apart, the team has chosen to use their diversity as an opportunity to learn about other cultures. Shatalova said the girls have been able to turn what most would perceive as a negative into one of the team's biggest assets.

"I really think you can gain much more knowledge talking to five people

from different countries than talking to 20 people from the same area as you," Shatalova said. "Being around people from various countries is exciting because everyone has their own cultural backgrounds and world views to share."

"It's hard to find players who can play tennis, study well and also have good personalities, but our coach has been able to do that."

The tennis team's season came to an end in the quarterfinal of the Conference USA Tournament last week, as the Lady Toppers fell to Rice. This was the final season of eligibility for Malamou and Shatalova. Malamou departs as the winningest player in program history, with 44 career singles match victories, and 27 career doubles wins.

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"As of right now I'm just playing where they put me on the field," Eckels said.

"I can't name where I am right now. Wherever they put me on the field, that's where I'm going to play. I want to go down in the books obviously, but wherever they put me at I'll just play."

Although Eckels was the starting

quarterback for the Red team, there is clear competition not too far behind as the coaching ramps up its evaluation of the position. Duncan played an efficient and accurate game, going 6 for 7 on his first drive, which ended in a touchdown.

Following the spring game, Duncan was arrested for a DUI charge early Sunday morning, according to the Warren County Regional Jail's online information system. The program has not announced any decision in light of the arrest, but said that they were "gathering more information" and took the issue "very seriously as a football program," according to a statement.

The Eckels-Duncan tandem led the Red team to a 24-14 win over the White team in Houchens-Smith Stadium on Saturday.

Redshirt freshman Davis Shanley

led the White team, and the opposing defense struggled to get him to the ground. He ripped off multiple long first-down runs and ran for a touchdown as well. His legs were a major weapon for his offense.

"Davis Shanley, I think he shows a lot of toughness," Sanford said. "The defense was a little frustrated trying to get him down, and they said let's just go ahead and tackle the guy."

It is clear there are plenty more evaluations and film studies to go before Sanford and his staff officially decide who the starter will be when WKU takes on Wisconsin Aug. 31.

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the limited guys, so I've been able to get a lot of reps and a lot of practice."

Darvin recorded a sack during Saturday's spring game.

The Hilltoppers' defensive line has suffered from injuries this spring, including redshirt seniors Julian Lewis and Evan Sayner, both of whom did not play in Saturday's spring game. Lindsey said that not having any more injuries was his main goal for the game, as well

as getting some of the younger players on the team more experience.

"No injuries and just play in a game setting," Lindsey said. "You know that's one of the key things for this group, you know we've got a lot of guys who haven't really played snaps, so we need guys to be able to play when the bullets are flying, I think that's important."

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# Hilltoppers win three event titles at different meets

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WKU track and field went two separate ways over the weekend, sending athletes to the Mount Sac Relays in California while some were at the Georgia Tech Invitational in Atlanta. Between the two events, they pulled 15 top-10 finishes, including three first-place finishes and eight personal records.

"We had a good weekend at both meets," head coach Erik Jenkins said in a press release. "Several personal bests were achieved at Georgia Tech, and we had a good showing at Mount SAC."

WKU had eight top-10 finishes at the Mount Sac Relays, including a first-place finish from the 4x100-meter relay team. The team clocked a time of 39.92 seconds, a season best for the squad. WKU also got a sixth-place finish from one of its 4x400 relay teams with a time of 3:08.74.

respective events, along with WKU pulling in seven top-10 finishes. Senior Ariel Terrell earned first place in the 400 hurdles as she competed in her hometown of Atlanta. It was the third weekend in a row that Terrell took first place in the 400 hurdles. She also set a new personal best as she ran a time of 59.02 seconds.

Sophomore Brianna Eskridge placed first in the triple jump, as she had a high mark of 12.46 meters. She also placed second in the high jump with a height of 1.68 meters. Both marks were personal bests for Eskridge.

Junior Getter Lemberg and freshman Nicole Ogorek placed fourth and fifth in the pole vault after both Lady Toppers marked a height of 3.74 meters. Junior Juannae Lewis placed fifth in the 400 dash with a personal best of 53.62 seconds.

Hilltopper sophomore Taylor Scarborough finished tenth in the 500 with a personal record of 14:49.33.

WKU Track and Field will head up



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Junior Getter Lemberg makes a run to pole vault at the Hilltopper Relay event on Friday, April 6 at the Charles M. Rueter Track and Field Complex. The Hilltopper athletes tied or bested 20 personal records. Lemberg placed 7th.

**"We had a good weekend at both meets, several personal bests were achieved at Georgia Tech, and we had a good showing at Mount SAC."**

Head Coach  
**ERIK JENKINS**

Last week's Conference USA Men's Track Athlete of the Week Austin Hayes came in sixth in the 400 with a personal-best time of 47.55 seconds. Junior Kymari Gates finished eighth in the race with a time of 47.65 seconds. Hayes also finished eighth in the 200 dash with a time of 21.76 seconds.

Senior Eli Minor barely missed a personal record in the 100 dash, as he finished fourth with a time of 10.38 seconds. Junior Maor Seged placed sixth in the 400 hurdles, clocking a time of 52.06 seconds, while senior Jonathan Hayden finished tenth with a time of 53.12 seconds.

At the Georgia Tech Invitational, two Lady Toppers earned top marks in their

1-65 this weekend for the Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational in Louisville. WKU took home seven event titles at last year's Lenny Lyles/Clark Wood Invitational. Khadijah Valentine led the way with two of those titles in the 100 and 200 dashes, and Hayden won the 110 hurdles with a time of 14.30 seconds.

This will be WKU's last meet of the regular season, as the program does not have another meet scheduled until the C-USA Championships, which will begin May 10.

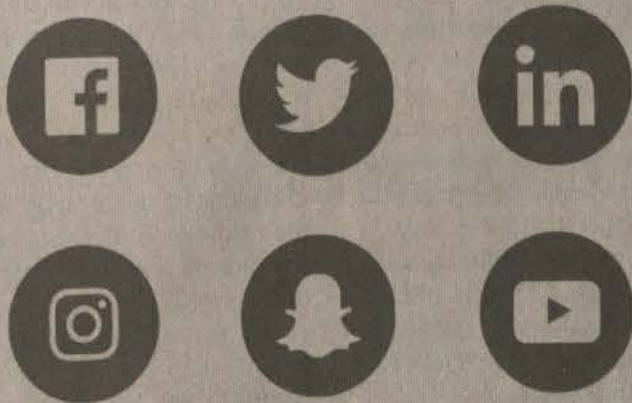
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# Hilltoppers take two of three in series against Marshall

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The WKU softball team claimed two of three games against conference foe Marshall to end a five game losing streak. The Hilltoppers split Saturday's doubleheader with the Thundering Herd but claimed the series with a win Sunday morning.

WKU trailed in each game of the series, overcoming a 6-0 deficit to win game one 8-6. The six-run comeback was the largest of the season for the Hilltoppers, and their eighth come-from-behind win of the year.

"I think we're kind of used to being behind," head coach Amy Tudor said. "It's a comfortable feeling versus getting ahead and learning how to handle a lead."

The story of game one came from the bat of senior shortstop Brittany Vaughn. Vaughn went 4 for 4 with four RBI and a pair of home runs, the second of which was a three-run home run to tie the game at six in the bottom of the fourth.

All six of Marshall's runs were scored in the second inning, with four of those coming on a grand slam from freshman first baseman Aly Harrell. WKU pitchers Shelby Nunn and Kelsey Aikey combined to shut out the Thundering Herd from that point on.

Game two of Saturday's doubleheader followed a similar script to game one, with Marshall jumping out to an early 5-0 lead following a three-run home run by Brianna Daiss with two outs in the bottom of the third.

"When you have a few innings that creep up on you, it's a maturity thing," Tudor said. "You have to be able to figure out how to get people out in different ways."

WKU would battle back and eventually tie the game at five on an RBI single by junior outfielder Jordan Vorbrink in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings. Marshall scored two runs in the top of the eighth to win the game 7-5.



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Redshirt senior Brittany Vaughn celebrates with the team during the the first game during the WKU vs. ECU doubleheader on April 11 at the Softball Complex. WKU defeated ECU 6-3 in the first game, but lost 8-4 in the second.

The rubber match of the series was played early Sunday morning after being pushed up for weather concerns. Nunn started on the mound for WKU and pitched a complete game, only allowing one run on two hits.

"I thought Nunn bounced back and was fantastic," Tudor said about Sunday's performance. "Her pitches were working today, and after she got past inning one, she was really on a roll and got in sync and fought through."

The one run Nunn allowed came off a bases-loaded walk in the top of the first to put the Hilltoppers in another come-from-behind situation. WKU tied the game on

a solo home run from freshman catcher Kendall Smith in the bottom of the fourth, her seventh of the season.

The score remained 1-1 until the bottom of the sixth, when sophomore infielder Morgan McElroy dropped a bunt that allowed junior infielder Rebekah Engelhardt to score on a throwing error. That put the Hilltoppers up 2-1. Freshman Maddie Bowlds hit a two-run single later in the inning to put WKU up 4-1.

"When the bottom of your lineup is hitting, it's fantastic," Tudor said. "Kendall tied up the game with the big home run, and Maddie got the two RBI. They stepped up, and I think they're getting lots of great

experience."

WKU moves to 26-20 overall on the season with the series win, and now finds itself even in Conference USA play at 9-9. The Hilltoppers will be back in action this weekend in Boca Raton, Florida, for a road conference series with Florida Atlantic.

"Every game is a dog fight," Tudor said. "We've got a gameplan, and we'll have to go put it into play. We'll be ready."

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# Hilltoppers get crucial Conference USA wins over UAB

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WKU baseball used timely offense and quality relief pitching to take two out of three games over Alabama-Birmingham.

day and then split a Saturday doubleheader with UAB, with all three games being held at Regions Field, home of the Double-A Birmingham Barons.

"They were never out of it," head coach John Pawlowski said in a post-game radio interview. "Certainly we put some big swings together when we needed and found a way to walk out of

In the first game of the series, the score was tied 2-2 after the first inning before both starting pitchers hit their groove. Senior pitcher Ryan Thurston went six innings, striking out five batters, and Blazers' starter Tanner Graham held the Hilltoppers to those two runs until the eighth inning.

In the top of the eighth, WKU got key hits from senior left fielder Colie Currie, sophomore infielder Ray Zuberer III and freshman right fielder Luke Brown to make the score 4-2. That chased Graham out of the game in favor of reliever Riley Davis.

Davis immediately gave up a RBI single to junior catcher Colin Butkiewicz, and the Hilltopper offense did not let up from there, scoring eight runs the inning.

In the bottom of the eighth, the Blazers scored two, along with another in the ninth, but were unable to catch the Hilltoppers who added three more runs in the ninth to get the 13-5 victory.

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, it looked to be a pitcher's duel between WKU senior starter Paul Kirkpatrick and UAB junior Tyler Gates until the fourth inning.

In the bottom of the fourth, UAB put up six straight hits to score five runs, forcing a Kirkpatrick exit. Senior reliever Conner Boyd came in to put an end to the inning. Neither team was able to score for the rest of the game, which ended 5-0 in favor of the Blazers.

In the second game of the double-

header and rubber game of the series, WKU got off to an early lead when junior infielder Nick Brunson tripled in Zuberer and Brown.

In the fourth inning, UAB was able to tie the game, and in the sixth, despite WKU scoring another two runs, the Blazers took a 5-4 lead. The score stayed that way until the ninth inning.

In the top of the ninth the Hilltoppers loaded the bases and tied the game on senior infielder Tyler Robertson's two-RBI sacrifice fly. WKU then got the winning two runs on a Butkiewicz triple, and added one more on a single by Brown before senior closer Ben Morrison came in to shut the door.

"You can't really script that," Pawlowski said in his radio interview. "We had a lot of adversity during the course of the day [Saturday]. You think back to, you know, we got shut out the first game and didn't swing it very well, and then to do what we did tonight, you know, on the road, in a conference game against a very good team, I'm just really proud of our guys."

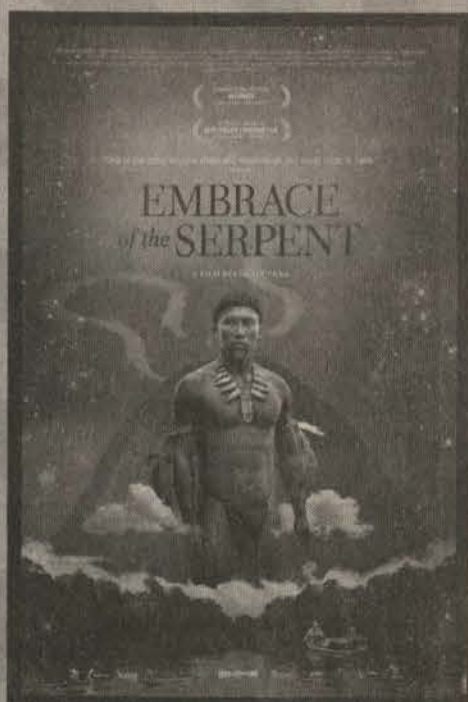
The series brings the Hilltoppers' record to 19-20 and their conference record to 9-9. WKU sits in sixth place in C-USA, and will play Tuesday at Louisville before coming home for a weekend series against Louisiana Tech.

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Redshirt senior infielder Tyler Robertson jumps to catch a throw as Marshall infielder Tucker Linder runs to first base during the first game in a double header against Marshall on April 13 at Nick Denes Field. WKU fell 6-5 in the first game, but won 6-2 in the second that day.