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## IS MOLD IN DORMS MAKING YOU SICK?

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Bowling Green freshman Adriana Qehaja never expected to fall into ill-

ness as a result of living in a WKU dorm. Within one week of moving into Bemis Lawrence Hall in June, the only on-campus housing option for students during WKU's summer break, Qehaja said she came down with strep throat.

She said her symptoms escalated to tonsillitis, a second strep throat diagnosis, severe headaches and flu-like symptoms which included a fever, sensitive eyes, muscle weakness, fatigue and shortness of breath. Qehaja said the diagnoses resulted in an emergen-

cy surgery to remove her tonsils over the summer.

When Qehaja returned to her dorm room two weeks before school started, she said she began having "unbear-

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# NUTS!



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Though never an official logo for WKU, the iconic white squirrel is featured on several items such as hats, coffee mugs, T-shirts and other merchandise.

## Delta Tau Delta returns to campus after four-year hiatus

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Delta Tau Delta fraternity has returned to WKU's campus after a four-and-a-half-year-long absence with the intention to build better men and improve the community, a chapter consultant said.

Ben Grothe, a chapter leadership consultant for Delta Tau Delta, said the chapter closed down in the spring of 2014 because of poor operations.

"There wasn't any major issue or any major event that caused them to close down," Grothe said. "Just over time, their management got worse and worse."

Grothe explained the chapter had poor recruitment and didn't set high expectations for their members, which resulted in poor goal-setting for the future and a lack of enthusiasm from members.

The general apathy in membership built up until Grothe said the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order and WKU determined they did not want the specific chapter to represent the fraternity anymore.

With the re-chartering at WKU Grothe said Delta Tau Delta has an opportunity to start from a clean slate and have a better system this year. Their focus is on building better men and improving the community.

To accomplish this, Grothe said Delta Tau Delta plans on teaching leadership, personal and professional skills while also getting involved in the community.

For about a week, Grothe said the fraternity has been going to student organizations and lets them know what kind of qualities they are looking for in members.

Grothe said they are trying to build a group that has high standards for their focus, and the organizations help them find those great men on campus.

"We have the opportunity of finding a lot of big leaders on campus by going to them, instead of them coming to us," Grothe said.

From the tabling outside DSU and recommendations from other organizations, Grothe said they had a great first week of recruiting. They signed 11 founding fathers, have 82 meetings set up for the next few days and received another 244 referrals they haven't yet

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## WKU limiting use of white squirrel logo

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In an effort to prioritize other university brands and citing brand consistency, WKU is in the process of removing white squirrel images from different areas of campus and the WKU Store.

Brad Wheeler, vice president of business services stated he instructed the WKU Store to remove white squirrel merchandise from the top of its advertising and lower the placement on shelves because it should not have "top billing" over Big Red or Red Towel merchandise.

"There is and will be only one Big Red," Wheeler said.

There are multiple departments and WKU-funded organizations that currently feature some version of the white squirrel, including the WKU Office of Sustainability, White Squirrel Weather Service, WKU Bookstore and the WKU English Department, who has named their unofficial mascot Cherry the White Squirrel.

The WKU Alumni Association also had a mascot costume of Wally the White Squirrel, but it was retired in the Spring of 2017, according to Alumni Association Director Anthony McAdoo.

McAdoo said the tradition did not take hold like the Alumni Association

thought it would and maintaining the costume became too problematic, and Wally was retired to "focus and maintain WKU's brands."

According to the WKU Communication and Branding Manual, all academic and administrative units can use the WKU logo exclusively, with the University Seal and logos from athletics (which include the Red Towel and



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A white squirrel jumps from tree to tree early one August morning.

Big Red) falling under restrictive use. While the white squirrel image was first seen around campus in 2013, there has never been any mention of it in the manual.

The white squirrel has never been any kind of official logo for WKU, according to Vice President of Public Affairs Robbin Taylor.

Referencing the English Department, Taylor said in an email that per-

mission was not granted to use Cherry the White Squirrel based on WKU's "long-standing policy and university guidelines for the proper use of WKU logos for university departments," as mentioned in the Communication and Branding Manual.

Director of Media Relations Bob Skipper said in an email that considering the image's widespread recognition around WKU, the Marketing Office is "exploring the possibility of creating an image of the white squirrel that is unique to WKU and that would be appropriately licensed for the University's use within a defined set of parameters."

Skipper said the Marketing and Communications office is still in the early stages of that process.

He clarified that should the white squirrel be added to be a part of the WKU brand, they would have to clearly denote that it would not be a mascot nor presented as one.

"Big Red is the nationally recognized mascot for WKU," Skipper said. "Big Red, the Red Towel and the WKU institutional logo are the best-known symbols associated with WKU."

In an interview, President Timothy Caboni said the challenge with the White Squirrel logo is the lack of a trademark.

"The white squirrel is an important

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# City passes grant application to revitalize riverfront

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A grant application to revitalize Bowling Green's riverfront area was passed unanimously on Sept. 4 at the city commission meeting.

Some students say if the grant is provided to the city, the outdoor area has potential.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program grant application for \$750,000 will be sent to the National Park Service. This project, if approved by the National Park Service, will take place on two plots of city-owned land across the Barren River from Mitch McConnell Park.

Brent Childers, director of neighborhoods and community service, discussed the grant application with the elected leaders present.

Childers said the application was something that was talked about two years ago but was not successful. Eligibility for the grant requires a population of at least 50,000. The United States Census Bureau reported that Bowling

Green had a city population of around 65,000 as of 2016.

"Our competitors are much larger cities," Childers said. "This year we want to produce the most competitive application we can. I stand before you tonight asking you to over match the grant. That's not something we've done in the past but reviewing the guidelines I became aware that if you just match at the guidelines [\$750,000] you get no points. You have to bring more match to the table."

Childers said in order to stay competitive, the municipal order is requesting that the city should pledge \$1.5 million of its own money, as a part of the \$750,000 grant.

Revitalizing the riverfront would include building a boat ramp, fishing platforms, bouldering facilities and a disc golf course. Childers said the project would continue over multiple years with different phases to "avoid issuing any debt."

"The goal is to change the minds, change the attitudes of how people see these roughly 60 acres of recreation

space," Childers said.

City Commissioner Brian "Slim" Nash voiced his approval for the grant application, saying those proposing the grant saw the area as "a diamond in the lump of coal."

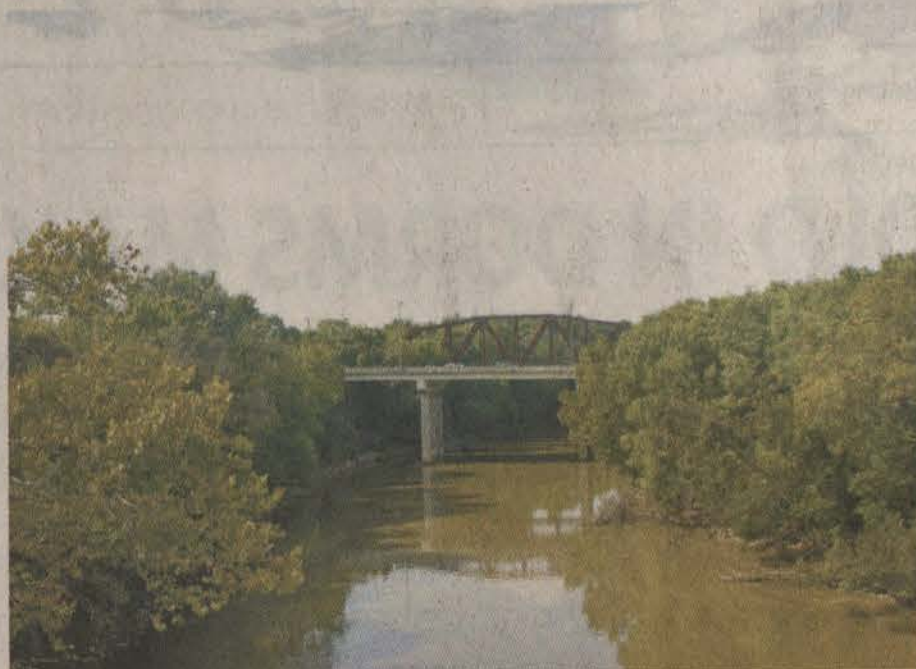
ation is a nonprofit organization dedicated began in 2010 as a means to "re-develop the area for alternative health, economic and recreation reasons."

"Our riverfront is an untapped resource for outdoor adventure recreation opportunities and this will be a huge step in making Bowling Green an adventure destination," Lewis said in an email. "We've been pleased with the progress so far...but we still have a ways to go."

Adam Watkins, a senior and staff member with the WKU Outdoor Recreation and Adventure Center said he was very excited to hear about the grant application.

"I've heard a few people in my classes talking about the [revitalization] and it sounded really cool, with the bouldering and fishing and everything else," Watkins said. "I think that when it's all finished it will be in a pretty good area. It's in a place that a lot of students will be able to visit and enjoy."

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The Bowling Green Riverfront Foundation is a non-profit organization that is working to create an outdoors center that will benefit families throughout Bowling Green. BROCC has many projects in the books to offer recreational activities for all ages. These projects include: Low Hollow Mountain Biking Trail, Bicycle Pump Track, Boulder Climbing Garden, Whitewater Boating Course and more.

**"The goal is to change the minds, attitudes of how people see these roughly 60 acres of recreation space"**

Director of neighborhoods & community service  
**BRENT CHILERS**

## WHITE SQUIRREL CONTINUED FROM FRONT

mark for the institution but it's not an official university mark, and because of that we need to work together to figure out how we make best use of that image," Caboni said.

Additionally, Caboni said different colleges and departments within the university need to use the same brand to have a consistent message which improves the institution.

"If you try to differentiate [departments] with message or with look

**"Big Red, the Red Towel and the WKU institutional logo are the best-known symbols associated with WKU."**

Director of Media relations  
**BOB SKIPPER**

effort," Caboni said.

Students around WKU's campus said they recognized the prevalence of the image, from posters to apparel.

Cleveland, Tennessee senior Zach Hensley said when he pictured WKU he thought of football and white squirrels.

"Those are everywhere," Hensley said.

Bowling Green sophomore Kelly Stone said she didn't personally own

any white squirrel merchandise but felt the image had become WKU's "second mascot."

"If we could make the white squirrel our logo, I'd be ready," Stone said.

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contacted.

Junior Eric Musselman said he thinks this fraternity has a lot going for it, and he would like to join.

"Delta Tau Delta has a very positive energy, and it seems like they really have their heads on straight this year," Musselman said. "It seems like they could really push me and turn me into a more successful person, so I'd like to try and join."

Garrett Evans, an active member of

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity said he does not have enough information on Delta Tau Delta to determine if they are ready to be back or not.

"I don't really know a lot about the chapter," Evans said, "but I do know that they must have a good reputation so far because I see a lot of men signing up for recruitment at their booth in front of DSU all the time. I feel like they probably have a lot to add to Greek life at WKU because of their presence."

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**MOLD**  
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able and throbbing" headaches. She said the pain left her unable to stand up on certain days and prevented her from going through sorority recruitment and other fall activities.

"This has completely changed my life," Qehaja said.

During the summer, Qehaja said she thought her illnesses were due to a weak immune system. However, soon after the fall semester started, she discovered mold growing in her dorm's HVAC unit.

In response to the problem, WKU officials are going to take steps to check for and remove any mold in residence halls.

"We are committed to providing a high quality living experience for all of our student residents," said Brian Kuster, vice president for Enrollment and Student Experience, in the statement. "We are taking swift action and a comprehensive approach in addressing these issues."

According to the Center for Disease Control, health effects can vary when someone is exposed to mold and damp or moldy environments, including nasal stuffiness, coughing or wheezing and throat, eye and skin irritation.

When she realized she had mold in her HVAC unit, Qehaja contacted her resident assistant, who told Qehaja that she put in two maintenance requests to have the unit cleaned. Qehaja also submitted a maintenance request herself through InSite Maintenance Connection on the Housing & Residence Life website.

Qehaja's resident assistant declined to comment or confirm the submitted requests.

Despite the requests and almost a month of waiting, Qehaja said nothing was done to fix the mold. After contacting her doctor, she was recommended to move out of the room.

"I just want to live in a clean environment," Qehaja said.

To move out of a room, a student may request special accommodations for medical, psychological or other "unique and unusual" reasons. A student must provide documentation like a doctor's note in order for a request to be considered and approved, according to Housing and Residence Life's Required Housing Policy.

On Sept. 11, Qehaja took a video of the mold inside her HVAC unit and posted the video to Twitter. In the tweet, she tagged WKU and President Timothy Caboni with the hashtag #bemislawrencehall.

In response to her tweet, WKU Housing asked Qehaja to submit a maintenance request to resolve the issue.



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A sample of mold sits in Adriana Qehaja's dorm room after she gathered it from the HVAC unit in her room. Qehaja says she has kept the mold as evidence after maintenance came to replace her dorm room's unit. Qehaja moved into Bemis Lawrence Hall in June and shortly after became sick with severe headaches, flu-like symptoms, tonsillitis and multiple diagnoses of strep throat, which she attributes to the mold. "I just want to live in a clean environment," Qehaja said.

Qehaja informed Housing about her RA's previously submitted requests, to which Housing said it would contact Pam West, director of facilities for Housing and Residence Life.

Qehaja said she was never contacted by West or anyone from Housing and Residence Life. West was not available for comment.

After the video was posted, Caboni privately messaged Qehaja on Twitter about the issue, asking her for her full name and dorm room number. Qehaja received a new HVAC unit for her room.

When a maintenance worker removed the inside of the old unit, Qehaja stopped to record the unit, which was coated in mold.

"That was what I've been living with since June," Qehaja said.

Living on the same floor in Bemis, Fulton freshman Jenise Ware said she and her roommate found mold in their HVAC unit during MASTER Plan.

Ware said she started experiencing flu-like symptoms, including a runny nose and a tight feeling in her chest, after she moved into her room. Her doctor told her to check for mold in the room, and she said she found what looked

like black mold in her HVAC unit. She submitted a maintenance request, and maintenance cleaned the mold before the semester started.

Ware said she feels like the university is not concerned about potential mold in Bemis, Pearce-Ford Tower and other residence halls. She said she saw Qehaja's video of the mold in her HVAC unit

circulate on Twitter, and she thinks students should not have to voice their concerns over Twitter to get health issues addressed. "It should have been checked before I moved in," Ware said. The majority of reports of mold in residence hall HVAC units have been issued from Bemis and PFT, according to InSite's "Service Request Status" database.

Bemis was built in 1966 and renovated in 2003, and PFT was built in 1970 and renovated in 2009. Bemis and Barnes-Campbell Hall are scheduled to close in fall 2021 and be torn down for the creation of new pod-style housing, according to Housing and Residence Life.

Qehaja received a doctor's note to switch rooms, and she said she has been approved to move to Hilltopper Hall. However, she said she is still expected to pay the difference in costs between living in the two residence halls. Hilltopper Hall costs \$2,807 per year, while Bemis Lawrence Hall costs \$2,245 per year—a difference

of \$562. In total, Qehaja said she paid \$14,000 in medical fees with insurance from her time in Bemis.

Qehaja went to the Housing and Residence Life office, where she said she spoke to Lana Kunkel, associate director of housing operations, about her

issue. Qehaja said Kunkel told her she could be moved to PFT or Douglas Keen Hall. Qehaja said she did not consider this an improvement, due to rumors of mold in both halls.

Neither Kunkel nor Mike Reagle, the director of Housing and Residence Life, responded to phone calls from Herald reporters despite multiple attempts for comment. Natalie Smith, Bemis Lawrence hall director, declined to comment.

In a statement from the WKU administration to the Herald, WKU said it "has mounted an aggressive effort in three residence halls following isolated reports of the presence of mold in or around air handling units."

In the statement, WKU Director of Environmental Health & Safety David Oliver said personnel in Environmental Health & Safety have identified what appears to be "common moisture-driven mold," likely worsened because of extended periods of increased humidity and equipment failures within the facilities.

Oliver said he and the department did not find evidence of a systemic problem, but they want to act quickly "to remediate any existing issues and do everything we can to prevent recurrences."

"Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to be proactive, we are deploying all available resources to go room by room, floor by floor, beginning with Bemis-Lawrence Hall, to remove and remediate mold from

these facilities," President Timothy Caboni said in WKU's statement. "We also will bring in whatever resources are necessary to replace and repair air handling equipment to reduce the likelihood of recurrence."

According to WKU's statement, crews started working Thursday to clean air handling units and surfaces throughout Bemis Lawrence Hall and will continue working through the weekend. All rooms and public spaces in Barnes-Campbell Hall and PFT will also be treated.

In addition to the air units in individual rooms, crews will inspect all building ventilation systems and make any necessary repairs to ensure that all systems are functioning properly, according to WKU's statement.

According to WKU, students may report any maintenance request or concern by calling 270-745-3143.

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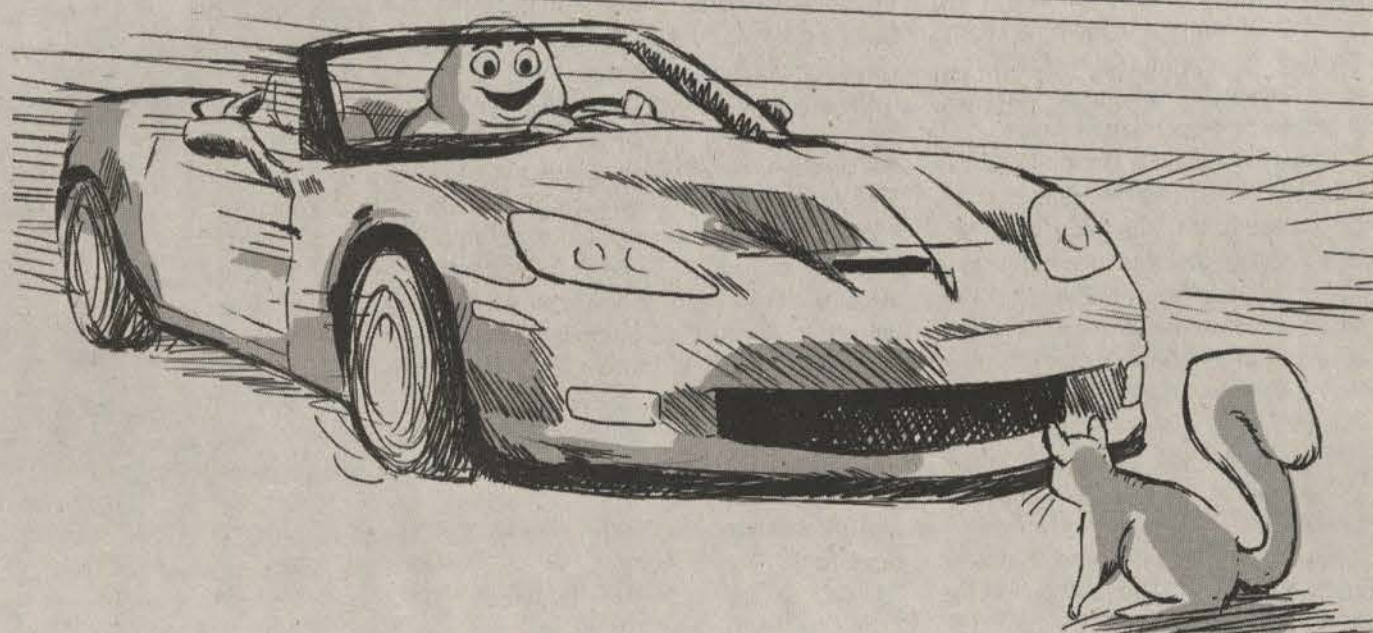
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The white squirrel phenomenon has long perplexed visitors and residents in Bowling Green.

We've all heard the grand conspiracies about the critters: weird chemistry and physics experiments, a mishap in a massive art project and—the favorite of these explanations—genetic modification on gray squirrels, resulting in white fur.

But the fact is there isn't a clear-cut explanation for the white squirrel.

White squirrels have been around for decades, and their legacy has spawned merchandise, mascots and an aptly-named brewery. They're not albino. They're not a product of strange science. They're just a small glitch in the matrix that WKU has adopted as a proud mascot and logo for the town.

And now the white squirrel seems to

be on the way out.

In an effort to increase brand consistency, the university is working to remove white squirrel imagery from areas around campus. Big Red and Red Towel merchandise and logos will continue to be the primary images of the WKU brand.

Those images have tradition on their side, and there is no doubt that Big Red is an icon to many students and alumni. But the white squirrel provides something different, something arguably important to the university: it celebrates the odd and virtually unexplainable.

Brandenburg sophomore Taylor Cucino remembers hearing about white squirrels from a tour guide during her first visit to WKU.

"It gave the university a quirk, and it stood out to me," Cucino said.

White squirrels are likely the product of some adaptive abnormality in the squirrels' history that somehow stood the test of time.

There is some kind of pride in the fact

that we have these creatures roaming campus, striking attention and evoking a bit of shock from people. There is something to be said for a community or university that embraces its random quirks so proudly that it turns them into a marketing device.

The white squirrel is used as a branding technique by the WKU Office of Sustainability, White Squirrel Weather, the WKU Bookstore and the WKU English Department. Let that brand be unique to them!

White squirrels can be part of the WKU brand without necessarily taking away from the traditional images it has used. The white squirrel could represent something from a new era—an era that demands we take pride in the strange and somewhat difficult to understand. Let it be an object of intrigue and logo! Let it be a conversation starter about how WKU stands apart from other universities. Let the brand include the weird that students know and love.

## COMMENTARY

## Worst day ever: The day we lost Mac Miller

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Mac Miller, born Malcolm James McCormick, was found dead inside his home in San Fernando Valley, California, of an apparent overdose on Sept. 7. The Philadelphia rapper, producer and singer was 26. Seeing how the world has reacted in the week since his passing has me asking the question: how do people mourn?

In remembrance of the young artist, various celebrities and artists have expressed their sorrow and shared their stories from working, touring and being in the presence of Miller, who fellow rapper J. Cole remembered as "a great soul."

Last Thursday, at the open mic poetry night held in Cherry Hall, I began my time on stage with a short moment of silence and a poem commemorating the artist. There is no correct way to mourn.

Whether you're listening to his music, reading about his life, sharing his message, or just taking a moment to reflect on the impact of his life provides some closure.

According to Rolling Stone, Childish Gambino dedicated his song "Riot" to Miller at his concert in Chicago the day following his death. He prefaced this by asking the audience to put their phones away, saying, "My heart was broken... and I, like, feel good about being sad because it tells that he was special—that I had a special moment." Childish Gambino reminded the audience what is really important: honoring the legacy that Mac Miller left seemingly unfinished.

Miller created an extensive and diverse discography—having produced five studio albums as well as numerous EP's, mixtapes, collaborations and other projects. His fluid beats and introspective rhyme schemes on his final album, "Swimming," were one of many innovative steps taken by the artist.

In a 2016 Fader documentary called "Stopped Making Excuses," Mac admitted his music is heavily influenced by drugs and openly discussed the ways it has affected his life and creativity. But he suggested he hadn't recently let it become a problem the way it had been in years past.

"Overdosing is just not cool. There's no legendary romance," he said in the true documentary. "You don't go down in history because you overdosed. You just die."

The artist's morbid words are tragically ironic, but hopefully his fans' and friends' mourning will show that the opposite is true.

College-aged students grew up listening to Miller, and many lost one of their favorite artists when he died.

"It breaks my heart that a legend like Mac Miller left us under such tragic circumstances. Nonetheless, I'm sure his legend will live on," WKU junior Christina Libigal said.

"As far as impact on my life, this last album really hit home dealing with this addiction I've had to overcome," sophomore David Hayden said. "When he said, 'I was drowning, but now I'm swimming,' I really felt that."

A few days after the news broke, his hometown of Philadelphia held a vigil in remembrance of his life and influence at the famous Blue Slide Park, referenced as the title of his debut album. Thousands of mourning fans—including Miller's grandmother—gathered to listen to his music, be with the community, and mourn the untimely end of a local legacy. The energy was somber, but that didn't stop a group of fans from gathering around some turntables and freestyle rapping on the park's benches.

Wielding lighters and phone lights, everyone convened in the center of the park to hold a moment of silence—every one of them mourning differently and beautifully.

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- Who is known as the Father of English poetry?  
(a) William Shakespeare (b) John Keats (c) Geoffrey Chaucer
- Where is badminton the national sport?  
(a) Malaysia (b) Scotland (c) Philippines
- How many languages and dialects are spoken by people all around the world?  
(a) 9,300 (b) 5,600 (c) 11,100
- What actress was voted Miss Burbank in 1948?  
(a) Lana Turner (b) Debbie Reynolds (c) Elizabeth Taylor
- For how many people was Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose built to carry?  
(a) 950 (b) 500 (c) 750
- In which country did snooker originate?  
(a) Wales (b) India (c) Germany
- As of 2014, what is America's most popular spectator sport?  
(a) Auto racing (b) Football (c) Soccer
- What king founded the Church of England?  
(a) Richard III (b) James I (c) Henry VIII
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(a) 1967 (b) 1958 (c) 1961

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**Across**

- Harvest
- Uncovers
- Talk effusively
- A celebrity may have one
- Yemeni's neighbor
- Northern capital
- Savannas
- Saltimbocca ingredient
- Kind of story
- Dry run
- Chock
- Time pieces
- Rude person
- River in England and Wales
- Summer quencher
- Certain exams
- Tartan
- "I'm impressed!"
- Cleopatra backdrop
- Gregorian follower
- Mouselike animal
- Curling surface
- School affairs
- Backpacker
- California island resort
- Time out
- Garage job
- Fencing material
- Shore dinner entree
- Vagabond
- Sailor
- Old 45 player
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- Dr. Pavlov
- Competitor

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- Off-color
- Galba's predecessor
- Correct, as text
- Lady bighorns
- Smelting waste
- Duffer's target
- Asterope and Pollux, e.g.
- Timber
- Expunge
- Legumes
- Skip over
- Kind of boom
- Susan Lucci's Emmy role
- Manservant
- Guanaco's cousin
- Came to
- Handouts
- They hold water
- Call
- Baby holder
- Bad habit, so to speak
- In addition
- Biblical king
- White rat, e.g.
- Like Playboy cartoons
- John Lennon hit
- Goatee's locale
- Bank of Paris
- From a distance
- Queen's residence
- Nibble away
- \_\_\_ in a blue moon
- Bengal and Biscay, e.g.
- Before amble or cede
- Cup part
- Refinable rock

**Down**

- Teases
- Continental currency
- Speedy steed
- \_\_\_ de deux
- Second wife of Henry VIII
- Accumulate
- Bluster
- Football lineman
- Bro's counterpart
- Rule
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**Last Weeks Solution (8/11)**

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Local dance students perform a traditional Mexican dance at BG Fiestaval in Bowling Green to celebrate the eve of Mexico's Independence Day on Saturday.

# FIESTAVAL

## A big day in Little Mexico



MICHELLE HANKS • HERALD

Dannah Martinez, 5, poses for a portrait during the BG Fiestaval on Saturday. Martinez also performed for the Cinco de Mayo event in May.

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Latino music could be heard playing loudly on Clay Street this weekend as the BG Fiestaval went on to celebrate Mexican Independence Day. The event was put on by Regional Alliance of Students and Professionals (RASP) and hosted by La Luz del Mundo, a church in Bowling Green. The goal of the festival was to showcase the Latino community to the greater area of Bowling Green.



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Jorge Munoz orders two Jarritos from the drink stand during the BG Fiestaval on Saturday. The festival offered a variety of authentic Mexican food and drink stands for people to enjoy.



IVY CABELLO • HERALD

A boy collects popped balloons at a game station at BG Fiestaval in Bowling Green, Kentucky on Saturday.



## LIFE



TYGER WILLIAMS • HERALD

Houston Edison attended WKU in 1986 and is currently employed by Sodexo, part of WKU Facilities Management. Along with being a custodian, Edison is also a minister at his local church Next Level.

# 'NOTHING BUT LOVE'

## Custodian shares his WKU story of faith and friendship

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Houston Edison seems to always create a happy environment on the Hill. Often smiling and giving out high fives and encouraging words, Edison is no stranger at WKU.

Edison attended WKU in 1986. While on the Hill, he received his degree in elementary education.

Edison is employed by Sodexo, part of WKU Facilities Management. Before being hired, he worked for 34 years with Wearhouse Corporation, which is now "International Paper Company."

Edison's daily responsibilities as a custodian include cleaning the windows of all entrances to Downing Student Union and assisting with power cleaning the floors.

"While doing that, I worked my way through Western," Edison said. "Whether it had been subbing or volunteering, my love for Western never

left."

Edison said he had to pay for his education by himself, but that didn't stop him from attending WKU.

While he was an undergraduate student, Edison said he made sure he created lifelong friends he still remains in contact with today. Throughout the years, Edison has made a connection with many people at WKU.

"I love people," Edison said. "From the student body to the professors and even Big Red, it's nothing but love."

Edison said his decision to stay in Bowling Green was based on how he felt about WKU. Edison said he feels that WKU gave him the opportunity to learn, so he wanted to give back to the university. He said his main goal is to leave a legacy on campus.

"It's not about the money, it's about the loyalty," he said.

He built a relationship with both former WKU President Gary Ransdell and current President Timothy Caboni. Edison said he made sure each understood his role on campus — one

he considers more important than that of an average custodian.

Senior Christopher Wilborn, president of Building Men of Worth, said Edison played a small role in his life since he began his time at WKU.

"Every time I walk into DSU, he is there greeting everyone he sees with a smile," Wilborn said.

Wilborn said he believes Edison has never met a stranger.

"When I first had an interaction with him he spoke highly of his faith. That's what stood out to me," Wilborn said.

Senior Mason Dunston said more custodians should have the same attitude as Edison.

"I recall walking with my head down in DSU, and I said a simple 'Hey,' and he asked me about my day, and I stopped where I was going and told him what was going on throughout my day," Dunston said.

Edison is also a minister for a local church called Next Level.

"My faith is very important to me," Edison said. "From teaching Sunday

school since 12 years old, I knew my faith was bigger than I can imagine. Whether it's being involved with the church, studying and understanding the word, I try to utilize the words to apply it to other people's lives."

As a custodian, Edison said he believes sometimes people try to disrespect and avoid him.

"There are days where I might not feel at my best, but I leave the negative energy at my house," Edison said. "When I step foot into my work, I try to smile and keep positive energy, because life is too short."

Edison said he wants people to shine their light, despite what the situation might be.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Edison said. "It's not about us, but about God."

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## Spikeball gains popularity at WKU

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The popularity of roundnet has soared in recent years, and if a group of passionate WKU students have their way, the sport's footprint on college campuses will only continue to expand.

Roundnet involves two teams of two serving a ball onto a trampoline-like net and trying to stop their opponents from returning it within three hits. According to Forbes, the sport, which is based on an obscure outdoor playset from the 1980s, was pioneered by businessman Chris Ruder.

Spikeball, which Ruder founded in 2008, sells the equipment necessary to play roundnet. The brand's name has become so synonymous with roundnet that the two terms are often used interchangeably, which has put Spikeball at risk of becoming a genericized trademark.

Jackson Stanek, a senior majoring in entrepreneurship, came to WKU in 2015 with an unopened Spikeball set in the trunk of his car. After Stanek convinced his friends to try it with him, the group was hooked. Stanek said his increasing interest in the game led him

online, where he discovered that people played roundnet competitively.

"I happened to join a Facebook group for college Spikeball players," Stanek said. "I had little to no intention of doing much with it, I was just curious. Then one day I saw that there was going to be a college tournament in Georgia. I told my roommates, and we decided to go."

**"We had no clue how good we were or how bad we were."**

Austin Stacy, a junior majoring in biology and chemistry, traveled with Stanek to compete in the tournament. Stacy and Stanek went to the same high school in northern Kentucky, and Stacy said they bonded over roundnet once he came to WKU in 2016. The duo is also linked by their involvement in Young Life, a nondenominational Christian ministry.

Stacy and Stanek live with eight other

Young Life leaders. Though a majority of the house's inhabitants have competed in tournaments since the one in Athens, Georgia, Stanek has particularly fond memories of the group's first tournament.

"We had no clue how good we were or how bad we were," Stanek said. "We realized we weren't as bad as we thought, but some teams there were beating us

pretty bad. It was a really humbling experience that made us all want to get better."

Stanek said since his initial foray into competition, he and a varying number of companions have traveled to about four tournaments each semester. By the spring of 2017, around eight competitors from WKU were regularly trav-

WKU senior  
JACKSON STANEK

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## Mother and daughter run local bakery

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With the jingle of door bells as you enter Little Fox Bakery on East Main Avenue comes the sweet smell of freshly baked pastries mixed with the savory smell of coffee. The naturally lit space features art pieces including hanging woven pieces and a brightly colored portrait of Mr. Rogers, bringing an eclectic feel to the shop.

A variety of areas with individual and group seating fill the majority of the space, forming around the brightly lit display case filled with colorful sweets.

The term "mom and pop business" takes on a new twist with Little Fox Bakery, a business run by a mother and her daughter.

Diane Taylor and her daughter Alison Taylor opened the bakery three months ago after years of planning.

"When we bought the space, it was

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eling to tournaments. Stanek said the growing number of people interested in the sport prompted him to establish Spikeball as a club sport at WKU.

"Spikeball has really been pushing every college group of guys to make their clubs official with their schools," Stanek said.

Stanek said he had a meeting with a graduate student who said they couldn't get any funding for at least one semester and had to first prove they could sustain the team. So, the group continued traveling to tournaments on their own.

College roundnet is separated into divisions called sectionals, and WKU's club, Western Kentucky Roundnet, plays in what Stanek has dubbed "the best section in college." The top two teams from WKU's section went to College Nationals last season, but WKU still managed to place third. Stanek said the club's on-the-field success caused administrators to take notice.

Two senior coordinators came to watch a small tournament the team hosted last spring, and Stanek said they were impressed.

"They noticed how well organized we were, and after that they told us we'd be guaranteed to be an official club sport starting this semester," he said.

Western Kentucky Roundnet has around 14 members that routinely compete in tournaments, as well as around 15 consistent members who only play for fun. The team also maintains a GroupMe with around 60 members so people can meet up and play together.

Stacy said roundnet becoming an official club sport has allowed it to become more popular at WKU.

"People come up and ask us, 'Hey, what is this?' while we're playing," he said. "Questions like that are a great chance for

Stanek said that while WKU had hosted numerous intramural tournaments in the past, Bowling Green had never been the site of an official College Spikeball tournament. Stanek made it his mission to change that this semester.



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Austin Montgomery, 20, center, WKU, is playing in a individuals tournament with his teammate Austin Stacy, 20, back center, against UTC players Blake Davis, 20, left, and Coleman Epperson, 19, right, for the title of third place. Montgomery and Stacy end up losing and placing 4th.

us to introduce them to the sport and add them to our community. The first week of classes this semester we noticed a group of freshman guys playing Spikeball, and we got the chance to talk with them. Now, they are a part of our club."

On Sept. 15, Western Kentucky Roundnet hosted the WKU College Tourney. Twenty-one teams of two players traveled to Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sports Complex to participate in the event, including squads from the University of Tennessee at Chat-

tanooga and Asbury University. Around 10 spectators also gathered along the fence to cheer on their respective teams.

Nine Spikeball nets were spread out on an open field so that each match-up had plenty of room to maneuver. Each of the 21 teams were split into three groups of seven during pool play, which led off the day's festivities. Pool play decided the seeding for bracket play, which was the tournament's second section. The last part of the event was the official college tournament portion.

David Gonzales, a graduate student from Valdosta, Georgia, was one of the 42 participants in the event. Gonzales, who attends the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, said he and numerous roundnet players from his school came to WKU to encourage their friends.

"The roundnet club here is a bunch of cool guys, so we became friends," Gonzales said. "As ambassadors and people who love the sport, we want to see it growing everywhere, even if it's Bowling Green, Kentucky."

According to the Spikeball website, there are now "more than 4 million" roundnet players across the globe. As the game's profile continues to rise, Stanek said Western Kentucky Roundnet plans to continue playing and expanding the sport they love.

"This is a growing sport that is really easy for anyone to play," Stanek said. "You can play non-competitively and have a bunch of fun, or play super competitively and still have a lot of fun. It's for everyone."

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completely gutted," Diane said. "We had to start from the ground up and put in everything."

The mother-daughter duo, who can now laugh about the experience, said it was a draining process that took longer than expected. The end product, however, is all they hoped for.

Together with their employee, Tori Trujillo, they have opened their doors and started to make a name for themselves.

Diane said she and her daughter want to continue updating the space, specifically by adding more artwork by local artists.

Diane, who used to own a small business selling artisan works, enjoys finding new artists to support and promote within the shop.

According to its Facebook page, Little Fox Bakery's goal is "providing high quality baked goods with a modern take on traditional items."

Alison, baker and co-owner, said she hopes to put out quality items, both classics and new creations.

Alison began baking in her teens and eventually began working at The Bistro, where she got to experiment more with dessert menus.

However, it wasn't until she became the baker at Spencer's Coffee that she really got to explore the types of flavor creations she could make.

"Flavor pairings and sort of weird flavor combinations are my favorite thing," Alison said. "You see that a lot in fine dining, another thing I love, but not really in sweets. And why can't you have combinations like that in a dessert like a cake or pastry?"

Alison embarked on a flavorful journey to create unique sweets.

"I really like sweet and spicy combinations, like mango and habanero," Alison said. "But I've also been dipping more into the savory flavors recently. We did a roasted red pepper cupcake not too long ago and a summer corn cupcake with buttermilk frosting."

Among other unique flavors, Little Fox has offered matcha tea cookies, Mexican hot chocolate cupcakes, and yellow squash cupcakes with honey nutmeg buttercream frosting.

The co-owners hope this will encourage patrons to try new things and step out of

their comfort zones, even just for a bite of a cupcake.

"We invite customers to try our unique combinations, even if it's something they normally wouldn't," Alison said. "If you don't like it, that's fine, just pick something else out."

Diane promised they "won't penalize you for trying something new."

In an effort to appeal to a wider range customers, they have added items for those with dietary restrictions.

"We will always have at least one vegan item in the case everyday," Diane said.

They also began "Wheatless Wednesdays," which take place every other Wednesday and offer wheatless and gluten-free items, such as pumpkin ice cream cake.

Additionally, Diane said they can make any vegan or gluten-free item for special orders and have already seen a positive response to these efforts.

"We want everyone that is vegan, including the students and professors and staff, to know that they can come down to the bakery and find something they can eat every day," Diane said.

They said they also want to move towards having a wheatless or gluten-free item every day, if the demand grows.

The owners also hope to welcome students by providing plenty of study spaces and areas where groups can meet. They even strategically placed outlets near all seating areas in order to accommodate student needs.

"We want students to feel comfortable coming in and studying for however long they need. The space is here for them to use," said Diane.

Alison said she's had people come in with coffee from Spencer's, grab a cupcake or donut from Little Fox, and get to work.

"If you want to, bring your coffee from Spencer's, we know that it's good coffee," Alison said. "I like seeing that, get a really nice coffee there and then a really nice cupcake here. You're not limited to one place's selection."

The co-owners hope that students will find good food, good wifi and plenty of comfort in Little Fox, making the perfectly sweet (and sometimes a little spicy) study spot.

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Alison Taylor, 27, owner of Little Fox Bakery, opened up her bakery that she has been planning for years about three months ago located on East Main ave. Taylor features different varieties of baked goods including cookies, macarons, homemade oreos, homemade poparts, and her specialty in cupcakes which come in many unique flavors. Taylor plans on updating the bakery space by adding artwork by local artists and experimenting on creating more unique sweets.



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Taylor, 27, comes into the bakery at 8:00 a.m. every morning to prep food for the day. The baked goods are available based on demand. Taylor always includes one vegan option daily, and the recipes change on a regular basis.

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Freshman Quarterback Davis Shanley, gets ready to pass the ball during WKU's football game against Louisville, on Saturday. WKU lost the game 20-17 only a week after their loss to Maine.

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"I'm not going to take anything from Steve, from Drew, or anything at this point," Shanley said. "The job is always open. Anything can happen."

The Hilltoppers lost their momentum as the game progressed, falling into the same pattern as they did in the loss to Maine, with five straight drives coming up scoreless. In addition, WKU was snakebit by penalties, committing eight, for a total loss of 69 yards.

WKU also had to take on two quarterbacks on the defensive side, as Louisville starter Jawon Pass was pulled in favor of Malik Cunningham after the first quarter. Cunningham ended up being the spark that Louisville needed, going 10-of-18 for 88 yards and rushing for 129 yards on 21 attempts.

"He's obviously a different quarterback. He's more mobile," red-shirt junior defensive back Ta'Corian Darden said of Cunningham.

Darden also said, "On the back end, once the wide receiver runs the deep route, he's going to run around, so you've got to plaster [him] and on the front end we've got to get the quarterback down."

Sanford said despite being disappointed by the loss, he felt as if the team was getting close to pulling it together for a complete game win going in to next week's game at Ball State.

"I think our team is a lot better than everyone else thinks we are," Sanford said. "We gotta show it."

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In the 73rd minute of the match, Engle made history. She became the first WKU female student-athlete to play both volleyball and soccer. She was only the second in Conference USA history to do so.

For Engle, making history involved going from master to student. WKU volleyball fans knew Engle well before her soccer debut as a star for the Lady Toppers on the court. She was a three-time Second-Team All-C-USA honoree and finished her career 10th all-time on WKU's sets and matches played lists. She was also a part of a WKU senior class that won four straight C-USA Championships.

Quickly though, Engle has learned that her background in volleyball might be her greatest tool in helping her learn the game of soccer.

"I understand when they start telling me things in volleyball terms," Engle said. "I don't know soccer terms, so when they start to translate it to volleyball, I can apply it more. For the most part, a lot of what I did

in volleyball translates to goalkeeping."

Those parallels are what led to Neidell contacting volleyball coach Travis Hudson about any former volleyball players that may be able to come in and help the team. For Hudson, the decision to suggest Engle was an easy one.

"She's a fantastic kid that looks the part," Hudson said. "I know she's incredibly coachable, so I thought if

they saw something in her to think it was possible, then she'd be a kid that would get better for them because of how hard she works. If there's any soccer ability in there at all, she's the one that you want."

As excited as Hudson was about presenting the idea to Engle, she said she was initially much less receptive to the thought of learning a completely different sport and fitting

it into her schedule. Engle said she was happy to help if it didn't take up too much of her time. Hudson said he eased her into it.

Engle is now two weeks into her goalkeeper training. For her, the adjustment has gone beyond just switching sports as she gets acclimated to a new group of teammates.

"I knew some of the soccer team coming into it, and they made it easier to ease into the ones that I didn't

But that hasn't kept him from continuing to watch and support Engle as she continues her new path.

"It's just fun to watch her do this," Hudson said. "I told her yesterday that I'm going to sneak out and watch her practice soon, and if I don't like what she's doing, I might yell at her from the stands. She'll probably have a big smile on her face if I do."

When Hudson contacted Engle about joining the team, she did so because she wanted to do what she could to help them. Looking back on that moment, Engle said she now knows that this experience has begun to return the favor.

Engle said that being with teammates—albeit new ones—in a team environment has made her feel a lot more comfortable. She also said it's made it easier to not be on the volleyball team anymore.

"At this point," Engle said, "they've probably done more for me than I've done for them."

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**"At this point, they've probably done more for me than I've done for them."**

Goalkeeper  
SYDNEY ENGLE

know," Engle said. "They were my gateway into the team, and I'm glad I'm back on a team."

That feeling of being back on a team, combined with her natural competitiveness, is what has propelled her to pursue doing whatever she can to help the team.

With the volleyball season well underway, Hudson has his focus set on coaching his team of Lady Toppers.

**Lady Toppers win tournament despite rare home loss**

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One of the rarest occurrences in WKU athletics happened Friday as WKU volleyball had its 28-match home winning streak broken.

The 28-match streak was the longest active home win streak in the country. No. 22 Washington State snapped the streak Saturday in four sets. The Lady Toppers still won the weekend tournament because they had the best set record percentage among three teams that finished 2-1 for the weekend.

Junior Sophia Cerino received her first All-Tournament Team nod while

25-18, 15-9).

Freshman Payton Frederick had a career-best 20 digs against the Huskies in her first start at libero, while junior Emma Kowalkowski and sophomore Hallie Shelton finished in double digits as well. Three Lady Toppers finished with double-digit kills, including Cerino, Anderson and freshman Katie Isenbarger.

The Lady Toppers began the weekend on Friday with a sweep against East Tennessee State, 3-0 (25-19, 25-23, 25-22). Anderson and sophomore Kayland Jackson led WKU with 10 kills apiece. Anderson now owns 10 double-digit kill outings this season.

Kowalkowski led the team with eight digs as redshirt freshman Taylor Bebout finished with 24 assists and seven digs in the match.

Against WSU in the second match of the day, the Lady Toppers were unable to hold on to an early 1-0 set lead as the Cougars came out on top in four, winning 3-1 (22-25, 25-17, 25-14, 25-23). Tied at 23 in the fourth set, WKU was unable to force a fifth set. All but one of WKU's defeats this year have come from opponents who have been ranked or received votes in the poll.

Head coach Travis Hudson said the team surrendered too many points to a quality team.

"They're the biggest team in college volleyball," Hudson said. "We were what we've been. We had stretches where we played well, we had stretches where we didn't."

Anderson and Cerino led WKU in kills in the match with 15 and 11 respectively. Sophomore Darby Music led the team in digs for the first time this year with 11. The loss ended the nation's longest home-winning streak at 28 straight victories.

The Lady Toppers will face Cincinnati at home at 6 p.m. on Tuesday before conference play begins with Middle Tennessee and Charlotte coming to the Hill over the weekend.

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Middle hitter and senior Rachel Anderson (4) spikes the ball over the net past ETSU for one of her 10 kills at Diddle Arena September 14 in Bowling Green. Anderson had 10 kills and 4 blocks for the Lady Toppers in a 3-0 win against the Bucs.

**"I thought everybody played well, and I'm so proud that we were able to pull it out."**

Junior  
SOPHIA CERINO

being name MVP as well. Cerino finished the final match of the weekend on Saturday, Sept. 15, against Northern Illinois with a career-high 19 kills.

"I've worked hard every day and the team has been awesome," Cerino said. "We all push each other to get better every single day and I feel like this is possible because of them. I'm so proud of everybody, and I thought everybody played well, and I'm so proud that we were able to pull it out."

Cerino is second on the team in kills this year and leads the team in aces as the Lady Toppers head into conference play.

WKU had to climb out of a 2-1 set deficit in its final match of the weekend against Northern Illinois to claim the tournament title. The Lady Toppers took the final match of the weekend 3-2 (25-19, 17-25, 22-25,

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# DUAL THREAT



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Former WKU volleyball player Sydney Engle joined the WKU soccer team as a backup goalkeeper this season after playing four years on the volleyball team. She's the first player in program history to compete for both the soccer team and the volleyball team.

## Sydney Engle makes WKU athletics history

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Neidell told her he was going to put her in the game for the first time.

On Aug. 31, it was announced Engle had joined the WKU soccer team as a backup goalkeeper. The Lady Toppers were down to only Bailee Witt at the position after an early season injury to the original starter, Anne-Marie Ulliach. Three days later, Engle was making

her debut for the Lady Toppers on the pitch.

The Lady Toppers had full control of the game, leading Kentucky Christian 9-0 with just under 20 minutes remaining in the match. Witt, the starting goalkeeper, had yet to see a shot on goal, and it was clear that WKU had the game won.

"They told me that I literally just had to go out there and stand," Engle said. "And I was like, 'Okay, but if it does come to me, I don't know what to do yet, but I'll try my best.'"

"My first practice wasn't until the next day."

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"Why?"  
That was Sydney Engle's initial reaction when head soccer coach Jason

## Hilltoppers show marked improvement at UL

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rushes and 80 yards.

"We wanted to put the ball in their hands, in the hands of the offensive line," Sanford said about the run game's improvement.

"Those guys made their minds up, and I think the backs, too, were running a

lot more decisively," Sanford said. "Our tracks have improved, in terms of our aiming points and our targeting and our footwork, but I like where the run game's headed. We've just got to be consistent and take what the defense gives us in our scheme."

The run game was one part of what was a strong offensive attack for the Hilltoppers. Despite not having redshirt senior quarterback Drew Eckels in the game, WKU outgained Louisville in total yards 428-292.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Davis Shanley did not start the game but came in after two series that were led by redshirt sophomore Steven Duncan. Shanley seemed comfortable, completing 22-of-33 passes for 240 yards with a touchdown and no interceptions. He also had a rushing touchdown.

"I think my offensive line played great," Shanley said. "We're young and, you know, we're learning a lot but I think they played amazing. All my credit—I couldn't do it without them."

Head Coach  
MIKE SANFORD

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Despite blowing a 14-0 lead and falling to Louisville on Saturday, WKU football was happy to see a resurgent run game that produced a total of 168 yards, the most the Hilltoppers have put up under head coach Mike Sanford.

That run game was led by redshirt senior running back D'Andre Ferby, who rushed for 74 yards on 16 carries for an average of 4.6 yards per carry.

This was Ferby's best performance since 2015, when he rushed for 92 yards against Florida Atlantic. Also adding to the run game were freshmen Joshua Samuel and Garland LaFrance, who combined for 12



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Davis Shanley drops back to pass in WKU's game against Louisville on Saturday. The Hilltoppers lost 20-17.

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