Taylor Scarbrough runs the men's 3000m race at the Hilltopper Relay event, which took place on Friday, April 6 at the Charles M. Rueter Track and Field Complex. Scarbrough placed 3rd in the race. Silas Walker/Herald

Sophomore pitcher Kelsey Aikey (12) winds up for a pitch during the first game of a double header against Eastern Kentucky University on April 11 at the WKU Softball Complex. The Lady Toppers defeated EKU 6-3 in the first game and lost 4-8 in the second. Kathryn Ziesig/HERALD

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Formerly disqualified MEA ticket elected to SGA
Stephen Mayer won the election as the next Student Government Association president and student regent, along with Garrett Edmonds as executive vice president and Harper Anderson as administrative vice president.
These results follow a reversed decision by the Judicial Council to suspend and no longer disqualify the MEA ticket. The decision to disqualify the ticket came on April 16 after a complaint was brought to the Judicial Council regarding the use of a Pepe the Frog meme drawn in chalk on campus sidewalks, as reported by the Herald.

Spring practice brings chance for new leadership
As the spring game approaches, there’s no doubt the most notable position battle for the WKU team is at quarterback. But there’s also plenty of competition going on between the players the quarterback position will be throwing to next year.
Redshirt junior wide receiver Lucky Jackson leads a barrage of receivers returning in 2018. The Lexington native caught 39 passes for 600 yards and three touchdowns in 2017, all which are the most among WKU’s returning players.

Second of three provost candidates visits WKU
The second candidate for WKU’s new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs presented his plan for WKU’s future in an open forum in Grise Hall on today at 1 p.m.
Keith Hargrove, who is the current dean of the College of Engineering at Tennessee State University, has a background in engineering and a distinguished career in teaching, research and service, said Cheryl Davis, associate provost for research and creativity. “It's a tough time at WKU, but an upside is that it’s a chance for opportunity,” Hargrove said.

Pride Center opens doors in new location
The WKU Pride Center officially reopened its doors Thursday during an open house on the second floor of Downing Student Union.
The Intercultural Student Engagement Center opened the Pride Center as a meeting place for all WKU students to feel welcome, said Jeremy McFarland, Campbellsville senior and Pride Center intern. McFarland said the Pride Center also serves as a place for members of the LGBTQ community to access university resources.

Climbing gains popularity across the country
Climbing is a sport that has seen its popularity increase steadily over the last several years, and if the Bowling Green community is any indicator of the sport’s future, then the industry’s growth will not be slowing down any time soon.
One of the gyms that opened its doors in 2017 was Bowling Green’s first climbing facility, Vertical eXcape. Vertical eXcape’s Evansville, Indiana, location opened nearly 20 years ago, and the franchise’s owners decided that Bowling Green was a prime site for expansion.