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UNCAGING THE STARS



Left to right, Jared Champion, Matt Shultz and Brad Shultz, of Cage the Elephant, sit on a bed at Champion's mother's house in Bowling Green last Friday. They had band practice at the house for 12 years and will be working on their upcoming album at a new band house in Portland, Tenn.

Local band preps for upcoming music fest

ANNA ANDERSON

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Since they made it big in the music industry, the members of Bowling Green's Cage the Elephant haven't forgotten their roots.

"There's not really a crowd like our hometown crowd — our Bowling Green crowd," said guitarist

Even though their careers have taken them across the U.S. and abroad, the five-piece band, known for their raucous live concerts, has maintained a close relationship with the local music scene.

For lead vocalist Matt Shultz, his city is a unique place for the arts.

"It seems to be a kind of petri dish for rapid growth,"

Brad said Bowling Green's small-town atmosphere provides closeness between artists and students, who come into the area for WKU to provide fresh tal-

Through the years, Cage the Elephant has remained a part of this community, and they're back this year to help put on Starry Nights Music & Arts Festival on

"This is a community that has given us so much," Matt said.

The festival has been a place for local bands and artists to come together since 2008, forming an important part of Bowling Green's music culture. In 2010, Starry Nights featured more than 25 bands.

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2012 Olympic gold medalist swimmer Claire Donahue shows off her medal at the freshman assembly at Diddle Arena on Tuesday night. Donahue, Class of 2011, earned a gold medal in the medley relay at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London

Donahue speaks to freshmen about commitment

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Olympic gold medalist Claire Donahue encouraged incoming freshmen to stay committed to their goals at the freshman assembly on

Tuesday. Donahue, a 2011 WKU graduate and a gold medalist in the women's 4 x 100 swimming medley relay at this summer's London Olympic Games, was the guest speaker at the freshman assembly in Diddle Arena. "When I was 10, I told my parents I wanted to go to the Olympics," Donahue said. "They and my coach told me it's going to take a lot of hard work... As I got older, there were things I needed to do to get better and achieve the goals I set for

myself." Donahue swam the 100-meter butterfly Olympic finals, but failed to medal until her swim in the individual medley relay.

In addition to her perseverance, Donahue talked about the sacrifices she made to pursue an Olympic

"I only got better because I was committed to those goals I wanted to succeed at," she said. "When I didn't want to do it, I did it. When I

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ASSEMBLY

didn't want to go to practice, I went."

Donahue, who made the USA Olympic swim team shortly before graduating from WKU, challenged students to push themselves beyond their limits.

"Take advantage of the opportunities you have here in what you find you're passionate about," she said.

President Gary Ransdell also encouraged freshmen to strive for their goals, particularly graduating from WKU in four years.

"Stay focused on the numbers," Ransdell said. "Fifteen hours per semester, eight semesters, you'll have 120 credit hours and will graduate in four

years... Those four years burned into me a deep WKU spirit."

In addition to emphasizing graduating on time, Ransdell gave freshmen advice, such as getting plenty of sleep, volunteering and figuring out where to study abroad.

"Be flexible and seek adventure," he said.

Student Association president Cory Dodds told the freshmen to make their own traditions in their years on

tory are not built out day.

of complacency," Dodds said. "Continue the Hilltopper heritage in your own ways."

Gordon Emslie, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, talked about freshmen being active participants in their college experience. "The favorite question I get

from students is this: Why am I here?" Emslie said. "And I tell them, so you can earn a degree... As a staff, we'll uphold our end of the bargain." The freshman class then

pinned their "Class of 2016" pin on their right collar, symbolizing the beginning of their college experience, Emslie

Ransdell explained that upon graduation in 2016, the class would get another pin. Ransdell said this pin, to be put on the left collar, symbolizes graduation and the two pins together represent the "bookends of the college experience."

Megan Smith, from White City, said she's anticipating the start her college experience at WKU.

"There's so much to be excited about here," the 18-year-old said. "A reason I chose WKU is because there's a lot of pride at this school."

Smith's roommate, Rachel Guffey, was impressed to see her entire class together for the first time, as well as hearing Ransdell formally address

"I thought it was cool hearing the president speak," the 18-year-old Somerset, native said. "It seems like he's on our team and like he's rooting for us. I feel like everyone has faith that we'll be successful."



CONTINUED FROM FRONT

After curating the festival in past years, Brad said the band decided to wait a year in order to reorganize and make this year's festival better.

"We didn't want to make the mistake of rushing and putting something on that could potentially alter this year," he said. "We wanted to take time to make it as special as we wanted it to be." This year, there are con-

siderably fewer bands, which helps to keep the cost down. "We're not in this to

make a shitload of money," Brad said. "That's why tickets are 45 bucks." Instead, Cage the El-

ephant is focusing on the

festival experience with a line-up of bands known for their live performanc-Sleeper Agent, Morning Teleportation, Manches-

ter Orchestra and Space Capone will be among them. More than 10 other bands are set to perform as well.

Aside from the two nights full of live music, festival-goers will also be able to chow down on food from Bowling Green and Nashville vendors, relax in hammocks on the property and compete in a campsite decorating

contest. The two-day fest will be at Ballance Farms, 13101 Louisville Road,

Oakland, Ky. Starry Nights will also host a festival-wide game of capture the flag, providing a pancake breakfast and setting up a glow-in-

the-dark disc golf course.

"It's based around music, and we think music is a big way to bring people together," Brad said. "But people bond over a lot of different things." Their goal: a fun, chill festival that showcases

music, food and art and brings the community together without the corporate hang-ups that tend to plague other festivals. Brad said achieving this balance was the most stressful thing about

planning Starry Nights and will probably be an issue that they'll deal with for years to come. Whatever lies ahead for the event, Cage the El-

ephant assures that this year will be awesome. For those new to the

festival, Brad said the weekend will be a welcoming of sorts. "Expect something that

will give you a sense of community," he said. To the people who have

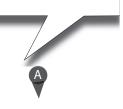
already been to Starry Nights: get ready.

"It's going to be like 2010 on steroids," Brad

CRIME REPORTS

JEFF BROWN/HERALD

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Arrests •Junior Ashley Chism, Bowling Green, was arrested on Sept. 5 on an e-warrant for failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

"Traditions and his- Claire Donahue, London gold medalist, was the keynote speaker at Diddle Arena on Tues-

•Junior Lloyd Anthony Bartley, Pearce Ford Tower, was arrested on Sept. 4 for an e-warrant from Warren District Court and lodged in the Warren County Jail.

•Junior Trevor Scott Hammond, Keen

Hall, was cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia on Sept. 5.

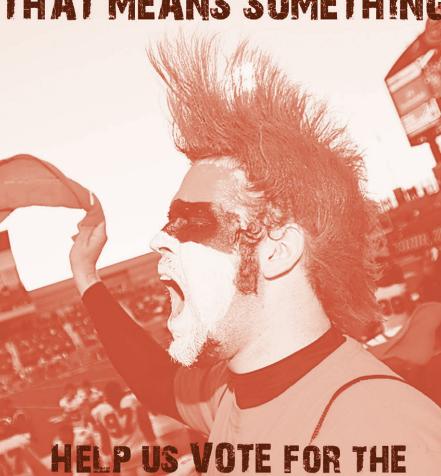
•Miguel Rodriguez Salas was operating a vehicle that struck another vehicle in the Campbell Lane parking lot. Salas then fled the scene and was later observed and cited.

 Junior Justin Kyle Higdon, Scottsville, was served a criminal summons on Sept. 4 for expired registration plate, disregarding a stop sign, falsely reporting an accident, and for operating on a suspended

operator's license.
•Freshman Joseph Lord, PFT, was cited on Sept 4. for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. WKU Police responded to a fire alarm activation due to a sprinkler discharge on the 25th floor of PFT on Sept. 4.

•Betty Flora, building service attendant, reported a WKU vehicle parked in the service drive of Ransdell Hall was damaged. The damage is valued at \$500.

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NEWS BRIEF: CAREER SERVICES CENTER EXTENDS HOURS

Busy students now have more chances to stop by the Career Services Center for help related to their career opportunities or choosing a major.

The center has extended its hours to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Previously, Career Services was open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day.

It is still located in the Downing University Center Annex 230, despite the DUC renovation project.

Robert Unseld, associate director for the Career Services Center, said there has been a slight increase in traffic at the center in the beginning of this semester — about a 5 percent increase from last year.

Unseld also said he absolutely thinks this increase is due to the new extended hours.

"We are trying our best to be available to students outside of normal business hours, and from our traffic, we've found that Mondays and Tuesdays seem to be days that our traffic picks up during the end of the day," Unseld said. "So, we'll try to keep the

doors open a little bit later." The extended hours will at least last throughout this academic year, he

"We're only a little bit up, but this is a big job search time of the year," he

- Taylor Harrison

Correction:

Due to a Herald error, the first bar of the graph on Page 1 of the Sept. 4 paper incorrectly labeled tuition as \$4,263 this academic year.

WKU in-state tuition is \$4,236 for the 2012-2013 school year. The College Heights Herald regrets the

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Cold fizz hits ice chips. A sloshing bottle flips through the air and lands upside down in the bartender's hand. With the other hand, he slides on a slice of fruit, tosses in a straw and sends a drink down the waxy bar.

Last year, bartenders were responsible for an estimated 4,270 jobs in Kentucky. The average salary for a bartender in 2011 was \$19,360, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Russellville senior Brandon Thomas is one of them. Thomas said bartending is a great way to make money and a perfect fit for his fast-paced personality. Thomas, 27, works at

440 Main. "Behind the bar is an atmosphere of go, go, go," he said. "On a busy night, people are screaming my name and throwing up money."

Thomas said he likes working at 440 because of its upscale but casual vibe. A lot of customers come in just to sit and relax, he said.

"Bartending is a good trade to have. I don't know what's going to happen when I graduate," said Thomas, a geology major graduating in December

While Thomas said he doesn't do a lot of flaring or bottle juggling, he said it's faster to flip the

juice and catch it while he pours the liquor — and it doesn't hurt that it looks

There's an art to it, like being a chef, he said.

A "Chapter 11" is a drink he learned to make in Louisville and now makes at 440. It requires more than ten steps for one drink, including searing an orange peel.

Down the block, Landon Senn is a bartender and co-owner at Rocky's.

Senn, 28, moved from Eugene, Ore., to launch the bar last year. He had never waited or bartended before.

"I love my job," he said. He said WKU students are largely to thank for their regular business.

"If it weren't for Western

we wouldn't even have a bar," he said.

Large artwork by WKU students COVers the back wall of the bar.

"The students are really pas-

they're doing and I'm passionate about what I'm doing,' Senn said. "This is my opportunity to be successful. The bar's going to be successful, or I'm not going to be successful."

As a bartender, Senn said he's met many awe-

DOROTHY EDWARDS/HERALD

s i o n a t e Russellville senior Brandon Thomas works as a bartender at 440 Main in Bowling about what Green. Thomas has been bartending for seven years.

some people.

Kingfield, Maine, senior Will Nalle said Rocky's is his favorite bar, largely due to the friendly staff.

"It's more like a group of friends than a bar," Nalle said. "Every time I come here I know people here." Senn said that's exactly

what he wants Rocky's to

"People seem a lot more real without a mask," he said. "You can get to know people a lot more intimately than in other settings. They let their walls down — alcohol is like truth serum."







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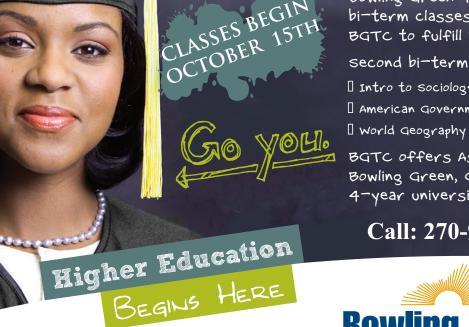
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OPINION

Tops & Bottoms

TOPS to getting \$1 million to play at Alabama this

BOTTOMS to having to play Alabama this weekend.

TOPS to Big Red being the firstever inductee into the Capital One Mascot Challenge Hall of Fame.

BOTTOMS to still not knowing what Big Red is.

Having celebrity influences can be a good thing

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It's true. So often our generation will look to someone whose face is plastered on our TV screens in favor of those whose flesh and blood we can touch whenever we want. Is this always a bad thing? Not necessarily. Sometimes those who glamour us from cameras and radio waves actually have good messages for us, believe it or not. Personally, I have influences who are both.

My mother is the main influence in my life. She's a one-woman wonder, who's been single for 10 years, and is thriving far better than any married couple I know. No matter what issue is going on in my life, no matter whose opinion I get on an issue, her say is the final say. Period. She's encouraged me in whatever I've wanted to do. She respects my nerdy passions and actually participates in them. She's one great handyman (well, woman). If I ever lose her, I will lose the only foundation that I truly have. Suffice it to say, she's my in-

And who's her influence? Lady Gaga. Constantly, my mom blares "Born This Way" from any type of sound device she can. You know what? I'm glad that my mom loves an artist who is one of the most influential singers of our time, despite the criticisms.

Gaga talks about loving yourself, and being born this way and accepting that, despite what society may say. To me, that's the exact kind of role model our youth need in this day and age, when equality is such a "hot topic."

Some kids, who may not have a voice or approval from family, may turn up the radio in their rooms as they cry, and what will they hear? "Just love yourself and you're set." "You were born this way." "God makes no mistakes." They'll wipe their eyes. They may smile. Someone who is known and loved by millions is having direct affect on that child. That's the best kind of influence.

Another person who's had a type of influence in my life, or at least gives me confidence, is Heath Ledger. Yes, I am aware that he is no longer with us, and I am aware of the circumstances of why he is no longer with us. But have you heard of him? Yes, and that's what's so impressive about him. When he was young, about 15 or 16 years old, he and a group of his friends took a van all the way across Australia from Perth to Sydney so they could start their careers. Now he's one of the most celebrated actors of all time, and will inevitably be considered a legend 50 years from now (or even now).

All because he worked hard, had talent and didn't take no for an answer. When people started offering him the same kind of roles because they believed him to be just a pretty face, he turned them down and played intense characters in movies like "The Four Feathers,' "Brokeback Mountain" and, of course, the most famous, "The Dark Knight." He was already well-known in Australia

and became



a hit in the United States all before he turned 20.

That's what inspires me about him. He is so revered and well known, and that's what I want. I want to leave this world with people echoing, "She was one of a kind," or "She worked hard and look where she ended up," just like they've done with Heath. I want people to know that I was an advocate for equality, just like Lady Gaga. I want people to know that celebrities can be a good influence. You just have to choose your influences wisely.



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crossword

Tuesday's Crossword Solution



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- 23. Nude
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- 32. Introductory

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- 7. Found at the end of a pencil 8. Bullfighter
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- 26. Part of the outer ear
- 27. Not closed 28. Kind of moss 29. Fascinating

31. Numbskull 33. A part of the

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- 36. A dog wags one
- 37. Brother of Jacob 38. Lease 42. Braided cords
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- 47. Preserves
- 48. Picture element
- 49. French farewell
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Student face-off: College Loans

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Of all of the reasons why students should pay close attention to what's going on in politics, student loans

may be the most relevant and important. According to the Huffington Post, the average student graduating in 2010 did so with \$25,250 in debt, and these amounts increase by about 5 percent each year. According to the Boston Globe, before 2010, student loans worked like this: The government supported banks which loaned out

money to students while the government regulated the amounts that each student could borrow.

When the students paid the money back, the banks kept the money plus the interest gathered. If the student didn't pay the money back, the federal government reimbursed the funds anyway so that the banks would never lose money, only have the opportunity to gain it. Sweet deal for the banks, huh?

Fortunately, student loans now work like this: the government still regulates loan amounts, but money

is loaned directly to the student with no bank involvement. If the student wants more than the regulated amount, they'll have to go to an outside lender, many of which have higher interest rates, as they did in the old system. According to

The Boston Globe, this system will save more than \$60 million in the next decade, much of which is planned to help provide more Pell grant money. Better for us taxpayers, don't you think? Here's where

comes in. The 2010 plan was signed in by President Barack Obama. The plan Political Contributor that Mitt Romney, the Republican candidate for president, is proposing sounds eeri-

ly similar to the plan in place before

So, as voters, do we want to place into office the man who wants to give banks free money while our debt rises, or do we want to keep the man who wants to make college more affordable for us? While considering your choices, you may want to keep in mind that at a campaign stop earlier this year, Romney urged listeners not to "expect the government to forgive the debt that [we] take on" (Politico).

Next, we'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable opinion of these people or if you have never heard of them. How about Paul Ryan? Never heard of/ *Unfavorable Favorable*

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*Asked in this way: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Paul Ryan, or have you never heard of him?

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TWEETS FROM THE TRAIL

@PaulRyanVP — Americans deserve a president who gets it; a leader who understands we're not better off, and who has a plan to fix the economy. -SENT 9/4

@MittRomney – We don't belong to government, the government belongs to us. — SENT 9/4

@JoeBiden – VP Biden: "The President and I are determined to replace the

word 'outsourcing' for our children's generation with the word 'insourcing.'

@BarackObama — President Obama: "We're not moving backwards. We're moving forward. That's why I'm running for re-election." — SENT 9/4

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The main reason your tuition is skyrocketing is because the government and banks guarantee you loans. They have altered the fundamen-

tal way college is priced. This seems absurd, but consider this common scenario. You are at a flea market, and want to buy a shirt. You ask the saleswoman, "How much does this cost?" Her guaranteed reply is, "How much money do you have?" With the growing promi-

nence of these loans, univer-

sities can now price tuition on how much money we can be lent, not how much we can afford. With college becoming more of a cultural expecta-

tion, there is an increased competition to swoop up the influx of students. So there are huge expansion projects, renovations, and market capitalizations in areas like sports. Yes there are donors, but we are footing a large part of the bill for these things. Don't be fooled, we are being sold a free lunch.

It is a catch-22: we need loans to pay for college, but the loans' existence is the very reason we need them! What should we look for in this election as

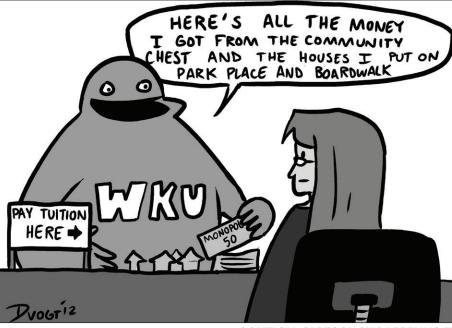
a solution? First, total reform of the federal student aid program. Graduates are defaulting on loans at an ever increasing rate, as much as 55% at some schools. This is bad because nothing short of death can get us out of federal loans, not even bank-

Also consider this past July, The 2007 College Cost Reduction and Access Act has expired, and the interest rate on your federal

loans has literally doubled to 6.8%. You may not care because you're not having to pay that now, but it will hit you when your first payment is due. If this does make you upset, contact Republican representative Brett Guthrie's D.C. office at (202) 225-3501.



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POLITICAL CARTOON BY DARREN VOGT

Suppose the presidential election was held today.

If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and Mitt Romney were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you vote for Barack Obama, the Democrat or Mitt Romney, the Republican?*

	Obama	Romney
Aug. 28 - Sept. 3	47%	46%
Aug. 21 - 27	46%	47%
Aug. 13 - 19	45%	47%

Margin of error +/- 2 Sample size: 3,050

*Information taken directly from http://www.gallup.com/poll/154559/US-Presidential-

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Course evaluations move online

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The Student Input to Teaching Effectiveness (SITE) evaluations that students take at the end of each semester are going digital.

Instead of someone coming to the classroom and handing out paper and pencils, students will have to complete the evaluations online at the end of this semester.

Gordon Emslie, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said the Faculty Senate recommended the change.

"Really, this is a faculty initiative," Emslie said.

Doug McElroy, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, is working closely with the Office of Institutional Research to help move the evaluations online. That office has administered the paper version of the test for years, McEl-"It was a shared decision to take a

look at this," McElroy said.

After doing research on the idea,

McElroy said they brought their information to the academic quality committee of the senate, who then made the official recommendation. McElroy also said the online method is more flexible for students. The way to administer the surveys — Evaluation Kit — allows students to download a mobile app

or take the evaluations online. They

series of surveys than it was in the

can also evaluate more than one "So, it's more like completing a

past where you had the form that you were given in class on one day," McElroy said. "You'll have a period of time, probably two weeks, to evaluate your courses."

McElroy said another benefit is that faculty will get their evaluation results back much more quickly with this system.

There will be incentives to encourage students to take the surveys, but nothing specific is final-Guy Jordan, an assistant professor

in the art department, was the head of the academic quality council when they made the recommendation for online evaluations.

"We felt the way the SITE evaluations were delivered was very clunky. It was not very cost effective," Jordan said. Jordan said the standard set of

questions will be the same, but eventually professors will be able to add their own specific questions to the existing questions. "This is going to allow for a lot

more customization by faculty to get, you know, more accurate and specific feedback about a particular course that they teach," Jordan Jordan also said that while there

will probably be a decrease in participation when the SITE evaluations are moved online, studies show that students get used to the process and the participation goes

"Other schools have done this and have done just fine and I don't think

we'll be any different," Jordan said.

CHIC CHICKS

Leather, denim in style for fall

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Right now is a very special time of year in the magnificent world of fashion. Vogue celebrates its 120th year anniversary, and the seasons are changing to open space in our closets and minds for new beginnings.

Fashion Week is also at its peak, bringing together fashion lovers from all around the world. What could possibly be a better time for glitz and glamour in our own packed schedules? Let's celebrate!

Fall/winter 2012 fashions are clearly going in plenty of different directions, but they're still compatible.

School is so in this fall on the fashion scene, from innocent schoolgirl chic with crisp, white blouses and pleated skirts to outfits and accessories that go beyond cliché school uniforms. We finally have a reason to make some effort in getting out of bed and actually making it to that 8 a.m. class. To show some attitude,

throw on an oversized

sweater, statement jew-

elry, leather skirt and

gloves that will give a little edge to your look. It will instantly turn your style from innocent to

rebellious. My personal favorite this fall is denim — although it's my favorite no matter the season.

However, in 2012, I will combine my favorite jeans with peplum blouses, smart blazers or even a military jacket with some shiny embellishments achieve the perfect combi-

nation of the "masculinefeminine" look.

Every person is not the same, and maybe you couldn't care less about the newest fashion trends, details and colors, but listen up. When it finally does get colder, my guess is you'll have to go shopping for warmer clothes. Sorry you can't escape that (since it's not appropriate to stroll around campus naked). But you can make the best effort so the next time you throw on the first thing you found in your closet it will actually be stylish. Go gothic,

or have a red moment by dressing head to toe in coral or crimson. Even your favorite T-shirts in these hues won't look

School is the place to keep clothing and ac-

cessories low-key while playing it up with a few dramatic de-Howwhen the weekend comes filled with all kinds events parties, it's time to

MONTA REINFELDE Chic Chick shine. Look inspiration in oriental fashions, exotic prints, embroidery and colors. Let the light dance on your sequined dress like in old Hollywood films, or go against minimalism with overthe-top, baroque cloth-

So there's the newest, fall/winter trends laid out for your consideration. Either you want to be an innocent (or rebellious) schoolgirl, an old Hollywood diva, an oriental princess or all at once—it's up to you. The new season is here. Make it fashionable and unforSEPTEMBER 7, 2012 , COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, WKUHERALD.COM

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STRONGER CONTINUED FROM SPORTS end position.

"They're some big, big individuals — look like some mutants," Taggart said. "Those guys are huge."

It's not just the Alabama offensive line that's big.

Quarterback A.J. Mc-Carron stands 6-foot-4. Freshman running back T.J. Yeldon is a chiseled 6-foot-2, 216. Michael Williams is 6-foot-6, 269, enormous for his tight

Those big bodies fly around the field at speeds that should be reserved for players half their size and make nearly every fundamental play required of them by coach Nick Saban.

Maybe it's not so outof-the-question for Taggart to call the Crimson Tide a pro team, because a lot of those Alabama players will one day be playing on Sunday. So how does WKU steal

improbable upset First off, the Toppers

will have to take some chances through the air. Most of WKU's passing

game last Saturday focused on short and intermediate routes, but the Toppers did hit a couple of deep balls.

Alabama gave up a

couple of big passes last week in an otherwise nearly-perfect 41-14 win over Michigan.

If WKU can spring sophomore receiver Willie McNeal or someone else down the sideline for a big play, it must take advantage.

Second, the Toppers can't wear down in the second half.

Last year, WKU hung with LSU for a half before

the Tigers' depth became too big a factor and LSU rolled to the win.

This time, the Toppers can't let the waves of talent Alabama will send at them wear them down.

whenever it gets a chance in Crimson Tide territory. That means not turning it over in the red zone and — of course — making those pesky field

Finally, WKU can't af-

ford to come up empty

goals.

Freshman Garrett Schwettman will tasked with that job.

Hitting big plays, staying fresh and taking advantage of chances will help the Toppers keep things close against the

nation's best. But even if WKU does each of those things, leaving T-Town with a "W" could still be a long

He'll miss the Alabama

Senior guard Adam Smith said last Saturday's performance is a good example of how good the team can be when it's in peak form.

"We went into that game and did what we thought we could do," Smith said. "We showed everybody what we have and hopefully we'll go down to Alabama and have another good performance this week."

The Toppers are also in the unique position of playing in one of the world's largest stadiums. Bryant-Denny Stadium holds more than 101,000 people and figures to be crowded for the Tide's home opener.

The Toppers practiced Wednesday with crowd noise blaring from speakers, but Taggart said

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Toppers

had a season-high 10

which Hudson said

"was the huge turn

"Last year we had

four aces and 23 er-

rors," Hudson said.

"This year we had 10

aces and six errors, so

we're certainly serving

the ball much better.'

Freshman Rachel

Engle stepped up to serve for a season-

high four service aces.

"I have a deep serve

said. "I just focused on

aiming for the chest

and serving deep to

get them out of their

system and then serve a short one to get

depth involved to get them moving around."

Conference with a hit-

ting percentage of .263

Defensively, the Lady

Toppers are seventh in

the league in digs av-

eraging 14.56 per set,

ence in blocks with a

2.06 per set average.

fensively (Tuesday),"

Hudson said. "We

and fifth in the confer-

"We weren't great de-

were really, really good

offensively, and to be

is going to carry us

long term."

honest that's not what

Junior outside hitter Janee' Diggins threw

down 12 kills on 24 at-

tempts with one error,

posting a .458 hitting

percentage in the win

versus Cincinnati.

and is third in service

aces averaging 1.37

per set.

Offensively, WKU

leads the Sun Belt

that really pushes up against them," Engle

around" for them.

service aces in the win,

crowd noise shouldn't be a big factor Saturday.

"When you get on the football field, a lot of times you don't hear that," he said.

One might think WKU players are looking at this game as their Super Bowl of the regular season or a chance to shock the

But Smith said the Toppers are practicing this week as if they were preparing for any other Sun Belt opponent.

"You know those guys are a little better than everybody else you face every other week, but at the same time, you can't be scared," Smith said. "You've got to go in there expecting to handle business.

"There's a different game plan this week because it's a different defense. Of course there's a few different plays we're going to run, but as far as our approach, it's just like every other week.'

Diggins says the team will spend most of their mental focus on Tennessee Tech

"We tend play to

teams' levels to how

they look on paper,"

Diggins said. "We re-

ally need to come on

at our highest level."

Golden Eagles are at

Valley Conference,

a league WKU is 2-0

against this season.

Iennessee Iech comes in with a .143

a 10.11 kills per set

hitting percentage and

The No. 10 Dayton

Lady Flyers are ranked

higher than ever in the

and are undefeated on

The Lady Flyers have

been ranked in the Top 25 for 49 consecutive

weeks, dating back to

The reigning Atlantic

10 champions and the

Lady Toppers will play

November of 2009.

at 7 p.m. Friday.

The No. 26 Ohio

State Lady Buckeyes

enter the tournament

with the highest over-

all hitting percentage

of participating teams

battle 5-1 Ohio State at

12:30 p.m. Saturday.

The IUPUI Lady

Jaguars come out of

the Horizon League

streak, but lead the

on a two game losing

tournament teams in

digs, averaging 17.57

The Lady Toppers

will take on IUPUI in

the tournament finale

at 5:30 p.m. on Satur-

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at .305. WKU will

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the season.

the court ready to play

The Tennessee Tech

the bottom of the Ohio

and IUPUI.

He called the chance to line up against Alabama's topranked defensive line "exciting."

"It is a challenge and you're going out and trying to prove something to the country," he said. "They're the No. 1 team in the country, and we take pride in trying to go show the country that we can run the ball against a team like that."

WKU ran for 244 yards against Austin Peay.

With starter Keshawn Simpson out with an injury, WKU's rushing game will run through

junior Antonio Andrews and freshman Leon Allen, with freshman Marquis Sumler chipping in.

Smith said the personnel loss gives WKU more to prove.

"We go into this week just like any other week, and we're going to try to show the world that we can run the ball against them," he said.

Saban talks about **Toppers**

As Alabama holds down the No. 1 spot in the polls this week, many people might think the Tide are looking past this game toward its SEC schedule.

One person in the Alabama program has his eyes set on WKU, though — coach Nick Saban.

The three-time national

champion coach told the Alabama media this week that WKU is not a team to be overlooked. "We have a tremendous amount of respect for them,"

my opinion, the best team in the Sun Belt." He also praised WKU junior linebacker Andrew Jackson.

he said. "They're probably, in

"I think he's an SEC player, no doubt," Saban said. "He really plays the game the way you like to see defensive players play it."

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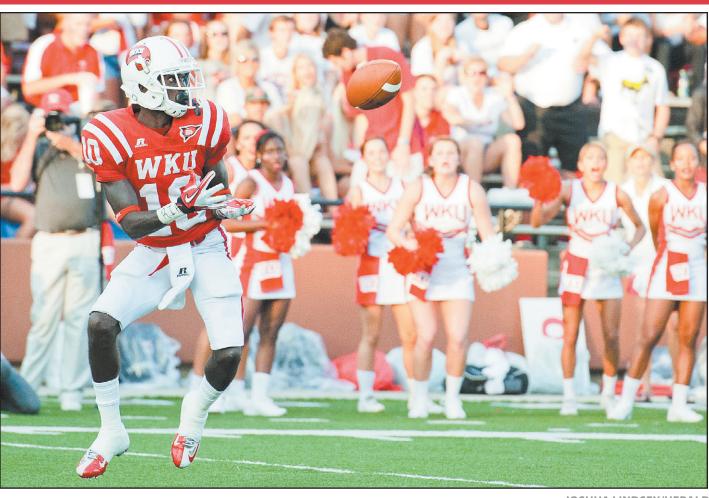
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SPORTS



Sophmore wide reciever Willie McNeal catches a pass in the end zone to score a touchdown during the game Saturday, September 1, 2012, at Houchen-Smith Stadium. Western Kentucky won 49-10.

Toppers treat Tide like any other opponent

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When WKU took on then-No. 1 ranked LSU last November, they lost 42-9.

A lot of people predicted the Toppers would have trouble with the Tigers that season. Few people, however, thought WKU would win every game they played until the next time they played a No. 1 ranked team.

The Toppers, who won the final two games they played following their game at LSU last season and their seasonopener this year, will face their toughest opponent of the season on Saturday when they take on No. 1 Alabama on

Kickoff for the game, at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala., is scheduled for 2:39 p.m.

The Crimson Tide has won two of the past three national championships, including last season.

The strength of the Alabama program has not been lost on head coach Willie Taggart, who said the Crimson Tide has reloaded after losing eight players to the NFL Draft in

"They had five or six first-rounders on defense last year," he said earlier this week. "I thought they said those guys were gone. It still looks like they're there, just a different number. They're loaded and it's going to be a great challenge for our football team to go down there and play them.'

Senior tight end Jack Doyle said the Toppers are looking at this game more as an opportunity to see how they fare against top-tier competition.

"We're just excited about the opportunity to go play at Alabama," Doyle said. "Our coaches are putting us in a great situation with some plays to be successful and it's up to us players to go and run with that."

Saturday's game will be the first of two consecutive games for WKU (1-0) against Southeastern Conference opponents, as a game against Kentucky is on the schedule for next weekend.

The Toppers are fresh off of a dominant 49-10 home win over Austin Peay to open the season.

One of the few negatives from the game was a knee injury running back Keshawn Simpson sustained.

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Alabama players to watch



Jesse Williams No. 54, Defensive Tackle, 6-foot-4, 320 pounds

•Started all 12 games for Alabama's 2011 national championship team. •Helped Alabama hold opponents to 74.9 rushing yards per game in 2011, best in the nation. •Grew up in Australia and didn't start playing football until age 15.



D.J. Fluker No. 76, Right Tackle, 6-foot-6, 335 pounds

 Started all 12 games for Alabama's 2011 national championship team. ·Helped Alabama rush for 219.8 yards per game in 2011, the 15th highest total in the nation. •Earned Freshman All-SEC honors in 2010.



C.J. Mosely No. 32, Linebacker, 6-foot-2,232 pounds.

•Had 36 tackles one year ago while missing time due to injury. •Returned an interception for a touchdown and

notched seven tackles last week against Michigan. •Will share time with Nico Johnson at the WILL linebacker position.



Barret Jones No. 75, Center, 6-foot-5, 302 pounds

•2011 winner of the Outland Trophy, given annually to the nation's best interior lineman.

•Unanimous 2011 First-Team All-American.

Versatile player who's started at all five offensive line positions during his Alabama career.

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Toppers host weekend tournament

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WKU knocked a huge chip off of its shoulder Tuesday night when the volleyball team defeated Cincinnati 3-1 for the first time in 10 years. The Lady Toppers move on to

host their annual WKU Tournament this weekend, featuring No. 10 Dayton, No. 26 Ohio State, Tennessee Tech and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

The Lady Toppers open the tournament against Tennessee Tech (1-5) at 1 p.m. on Friday in Diddle Arena.

Coach Travis Hudson said his team has to keep their mental focus heading into this game and not get caught up on what's on paper.

"The toughest match mentally will be the Tennessee Tech match,"



WKU's Noelle Langenkamp and Paige Wessel attempt to make a block against Austin Peay's Nikki Doyle Tuesday night in Diddle Arena. The volleyball team evened their record with a 3-0 defeat of the Govs.

Hudson said. "When you're lining up against the Daytons and the Ohio States of the world, and if you're any kind of competitor, you're going locked in and ready to play in those

"Seasons are defined by taking care of business in the games you should

win and then getting a few of the other ones along the way."

Hudson said prior to the UC matchup that serving the ball would be the determining factor in the game, and his team responded well.

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UPON FURTHER

Big, fast, strong 'Bama spells trouble for WKU

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I guess Anthony Steen could be considered runt of the Alabama offensive line.

Tide's

Steen carries the second-lightest weight the Crimson men up front



BRAD STEPHENS Sports Editor

and, along with line-mate Chance Warmack, is two full inches shorter than anyone else in the

Steen, the Tide's right guard, is 6-foot-3, 303 pounds.

Some runt he is.

That's just the challenge WKU will face on Saturday when it walks into Bryant-Denny Stadium to face No. 1 Alabama. Don't expect crowd noise of

101,000-plus fans to bother the

Toppers, as they've faced similar atmospheres last year in Tiger Stadium against LSU and two years ago in Memorial Stadium against Nebraska. Also, don't expect WKU to be

fazed by the mystique of the 14time national champs they're lining up against.

Bear Bryant, Shaun Alexander and Mark Ingram were all great coaches or players, but none of them will be donning houndstooth hats or those awesome helmets with the number on the side

No, if anything does in the Toppers, it'll be the size, strength and speed of the Crimson Tide, a team WKU Head Coach WIllie Taggart joked would become the NFL's next

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FOOTBALL

'Bama natives ready to play at home

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Saturday's game against No. 1 Alabama is an important one for the Toppers, but holds special significance for six WKU players.

The Toppers have six players on the roster from Alabama, and while some of them had mixed feelings about the school in their youth, they share the same views of the Crimson Tide this week.

"I was an Alabama fan growing up — not anymore," junior linebacker and Fayette, Ala., native Chuck Franks said. "I'm a Tops fan, 100 percent."

The state of Alabama is a hotbed for college football. The two schools that have won the last three BCS Championships, Alabama and Auburn, reside in the state and host some of the country's most fanatical supporters.

Sophomore defensive end T.J. Smith, a Hazel Green, Ala., native, grew up an Auburn fan. He said the fact that he's playing the team he grew up rooting against provides some motivation this week.

"We really don't like Alabama - anything about Alabama," he said. "Dad, he didn't like Alabama. Momma didn't like Alabama, so I didn't like Alabama."

Franks has about 30 friends and family members from the state coming to the game and said he's been warning the Toppers about the environment.

"I've been telling them to expect the worst," Franks said. "It's going to be a huge crowd. We've got to stick together, get the signal from the sideline and just lock in."

O-line faces biggest challenge this season

Senior guard Adam Smith knows the Toppers face an uphill climb this

weekend. **SEE NATIVES PAGE 7**