WKU adds salad bar, Izzi's to DUC food court

By NICK BRATCHER
WKU has changed a few dining options this fall to please students’ appetites, and maybe even their waistlines.

Downing University Center Food Court underwent the most dramatic change, replacing Taco’s, the only stand with a second, smaller Izzi’s Southwest, said Gary Meszaros, assistant vice president of Auxiliary Services.

“They didn’t have enough room to make a full Izzi’s, but it should be very delectable,” he said.

WKU also brought Greens To Go, a salad restaurant, into the spot AFC Sushi previously occupied. Meszaros said the spot will still be occupied, but now out of coolers.

“Greens To Go is a salad concept that people have been asking to have for a long time where you can get a salad on campus and not have to go through Fresh Food Company,” he said.

Ellsworth Freshens, head of catering at Fresh Food, said she loves the new healthy options in DUC.

“Red Zone is cool and all, but I just can’t really eat there all the time,” she said.

“A lot of it’s really unhealthy, and I try to watch what I eat,” said Paducah senior Travis Hickman said he liked the changes to DUC overall but the ordering process at Izzi’s was slow.

“This Izzi’s isn’t as good as the one in Garrott, but I think it’s because they just got started,” he said.

Freshens has also expanded its menu to include Crepes. The change to include food on the menu marks the first of its kind for the franchise nationally, Meszaros said.

When a new student comes to WKU, he or she faces many choices ranging from which classes to major to choose, or whether or not to join a club or a sport.

But before any of that, the first decision they make is going to WKU.

“This that has got to be first and foremost in our consistency,” said President Gary Ransdell.

“The recognizable brand is most important.”

WKU wants students to be where they are, to be where prospective students are,” she said.

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WKU pushing social media
President Gary Ransdell has more than 3,900 fans. Big Red has more than 23,000 fans. WKU has more than 30,000 likes.

And all of these numbers are growing daily.

“Social media is where students are communicating,” said Robin Taylor, vice president for Public Affairs.

“Our challenge is to be where you all are, to be where prospective students are,” she said.

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Guns, sabers and flags are not always tools of war, history and defeat. They are in fact essential parts of the color guard team’s performance.

With the experienced hands of a color guard member, the high-flying and dangerous equipment can create exciting support for any marching band during a football game.

Scottsville senior Seth Tool- ey describes his personality for color guard as passionate and super competitive. “I came into the team really excited after high school,” said Tool- ey, a graduate from Allen County-Scottsville High School and one of the 120 students in the inaugural class for the Gat- ton Academy in 2008.

For three consecutive years, Tool- ey was part of WKU’s color guard team and can at- test to the slightly dangerous possibility of injury. Tool- ey said he has been hit in the head with his mock rifle and took a chunk out of his lip in high school while performing with the Allen County-Scottsville High School color guard.

“I made really good friends my first year on the team, and it was my favorite year,” Tool- ey said. He said that he is still good friends with girls he met on the team during that first year.

Yet, with so much time al- ready invested, Tool- ey decided to part ways with WKU’s color guard team this year. “Colleges do not have an organization for marching band competitions like they do for high schools,” Tool- ey said.

With no competitive outlet for the WKU color guard team, Tool- ey decided it was better to concentrate on his studies more than try to create rou- tines for color guard that were too complex for a small team.

Still, with an internal passion for color guard, Tool- ey finds time to practice routines he created on the lawn near Grise Hall.

“You could improve things only if there were more expe- rienced spinners,” Tool- ey said. “The moves and height I throw my rifle were never allowed when I was on the team.”

“A Thousand Words” is a weekly photo essay that tells untold stories on the edges of campus.

By JERRY ENGLEHART JR.

CRIME REPORTS

Reports

■ Byron Dowell reported on Aug. 28 a theft from his vehicle parked in the Adams Street lot. The value is esti- mated at $520.

■ Courtney Marie Gayetty reported on Aug. 27 items stolen from her vehicle. The value is estimated at $500.

■ Ashley Franklin, a Georgetown freshman, reported on Aug. 27 that an unknown subject stole her GPS from her vehicle while it was parked on the seventh floor of Parking Structure 1. The value is estimated at $80.

■ Jacob Franks, California, Ky., sophomore, reported on Aug. 26 that an unknown subject cut the pipe to his catalytic converter on his 1999 Volkswagen Jetta while it was parked in the Croizan Lot.

Arrests

■ Careil Willford, Murphybend, Ill., sophomore, was arrested on Aug. 26 for careless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol on the I-500 block of Normal Drive.

■ Just before midnight on Aug. 27, af- fictions responded to the PTA courtyard to check on students possibly drinking alcohol. Upon arrival, Jermaine Anthony Neal of Louisville, smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech according to police records. Upon apprehension, police discovered there was a warrant out for his arrest from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department for burglary in the second degree.

■ Timothoe Mwizerwa, a Brentwood, Tenn., freshman, was arrested and released after a warrant was obtained on Aug. 28 for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Mwizerwa was released from the War- ren County Regional Jail on Aug. 29.
In the 2007, the WKU University declared a “War on Attrition.”

In 2011, WKU encouraged faculty and staff for “Rally for Retention.” President Gary Ransdell gave the opening convocation to faculty and staff on what it meant to retain students and the potential money that the university can lose on students that do not think of it as a result. As the speaker he quoted a business saying “the only real Rally for Retention.”

Because of this, Gorden Emerson, Prov- and vice-president for Academic Affairs, has put together a retention task force whose aim is “getting students in, getting students through, keeping stu- dents around and getting students out.” According to Ransdell’s speech, Ransdell said he hopes the task force will initiate a new attitude among incom- ing college students.

“Wouid expect students to come here with the expectation that they will gradu- ate,” he said. “I think that’s been made clear.”

Trent Meredith, associate vice presi- dent for Enrollment Management and co-director of the task force, said the group is made up of 16 members from various departments including the Office of Student Life.

The task force has already done a lot of different avenues such as checking what we are doing wrong and what we are doing right,” Meredith said. “The committee had been basically, from A to Z.

Fall 2011 to full 2010 ses- sion is 75 percent according to the Common Data. The fall with the full 2011- 2012 report coming in November.

Owen said the website transition has gone very smoothly. “All website transitions go this well, and I attribute it to a small group of people across campus meeting weekly to work on it.”

To the key to the new website’s success, Owen said, is the content management system. “It allows changes or updates to be made quickly.”

Taylor said that about five to six students who do not come back for their sophomore year do so for non-academic reasons. Emerson said “By alerting us to non- academic reasons, we can intervene ap- propriately.”

Meredith said that once data and statistics are gathered, WKU can use more personal efforts to reach out students. “We’ve had the website here for a while, but we’re not always able to offer the time to reach out.”

We needed to look at where we are at the moment, and move from there, Blanton said. “We need to look at the data that the Office of the Registrar has now been reduced to only 18 hours this semester, but her sched- ule was cancelled. It was just one student, said Blanton. “What I wasn’t happy about was they didn’t tell me the class was cancelled or anything.”

“Just all got was a email saying my class was cancelled. It was just one line.”

Blanton said that the Office of the Registrar said that the Office of the Registrar is going to look at the non-academic issues, which it is the main reason a student is cancelled. Eggleton said that whenever the office is alerted by a department of a class cancellation, they then send out an automated email to the students who were enrolled in that class, alerting them of the change. “We are simply遵循 the messen- gers,” Eggleton said.

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By Nick Bratcher

WKU hasn’t hidden its interest in providing more housing for students. Its Full-Facility Residence Halls, the largest dorm on campus, are so large that it has been impossible to fill them with all students. A new dorm, Bates Runner Hall, is expected to open in 2013, adding another 640 beds.

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The task of reaching out to students and enrolling freshmen either living on Kentucky Street, said Stillwell, is “the closest thing we have to a mission statement.” The primary number for SGA involvement is the PR committee head and Wood will be going out with them. PR director Jane McMartin suggested that SGA wants to do more with publicity and students will still sit behind the end zone can’t hold all the students.

The question the Hilltoppers and students want to answer is “How many seats are available will be available for every SGA event.”

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The kids that are here for Gatton Academy — their life on July 22. WKU solved its steam crunch by opening Bates Runner Hall and adding another 640 beds.

The 100 students who were removed from Bates Runner Hall and Parker Hall Structures 1 and 2 this week were moved to residence halls in the long term next fall by adding apartment-style rooms to the Kentucky Street dorm. The Hilltoppers will move into the new rooms in the Spring term and the old rooms will stay the same.

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We accept unwarranted invasion of personal privacy," "personal information that "the public release, the university violated the section Request. Eckhardt from the university last April because WKU released the letter without records for inspection within a reasonable laws and therefore must provide requested WKU is subject to state open records laws.

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The Herald first obtained a copy of the termination letter written by Craig Cobane, executive director of Human Resources, to Eckhardt from the university last April through a Request made by a student. Under the Kentucky Revised Statutes, WKU is subject to open records laws and therefore must provide requested records for inspection within a reasonable time.

In Eckhardt’s complaint, she alleges that because her letter released the letter without records or any prior notification of the release, the university violated her personal information that “the public release, the University “The real estate is so valuable,” he said. “We don’t want to use it for Edy’s sons. The important thing is to keep all positive files in their possession.” Eckhardt is seeking compensatory and punitive damages, attorney and court fees and any other relief to which she is entitled by law.

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Ransdell was SMART and said he was ready to do something stupid, but to take care of each other…If a student has a lot of things, the university looks bad, “I agree because I know a lot of people,” Britany Howard said she agrees with Ransdell as well.

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In Eckhardt’s complaint, she alleges that Cobane discriminated against her for voicing complaints against and sexual harassment.

We have an awful lot of 17, 18, 19-year-old boys on campus who are away from home for the first time, and could bump what is, some students make bad decisions.” He said that Ransdell saw the defensive letters and the MASTER Plan convocation on Aug. 22. President Gary Ransdell is encouraging incoming freshmen to be responsible and stay out of trouble in their time at WKU.

In the letter, Cobane said Eckhardt created "vulgar, lewd, and offensive language and false impressions in the subject matter" of the complaint. Because Eckhardt was still at the time the letter was published, she could not answer the Florida’s request for comment regarding the accusations without forfeiting the rest of the protections.” He said that the letter was done to "indefensibly harm the plaintiff. Additionally, the document says the university’s code of conduct. WKU on Aug. 9 for planning and defacing the school with stickers promoting her plastic- ponsibility.com, but the bus was unplanned, and the complaint filed in civil court, Eckhardt has also filed a claim in HR with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a federal law enforcement agency that handles discrimination cases. A copy of this complaint was given to the EEOC.

The EEOC complaint filed on June 28 alleges that Eckhardt discriminated against Eckhardt because of her gender and sex.

He said that while the word “stu- dent” has been defined by the attorney general’s office, it means that the university will hear their voices and analyze them.

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Pi Chis help future sorority members

By TESSA DUVALL

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Pi Chi, a sorority at Western Kentucky University, helps new members through the recruitment process. This was the case for Dallas, who chose to join Phi Mu during rush week. The role came easily for Hayden.

“I can’t wait to meet my whole new family of sisters.”

—ALLISON MARTIN
Sigma Kappa pledge

Many recruits came into the process without knowing anyone. Dallas said, “I came from out of state.” Whelchel said, “It was great meeting so many different girls.” Allison Sawyer, an Alpha Omicron Pi pledge, agreed. “I didn’t know anyone at WKU and I wanted to make new friends.” She said for some, rush was not only a selection process, but also a lesson on stepping out of their comfort zone. “It was a great experience,” Sawyer said. “I had to get over my comfort zone to make friends.” Whelchel said, “It taught me to go in with an open mind.”

Potential new members wait to meet the members of Alpha Delta Pi during rush week’s Getting to Know You Day.

Dave said New Tfns is a great opportunity not only for bands, but also for fans. “When you go to a show, it’s usually a lot cheaper to go as a group or to see friends,” he said. People have to go out of their way to get there, and usually have to pay. It’s a lot of effort. Out here it’s just, you’re at DUC. You don’t have to go out of your way and you get good music.”

Bawing Green freshman Kristen Dallas went to high school with Davis and came out to support Buffalo Rodeo. When Dallas arrived, she realized she really enjoyed the environment. “It’s a really good atmosphere,” Dallas said. “You can meet new friends, hang out and listen to the same music. You can dance to the music or just eat.”

All around WKU’s campus last week, pledges would be seen dancing, hanging out with their new friends or at shows. Many of these shows would be put on by bands that are friendly to the Greek life at WKU.

Pi Chi is not a new sorority, and now, three new members have just been designated from campus until next fall rolls around.

In preparation for formal sorority recruitment each fall, a small group of sorority women are selected to be Pi Chis — leaders who guide the several hundred potential new members through the recruitment process.

Charity Pride, Director of Shower Activities and Organizations, said, the 28 Pi Chis were chosen from each of the sororities that participate in formal recruitment — Kappa Delta, Sigma Kappa, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, Phi Mu, Chi Omega and Alpha Omicron Pi.

To prepare for the job, the women must discuss with their own sisters following the graduation in the spring, said Jane Wood, the Pi Chi advisor and a Nursing grad student. This includes remembering decimals for tests, not wearing clothes with sorority letters and setting Facebook profiles to private and not accepting friend requests from any new high school graduates.

The restrictions became more intense as the summer progressed. Membership through sorority recruitment was instructed not to test or call other girls in their groups or live in a house in order to go through recruitment.

Wood said, “They were nervous and what to wear, and general questions about going Greek and sorority life. “They are your role model. They’re what you look up to,” she said of the Pi Chis. “That’s what you want to see a sorority woman.”

For Hayden and Hill, the decision to help other women fit into the organization that they both love was easy.

It was definitely one of the best choices I have ever made,” Dallas said of choosing to rush Pi Chi. She now plans on joining other Pi Chis on campus in the future.

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—Hayden added. “And once you’re in it, it’s unbreakable.”

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WKU RAs making difference early on campus

By SIDNEY BLANFORD

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During the "Behind Closed Doors", session Dublin and her partners were given a scenario in which one roommate was absent while the other was accusing them of something. She said her role was to make residents feel more comfortable and important.

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Minnette Huck, a coordinator for HRL, works with students to make sure that the level a RA is selected for the year is the best for the RA.

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"I think they jobs could make a difference," Dublin participated in events as RAs during training, which included performing "Soulmation" in the tune of "My Girl" and making a video on the final day that represented what Southwest students feel more comfortable and welcomed during the nightshift.

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The group spent the rest of lunch bobbing heads along to the bearded quintet’s garage-rock stylings.

Buffalo Rodeo was on campus playing Noon Tunes, a bi-weekly concert hosted Thursdays by Revolution 91.7.

Peck was impressed that the campus hosted events such as this and welcomed the music.

“It gives you something good to listen to while you’re eating with your friends,” he said.

Revolution Program Director Stacie Hewitt said Noon Tunes started a year ago, when DUC Evening Program Coordinator Trinity Gonzales contacted Revolution.

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Kristen Smith, a graduate assistant for Student Activities and Organizations, said recruitment began with 442 women last Wednesday, the third largest number in WKU history. On Sunday, 265 women were placed in sororities, and 15 did not receive a bid.

Throughout the five-day recruitment process, 157 women withdrew from the process, Smith said. Reasons ranged from deciding Greek life wasn’t right for them or they did not enjoy the process, she said.

Additionally, a new sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, is colonizing on campus and will host informal rush in September, which also contributed to some formal recruitment withdrawals, Smith said.

“Rush week is not all fun for the pledges. The selection process can come with a lot of stress. “The sororities are judging you,” said Sarah Calvert, a new member of Alpha Gamma Delta. “And you wonder what they thought about you.”

Sorority recruitment is a mutual selection process, said Charley Pride, Director of Student Activities and Organizations.

Not only do sororities select recruits, but recruits also select which sorority they want to pledge.

Campus becomes colorful during bid day