Sean Pugh, a 2006 WKU graduate, is the character coach, or chaplain, for the football team. Pugh is in his fourth season doing the job. “I get to impact peoples’ lives — be a resource to young people,” he said.

“We lose and wins are important, especially this being my alma mater, but I am more concerned with where the guys spend eternity,” Pugh said. “I am a firm believer in Jesus Christ. I am a firm believer that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. I believe that no one gets to the Father, except through Him.”

Pugh said Christianity teaches that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God and God’s love is shown through love, death and resurrection.

Pugh said he stands firm in his beliefs, but he isn’t going to force his faith on other people.

“I believe that Jesus is the only way to salvation,” he said. “But I do hold to that and stand firm in that. I am not going to push that on someone else. I am going to love everybody.”

Pugh said there are guys on the team with all different beliefs and backgrounds.

“I love every last dude on that team,” Pugh said. “I want the guys to become men. I want them to make a difference in the world. I want them to be great husbands and great fathers.”

Franklin, Tenn., native junior Luke Stansfield, who plays as an offensive lineman for WKU, said he is just one of the players that have been impacted by Pugh’s presence on the team.

“Sean can relate to just about anybody,” Stansfield said. “The biggest thing Sean brings is a genuine faith.”

Stansfield said that Pugh is a good example for the team and a significant figure in and out of the locker room.

Pugh leads coaches’ devotions and individual player Bible studies. Stansfield said Pugh eats lunch with him every couple weeks just to see how he is doing.

“I thought college would be a time where you’d be by yourself, but I can honestly say that my relationship with the Lord would be different if it wasn’t for Sean,” Stansfield said.
Danielle DePorter is a senior at WKU in the interior design program. She interned at Bittners, a design firm in Louisville, this past summer and said, “I felt like I was more prepared than all the other interns.” DePorter is a member of WKU’s interior design program.

“Over the summers I spent a lot of time doing my own research,” DePorter said. “I am really inspired by graphic design, which I do not think people believe correlates to interior design, she said. “I look at blogs a ton and read architecture and design magazines, such as Dwell.”

DePorter said that a major factor in her decision to enter the field of interior design was the health, safety and welfare of the public. “I want to do something that I feel like, in my home it is very minimalist when I am designing for commercial spaces,” she said. “But I love it. “

Jimmy Burns, Bemis-Lawrence Hall reported her debit card stolen on Nov. 1. According to her statement in the police report, she last used the card on Oct. 28.

Arrests
Paul Horne Jr., Pearce-Ford Tower, was arrested Nov. 2 after being served a warrant for failing to appear in court to deal with a misdemeanor citation. Horne was lodged in the Warren County Regional Jail and released the same day. His bond was set at $200.

“Currently, I am working on a project with a private client from Louisville, designing the dressing area,” DePorter said.

Kristin Wallace, a senior interior design student from Louisville and a good friend of DePorter’s, has her own opinion why DePorter does such a great job on her projects. “She is a super hard worker,” Wallace said. “She comes in early and stays in late. Design for her is not nine to five, it is a lifestyle.”

Even though DePorter said she has not applied to any schools as of yet, she does have some ideas where she would like to work. “I have some ideas in my head,” she said. “I want to work eventually, later in life. DePorter does not want to be an employee but an employer. “I would love to have my own firm one day,” she said.
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That time I went to college

Usually when I woke up at 5 a.m. on a Monday morning, I was catching a flight to a backpacking trip in Europe or traveling somewhere gorgeous in the United States. However, on this past Wednesday I woke up at 5 a.m. so I could register for my last semester of college! My LAST SEMESTER. This semester continues flowing by right before the eyes of every single student on the Hill and shores no signs of slowing down. Midterms are over, final projects are beginning and wrapping up, and final exams are on their way. Honestly, it seems like yesterday when my family moved me into room 615 of Barnes-Campbell Hall with my roommate Billy Moore (who also became my fraternity brother and best friend). It wasn’t long after our parents left us to ourselves on the Hill that we began investigating the party-scene at WKU.

And it wasn’t long before three Greeks came up to us and invited us to our very first “rush” party, and that was all she wrote. We’ve both been a member of our fraternity since freshman year and have no regrets. Even before school started, we all remember our Academic Transition Program — the tedious and somewhat annoying process of getting to know the Hill and getting advised by people from your future academic department.

Holy shit. That happened during my senior year of high school! How has time slipped through our fingers during our time on the Hill? Could it be because I partied pretty hard for the past three and a half years? Possibly. Or could it be because our parents always told us that the older you get, the quicker time flies by?

When I arrived at the hill I was 18 years old and I am now 22. Do you realize how many things can happen to a person in a four-year time period? I’ve lost family members and friends. I’ve gained friends, I’ve gained knowledge, and fraternal brothers for the rest of my life. I’ve gained a family at the College Heights Herald and my fraternity and all over this campus.

Bottom line: the kid who showed up to Barnes in August 2008 transformed into someone else who he thought he’d never be — an adult. I’m using the word “adult” kind of loosely, however, because some people go throughout their entire lives and never act as adults. But since my time here on the Hill, I know that the triumphs and trivial times have molded me into a better man. The Hill has helped direct me into the right direction of becoming the adult I know I can be.

So here’s what I say to you if you’re an underclassman: join a club, get involved, have your voice heard, and if you feel the Hill guide you into adulthood, will. Also, take your classes seriously and try your hardest in balancing partying and schoolwork. I did it and so have countless alumni and current students. So can you.

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It’s been more than a year since the bus driver taking the WKU volleyball team to South Alabama suf- fered a heart attack at the wheel, nearly causing the team to be involved in a horrific bus accident. That his nearly crash was the driver lost conscious- ness on Interstate 65 near Athens, Ala.

Senior middle hitter Lindsay Williams said she still can’t help thinking about it sometimes. “It’s very hard to talk about it too much because I don’t want to get myself down and scared to do anything,” she said. “I think back on it now and I just kind of think that it’s a miracle that all of us are okay from it.”

The Lady Toppers will have to encounter those memories before they face the oppo- nent this weekend. This weekend’s trip that five-hour trip ago as they head south to take on South Alabama on Fri- day and Troy on Sunday. Head Coach Torrie Hudson said the remaining members from last year’s team can’t help themselves from thinking about it.

“We don’t want to dwell on it, but we do sometimes bring it up because how lucky we were to get out of it,” Williams said. “We’re really thankful and we’re here because we didn’t walk it.”

“I’m sure it’ll be on our minds going out there.” said Hudson. “WKU has been on a roll lately and it helps to bring some of that momentum to Alabama.”

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FULLBACK
LEARNING CONTINUED

“Learning is what we need enough to realize that hey, we’ve got an opportunity to play here,” Crowell said. “That’s been a real motivating factor for them because they know they can see themselves on the floor.”

One of those freshmen, guard Dominique Howard, said both the team’s five seniors and its three- plus college players have helped the newcomers every step of the way.

“They’ve been great. They’re kind of like the big brother or the big sister. They’ve been there a year or so ago you know how we’re feeling. And the seniors are like our parents. They’re watching out for us, encouraging us, teaching us along the way.”

The Lady Toppers go into this season poised to make their mark in the Sun Belt Conference East Di- vision behind Middle Tennessee State and Florida International. But last year’s WKU showed preseason predictions aren’t an exact science. The Lady Top- pers were a first place preseason pick in 2010-11 but ended up the regular season third in the East. Senior forward LaTiera Owens said she doesn’t mind not being the league favorite this season. “It’s good to the under- dogs because any night we can come out and show them that we should’ve been picked No. 1.”

The Lady Toppers have the chance to display all they’ve learned at 7 p.m. Sunday in Diddle Arena when they take on Kentucky Wesleyan in their first exhibition of the season.

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chemistry is right,” he said.

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of the Toppers.

Cristobal said earlier in the week

we’ve faced, and that’s a fact,”

in the Sun Belt with a 4-1 league

record.

Toppes look to beat ‘the man’

‘the man,’’ Taggart said. “We all

know Fiu is in the mix.”

National media has claimed

Saturday’s showdown between the

Bcs No. 10 and No. 2

Vegas tiebreaker.

Taggart’s first chance to

showcase in a game set-

ting will come on at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday when it plays Xavier (La.) at Diddle Arena in its

first exhibition game of the

season.

McDonald said he has no

idea of who will start, but he

wasn’t ready to announce that on

Wednesday.

But he did say four fresh-

men have stood out to him as

being consistent throughout

practice so far. Those fresh-

dmen are forwards George Fant

and Nigel Snipes and guards

T.J. Price and Derrick Gordon.

Fant and Price have both

 gotten in better shape, with

Price slimming down from

 roughly 255 pounds to 210

pounds, McDonald said.

Fant said he simply feels

better. “It’s basically just being

able out the three better and

stay in the game as long as I
can and give all the effort I

can,” Fant said.

Jordan was described as a

player who “is always trying

to do the right things,” and

McDonald praised Strengths,

consistency and athleticism,

out in the precursors.

“Fant doesn’t have the other

freshmen aren’t playing well,

but those four have separated

themselves,” McDonald said.

WKU was tabbed to finish in the

third in Sun Belt and saw no players selected to the

all-conference teams.

Saturday’s game will be the

first opportunity for the Toppers

to prove their defensive worth,

and McDonald all but

said that can’t be.

“I want the carry-over on

the defensive end. I want the

carry-over in terms of the

work ethic of the offensively

end,” he said. “You’ll hear it

a lot in my philosophy and

toughness. Those are the

things that I think you have to

be better. It’s a weak game.

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faster,” he said. “We’re leaps and bounds

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Brooke Newsome, Special to The Commercial Appeal

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — WKU got a first-round chance on Wednesday to deliver some payback to the team that knocked it out of last year’s Sun Belt Conference tournament, Middle Tennessee State.

The No. 4 seed Lady Toppers did just that, eliminating the No. 5 seed Lady Raiders in their own home field with a 3-0 win.

Junior forward Maloney Denson put WKU in front in the first half with a 16-minute goal, and senior goalie Libby Stout and the Lady Topper defense held MTSU scoreless the rest of the way.

"We know what it felt like losing last year to them," Otenbricht said. "So this year, we just came out — no goals, no glory — and played our butts off.

WKU entered the game 3-4-5 all-time against the Lady Raiders and had never won a game in Murfreesboro.

But the defense, especially Stout, was key to the Lady Toppers’ win on Wednesday.

MTSU was given a penalty kick with 10 minutes left. Stout guessed correctly and made the save, preserving the Lady Toppers’ 1-0 lead. "First time I yelled one to the team was, ‘Whatever happens, we’re going to be OK,’” Stout said. “I kind of told that to myself, too. I had a feeling she was going to go right, and I guessed right. Saving a penalty kick doesn’t happen every day.”

Head Coach Ken Neidell said it was a “remarkable win for the program” and attributed it in large part to the performance of the defense and Stout.

"He said he needed that kind of bruiser and I was the one he wanted," Jones said.

It was his potential with and without the ball that led Taggart to pursue Jones, who was a self-described "juiced" fullback.

"Kadeem is not a regular fullback. He’s more of a skill guy," Rainey said. "He’s the first one I’ve come across that’s as good as a running back but also has that skill set.""