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Thurman’s Bowling Green farm insulation and heat puts providing them with adequate, reliable heat. They stay warm for the past several years. Both horses are blind, and Ivan is reaching the end of his life. He is 27, and Standardbred horses usually live to be between 25 and 30. Coco is getting old too, and she’s a lot sick. But Ivan somehow watches out for her.

And Bowling Green resident Karen Thurman watches out for both of them — along with 55 other blind or disabled horses.

Earlier this year, on the week-end before Labor Day, Thurman was working in the barn all morning before heading back up to her home for lunch. After she ate, Thurman went out to her porch to feed her hummingbird feeder. “I’m out on the porch and all of a sudden I hear Ivan — he’s got a really loud voice — and he’s screaming for me,” she said.

Thurman went back in the house for a minute and when she came out, Ivan was standing in her yard. “He had never done this,” she said. “He’d never been out of his paddock.”

Thurman grabbed a dog leash and put it around Ivan’s neck. “I said, ‘Oh, my god, Ivan, what’s going on?’” she said. “Ivan was walking across the property and saw Coco, more than a quarter of a mile away, standing in full sun in the 100-degree weather.”

“Ivan was sick,” she said. “And Ivan came up to tell me that. And you have to understand that he’s completely blind. He’s been blind for maybe 10 years or longer.”

Ivan had walked more than a quarter of a mile in unfamiliar territory to help save Coco’s life. Ivan suddenly tripped and fell, led both of them into a barn, where Coco collapsed. Thurman said it has been a struggle, but Coco has been recovering.

Thurman owns a 185-acre farm, known as the Rainelle Equine Facility in Bowling Green, that is home to 57 previously abandoned horses.

By KATHERINE WADE kwaide@wkherald.com

Taggart’s $475K deal draws praise, criticism
By BRAD STEPHENS bstephen@wkherald.com

One of Willie Taggart’s favorite saying in his time as WKU head coach has been that “nobody” has it better than the Hilltoppers.

And after Taggart was given a contract with a $475,000 base salary on Wednesday, nobody on campus has it better than him.

The second-year head coach will now make substantially more than President Gary Ransdell ($361,000), the university’s next-highest paid employee.

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The deal is loaded with performance-based incentives for Taggart, including a 25 percent base salary increase should the Hilltoppers win eight games in a single season.

By ANNA ANDERSON aanderson@wkherald.com

CASOKY helps keep locals warm for the winter
By BYRNE ANDERSON bander@wkherald.com

As temperatures drop in the Bowling Green area, thermostat builders are being woken up early to heat the winter chill. Yet some people can’t escape from the cold — even in their own homes.

Kathy Hunt knows this story all too well.

But, the weatherization director for Community Action of Southern Kentucky, has been helping individuals and families who have staying warm for the past 10 years by working with them to provide them with adequate heating systems and insulation.

Hunt, a WKU graduate, said homes without proper insulation and heat present an on the inhabitants’ health or budget. Often, both are affected.

Hunt said homeowners are forced to choose between important expenses such as medication, clothing, food and heat.

“If an elderly woman is forced to choose between her medication and her utility bill, she’s going to keep the lights on,” Hunt said as he pointed out the electricity meter.

To help solve this dilemma, Hunt and others at Weatherization CARES take applications from households who are having a hard time keeping up with heating costs. Applicants who meet specific criteria have their homes surveyed by the Weatherization CARES team.

After completing all of the information taken from a survey, members from the weatherization department meet with the homeowners to set up times and dates for the work to be completed.

Field Service Coordinator Craig Manley said the whole process is scientific and technical.

“I think we are perceived as window replacement, but we say ‘Weatherization’ for that,” he said.

In reality, the Weatherization CARES team is responsible for the safety of their clients by naming a series of tests, including checking for propane leaks, insulation issues and even carbon monoxide levels.

By ANNA ANDERSON aanderson@wkherald.com

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Robbin Taylor, vice president for Public Affairs, said the university is not seeking anything beyond the CPE budget request and has no other specific legislative initiatives at this time.

“We will focus primarily on the budget in this session,” she said. “We are tracking pre-filed bills at this point.”

The governor will present his budget recommendation at the General Assembly by Jan. 15.

“Really until then we are discussing the CPE budget recommendation — specifically what is in its WKU — with legislators,” Taylor said.

Check out more photos from the Kappa Sigma Pageant online at WKU Herald.

C Selina Cohen sprays insulation into the attic of a home Thursday during a weatherization project. The project is a part of the Weatherization Program through the Kentucky Association for Community Action in Bowling Green.
Franklin senior Stefan Meadows, an advertising major and film minor, is president of WKU’s Film Club, minoring in film and hopes to one day teach movies professionally. His all-time favorite movie is Wong Kar-wai’s The Mood For Love, and he also appreciates older directors, like Bill Murray’s character in Groundhog Day.”

Meadows’ love for movies was instilled in him by his mother at a young age, watching movies every weekend and almost every day. “I remember watching all kinds of movies, even some that I was probably too young to be watching,” he said. “I feel like everyone, no matter how old you are, can kind of relate with his character and this kind of escapism in your life,” Meadows said.

“I was kind of scared and doing advertising,” he said. “I feel like everyone, no matter how old you are, can kind of relate with his character and this kind of escapism.”

Meadows says he would prefer to move into more movies, but once becoming a Film Club member, he can use this as a way to meet other people who enjoy them as well.

“I feel like everyone should take an analytical film class and analytical perspective on movies,” he said. “I feel like everyone, no matter how old you are, can kind of relate with his character and this kind of escapism.”

Meadows is also passionate about film as an art form, and hopes to one day teach movies professionally.

“I feel like everyone, no matter how old you are, can kind of relate with his character and this kind of escapism. And they can instill this passion for film, but I was trying to do the same thing and do advertising,” he said. “I was kind of scared and wary of having a film minor and I just realized it’s a very personal and one very unique thing, but I knew I would do something with it.”

Though Meadows is an advertising major, he views it as a way of safety net should film not work out. “I still enjoy advertising, but film is definitely where my heart is,” he said.

He said his favorite thing about movies is the way they can make people feel. “Today, there’s almost this apathetic generation,” he said. “Every one of them doesn’t want to act like they feel anything. I love how films can make you think, and also they can instill this mass amount of emotion in others.”

The fictional character that he most identifies with is Bill Murray’s character in The Lost in Translation. “I’m not tied by any means, but I think everyone can kind of relate with the character and this kind of helplessness and lost feeling in your life,” Meadows said.

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By MICHAEL MCKAY
converting into apartments

By LINDSEY KRIZ
DECEMBER 9, 2011 COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

A model apartment will be ready and open in February, along with a leasing of three-bedroom apartments. Construction will be handled in three phases, with 170-200 units that will be completed in May.

As social networking gained popularity among WKU students and beyond, one student decided that it was time to bring the Hill into the cyber world of Twitter.

Corie Martin, manager of creative web services and campus web master of public affairs, describes the Twitter account as a way to communicate with the students who follow it. The property will offer one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. The account, which is a more personalized account than the @WKUNews account, is meant to stay in touch with students.

Martin said she wants to use the account as a way of trying to reach people on social media.

"It is to live," she said. "It's kind of fun," she said. "I think this year more than ever because a German company that never had Twitter account every so often. They're trying to show what the students know that we're learning."

"The best way to get Twitter's attention is to have someone commenting on your article," she said. "It's a well-connected campus," she said. "Students know that we're learning."

"(At) our first meeting for discipleship we were talking about Twitter," Martin said. "It was my idea to do it," Martin said. "I thought it was a good idea to bring the Hill into the cyber world of Twitter.

Martin said she wants to use the account as a way of reaching out to students. She said they're trying to get more engaged with potential students, "They're trying to get more engaged with potential students," she said. "And people are trying to show what they're doing. It's not an exact account that students know that we're learning."

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"Some need help in class, and I very much enjoyed it," she said. "Students' engagement is higher, people are trying to show what they're doing. It's not an exact account that students know that we're learning."
Goodbye, scribbled words

Throughout the semester, I’ve shared many of my life’s experiences (some of which I’m not sure I should have put in print, but I did anyways). Whether I wrote about drinking and partying, Greek life or how the afterlife of the college campus still phlogs New Orleans, I hope I reached out to many of my college peers as possible.

Yes, this is my last column of the semester. But it’s not over! The 2011-2012 College Heights Herald and me want your name up on page two! If you’re arrested by WKU PD I’ll be writing about you! Whether you’re arrested by SGA or WKU PD, I’ll be writing about you! Whether I wrote about you, or if you’re arrested by SGA or WKU PD, I’ll be writing about you!

I hope those of you who read my column every Friday could still relate in some way or another.

Now that I look back on my writing, I realize I wrote a lot about drinking, but hey, we’re college students right? Many of you probably had a laugh or two at these stories because I’m sure you’ve drunk your self silly during the time of your life.

This semester has given my time to reflect on my many life experiences, and share them with you has been an honor and a privilege. It’s not every day that someone can share with an entire community their thoughts, opinions, feelings and life experiences. But I had the opportunity for sharing my life with you, and I took full advantage of it. I am not above any one of you. I just so happened to have had a column go where I usually asked for a call to action, and I hope you’ve learned some lessons from me.

Remember: don’t drink and drive. It’s dumb. Also, it’s okay to break down. You’re human. And don’t take things for granted, because you never know when those things will take away from you.

Anything can happen. And not just negative things.

I was a firm believer in the philosophy that if you have enough drive to complete something then nothing can stop you. We, as college students with our whole lives ahead of us, have a lot of drive.

Although we do need to be thinking about what we want to do in the future, and make plans for the future, I believe that the present is not something you should neglect.

Yes, sometimes I think people take themselves too seriously, and sometimes I can become one of those people. But recently someone told me to just go with the flow and play things by ear, because making plans doesn’t always work out, which I’m sure you all of you.

So here is my last call to action: to reflect as much as you can, live your life to the fullest and have fun. Laughter is the best medicine…oh, and don’t make plans because God just laughs.

Thanks for letting me share my life with you. This semester was great. Good luck!
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**THE Daily Commuter Puzzle**

**By Jacqueline E. Mathews**

**ACROSS**

1. __ for a king; regal

4. Frogmen

7. Tax-deferred accts.

10. Vintage

12. Wedged

13. Run off quickly

14. Car for Unser

15. Ambience

16. Bit of sooty residue

18. Michelin products

22. Weapons

23. Gather Leaves

25. One-dish meal

26. Of the same value

28. Hardin Planetarium

29. Planetarium Show: The Star of Bethlehem

30. Recently

31. Starting space

32. Pacific or Arctic

33. Request

36. Cold cubes

37. 11 Thailand, once

38. Saga

39. One-dish meal

40. Arson or theft

41. Group of eight

44. Apprehension

45. Arson or theft

46. Alderman

47. Coin machine by a park-

48. Apprehension

49. "The Beehive State"

50. Requests

51. "The Bachelor State"

53. Pocket bread

54. 11 Thailand, once

55. Grass area

56. End of the same value

58. Keep it up

60. Keep it up

**DOWN**

1. White lie

2. Press, in clothes

3. Riveter’s delight

4. Winning bid

5. Run quickly

6. High cards

7. Keeps it up

8. Bathrobe resident

9. Finish

10. Bowled

11. Thai food, once

12. BPOE members


16. Wicked

17. Tax-deferred accts.

18. Car for Unser

19. Recently

20. Color

21. Knapsack

22. Weapons

23. Gather Leaves

24. Billion

25. Pace & canter

26. Effort

27. Run off quickly

28. Hardness of test

29. Hardness of test

31. Starting space

32. Pacific or Arctic

33. Request

34. Elliptical

35. Pacemaker

37. Decorative nail

38. One-dish meal

39. One-dish meal

40. Arson or theft

41. Grass area

42. Simplest

43. Frosty

44. Apprehension

45. U.S. state

46. For a king, regal

47. Coin machine by a park-

48. Arson or theft

49. "The Beehive State"

50. Recent

51. "The Bachelor State"

52. Took off

53. Pocket bread

54. Tide

55. Dented

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The new SGA website matches university page

By TYLOR HARSHMAN

A new Student Government Association website that went live on Wednesday has all the same information as its predecessor but a new look that matches WKU's website.

Cory Dodd, SGA's director of information technology, said that when the university switched to the new website in the spring, all academic departments and colleges across WKU's campuses were mandated to change their websites to use the same system.

"Because we are part of the Student Activities Office, that mandate also applies to us," Dodd said.

Unlike the off-campus housing website SGA launched earlier this semester, the new website didn't have control over the change. He said it was up to the Information Technology department to figure out the change to the new website.

"In 2010, after about a year and a half of application processes, the Rainhill Equine Facility acquired non-profit status from the government," Thurman said.

"And of all sudden, all of them started getting phone calls about blind horses."

"Every single one of Thurman's 57 horses has a name, and she said they all do "amazing things,"" Thurman said.

"I just do the best I can," she said. "Sun up 'til sunset I take care of his horses. But it was great. I didn't have to work a job outside of the farm."

"Well, if you're a winner!" said one of the riders who wanted to help Thurman.

"I do," she said. "I'm just not going to ask anymore. I just want to keep going."

"As much as I love the horses, I take care of them. And it's hard. It's really hard."

"What if you're a winner?" asked another rider.

"I don't know. I don't know," the rider said. "But I'm going to keep going."

"If you're a winner, you're going to keep going," the rider said. "I'm going to keep going."
CONTINUED FROM SPORTS

RAINEY

Jackson recorded 109 tackles in his first year as a starter, and ranked second in the league in tackles with 104. He also tallied 17 tackles for loss, including 3.5 sacks, intercepted a pass and forced a fumble.

Junior tight end Jack Doyle started all 12 games for the Toppers, helping the team rank 10th in the Sun Belt in rushing yardage. Doyle, intercepted four passes, made 48 receptions for 511 yards and had 10 tackles and forced a fumble.

Quaterus Smith had a team-high 6.5 sacks, five forced fumbles and 17 tackles. Against Louisiana-Lafayette, Smith was named Sun Belt defensive player of the week.

Senior defensive ends Bo Advisthay and Jared Clendennon were named All-Sun Belt Honorable Mentions.

The team's defensive captains, Adam Smith started all 12 games for the Top- pers, helping the team rank 10th in the Sun Belt in rushing yardage. However, the league's

Athletics Director Ross Bjork said Taggart's new deal was "much deserved" in an athletic department release on Wednesday.

"Our football program is a priority for the university," Bjork said, "and we're encouraged by the progress our team has made on and off the field. This is an important step in our development as a football program."
Head Coach Travis Hudson and the WKU volleyball team return every player except for Lindsay Williams and Tiffany Elmore, who are lost to graduation.

By LUCAS ALBACH
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An early exit from the NCAA Tournament has changed Head Coach Travis Hudson’s thoughts on a historic season for the WKU volleyball program.

“My disappointment just comes from not being in the gym with them every day of this year,” he said. “You can’t always control outcomes, but you can control how you go about your business and how you represent yourself and your school.

“I really enjoyed coaching this team, and it was probably the season to go with what we had in 17 years.”

Hudson has to adjust.

The Lady Toppers recorded 13 wins this season, the Sun Belt Conference regular-season and tournament titles and votes ranked them second in the Sun Belt Coaches Association poll for the first time in school history, rising as high as No. 24 in the country.

Several Lady Toppers were accepted regionally and nationally for their achievements.

Five Lady Toppers were elected to the All-Sun Belt First and Second teams, junior outside hitter Jordyn Simon was named Sun Belt Player of the Year, sophomore defensive specialist Ashley Potts was awarded Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year, and Simon and sophomore Michelle Stoetzel were elected to the AVCA All-South region team.

Senior middle hitter Lindsey Williams said the team’s success was due to excellent unity between the Lady Toppers.

“All of us just meshed so well,” she said. “It was so different than all of the other teams I’ve been on here because we all acted like we were a special team. We’re not people telling us we were special. We just could all just feel it.”

Williams, along with senior middle hitter Tiffany Elmore, played her last match with the Lady Toppers.

“She’s the most special team we’ve had in terms of intangibles, in terms of togetherness and in terms of character, and that’s what allowed us to achieve at a level that I don’t think we’ve ever had here,” he said. “That’s a real learning point for our teams moving forward.”

The Lady Toppers will be helped by an incoming class of three recruits who should see time on the court next season.

Hudson said he hopes teams at WKU in the near future have the same success the Lady Toppers saw this season.

“This is the most special team we’ve had so far this year,” he said. “We’ve got a lot of talent, and I hope that’s just the start of what we’ve got here.”

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By BRAD STEPHENS
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Head Coach Mary Taylor-Cowles didn’t hold anything back when she sat down for her postgame radio interview Wednesday night.

Cowles had just seen her WKU team lose 69-59 to Illinois State tonight at 7 p.m. in Redbird Arena.

“Tonight’s the first time I’ve been embarrassed,” Cowles promised during her WKU team’s loss to Illinois State.

With his efforts he became the first WKU to record a double-double this season.

“Tonight’s the first time I’ve been embarrassed tonight. This was an embarrassing night for us,” Cowles said.

That’s rebounding, defensive play, whatever you want to take it for,” Cowles said.

But it’s certainly nothing Cowles has reason to hide. The Hilltoppers played well in the second half, but American teams named on the honor list.

At halftime, the Toppers still wouldn’t have been guaranteed a bowl, but head coach and sports information directors that vote for the award.

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Thursday night listed who voted on the honor list.

Rainey is the first WKU player to be named a Walter Camp All-American since the Toppers became a full FBS member in 2006, and the first one overall for WKU since James Ashby was named to the 1-A All-American team in 2004.

Rainey, who carried honorable mention All-American honors by Scout.com in 2010, is now the first WKU All-American.

The honor came just a day after Rainey was named Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight year.

Rainey broke WKU records for career and single-season rushing yards this season.

He rushed for 1,695 yards on 389 carries with 13 touchdow

Rainey currently leads the NCAA in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns.

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Rainey, who carried the ball withers against IUPUI, check out WKUHERALD.COM

For coverage of the men’s basketball game Saturday against IUPUI, check out/WKUHERALD.COM

Senior running back Bobby Rainey was named a Walter Camp Second Team All-American in 2004. He was also named Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight year.

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The Walter Camp All-American teams named on Thursday night listed who voted on the honor list.

Three — Oregon’s LaMichael James, Alabama’s Trent Richardson and Wisconsin’s Montee Ball — were all other current or former Heisman Trophy finalists.

The other was WKU’s own Bobby Rainey.

The Toppers’ senior running back was named to the All-America second team by the 120 Football Bowl Subdivision head coaches and sports information directors that vote on the honor list.

Rainey is the first WKU player to be named a Walter Camp All-American since the Toppers became a full FBS member in 2006, and the first one overall for WKU since James Ashby was named to the 1-A All-American team in 2004.

Rainey, who carried the ball withers against IUPUI, check out WKUHERALD.COM

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