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A NEW KIND OF ANIMAL

BY LASHANA HARNEY AND TREY CRUMBIE

The opening of DSU has been long awaited and everyone from students to administrators have been affected. Russell said students, faculty and staff have been overwhelmed by the 44-year-old building’s transformation.

"We've even had some walk in and start crying," Russell said.

Kathryn Costello, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, said alumni have been very impressed that the renovated building will mostly serve students.

"It is a very grand building," Costello said.

Brandon Faller, a Smiths Grove senior, just saw the finished renovation for the first time.

"It's really more open, more vibrant feeling. It's definitely an improvement being able to walk all over the building, to see the changes they have made," Faller said.

Shannon, Kansas senior Jake Thompson said the building looked "immaculate" and was happy to finally see the constant construction on the building come to an end.

"It did make things a little bit more difficult, getting around and stuff," he said. "Especially when like half of the building was closed at a time."

The inside of the building is not the only thing that has changed. A little more than a year ago, students still
Russellville sophomore Sara Garner said despite the name change, she still calls the building DUC. “I like tradition,” Garner said. “I’ve always known it as DUC because I grew up around Bowling Green. It’s always been DUC.”

Students have had to bear the grunt of the project. About 70 percent of the project was paid for by students. Students have been charged a $70 fee each semester to pay for the renovations, a fee not everyone is happy with. “I might feel like a lot of this is a little bit unnecessary,” Garner said.

Although the building is “90 percent” open according to Russell, there are still parts of the building being worked on. The ceiling tiles on the third floor are still being installed. There are several clocks missing in the atrium. Other portions, including a conference room, will be completed in the coming weeks.

DSU currently houses several student activity and dining locations and will be welcoming new food venues such as Steak ‘n Shake and Burrito Bowl.

Dan Chaney, project manager of Capital Construction, said Steak ‘n Shake will be open in the coming weeks. Some students are looking excited for the new restaurant. “I’m looking forward to having some Steak ‘n Shake on the go,” Elizabethtown junior Harrison Isom said. “It’s really cool that they take our Dining Dollars and Meal Plans.”

Steak ‘n Shake will be open in the next few weeks. Other additions opening up at DSU include a 24-hour study space a recreational lounge, large meeting rooms, new offices for staff and student organizations, a passport center in the post office, and a location for Nite Class. “Nite Class is an open venue where people can have private events,” Chaney said. “It used to be downstairs next to Subway and the post office, but it got a whole new look and actually a new addition to the building.”

Several organizations and businesses have been affected by the renovations. The WKU Store temporarily relocated to the Garrett Conference Center, and in August 2013 moved into its permanent location on the ground level of DSU.

The ground floor also contains more space for a US Bank and an Apple Store. “When we first opened last year, there was still construction going on around the store, customers had a hard time getting to us; it really hurt us. We’re in much better shape this year,” said Gary Meszaros, assistant vice president of Business and Auxiliary Services.

There will be many ceremonies celebrating the opening of DSU, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

President Gary Ransdell said he was glad that the grand opening has arrived. “Boy, what a building transformation,” he said.
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On Aug. 9, a police officer shot and killed an unarmed black teen in Ferguson, Missouri. Protests and rage have filled the streets ever since. At the center of the conflict are social and political forces and militarized police forces. The community outrage surrounding the recent melanated police killing in Ferguson has grown into a larger, more localized struggle.

Capt. Dominic Ossello, of the WKU campus police, weighs in on the WKU community's role in the larger Ferguson struggle.

By not having that community involvement, WKU still has the opportunity to do their part. WKU could be known for helping students take advantage of Bowling Green's recycling services. Parks & Rec in the local farmer's marketplace. Of course, WKU does fall short on some things. Many of the older dorms on campus aren't pioneering sustainability practices. Students should follow suit.

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SUDOKU PROBLEMS

August 26, 2014
Phila Delta Theta fraternity to get new house

BY AARON MUDD NEWS@WKUHERALD.COM

After a little more than a year without a house of its own, Phi Delta Theta fraternity is working to build a new home on Alumni Ave.

Joseph Helfin, the project manager and a Phi Delta Theta alumnus, said the planned three-story, 9,000-square-foot house will be ready next August.

“It will have a different look and feel, but far more of the other facilities that we currently have,” Helfin said. “The design plan we have now, which is still under review, is more of a lodge-type facility. It will have a theme to it in a lodge look.

During the summer, two houses were demolished to make way for construction of the new fraternity house. Phi Delta Theta has raised about $500,000 toward its $600,000 goal and plans to have students move in either in fall 2015 or spring 2016. Most of the donations came from Phi Delta Theta alumni.

“We wanted a location that was close to campus, and something that was new,” Helfin said. “And provided all the amenities that we could get on campus and more.”

Charles Peck, director of Student Activities, said the chapter faced operational problems. It closed down in December 2013.

The fraternity has since made a return last semester as a colony but faced operational issues. Seeking full chapter status, a goal it hopes to achieve by January.

“We need to get 50 guys before we can get our charter,” Mark said. “That number is set by the fraternity headquarters, but the alumni were still able to get the colony a house with help from our organization’s goal of personal fulfillment for its members.

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New chancellor brings worldly experience to WKU

BY ANNA LAWSON
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In just a few short months, Evelyn Ellis, the new regional chancellor of WKU’s Elizabethtown and Fort Knox campuses, has already found her job to be a new place to call home.

“I feel very privileged to be coming to an institution like WKU. I saw a lot of dedication and commitment during the interview process and feel like I can definitely do the job,” Ellis said. “The people have all been very friendly and helpful. There is definitely a focus on family. I just get a warm feeling here.”

The longtime educator took the position on July 28. As chancellor, she will oversee administrative tasks to ensure campus services and facilities, in May.

“During the interview process, I saw some of Dr. George’s visions and I thought we could work well together,” she said.

Ellis set to work immediately to achieve several of the goals and visions that aligned with George’s.

“I really want to see enrollment go up and that we will have a campus of distinction,” she said.

Previously, Ellis was the chief of staff and education operations manager at the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity in the Department of Defense Dependents School in South Korea. Before working overseas, Ellis worked as the associate dean for academic support services at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

“I am always able to drop into a new place and acclimate. I’m a military brat so I’m used to going from place to place,” she said. “My hope is that my past experience in and out of the U.S. will give a foundation to share with others so they can be inspired to expand their own personal horizons.”

“I know that Dr. Ellis will be an outstanding representative of WKU,” Ellis heard about the job through a friend who thought it would be a perfect fit.

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Administrative Council begins year with three new members

BY TREY CRUMBLE
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WKU’s Administrative Council has several new faces with new titles this semester.

Among the 13 members is Gordon Johnson, chief information technology officer. Johnson assumed his position in July following Bob Owen, former vice president for Information Technology. Owen recently accepted the position of chief information officer and vice president for Technology and Information Services at Santa Clara University.

The Administrative Council reports to President Gary Ransdell on the ongoing affairs within their respective divisions and work together to provide leadership at WKU.

“It’s a team,” Ransdell said. “Everybody around that table has got expertise in things we talk about as a group.”

Bryan Bassell, chief facilities officer, was promoted to his position from Director of Planning, Design and Construction, following the retirement of John Osborne, former vice president of campus services and facilities, in May.

Along with the department of Planning, Design, and Construction, Bassell is now responsible for the department of Facilities Management and the Office of Sustainability. The department of Environmental Health and Safety also falls under his authority.

The council contains two less vice presidents than last semester. Ransdell said reducing “administrative overhead” and using some of the money paid to administrators to ease university-wide budget pressure was the reason for the change.

Brian Meldred, chief enrollment and graduate office, is in another new addition to the Administrative Council. Meldred, former associate vice president for Enrollment Management, is responsible for various aspects of academic affairs including admissions, academic advising and orientation.

Despite some holding a vice president position and others considered chiefs, Ransdell said the titles have little significance.

“I wouldn’t read anything into somebody having those two words in their title as being any more important than anybody else,” he said.
Olive Hill freshman Alexandria Knipp proudly waves her first red towel at MASTER Plan Convocation. Hundreds of WKU freshmen received the first towel of their WKU career at the event.

ABOVE: Freshmen participating in MASTER Plan walk to Diddle Arena for the MASTER Plan opening convocation on Aug. 17.
LEFT: Bardstown freshman Emily Bowling fastens a WKU lapel pin to her shirt as Associate Dean Larry Snyder speaks at the 2014 Potter College Welcome. The freshman lapel pin is a WKU tradition and is to be kept and worn upon graduation.
ABOVE LEFT: MASTER Plan freshmen congregate around a fire pit to roast marshmallows at R.O.A.R.
BOTTOM: Students carry belongings while moving in outside of Gilbert Hall. MASTER Plan gives freshmen a chance to move in early.
The National Corvette Museum, which has served the community as a magnet for car enthusiasts worldwide, is celebrating 20 years in business this week. Opened in 1994 by a group of Corvette enthusiasts, the museum is a non-profit facility designed to archive a piece of American history and share it with the world.

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Ron Norgard from Omaha, Nebraska, said he thinks the museum is a special place. "We've been here five times," he said. "Norgard had a Corvette as a kid and left it on cement blocks when he left for Vietnam. Once he came home, he married and had kids, causing him to sell the car until his kids were on their own. He has owned eight Corvettes in his life. "We hadn't been here since the sinkhole, so we wanted to stop and see it," said Norgard. "This time last year we were standing there.

In a city built on top of the world's largest cave system, sinkholes aren't

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM CELEBRATES TWENTY YEARS

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Located in a small brick building behind Gary Ransdell Hall, the WKU Floral Shop offers a variety of products, ranging from traditional arrangements to gift items, such as candles and chocolate. Wedding and funeral services are also provided with no charge for delivery.

The shop runs as a small on-campus business and also operates as a classroom for students taking horticulture classes. These classes range from Basic Floral Design to Commercial Floraiculture Production and lead to a minor in floristry.

The shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FLORAL SHOP OFFERS VARIETY FOR STUDENTS

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Roger Dennis, WKU professor and horticulture instructor, has been teaching at WKU for over 15 years. In 2011, the Floral Shop and Floral Design Training Center on the corner of Regents and Mimosa was constructed specifically for floral design students. The Floral Shop offers a 10 percent discount for WKU students and free delivery on campus.

WKU Floral Shop Coordinator Debbie Gabbard places an order for a customer several days before classes began.

A floral bouquet sits at the Floral Shop and Floral Design Center on WKU’s campus.

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There’s a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes of a university. In addition to teaching courses, there are student records, transcripts and other information that has to be maintained, which is where the office of the registrar comes into play. Last semester, after 28 years as the university registrar, Florida Eggleton retired from her position.

This summer, after a national search, Tiffany Robinson was hired to take her place. Brian Meredith, associate vice president for Enrollment Management, said those going were to be big shoes to fill.

**CORVETTE**

**Continued from life**

“Being a part of university history. The newfound sisters ended festivities by running to greet current members of their chapter. But Robinson’s prepared to take on the challenge. “I was looking for a school that was open for the students,” Robinson said. “That’s an opportunity to make the changes she wants at WKU. And Eggleton said change isn’t new to the registrar’s office. “The 28 years that I spent as university registrar saw a tremendous number of changes in how we’ve served the university community,” Eggleton said.

Robinson is planning to introduce a preferred name policy. This would allow students to have their preferred name on file with school records and class rosters and is aimed at helping transgender students specifically.

“Here they’re coming in and have to make changes to their records, they’re coming to one place and they don’t have to go to five different spots on campus and basically explain their whole life story,” Robinson said.

While Robinson has come a long way from the beginning of her college career, she can relate to students who are unsure of what their next step will be. “Upon beginning her fresh- man year at SIU, Robinson had no idea what she wanted to do after graduation. She graduated with a degree in Consumer Economic and Family Management, and eventually found her niche when she spent a summer working with her basketball coach in the office. She spent the summer helping rebuild their student database.

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While Robinson enjoys the registrar’s position, she is still looking to move forward. She is hoping to begin a doctoral program in the spring and get her PhD in Educational Leadership. Several years down the road, she hopes to pursue a student affairs or provost position.

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**RECRUITMENT**

Fall 2014.

This year, 530 girls went through recruitment. Last fall, 460 rushed.

“Especially the freshman just coming in, they want to belong on campus,” she explained. “That’s a human emotion, wanting to belong, and they want that sisterhood.”

For many, Greek life offers the quickest and most encompassing channel for collegiate inclusion. David said sororities provide opportunities that are often lost, from academics to philanthropy.

“Once students learn about all that well-rounded experience of being able to partici- pate in so many aspects of college life,” she said.

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**B-3**
Big To-Do Festival set for inaugural run

BY SAM OSBORNE
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It's been nearly two years since nearly five thousand checked to Balance Farms in Oakland for the fourth annual Starry Nights Festival, curated by Bowling Green's own Cape the Elephant.

While Starry Nights isn't completely done focused on celebrating local music and arts, The Big To-Do Festival is set for Sept. 19 and 20 in the same space with the same sentiment: good music and good times.

The Big To-Do Festival will be put on through a partnership with the local music venue Edge Hill Farm, formerly Balance Farms, local advertising agency Yellowberri and Musician's Pro.

Yellowberri CEO David Thomas said the idea for the event was sparked about six months ago.

“We were tired of people seeing there isn't anything to do in Bowling Green,” Downing said. “We wanted to create something a little bit different, but also something the community can get behind.”

Starr Humes, Musician’s Pro general manager said it is crucial to have a permanent venue for local talent in a festival setting in Bowling Green.

“We think it's really important to showcase local music and arts,” Thomas said. “A marriage of three entities is needed to really pull this off and to make it happen three times a year in our goal.”

Thomas said the alliance of Yellowberri, Edge Hill Farms and Musician’s Pro hopes to put on an event at this location in the spring, summer and fall each year moving forward.

The 120-acre property has undergone many changes since hosting the Newgrass Festival in 2010 and 2012’s Starry Nights Festival. There is no longer an ATV track, green grass has been spread throughout the property and two stages have been constructed to make the space more conducive to a music festival atmosphere.

“The idea was to create a space to camp and stay,” Downing said. “There are many venues you can do that with.

The Big To-Do will feature 27 acts, with Bowling Green’s in-demand rock outfit Sleeper Agent fresh off a David Letterman performance in July headlining the festival.

“Morning Teleportation, who played several dates with Grammy-nominated alternative rock band Modest Mouse this past May, and Buffalo Rodeo are also slated to perform. “We need something consistent and something that people can get behind and really take pride in,” Downing said.

“We want to integrate the community into it and the idea is to show off some of the great things we have in our area and region.”

Tickets for the festival are $40, and can be purchased at thebigtodofest.com. The festival is open to all ages and children 12 and under get in for free. Admission to the festival includes first come, first serve primitive style camping.

The Big To-Do festival is still looking for sponsors for events. Inquiries are welcome and asked to be sent to info@thebigtodofest.com.

If you go...

Date: Sept. 19 and 20

Place: Edgell Hill Farm in Bowling Green

Price: $20 per person for weekend; kids 12 and under are free

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Curiosity Climbs: The Extended Mission on Mars presentation
Location: Hardin Planetarium
Time: 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27**
Corvette Museum 20th anniversary begins
WKU Wesley Foundation Water Balloon Fight
Location: the Valley
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 28**
*Peter Pan*
Location: Van Meter Hall
Time: 7 p.m.
Live on the Green free music festival
Location: Public Square Park, Nashville
Time: 6:15 to 10:30 p.m.
Curiosity Climbs: The Extended Mission on Mars presentation
Location: Hardin Planetarium
Time: 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 29**
Downing Student Union ribbon cutting ceremony
Location: WKU Store Main Entrance
Time: 4:30 p.m.
WKU Hilltoppers vs. Bowling Green Falcons football game
Location: Smith Stadium
Time: 6:30 p.m.
*Peter Pan*
Location: Van Meter Hall
Time: 7 p.m.
Concert in the Park series
Location: Fountain Square and Circus Square parks
Time: 6 to 10:30 p.m.
Bands playing: Wide Open Road, Skip Bond and the Fugitives

**SATURDAY, AUG. 30**
Corvette Museum 20th anniversary ends
*Peter Pan*
Location: Van Meter Hall
Time: 7 p.m.
Bowling Green Hot Rods vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps
Location: Bowling Green Ballpark
Time: 7:05 p.m.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 31**
*Peter Pan*
Location: Van Meter Hall
Time: 3 p.m.
Bowling Green Hot Rods vs. Fort Wayne TinCaps
Location: Bowling Green Ballpark
Time: 7:05 p.m.
Curiosity Climbs: The Extended Mission on Mars presentation
Location: Hardin Planetarium
Time: 2 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 1**
Labor Day (university closed, no classes)

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The WKU volleyball team’s 2013 season began with high expectations and built itself off the back of the Conference USA Tournament title and a top-25 ranking, raising expectations for the 2014 campaign.

Head Coach Travis Hudson knows he has little time to prepare his team before the season starts, and is trying to get as much as possible done with his youth squad before competitive season begins beginning on August 22.

While the Lady Topper squad graduated five seniors – one of which was second-team All-American Ashley Potter – they have brought in a top-30 recruiting class consisting of five freshman.

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The Hilltoppers have a new Top 50 recruit in junior middle hitter Nollee Langenboom, of Cincinnati, Ohio, calories out a point against Belmont University on September 3, 2013.

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Asper looking to evaluate its options. He said it’s been exciting to see everyone rally around with a common goal, have a good experience and build on what they did last year.

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Lady Toppers defeat Mercer 1-0; improve to 2-0 with winning the past two games.

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Freshman forward Bri Mosley’s goal in the 46th minute of Sunday’s game between WKU and Mercer proved to be the difference as the Lady Toppers opened win, 1-0, at the WKU Soccer Complex in Bowling Green.

The Lady Toppers opened the second half aggressive-ly and in the 68th minute sophomore midfielder Haley Baldridge was able to assist Mosley on a long score from nearly 25 yards out.

“Before I came in the game, coach Jason and coach Dustin told me to keep using my speed and when I saw Haley get the ball, I just started running and started holding my line so I wouldn’t lose my athlete,” Mosley said. “I saw my shot, pulled back and just gave it some touch and kicked it.”

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According to Neidell, the Lady Toppers got a little con- dent after Mosley’s goal and the remainder. Mercer went the battle over possession of the ball and had several op- portunities to the match.

“Psychologically after, you’ve been playing pretty good, pressing and preserving and you finally scored, you kind of let your guard down. They also pushed a lot of players for- ward and we didn’t do a very good job of adjusting to that,” Neidell said. “According to the team’s hon- or senior Ali Auscherman, the team’s energy out of halftime was the difference despite the lack of effort following the goal. “I think we did pretty well,” Auscherman said. “There were some ups and downs in the game. After the half, I thought we came in with a good effort but maybe it could have been better. It was a good win for our team.”

A change of pace may be required right off the bat against BGSU. First-year Falcons Head Coach Dino Babers, who’s known for the up-tempo offense and aggressive defensive schemes, takes over a team that is built for his style of play.

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