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WKU PLANS TO HONOR 9/11 VICTIMS

Thursday marks the 13th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, and WKU will hold events in remembrance of the tragedy. The Student Activities Office, Military Student Services, ROTC and Veterans Union Board will jointly host events to commemorate those who lost their lives during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, according to a news release. At 6 p.m. “Lone Survivor” will be shown in the Nest Class section of Downing Student Union. Free pizza will be available. A candlelight vigil will be held at the Guthrie Bell Tower at 8 p.m. following the film for those who wish to pay their respects.

FUSE grants aid in student research

BY BRITTANY ELDRIDGE

Every semester at WKU, 50 students are awarded the Faculty-Undergraduate Student Engagement grant. The purpose of the FUSE grant is to assist students with creative activities and research.

“What’s a grant to further your interest, so you can research more and just get more involved in your study,” Newell said.

Undergraduate students can apply for the FUSE grant to help further their academic development, according to the grant application which can be found on WKU’s website. The student applicant must be at least a sophomore.

ROTC students expand leadership skills

BY WHITNEY ALLEN

Classwork begins long before 8 a.m. for Patrick Crews and the 180 other ROTC students on campus. With physical training three times a week, these cadets start their day at 6:30 a.m.

Longbeach, California senior Patrick Crews is currently a member of the National Guard and the ROTC program. After he graduates in December, Crews is hoping to be placed on active duty.

Students who are interested in ROTC don’t necessarily have to join the Army. A small number of the cadets are only pursuing a military leadership degree, but the majority of cadets are seeking to join the military as an officer upon graduation.

ROTTC students will expand leadership skills.

File photo of WKU’s ROTC Battalion running down University Boulevard while working out at the Diddle Auxiliary Gym on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013.

RED CROSS Rivals

BY JESSICA VOORHEES

While the blood drive on WKU’s campus serves as a chance to compete against rival Middle Tennessee State University, for Ronda Birchell, it’s personal.

“My son died at 15 when the hospital ran out of blood platelets,” Birchell said. She said she needed blood donations is strong.

“We have so few donors,” Birchell said. “There are more patients who need blood than donors.”

The fourth blood drive competition between WKU and MTSU took place at the Preston Center Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Members of the WKU community came out to donate blood to the American Red Cross.

The winning school will be announced at halftime of the WKU vs. MTSU football game Sept. 13 and will be presented with a blood battle trophy.

In 2010 and 2011, MTSU won the competition. WKU is the reigning champion, having won the competition in 2012. The competition was not held in 2013, due to the teams not competing in football.

After the first two days of the competition, WKU was in the lead with 263 donors, while MTSU had 228.

Andrew Rash, coordinator for Student Activities, said about 650 people participated in 2012.

WKU students donate blood in the Preston Center on Tuesday as part of the WKU vs. MTSU Blood Drive Competition by the American Red Cross.

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After more than 30 years in the automotive industry, Dave Tatman is switching gears.

Before joining WKU as an associate vice president of Auto- matics and Manufacturing in the Office of Research, Tatman was managing director of Corvette Green Assembly Plant, a manufacturing plant specializing in Corvette components.

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10 Worst Preston Center Regulars

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BY TANNER COLE
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Some scholars estimate that music was a part of early civilization rituals. It’s been integral in daily life for countless centuries, and you can tell by the different songs and melodies found in various cultures and locations.

Different kinds of music bring out different emotions within us in a deep and complex way. Different songs and melodies can evoke a variety of levels within one emotion.

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Mario Jiménez, of the University of San Francisco of Quito, prepares a traditional Ecuadorian dish for students during the gallery reception at the Ivan Wilson Center for Fine Arts on Wednesday.

Students view artwork by Sandra Fernández at the main gallery of FAC during the gallery’s reception on Wednesday.

Louisville sophomore Veneatrea Bennett browses the selection of handmade bracelets during the kick-off to the International Year of Ecuador at Centennial Mall.

LEFT: Mayfield junior Sydney Jones, left, poses for a photo with Somerset sophomore Andrea Jenkins during the kick-off event for the Year of Ecuador at Centennial Mall on Wednesday. The pair of students received a free t-shirt for posting their photo with the hashtag #WKUIYO.

RIGHT: Pablo Garzón plays the violin in the Nashville group, Serenatta, who played at Centennial Mall on Wednesday during the kickoff to WKU’s International Year of Ecuador.
Fall fashion
trends await
cooler days

BY KAE HOLLOWAY
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Contrary to the belief of certain pumpkin spice latte pushing coffee shops, fall is not here yet. With temperatures rising into the 80s and 90s daily, it is just not yet time to sip your autumn roast from Einstein's and kick up colored leaves in soft flannels and boots. While it's too early to wear those fall staples, it's not too early to talk about them. Although not to the point of ad nauseam that pumpkin spice is already approaching.

This fall, leather will be king. Leather jackets, pants, skirts and vests will be everywhere and in every color. The punk classic gained in popularity last fall and winter, but stores such as H&M, Forever 21 and more have greatly increased their faux-leather supply. Entire tables in Nashville's H&M are devoted to leather skirts and pants in different cuts and styles. Entire racks in Forever 21 are devoted to jackets that range from traditional,Ramones-inspired black to Michael Jackson red. Flannels, as always, will make their cozy return. Honestly, it's impossible to foresee a fall without those idyllic images of dressing in flannel, sipping coffee and watching “Hocus Pocus.” It reached a peak with grunge bands of the 1990s and hasn't left yet. Although the jury's out if Kurt Cobain drank copious amounts of coffee and watched “Hocus Pocus” while wearing his.

This fall, ankle boots will stomp their way up and down the Hill. Gone (hopefully) are the days of mid-calf brown leather boots. Fashion bloggers and stylists have been pushing for ankle boots for several seasons, and this fall may be their true time to shine. Ankle boots are typically cheaper because they use less material and come in just as many neutral colors as the mid-calf boots. They are easily paired with the same dresses, jeans and skirts as before. The only downside: more of your tight-clad legs will be exposed to the elements. There are still several weeks until fall, giving you plenty of time to pull out or purchase the aforementioned products. These three only merely graze the surface of all the clothes, shoes and accessories that will color your fall.

Thai Thai has charm

BY JOHN GREER
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Thai Thai’s commitment to an authentic, flavorful cuisine makes it one of the top-tier ethnic restaurants in town. Thai Thai is located in a cozy house on Chestnut Street. The inside, which is composed of multiple rooms, could be mistaken for an actual residence if it wasn't for the smattering of carefully prepared dining tables. The walls are lined with ornate, wooden engravings and intriguing artifacts. No music plays in the background, so the atmosphere is quiet.

When ordering, patrons select their own preferred level of spiciness on a scale from 1 to 10. Be warned, even the lowest spice levels pose a threat.
Kelsey Waldon’s debut full-length record, “The Gold Mine,” introduces us to throughout the 11 tracks range from drinkers with zombies for a 5K race. “Not only can you be involved by a runner’s stand on the course and spend the race involved by a zombie’s stand on the course, zombies try to steal the flags from the runners. Runners and zombies are encouraged to bring extra clothes. While the online race registration table on Saturday will receive a discount price of $10. "It’s great entertainment," Burge said. "I think in the past three years, it’s the best family-oriented event. They get to participate with family and friends, and they know, they have a great time doing it."
People filled into Van Meter Hall on Tuesday evening to listen to a speaker who has changed not just the lives of his students, but the city they live in as well.

Stephen Ritz is a teacher in the South Bronx in New York City who is giving students opportunities for academic success through the rebuilding of the Bronx. Ritz believes students shouldn’t have to leave their neighborhood to live, learn and earn.

His lecture focused on how important it is to teach people that they are capable of growing their own food, regardless of their income levels.

"I’m not a farmer," Ritz said. "I like to say I’m a people farmer." Ritz’s program, Green Bronx Machine, trains the youngest nationally-recognized workforce in America to grow produce for themselves and others in their community. His students earn living wages while on their way to graduation.

Ritz and his students have grown more than 300,000 pounds of vegetables in the Bronx. Ritz said this has led to better academic performance from his students, but the city they live in as well.

"We’re sending kids who are on food stamps home every week with fresh produce," Ritz said. "I want to see how it would transfer to rural Kentucky," he said.

Ritz told the audience the idea that "the world has no compassion, but we as humans do," he said. "This is our moment, and here in Kentucky and across the nation we need to go from a nation of red states and blue states to a nation of green states."
WKU tennis is set to play in its first tournament of the season this weekend. The team will travel to Elon, North Carolina for the Elon Invitational.

"We want to go out there and compete. It's the first tournament of the fall," first-year Head Coach Jonatan Berhane said. "We have five new players and four returners. We also have four international players with world ranking. So, I think it's going to be a very good year."

One of the returning standouts will be senior Madeline Phillips, who played as the Lady Topper's No. 2 player last season. Phillips went on to win seven singles matches and five doubles matches, despite a rough stretch in the middle of the season.

The senior will have more of a leadership role this year with so much inexperience on the roster.

"The good thing about having five new girls is that they expect a lot," Berhane said. "They really want to develop their tennis game, and some of them want to play professional after college. So, we have very highly motivated athletes."

The team will open play on Friday, but times have not yet been determined.

WKU soccer team will travel to New Haven, Connecticut this weekend to compete in the 2014 Yale Classic on Friday and Sunday. The Lady Toppers are coming off a 2-0 victory against Evansville and head into the tournament having compiled a 3-1 record on the season.

"It's a homecoming of sorts for Head Coach Jason Neidell, who graduated from Yale in 1994. In 1993, Neidell was an All-Ivy League selection and captured the program's Walter Leeman Award, which is traditionally given to those who exemplify quality leadership.

WKU's first matchup of the tournament will be against the Lady Bulldogs of Yale on Friday at 6:30 p.m. The Lady Bulldogs are 2-0 thus far, having secured victories over Quinnipiac and Sacred Heart University, 2-0 and 2-1, respectively.

The Lady Topper's will also face off against Sacred Heart University on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Sacred Heart's record stands at 2-2-1 with its two victories coming against Delaware State and St. Peter's, 4-2 and 4-0, respectively.

The tournament marks the first two matchups of a five-game road stint for the Lady Toppers. They travel to Indiana State, Marshall and Old Dominion following this weekend before their first home Conference USA matchup with Charlotte on Oct. 5 at 1 p.m.
**Quick Facts**

- They beat WKU 70-62 in front of 7,326 fans.
- They are the best team in the Sun Belt at the time.
- The Hilltoppers who went to a bowl game, won eight games, and their defense is very sound.
- They are not giving up the big play.
- They have totaled 18 tackles and are doing and have a staff who has been there for a while. I just think that the Hilltoppers have erased the bad taste in the first two weeks of play and the ranks second in passing yards (866), completing 231-of-370 (37) and total offense (421.5 yards/game), and fourth in points responsible for (48).

**Players to Watch**

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**Sidelines**

**Continued from SPORTS**

Senior tight end Mitchell Henry said. “It’s a bigger deal than what it really is.”

MTSU jolting to Conference USA a year before the Hilltoppers. WKU went 8-4 in football but one game worse, it is the Blue Raiders to an average of 42.5 points per game through two games, good for 27th nationally.

**What’s at Stake?**

WKU passing offense vs. MTSU’s passing defense. The Blue Raiders’ pass- ing defense ranks third in the nation, allowing just 5.5 yards through the air in its first two games. However, WKU’s passing offense ranks third in the nation, averaging 433 yards per game.

**Key Matchup**

WKU (1-1) vs. MTSU (1-1)

**Odds:** MTSU, -1.5 (Bovada)

WHERE: Johnny Floyd Stadium – Murfreesboro, Tennessee

**Players to Watch**

- Junior running back Leon Allen led the way for the Hilltoppers on the ground at Illinois with 122 rushing yards on 24 attempts, 17 all-purpose yards and a touchdown. Allen carried 28 times this season, having totaled 18 tackles and a touchdown against Bowling Green State.

**Sidebars**

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WKU junior wide receiver Antoine Grant (13) comes up short on a pass attempt as Illinois' Eaton Spence (27) applies pressure during play on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Memorial Stadium in Champaign, Ill.

Volleyball
BY JONAH PHILLIPS
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WKU volleyball (7-2) extended its win streak to six on Tuesday with an impressive 25-11, 25-10, 25-20 sweep of Lipscomb (5-2) in Nashville.

Lipscomb entered the match ranked No. 27 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association rankings.

The Lady Bisons received 35 votes.

Freshman outside hitter Alyssa Canavan and freshman setter Alexa Lucas contributed to a Lady Topper hitting percentage of .333. That’s 20 more than any other team in the C-USA.

Junior setter Jordyn Lucas tallied 36 assists on the night, while senior opposite hitter Benoit Kula had 16 kills.

MTSU and WKU系列带来的足球与篮球的较量

Sidelines
WKU and MTSU series brings unity to the rivalry
BY ELLIOTT PRATT
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Hello there, rivalry week, it’s been a while.
It’s the 100 miles of hate, the red vs. blue.
Hilltopper fans change their colors to go from the previous meeting on Nov. 1, 2012 at Smith Stadium, 34-29.

The Blue Raiders were picked to finish second in the East Division of the C-USA, preseason coaches poll with 56 votes. WKU (1-1) was picked to finish fourth with 57 votes.

Both teams rank within the top-30 nationally in scoring offense, with MTSU coming in at No. 17 and MTSU at No. 27.

MTSU has completed 37 of its 55 passes and 22 of those were good for a first down. On first down, the Blue Raiders are 11 on 11 scoring drives this season, six of which were good for 7-yards, and MTSU is a perfect 10-for-10 on the redzone this season. However, Grammar has already thrown three interceptions against two touchdowns.

Senior safety Kevin Byrd and junior linebacker TT Barber, among others, anchor the MTSU defense. Barber has totaled eight tackles, two tackles for loss, one sack and nine total tackles this season.

Volleyball set to host Holiday Inn Invite following sweep of Lipscomb

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