Regent election causes debate

BY TREY CRUMBIE AND LEAH BROWN

The SEC cited both a WKU policy which states “no person shall be employed at the university if he or her relative or domestic partner serves on the Board of Regents” and a Kentucky Revised Statute which states “no person shall be employed at an institution where his relative serves on the board of regents for that institution” as the basis for their disqualification.

Both Ernest and Kerby are either married or engaged in a domestic partnership, which someone who is employed at WKU.

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WBKU INVOLVED IN SIX LAWSUITS

BY LEAH BROWN

As of Oct. 17, WKU was involved in six cases pending litigation. The cases have not progressed in the judicial system since the summer.

“We filed motions for summary judgment in two discrimination cases,” General Counsel Deborah Wilkins said.

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BY SHANTEL-ANN PETTWAY

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The oldest case pending litigation against the employees claiming their employment contract was breached is Rhonda v. Commonwealth of Kentucky, a former employee, filed in October 2013, claiming he was fired because of his age. Negligence was responsible for her injuries. There is still no trial date, and the discovery phase is proceeding.

The pending case involving a retiree of WKU, Elizabeth Estes, who claims her employment contract was breached, is Beckner v. Miss Kentucky State Pageant Organization, on behalf of two WKU employees, claimed WKU violated the Kentucky Civil Rights Act by not offering compensation to upperclassmen honors students in February. Both cases are pending at this time.

Beckner filed a motion for discretionary review and the discovery phase is proceeding.

In Terry J. Reagan vs. Western Kentucky University, Reagan, a former employee, filed a suit in October 2013, claiming he was fired because of his age. Discovery is in process.

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The WKU Police Department engages in numerous methods to return stolen items to students on campus. This semester there have been three reported bike thefts, according to WKU-UPD records. The bikes have been returned to their owners this semester.

“It can be hard to track bicycles if the owner doesn’t know the serial number to their bicycle,” said Capt. Dominick Ossello. “It’s easier for police to return stolen property when serial numbers are included in theft reports,” Ossello said.

The police department enters serial numbers in a state and nationwide computer system and collaborates with local pawnshops to identify stolen property. In order for these searches to be done, the serial numbers are required. Items that pop up in these databases are noted and WKU-UPD will be notified. If a student cannot provide a serial number, searches are conducted based off of the description.

Ossello said some items that are returned include cell phones and that is why having the serial number to a stolen item is important. “We’ve had cell phones that students have returned to us,” he said. “It’s good that they make an effort to give details because anyone could claim your items.”

Drums contribute to fun

Counselling and Testing Center and two community members created the African drums circle. The group wanted to offer an alternative to “Thirsty Thursdays.” “Thirsty Thursdays” are common- ly known on college campuses for drinking out and getting rowdy inside of Downing Student Union to continue the circle — just get a feel for what students engage in numerous meth- ods to return stolen items to students on campus.

**The Book of Life**

**celebration of Mexican culture**

by Jackson Freeman

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HILLTOPPER HYSTERIA DUNKS IN A NEW SEASON

LEFT: Freshman guard DJ Clayton dunks during the slam dunk contest at Hilltopper Hysteria on Oct. 18 at Diddle Arena. The event featured player introductions for both the men’s and women’s basketball teams, scrimmages, a three-point contest and a slam dunk contest.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sophomore guard Kierra Muhammad dances during her introduction at Hilltopper Hysteria on Oct. 18 at Diddle Arena.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Senior forward George Fant signs autographs for fans after Hilltopper Hysteria on Oct. 18 at Diddle Arena. Fant was named to the Preseason All-Conference USA Team earlier this month.

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Students and families flock to Jackson’s Orchard for pumpkins and apples on Oct. 19. The orchard celebrated its third weekend of the annual Pumpkin Festival.

BY STEPHANIE JESSIE
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Pirates, puppets and talking cats populated the Gordon Wilson Lab Theater last weekend as the cast of “The Enchanted Attic” took stage.

The hour-long children’s play, directed by Lexington senior Eric Mattingly, began when three children, Lance, Frieda and Josie, decided to explore their Great Aunt Agnes’ attic in search of treasure. Instead, they found something they weren’t expecting: a magical window that grants wishes whenever they are near.

Things became complicated when young Josie’s wish to be on a pirate ship brought the children face-to-face with the legendary Blackbeard and his kooky cronies. After tricking the pirates into jumping ship, the children and their talking cat, So-Dumb, wished for a puppet found in an old trunk to become human. The marionette, Certainly Fairweather, relies on the children and cat to find his master puppeteer once he comes to life.

Somerset freshman Mason Stevens played the loose-limbed character. He dedicated his time before the show’s debut not only to learning his lines, but studying the uncoordinated movements of puppets and marionettes.

“What I really found out when I acted as this character was that the craziness really messed not with, like, my outer personality, but how I kinda am on the inside,” Stevens said. “I’m all scatter-brained and always trying to do stuff all at once.”

Stevens encourages other performers to try for roles in children’s plays.

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Jackson’s Orchard remains seasonal staple to community

BY ANNA LAWSON
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It’s the time of year when the leaves are changing colors, pumpkins are being sold in supermarkets and people are making their way, in droves, to Jackson’s Orchard for cider slushes, baked goods and orchard-grown produce.

However, running the 105-acre farm is not all fun and games. It’s a business for owner Bill Jackson. He, along with the other workers, put an abundant amount of time and labor into the farm-year round, not just during the fall season.

“It is a different job every season. That makes it fun,” he said. “It takes lots of hard work and lots of people. Whether it is pruning one of the orchard’s 7,000 trees or packaging apples for the orchard’s store, the employees work the entire year to create a place for the whole family to enjoy.

Annette Madison is one of the many hands helping on Jackson’s Orchard. Madison has been working at the orchard for 10 years.

“I love watching all the people enjoy themselves here,” she said.

Madison said she hopes to continue to see the orchard grow as it has in the past.

“We bought it, and there were no buildings. It was just a one-lane gravel road,” Jackson said.

The Jacksons purchased the land from Ed Hudgens, an 89-year-old farmer. Back then, the orchard’s landscape was vastly different from how it looks today.

“We are proud we have maintained a crop of apples all year,” Jackson said.

Jackson, along with his wife, Shirley, bought the land back in 1966 and have been running the 100-year-old orchard ever since.

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The biggest challenge they faced starting out was finding workers. Jackson encourages other performers to try for roles in children’s plays.

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White squirrel symbolizes Student Alumni Association

BY LASHANA HARNEY
wkuherald.com

“The White Squirrel is the logo for the Student Alumni Association,” said Tori Henninger, assistant director of the WKU Alumni Association.

Henninger said the symbol chosen for SAA was the white squirrel, because they are so loved on campus.

The white squirrel is the official mascot of WKU, attending many events on campus.

When SAA was being re-established on campus, we wanted something linked to WKU, so I decided on the white squirrel,” Henninger said.

According to Henninger, the white squirrel is revered by WKU students and Bowling Green citizens, like Tom Napier, Johnie Napier and three-year-old June Napier.

“Since 2013, it has been established on campus, we have branded the logo as the white squirrel,” said Henninger.

Tori Henninger, assistant director of SAA, said she’s had the idea for years and talked to students who wanted an interactive white squirrel.

“Wally, the White Squirrel, symbolizes Student Alumni Association,” said Henninger.

“Wally’s name originated from a social media event held by SAA,” Henninger said.

Steve Wessman, WKU Alumni Association support, said the labor is hard work and requires many people to keep the orchard running.

“With five employees tending to the crowd-drawing attractions of the orchard, they are often very busy. In the fall, they have to maintain the wagon rides, hay bale maze, a bouncy house and a hay bale swing,” Wessman said.

The orchard has farm animals, swings, a bounce house and a hay bale maze to draw in more customers of all ages. The Jacksons strive to make the orchard a place the whole family will love, even if it is just a small addition.

“We add something to the playground every year. This year, it was the sandbox,” Bill Jackson said. “We also expanded our kitchen.”

Jackson said the people who explore the orchard, buy the goods and enjoy the attractions are his favorite part of the orchard.

“I like seeing the kids pulling on their mom’s sleeves when they don’t want to leave,” said Jackson.

“We have a ‘Where’s Wally’ scavenger hunt, much like ‘Where’s Waldo?’ but I named Wally to just change it up a bit,“ said Henninger.

During the ‘Where’s Wally’ scavenger hunts, which are done throughout the year, SAA members hide a stuffed white squirrel somewhere on campus. SAA members then post to social media to promote the squirrel’s hiding spot from various angles on social media, such as Twitter and Instagram, until a student guesses the correct location.

The first person to guess the correct location receives a prize, such as a stuffed white squirrel or a gift card.

“Underneath the white squirrel costume there’s an SAA member. ‘As of right now, any active member of SAA can do it,’ said Henninger. “It’s based off SAA more than a mascot.”

Henninger said SAA covered the costs of the one Wally costume with the help of private donations. SAA is beginning to rent out Wally for private events for a fee that will mostly pay for the student’s work for wearing the costume.

“People are fun. You have to love people, and you have to be present. They just changed the costume,” said Henninger. “When I talk about Wally, I talk about being a member of SAA than a mascot.”

She found out about the performance from the Southern Kentucky Happenings magazine.

“Mattingly said his directorial debut was well received. ‘I was extremely proud of him and the cast and crew. I feel like our work never goes to waste. I’m proud of our WKU students and Bowling Green citizens, like Tom Napier, Johnie Napier and three-year-old June Napier.”

The show closed by reminding those watching how important the imagination is, having the children wishing to never lose their imagination.

“I know what imagination is,” Josie Mattingly said. “I watch a lot of young kids and I always see the excitement on their faces.”

Mattingly said her biggest fear is that Wally is not the mascot business and is not in competition with Big Red.

“Big Red is the last mascot on earth, and the Student Alumni Association supports Big Red with everything they have,” said Henninger. “Wally is more interactive. Wally is for the students.”

With SAA, Wally has brought a campus tradition to WKU.

“It’s truly just something fun,” Henninger said.
WKU cross country finishes in middle of the pack at Pre-National event

Lady Toppers split weekend Texas road swing

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elled to El Paso for a matchup that proved to be much easier. With a sweep of UTEP (4-1, 16-16 stalemate to win, 25-19. During the final set, UTSA used two key blocks to pull ahead before a 4-5 run gave them a 22-15 lead on the way to 25-20 win.

“It was something I’ve seen coming awhile for our team,” Hudson said. “We have come out a lot of matches this year and played really well in the first and then in the second set came out unprepared, and we finally played a team that was talented enough to make us pay for that.” The Lady Topppers then came out and played extreme-

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Agaba led the way for the men’s team with a time of 25:28.80. Senior David Mokone and junior Aaron Stevens were also top finishers for the men, with times of 26:02.80 and 26:18.60, respectively.

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Unfavorable weather dampened the atmosphere and conditions for runners at the Pre-National Invitational weekend, but that didn’t stop the WKU men’s and women’s cross country teams from turning in impressive finishes.

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JAKE POPE/HERALD
WKU junior defender Alanna Clancey attempts to tackle UAB sophomore midfielder Sarah Morris during the second half of the WKU vs. UAB game on Oct. 19.

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The Lady Topper’s quest for postseason life continues on Friday at 6 p.m. as they take on L.A. Tech in Ruston, Louisiana.

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No, it wasn’t anything close, but even still, who wouldn’t want to see a free event of silly choreographed introductions in smoke and lights, followed by the only dunk fest you’ll see all year?

The team saw 4,773 in average attendance in Diddle Arena last season and if these four stay healthy the entire time, that number could rise for their last season, or ‘show,’ at WKU.

Freshman forward Justin Johnson said after Hysteria that he has been coming to the event for three years.

“Watching it as I was growing older in high school and now to finally participate was a really big deal for me,” he said.

“It was a great crowd here. We’ve got to win some games and keep people coming back. We’ve got to win games and prove that we can play in this conference. There’s a lot of excitement right now, but we’ve got to win some games or that people will come back.”

Johnson, rated a three-star recruit by Rivals.com, has the right idea.

Wins produce excitement, which in turn will boost attendance. If ever there were a group primed to produce results the school wants, it’s this senior group.

Heading into their senior seasons, Price ranks 25th in WKU history with 1,236 points and Fant sits at 30th with 1,180. Price, Fant and Jackson were the top three scorers for the Hilltoppers last year, with Fant and Price leading the team in rebounds.

Entering their first year in Conference USA, Price and Fant find themselves a part of the Preseason All-CUSA team, but WKU didn’t even scratch the top four of the preseason coaches’ poll.

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Brohm said. “The hungriest players,
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that are going to play. I think our
guys will practice hard. I think that
they enjoy playing the game, and
they realize it’s going to be a battle
every week. I think they’ll respond
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WKU sophomore wide receiver Taywan Taylor (2) reaches for a touchdown in the WKU vs. Florida Atlantic game on Oct. 18.

The Hilltoppers lost 45-38 despite holding a 17-point halftime lead.

BY KYLE WILLIAMS
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Lowly second-half performances continue to haunt the Hilltoppers against teams with a better record than Western Kentucky. WKU (2-4, 0-3 Conference USA) surrendered a 13-point halftime lead at home to UAB on Oct. 19.

The Hilltoppers now share first place in the conference with North Texas at 0-3, the league's worst record.

The Hilltoppers' schedule has each proven to be a tale of two halves. The Hilltoppers managed to square the circle at 547 yards per game, has held an average lead of 9.8 at the half, but the defense has given up 24 points per game in the second half of games this season, which averages 24 points per game in the first half of games this season, has only managed a total of 19 points and 202 total yards in the second half of the past two games.

Hilltoppers lost 19-17-10-0, 11-2-0, 12-2-10-0.

However, there is reason for optimism. Of all teams in the NCAA with four losses, WKU's margin of defeat has been limited to the defense, according to Brohm, the team has made adjustments and is excited to turn the Hilltoppers' season around.

“I think that we are right in the thick of it. We’re a competitive football team. We’ve not been good enough to win close football games. We’ve got to perform better on game day, especially in the second half, if we want to get over the hump.”

Coach Jeff Brohm said. “I know that. We’re definitely hungrier,” McNeal said. “You’ve got to learn on the job. We’ve got to perform better on game day, especially in the second half. We’ve got to get better. We’ve got to get better. We’ve got to get better.”

The Hilltoppers also have a combined 22-19 record and have managed to win 19 of 20 games this season. However, the Hilltoppers have only managed to win one game against teams with a second-half lead.

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The Hilltoppers are now 1-0 on Sunday — completing the driver’s seat for our own fate for the rest of our season.”

Sophomore forward Inn Dunn proved to be a force for the Lady Toppers throughout their match against rival Middle Tennessee. Dunn scored the first goal of the 30th minute after receiving a pass from an MSU player just outside the box.

Inn Dunn scored the second goal of the game on a shot from the right side of the box.

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