Campus reacts to US Senate results
BY TYLER PROCHAZKA
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Almost immediately after polls closed on Tuesday, the news was out: Mitch McConnell won re-election to the U.S. Senate.

And then as more national projections came out, it became clear the Republicans were going to win control of the Senate, causing a mix of disappointment and excitement among WKU students.

SGA President Nicki Taylor said that as a Democrat she was “upset” by the results.

“I even went to an Alison rally earlier in the year so I had to see her lose,” Taylor said.

Taylor also said she thought the Democratic candidate Alison Grimes offered a better option for Kentucky’s agriculture and would provide greater service to Kentucky.

Republicans not only won the Senate, but also the biggest majority in the House since World War II.

“People are frustrated with the government and they elected a Republican majority,” Peay said.

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“I feel it’s my duty to try to create atmospheres for people to ask questions about it and even try to make a step towards the problems in America,” Wright said.

The forum consisted of eight panelists at University of Louisville or University of Kentucky.

WKU students are more likely to default on paying off student loans than students at University of Louisville or University of Kentucky.

According to data released by the U.S. Department of Education in September, WKU’s three-year cohort default rate of student loans for the 2011 fiscal year is 13.7 percent with 5,237 students in repayment and 720 students in default. The percentage includes graduates and dropouts.

“Usually, the students who aren’t in school are more likely to default,” Burnette said.

“‘Our default rate is higher than we would like,’ Burnette said. ‘We have a plan where we are putting more aggressive efforts in place to try to help those students who are in that repayment process.’

The perception of race in the judicial system in America weighed heavy on the minds of several students, faculty and members of the community during a discussion about social fairness on Tuesday.

About 60 people in Grise Auditorium attended a forum titled “Race, Rights, and Religion” on Tuesday night, Nov. 4 in Bowling Green at Grise Hall. Discussion topics included police involvement in the nation and question-and-answer sessions, such as those used in the Mike Brown case. 
She also said his strategy of trying an uphill battle for Grimes.

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We see an injustice done, so we need to speak up.
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Clinic to provide legal services to students

BY LASHANA HARNEY
NEWSPAPERHERALD.COM

A student legal services clinic will be available at the WKU Student Union starting in the spring semester of 2015.

Julia Shadoan, the director of paralegal studies and a licensed attorney, said the clinic will provide services at a reduced cost to students.

The exact cost has not yet been determined.

“...is the gap in the legal services that students are being offered at normal fees versus what students can afford,” Luttrell said.

Shadoan said the clinic will not provide legal services, but plans to educate students on certain aspects of understanding laws through seminars.

The clinic will be in Tate Hall, Room 252, and will begin providing services in January.

Services will cover legal issues including criminal violations, traffic violations, family law, landlord-tenant law, immigration law, estate planning and first-offense DUIs.

However, there are some services the clinic cannot provide, such as cases involving the death of a family member or cases involving students who are minors.

Shadoan said the clinic will be available for all students at WKU, including part-time students, transfer students, international and students studying abroad.

However, services will not be provided for students who are below a certain income level.

Shadoan said she has seen the need for the clinic through observing students in and out of the courtroom.

“I recognized that I see a lot of students that are clearly in over their heads,” Shadoan said.

“They don’t know what they are doing. They aren’t having fun.”

Shadoan said legal aid cannot provide services for students who are not below a certain income level. Currently, students can’t afford the prices of a private practitioner.

Legal services are able to provide those students with legal opportunities.

“I think there is enough students that would need this kind of service that they wouldn’t otherwise have access to,” Shadoan said.

Muddisonville graduate student Kelsey Luttrell said students who are not below a certain income level will be able to receive services that the clinic is offering.

Services will be done through appointments only.

The clinic will be available for students on a referral basis.

“...would be the first of its kind in the state of Kentucky,” Shadoan said.

“We’ve got a pretty well-recognized and well-established concept on a lot of campuses. It’s odd to me that it has never been discussed in any sort of serious way.”

The clinic will be open for any legal advice.

“If you just have a legal question, you can come in and talk to us,” Luttrell said.

“You don’t have to specifically want to start a lawsuit or go to court.”

The clinic will also offer internships to students within the legal clinic.

Shadoan said the clinic has been in the planning stage for about five years.

“There is a lot that goes into this and I’ve unfortunately gotten pulled off from concentrating on it,” Shadoan said.

She said she was able to concentrate on getting the clinic up and running for the past two years.

Shadoan hopes to launch three educational programs, such as seminars on lease agreements or legal issues students can encounter while in college, when the clinic becomes operational.

Luttrell said the amount of students using the clinic could vary drastically.

“It can vary anywhere from 20 students in a month to 2,000 students a year,” Luttrell said.

Shadoan said planning services for the clinic will show through the number of students who use the clinic and through evaluations of the services offered.

The clinic will also offer legal services to WKU students.

“I feel like WKU is always trying to offer that little bit of support and I feel like that opening the clinic will be a step to continue doing that,” Luttrell said.

BY ERIAN BRADLEY
NEWSPAPERHERALD.COM

This fall, a new club was put together to play the League of Legends video game.

League of Legends is a Multiplayer Online Battle Arena (MOBA) video game. Players assume the role of a “champion” and choose from a variety of abilities and traits ranging from magic to brute strength.

The club was established by Julia Shadoan, the director of paralegal studies and Oleg Nesterov, a junior from Russia.

Although there are more group members now, Shadoan and Nesterov are the only two members who regularly attend the meetings.

“About 21 people have gotten involved in the league and have been attending the meetings daily, according to the Wall Street Journal.

The club started off with 11 players, but the numbers are growing, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Two parts of the league are working separately but are connected through their link to the Pro League.

These are two parts of the club: the community, in which group members play the game for leisure and the competitive parts, which consists of players that play on a more serious level.

Castr Junior Faye Ryu, one of the four male members of the group, said she’s been playing the game for nearly a year.

“I’ve been playing this since January and I know a lot of others that are playing this game,” she said.

“I kind of found the clinic through the World University League in other wise, professional League of Legends, and was approached by one of the presidents regarding this idea and told me about the club.”

She said she likes to play League of Legends, but she said she doesn’t play more than five games a week.

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Looking for love? Happiness is 10 best places to hook up at WKU

BY TANNER COLE

Looking for love? Happiness is:

1. Library walk – This spot is full of thrills and tension. This is your go-to spot when you feel like finding love.

2. Cravens Library basement – Un-captured turf makes for comfy bedding as you make it in under the big lights.

3. Thompson North – You’re going to have to break in. Once inside, you can drape your love rolling.

4. Gary Ransdell Hall – This quiet spot is a great locale to get traditions rolling.

5. Music rooms – Take your lover to the 50-yard line. It isn’t hooking up on the 50-yard line. Happiness is having someone you’re not afraid to pee in front of.

6. Cravens Library upper greets – You can even simulate a supernova to keep up with your increasing pace.

7. Smith Hall – Plenty of schools have the time-honored tradition of hooking up on the 50-yard line. It isn’t just tradition though, the well-manicured turf makes for comfy bedding as you make it in under the big lights.

8. Gary Ransdell Hall – This quiet building features plenty of hidden windowsills perfect to hide away with your lover and bask in the window light.

9. The third floor of the Ivan Wilson Campus forms a rectangle with a square glass and abandoned classrooms to have a sketchy wonderland of broken history.

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Partners bring peachy keen days

Happiness is having a boo who cares who you are and encourages you to be your true self.

Happiness is also communicating with each other... #PostgraduateProblems

Happiness is the dinner party that turns into a love fest in the kitchen.

Happiness is receiving a surprise at the dinner table.

Happiness is the first time you exchange “I love you.”

Happiness is never wondering where your “plus one” will be.

Happiness is attending a college with a LGBT friendly campus.

Happiness is the wordless communication of passion.

Happiness is also communicating that passion for three straight hours.

Happiness is having a boss who cooks.

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20. "...Edition"; Kyle Chandler series
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26. "The Suze __ Show"
27. "Queen for a __"; F.H. followers
28. Actress Longoria
32. Lounges around
35. Role on "Blue Bloods"
39. Ana Ortiz's role on monogram
40. "Studio 60 on the Sunset __"
42. Georgia's capital: abbr.
43. "...World"; sitcom
47. "__ Celebrity...Get Your Life Back!"
48. Fish eggs
49. Tehran resident
50. Long, long time..."Modern Family"
51. Parched
52. Actress Zellweger, abbr.
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PREVIOUS CROSSWORD SOLUTION
Judge Stephanie Pearce Burke and her husband, Dennis Burke, pose for a portrait in the upstairs lounge at DiOrio’s Pizza & Pub as election day in Louisville comes to a close. Burke was victorious over Andre L. Bergeron by more than 50,000 votes in the race for Jefferson County District Court Judge.

Will Parker, 21, of Bowling Green, poses for a portrait at the democratic headquarters of Warren County. “I’ve been supporting the local democrats more than Alison, and we’ve been doing pretty good. So I’m not that upset.”

Lifelong Bowling Green resident Cletus Williams sits on the corner of 31-W and Fairview Avenue on Tuesday afternoon in support of his son Rick Williams who ran for Bowling Green City Commissioner.

City Commissioner candidate Sue Parrigean campaigns on the corner of Nashville Road and Broadway Avenue on Election Day.

The Major in Diversity & Community Studies requires a minor — such as African American Studies, Citizenship & Social Justice, or Gender & Women’s Studies, but any minor (or second major) will work!
WKU's attempt at a sports bar doesn't hit a home run

BY JOHN GREER

While RedZone embraces the concept of flavorful bar food in its menu, its execution is not up to the task. WKU's closest attempt to a full-flavored restaurant straddles the line between a fast-casual food joint and a sports bar that is missing the alcohol. The menu reads like a mixture of WKU pride and cheesy sports references. Although it offers standard meal plan options, RedZone serves plenty more interesting meals that cost students a little extra. Hearty dinners such as bourbon-glazed ham are found alongside heart-palpitating, yet trendy options like fried mac and cheese balls glazed with sriracha sauce.

The fried mac-and-cheese was particularly disappointing. A spicy drizzling of sriracha failed to hide the fact that they were just glorified mozzarella sticks. Calling them mac-and-cheese was misleading. Detecting any sort of cheese in this appetizer was a difficult task.

Spurlock is the education curator for the Museum. Cherry turned to the College Heights Foundation, an organization created to help students attend school who could not afford an education, to help fund the project. Because the Foundation's articles stated that money could be used for the construction of buildings, Cherry and the other directors decided that two-thirds of the money raised for the foundation would be spent on the Kentucky Building. As passionate as Cherry was about the idea, finding monetary support for the project from the public proved to be difficult due to the state of the economy at the time. The Depression left many people who wanted to donate without means to do so. Enough funding was raised for the outside of the building to go up in 1936, but the interior wasn't finished until 1939, two years after Cherry's death. "They got the walls built and a roof over it, then they just had to stop because there just wasn't enough money," Jonathan Jeffery said.

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Fried mac and cheese bites from RedZone in the Downing Student Union at WKU.

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The Kentucky Building celebrates 75 years of history

BY STEPHANIE JESSIE

When Western Kentucky State Normal School history teacher Gabrielle Robertson discovered there was only one book about Kentucky in the library in 1914, she set out on a mission to grow a collection of Kentucky history. As the collection matured, her storage space became limited and she began promoting the idea to house her findings. President Henry Hardin Cherry heard of the idea and gave it something larger than Robertson had ever planned: a full museum dedicated to the history of Kentucky. Hence, the Kentucky Museum was born.

"Cherry sort of reminds you of Dr. Ransdell — he was a dreamer," Christy Spurlock said. "He took her idea and, you know, he envisioned, along with an architect, this whole building." Spurlock is the education curator for the Museum. Cherry turned to the College Heights Foundation, an organization created to help students attend school who could not afford an education, to help fund the project. Because the Foundation's articles stated that money could be used for the construction of buildings, Cherry and the other directors decided that two-thirds of the money raised for the foundation would be spent on the Kentucky Building. As passionate as Cherry was about the idea, finding monetary support for the project from the public proved to be difficult due to the state of the economy at the time. The Depression left many people who wanted to donate without means to do so. Enough funding was raised for the outside of the building to go up in 1936, but the interior wasn't finished until 1939, two years after Cherry's death. "They got the walls built and a roof over it, then they just had to stop because there just wasn't enough money," Jonathan Jeffery said.

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The Kentucky University research collec-
tions department holds thousands of
artifacts from around the world includ-
ing books, sheet music, political memoirs, photographs and maps.
Manuscripts and folklore archives house a collection of letters, diaries, family
memories, land grants and pa-
sages by people who have lived in the
county.

The Kentucky Museum is ready to be
explored. The manuscripts department and the
archives, old publications supplied by
the manuscripts department and the
Museum providing the physical arti-
facts, Spurlock said.

The anniversary schedule includes a
speech by President Gary Ransdell,
a special tour of the building presented by
Jeffrey, special tours of the building presented by
the Kentucky Building and a celebra-
tion is to educate people about how to
use them and make them better aware
of special collections,” Jeffrey said.

“We are proud and pleased to be able
to announce that,” Jeffrey said.

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awarded last year.

The majority of the items are donated
to the library by people who are associ-
ated with the school in some way.
Storytellers offer teaching experience at annual conference

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Few forms of art are as interactive with their viewers. Paintings are behind ropes in museums, acting is appearing in movies, and music is playing on headphones through grand halls. One form of art, however, is created with an expression that encompasses both the performer and the listener's imagination. That form of art is storytelling.

And Bowling Green residents have an opportunity to experience it firsthand.

The annual Kentucky Storytelling Conference will be held Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Hattery Inn University Plaza and Shaw Convention Center. The conference is co-sponsored by the Kentucky Storytelling Association, whose mission is to promote the art of oral storytelling in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the surrounding area.

The conference began in 1985 and Fleischer said this year’s conference is bigger than ever.

Fleischer has been the past president and secretary of the Kentucky Storytelling Association and is now a board member at large. She is a storyteller herself and has traveled throughout the country.

Storytelling is an ancient art.

"It’s an ancient form of human expression," Fleischer said. "One of the few things that people around the world have in common is the ability to tell stories.

"Maybe it will inspire some kids to become storytellers," Fleischer said. "It’s not just another type of art. It’s a way to express yourself."
Don’t let your body's shape define your style

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Fashion is all about expressing yourself. It may not be fun, but knowing the basics of accentuating your body type can help anyone emphasize their personal style.

One of the challenges facing men and women is learning how to dress for their specific body shape. Though not always enjoyable to investigate, measuring your body’s dimensions and accurately pairing it with your wardrobe can improve your confidence and style. Ladies, Shop Your Shape has a great body type calculator on their website. One can use a tape measure to measure their bust, waist and hips. Make sure the tape measure is snug but not tight. Take those measurements and plug them into the calculator to find your body shape.

For example, those who measure as a straight body type with similarly sized bust and hips and a slightly-smaller waist can emphasize their waist by dressing proportionately. Those who measure as a diamond shape can add curves to the upper body and lengthen the lower as a traditional balancing technique. Square or scoop neck button downs, wrap dresses and clothing with an empire waist cut can create the illusion of a defined waist while balancing your figure.

Men traditionally use a different body shape classification system. Those with lean and long bodies can pull on horizontal stripes to add a sexy bulk to their frames. Those with fuller frames can wear vertical lines and single tones to make a bold, confident fashion statement. Double breasted jackets fit well for this body type, and trim, slightly tapered pants can make their legs look fabulous.

Every size is beautiful. Fits that fit well can raise your confidence and make you feel just as flawless as you truly are. Once you have the fit down, you can move on to all the fun parts of fashion.

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Location: Beech Bend Park and Raceway
Time: 11 a.m.

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Location: Hardin Planetarium
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Location: DSU 3023
Time: 4 p.m.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Musical
Location: FAC 0214
Time: 3 p.m.

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Location: Gary Ransdell Hall 2009
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Students display art exhibit portraying internal diseases

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A WKU sculpture has created an exhibit that focuses on revealing hidden physical pain.

"At least You Have Your Health" opens in the Cube Gallery on the fourth floor of the Fine Arts Center Friday and is, as WKU art student Sarah Sperry put it, "possibly the biggest thing I've ever tried to do."

When local photographer and long-time friend Sarah Ann Hooper approached Sperry, a senior, with the idea, the two immediately went to action on gathering models and planning the shooting.

The idea behind the exhibit came to Hooper after going through what she called the "most difficult year of her life."

After leaving a degree that she wasn't happy with and pursuing photography, she started formulating a way to address internal diseases she was fighting. Her depression, anxiety and chronic pain.

"I was putting a lot of time into it and doing a lot of studying and starting to question how much my condition affects me and how I twist the people in my life, who I think are deeply dedicated to something and serious," she said.

Hooper and Sperry began gathering models that suffer from a chronic condition or illness that marks them as physically pain-related while dealing with the pain, like female athletes, patients with cancer, or people with Crohn's disease.

"I'm not trying to put it above any terminal illness or condition or saying that what we go through isn't noticeably worse than anyone else has to deal with but rather that, having those chronic conditions that aren't curable, that are treatable but not curable, that are treatable but not curable, that are treatable but not curable," she said.

The show opens Friday at 7 p.m. and runs through Nov. 11.
Junior mechanical engineer major Yazeed Alruwaili plays billiards with freshman electrical engineer major Christian O'Bryan on Tuesday. Alruwaili and O'Bryan said they liked the old recreational room better because there were more games to play like bowling.

**NEW GAMES OLD TRICKS**

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Games included in the recreational room are billiards, ping-pong and board games.

Students play games in the recreational room in Downing Student Union on Tuesday. The recreational room offers billiards, ping-pong and board games.
WKU volleyball teammates Mollie Pajakowski, a defensive specialist, and Heather Boyan, a middle hitter, are the only seniors on this year’s squad.

Seniors Hudson and Boyan know that not only would their individual roles on the team change, but the entire dynamic of the team would also change.

Boyan and Pajakowski as student-athletes was certainly instilled with them in their first three years on the Hill — and for both of them, they can’t believe how far they’ve come.

Boyan — a Munster, Indiana native — reminiscing of her less-than-typical journey to WKU in the first place.

“With big changes taking place this season, both Boyan and Pajakowski know that not only would their individual roles on the team change, but the entire dynamic of the team would also change.”

Hudson and his lone seniors found themselves traveling in the uncharted waters of a new conference with a lineup that featured three to four freshmen consistently on the floor.

“I’m used to having at least five girls that were older than me, so to come in and be one of two seniors has definitely changed my role and my responsibilities on the team. It’s something that I don’t always think about though,” Pajakowski said. “I like being there for the underclassman, encouraging them, listening to them, anything I can do to help.”

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There’s a leadership void out there and win a football game. That was really good for us, we don’t know we need to step up and be leaders.” That leadership seems to be evident thus far. The Lady Toppers currently sit at 22-5 on the season with an 8-1 clip in league play. Pajakowski said the seniors’ departure a season ago paved the way for the team’s success this year.

“I saw them propose and get better with them,” Pajakowski said. “When their senior season didn’t end and exactly the way they wanted it to, I think it put pressure on us and the freshmen.”

“This season in Conference USA, but it also marks the first season in quite some time that the Lady Toppers have been without play-ers Hudson described as ‘some of the all-time greats that ever played here’ referring to likes of Ashley Potte and Melanie Stutsman, who both gradu-ated from last season’s team.

Hudson was left with just two seniors — middle hitter senior Heather Boyan and defensive specialist senior Mollie Pajakowski — to help usher in the largest and most heralded recruiting class in program history.

“It’s the complete opposite from last season,” Boyan said. “Going into it, we knew it was going to be different and knew it was going to be a difficult transi-
FOOTBALL
Continued from SPORTS

The Miners defense ranked sixth overall in total yards allowed per game in league play at 391.1. UTEP is coming off a 35-14 win over Southern Miss that yielded five forced turnovers, which increased its turnover ratio to +9 on the season — best in the conference and 10th-best in the country.

The Hilltoppers committed a season-high five turnovers on Saturday, which included four interceptions by redshirt senior quarterback Brandon Doughty.

"Obviously, ball security is key," Helton said. "Past couple games, (UTEP) has fired it up. Our defense is playing well. They've had turnovers and that's won them the game. Last week, their offense really didn't have to put a lot of points on the board, their defense and special teams did it for them, so we have to protect the ball."

With four games remaining on the regular-season schedule, WKU football is itching to prove its worth, and according to sophomore wide receiver Taywan Taylor, the Hilltoppers seniors deserve every bit.

"It's all about coming together as a team," Taylor said. "Our leaders, they're stepping up, they're getting close — especially our seniors. That's ultimately what we're trying to do, we're trying to play for the seniors, but when those guys are out the right way because they deserve it. We're just trying to come in with a good attitude these last four weeks and just put it all on the line."

VOLLEYBALL
Continued from SPORTS

As both their careers progressed, they each reached personal and team-oriented heights, which have chiseled them into the leaders they have become.

This is definitely my favorite season," Pajakowski said. "I'm an upperclassman and a leader and I absolutely love this team. Not that I didn't love the team before, but these girls are like my family."

If the Lady Toppers are a family, it's a result of Hudson's mentoring ways and the two seniors that have hurdled leaps to get to this point — and with four games remaining until postseason play, the WKU volleyball family isn't done turning heads.

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Rice downs WKU in conference championship quarterfinals, 1-0

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The Lady Toppers' season came to a close on Wednesday as No. 2-seeded Rice used an early goal to defeat No. 7-seed WKU by a score of 1-0 in the quarterfinals of the Conference USA Women's Soccer Championship.

At first glance, I thought their best chance had come and gone by the 37th minute. The Lady Toppers proved to be fresh-faced for the remainder of the game, the Lady Toppers are going to have pretty significant minutes on the floor. There was a lot of effort in that category.

I don't think they'll have a problem in that category. What happens next with the Lady Toppers is a big-time question mark. It's just an exhibition, but everyone knows how the future holds for the WKU soccer program.

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Lady Tops gearing up for final road swing of the season

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WKU volleyball set to take its 82 winning percentage, which includes victories over two teams in the Top 25, into its final two conference games of the regular season this weekend against Southern Miss and Rice in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to take on Southern Miss (19-10, 1-8 C-USA) and then No. 10 Colorado State (23-0) and No. 10 Colorado State (23-1, 11-1 C-USA) in the last of its four sets.

Freshman middle hitter Sydney Engle (16) and junior middle hitter Noelle Langenkamp (13) go up for a block against an FIU player during WKU's Oct. 24 match. The Lady Toppers won in three sets.

With four more wins this season, WKU will be ranked higher than it in the NCAA RPI rankings with wins over Purdue (33) and Lipscomb (28) while the team is in Cal State Northridge (36). After the season's final road swing, the Lady Toppers will come back home for one more weekend of regular-season play before the inaugural season is completed and postseason play begins.

The first match will be against University of Texas-Pan American, who WKU dished a sweep to on Oct. 15, on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. The team's last home game will feature a rivalry matchup against Middle Tennessee on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

The Lady Toppers received votes in the latest AVCA top 25 poll.

The Lady Toppers are loaded with talent this year as they return 13 Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year and an all-conference second team member after averaging 11 points, 4.6 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.5 steals in 31 games a season ago. Govan, who played in just 11 games last season due to a stress fracture in her left tibia, is ready to pick up where she left off.

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MEMS GOLF

MEN'S GOLF WRAPS UP FALL SCHEDULE

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LADY TOPS RECEIVE VOTES IN LATEST PRESEASON TOP-25 POLLS

It was announced on Monday that WKU women's basketball received votes in the latest USA Today Preseason Coaches Poll and the Preseason AP Top 25 Poll.

"I think it means a lot," Head Coach Michelle Clark-Heard said. "We’re just trying to get better each and every day. Looking forward to having the opportunity to compete. I also think it says a lot for the players that have been invested in these past couple of years and the things that they’ve done."

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WKU improves to 80 percent in NCAA’s latest graduation success rate

The NCAA announced late last month in its release for freshman classes from 2004-07 that WKU’s graduation success rate, or GSR, had increased to 80 percent, which is a slight improvement from last year’s rate of 79 percent.

The Hilltoppers’ 80 percent clip for its 15 athletic programs is fifth out of the 14 Conference USA schools, and three sports — men’s golf, softball and volleyball — received GSRs of 100 percent. Each of those three programs also posted perfect GSRs a year ago.

The mark orks WKU as one of three schools in the Commonwealth with the highest GSRs. The University of Kentucky graduates its student-athletes at an 81 percent rate while the University of Louisville comes in at 80 percent.

The GSRs released Tuesday are based on the number of student-athletes who graduated within six years after enrolling. The GSR was developed by the NCAA as part of its academic reform initiative to more accurately measure the success of D-I student-athletes by better accounting for the many different academic paths followed by today’s college students.

“We continue to take pride in the academic performance and graduation rate of our student-athletes,” President Gary Ransdell said in a release at the Board of Regents meeting “...where we have been leading the pace in the Sun Belt Conference in that regard, we’re currently fifth out of 14 current members in the conference USA. So as we move up in athletic competition, the academic competition is equally in a higher level.”

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WKU swimming and diving tally wins against IUPUI, Indiana

The WKU men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams each posted wins this past Saturday, with the men posting victories against IUPUI and Indiana in a tri-meet, and the women tallying a victory against IUPUI.

The men won by scores of 197-100 over IUPUI and 183-95.5 over Big Ten foe Indiana. The Lady Toppers posted a 165-123 finish against the Jaguars.

WKU totaled 20 personal bests in the events, including 11 of the individual events on the men’s side. Five of the Lady Toppers recorded multiple top times, including junior Michelle Craddock, senior Clare Conlan, freshman Hannah Musser, sophomore Nadine Laemmler and freshman Logan Graumann tabbed the top times in the events, including sophomores Fa- bian Schwingenschlogl, who posted three wins in the 100 (56.06), 200 breast (2:02.07) and the 200 and 500 individual medley (2:37.39), Sopho- more Cody Reul and senior Seth Musser each had a top finish, as Reul took the crown in the 200 (1:41.68) and 500 free (4:37.48) while S. Musser repeated in the 100 (50.45) and 200 back (2:00.43). The men’s team totaled a trio of Hilltoppers with multiple first-place times, including sophomore Fa- bian Schwingenschlogl, who posted three wins in the 100 (56.06), 200 breast (2:02.07) and the 200 and 500 individual medley (2:37.39), Sopho- more Cody Reul and senior Seth Musser each had a top finish, as Reul took the crown in the 200 (1:41.68) and 500 free (4:37.48) while S. Musser repeated in the 100 (50.45) and 200 back (2:00.43). The women’s team placed first in the 200 medley and 400 free relays, along with the men’s 200 medley relay. The Hilltoppers and Lady Toppers continue this weekend when the men and senior split up travel. The men will take on Purdue on Nov. 7, while the women have a tri-meet against Vanderbilt and Tulane in Nashville on Nov. 8.

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Lady tops’ Leone earns conference all-freshman team honor

Prior to the start of yesterday’s Conference USA Women’s Soccer Championship, the league announced Tuesday that freshman goalkeeper Allison Leone has been named to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team.

Leone started and played every minute of the Lady Toppers’ 17-game schedule and the entirety of the team’s 4-0 loss to Rice in the quarter- final stage of the tournament yesterday. She totaled seven shutouts and 90 saves in the box for WKU this sea- son and post-season. Her 11 saves and seven shutouts in regular-season play ranked fourth in Conference USA and her five saves a game ranked fifth.

The freshman starred her season in record fashion, becoming the first WKU fresh- man goalkeeper to post cons- ecutive shutouts in her first two career starts. Leone’s 11 saves in a 2-1 win over Sacred Heart marked the sixth-high- est single-game total in WKU history on Sept. 14. Conference USA coaches voted on all conference first, second and third teams as well as the team’s freshman, and Leone was the lone Lady Topper recognized. Leone was one of 11 Roberto hon- ored across the league.

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The Talisman, WKU’s yearbook, was awarded the Pacemaker Award last week for its 2013 edition, the top national honor for a student-run publication.

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