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The news of the renovation of Florence Schneider Hall, which houses Gatton Academy, has sparked a campus reaction and while some of that has been good, some people weren't happy.

Beginning in the summer, Florence Schneider will undergo an expansion, which will move Gatton students to Bates-Runner Hall, causing Bates residents to move to Gilbert Hall.

The decision to move upperclassmen honors' students out of Bates and into Gilbert Hall next year was made because of the close proximity of the two residence halls. Student Government Association senator Cole McDowell authored a resolution in response to the move and the placement of Bates residents in Gilbert Hall.

"The resolution is definitely in response to the displacement of students from Gilbert Hall and Bates-Runner Hall," McDowell said. "I'm not trying to hide that, but the resolution isn't a judgment on the decision. I'm not trying to oppose the decision that was made. What I am saying is that in the"
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SGA Executive Cabinet votes smoke-free measure

BY LASHANA HARNEY
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Without much of a warning, it got cold. It's the kind of cold that when the wind blows, your face feels like it's ripping off. If you're a fan of sunlight, doing activities outside and staying warm, you may end up with a little seasonal depression. Despite the frozen outdoors, there are ways you can make sure the cold doesn't bother you anyway.

Happiness is getting out of class because your teacher thinks you're upset, when really your eyes are just teary from the cold wind.

Happiness is wearing so many socks your shoe size increases.

Happiness is snow days and the rare opportunity to sled down the Hill.

Happiness is learning to maneuver icy roads so that you can pick up the pizza when Domino's refuses to deliver.

Happiness is having someone who will point out your dripping nose before you give a presentation in class.

Happiness is the coming abundance of holiday turkeys, hams and casseroles.

Happiness is being able to charge your landlord for the pricey hotel you rented because they refused to fix your electricity.

Happiness is blankets and cocoa on the couch with a space heater by your feet.

Happiness is the diverse array of coffee shops offering small cups of warmth with a smile.

Happiness is the increasing ease in which you're able to relate Clark Griswald's life to your own as the holidays draw closer.

Happiness is a snowman built in the shape of Big Red.

Happiness is a vacation to anywhere above 50 degrees.
ACROSS
1. Physicist for whom a speed-of-sound ratio is named
5. Steamers in a pot
10. Post-WWII commerce agreement acronym
14. Toast topping
15. Lose one’s cool
16. Eight, in Tijuana
17. __ and rave
18. Stars, in Latin
19. What winds do
20. Book spine info
22. Acid indigestion, familiarly
24. Snigglers’ catch
26. Not feel well
27. Serious play
28. San Francisco transport
33. Daring
34. Ottoman governors
36. Chip away at
37. Physically fit
38. Auto wheel covers
40. Fishing tool
41. Henry or Jane of “On Golden Pond”
43. Kal Kan alternative
44. 0
45. Area where goods may be stored without customs payments
47. Oozy stuff
49. NRC predecessor
50. Scotch
51. Go-between
57. Performed without words
58. And others: Lat.
59. Clinton’s 1996 opponent
60. Mesozoic and Paleozoic
61. More pathetic, as an excuse
62. BP checkers
63. Four-legged Oz visitor
64. No longer here
65. Pacifi c, for one
66. Russia’s __
67. “Puppy Love” singer Paul
68. Campground sights
69. War journalist Ernie

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2. Jai __
3. Stripe that equally divides the road
4. Detective’s breakthrough
5. Tax season VIP
6. Mascara target
7. Start the poker pot
8. Actress Sorvino
9. Sacred Egyptian beetle
10. Male turkey
12. Son of Odin
13. Chrysler __ & Country
21. Nightmare street of fi lm
23. Mah-jongg pieces
25. “Elephant Boy” actor
27. Blood bank participant
28. Washer phase
29. Manager’s “Now!”
30. Early computer data storage term
31. Be wild about
32. Update, as a kitchen
33. Physically fi t
35. Israeli diplomat Abba
36. Brownish-green eye color
39. Blog update
42. Scrubs source
44. “Pipe down!”
46. Spotted wildcat
48. “Highball it”
51. Million: Pref.
52. Golfer’s choice
53. Unpleasantly moist
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**SUDOKU**
Brothers of Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta fraternities race to midcourt at the start of the final round of the dodgeball tournament.

ABOVE: Lexington freshman Tre Estill reacts after being hit in the armpit in a match against the Phi Delta Theta fraternity team.

RIGHT: Versailles junior Gavin Kries, a Phi Delta Theta fraternity brother, makes the first move in a dodgeball match against Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at a tournament sponsored by Chi Omega sorority. The sorority held the event at the Preston Center on Sunday to raise funds and awareness for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
**Artist shares fiery talent with community**

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After graduating from WKU and entering the workforce, Paul Buhrmester was in search of a hobby. From that search he discovered the art of pyrography.

“I guarantee you, anyone you talk to has never heard that word,” Buhrmester said.

Buhrmester diversifies his skill by trying to learn new materials, not just wood. Through his experiments, he discovered a love of gourds.

“I love gourds, I even carry around one with me,” Buhrmester said, displaying the small egg he decorated hanging from a necklace, allowing him to physically carry his love of his craft daily.

He also keeps with him a small piece of wood he kept in the pocket of his jeans. “I use it as a reference, a jumping off point for new materials, not just wood. Through his experiments, he discovered a love of gourds.”

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battle of the bands relocates to nite class

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Music lovers on campus will be able to enjoy the sounds of local bands at RevFest: Battle of the Bands this Thursday night.

The concert, sponsored by Revolution 91.7, will take place in Nite Class at Downing Student Union starting at 8 p.m. and lasting until midnight.

“I’m just excited to hear each of our artists play. I’ve heard many of them before, and I’m just really excited to see how their presence on stage is going to be different in this kind of competitive mode,” Louisville senior Laura Harper, a director at Revolution, said.

At RevFest, students can expect to hear various styles of music ranging from rock and alternative to folk and country. Bands participating will each play a brief set, usually lasting about five minutes, in front of a panel of judges.

Griffs Deli offers consistent fast-casual fare

BY JOHN GREER
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Griffs Deli is a quintessential college campus sandwich joint offering up a flavorful array of sandwiches, wraps and spuds. It’s a popular student destination and a common choice for college organization fundraisers and it’s easy to see why.

Griffs stumbles the line between trendy and classic with remarkable success.

Those looking for a typical deli probably won’t find it here. It is not so much a deli as it is a fast-casual cafet Louisiana Panera Bread. The modern, open interior emphasizes this appearance. Less understandable is the restaurant’s unassuming affinity for the aviation aesthetic. Giant pictures of airplanes and pilots dominate the available wall space. This might be unexpected, but it does make for a more unique atmosphere.

The panini press found a safe haven at Griffs. The sandwiches and wraps all bore its appealing signature grill marks. The grilled ranchero wrap — stuffed with sliced chicken, bacon and avocado — was no exception. Biting into the wrap’s crisp exterior yielded a satisfying crackle. The wrap found a satisfying balance in the smokiness of the bacon and the fattiness of the avocado, and the vinegary shot of salsa coupled with pepper jack cheese supplied a lively boost of flavor.

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Bands Contributed Team Life

three judges. Eight bands are slated to play, including All Devils (Nate, Dr. Tom and the Cartoons and Mable).

"What's different about this year is we have prize packs for the first, second and third place," Frankfort se-

ior and Revolution director Angela Comsey said. "So the bands that par-
ticipate are eligible to get those prize packs and the packs are from different community organizations and busi-

nesses."

Students will also have the opportu-
nity to purchase Revolution merchan-
dise and merchandise from the bands
at the event as well.

"We will have our own 'swag table'
if you will, where we will have some of our own Revolution merchandise
there like CD cases, t-shirts and all the
above," Comsey said.

This year the event has been moved to
DSU as temperatures are rapidly drop-
ing outside. Revolution also wants to
make the resources available to them.

"It's in the heart of campus, defini-
tively," Nashville junior and Revolution di-
tector Taylor Hodgkins said.

"It's more of a just a way to bind the
community, the campus community in
specific, with the mu-

sic that we play with the artists that are there, so essentially it was the students' idea," Comsay said.

Overall, supporting the local music
scene is something Revolution is very
passionate about, and they feel like they
are doing that with this event.

'Supporting the local music scene is
very important, particularly for us at
Revolution since college radio is all
aboutrooting for the underdog and sort of bringing these artists into the spot-

light and up to attention," Harper
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Theatre and Dance dept. heralds in the holidays

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Pennella Brown, dance program co-ordinator, has watched the dance department’s publicist, Julie Pennella, grow up. During that time, Brown has held his directorial lessons worth it.”

“I’m one of the most proud teachers. I’ve had this heart-rending pride that she’s been able to make a living doing what she loves,” said Pennella. “Cinderella” is known worldwide and will be performed at Van Meter Hall this weekend. Charged with the role of the evil stepmother, the dancer said that her teachers and Clampett Brown, dance program co-ordinator, have played in her success.

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Dance Theatre coming for re-

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Van Meter Hall will be transformed into a winter wonderland straight from fairytales for the winter dance production, “A Holiday Extravaganza.”

“Friends” is the department’s publicist, Julie Pennella, is excited to be a part of the program again this year. Pennella thickly said. “It’s a lot of work, but I’m really excited.”

“I think it’s been an incredible experience,” Pennella said. “It’s a lot of work, and it has been. But having the chance to be in one of my favorite ballets and play Cinderella, herself, was exciting. It makes all the rehearsals and lessons worth it.”

Brown was in charge of orchestrating the performance. Brown had held his directorial position for six of his 11 years at WKU. During that time, Brown has watched the dance program bloom.

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Nov. 3 was a difficult day for all who knew and adored Finn Klingel, the 7-month-old son of Tommy and Paige Klingel from St. Pete Beach, Florida. That was the morning they found their son had died of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) associated with soft bedding. Sophia Harrison, a Lexington freshman student and former University of Kentucky cheerleader and student at Eastern Kentucky University who is a cousin to Paige and her son, treated him like a nephi.

“He was so happy. He would hardly ever cry…” she said.

“He would wrap his arms around your neck like you were a teddy bear and that and how he would sleep, wasn’t that good.”

According to Kidd Health.org, there are at least 2,500 infants each year in the United States who die from an undiagnosable unpredictably despite years of research. It usually has to do both the baby passing away with no suffering during his or her sleep.

The family chose to cremate Finn.

Tommy is in the Navy and Harrison, Finn’s mother, could not make it easier for the couple to take him with them if and when they get relocated, but the disintervention fee rings up $1,500.

When Robert Crotty, a Louisville junior at WKU and a friend of Harrison, heard about the family’s situation, he devised a way to help out through his fraternity, Kappa Sigma.

“I didn’t want to make it seem like it was being done on like family’s privacy. But Harrison talked to her cousin and she was interested, and she wanted to do it,” Crotty said.

“I took it to my (Kappa Sigma) brothers at the last meeting and asked if it would be all right if I made a shirt and they were up for it.”

With the help of College-Graf- fa, a local custom t-shirt maker and seller of Greek apparel, the group threw together several designs that were printed to order. One design sold at approximately $10 each, as it was the group’s nod to their National Recruitment Day, 3:15. The T-shirts memorializing Finn are priced at $20 apiece, with half of the proceeds going toward the family.

T-shirt orders and payments can be taken in until Dec. 5. A Kappa Sigma insignia is on the front pocket, with the words “We stand for those who can’t be all right if I made a shirt and asked if they could do it.” Out of the whole family, Crotty only knows Harrison, who said that “Page” said she can’t wear her mind around the fact that someone would do that for her when she never met them.”

The funds from the T-shirt sales are hoping to offset at least some of the costs, so the couple doesn’t “have to worry last minute trying to scramble and get the money.” Harrison said.

Finn’s um with things like his favorite WKU basketball and toys, and photographs of his family in a glass-covered bookshelf-like spot in a mascapone.

So place an order, Crotty can be reached at (502) 298-8836.

ALBUM REVIEW

Prepare for Thanksgiving with feast-approved clothing

Azealia Banks debut ‘Broke With Expensive Taste’ worth the wait

By SAM OSBORNE

It’s been just over three years since Azealia Banks erupted from the underground rap scene in Harlem into pub- lic consciousness with her infectious and silver dangling kind of style. Banks, clad in a Mickey Mouse sweater and leggings in the wild black and white, that has since garnered over 77 million views, was immediately labeled as the answer to female rappers Nicki Minaj. The two are both alumnae of LaGuardia High School.

Despite a promising EP and mix tape released in 2012; Banks never quite capitalized on the buzz following “212.” Instead, she became known for her penchant for Twitter feuds, ranging from celebrity pitchforks such as Lady Gaga, Pharrell and even fellow female rappers Nicki Minaj. After being dropped from her label intercepted in 2014, Banks had her first long-awaited debut album, initially planned for a fall 2012 release, would never bear the light of day. Then, when no one was watching, Banks, in the same vein as Beyoncé, dropped her debut album “Broke With Expensive Taste” suddenly on Nov. 7.

The 16-track album silences any doubters of the 23-year-old Harlemite’s talent. Banks showcases her trademark spittle flow throughout the album, but also displays an eclectic range of influences, including house music, UK garage, trap and soul.

“I like the moxie. / ride roller coasters / try all the cultures,” Banks sings on “Savvy,” a house track about loneliness.

On Flavonoids “Gimme A Chance,” Banks raps an entire verse in Spanish, never missing a beat.

On standout track “Ice Princess,” produced by sought-after producer AraabMUZIK, Banks delivers a frosty and confident bragadocious, “Colder than December/My diamonds on Anna Wintour/So that’s fly ice in my life.”

“Broke With Expensive Taste” is an impressive album, one that does not pander to the radio, but far surpasses any recent releases from fellow female rappers. Banks may not play nice, but she proved she’s worth the wait.
On College Street in downtown Bowling Green is a quaint furniture and home goods shop called Rummage 300. The old barre that once occupied the space has been transformed by the new owners, Brandon Kush and Alyson Kush, into a haven for those who live in the area. They have created a sweet spot for you to get the best workout you can get at Barre Co.

Since Barre Co. opened in downtown Bowling Green, they have opened in Glasgow and Athens, Tennessee. Travelstead has been a part of the community since the very beginning.

At Barre Co., the first studio opened in Bowling Green, the first studio opened in Bowling Green, "The people that teach here are amazing," said Brandon Kush. "They are passionate and bring on have to have the right attitude and the right energy."

Barre Co. encompasses all the stylistic and creative aspects of fitness exercises, including floor work and barre exercises.

"Barre Co. is a workout studio that uses ballet barres, floor mats and weights to provide a workout. Barre Co. is a passion and a love for it," said Travelstead.

Barre Co. offers a variety of exercises, including cardio-focused classes, including a class called Boga.

"We have modifications for everyone," Travelstead said. "We don't skip out on any exercise. In addition to regular barre classes, the studio also offers a cardio-focused class called Boga and a yoga-infused class called Booga."

Amanda Young, executive director of Barre Co., said, "We try to hit every aspect and create more of a stretch. We try to add to the new exercises."

"They bring into the store are unique," Brandon said. "We try to stay pretty competitive for what we sell. It's an eclectic mix of vintage and new and g Gigas."

"It's my passion for sure. It's something that we've always loved. We've done this for a long time to get the unlimited package and get unlimited items."

"Everybody's barre is going to be a little different, even the people that are doing the same exact barre at the same time," Travelstead said.

"The landscape forces you to customize it for each client. We have our personal trainer experience in a class setting. Barre Co. encompasses all the stylistic and creative aspects of fitness exercises, including floor work and barre exercises."

"You're coming in with nothing — what's it going to be?" Young said. "Because then you can lose — what's it going to be?" Young said. "Then we can build up and bring on have to have a passion and a love for it," Travelstead said.

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Rubye & Ola celebrates character in vintage items

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Rubye & Ola is a little store searching for big history through the items that adorn its shelves.

Mother-daughter pair Leigh Prickett and Hannah Rivers search for story and character behind the vintage home decor and gifts in the store. Rubye & Ola, located at 310 E. Main St., is focused on putting a different perspective on everyday items.

Rivers said she highly values the unique items in the store as she sees many of them having a story behind them. She said that while working in the store, she often thinks of where many of the items have been and what meaning they’ve had to other people.

“The thought of something having so much character behind it is cool,” Rivers said.

The store sells items like jewelry, furniture, candles, mirrors and other decorative household items and antiques.

Rivers said that the store has been open for almost four months, since July 24. She said that the unique name for the store came from her great grandmother’s name, Rubye, and the name of her husband’s grandmother, Ola.

Rivers used to work in Nashville at an interior design company, but didn’t enjoy it. This prompted Prickett’s suggestion that the two go into business together. Seeing that they both had similar interests, opening a store together was a sensible move.

“We've always loved making old things new and making older things more relevant,” Rivers said.

Prickett commented that their family had always been interested in that kind of artistic expression. Crafting together started as a hobby and slowly evolved into a business. Rivers recalled the creative nature of her mother and how she often encouraged her children to take older things and put a new spin on them.

“We've always been sort of a crafty family,” Prickett said.

Using their love of older items with character, they incorporated this ideal into a functional business. Rivers recalled that the store further serves to showcase some Bowling Green citizens independent entity would really have people to it. It's not Walmart, it's not Target — you’re going to find different pieces here that are fun for your dorm or are fun gifts to give people,” Rivers said.

Prickett is looking forward to the Christmas season as she hopes the store will be busy with people looking to purchase gifts for loved ones. Rubye & Ola’s unlikely mascot, Dolly the Yorkie, welcomes all of their customers during their hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

This Saturday, the store will also be part of Bowling Green’s first handmade vintage market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Crossland Community Church.
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Slow start at Minnesota haunts WKU in 76-54 loss

BY KYLE WILLIAMS 
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A disastrous start that yielded first-half turnovers plagued the Hilltoppers in a 76-54 loss at Minnesota on Tuesday night in the NIT Season Tip-Off.

“Nearly, an easy-season loss to a top-50 program shouldn’t stir the pot too violently, but the lowly performances of the Hilltoppers’ senior leaders just add fuel to the fire,” Head Coach Ray Harper said to Zach Greenwell of the Bowling Green Daily News, following the team’s loss to the Golden Gophers after combining for 30 of the Hilltoppers’ 54 points.

Cumbersome performances of the Hilltoppers’ senior leaders, including 11 turnovers, 18-of-57 (31.6 percent) shooting in 39 minutes of play through two games, and coughed up the ball 14 times. Price and Jackson logged 54 minutes and combined for 36 points on 15-of-31 shooting, including a 6-for-10 clip from the three-point range. Their troubles only continued through the WKU season-opening win against Austin Peay on Tuesday, the duo combined for 12 points on 4-of-14 shooting — 2-of-7 beyond the arc and 11 turnovers in 46 minutes.

“Hopefully, they’ll bounce back Saturday,” Head Coach Ray Harper said to Zach Greenwell of the Bowling Green Daily News after the game. “We have a lot of work to do and the road, you’ve got to have your seniors step up."

The Hilltoppers did manage to find some production from veteran forward Nigel Snipes and freshman forward T.J. George Fant, each of past two seasons. The Hilltoppers’ starting forward, George Fant, who scored two points in WKU’s season-opening win against Austin Peay, finished for 15 points and eight rebounds on 5-of-9 shooting, including a 6-for-10 clip from beyond the arc — and 11 turnovers in 46 minutes.

Fant has yet to find his roll in his senior season, totaling just eight points on 3-of-9 shooting and 8-of-39 shooting in 39 minutes of play through two games.

“I think, as I told them after this past one, each week the competition is going to get steeper. Definitely, this game is going to be tougher than the last one. We’re going to have to raise our level of play. We’re going to have to see how much we can play as a unit, as a team and as a family to find a way to win," Harper said.

Snipes, who scored two points in WKU’s season-opening win against Austin Peay, finished good for 15 points and eight rebounds on 5-of-9 shooting, including a 6-for-10 clip from beyond the arc — and 11 turnovers in 46 minutes.

"(Snipes) was aggressive tonight," Harper said to the Daily News. "He didn’t hesitate. He’s always been a little hesitant — not as aggressive. We’ve been on him about it tonight. He was aggressive. He showed he can make shots. Good athlete. He’s a long, athletic wing, and if he continues to play like this, he’ll play a lot," Harper finished with 15 points of his own, to go along with seven rebounds. He was 6-of-8 from the field in a team-high 25 minutes. Senior guard T.J. Price and senior forward George Fant combined for five points on 2-of-11 shooting with 10 turnovers.

"We understand if you’re not going to play in a playoff now and how important it is," Head Coach Ray Harper said. "I told our kids, you turn the ball over 25 times, you’re not going to be beating anybody. I don’t care who it is."

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**FOOTBALL**

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"Right now, there's no excuses to make, and we haven't had any," junior defensive end Gavin Rocker said. "Obviously, it's do or die at this point. It's enough motivation for everybody especially with us winning back-to-back games for the first time. We're trying to close out this season at home with a 'W.'" Much like WKU for the majority of the season, UTSA's offense and defense have played as polar opposites. The Roadrunners started the year strong, turning starters in the Bruin backcourt on Saturday at 7 p.m. The Bruins lost nearly all of its frontcourt production from a season ago. Belmont starts two true freshmen at the forward and center positions, respectively, in Evan Boudreaux and Tyler Hadden. A successful bounce-back performance might be more difficult for Price and Jackson, as the Bruins have held the six starting backcourt players they've faced so far this season to a total of 63 points. Nevertheless, the battle of two experienced backcourts will be an enticing matchup. Now it's up to you to get to Diddle Arena on Saturday at 7 p.m. to see for yourself.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

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And as if performing well for Dougherty and 17 other seniors wasn't enough motivation to win their final home game for Senior Day, a win over UTSA would make WKU bowl eligible for the fourth-straight season.

"They're going to be fine," Snipes told the Daily News following Johnson's 15-point eight-rebound game for Senior Day, a win over UTSA. "That definitely helps our team," Brumit said. "We're going to need all three units this week against UTSA to win, and they definitely feed off each other."
Volleyball

BY JONAH PHILLIPS
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WKU volleyball enters its first-ever Conference USA Tournament on Friday as the No. 2 seed pits against No. 7 seed Florida Atlantic following the Lady Topper's two week-end sweeps to end the regular season.

The Lady Toppers (23-5, 14-1 C-USA) and four members of the team received C-USA honors.

On Tuesday, the league named senior middle hitter Heather Boyan, freshman outside hitter Alyssa Cavanaugh and freshman setter Jessica Lucas the First-Team All-Conference list while junior middle hitter Nilly Langenkamp was named to the Second-Team All-Conference.

Cavanaugh and Lucas were also named to the All-Freshman Team.

No. 1 seed UTSA leads the conference with five selections, while No. 4 Rice is tied with the Lady Toppers with four. Cavanaugh and Lucas were the only two freshmen in the league to be named to the All-Freshman Team.

Boyan doubled up her conference honors this week, as she was also named to the C-USA All-Academic team along with junior outside hitter Rachel Engle.

"It has been an emotional week, and it is definitely going to just get more emotional," Boyan said, after finishing regular-season play. "I'm just trying to enjoy every last moment before it's over, and to play the way I know I can play."

Boyan leads the league with 3.11 kills per set, while she also ranks fifth in hitting percentage with a .338 clip. In conference play, Boyan performed even better, hitting .397 with 1.72 blocks per set.

Cavanaugh proved to be one of the Lady Toppers' top offensive threats on a consistent basis, averaging 3.14 kills per set. The freshman helped WKU rank 21st in the nation with 1.40 kills per set.

"Much like Boyan, Cavanaugh's game saw improvement once conference play started. Her kills per set moved to 3.14, and she posted double-digit kills in 13 of 16 matches, including 20 against Middle Tennessee and a season-best 21 against North Texas. Defensively, Cavanaugh noted 54 digs and 34 total blocks, including 24 block solos.

"It definitely feels natural, it definitely feels comfortable, it felt like a lot less stress," Cavanaugh explained. "I didn't have to do as much."

The impressive early-season performances have earned the Lady Toppers' top defensive player of the week honors this season. Cavanaugh's performance on the court has helped her teammates this season.

"I never have second guessed it or felt too pressured," Cavanaugh said of her offensive role on the team. "Having the confidence of the coaching staff and my teammates has helped me tremendously — especially with the offensive threats on a consistent basis, averaging 3.34 kills per set."

Richards will match up with WKU senior middle hitter Chastity Gooch, who leads the Lady Toppers in scoring at 22 points per game to go along with 19.6 rebounds per contest.

"It would be an exciting matchup to have," Head Coach Travis Hudson said of the Western Kentucky and UTSA athletes. "It's a 50-50 matchup you want, if you're going to go out and play until the last buzzer, and usually we find a way."
**WHAT'S AT STAKE?**

A WKU win would make the Hilltoppers bowl eligible for the fourth consecutive season. WKU looks for its fourth-straight win at Smith Stadium on Senior Day. UTSA aims for consecutive wins for the first time this season.

**KEY MATCHUP**

WKU Offense vs. UTSA Defense — It’s a battle of strength versus strength. WKU’s offense, ranked second in Conference USA in scoring and total offense, matches up against the league’s second-best defense in scoring and third-best defense in yards allowed. The Roadrunners have only allowed 23.9 points and 354 yards per game thus far this season.

**WHEN:** Saturday, 11 a.m. CDT

**WHERE:** L.T. Smith Stadium — Bowling Green, Kentucky

**ODDS:** WKU, -8 (Vegas Insider)

**TOPPER FOOTBALL BY THE NUMBERS**

**OFFENSE**

5TH PASSING OFFENSE, 351.8 YARDS PER GAME

8TH SCORING OFFENSE, 41.6 POINTS PER GAME

8TH THIRD-DOWN CONVERSION PERCENTAGE, 50%

9TH TOTAL OFFENSE, 509.9 YARDS PER GAME

12TH FIRST DOWNS OFFENSE, 259 TOTAL FIRST DOWNS

**DEFENSE**

ONLY TEAM IN COUNTRY WITH FOUR DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS OF 80+ YARDS

4TH DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS, 5 TOTAL

23RD RED ZONE DEFENSE, 75%

**PLAYERS TO WATCH**

**OFFENSE**

2ND IN PASSING YARDS, 3,507 YARDS

2ND IN PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, 31

4TH IN POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR, 198 POINTS

4TH IN COMpletions PER GAME, 28.4

8TH IN PASSING EFFICIENCY, 156.4

**DEFENSE**

12TH IN RUSHING YARDS, 1,185 YARDS

13TH IN RUSHING YARDS PER GAME, 118.5

16TH IN RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS, 11 TOTAL

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