While President Ransdell reiterates a salary increase this year,” she said. “Until we have sufficient growth in tuition or state general fund revenue to fund raises, we won’t be able to move forward,” she added.

Terrill Martin, managing director for the Confucius Institute, elaborated on the importance of these structures, “They are selected based on a number of factors, including the quality of the application and the potential for growth.”

He added that the proposal submitted to WKU to support a salary increase for both faculty and staff, “is yet to be considered in next year’s budget,” Martin said. “We believe that the proposal is a reasonable request, and we are hopeful that it will be considered for funding consideration.”

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Pearce-Ford Tower is looking for new resident assistants to fill nine posi- tions on staff. Brian Kuster, the director of Housing and Residential Life, was unable to clarify specifically what caused this sudden shortage of RAs in PFT. He said he was unable to comment on the issue due to personnel reasons, and he was not able to comment on whether someone was terminated or not.

“We had one opening, and we have eight more openings,” said Kuster. Thirty students have already ap- plied to become RAs at PFT, and HRL is searching for more desk workers to alleviate the pressure on current em- ployees.

“We are actively trying to hire staff in the building,” said Kuster. Maya Lee, a freshman from Chicago who lives in PFT, recently lost her RA. She explained that her RA called an impromptu meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17, and told her floor she had been fired. Lee said she felt “it was a shock.”

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 Pearce-Ford Tower, an all-female dorm housing 817 students, is located on the south end of campus. WALT LUNSFORD/HERALD

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FACULTY SALARY INCREASE

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During Tuesday’s meeting, the Stu- dent Government Association passed a resolution that disapproved of how the Confucius Institute building’s con- struction was handled.

The senate passed Resolution 2-15. It disapproved of the procedure by which the Model Confucius Institute at WKU was Effectuated, by a 21-4 vote.

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Lecture Series. He began his lecture by telling the audience that leadership is at the center of all that people do. "I believe that if we want to be successful, we must have strong leadership," Davis said. He emphasized the importance of leadership, saying it will be a black cultural event, "Spirit Makes the Master." The lecture was given at the Augenstein Alumni Center on the WKU campus with Richey. He said leadership is about being a person and having influence other people; that's what it means to get ahead.

President Gary Ransdell gave a short speech to the audience upon the conclusion of the lecture. He said leadership is important for a university. "If you can't lead, you'll just be a suit to come up and talk to a group of 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds." He said leadership is about having a black cultural event, "Spirit Makes the Master."
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The Hill’s annual football of-

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tution to disapprove of

On Tuesday night, the Student Senate voted overwhelmingly to pass a resolution to disapprove of the process by which the soon-to-be-built Confucius Institute contract was signed by President Gary Ransdell in China last December. Over a month later, the Board of Regents voted to approve the building this contract author-

regarding the building’s use and sources of funding; as well as the length of the contract, were not disclosed beforehand. Had the regents had full knowledge of the terms of the agreement, it is unknown whether or not they would have approved the building.

Our resolution firmly states that it was inappropriate for so few details to have been shared with the Board — includ- ing the Student Senate — prior to their vote. We hope this will send a clear message to the administration that we believe accuracy and transparency should always be top priorities in the decision-making process at WKU. During debate over the resolution on Tuesday, some senators suggested that this would somehow set a danger-

Project was handled with a bang, and I don’t think SGA will ever want to take it away with a lifetime of memories.

though, is how you can help. Not only do we want our stories and photos in these pages, we want yours too, alumni.

煙share your stories about late night in the library, or that time your bike was stolen after a party. We want to hear about how you originally met your partner, or the date your friends sent you on, or the one that — surprisingly — worked. We want your memories in our pages and our online content.

Share your stories from your past tailgating adventures, or that time you and your friends slopped down Hospital Hill on a snow day.

Share your memories of the student body since you were at WKU, and how much more. It’ll be a glossy look into our Hill’s history, ranging from how our foot-

ball team has evolved. But I don’t want to stop there. As has been reported in the past few weeks, the Confucius Institute contract was signed by President Gary Ransdell in China last December. Over a month later, the Board of Regents voted to approve the building this contract authorized. Many controversial details re-

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WKU senior Katie Knight, middle, of Bowling Green attempts to form a wall with her teammates in order to block the jammer from the Western Kentucky Rockin’ Rollers during the derby bout. When Knight isn’t competing in the ring, she can be found at campus studying music, anthropology and art history.

WKU alumnae Lauren ‘Delyria’ Lott, left, and Aimee ‘Rampage Smackson’ Little, far right, block Western Kentucky Rockin’ Roller Jenny ‘J-PLOWW’ West during the derby bout. The Vette City Vixens are a member of the Women’s Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA), which includes roller derby teams around the country and the world.

Vette City Vixen Sydney “Spilicious” Herndon, third from left, and Destiny “Pretty Reckless” Bower, fourth from left, form a wall to block Western Kentucky Rockin’ Roller Jacqui “Jessica Rabbid” West, back right, from getting past during their bout Sunday at the hockey rink in Basil Griffin Park.

West Kentucky Rockin’ Roller Jenny West, known as “J-FLOWW," high-fives the Vette City Vixens team during player introductions before the start of theirbout Sunday at the hockey rink in Basil Griffin Park. The Vette City Vixens beat the Western Kentucky Rockin’ Rollers 221-119.

Photos by Matt Lunsford
Bowling Green roller-derby queens take to the track

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It doesn’t take innate talent to be a part of the local roller derby team. Kate Knight, a senior from Bowling Green, couldn’t skate prior to joining the Vette City Roller Derby team. “I went through two boot camps to be a skater, and I couldn’t skate at all,” Knight said. “It shows me that there is always that surprise of surprising yourself. … I can always do more than I think I could do.” Since 2009, Bowling Green has been home to the Vette City Roller Derby team, comprised of local women with a desire to compete in a fast-paced contact sport. The team is split into two groups: the Vette City Vixens, the A team, and the Bowling Green Hot Bods, the B team. Kristina Arnold, associate professor and gallery director in the department of art, is one of the founders of the team. Arnold — or “Skiribus” as the roller derby team nicknamed her — said starting the organization was no easy task. “We had to build a league … in a community that has never heard of roller derby, most communities hadn’t when we started,” Arnold said. Women of all backgrounds are permitted to join the team. The program occasionally offers new-member boot camps, which allow those with little-to-no skating experience to learn and hopefully join the team. “Sometimes, on the teaching side of it, you get frustrated on why someone isn’t learning something,” Arnold said. “It’s being on the other side of it and it’s a process.” A variety of women from different occupations and backgrounds make up the team. Team captain Megan Grandinetti said the sport has allowed her to become a stronger teacher who is more confident in the classroom. “Being the captain you have to be very powerful, very forward, which has definitely helped me in my career as teacher controlling the classroom,” Grandinetti said.

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Pie ‘like your grandma used to make’ now served downtown

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There’s a new queen in town — The Pie Queen of Bowling Green, that is. The pie shop, located in the historic downtown area, opened its doors to customers on Sept. 14. The shop is owned and jointly operated by WKU alumni Brie and Brad Golliher. The couple is also known for starting Boyce Green, that is. The pie shop, located in the historic downtown area, opened its doors to customers on Sept. 14. The shop is owned and jointly operated by WKU alumni Brie and Brad Golliher. The couple is also known for starting Boyce Green, that is. The pie shop, located in the historic downtown area, opened its doors to customers on Sept. 14. The shop is owned and jointly operated by WKU alumni Brie and Brad Golliher. The couple is also known for starting Boyce Green. Since 2009, Bowling Green has been home to the Vette City Roller Derby team, comprised of local women with a desire to compete in a fast-paced contact sport. The team is split into two groups: the Vette City Vixens, the A team, and the Bowling Green Hot Bods, the B team. Kristina Arnold, associate professor and gallery director in the department of art, is one of the founders of the team. Arnold — or “Skiribus” as the roller derby team nicknamed her — said starting the organization was no easy task. “We had to build a league … in a community that has never heard of roller derby, most communities hadn’t when we started,” Arnold said. Women of all backgrounds are permitted to join the team. The program occasionally offers new-member boot camps, which allow those with little-to-no skating experience to learn and hopefully join the team. “Sometimes, on the teaching side of it, you get frustrated on why someone isn’t learning something,” Arnold said. “It’s being on the other side of it and it’s a process.” A variety of women from different occupations and backgrounds make up the team. Team captain Megan Grandinetti said the sport has allowed her to become a stronger teacher who is more confident in the classroom. “Being the captain you have to be very powerful, very forward, which has definitely helped me in my career as teacher controlling the classroom,” Grandinetti said. Grandinetti said the sport has allowed her to become a stronger teacher who is more confident in the classroom. “Being the captain you have to be very powerful, very forward, which has definitely helped me in my career as teacher controlling the classroom,” Grandinetti said.

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More than 200 vendors and performers representing dozens of countries from around world will gather at the Bowling Green International Festival Saturday in Circus Square Park from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival is an entertaining way to educate the community about the different nationalities and ethnic groups that can be found here in Bowling Green. The festival started in 1989, and attendance has grown to about 15,000 people per year. The audience is becoming more diverse as well, said the festival’s executive director Kim Mason. “The quickest way to acceptance is to meet new people and to not be isolated,” Mason said. “The festival provides a forum to do that.” Mason has been the executive director of the festival since 2001 and is in charge of booking the vendors and performers. Mason noted that WKU has a significant presence at the festival. Different departments from all over campus, such as the Confucius Institute and Study Abroad and Global Learning, set up booths. In addition to different departmental setups, many international students set up stands or performed at the event to show off their home culture. Shannon Miller, programming assistant for the International Student Office, is a connection between the students and the festival organizers. Miller said ISO covers the cost of the students’ booths. This money comes out of WKU’s yearly programming budget. “It’s just part of the international students to get involved while they are here,” Miller said. The festival has changed dramatically since its beginning. More countries and ethnic groups are represented now than ever before, according to the Bowling Green International Festival website. As an attendee of the festival, Miller notes another change this festival made. “I think the international students set up booths. Many in-”

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Check out Spirits at the Depot event aimed at giving back to Big Brothers Big Sisters on B2

WKU alumna Amy Pound receives the numbers on Jennifer ‘The Jenerator’ Whittamore while she rests on the bench during a bout against Western Kentucky Hockey Rollers in a roller derby bout at the hockey rink at Saul Griffin Park.

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**CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky, Susan Waggoner**

“Traveling to the spirits at the depot was a really unique space,” said Waggoner. “We just love it so much, we ended up joining instead of just watching.”

Despite their up-and-coming nature, the team is confident they will continue to grow and attract more fans. “You can be successful no matter where you're at right now,” said Miller. “We've had girls come who can't skate, and now they're skating.”

The Pie Queen of Bowling Green is using her platform to encourage young girls to get involved in the sport. “When I first started going to the festival, I was learning new things about skating or training. There is a place in the world for everyone, according to Arnold. “The team incorporates anybody who wants to be a part of it,” she said. “You can be successful no matter what you look like or what you're passionate about.”

“I get chills when I talk about the festival,” Jones said. “I just love it so much.”

Miller agrees that WKU students should make a point to come check out the festival. “It's an opportunity to experience cultures from around the world that you just don't get to see everyday,” she said.

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Spirits at the Depot: Bowling Green's toast to a good cause

BY ANDREW CRITCHLOW

Local food vendors, an old-time rock cove bar and a silent auction will be featured at a community event for a charitable cause.

The Spirits at the Depot will be held at the Historic Railpark and Train Museum in Bowling Green tonight at 8 p.m. Participants will have all-inclusive access to food, beverages and live entertainment by local band Dizzorderly Conduct.

Proceeds for the event benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky. Susan Waggoner, CEO for the local organization, said this event is one of the largest fund-raisers of the year.

“When between our ticket sales and our silent auction, the event really pays off,” Waggoner said. “We are very grateful that the community rallies behind this event and really looks forward to it so that we can serve so many kids from right here in our own community.”

Formerly held at Lost River Cave, this is the event’s second year at the Historic Railpark and Train Museum. Waggoner said this switch was necessary to accommodate the growing number of event attendees.

“We are always selling out to the cave event, which is great but we need more land,” Waggoner said. “We wanted to choose something that you also scout and sought out.”

In the past, the depot was once a busy interstate commuter, welcoming those who traveled between Nashville and Louisville. The location has since become a thriving tourist attraction for Bowling Green and a venue for other local events, including the Haunted Lantern Train Tours on Halloween and a Polar Express train ride in December.

“It’s a really unique space,” said Jamie Johnson, the executive director of the Historic Railpark and Train Museum. “There’s a lot of stuff there that is still original.”

The Spirits at the Depot event will host a number of local food and beverage vendors, including Chuck’s Liquor Outlet, JB Distributors, and Marlees. And we have the option to give back a little bit. Attendees at the event will also get to bid on silent auction items. These also include a five-day trip to Cancun, a massage package and an orthodontic treatment plan.

“There’s really something for everyone,” Waggoner said.

Despite the event attractions, Waggoner said it all comes down to supporting the Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations.

“We always try to relate back to the mission of serving kids in our community,” Waggoner said. “We really want people to come out and have a great time while knowing that the money they’ve donated is going back to a great cause.”

Tickets are $35 and can be purchased at Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky’s website or on-site at the event.

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“Women’s Flat Track Derby Association.”

“I think it’s fun when we’re working the info booth where we check in vendors, answer questions and talk to the media. Jones believes attending the festival helps both the native and refugee populations and the refuge population, and the festival thrives in its new home.

Angela Jones, associate professor of English at WKU, is a part of the team that helps make decisions about the festival all year long. Jones says the festival is an event unique to Bowling Green.

“The festival holds both the native population and the refuge population we have here in Bowling Green come together,” Jones said. “Some cultures might not get along out in the world, but they do at the festival.

On the day of the festival, Jones will be working the information booth where she checks in vendors, answers questions and talks to the media.

“I really love the festival,” Jones said. “I just love it so much.”

Miller agrees that WKU students should make a point to come check out the festival. “It’s an opportunity to experience cultures from around the world that you just don’t get to see everyday,” she said.
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VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Toppers are currently ranked 9th in the AVCA coaches poll. They have won their last three conference games and are currently on a four-game winning streak. Last week, they defeated Louisiana Tech 2-0. The team has a conference record of 2-0 and an overall record of 17-2.

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FOOTBALL

The conference opens with a game against Marshall on Saturday at 7 p.m. The Hilltoppers have started the season 2-0 and are looking to continue their winning streak against Marshall.

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Hilltoppers look for win at home this weekend

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WKU’s loss to Indiana left a bad taste in Hilltoppers’ mouths. After leading 20-17 at halftime in Bloomington, Indiana, the Hilltoppers were outscored 21-7 in the second half and were handing their first loss of the season: a 35-38 loss to a Big 10 opponent.

The game was an opportunity for the Hilltoppers to gain their first win over a Big 10 team and to extend their stretch. The Hilltoppers are 3-0 against Power Five conference teams with their wins over Wisconsin, Northwestern and Cincinnati.

“I really think it’ll be a similar group that was there at the end last year,” Hudson said. “I also left year one and played very well,” Hudson said. “We were not able to stop them, and they were very, very good last year,” Hudson said.

Expect from us, and we came down. “We were kinda laying in the weeds. Nobody knew what to expect from us, and we came in and played very well,” Hudson said. “I also left year one and played very well.”

Hilltoppers set to take on Conference USA

The Lady Toppers are 3-0 in C-USA with a tremendous amount of respect for the talent level in the league.” The Lady Topps are coming off a successful nonconference stretch.

The 12-2 Hilltoppers opened with swagger as they took down the Wisconsin Badgers, then ranked No. 5, in the Hoosier State Invitational.

Winning tournaments and taking down big-time programs generates just the kind of momentum Head Coach Jeff Brohm said. “We were not able to stop them, and they were very, very good last year,” Hudson said. “I also left year one and played very well.”

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They have won a handful of invitational tournaments this season in which the MVFP is often one of the Lady Toppers. With some highly touted competitors, including the University of Texas at San Antonio, Rice and Florida Atlantic, University of Texas at San Antonio, Rice and Florida Atlantic.

The other teams around C-USA were all but an easy ride. “We're disappointed we lost against Indiana. I thought our guys did play hard,” Head Coach Jeff Brohm said. “We got off to a good start. We made plays. Unfortunately in the second half, Indiana came out and ran us down.”

Brodh said a situation that hadn’t happened in the Tops’ first contest against Vanderbilt and Louisiana Tech.

“We were not able to stop them, and we had two critical turnovers: a blocked kick and a punt return for a touchdown,” Brohm said. “We're not a good enough team to overcome that, especially against a Big 10 opponent.”

WKU’s opponent this weekend is the Miami (Ohio) RedHawks. They travel to Bowling Green riding a 1-2 record. Miami defeated Presbyte-