Eric Reed named interim faculty and staff. to this role,” Lee said in the email to and he’ll bring a valuable perspective ment in graduate matters as well as ate council as well as the university the history department’s graduate ad- to the rank of professor, has served as dent of Academic Affairs, announced until June 30, 2016. Reed, who was recently promoted in graduate work as well as a faculty liked and respected across campus.” “I was very pleased. I thought it was a good choice,” he said. “Eric is widely considered a teacher and school- er who has considerable experience with graduate education at WKU,” he said. “He has taken an active role in faculty governance, and he enjoys an experience with graduate education. he considered seven or eight people tion at the University of Wiscon- when he heard Reed was named as tory department, said he was pleased when he heard Reed was named as interim dean. “It was very pleasant. I thought it was a good choice,” he said. “Eric is widely liked and respected across campus.” He added that Reed’s experience in graduate work as well as a faculty member will be helpful. universities prepare to advocate for state funding by ANDREW HENDERSON, KAE HOLLOWAY HERALDNEWS@WKU.EDU The Herald will be covering the upcoming state budget approval and higher educa- tion funding through a series of articles this year. A trend of decreasing state appropri- ations from Frankfort is being felt across the state of Kentucky by public- institutioins of higher education. Universities and colleges statewide are preparing once again to fight the trend. Since 2008 and the Great Recession, state funding for public higher edu- cation has been steadily decreasing. Currently, Kentucky sits sixth above West Virginia as one of the states with the lowest direct support for higher education, according to a report from Robert King, president of the Council on Postsecondary Education. This school year, presidents and ad- vocates from several universities will be vying in Frankfort for more state fund- ing as Kentucky prepares to ap- prove its biennium budget for the next two years this spring. “What’s so important to the [Ken- tucky] Board of Student Body Presi- dents — and important for us as stu- dents to inform our legislators about — is that we advocate for our funding and whatever we can do to make it so easy for anyone to gather what amounts to personal financial information on our constitu- ents?” Johnson recalls questioning. Anthem, the second-largest health- care provider in the U.S., announced its systems were hacked on Feb. 4. Kara Brandeisky of Time said the hack affected an estimated 80 million custom- ers and employees. This means 80 mil- lion customers’ personal information — birthdays, names, medical IDs, percents of higher education — will continue to serve as graduate a search for a new graduate dean budget/fund/2015-16.php, click on the Budgeted Salary Information link at the bottom of the Expense Sum- mary and enter their information. Currently, Kentucky sits right above West Virginia as one of the states with the lowest direct support for higher education, according to a report from Robert King, president of the Council on Postsecondary Education. This school year, presidents and ad- vocates from several universities will be vying in Frankfort for more state fund- ing as Kentucky prepares to ap- prove its biennium budget for the next two years this spring.

“Eric has had considerable involve- ment in graduate matters as well as faculty governance over the years, and he’ll bring a valuable perspective in this role,” Lee said in the email to faculty and staff. Lee said in an interview that 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20

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Previous years' faculty salaries were available on WKU’s website for anyone to see. Now those who wish to look at them must enter their Net ID and pass word. Stacy Garrett, assistant director of the budget, said the link to view faculty salaries was password protected due to the recent Anthem hack.

“We did add that password because of concerns about the Anthem,” she said. “We added that layer of protec- tion to make it a little harder to reach.”

Gordon Johnson, chief information technology officer, said the IT division received an official request from the division of finance and administration to place faculty salary information behind the Net ID login.

To access this information, students, faculty and staff can go to the WKU webpage for the 2015-2016 Operat- ing Budget, www.wku.edu/finaladmin/
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This year, the department of student activities and organizations Jason Brandon is in charge of altering breaks during the fall and spring semesters and tries to make every opportunity available to a diverse group.

"I was excited to present this opportunity, especially to students who were young when this tragedy hit," Brandon said.

Louisville senior Demonte Lott appreciated this trip to New Orleans because he was in the city shortly after the hurricane hit. Lott visited the Martin Luther King Charter School with his eighth-grade class in 2007 to give out school supplies.

"I feel like it's more beneficial to get a child and adult's perspective now," Lott said.

Unlike Lott's experience, this was Brandon's first visit to New Orleans, and she was shocked at the disaster's impact. "It's easy to see that it's been Ulysses, and some of the communities look like the disaster just hit," Brandon said.

During the trip, the participants built homes in a community. Students were able to partner with the Youth Rebuild- New Orleans organization to construct houses that would be taught to teachers in the community.

Although four days were not enough time for the students to build an entire house, they were able to assist with preparing the floor work of the home. "It felt great to be a part of the rebuilding process with these amazing people," Lott said.

"I would not expect an increase in tuition for the next school year," Ransdell said at the meeting. "I've heard from the WKU website that there are no additional costs for any person to access tuition."

"While salary alone probably won't result in identity theft, it could play a factor in an individual's income tax return," Williams said in an email. "The public has the right to know the compensation paid to a state employee, so we will release information to an信息公开 request or record request.

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employment information and social security numbers — could have been stolen."

"We have no proof. Anthem has not provided any proof, there has been no proof that the Anthem hack was directly connected to any of your information being stolen and used," John Richey said.

"I'm hopeful these experiences and mentoring graduate students and engaging in this position will aid him in this position."

"I would have stayed longer in New Orleans and learn more about and how it played a role in the Creole culture," she said.

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While no link between the hack and loss of employee information was established, Johnson said the university is not trying to hide information from people who have a legitimate reason to know from it, but it is trying to make browsing less easy for someone who would not want it to be noticed, as they go through it after they access it. "It has been a very extensive and the general consensus the long thought among the administrative and board of regents was we need to be concerned about protecting any personal information that can be used by hackers or criminals for whatever purpose," Johnson said.

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**Facilities, housing manage mold, mildew outbreak**

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**This summer's high humidity, paired with some facilities' lack of use, has contributed to decreased mold in WKU's buildings.**

"Mold grows best in places that haven't had much activity," said Bryan Bussell, the chief facilities officer. Two weeks ago, ERL joined with the department of Environmental Resources, Conservation and Public Affairs to test Pearse-Ford Tower's rooms for mold and mildew. They found mold and mildew in the HVAC units in the FINC units. Bussell said the affected rooms to clean them and to re-enter those rooms.

"The right formula for the mold growth is the same," Bussell said. Bussell said all of the reported mold has been cleaned.

The EHS departments personnel conducted seven surveys in all campus buildings. Bussell said the cleaning process has been ongoing since the affected rooms were cleaned.

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**By Carly Matthews**

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"Phenomenal," said Richey. "It's on us as students. We need to be forced to talk about it. This is not a shameful topic to discuss."

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Sexual Assault Services Coordinator Elizabeth Madariaga said that it is important to address the issue of sexual assault.

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Racism not 'a thing of the past,' still alive on campus

Emotional wellness can strengthen your mind, body and soul

During my three years at WKU, four friends of color have independently told me they have had racial slurs yelled at them while they were walking to or from class. It students respond to this claims with indifference since it's only four students, they should ask themselves how many times they have gone through the same scenario. If the answer is none, they know exactly how many times a student should experience a racial slur.

These are not isolated incidents. They speak to a larger problem: tolerance to racism that America has accepted ever since it first denied the personhood of black slaves. Whether it was the Three-Fifths Compromise or the “colorblind” notion of Nixon’s war on drugs, history has shown us that white people are exceptional at self-justifying the worst atrocities. That self-justification is an intellectual cocoon that prevents white people from grappling with the Freudian marginalization that many people of color experience in their everyday lives.

It is easy to think racism is only a thing of the past. It is easy to assume no one is discriminated against anymore — especially with a sound emotional state of mind, one that can empathize with their students' acknowledging oppression is not enough. The administration is also accountable for the policies — or lack thereof — that affect students of color. There are some classes that the administration can take to ameliorate the marginalization many students of color feel on this campus.

First and foremost, there needs to be a Black Cultural Center on black students' terms. This issue has been brought up so many times, it feels cliché to bring it up again. Second, there needs to be a streamlined, accessible way for students of color to formally address their grievances to or from class. If the administration more accessible.

There are some clear steps the administration could hold an event similar to the LGBT ice cream volleyball. When it comes to making changes, the administration must be more proactive and independent. Before questions can go unaddressed or be deflected to students of color, we cannot change; we are demanding to be seen, heard and respected.

We are no longer accepting the things we cannot change; we are demanding change for the things we can no longer accept.

You can do this by taking a step back and asking yourself how are you feeling? You can also change the way you communicate with people to provide an outlet for your emotions. People can also change the way they communicate in order to be more open and sensitive to being life and to express their emotions.

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After 40 years in the peach-growing business, the Dunn family knows a good peach cobbler. Dunn and Bowen Orchard, located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, just collected the last of their annual harvest mid-September. The orchard itself, both the care and cultivation of over 200 peach trees, takes year-round attention. As the summer season comes to a close, however, the family is promised a short rest before their crop calls them back to the fields. Not only have the Dunns spent over 40 years tending to hundreds of fruit plants, but they also have cultivated a successful small business, selling their crop both at their orchard-based storefront and in local farmer’s markets.

While the original business was put in place by Dowe Dunn, the farm is currently cared for by his grandson Chris Bowen. Bowen and Dunn do still collaborate from time to time, and can be seen co-operating a booth at the Community Farmers’ Market some mornings. Dowe still has a hand in the family business, but leaves the major issues and general caretaking to the younger, more capable members of his family. One tradition that has remained unchanged throughout the orchard’s lifetime is the classic family cobbler recipe, originally belonging to Dowe Dunn’s wife, Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Dunn’s Famous Peach Cobbler

- Preheat oven to 375ºF.
- Put one stick of butter in baking dish and put in the oven to melt.
- In a pan, combine one cup of sugar, 1/2 cup of water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes.
- In a mixing bowl, combine one cup of flour, one cup of milk and one cup of sugar.
- Pour that mixture into your baking dish, then spoon the peaches on top. Add the remaining syrup, slowly. Do not stir. Sprinkle cinnamon on top.
- Bake until top looks golden brown, approximately 30 min.
- If desired, remove five minutes before baking is completed to add peach garnish, as pictured.

A SWEET REWARD

The final pick of Dunn and Bowen peaches marks the passing of the summer season
Bowling Green area offers a variety of 'spooky' events

BY SYDNEY RAE DAVIS AND NICOLE ARES
BY FRANCIS WILSON

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As fall creeps in, so do spooky activities offered during the month of October in the Bowling Green area. From a guided tour of the downtown area's haunted sites to a haunted screams park, there are a variety of options on this spooky trail.

Uncon Bowling Green

This tour highlights the historic and haunted places of the Bowling Green area. Uncon Bowling Green is split into two main types of tours: the Downtown Haunted History Walking Tour and the Haunted History Tour in Uncon Bowling Green.

"The tour will disclose the dark and mysterious history rooted around Fountain Square Park," according to Uncon Bowling Green's website. "Each tour will visit haunted and historic locations on an eerie comedy and will enter a secret haunted location that has been closed to the public for nearly 100 years."

The Downtown Haunted History Walking Tour is offered every Friday and Saturday night in October and costs $25. The Downtown Haunted History Walking Tour is offered on Oct. 15 and costs $25. The Downtown Haunted History Walking Tour is offered on Oct. 15 and costs $25.

2. Scarecrow Trail at Lost River Cave

From Oct. 3 to Oct. 25, a collection of scarecrows will line the trail at Lost River Cave. Individuals, families, and businesses have constructed these scarecrows and paid a small fee for them to be displayed this fall.

The money spent in submitting these scarecrows goes to maintaining the park and keeping it free all year long. The event is completely free to walk through and is recommended for all ages.

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Students create a "TUFF" accepting community on campus

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Class, race and gender can feel like roadblocks, but they can also start conversations that bring understanding.

The WKU student organization Toppers Uplifting for Feminism is hoping to bring these discussions to students across campus.

"This group was created to highlight to students and faculty the inequalities that exist in both their personal and academic lives," Erlanger sophomore Maggie Mercer said. "I feel as it is very important to learn about one another's experiences, not just the ones that are easy to see, but those that are not so obvious, and make a change for those who need it."

The group was founded in the fall of 2014 by Molly Couch, a sophomore from In- dependence, this student-led club was established with the purpose of creating an open place to "discuss and create social change in topics like reproduction, body image, violence, sexual orientation and other issues regarding race, class and gender."

The group, previously called Toppers for Choice, is now named to Toppers Uplifting for Feminism last fall after deciding to address a broader spectrum of issues than just women's rights. The club's new name allows the group to be more inclusive of students from different backgrounds and experiences, said Couch.

The club will meet weekly, often to discuss important topics such as reproductive health and ways to increase campus awareness of existing issues, according to Couch.

Along with event planning the organization also assists people in reaching out to their campus organization or group to help students learn how to handle certain issues.

"Conversations are very important, as is building awareness of feminist issues and TUFF stimulates both of those," said Teresa Brandt, a senior at Bowling Green and member of TUFF. "TUFF members will be working to distribute information about diversity and commu- nity studies for the required coursework and distribution of this se- ries of pamphlets to students. These pamphlets highlight issues occurring race, gender and class."

The club is also partnering with WKU's annual "TRAILS" and the HopeLine phone drive.

"We have issues located directly on campus where people can donate their old phones and phone accessories," Mercer said. "These phones will be sent to Verizon and they will give a proportion all donations to Bowling Green Centers for domestic abuse."

On Oct. 16, TUFF will be collaborating with the Stu- dent Identity Outreach organization on a Steven Universe screening and discussion with time and location details to be announced. Mercer said that TUFF hopes the screening will bring attention to students and faculty about the effects of media.

"Many people perceive him and multiple characters in the show as LGBT positive," Mercer said. "We're doing surveys and asking questions and communicating with the community." Snodgrass said that TUFF has been "a really good one," but doesn't sacrifice the enter- tainment aspect.

According to Snodgrass, the show is fill for all ages. The music is upbeat and familiar to students who have based on Bowling Green Classics.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., this event will feature a free trunk-out or treat from Toppers Uniting for Feminism, free arts and crafts activities and unlimited play of games.

7. Hallowest Night tours of the Town in association with the Campus Ministry of the College of Education and Human Development. Visitors of this event will be greeted by a consecration, which will continue through a series of "haunted" train cars.

"Each one will have a character and, at least one of the characters will tell you a spooky tale—nothing too scary. No one will reach out and grab you in anything," education counselor Sarah Myers said.

The event costs $10 for adults and $6 for children and will take place on-campus from Oct. 15 to 10.

BROADWAY MUSICAL TO LIGHT UP SKYPAC'S STAGE

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From plans to community events, SKyPAC offers a variety of shows to its attendees. Coming up is the perform- ance "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a musical that is rooted in early Christian history. The show is being performed at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 at SKyPAC. In addition to the musical, there will be a costume contest with a $500 first price.

The cast and orchestra members are chosen based on talent and auditions. The show is directed by Evan Testerman, a WKU senior who has been in the program for six years.

The show is performed with the help of the students and faculty members of the WKU Department of Theater.

"This is a very important show," Testerman said. "We have a cast of all current and former students of WKU, which is special because it is something that students are a part of." The show will be performed at the Skyscrapes, the营销ing of diversity and commu- nity studies. This event is being performed in SKyPAC, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," after being performed at the Kentucky Department of State and Coining in Bowling Green, Ky.

"I love this production because it's a fun story and it's not too scary. No one will reach out and grab you in anything," education counselor Sarah Myers said.

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through similar circumstances. This semester students wanted to implement doctoral programs that could lead to advanced degrees. The students say they want to open the doors to their classmates.

"This year the park will feature actor Tim O'Neal, who played Michael Myers in "Halloween,"" Mercer said. "He will be at the park Friday, Oct. 17 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m."

"This was a really good one," he said.

Freshman and Bowling Green native Hope Villa Hills has been working with TUFF to help them out and bring members on campus to discuss and create social change in topics like reproduction, body image, violence, sexual orientation and other issues regarding race, class and gender."

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On Oct. 16, TUFF will be collaborating with the Stu- dent Identity Outreach organization on a Steven Universe screening and discussion with time and location details to be announced. Mercer said that TUFF hopes the screening will bring attention to students and faculty about the effects of media.

"Many people perceive him and multiple characters in the show as LGBT positive," Mercer said. "We're doing surveys and asking questions and communicating with the community." Snodgrass said that TUFF has been "a really good one," but doesn't sacrifice the enter- tainment aspect.

According to Snodgrass, the show is fill for all ages. The music is upbeat and familiar to students who have based on Bowling Green Classics.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., this event will feature a free trunk-out or treat from Toppers Uniting for Feminism, free arts and crafts activities and unlimited play of games.

7. Hallowest Night tours of the Town in association with the Campus Ministry of the College of Education and Human Development. Visitors of this event will be greeted by a consecration, which will continue through a series of "haunted" train cars.

"Each one will have a character and, at least one of the characters will tell you a spooky tale—nothing too scary. No one will reach out and grab you in anything," education counselor Sarah Myers said.

The event costs $10 for adults and $6 for children and will take place on-campus from Oct. 15 to Oct. 30.

BROADWAY MUSICAL TO LIGHT UP SKYPAC'S STAGE

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From plans to community events, SKyPAC offers a variety of shows to its attendees. Coming up is the perform- performance "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a musical that is rooted in early Christian history. The show is being performed at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 at SKyPAC. In addition to the musical, there will be a costume contest with a $500 first price.

The cast and orchestra members are chosen based on talent and auditions. The show is directed by Evan Testerman, a WKU senior who has been in the program for six years.

The show is performed with the help of the students and faculty members of the WKU Department of Theater.

"This is a very important show," Testerman said. "We have a cast of all current and former students of WKU, which is special because it is something that students are a part of." The show will be performed at the Skyscrapes, the marketing of diversity and commu- nity studies. This event is being performed in SKyPAC, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," after being performed at the Kentucky Department of State and Coining in Bowling Green, Ky.

"I love this production because it's a fun story and it's not too scary. No one will reach out and grab you in anything," education counselor Sarah Myers said.

The event costs $10 for adults and $6 for children and will take place on-campus from Oct. 15 to Oct. 30.
The Lady Toppers will square off against the Charlotte 49ers at home this week. This will be the second home game in a row for the Lady Toppers.

**But the guys are trying hard, I haven't had to coach effort at all this preseason.**

**Head Coach Ray Harper**

The Lady Toppers are still 3-0 on the season. They are currently ranked 26th in the nation. However, they have struggled to find consistency on both offense and defense.

**Jenkins confident with group moving closer to postseason**

With just one more meet before the Conference USA championship, Jenkins is looking forward to getting the results they need to move closer to postseason. He is confident in his group and believes they have the potential to achieve great things this season. He is looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish in the upcoming meets.

**But the players have to be patient.**

**Harper knows there is a lot of pressure on them to perform well.**

The Lady Toppers will continue to work towards their goals and prepare for the upcoming meets. They will do everything they can to make sure they are in the best possible position for success.
Senior quarterback Brandon Doughty reset his own single-game WKU passing yards record with 593 yards during the WKU vs. Middle Tennessee State University game at Floyd Stadium in Murfreesboro on Sept. 13, 2014.

‘100 Miles of Hate’: Hilltoppers prepare for MTSU

Senior setter Jessica Lucas will enter the contest coming off her second C-USA Setter of the Week honor. Her 671 assists so far this season bring her career total up to 2,051—marking the eighth highest assist total in program history. She has managed to reach that height just halfway through her second season.

WKU will come in with a bit more momentum this time around in the double-digit win streak. Sophomore setter Jessica Lucas will enter the contest coming off her second C-USA Setter of the Week honor of the season and fourth of her career. Her 671 assists so far this season bring her career total up to 2,051—marking the eighth highest assist total in program history. She has managed to reach that height just halfway through her second season.

Alyssa Cavanaugh is second in the league in University of Texas at San Antonio. The Lady Toppers enter this week’s contest having won 11 straight, with a 3-1 record in league play.

Noelle Langenkamp 
6'2" | Senior | Middle Hitter

Sets played: 62
Kills: 189
Kills per set: 3.05
Hitting percentage: .391

Alyssa Cavanaugh
5'10" | Sophomore | Outside Hitter

Sets played: 59
Kills: 209
Kills per set: 3.54
Hitting percentage: .288

Jessica Lucas
6'0" | Sophomore | Setter

Sets played: 62
Assists: 671
Assists per set: 10.82
Digs: 116

While the contest does pit the top teams in the conference against one another, it also carries a bit more history. WKU had a nearly unblemished record of 15-1 in conference play last season—their lone loss coming to UTSA who they would ultimately share the regular-season conference crown with.

The most historic rivalry game in Conference USA will be played this weekend. The ‘100 Miles of Hate,’ the annual football game between WKU and Middle Tennessee State University, will be played at Smith Stadium on Saturday at 11 a.m.

It will be the 65th meeting between the two schools since 1914, and the Blue Raiders lead the all-time series 34-29-1.

In addition to being on the losing end of that record, the Hilltoppers have not defeated MTSU in Bowling Green for almost 28 years.

“I know we haven’t won at home since 1989 against Middle Tennessee, so this is an important game for us,” Head Coach Jeff Brohm said. “They’re on our side of the division, and we have to find a way to win, but it’s going to be a tough physical battle. We’re looking forward to Saturday morning.”

Adding to the frustration of not beating the Blue Raiders at home since 1990, three of the last four games in Bowling Green have been decided by five points or less.

The most recent matchup between the two schools came last season in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where the Hilltoppers were beaten in a 50-47 overtime thriller that saw Brandon Doughty throw for just shy of 600 yards with four touchdowns and three different WKU receivers with over 100-yards receiving.

This year, even more is on the line.

WKU will be looking to move to 3-0 in conference play for the first time since joining the conference a little over two years ago.

The Hilltoppers are 2-0 in C-USA, and are second best team in the league at 7 p.m. when WKU plays host to the second best team in the league in University of Texas at San Antonio.

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