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Women editors play key role in Herald history

BY ANDREW HENDERSON NEWS@WKUHERALD.COM

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New legal clinic opens Friday
By LASHANA HARNEY
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After years of planning and prepar-
ation, WKU's Student Legal Services Clinic opens Friday.
Jude Shaodan, professor of paralegal, and director of the clinic, said some organizational changes slowed the process of starting the clinic, but they picked up a year and a half ago.
"Realistically, I've been working on it off and on for four years," Shaodan said.
The clinic is located in Tate Page Hall, Room 252. The clinic will be available for all WKU students, including part-
time students, transfer students, in-
cluded students and students on regional campuses.
The clinic offers advice, counseling, representation and referrals.
Maddisonville graduate student Kaylee Luter said the clinic, like the office covers a wide range of areas, including family law, traffic violations and landlord/tenant dis-
putes.
Shaodan said since the Student Legal Services Clinic is new, some students will not know that legal services are available on campus.
"My biggest goal is that every student on campus will know about us and will be able to utilize our services," Shaodan said.
Shadoan said she doesn't want students to be afraid of visiting the office.
"Students can just come in and ask for an appointment. They don't have to be afraid," she said.
Shadoan said students have the opportunity to call the clinic any day of the week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to set up an appointment, she said. The clinic plans to purchase equipment to Skype with students who cannot make regular office appoint-
ments.
Luttrell said the clinic is there to make legal help more available, afford-
able and simple.
Legal representation could cost stu-
dents $300 per hour with the average attorney. The clinic would only charge $30 an hour.
"Students are already paying a lot to be here," she said. "Last thing they want to have to pay even more money to fix their problems." Luttrell said students are coming to the office where they will begin to en-
counter rental agreements, car acci-
dents and more.
"We want to be able to relieve the burden of legal mazes on students," she said. "We don't want students to be so bogged down by legal problems or so stressed out that it affects their education and subsequently their abili-
ty to return to WKU and further their education."
The clinic is in the process of ob-
taining a student to cover the cost of an in-house attorney for next fall. Luttrell said the university will discuss the student fee in February.
Student Government Association President Nicki Taylor said SGAC passed a resolution in support of the clinic and the fee to cover a student fee to pro-
vide free legal help.
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Shadoan said the clinic is there to be a resource for students, and if students feel like they need to talk to someone, they can come into the clinic and talk with a paralegal or the clinic plans to have internships for paralegal students in the fall.
"We want to let the students know we appreciate them being here," she said. Forthies said the clinic services are free, part of the clinic's goal is to diversify the workforce.
"At the clinic, the paralegals will be more diverse," Forthies said.
"We want to diversify the services available on campus, too," she said. "We want to make sure that WKU is a diverse place."
Hoyng encouraged all students to use the services provided.
"If you're feeling overwhelmed, you can try the clinic," she said. "Do not try to deal with the stress on your own."
"This is an opportunity for all students to experience legal representation, but also to have someone who can take that burden of legal stress on students," she said. "The last thing they should have to worry about is the fact that they have legal trouble."
Shadoan said attorneys volunteer their services and the clinic is trying to attract volunteer attorneys.
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A new graduate program inside the College of Arts and Sciences can start accepting applications for the fall.

The Board of Regents approved a Master of Fine Arts degree type in the creative writing program on Friday.

Robert Hale, English department head, said the program has been under development for several years.

"We still have two hurdles to jump," he said. "We've been tentatively approved by the Council of Undergraduate Education for Kentucky and we have to be approved by SACS, the accrediting body." Hale said. "We're in the fi nal stages of being approved."

According to the statement approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education, "The program has been approved by the Board of Regents and must be approved by SACS, the accrediting body.

SACS also appointed Megan Skaggs as the director of Academic and Student Affairs.

Taylor announced that she plans on having a meeting with President Gary Ransdell, Dr. Bailey, and the dean of Student Affairs and Bryan Hus sell, chief facilities officer, to discuss the student legal services as well as the topic of alcohol on campus.

She plans on doing this when and with what happens at the next meeting.

Richey spoke about how he hopes the senators will sit and listen and listen and listen.

"There will be some positions, and we will be having elections at the end of this semester," Richey said.

"I'd be very, very just to want to speak to people about what concerns they have on campus — what issues they'd like addressed." Tylee Scaife, campus improvements committee chair, said her position is coming to an end and is concerned about what the committee will be doing.

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However, the meeting did serve as an opportunity to welcome back the attendees and briefly discuss the upcoming events.

After Jay Todd Richey, the speaker of the meeting, called the meeting to order, the Senate heard from the Cultural Diversity and Affairs Committee, which was represented last fall. The committee heard issues dealing with diversity and inclusion.

Later, the committee discussed the possibility of creating a new degree in the creative writing program. The committee is currently working on this issue and hopes to have it approved by the end of the semester.

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The years since have been filled with challenges and successes. Our team has learned many valuable lessons along the way. We have discovered that it takes hard work, dedication, and a willingness to adapt and evolve to succeed in the competitive world of journalism.

But the journey is not over. We continue to strive for excellence, always looking for ways to improve and innovate. We are committed to providing our readers with the best possible content, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Today, more than ever, we are proud to be a part of the Western Kentucky University community. We are grateful for the support of our students, faculty, and staff, and we look forward to continuing to serve our readers for years to come.
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5 Book of legends?
10 Irreverent radio host
14 Become painfully dry
15 Airboat area
16 Narrow margin
17 Hardly noticeable amount
18 Black-eyed peas dish
20 Like some Netflix movies
22 Wore a belittling look
23 Notable gap
26 More pleasant
27 Pretend nothing’s going on
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32 Petri dish gel
33 Cast off
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SUDOKU
The number of people in Bowling Green has changed, but the spirit still remains. Most of the old buildings on campus have seen many faces. They seem the same—maybe a few cracks and some weathering over the years. We, as a community, have come a long way, but the buildings still remain. These photos were manipulated to compare and contrast the past scenes with the present. Erica Lafser and Leanora Benkato combine their recent photos with old photos from the WKU Archives.
Freshman Sydney Johnson and sophomore Isaac Barnes are practicing the play “The Hatmaker’s Wife” in Gordon Wilson Hall on Tuesday.

PHOTOS BY ASHLEY COOPER/HERALD

Although the spring 2015 semester has barely started, WKU’s Department of Theatre & Dance is rehearsing for its biggest productions.

An upcoming play is already “hitting the ground running,” according to Louisville senior Tamya Mounon.

Mounon serves as the assistant director for “The Hatmaker’s Wife,” a fairly new play written by Lauren Yee. The story focuses on two couples—one a young pair who recently moved in together, and the other an immigrant couple with a hatmaker husband who treasures his craft perhaps more than his own wife.

Beginning with only a read-through before the winter break, the cast and crew have five weeks to prepare before the show premieres at the Gordon Wilson Lab Theatre on Feb. 26.

Although often comedic in nature, the play encompasses many “whimsical” and “magical” elements, according to director and instructor of theater, Carol Jordan.

This statement is highlighted by the fact that the young woman only learns of the old couple because the wall starts speaking and reveals their story.

“It’s not a strictly realistic play,” Jordan said.

The production features only seven characters, and many of those roles were filled by fresh actors.

“We actually have three freshmen in the major roles,” Mounon said. “It’s a young cast, speaking and reveals their story. It’s not a strictly realistic play,” Jordan said.

Theatre department begins rehearsals for two major productions

BY MADISON MARTIN

Malaysian cartoons on display until next week

BY TREY CRUMBIE

Political cartoons exist to incite reactions from people, ranging from disgust, happiness, sorrow and indignation. These illustrations can sometimes commemorate current events as effectively as words alone.

Students, faculty and staff will have the option to see some of these powerful drawings until the end of next week.

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The production features only seven characters, and many of those roles were filled by fresh actors.

“We actually have three freshmen in the major roles,” Mounon said. “It’s a young cast, speaking and reveals their story. It’s not a strictly realistic play,” Jordan said.

Theatre department begins rehearsals for two major productions

BY MADISON MARTIN

Malaysian cartoons on display until next week

BY TREY CRUMBIE

Political cartoons exist to incite reactions from people, ranging from disgust, happiness, sorrow and indignation. These illustrations can sometimes commemorate current events as effectively as words alone.

Students, faculty and staff will have the option to see some of these powerful drawings until the end of next week.

The work of Zulkiflie Anwar Ulhaque, commonly known as Zunar, will be displayed in the gallery of Mass Media and Technology Hall as part of an exhibition. The Malaysian cartoonist attempts to highlight the injustices and corruption of his country through his work.

The 41 featured cartoons include recent political commentary. One cartoon in particular criticizes Prime Minister of Malaysia, Najib Razak, and his handling of the Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 crisis, in which a Malaysian plane went missing last March and was never recovered.

Zunar visited WKU last September where he spoke about the Malaysian government censoring his work. Zunar has been harassed and arrested by his government for his work.

“I told police, ‘I will draw until the last drop of my ink,’” he said. “If you want to stop me, you must stop the ink supply coming to Malaysia.”

In a January interview with The Washington Post, Zunar denounced the attack on the offices of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical newspaper in France, which left 12 dead and 11 injured. The magazine attracted controversy for publishing depictions of the Prophet Muhammad.

“Any disagreement over the said cartoons should be responded in a civilized manner, i.e., intellectual discussions, open debates and other civilized damage-control methods,” he said. “Even though we

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but they’re really impressive,” Jordan said the design team will be made up entirely of students as well, an unusual occurrence for a main stage production.
“I hope that (the audience) will really enjoy it,” Jordan said. “I hope they’ll find it funny, and I also hope they’ll find it moving, because I think it is a play that manages to be hilarious but also really powerful in the end.”

The department is also producing "The Marriage of Figaro," a Mozart opera about marriage, deceit and convoluted plots.

Wayne Pope serves as the musical director and orchestra conductor for the production.

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do not agree with the contents, we should respect the cartoonists’ rights to express their views.”

Tim Broekema, WKU photojournalism professor and the gallery committee chair, said he enjoys the cartoons and that it was unfortunate that Zunar got punished for his work.

“The fact that he’s been arrested and harassed by his government for actually saying those things is scary,” he said. “… We should work within a society where we can say things without prosecution.”

The exhibition is on loan from the University of Louisville’s Center for Asian Democracy. The gallery will run until Feb. 6.

STUDY ABROAD FAIR ON FEB. 4

Hale said the fair is an efficient way for students to get their questions answered directly by those leading the various programs.

“The fair is really the best opportunity in the whole semester to find lots of different programs in one place,” she said. “Everything is in one place, and it’s an easy way for students who are interested in study abroad to find out what’s going on. Leslie Ford, graduate assistant for the office of Study Abroad and Global Learning, said it’s the “one-stop shop” for everyone involved.

“The study abroad fair is for the benefit of the student,” she said. “It gives them an opportunity to see the options available, they can talk to alumni who’ve been on the program, get information on scholarships, partnerships and financial aid.”

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WKU’s Study Abroad and Global Learning office will again satiate students’ wanderlust with a Study Abroad fair.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 4 on the second floor of the Downing Student Union.

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The comic opera serves as another commentary of the era.

“We have servants working right along with aristocracy, right alongside and teaching aristocracy a lesson,” Pope said. “We always love our product and just the opportunity to do great music, and it’s a great performing opportunity. We do everything just like it’s a professional organization.”

Casting for “Figaro” took place in October, but Pope said work began as early as April 2014. Students cast in the production were expected to practice early as April 2014. Students cast in the production were expected to practice early as April 2014. Students cast in the production were expected to practice early as April 2014. Students cast in the production were expected to practice early as April 2014.
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Five new players join WKU football program

When nearly 20 years of Division I coaching experience under his belt, Craig Bere will join the WKU coaching staff as an assistant coach next season, as announced by Head Coach Travis Hudgens. The safety finished his career with two seasons in the defensive back rotation at UAB under Head Coach Kim Mullen. Along with the three transfers, two Kentucky All-State players also joined the team. Outside linebacker Mark Collins joined the team after seeing action in 10 games in 2014 for UAB, accumulating seven tackles. Bere joins a team that recorded its seventh record time of 1:33.76. In addition, Bere helped the Irish to its first NCAA Tournament appearance. The team recorded its seventh conference regular season Co-Champions and Tournament Champions in its first season in the league. Bere is a very accomplished team member of the 2013 season. With Craig, you get a great coach, a great recruiter and a great person on top of it. We couldn't be more excited about the impact that he is going to have on WKU volleyball. Bere is a great person on top of it. We couldn't be more excited about the impact that he is going to have on WKU volleyball. Bere is helping the Irish to its first NCAA Tournament appearance. The team recorded its seventh conference regular season Co-Champions and Tournament Champions in its first season in the league. Bere is an incredible leader and an incredible person on top of it. We couldn't be more excited about the impact that he is going to have on WKU volleyball. Bere is a great person on top of it. We couldn't be more excited about the impact that he is going to have on WKU volleyball. Bere is helping the Irish to its first NCAA Tournament appearance. The team recorded its seventh conference regular season Co-Champions and Tournament Champions in its first season in the league. Bere is a great coach, a great recruiter and an amazing person. Bere said in a press release. I am beyond thrilled to have someone of Craig's caliber. Hudson said in a press release. I am beyond thrilled to have someone of Craig's caliber. Hudson said in a press release. I am beyond thrilled to have someone of Craig's caliber. Hudson said in a press release. I am beyond thrilled to have someone of Craig's caliber. Hudson said in a press release. I am beyond thrilled to have someone of Craig's caliber. Hudson said in a press release. I am beyond thrilled to have someone of Craig's caliber. Hudson said in a press release. I am beyond thrilled to have someone of Craig's caliber. Hudson said in a press release. I am beyond thrilled to have someone of Craig's caliber.
The Louisiana Tech game is set to start at 7 p.m. CT Thursday night, with action picking back up on Saturday at 2 p.m. CT as part of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

"It's another opportunity for us to go out and really pull away from the pack," Jackson said. "We are really stoked about these games."
Tops battle for top spot in Conference USA

BY BILLY RUTLEDGE
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The WKU basketball team sits atop the Conference USA with a perfect 7-0 record in league play. After winning its last nine games, the team sits at 16-7 overall, but its 3-3 away record will be tested, this weekend, as they travel to Hattiesburg, Mississippi to face Southern Miss—the second-ranked team in the league.

The Hilltoppers face Louisiana Tech on Thursday at 6 p.m. CT, before clashing with Southern Miss on Saturday at 5 p.m. CT in Hattiesburg.

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BY JONAH PHILLIPS
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Despite dropping its first game last week since a Nov. 25 rout with ranked opponent Louisville, the Lady Topper basketball team comes into tonight’s matchup against Louisiana Tech riding a 12-game win streak in conference play and the best 6-1 mark in overall, but its 3-3 away record will be tested this weekend, as they travel to Hattiesburg, Mississippi to face Southern Miss—the second-ranked team in the league.

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