A steam pipe leak has led to mold growth in one of the academic buildings on campus. David Oliver, director of Environmental Health and Safety, said the leaking pipe was located underneath Gordon Wilson Hall. Steam and moisture entered in one of the building's prop rooms through a manhole.

Oliver said because the pipe leak was underground, he was unsure of when the leak started. "There was some moisture and steam that came out of a manhole, but it’s not any steam that he’s seen. It’s not a hole," he said.

The room sustained water damage, which led to the mold buildup inside the room. Bryan Russell, chief facilities officer, said the leak was discovered on Jan. 29. The university plans to repair the pipe within the next few days.

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"We can't breathe: The very real consequences of structural inequality."
“A lot of her work focuses on intersection of gender and race and politics, and those are all pretty timely topics,” he said. “I think she has important things to say about important matters.”

Saundra Ardrey, department head for political science, said it’s important to have different voices who can share their different viewpoints. She also said Harris-Perry has credibility on a lot of issues for the African-American community, as well as others, due to the many and varied subjects she specializes in.

“She captures the imagination of many folks who are disenfranchised,” she said.

Ardrey said the appearance of Harris-Perry holds personal significance, because they are both part of the handful of African-American women with a doctorate in political science. She said the appearance will share current events and issues with a larger community.

The “Melissa Harris-Perry” show airs on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 11 a.m. on MSNBC. Her most recent book is “Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America.” She currently holds professorship at her alma mater, Wake Forest University. She is also the founding director for the Anna Julia Cooper Center on Gender, Race and Politics in the South, which focuses on research and programs related to gender, race, and politics in the South.

This event is open to the public. Free tickets are available by calling 1-270-745-3121 or visiting wku.showare.com.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

**CONTIBUTED FROM FRONT**

navigate Gordon Wilson Hall, which has three floors and no elevators.

“I got to know her and see how ex- cited she was for learning, and then I realized how limited her access was,” the Goshen native said.

When the buildings are old, it can be difficult to provide the accommodations that each student needs to make it to class.

“We move the classes to a different building,” Davis said. “They actually did that for me when I was a student there.”

MacDonald wanted to go one step beyond. Two years ago, he created an online petition to boost Gordon Wilson Hall’s accessibility by adding an elevator.

“I think we’re all used to the stairs,” MacDonald said. “I don’t mean to say anything is happening, but I feel like they could be doing so much more. The disabilities office is doing the best they can with what they have to help the students, but there are ways it could be made more of a priority.”

The office relies heavily on the university for its funding, with some of the money it receives from state agencies such as vocational rehab and an office for the blind.

Davis said there is always something more that can be done.

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“It is more trying to be student focused,” he said. “But sometimes we have student concerns or requests that we try to deal with and making sure that those departments on campus are involved in that process,” Davis said. “That’s what we’re here for is to help students.”

MacDonald supports student who complain about the accessibility on campus, but the office uses this to improve wheelchair accommodations.

“Whatever you do,” he said. “It’s bringing up something more of a priority.”

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For MacDonald, awareness is enough.

“When people are aware of (acces- sibility), they’re willing to sign for it, to support it,” he said. “It’s bringing up something more of us don’t deal with on a daily basis.”

**CRIME REPORTS**

- Bowling Green freshman David Lambrianou, of Hugh Poland Hall, reported on Jan. 28 his car had been keyed in a K-Mart lot.
- Louisville freshman Michael Heffer, of McCormack Hall, was arrested on Jan. 29 on an E-warrant from the Shelby County District Court.
largely by the age of the pipe, which often," he said. "Because it was in the prop room."

Some time to find the source of the leak continued from FRONT.

Support for ‘free’ community college spurs debate

Dec 16, 2014

By Lashana Harney

WKU in the running to be recognized as Green Ribbon School

WKU is in the running to be recognized as a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School (ED-GRS).

Melissa Young, director of special projects on the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, said the council chose WKU over two other universities.

"WKU has not been selected yet, as they have been selected to represent Kentucky in the national competition," Young said.

Young said the review committee was impressed with WKU’s sustainability education.

"It wasn’t just the majors, but how the environment is used as a teaching tool," Young said. "...Their proposal really showed a good example for the rest of the state."

WKU had to demonstrate excellence in the three pillars: reducing environmental impact, improving health and well-being, and active, environmental sustainability education.

Young said WKU stood out because of the university’s commitment to local product and Farmers’ Markets.

Christian Ryan, WKU sustainability coordinator, said the proposal process started at the end of October.

"Basically we put together a small committee and put together a proposal and made it awesome," Ryan said. "...It was really a nice, collaborative effort.

After submitting the proposal, in December, Ryan said she was notified of the decision on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

She said the committee made many revisions to their proposal and emphasized WKU’s sustainability efforts such as energy conservation, waste reduction strategies and academic programs.

"Our proposal high-lighted WKU’s master degree program in Social Responsibility and Sustainable Communities and how the program was the first in the state," Ransdell said. "We added the proposal also emphasized WKU’s sustainability research and how the Office of Sustainability is a best practice demonstration home.

"We have an amazing storm mitigation plan," Ryan said. "We talked about air quality management. There are so many things we are doing. We couldn’t fit them all in the maximum is 15 pages... We got enough in there to make an impression."

The ED-GRS award originates to K-12 schools. This is the first year higher education schools were invited to participate, Young said. Individuals or state colleges select one university or college to compete as the state nominee in the national competition.

Young said 25 schools will receive the award. "We’re excited, President Gary Ransdell will be invited to D.C. to receive the award," Ryan said.

Ransdell will be invited to D.C. to receive the award. Ryan said WKU will not receive a financial award if chosen, just recognition that WKU is environmentally conscious.

The results of the ED-GRS competition concludes April 26, Earth Day.

"It seems like Earth Day’s a long time away," Ryan said. "...We feel really hopeful.

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MOLD

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Nearly last week, Russell said it took some time to find the source of the leak because it was in the prop room.

"People aren’t in those spaces very often," he said.

Clean up and repair is being taken care of, quickly, he said.

Russell said the leak was caused largely by the age of the pipe, which dates back to the 1950s. Before the leak could be fixed, asbestos used as pipe insulation had to be removed.

Built in 1927, Gordon Wilson Hall houses the Theatre & Dance department.

The Gordon Wilson Lab Theatre holds rehearsals for nearly every production, both dance and drama. Mayfield senior Jade Primicias plans to be majoring in dance at the Lab Theatre.

"They’re such dance majors have understood for a long time that Gordon Wilson was in rough shape. I heard a little while back there was asbestos and mold, and we didn’t make a big deal about it, we didn’t ever discuss it," Primicias said.

It wasn’t until Tuesday morning that Primicias noticed something outside of the ordinary, as repair crews went in and out of her dance class.

An rehearsal continues in Gordon Wilson for upcoming productions, Primicias said she worries about what the future of the building-and those productions-will be.

"I’m worried that the more work they do to the school, the more problems they’ll find," she said. "As far as the actual issues, they never really explained to us what it was. People would joke about breathing in asbestos and mold... We don’t know if this is bad for our health breathing in all of this stuff because we haven’t been told anything.

For now, the show-and-practices must go on.

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**THE ISSUE:** The planet is on the verge of a climate disaster, yet campus sustainability appears to be low on WKU’s priority totem pole.

**OUR STANCE:** The Office of Sustainability cannot feasibly carry the weight of campus environmental consciousness on its own. It is up to administrators to assist and begin making radical decisions to help sustain our environment.

On Jan. 21, Republican Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma officially accepted the position as chairman of the U.S. Senate’s Environment Committee. This is a man who believes that climate, “having always always been,” will always have been warmer. Inhofe is in line to be our new climate changer during a time that only our generation can make a difference.

The current state of affairs, it’s difficult to argue otherwise. President Ransdell has officially accepted the position as chair of the Office of Sustainability. This is a man who is necessary to make a difference.

The Offi ce of Sustainability misses its mark on sustainability

As the amount of carbon emissions is released by the construction vehicles this campus has seen in recent years, it’s only obvious that it’s time for both students and administrators to make sacrifices about conservation. Though in the current state of affairs, it’s difficult to see how the rest of the nation contributes to emissions by roughly 17 percent by 2020. It’s true that times are tough — they always have been. WKU faces a threat to its future.

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EXTRA

Double Digit Crossword

Across

1. Like some restrictive dinners
2. Andrew of "Melrose Place"
9. Fine, for now
14. Strives
16. Brewery prefix
17. "Paradon my sword fight?"
19. Refuses to release
30. "Lifts the spirits"
36. Milo of "The Verdict"
39. Play about Capote

Down

2. Picard's counselor
3. "__ No Sunshine": Bill Withers hit
4. Averts a knockout
5. Fight souvenirs
6. Solo in space
7. Source of khaki?
8. New Jersey township with the motto "Let There Be Light"
9. "Moi?"
10. Retreat
11. S.A. country at 0 degrees latitude
12. Father of Phobos
13. Fool
14. Strong suit
15. "Beat it!"
16. NASCAR's Yarborough
17. Chat room persona non grata
18. Drive
19. Really big shoe
20. "Lifts the spirits"
21. "The Wizard __"
22. All-purpose rides
23. "Love every sip"
24. Ocean predator
26. "The Fox and the Grapes" writer
27. GPA booster
28. Big name in Indian politics
29. With 30-Down, a former name of Minute Maid Park
30. See 29-Down
31. No later than
32. Freetown currency
33. Singer Carly __ Jepsen
34. Start of some Texas city names
35. Mrs. Robinson's daughter
36. Memo demand
37. Matthau's "I.Q." role
38. "My Cup Runneth Over" musical
39. Poems of praise
40. Drive
41. "Pardon my sword fight?"
42. Words
43. Loosely worn garment
44. "Love every sip"
45. Buoys
46. "Moi?"
47. Tool for putting a Ping-Pong ball in orbit?
48. "The Wizard __"
49. Beltway environs
50. Household nickname
51. "The Wizard __"
52. Faux pas
53. Org. whose seal includes an eagle perched on a key
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Jessica Phelps, of Bowling Green, left, celebrates the Seattle Seahawks touchdown in the second quarter at Overtime Sports Bar & Grill. "I'm a Indianapolis Colts fan, but I can't stand the Patriots," said Phelps. The New England Patriots won 28-24 against the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday, Feb. 1.
Geology Club digs up opportunities for WKU students

BY MADISON MARTIN
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If one regularly walks through the lobby of the Environmental Science and Technology building, they might come across a vendor displaying a vast array of rocks, fossils and jewelry. This fundraiser belongs to WKU’s Geology Club, a group of students who are passionate about rocks.

“It’s a group for like-minded majors to exchange ideas and pleasantries,” Sean Stanley, Fort Knox senior and club vice president, said.

The club has been established for several years at WKU, and contributes to the undergraduate research that the department aims to foster. The club is really, students taking charge, and doing things along with some faculty member,” Wulff said. “The club is really, students taking charge, and doing things for students…”

With the group of students were led by Andrew Wulff explained.

The group fundraises by having rock sales and sandwich/soup sales to make their many camping and hiking trips possible.

One of their recent expeditions happened in the spring of 2014, when about 13 members flew out to the West Coast to collect rock samples from the Mojave Desert. Before going on such a trip, the students coordinate with faculty to figure out what kind of samples they want to bring back to examine in the classroom.

“All of the geology majors take a course in analytical techniques, very early in their major,” Wulff said. “So when they bring (samples) back, they already know how to use all of the equipment that we have in the program.”

Faculty members don’t usually go on the trips, placing even more control into the students’ hands.

“The idea here is that the students are really given the chance to be in charge of something themselves, instead of always having to… be tagging along with some faculty member,” Wulff said.

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Members of the WKU Geology Club went to the Mojave Desert in the spring of 2014. During their trip, they collected rock samples and went camping. (Caleb Kostka/Special to the Herald.)

BY ANDREW HENDERSON
WKU receives arboretum accreditation

WKU is adorned with many aesthetically and architecturally memorable features. The statue of Big Red posing in Downing Student Union or the statue of President Henry Hardin Cherry in front of Cherry Hall, just to name a few. WKU’s campus is home to something much more than statistics or figures.

Tucked into the Film Majors building in cooperation with the American Public Gardens Association and Botanic Gardens Conservation International, said Joshua Beardswo, manager of operations and Campus Services.

“This international initiative offers four levels of accreditation, recognizing arboreta of various degrees of development, capacity and professionalism,” he said in an email. Martha Stone, associate professor of Horticulture and the director of the Baker Arboretum, said the accreditation was a logical move for WKU as they have strives to increase the diversity of tree foliage on campus in past years.

“Students knew we had trees and gotten it accredited as an arboretum in April,” Stone said.

The Baker Arboretum is a privately owned facility that is affiliated with WKU and boasts over 150 acres of diverse plant life. Stone said that this recent decision is very nice for the students inspired by Sundance Film Festival trip

BY ANDREW HENDERSON
FREE EVENT!

WKU students had the opportunity to visit the Sundance Film Festival this past January.

WKU receives arboretum accreditation
Greeks prepare for spring recruitment

BY SHANTEL-ANN PETTWAY

Newspaper Herald.com

Spring recruitment is underway at WKU and Greek life seeks to grow. 

Greek Affairs Coordinator Alexandra Kennedy said the recruitment process can be difficult to explain, but urged students to be involved in joining a Greek organization to reach out to Student Activity Centers or come to a special meeting.

An informational meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. in Downing Student Union, Room 3020 at 6 p.m. Information for students to gain more knowledge about Greek life on campus.

The information session will inform students about the different Greek organizations on campus: the Interfraternity Council (IFC) for fraternities, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) for sororities and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) for historically black sororities and fraternities.

The recruitment process involves the IFC and NPC chapters, while intake is the term used by NPC chapters. Recruitment is offered to all undergraduates and intake is typically for upperclassmen, said Kennedy.

"Recruitment for NPC is more successful in the fall because increasing freshmen (sic) want to join right away," she said.

Maxim spaces are also a factor in why recruitment is more successful for NPC. There is a "total number, as described by Kennedy, calculated every fall, after formal recruitment, as the maximum number NPC, greeks can recruit.

The "total" for this year is 147, meaning there can be up to 147 recruited members, but all Greek chapters must have at least three members to be considered an organization.

Though the NPC and IFC have the "total" guideline, they're still expected to have at least three members. Other requirements that Greeks adhere to are G.P.A. standards. Each chapter can set their own G.P.A. standard, as long as it matches the university's standard.

Incoming freshmen are welcomed in IFC and NPC chapters. Those potential recruitment must have a high school G.P.A. of at least 2.5.

Charles Megargel, the IFC vice president of Recruitment, believes that greek can add to the college experience.

"Each chapter will focus on different areas, ranging from community service, brotherhood, athletics or a campus and community conversation," said Megargel.

Brandon, Florida sophomore Taylor Zebracki, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, said "Never engaged in greek life. And he's excited for joining in the spring. I was once a sorority... I had more opportunities than those who weren't Greek," she said. "You have more opportunities not just in college, but with careers and anything."

Although leadership and professional development are greatly emphasised, the club has impacted its members and the surrounding community in other ways.

Having the group being a sense of camaraderie to the geology department, said Senior Geology Major, Robbie Blackshire said. "It's a close bond," Caleb Koostra, a member of Kappa Delta sorority, said.

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The Morton Arboretum was a Level 1 accreditation from WKU, and recalled times during her university and further solidifies its sustainability. Jackson said.

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One of those students is Jonathan Parker, Bowling Green senior and club member, who was excited for joining in the spring. "Recruitment for NPC is more successful in the fall because students can look at the plant life and educate themselves on their scientific botanical names. You can look in a book and read about them but learning hands-on is better," Hopwood said.

"They don't even have to be geologists… just, like geology, rocks, fossils, anything and geologists," Stanley said.

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As for what's in store for the current spring semester, the club is planning on gathering together to set some ideas in stone. So far, an Earth Day rock sale in Downing Student Union is tentative.

Stanley said that the club has worked on a project where they plant trees on the campus, live on, the rocks we live on in this area, (and) the rocks that other people live on."

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Black History Month events planned to inspire, challenge participants

BY ANNA LAWSON

Every February, WKU hosts a myriad of events to celebrate Black History Month. These events include speakers and videos, as well as student-led panels.

The Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion (OIDI) will be presenting several events. Andrea Garr-Barnes, the office’s director, said that it is important for students to take part.

“Why would a student not want to come to an event that will provide them with an opportunity where they can look at the things students are facing?” she said. “We are going to have to know how to work side by side in a team to face these social issues.

One event she’s specifically excited for is titled “A Conversation about Race, Privilege and Defining Comfort Zones for Racially Diverse Students,” which will be held on Feb. 25.

This event aligns with OIDI’s mission statement to aid in the successes of under-represented groups.

“There is a need to provide resources to the campus community and the external community that promotes inclusive excellence, access and social justice for all,” the OIDI website said.

The event will feature two panels, one consisting of students who will speak about their experiences on campus, and another that will be led by students, faculty and staff. Garr-Barnes said it is vital that students lead parts of the discussion.

“Students are connecting the dots to a new revolution, students across the country are stepping up,” she said. “They want to be able to give something back, and leave a footprint.”

On Feb. 16, ‘Step Up,’ a WKU documentary, will premiere, with a discussion with director Noube Bates, producer William Medero and former street outreach member Conen Harris following.

“The writer, director and producer are all under thirty years old,” Garr-Barnes said. “They all graduated from a public institution, and are all men of color. They took this topic across the country and have conversations with people about the effect that a lack of a father can have on individuals.

Garr-Barnes said the film is meant to open up dialogue between students, faculty and staff in the sphere of positive communication.

“This will create a conversation with students about how we can use our gifts and talents and shine a bright light on social justice,” she said. “Everyday people can come up with solutions. These young guys chasing their dreams give students the opportunity to have real conversation with them and see what they hope to be for five years.”

Garr-Barnes believes it is important for people to work together to make change.

“It is as a campus and human beings don’t constantly engage in dialogue we don’t understand one another,” she said. “When we are placed in a situation where we engage in dialogue we don’t understand one another.”

Through research we come up with a topic that we feel is interesting,” she said. “Then we see if students are interested and try to incorporate what they have come up with into the course.

Garr-Barnes and students thought that the events were timely and wanted to have discussions with one another.

“We really want students to be involved with the university,” she said.
The WKU women’s swim and dive team competed in its last meet of the regular season this past weekend. Seven pool records were set on the way to tabbing a 180-108 win over Marshall.

The first record was set in the 200-meter medley relay as sophomore Nadine Laemmler, senior Whitney Spain, senior Susan Marquess and junior Michelle Craddock set the new pool standard at 1:44.86.

Laemmler and Craddock also took part in the 200-meter freestyle relay with freshman Logan Graumann and sophomore Celia Ouellette, beating out the Thundering Herd in 1:35.93, which was also good enough for a pool record.

Senior Claire Conlon posted new records in the 100 and 200-meter breaststroke, with times of 1:03.27 and 2:16.85 respectively.

In the 200-meter backstroke, Laemmler lowered the pool time to 2:00.32, while freshman Hannah Musser tallied a pool record with 55.11 in the 100-meter butterfly.

Marquess brought back a win in the 200-meter butterfly at 2:01.89.

Along with the above wins, WKU had six other individual wins, totaling 11 in the 14 individual events.

Senior Ashley Forsyth took the 1000-meter freestyle in 10:15.30. Craddock won the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 4:59.41.

Musser won the 200-meter freestyle in 1:52.55, while freshman Sydney King and Graumann tied for the win in the 100-meter free, both clocking in at 53.27. Freshman Haley Black nabbed the win in the 100-meter backstroke at 57.45.

On the diving side, freshman Savannah Neddo won the one meter with a score of 239.48.

The WKU divers will be back in action in one week, when they compete on the platform at Tennessee on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. CT.
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MEN’S BASKETBALL

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Against Louisiana Tech, WKU (18-4, 7-2) shot 42.6 percent from the field in the first half with 62 points. “I can’t stress how important it was to get our swagger back,” Head Coach Michelle Clark-Heard said, after her team’s win over Louisiana Tech. “Coming out of the locker room at halftime, we made some adjustments and changed some things defensively. Offensively, how they were playing, it’s kind of spread them out.”

The Lady Toppers watch the final seconds of the game against Southern Mississippi, in Diddle Arena, Friday, Jan. 30, 2015. WKU lost, with a final score of 61-63. LINDSEY FRANK/HERALD

Watching the final seconds of the game against Southern Mississippi, Thursday, Jan. 22 at Diddle Arena. Jackson led the Hilltoppers in scoring with 14 points and led the team to a 71-66 victory in overtime. LINDSEY FRANK/HERALD

Hilltoppers notch 73-62 win over Southern Miss

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The Hilltoppers’ nine-game winning streak was snapped by Louisiana Tech on Thursday night, with a score of 69-56. The team rebounded with a 73-62 win over Southern Mississippi, Saturday. Both contests were road games for WKU, who struggled away from Diddle Arena this season. The Hilltoppers improved to 15-6 overall, 8-1 in Conference USA play and 4-4 away. “The pressure was the difference in the game. We had to go small to get another ball handler in,” Head Coach Ray Harper said on the Hilltoppers' IMG Sports Network after the loss in Ruston, Louisiana. “We had some guys that looked out of character against the pressure.”

George Fant’s eight-game winning streak was ended with a double-double was snapped in Louisiana as well. He would not register against Southern Miss either. “We rushed some things and didn’t do what we needed to do,” Harper said. “When we drove the ball, we needed to play it off too to make the play from someone else, and we didn’t do that a lot … we tried to make it for ourselves.”

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