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Snow Patrol

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I n the wake of last week’s foot of snow, "The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry" has never seemed more applicable, especially to WKU facilities. What some have dubbed “snowpocalypse” or “snowmageddon” dropped nearly 15 inches of snow throughout the state, which led to WKU officials canceling classes for the entire week.

The document titled “WKU Facilities Management Snow Plan” sought to anticipate the winter weather challenges. Its 55 pages included detailed maps with snow clearance sections and priorities of action. Chief facilities officer Bryan Russell said despite the difficulties, the people who worked did an “outstanding” job. Russell noted that preexisting plans would be re-adjusted.

“I’m going to make some improvements to the plan for big snow,” he said. “Typically in the past, with the equipment that we have, which is minimal for snow removal, we had to go to our contingency plan which worked out really well.”

The maximum accumulation listed in the plan approved in November was 2 to 6 inches of snow, over half of a foot shy of what Bowling Green received on Sunday night.

WKU’s salt storage facility at South Street holds approximately 100 tons of salt, but is only applied “at the end of each snow event,” Russell said.

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"In China, there is usually a two-hour break between 12 and 2," she said. "So there is a physical aspect for the teachers because where they went to school they were offered two hours a day for lunch and rest, but we don't have that. Physically, there is an adjustment... it's more intense."

Barbara Burch, former provost and current faculty regent, was the single regent to vote against the project (one regent abstained). She expressed a concern for the conditions that come alongside the new facility, including a lack of control over what the building is used for.

"I was curious... what if we wanted to repurpose this building? Burch said. "Let's say times change, situations change, and we want to repurpose the building. Understanding that it is in your contract. I don't know what that means."

According to Burch, it was unnecessary for WKU to accept money that came with stipulations because the program could have easily expanded without the conditions of a new facility.

"It seemed to me that with the construction of the new International and Honors building next door, which is presently granted and has quite a bit of rooms, I was having a hard time seeing why we would need a building exclusively for the Confucius Institute... We have quite a bit of space already on campus, and I just couldn't see our need for a building," she said.

According to Terrill Martin, manager of the Confucius Institute, the new building will be purposed specifically for accentuating these teaching opportunities for students to access the new facility, as several planned events would be open to the community.

"We would like to bring visiting scholars in, you know, fun classes for teachers in Tennessee, Kentucky and maybe even Indiana and Southern Illinois. That's our hope," Martin said.

Despite the new facility's construction, Burch remains concerned with the program and its usage. "At this point, however, the Confucius Institute will continue to occupy its original location within the Helin Library."

"Helm Library was created as a stepping stone for a program," Martin said. "Basically, it's a cultural introduction to the Chinese culture. That will remain intact. Students will still be able to walk through the library and get a sense of the Chinese culture, but our particular building that is going to be built for that purpose."

The building's dedication to training only Chinese teachers, however, may restrict the degree to which other students on campus can take advantage of the program.

"The building is going to be a training center for Chinese teachers, however, the terms of the contract. As Burch elaborated, the grant was proposed to the board with very little explanation. "One of our concerns was that the agreement to build it had already been signed and determined a month or so right before the president was in China, and I really didn't feel that very much was known about the terms of the contract, or what kind of commitment we were making that was accompanying that," she said.

"My thinking is sort of opening up and maybe having the means available for teachers when they aren't being used by the teacher training institute, for things like clubs or tutoring services, or whatever else students might want," Taylor said.

Even though the usage of the building may be difficult, as some re- strict the degree to which other students on campus may have the opportunity to use it whenever it's not in use for the teachers," Martin said. According to Yu, there may be some opportunities for students to access the new facility, as several planned events would be open to the community.

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"My understanding is that the money came from a foundation account, which [Dr. Bassford] before the source of the money in that want is private money. But... I would have preferred an earmarked donation from private sources to match that money," Burch said.

Burch expressed that the program was overall beneficial to the campus, though it should continue to be closely monitored by the faculty.

"Many good things have come with the Confucius Institute," she said. "Students were brought into different counties, but I do think the degree to which it is present on campus and the degree which it is not at least partially driven by the SGA." As those discussions continue, the facility will slowly grow taller along Normal Drive. According to Yu, the new facility will be fully functional by fall of 2017, though the program's rises were parts of its interim self before then.

"When the teachers come over, we can continue a three-week professional development. Basically what this building is going to be is training center for the teachers," Martin said.

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Pamela Petty, a professor in the School of Teacher Education, said implementing standards are not new to the field of education.

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He said there should also be less of an obligation for teachers to teach directly to the standards and they should integrate more critical thinking and open-endedness into the standards.

"A website was created by education officials to hear citizens' opinions on the standards, kentucky.statestandards.org. Petty says public opinion about the standards need to change.

"I think that, nationwide, expectations for teachers and students alike are rising," Lay said. "Teachers are being held to a higher standard because the Common Core holds students to a higher standard, which means we are expected to get more creative in their methods of teaching in order for students to continually be engaged with the material."
Hot Tub Time Machine 2’ overflows with weak humor.

This entire incident is a shameful, laughable and reprehensible in scale.

Having inherited none of its predecessor’s wit and unpleasant it is.

Because of an oversight concerning a nearly five-decades-old cable, the largest dorm on campus went without power for almost two days.

Our STANCE: This incident is unbelievable, laughable and reprehensible in scale at all the same time. Get together, WKU!

Covington’s news of Snowmaggedon has felt surreal to say the least. However, things get much worse very quickly when the lights went out. This entire incident is a shameful reflection of current university priorit- ies.

Every single one of the hundreds of women in Peace-Fire-Tower had to evacuate in the arctic tundra that was WKU’s campus this week. And it would be completely understandable if they took their tuition money and HILL fees elsewhere after the treatment they rece- ived.

The Board of Downing Student Union and a select few rooms in other dorms do not, in any form, constitute. No little options were provided to PFT students, forcing most to cram into two-bed dorms. Even those with cars found that the snow made driving uphill or impossible.

The women living in PFT shell out over $2,000 in housing each year, but unfit or impossible.

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Focusing so much on such a repre- sentation of the story moves in, Lou is abrasive, poorly conceived gags from which it never escapes.

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Upset and unpleasant it is.

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One Edmonson County father of two took it upon himself to restart what was arguably one of his hometown’s most successful sports programs to date: the Wildcat Little Dribblers.

Jason Decker, 40, towers in size over his players, ranging in ages 3 to 10, as he calls out commands from the sidelines of Edmonson County High School’s practice gym.

“What we need to do is teach these kids how to hold a ball, dribble a ball, and pass a ball,” Decker said. “The fundamentals. They’ll learn to shoot and score big when their bodies grow up. For now, they’ve got to get the basics down.”

The last class of Little Dribblers, before the program’s decades-long hiatus, consisted of the same players who would later make up the 1993 district championship team. ECHS hasn’t seen a district title since.

The basketball fundamentals program ended its 2014-15 season in February, having performed during halftime shows at multiple high school basketball games and even a special performance at the halftime show of a WKU women’s basketball game in Diddle Arena.

“I could have done this every day of the week with these kids, and it wouldn’t have bothered me a bit,” Decker said. “I can’t wait to get back to it next year.”

Jocelyn Decker, 3, watches her teammates closely during the Wildcat Little Dribblers performance at halftime of a WKU women’s basketball game in Diddle Arena, on Thursday, Jan. 29. Although she’s the youngest on the team, Jocelyn attended all of the practices and performances throughout the season.
Atypical athletes participate in WKU Sport Clubs

BY MADISON MARTIN

Some students play basketball, others lose football. Then there are those whose entire lives revolve around unique sports.

The Intramural Recreational Sports department offers ways for students to engage in the community and off campus through fitness-related activities. One way that need is addressed is through the presence of student-led sport clubs, especially important for uncommon athletes.

Harrisonburg, Illinois sophomore Chloe Carr, president of both the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu/Judo Club and Fencing Club, joined both sports without previous experience her freshman year and quickly accepted leadership roles when the need arose.

“It’s been awesome,” she said. “Just a lot of, not only … skill growth, but personal growth too — just discipline [regarding BJJ/Judo]. It’s just something really great to be involved with. It’s great exercise.”

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is a martial art that focuses on ground fighting, while judo concentrates on throws.

“Ideally we all would like to be competitive,” Carr said. “With the sports we participate in, it’s something a lot of, not only … skill growth, but personal growth too. It’s just a smaller person, if their technique is better, than brute strength, which will give you a smaller person, if their technique is good, the advantage.” Boston senior and member Nick Fedorka said.

SEE BG EATS

Buckhead Cafe serves doses of satisfaction

BY JOHN GREER

IT’S bigger than life, it’s smaller than life, and it’s all the fun you can take in in one bite.

Buckhead Cafe is a suitable, but unspectacular entry in Bowling Green’s field of fast-casual restaurants. Like any fast casual eatery, customers are free to sit wherever they please. There is ample room in Buckhead’s open space to do so. A diverse array of booths, tables and high tops attempt to satisfy any potential customer preference.

Likewise, the menu is also full of choices. Buckhead adopts the Panini model of soup and sandwich, soup or salad, giving indecisive customers many options. Pictured is a pick-two combination platter at Buckhead Cafe comes with a choice of a wrap, sandwich, pasta, soup or salad, giving students a nice appetite.

The pick-two combination encompasses a considerable portion of the restaurant’s main menu, which is both

Elevating and punishing Buckhead Cafe delicately balances in taste across a wide spectrum.

The Portobello Panini made the best impression. Visually, the sandwich appeared heavily populated and the presentation was as rich as expected. Yet the generous share of beefy portobello mushrooms mingled with the sweetness of the roasted red peppers and a douse of bright, acidic balsamic sauce, formed some satisfyingly complex bites. This is certainly worth remembrance.

Conversely, the French Onion soup struck an appetizing figure, but failed to execute on the flavor. The dark thin broth was heavily populated with caramelized onions, a substantial hunk of toasted bread and melted mozzarella cheese hovered on the surface. The two overlap, however, and are acceptable to use in tournaments.

The club group of six is instructed by two South American instructors (one from Brazil and the other, Peru) and practices in Preston’s multipurpose room two to three times a week.

“It’s focused more on technique than brute strength, which will give a smaller person, if their technique is good, the advantage.” Boston senior and member Nick Fedorka said.

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Atypical athletes participate in WKU Sport Clubs

BY ANDREW HENDERSON

The Kentucky Building is embarking on their continued U.S. Bank Celebration of the Arts Exhibition this coming March.

Donna Parker, exhibits curator at the Kentucky Museum, said that previously, the Celebration of the Arts had been located at the U.S. Bank, but was moved to the museum in 2004 to accommodate for space. The exhibition is sponsored by U.S. Bank and co-sponsored by the WKU Art Department.

Parker said that, currently, there are 189 artists signed up to showcase at the exhibition with 351 pieces entered. She elaborated on the process by which the museum accepts the pieces saying they separate the work by two levels: amateur and professional. Furthermore, the pieces are then separated into eight categories for judging.

“All the art students at Western are considered professional,” Parker said. “One of these professionals that are showcasing in the exhibition is Dean Christensen, a Louisville junior. Christensen said this would be his third year of participation in the exhibition. He is a student in the arts department and majors in painting, to which he commented was crucial to knowing about the arts.

“I wouldn’t know about any of the show otherwise,” Christensen said. He said that he plans on submitting part of a series of self-portrait paintings.

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THE WALKOUT BEGINS

The WKU women’s basketball team has had a volatile inaugural season in Conference USA. Sitting at 16-10, 9-5 C-USA and currently in fourth place in conference standings, Hilltopper expectations are changing after every game. Home games have been successful for the team; however, away games have been less so.

The week, the 130th meeting at MTSU. The game was dictated by impeccable defense on both sides, with the Blue Raiders and the Lady Toppers both limiting each other’s scoring opportunities. The Blue Raiders and the Lady Toppers both limited each other’s scoring opportunities.

The Lady Toppers found themselves on the losing end of the game as the Blue Raiders scored at a higher rate than the Lady Toppers. The Blue Raiders scored 69 points to the Lady Toppers’ 56, giving them a 13-point victory.

The Hilltoppers’ next two conference matches will be at home against Florida Atlantic and Florida International on the road. The game against Florida Atlantic on the road is their last conference away game of the season. With three games remaining on the schedule, the Hilltoppers are looking to improve their record in conference play.

The Hilltoppers are currently in fourth place in the conference standings, with a 12-2 record in the league and an overall 23-4. WKU now controls its own destiny for the regular season title as the youngest team in C-USA.

The Hilltoppers return home to the Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where they have not lost a conference game this season. The team will be looking to continue their winning streak and secure their place in the NCAA tournament last season.
Lady Toppers win two to reclaim lead for C-USA regular season title

BY JONAH PHILLIPS
SPORTSWKUHERALD.COM

The Lady Topper basketball team is puffed up atop the Conference USA standings after back-to-back home points against UAB and the former No. 1 team in the conference, Middle Tennessee State University.

“It was just a team effort across the boards… Head Coach Michelle Clark-said after the MTSU game. “We weren’t shooting the ball well at all, but at the end of the day, we found a way to win. This was like a NCAA game—it’s much more fun to play with a crowd usually, and it definitely helps. It is so much more to play with a crowd that is into the game.”

Senior Alexis Govan had a big weekend, coming up with a game-high of 17 points against UAB to lead the Lady Toppers to a 59-51 win. Against MTSU, she went on to post a double-double with 12 points and a game-high of 12 rebounds, in front of a crowd of 3,623 in Diddle Arena for a 63-60 win.

“It was definitely more physical,” said freshman Ivy Turner, commenting on how the MTSU meet-up to other conference clashes. “But we knew it was going to be more physical—that’s the kind of defense they play, and they are good at it. Emotionally, the fans were more into it than usual, and it definitely helps. It is so much more fun to play with a crowd that is into the game.”

Against UAB, WKU utilized an 11-0 run to build a 15-point lead against the Blue Raiders. They ended the first half in the game with a 15-5 run to build a 25-point lead against MTSU on an 18-2 run and forced a total of 19 turnovers for 29 points in the game. “I choose 19 turnovers as the difference,” said MTSU Head Coach Rick Insell. “We didn’t take care of the ballgame,” said MTSU Head Coach Michelle Clark. “We weren’t shooting the ball well at all, but at the end of the day, we found a way to win. This was like a NCAA game—it’s much more fun to play with a crowd usually, and it definitely helps. It is so much more to play with a crowd that is into the game.”

Both losses came down to last-second of regulation, sealing the win for the Lady Toppers. WKU would go on to defeat conference rival MTSU 63-60, placing them at the top of the current Conference USA standings. LUKÉ FRANKS/HERALD

MEN’S BASKETBALL

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

THE Wku Swim and Dive team named C-USA champions

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The WKU Swim and Dive team duplicated the success it found in last year’s Conference USA championships this past week in Knoxville. The men captured their second-straight C-USA title, and the women finished third.

Head Coach Bruce Marchand was enthusiastic about his team’s performance.

“It was a total team effort at the end of the week,” Marchand said. WKU had 15 first-place finishes at the conference championships, and of those 15, five came in the championship relays.

The Hilltoppers finished the week with 909.5 points, topping Old Dominion with 894 and Florida Atlantic with 663.5.

Before competition began, Marchand spoke about how crucial a solid performance from the bottom half of the team was if it wanted to contend for the title. After competition, he acknowledged this point once again.

“Our depth proved to be the deciding factor with multiple swimmers having great finishes,” Marchand said.

Sophomore Fabian Schwingen-der retained his title as Swimmer of the Meet, while sophomore diver Zach Batis was chosen as the Men’s Invitational Diver of the Meet.

Schwingender won three individ-ual titles over the four days, set-ting a new career record with a time of 1:43.41 in the 200 individual medley, then earned gold in the 200 and 100 breaststroke.

Batis found himself on top of the podium three times this weekend and 298.00 in the three-meter event and 1:44.1 in the one-meter dive with a time of 1:43.41.

Freshman Daniel McGee took home honors in the 200 breaststroke.

The other winner from the men’s side was freshman John Myracle, whose 3:54.66 home gold in the 200 breaststroke.

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Toppers struggle defensively, drop two straight on the road

The 7-14 losses came after quality performances from se- nior guard T.J. Price and junior forward Aleksej Rostov. Price scored 11 of his game-high 22 points in the first half, while Rostov scored seven points and grabbed six rebounds in the same half, compared to his- toric and seven total.

“(T.J. Price) was aggressive, he came out aggressive early,” Harper said on the Hilltop- pers’ loss in the SEC. “He was the difference maker between us and Missouri. He was the key for us. He did a great job for us.”

The Hilltoppers did exactly that in their second game of THE WEEKLY.

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