President announces executive candidates

BY ANNA LAWSON

Next week, WKU students will have the opportunity to cast their ballots to elect a new group of students to run the Student Government Association. SGA executive officer candidates were announced by President Nick Taylor at their previous meeting, Jay Todd Richey, speaker of the senate, and senator Brian Chism are both running for president.

Senator William Berry and Liz Keel, the current administrative vice president, are running for administration officer. Nolan Miles, executive vice president, is seeking another term and is running unopposed.

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Back in Bowling Green, participants included Orn Gudmundsson Sr., the Honorary Consul from Iceland to the central U.S., his son Orn Gudmundsson Jr., Director of Sponsored Programs Nancy Mager, Ogden College of Science and Engineering Dean Cheryl Stevens and Geography and Geodetic Department Head David Keeling.

Both sides hold to the theme of internationalism, as Icelandic and American residents spoke at both locations. Ransdell said the cooperative brings communities together.

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Stephen Farley, a project coordinator for WKU Glasgow, said this is a better WKU experience. "It’s a challenge when you have to go home and cook for study abroad and global learning. Their similarities are born out of a family, but my professors have been understanding of places to visit," he said. "It’s so beautiful.

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Garrett Conference Center restaurant to serve alcohol

By Steve Hoyng, resident district manager for Dining, said the restaurant is still in the early planning stages and is not set in stone. Currently, the restaurant is planned to be located across from Pandora Express. Hoyng said student groups will be able to serve alcohol for certain functions as long as they are of age and meet the requirements, which have not yet been solidified. Administrative approval may also be needed. A limit to how much alcohol a student can purchase would be implemented and students would probably not be able to leave the building with alcohol still in their possession, Hoyng said.

There was a “possibility” that alcohol will be served even if there is not a student event, Hoyng said. The restaurant is planned to open this fall, but the date could change. “That doesn’t give us a whole lot of time for construction, design,” Hoyng said. “It may be later.” The design for the restaurant is still in the planning stages, Hoyng said.

“I’ve heard everything from a modest bar to an English pub,” he said. President Gary Ransdell said beer and wine will be served in the restaurant will be a non-event. Hoyng said student groups will be able to serve alcohol for certain functions as long as they are of age and meet the requirements, which have not yet been solidified. Administrative approval may also be needed. A limit to how much alcohol a student can purchase would be implemented and students would probably not be able to leave the building with alcohol still in their possession, Hoyng said.

“I just don’t know, if putting the pub at the top of the Hill in the Garrett Conference Center, if students will walk up there to use it,” she said.

Board of Regents committees to convene Friday

By Jessica Voorhees

The Board of Regents will convene Friday for its first committee meeting of the semester to discuss the Student Government Association resolution supporting a student fee for a new parking structure, several new degrees and the university’s six-year capital plan.

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Eight bull riders from several different states of Mexico took to the American town of roughly 20,000 people to entertain the Latino community near middle Tennessee. It provided a chance for the immigrant population to experience Mexico. It was the first event of its kind to ever come to the area. It's nowhere similar to an American rodeo. Mexican rodeos are more associated with reckless abandon. The only rule: stay on the bull for as long as you can—not just for eight seconds.

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White Squirrel to open as community brewery

BY ANDREW HENDERSON

The long awaited opening of White Squirrel Brewery is finally happening this year. By this May, WKU alumni Jason Heflin, Sean Stevens and Damon Wilcox hope to open the White Squirrel Brewery.

While the decision to start a brewery together has been an idea in the making for nearly three years, the three men’s experience with the craft goes back further than that. Heflin said he and Wilcox started brewing together almost 20 years ago after they had graduated from WKU. Wilcox has a long experience as a home brewer, and Heflin was amazed with what he was producing.

“The beer was excellent— on par with anything we were tasting that was being professionally done,” Heflin said.

Before teaming up with Heflin and Wilcox, Stevens was working as a brewmaster for the Hops brewery chain in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Three years ago he met the pair through a mutual friend and he said the idea to open a brewery together sparked between the three immediately.

“When we first met we had the end-game in mind,” he said.

With a plan in mind the trio embarked on a two-year research process, visiting 20 to 25 breweries across the nation. They also went international in their research, visiting breweries in Canada and the south Pacific island nation of Palau.

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Law professor to discuss history of universities, slavery

BY ANNA LAWSON
LIFEWIKHERALD.COM

While many lectures have been given analyzing abolitionist thought, few have addressed pro-slavery ideas. Law professor Alfred Brophy will speak on the subject in an upcoming lecture.

Patricia Mintier, associate profes- sor of history, said Brophy’s new book deals with how universities promoted slavery and how many southern universities were pro-slavery, which made it difficult for the south to move away from slavery.

“His work is intriguing and interesting,” she said. “We will have a wonderful lec- ture.”

Brophy, a distinguished professor of law at the University of North Caro- lina-Chapel Hill School of Law, will be speaking at the 2015 Harrison Dis- tinguished Lecture on Tuesday. The lecture is sponsored by the depart- ment of history.

Robert Dietch, history department head, said that planning for the lecture takes around nine months.

“We usually have a good turnout,” he said. “Several hundred members of the community, as well as students, usu- ally come.”

Mintier said it was her suggestion to invite Brophy to speak.

“I’ve known him for years. His work is outstanding,” she said. “He has the whole package. It is impor- tant for students to know that schol- ars are out there.”

According to the University of Ken- tucky Libraries, Warren County had over 800 slave owners and around 3,700 black slaves.

Brophy received his doctorate from Harvard University and holds a Doctor from Columbia University. He has taught at the University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt University, Bos- ton College and the University of Ha- waii.

Brophy has been involved in nu- merous publications as writer, co-writer and editor. He is the author of “Reconstructing the Dreamland: The Tulsa Riot of 1921, Race, Reparations and Reconciliation”, and “Repara- tions: Pro and Con” and many other articles.

Dietch said they were looking for an American history specialist and that Brophy’s work was stood out.

“He did very interesting work on the history of slavery,” he said. “He is a well-published scholar and has been doing research recently.”

The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the Ransdell Hall Auditorium. The free event is open to the public.

“I hope that people can enjoy a high- ly professional presentation of serious research that will interest them,” Dietch said.

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The Lady Topper softball team went into this past weekend's series against Ball State coming off a 2-0 win over No. 14 Tennessee in Knoxville days before. What Head Coach Amy Tudor characterized as good offense and pitching brought some to a 3-0 win for WKU.

Senior pitcher Miranda Knemer, who just earned her third Conference USA Pitcher of the Week nod, struck out 14 of the 25 Lady Vols batters she faced. She now leads the nation in strikeouts with 144, second only to Texas's 146 in total strikeouts this season (with 144), and is second in the nation in shutouts having tagged six.

The difference against the nationally ranked opponent came in the third inning. The Lady Toppers scored the game's only two runs in this inning via efforts from Jacqueline McGill and Larissa Franklin.

"I think, a lot of players played well. Jana got her first win," Tudor said. "Miranda and Hannah got us on well."

The Lady Toppers began the series with a 4-2 win squared on by two hits, a run and an RBI from Crue. Kramer (9-9) struck out 16 players and didn’t allow a single hit until the fifth inning.

The score was 3-0 by the third inning made possible by sacrifice bunts by Brooke Holloway, Cruise and Hollowell. Cruise scored a run due to a throwing error made by Ball State’s catcher.

McGill made the fourth and final run in the sixth inning, due to a single hit by Kayti Hanson. The Cardinals scored their only two runs of the game in the seventh inning.

SOFTBALL WEEK IN REVIEW

GAME ONE

The Lady Topper softball team went into this past weekend's series against Ball State coming off a win over No. 14 Tennessee last week.

The Lady Toppers scored 20 runs on five hits through five innings.

The Lady Toppers beat the Hilltoppers 12-0. Hilltopper pitchers Josh Barley and Kevin Elder combined to give up only two runs on eight hits while combining for nine strikeouts.

WKU did not trail in the second half until the fifth inning. WKU had just five hits and scored no runs.

Tudor said. "They did a great job... we also had a lot of hits."
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The Hilltopper baseball team was the first two games of their series against UTSA in San Antonio and has claimed their first two series in Conference USA play. On Friday, WKU defeated the Roadrunners 5-4 in the highest contested game of the series. The Hilltoppers then played two seven-inning games on Sunday, due to rain delays, winning the first 8-2 but dropping the second 12-0.

“I thought the first two games we were very complete as a team, and we played really good defense,” Head Coach Matt Myers said. “Since our win against Mississippi State we have bounced back nicely, and we had a good week this week.”

The first game of the series showcased a close contest between the Hilltoppers and Roadrunners as WKU senior Ryan Messex and Tate Glasscock proved to be the difference in the ninth inning. With the game tied at three with two outs in the ninth inning, Messex hit a two-run double down the left field line to give the Hilltoppers the deciding runs. Glasscock managed to preserve the win with a game-ending strikeout with the bases loaded.

“You couldn’t be more proud for that kid (Messex),” Coach Myers said. “He has been struggling a bit and he knows it, but he really came through for us today.”

Junior outfielder Anderson Miller and sophomore starting pitcher Ryan Thornton also enjoyed good games on Friday. Miller kept his hot streak

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Lady Topper basketball season comes to an end

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The Lady Toppers put forth a valiant effort, but fell short against the Texas Longhorns in the first round of the NCAA tournament 64-66.

Twelfth seeded WKU ends their inaugural Conference USA season with a 30-5 overall record, a 16-2 mark in league play, both regular and postseason C-USA titles and their second consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament.

“We were optimistic that we would have a good season based on how we finished last year and who we had coming back, but I would be lying to you if I told you I thought we would end up winning 30 games. I think while we had high expectations and high goals for this season, the team really exceeded that,” WKU Athletic Director Todd Stewart said. “It was a special group of people that really had a remarkable season.”

“It’s huge,” Stewart said of the exposure WKU gained from playing Texas in the tournament. “… Obviously to play Texas… They have the largest athletics budget in the country with a $165 million budget… to play them on ESPN 2 and perform the way we did, I think it was terrific for our program.”

Seniors Charity Gooch and Alexis Govan controlled the Lady Topper offense and combined for 45 of WKU’s 64 points off of a combined 22-of-46 from the field. “Spectacular players and spectacular people too,” Stewart said of the duo. “They brought so much good to our program.”

Stat Pack

C-USA Player of the Year in 2013
 Finished 10th all-time in career scoring with 1,605 pts
 Avg: 16.7 ppg 5.9 rpg

Michelle Clifton-Hunt
 Finished 3rd all-time in career scoring with 1,082 pts
 Avg: 17 ppg 6.9 rpg

Charity Gooch
 Finished 5th all-time in career rebounds with 1,082 pts
 Avg: 10.7 rpg 5.9 rpg

Alexis Govan
 Reached 30+ wins for first time in C-USA history
 Finished 11th all time in career scoring with 1,605 pts
 Avg: 16.7 ppg 5.9 rpg

C-USA Tournament MVP
 Finished 1st all-time in CAREER Scoring
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C-USA Championship Game
 Was 100th career win

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Leonard senior Ryan Messex bats in a game against OSU, March 8. WKU finished the game with one run to OSU’s 1, and the two teams played again the next day.

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WKU senior Alexis Govan and Texas freshman Tasia Foman fight for control of the ball in the first round of the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship at Haas Pavilion in Berkeley, California. A jump ball was called and possession stayed with Texas. WKU fell to Texas 64-66, Friday, March 20.

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