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SGA candidates balance campaign financing

Like all elections, Student Government Association candidates’ wins come with a price tag. Current SGA president Nicki Taylor said posters, flyers and other promotional materials can run a high bill, especially for hotly contested races. SGA presidential candidates can’t spend more than $350. Executive vice president candidates have a $300 cap, while senatorial and administrative vice president candidates can’t exceed $250. Senatorial candidates can only spend a single cent, she said. “But everyone knows about the 2012 Cain [Alvey] and Keyana [Boka] race.”

Centennial Mall was flooded on Tuesday with signs advocating for students to vote in the Student Government Association election. MIKE CLARK/HERALD

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Heels for a higher cause

Students walking by Centennial Mall on Tuesday might have been perplexed to see tables with stacks of shoeboxes and folded T-shirts set up, a podium on a small stage with music playing, and people milling around. They might have been even more befuddled when they saw the crowd of 50 or more men set out from Centennial Mall wearing high heels. Such sights were simply part of this year’s Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event.

This is the fifth year WKU has participated in the national event, which seeks to raise awareness about rape, sexual assault and gender violence, as well as provide an opportunity for discussion. Registration cost $20, which paid for the red heels and red T-shirts the male participants would wear. Non-participating students could buy a white T-shirt for $10. All of the proceeds support Hope Harbor, the community crisis counseling center.

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WKU probes into Title IX violations by Swim Team

Members of the WKU Swim Team are currently undergoing a Title IX investigation, according to university officials.

The original hazing allegation filed against members of the WKU Swimming and Diving team is still under investigation by the Bowling Green Police Department.

Collin Craig, a former student and swim team member, filed the hazing allegation in January of this year. Craig, from Meadow Vista, California, alleges that members of the swim team forced him to drink alcohol, assaulted him and hauled him multiple times throughout last semester, according to police reports. The incidents reportedly took place off-campus.

At the time of publication on Wednesday, Ronnie Ward, public information officer for BGPD, said the case had just opened up for an information request. The Herald is pursuing the records and will follow up on reporting on WKUHerald.com as soon as those documents are received. FOIA law requires that the documents must be made public within three business days after the filing.

On Monday, the Herald contacted Whitney Tarp, the assistant director of Athletic Media Relations, regarding the punishment. Tarp declined to comment on the grounds of an ongoing Title IX investigation.

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WKU introduces competency-based degree program as an alternative to credit-hour learning.

Students at WKU, who have been working toward a degree typically based on credit hours, are now able to earn credit based on their skills and knowledge. Gordon Emelie, academic provost, said the competencies are "a fluid academic initiative, and it's become more and more popular." He added, "It's really hard to time this not to be running for anything, but it's nice to just kind of sit back and enjoy all the pants and signs and sidewalk chalk and all that good stuff going up." This new practice that could start this year was nice taking a backseat during the line at WKUherald.com.

This image shows a page from the WKU Herald, highlighting the introduction of a competency-based degree program at WKU. The article mentions how students can earn credit based on their skills and knowledge, rather than following a credit-hour program. It also notes that the program allows students to receive aid despite not following a credit-hour program and emphasizes the potential for a more sustainable campus if the program is successful, as it may be implemented campus-wide.

The article mentions how the program is being implemented and the benefits it offers, such as allowing students to focus on what they know and what they do, rather than just following a set number of credit hours. It also notes that the program is designed to accommodate different learning paces and styles, and how it can be more flexible and responsive to students' needs.

The WKU Herald article is a good example of how universities are responding to changing student needs and expectations, and how they are adapting to new educational models and technologies. The competency-based degree program at WKU is a step in the right direction, and it will be interesting to see how it develops and impacts students' learning experiences in the future.
The 100 flips gender norms in dystopian life

Recently finishing its second season, the latest chapter is almost exclusively focused around an impending conflict threatening three tribes known as the mountain men. The two groups, mostly men—generally considered the leaders, must work to fight the enemy of their enemy in order to survive. The show "100" provides an interesting dystopian perspective on play roles in society. In many apocalyptic societ- ies, men take aggressive leadership roles and supplement their skills to survive. In this series, women have picked up the more demanding and powerful positions while men are of- ten stuck in their traditional work roles. Both the sky-peoples and grounders are led by women command- ers, each of whom are sided with forces that are familiar to the viewer. Clarke and her tribe, the central character on the show has become a symbol for the struggling sky-people as they go from dying on a space station in orbit to dying on the earth's surface. The sky- people have dealt with many, almost endless issues on their journey back to the surface, and Clarke has become the face of bad decisions and sacrifice. Lexa, the newly appointed governor, is a reflection of Clarke. In most ways they are alike—reasonable and determined. They will do anything to protect their own; they also syphon different approaches in leader- ship. Clarke is determined to prove she is better than anyone while Lexa aims for the greater good.

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Caleb Pless, a senior from Nashville, is bringing a production of Sam Shepard’s “ Fool for Love” to WKU’s campus as a part of the WKU Department of Theatre and Dance’s Studio Series. “[The] play talks a lot about different people’s versions of reality,” Pless, the play’s director, said. “One person might have one view of the world and someone else might have a completely different view. Who is to say whose view is right?”

Pless first encountered the play during an acting class his sophomore year, and he said he’s excited to see it brought to life on stage. “It was really cool for me coming from the acting and performing side,” Pless said. “Instead of being the one up there performing, I’m on the other side of the table.”

The play examines a critical point in the lives of its central characters, May and Eddie. The playwright, Sam Shepard, originally wrote the play for stage in 1983 and later starred in its 1985 film adaptation alongside Kim Basinger. Proust Brouillette, a freshman from Nashville, plays May in WKU’s rendition of the show. “May is very strong,” she said. “She’s been through a lot of crap, just a lot of problems. She’s been through a lot in her past, but she hasn’t let it break her.”

The play explores how people impact one another, said Eddie Price, public relations manager for the WKU Department of Theatre and Dance. “I think it’s important for people to realize into the show that it’s not about you and your relationship,” Brouillette said. “This is not a romantic play.”

Joshua Howlett, a sophomore from Lexington and a member of the cast, said he believes the play’s dramatic story will stick with audience members. “I would say ‘Fool for Love’ is a love story. It’s a love story. There’s a lot of drama, he said. “There are a lot of action left just packed into one hour.”

Pless described the play as almost full of mystery and twists. “You won’t forget the story—it’ll stick with you.”

In its 1985 film adaptation of the play, Shepard plays the role of Eddie in the film version. 

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Location: Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, 150 Corvette, View Bowling Green
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Starry Tales for a Winter Night
Location: Hardin Planetarium
Time: 7 p.m.

"Elvis Has Left The Building play"
Location: Phoenix Theatre, 545 Morris Alley, Bowling Green
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Admission: $10-$14

FRIDAY, APR. 3

WKU Softball vs. Florida Atlantic Owls
Location: WKU Softball Complex
Time: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
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Admission: $10-$14

WEDNESDAY, APR. 8

Student Identity Outreach
Location: DSU, Room 2122
Time: 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, APR. 9

Kentucky Live Series: Fruit of the Loom: Building an Iconic Brand in South Central Kentucky
Location: Barnes & Noble, 1680 Campbell Lane, Bowling Green
Time: 7 p.m.

Presentation: Witness to Innocence Tour featuring Death Row Exoneree Sabrina Butler Porter
Location: Gary Ransdell Hall Auditorium
Time: 3:30 p.m.
The heating plant at the corner of College Heights Boulevard, its brick chimney towering over the campus, seems to be both old-fashioned and space-age. Its huge picture window displays gleaming, colorful guts to passing students and people parking at Parking Structure 1. To a stranger winding between the mammoth green machines inside has the distinct feeling of crawling beneath the belly of a sleeping dragon. It is warm, and the white noise of respiration creates serenity. In the trained eyes of veteran boiler operators, like supervisor Johnny Allen, the metal masses are machines with specific duties: staunch coal boilers that they dismantled when WKU switched to natural gas, the silver submarine-like condensate tank upstairs and the exterior EPA-compliant contraption that is now for sale on eBay. Inside this oft-overlooked fortress, Allen and fellow boiler brethren keep the campus warm and functioning.

If everything is running smoothly, no one outside the steam plant notices, and that’s how they like it.

The heating plant on WKU’s campus is often overlooked, despite its tall brick chimney and giant picture window. Inside the plant, WKU’s boiler technicians and operators regulate three gas boilers and maintain over three miles of pipeline which heat university buildings.

The men received instructions to render the coal systems inoperable, but the massive structures are too huge and too well-integrated into the plant’s structure to remove. The mammoth green structures remain unused and untended.
On the eve of April 1st, some ghoulish figures began to congregate at Centennial Mall for WKU’s first Zombie Walk. As the sun set, students started lining up at 6:30 p.m. to have their faces painted, sponsored by the Theatre and Dance department. Others showed up already costumed for the ensuing roam around campus. As the ghastly pack enjoyed each other’s unsightly company, tracks like “Thriller,” “Monster Mash,” and “Somebody’s Watching Me” pumped through the spring air.

Resident assistant and Franklin junior Adam Byrd said the event, a part of Housing and Residence Life’s Geek Week, had been planned for earlier in the year but kept being put off because of the snow week and spring break. Although the Zombie Walk was something they went over in staff meetings, Byrd was there because he wanted to be. “I like face painting and just the standing out and looking awesome,” he said.

Paintsville junior Chesi Spriggs did her elaborate makeup beforehand after hearing about the event through email. “I am an avid horror movie (fan),” she said, citing her interests in The Walking Dead and special-effects makeup. “So this was a perfect chance to get to do that.”

The walk began at 7:15 p.m., which was intentional because the sun was to set at 7:20 p.m. that night. “We want there to be enough sunlight where it wouldn’t be a huge risk to students participating, but dark enough that it’s still fun,” Blair Jensen, assistant director for HRL, said. Students were able to swipe their IDs as well as receive green glow sticks to differentiate themselves from the rest of campus. They then walked down Avenue of Champions, wrapping around University Boulevard, and coming back to meet again at Centennial Mall. There they were ZOMBIFIED students walk around campus.
Students weren’t the only ones participating in the event. Craig Taylor, professor emeritus for sociology, said the event combined his son’s passions with his own interests.

“My specialty in graduate school was deviant behavior,” he said. “It’s a fascinating movement, and I just want to be around it. It’s really vital and vibrant and it’s what’s happening.”

Taylor’s face was covered in tones of gray and sickly green. To accomplish the look, he spent 45 minutes applying liquid latex, grease paint and Kleenex in layers for texture. He said his late wife taught stage makeup in addition to other theater courses.

“‘I want to see how far out people go, in terms of dressing up and so forth,’” he said.

Jensen hoped that this could become a tradition along with the Comic Book Ball, which is being held Thursday in the Downing Student Union Nite Class.

“‘This is kind of an extension of that. This is WKU’s version,’” Jensen said.

Henderson freshman Sierra Cardin made-up her own face for the Zombie Walk held by Housing and Residence Life in Centennial Mall, Tuesday, March 31. She said she likes zombie related things and thought the walk would be fun.

Leanora Benkato / Herald
The Brown Bag lecture series encourages students and faculty to “brown bag it” and bring their own lunch while discussing academic subjects, cultivating a relaxed environment rather than a formal setting.

Brown Bag lectures are a casual way for faculty to present their research and receive feedback, while also educating students on something they may not know about.

It was started in the spring of last year by Dr. Audra Jennings, an assistant professor in the Honors College, to continue “Save Yourself a Bunch of Heartaches: Disability, Marriage, and Gender in the United States, 1940–60.” Jennings was inspired to write an article after reading articles and questions brought up on her analytical possibilities. As she thought about the possible roles she was thinking of going into for the article, and her listeners discussed points for each, she noticed that there was a gap in the literature concerning academic subjects, specifically in the 1940s, titled “Self a Bunch of Heartaches: Disability, Marriage, and Gender in the United States, 1940–60.”

In particular, she mentioned a “Save Yourself a Bunch of Heartaches: Disability, Marriage, and Gender in the United States, 1940–60.” Jennings believes these talks are a great way to discuss topics, and she is excited about the potential to dissipate oppressions, bring up questions and bring up the results. She said she had been asked to talk about the possibilities for people with cerebral palsy. She noticed that there was a gap in the literature concerning academic subjects, specifically in the 1940s, titled “Self a Bunch of Heartaches: Disability, Marriage, and Gender in the United States, 1940–60.” She mentioned that she had a personal interest in the topic, being a team that competes in the community like that would be a great place to be. The event will wrap up Thursday, at 7 p.m.

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The Lady Toppers’ attention turns to Florida Atlantic as they prepare for the postponed match-ups—the first game starting at 5 p.m. at the WKU Softball Complex and the second starting at 7 p.m. This weekend the No. 25 WKU men’s doubleheader against Tennessee State, originally scheduled for No. 25-3-10, is set for noon. The series begins on Friday at 7 p.m. with a follow-up game at 5 p.m. at Florida Atlantic. The series will conclude with a Saturday doubleheader at 4 p.m. The C-USA clash with the Owls will feature two teams in the NCAA Men’s Softball RPI top 40. The Lady Toppers are ranked No. 33 with an 18-6, 5-1 C-USA record, and the Owls are ranked No. 39 at 25-10-1. The Owls have a solid presence at these bigger meets. It is the second meeting between WKU and the Owls, with the Hilltoppers winning 2-1 in February. Last year, Sears was able to reach a fourth and fifth place win for the Hilltoppers, including sophomores Ventuasna Sears and Emmanuel Dasor. Conference after he scored points in conference. “That’s our formula, our plan for WKU in the postseason. The Hilltoppers are left tackle House, left guard redshirt-sophomore Brandon Ray and right guard redshirt-junior Darrell Williams. The two va-"After these next few weeks, we will be looking to make our mark on Clemmons. With"Getting ready to go and compete with having a good center-quarterback exchange. Then, looking at schedule, we have to make calls and do things, but it all starts with the center.”

WKU track and field

Dasor, Sears lead Hilltopper charge into Florida Atlantic Softball Conference The Indiana University, Purdue University Fort Wayne, transfer ranks third in the nation in total strikeouts with 207, just behind Marshall’s Jordan Dixon with 209 and 207, just behind Marshall’s Jordan Dixon with 209 and 207, just behind Marshall’s Jordan Dixon with 209 and Florida Atlantic. The Lady Toppers are ranked No. 33 with an 18-6, 5-1 C-USA record, and the Owls are ranked No. 39 at 25-10-1. Dasor alone earned the Hilltoppers 20 points in the championships in Feb-uary by sweeping the 200-meter dash. He set a personal record of 21.10 seconds, winning him an individual crown. His time was also the second-fastest in program history. Last year, Sears was named most outstanding freshman in the Sun Belt Conference after he scored points in four different events in the championships. After running in a 4x400 and a 4x100 at the NCAA outdoor championships, Sears was able to reach a fourth and fifth place win for the Hilltoppers, putting them which made WKU the only non-SEC school at the NCAA’s to do so. "You might not know us when we show up, but you will respect us when we leave," Jenkins said. "Always take that attitude because if it’s not a perfect day people will respect it."
Basketball season may have ended for the Lady Toppers two weeks ago, but with the team’s performance of postseason accolades underwritten, the program is in bringing in one last batch of honors for the 2014-2015 season.

Senior Chastity Morgan, the reigning C-USA Player of the Year, was named an Associated Press All-American Honorable Mention selection on Tuesday. This is the second All-America mark in Morgan’s time on the Hill as she was named a WBCA All-America honorable mention last season as well.

On Wednesday, sophomore Kendall Noble was named one of six finalists for the National Defensive Player of the Year. Noble’s honors come after being named C-USA Defensive Player of the Year—averaging 10.9 points, 7.4 rebounds, 4.6 assists, 3.1 steals and 2 blocks per game in her inaugural C-USA campaign.

Her conference nod marked the third-straight season a Lady Toppers player had received the conference’s defensive player of the year award, with Gwozdic nabbing the two previous honors in WKU’s final seasons in the Sun Belt. News from the program didn’t stop there as the Lady Toppers made headlines on Tuesday when Head Coach Michelle Clark-Heard was named a 2015 U. S. Pan American Women’s Basketball Team assistant coach. The games are set to take place July 16-20 in Toronto where Clark-Heard is set to join fellow Assistant Coach Scott Buech of Oregon State and Head Coach Lisa Blair of the University of Iowa.

For Heard, the honors come after posting the C-USA’s first ever 30-win season, receiving the league’s coach of the year nod and being named a finalist for the 2015 Pat Summit Trophy.

USA basketball sheds light on WKU

USA basketball season continued from SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Head Coach Jeff Brohm expects big things from his offense this season. Everyone always looks at who set the tone during the stretch. That opens up offensive opportunities for the Hilltoppers and the pitching staff, as well as his group of redshirt seniors line-backer Nick Holt and defensive back Wonderful Terry.

“Moments—its funny—we talk about it a lot,” Myers said. “Everyone always looks at the last game, and unfortunately, the UAB weekend has now essentially been one big game that we have with Kentucky. ‘If we would have come out and taken care of business, everyone would be saying we would do a great job.’

Louisiana Tech is currently 3-0 in conference standings. The team is currently 3-0 with only the win coming on the road, as Tech is the only team that has beaten Mississippi. However, with number one Mississippi strong at home this season with an 8-3 record in Baton Rouge, Myers said it is important for WKU to score early, but the team’s most significant opponents are the Hilltoppers and being successful down the stretch.

“When we are on the road I think your pitching staff, hitting staff, and the senior leadership are going to be the key players,” Holt said. “We said that the tone of the team is going to be different this season as well.

USA—gain exposure and bring WKU

With redshirt senior quarterback Brandon Doughty and a host of other significant players from last season, the Hilltoppers aren’t at WKU yet, the time for winning is now.

“We’re better because we have a lot of guys coming back, and we are a year older,” Holt said. ‘We improved in the end of last year, and we just have to keep that momentum rolling.’
FOOTBALL

Defense remains biggest question mark
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The road to a Conference USA title is a long journey full of trials and tribulations. Last season, the WKU football team's inaugural season in C-USA featured some success towards the team's goal, with an 8-5 record led by the fourth best offensive attack in the nation. However, a squad that ranked 122 out of 128 teams in total defense gave up 39.9 points per game last season and ranked dead last in C-USA.

Now the year is 2015. WKU returns nine starters on defense, which include its entire defensive line and notable senior linebacker Ryan Church.

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