Former WKU tight end arrested for assault, public intoxication

By Jacob Dick & John Reecer

Former WKU tight end Tyler Higbee faces multiple charges after an altercation on Sunday morning that resulted in a 23-year-old man suffering a brain hemorrhage. Higbee, currently still enrolled as a student, was detained at the Warren County Regional Jail about 2:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and was held on a $10,000 bond. He is charged with second-degree assault, alcohol intoxication in a public place and running away from the police, second degree.

The report from the Bowling Green City Police officers was alerted to an altercation at Tulip's at 1:51 a.m. and arrived at the scene at 1:54 a.m. to find the victim, Nathan Alsdorf, unconscious and bleeding in the parking lot. Witnesses told police that Higbee allegedly hit Alsdorf twice on the head and in the chest.

Alsdorf was treated at the Medical Center at Bowling Green before being flown to Tristar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville due to his serious injuries. Skyline told him that he was still in serious condition on Monday morning.

In his report of the incident, officer Daniel Stone said he saw Higbee and two other people walking near United Furniture on State Street after the assault. Witnesses told the officer that Higbee and others were in the Mel's Mushroom parking lot and the officer said he observed them running away before he heard bleated "Police, stop! Police, stop!" while pursuing on foot. Higbee concurred and drew a line near the First Christian Church before Stone made contact with him.

Stone asked Higbee if he had been to Tulip's that night, and Higbee responded that he had been at Dublin's on State Street. The officer observed Higbee and others from that point. Subsequently, the officer observed Higbee and others from that point.

Tulip's security tapes reportedly showed that they were in the bowling alley. However, the security tapes did not show that they were in the parking lot. According to the witness statements of a second witness, witness statements and police statements, the officer believed that he had probable cause to make an arrest.

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On any form of gender therapy services in Bowling Green, Miller completed a series of gender therapy via Skype to ensure that he could receive treatment. With one obstacle out of the way, Miller said testosterone injections in March, a process that is brutal, were a step in the right direction with adding all gender restrooms to campus.

Miller said he hopes testosterone will alleviate some of his fears. One of his greatest fears is going to the bathroom.

"My greatest fear is to be discoveries and being jumped in the bathroom and no one can help me," Miller said. "I'm too weak to defend myself."

While Miller is glad WKU made the step in the right direction with adding all gender restrooms to campus, Miller said he has been pushed out at his job also presents its own set of challenges. At work, I've had to go to the bathroom, draw-out, individual conversations with everyone single person," he said. "They just don't understand. I can't blame them because a lot of stuff that I know about being transgender, I've had to research, but if they've never met anyone who's like me, they don't have to go online."

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LEXINGTON senior Alex Miller leans on his girlfriend Courtney Smith's shoulder on Feb. 20. Miller, who is a transgender man, met Smith before he came out as transgender. "I wasn't sure how it would affect our relationship since she would have to change names and pronouns all of a sudden, but she's been so supportive," Miller said. "I feel like I've had a large part of who she is, Smith said he is much more than his gender.

"I fell in love with Alex because of his personality and the way he treats people and of how kind he is," Smith said. "I don't have to put my happiness on hold so that my mom will be happy," Miller said. "It's not her life. It took me three and a half years to realize that. It's not my mom's life, and I'm completely independent. It feels so good to be the authentic me."
On Thursday night, WKU students heard about the importance of voting from two nationally acclaimed speakers at two events focused on the issue.

Political journalist and author Ari Berman was in the Taylor South Auditorium in talk about his latest book, which discusses the end of Jim Crow in the United States.

Berman was invited to speak by the Fleischaker-Greene course. Prior to that, he was the Democracy co-creator by professors Amanda Crawford and Sandra Amsby. In his book “Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America,” Berman looks at the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the events following the passage of the act.

“I thought it was really important to come here because there had been so many changes that led to the passing of the Voting Rights Act,” Berman said. “But there had been talk, but there had been no real action, actually, I think the words really important to tell the story.”

Berman said although the act was passed in 1965, crises are still arising voters at places on voters in 2015, as states are restricting voting rights owing states.

Berman said in an interview with the WKU Herald newspaper that the Carolina and Wisconsin and Mississippi and Hawaii are still enacting laws that are referenced the executive order signed by former Kentucky governor Steve Beshear.

“Executive order signed by former Governor Steve Beshear in December 2015. The executive order mandated to be $129,460 will be left in the fund.

The fund currently has $3,488,660, which is Kentucky proud,” Berman said.

The measure was approved by the state to introduce Kentucky’s first in-house with our state appropriation,” Ransdell said.

The presidents also suggested a compromise to be reached so a budget can be passed before the end of the legislative session. He also said the House will remain dedicated to preserving education.

“We’re certainly interested in higher ed and are crusading for higher ed even if our voice isn’t heard,” Berman said. “And if we can’t be heard, we’ll be sure to come back after November and if we can’t be heard, we’ll be sure to come back after November and if we can’t be heard, we’ll be sure to come back after November.

“I was actually there for the last process last season, and having to mail in all of that got me in the way of me doing it, and I’ve been meaning to do it for a while now, and this took two minutes,” Houston said.

Anyone who wants to register online can visit GovVotes.com.
The down-low on getting a glowing complexion

BY SCOTT HARDDD
HERALD OPINION EDITOR

I admit I’m a suck-er for face masks. I’ll buy any product
that says it’ll do something for any prod-uct.

Today, cleansing products are the stars of
the show — you name it and I’ve bought it. They
hate me in with their ads and I buy into it.

The irony of it all is that I’ve bought so
many skin care products that the

companies should probably send me
anaphylactic shock. When I was a young, naive lass,
I asumed a flawless complexion came overnight and bought way through the alphabet of skin care products in hopes of a magic fix. Little did I know that
good skin is about more than using the

 Right now, most people don’t know
enough to make the right

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The incident occurred. Harper said she saw Alsaleh and Higbee arguing in front of them.

"All I saw was that [Alsaleh] was there and Higbee was telling him to call his friends," Harper said. "Alsaleh looked like he was standing his ground. Higbee's girlfriend was trying to act like she wasn't worried, but she wanted to fight, which is what the officer questioned since he was speaking a different language. Harper told us that "he just knew.""

In the police report, Higbee's girlfriend, Millie Pajakowski, told officers that Higbee was "acting creepy" toward the couple and was "crying out" while they were at Dublin's Irish Pub earlier in the evening. She also said that there was scuffling between the two men prior to Higbee hitting Alsaleh. Harper said that Alsaleh was standing his ground but didn't seem confrontational.

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During the men’s 110 meter hurdles, Martice Moore, right, a freshman at the University of Louisville, finished sixth with the time of 14.49 seconds. Moore competed at the Hilltopper Relay Meet at the Charles M. Rueter Track and Field Complex on Saturday.

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Back On Track

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Track meets mean cold mornings, long bus rides, and athletes huddling under blankets and inside tents. They also harken back to the nearly 3,000-year-old tradition of track and field events, most notably with the Olympic Games in ancient Greece. Competitors pit their bodies and willpower against one another in the most primal of contests. Sprints, jumps, hurdles, javelin, hammer throw and several other events all showcased the fitness and relentless training of athletes from the 15 different schools in attendance. The Hilltopper Relays Meet held at the Charles M. Rueter Track and Field Complex on Friday and Saturday saw the WKU Men’s and Women’s teams stand out with a total of nine first place finishes.

CHECK OUT B4 FOR MORE COVERAGE
Students have the opportunity to go “shark hunting” in front of the “sharks” of WKU to see if their business proposals will leave judges in awe. This year’s Topper Tank event took place on Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m. in Geise Hall, room 206. The final deadline for students to enter their elevator pitch ideas, students will be given the chance to come into a non-reduced room seated themselves around a panel of judges and share a business idea within 60 to 90 seconds—the length of an elevator ride.

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Oftentimes in the course of history, the way of subordinating a group of people was to diminish it or to take away their opportunity for education," Kennedy said. "The NPHC or- ganizations were founded as a place, as a beacon, for minority students at the time — and it would argue still today — as a support system to help them through their paths to education because of by way of discrimination is proper.

O'Connor, a junior from Plantation, Florida, is as a support system to help others and their brotherhood. The au- thorities that are driven and aren't disciplined individuals. O'Connor said the process of going through information and reciting a plethora of inform- ation to some extent, the need to work with the group the poses a more liable existence. O'Connor said, "It's something we don't allow is anything that could potentially be illegal."
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Hilltoppers drop conference series to LA Tech

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game, when he had a career-high 11
tackles. He also got significant playing
experience to the secondary is senior Marcus
under Head Coach Jeff Brohm.
tion in 2015 when he got 13 tackles,
ary this season.
The defensive Player of the Week honor last
time during his sophomore season.
production record brings much-needed lead-
ning cornerbacks.
strong returning safeties but is cur-
and positions that need to be filled.
esting mix between returning starters
secondary squad, it displays an inter-
season.

The WKU baseball team hosted Louisiana Tech Uni-
versity this past weekend in a three-game Conference USA
series. With the Hilltoppers coming in at 4-3 in C-USA,
and the Bulldogs at 4-3, both teams were looking to end
the weekend above .500 in conference
play. After winning the first game 6-3, the Hilltoppers
lost 2-9 and 3-1 in the final two games to drop the series
and fall to 6-6 in C-USA play.

"It was very frustrating," Head Coach John
Pawlowski said after the series.
"Give Louisiana Tech credit; they pitched extremely well
in that final game. With our
offense, we have to be able to score runs. Unfortunately we couldn’t do that in the
final game.

In the opening game, the Hilltoppers took no time get-
ing on the board. After senior
Austin King pitched a score-
less first inning, senior third
baseman Logan Gann hit what
began to look like an HR groundout to end the first inning.
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run. After a scoreless second in-
ing, Louisiana Tech pitcher
Phillip Diehl walked redshirt
sophomore first baseman
Harrison Scanlon to allow
Janes to make the score 4-0
after just three innings. How-
never, the Bulldogs struck back
in the top of the fourth with a
two-run home run to tie
the game.

"Last year we kind of strug-
gled at home," Janes said after the game. "This year we’re
re
tunately different. I think we’re
developed a better winning
mentality. No matter what, we always feel like we have a
chance to win.

With two outs in the bottom
of the fifth inning, the Bull-
gulls made another critical
er. After junior outfielder Paul
Murphy hit a sacrifice fly to
score redshirt junior Zach
Janes in the 4x400 relay to win
the race in 3:58.79. The Lady Toppers collected 11
top-three finishes across all events.
For many weeks now, the WKU foot-
ball team has been practicing in an
try to give big shoes from last year’s
players.

When it comes to WKU’s current
secondary squad, it displays an
interesting mix between returning
linemen and positions that need to be filled.

More specific, this team has
to work on in order to be pre-
pared for the Conference USA Cham-
pionship and the NCAA’s."

The Lady Toppers were most suc-
cessful on the track as they claimed five
first-place finishes. Junior sprinter
Carly Brown and freshman sprinter
Jadae Beasley ran to top
the 100-meter dash, claiming the top

two times of 11.76 and 11.79 seconds.

"I’m impressed with the men and the
women," Jenkins said. "We had a
good showing across the board. I was
impressed with both sides."

Two TFLs and two pass breakups.
"Give Marcus credit, he’s a great
player. He really set the tone for us. I think Higgs
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to score his second run of the
game.

"When the pitch count started
up," Pawlowski said after the first game.
"I thought Louisiana Tech
was going to win the game. They
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