University won't require meningitis vaccinations

BY MONICA KAST HERALDNEWS@WKU.EDU

President Gary Ransdell has responded to the Student Government Association resolution passed last semester that would require all incoming freshmen beginning next year to be vaccinated against meningitis.

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According to Talisman staff, the yearbook that usually encompasses fall and spring semesters at WKU will be replaced with a magazine that publishes once a semester. There will also be a stronger emphasis on digital content.

"The [Talisman's] digital presence has been a supplement to the book so far," Turtle said. "The idea is for the long-form journalism in our book to be split between the website and the magazine."

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And we are losing something dear to us, something that we have spent years building and loving.

Three years ago, the university halved our budget. We were quickly transformed from a public service to a commercial product. Our finances have been a headache ever since. Suddenly, we were being asked to sell a book to the same students who had received it for free for three years. We needed salespeople and marketers, but we no longer had the money to pay them.

Still, our staff leapt to meet the challenge that we no longer had the money to pay them.

The Talisman operates in a small room on the side of WKU's Student Publications building. We usually have music blaring out our double doors.
learn about meningitis and a vaccine, requirement for a meningitis vaccine. Ransdell said this means most students were homeschooled are not required to be enrolled at WKU will have received meningitis booster around age 16. In his letter, Ransdell stated that the meningitis booster is the only vaccine students will have to take that works into the lives of people around us. We’ve learned some much from these interactions. Good humans value and listen to each other, and this book has forced us to do so repeatedly. We’ve students too, and we focus a lot on finding our selves just like everyone else. But our jobs have given us a chance to break that focus and work on our human- ity, not just our degrees. We’ve found ourselves in others’ stories.

So much has already been writ- ten about the looming cuts to WKU’s budget. We are very sad to become some of the first faces affected by those loathsome dollar signs. But we know our community won’t be broken so easily, and we will stand in solidar- ity with our fellow artists on the Hill as we manage our way through the next few years.

Life, more life! Tanner Cole & Naomi Driesnack Talisman Editors-in-Chief

We will no longer qualify for the Pacemaker awards we usually compete for.

“Given all that we have been able to learn about meningitis and a vaccine, we have determined that we highly recommend that all students entering grade schools in Kentucky require their students to be vaccinated for meningi- tis around age 13 and receive a meningi- tis booster around age 16. In his letter, Ransdell stated that this meningitis vaccination at WKU will have received the vaccine already. Students who attend private grade schools or who were homeschooled are not required to be vaccinated for meningitis. The vaccinations, therefore, speaks primarily to students who arrive at WKU through a private school in Ken- tucky or out-of-state students.” Rans- dell said. “International students are not required to have the vaccine as part of their visa application, and a WKU requirement for a vaccine could have a chilling effect on international enrollments.”

Currently, the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville both require incoming freshmen to have the meningitis vaccine, according to the school’s website, Eastern Kentucky University, Northern Kentucky Uni- versity and WKU only recommend the meningitis vaccine although certain programs within those schools may re- quire the vaccine.

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The Talisman will be tasked with a new set of challenges. “The upcoming leaders will mostl...
Performing the national anthem at sporting events is a fundamental tradition. This year, for the first time, WKU fans with hearing impairments were able to experience that tradition at Diddle Arena. At each of the final three home games of the men’s and women’s basketball season, interpreters from the American Sign Language program signed the national anthem.

"We thought it would be a very cool event," said signletter Austin Rutland of Lexington, KY. Members of the ASL program sign the national anthem at basketball games and will continue in the future.

Zach McKay, the marketing director for athletics, said the athletic department was very helpful organizing the event. McKay said, "We have a great relationship from both the athletic department and the student section." McKay was joined by a number of very well-known translators for fans with hearing impairments to attend with a translator. Fox said ASL then stood to sign the anthem.

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Members of the American Sign Language program sign the national anthem before the WKU basketball game against Louisiana Tech in Diddle Arena on March 5. This is a new feature at basketball games and will continue in the future.

BY JODI CAMP

WKU strengthens data security amid hacks

In February, the WKU Presidential Search Committee laid out some ten- dencies in the process of selecting the candidate who will replace President Gary Ransdell. First, a search consultant will be sought out to aid in the search. Burke noted that the Presidential Search Committee will have to be diligent and work closely with the search consultant to control the process.

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"I think 10 years from now, what we do today will be very important."

Phillip Bale

President Selection Committee meets over spring break

BY EMMA COLLINS AND DUSTIN SKIPWORTH

The WKU Presidential Se- lection Committee changed its meeting time on March 5 to the beginning of spring break on March 11. The Presidential Selection Committee consists of several members of the WKU faculty whose identity is anonymous. Members of his staff created a password-protected firewall. The resolution passed unanimously in the fall of 2015.

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LICENSE TO DISCRIMINATE

KENTUCKY SENATE ADVANCES A BILL TO ALLOW DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEMBERS OF LBGT COMMUNITY

THE ISSUE: A bill that will allow any person who provides services to deny anyone based on “a sinfulness as a protection of religiosity”.

YOUR STANCE: The passing of this bill will serve as a protection for those who choose to discriminate, which seems like a step backwards.

S enate Bill 180 states its mission as a protection of religiosity. It will allow anybody who provides a service to deny anyone based on “a sinfulness as a protection of religiosity” and it cannot be stopped “... unless the Kentucky Supreme Court orders otherwise.”

For most cities and towns in Kentucky, however, this legal discrimination is already a reality, including right here in Bowling Green.

The Bowling Green Fairness Coalition and other similar groups around the state have been working towards providing Kentucky citizens with the necessary protection against discrimination. If this new bill is passed, their efforts will have gone to waste.

If this bill is passed, not only will the existing fair trades be lost, but any hopes for Bowling Green to pass one will be lost as well.

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Basically, unless the government feels like it needs to be involved, discrimination and sexual legality will be in Kentucky.

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Tiffany’s: Breakfast at Tiffany’s

How to stay dry and chic during spring showers

Trade in your suitcase for a water-repellant trench coat. A water-repellant trench coat is handy when the weather is unpredictable and the rain might be falling, but they always avoid wearing suede shoes as I swim through the puddles. Their heavy rubber shoes as I swim through the puddles. Their heavy rubber and clovehomed skies, but a little rain never hurt anyone.

Drizzly days tend to see a rise in sweatpants and hoodies. Let’s step this up, okay? You don’t have to be a rocket scientist to put together a well-planned and weather-appropriate outfit.

This brings us to the basics of rain day accessories and the No. 1 rule to put away the umbrella, yes, you heard me — the umbrella. It’s a novel little invention that protects you from all kinds of weather, but it won’t even make the cut. They are unavailable for both snowy and fashion enthusiasts, easy to find. Pop into any department store, and you’re bound to find one that suits you.

Next order of business: goggles. Goggles are fashionable and stylish, but they are not for me. I like wearing an ankle boot with a waterproof repellant spray. Remember, always avoid wearing suede shoes in the rain!

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With the help of his peers who are learning to control the flying wires off stage, Greenwood High School senior Joe Moore, 17, practices soaring above the stage for the first time on March 7. "Flying was the most amazing thing," Moore said of the experience. After three days of training and supervision by professionals, the students were allowed to take the ropes into their own hands.

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Greenwood High School choir director Ellie Osborne glances at her schedule after watching part of rehearsal from the audience seating. Osborne, along with fellow teacher Erica Cassidy, spent countless hours outside of work to help make the production possible.

From left to right: Sama Deeb, 11, Cruz McClure, 14, Joana Sosa, 18, and Rosa Deeb, 15, wait for other students to finish choosing costumes for the musical during a trip to Performance Studios in Nashville on January 30. In past productions, cast members have provided their own costumes with rentals used as needed. This year, rentals became the staple, with the larger production calling for more extravagant costumes that would have been difficult to make or find elsewhere.

PHOTOS BY JENNIFER KING

Greenwood High School senior Laura King, 16, waits to fly onstage during a dress rehearsal on March 9. "It’s stressful and tiring," King said of being in the production. "But I couldn’t be more happy to spend my last year with the best cast and crew out there. Being Mary was a dream come true."

While the Hilltoppers were away, Greenwood High School students were at play — putting on a play, that is. Students in the musical cast of "Mary Poppins" flooded Van Meter Auditorium on March 6 to begin tech week rehearsal and worked until the final curtain closed on Sunday. From building sets and coordinating costumes to running countless scenes and learning how to fly, the students worked hard to make this production practically perfect in every way.

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Mary Jane Meszaros is the owner of Mary Jane's Chocolate in Bowling Green. Meszaros is changing locations of her shop to the downtown Bowling Green area. During the moving process, Meszaros has had to do most of the construction of the new location herself.
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The International Year of South Korea
Hamilton offers blend of American history with musical twist

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Broadway meets hip-hop meets America in the collaborative performance that is being talked about by the public, critics and players of the sport—history.

"Hamilton" follows the life of Alexander Hamilton as he immigrates to the American colonies, serves as the right-hand man of George Washington, becomes the first Secretary of the Treasury, marries into the hands of his friend, rival and sitting Vice President Aaron Burr in July of 1788. The musical performance is based on the biography by Ron Chernow which chronicles the life of Alexander Hamilton. Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of "Hamilton" as well as the actor for the productions title character, read Chernow's biography in 2004, according to the New York Times.

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Redshirt junior infielder Thomas Peter stretches to keep his foot on the bag to get sophomore in fielder Danny Hudzina to tie the game in the top of the ninth inning, the Toppers started to get replaced King in the sixth inning.

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Downing to extend the lead to 9-1 and give the Toppers an eight-run cushion.

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"\"Hamilton\" is the first of the song's opening, so you have to listen to it and analyze after finishing. At Dane game, running him, and the Toppers a score and jumped up to the lead into the bottom of the ninth inning. In the second game, the Toppers dominated from the plate and took no no-go.

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I'm happy to do. We're a young team and just to play in a three-game series. On Friday, the Hilltoppers won 9-1, Saturday afternoon to cap the three-game series win over Albany.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Clark-Heard would love to have the Lady Toppers physical in every game, she said. With only five beam-offs, Clark-Heard said, "We just didn't execute down in the tourney for a win in the tournament." The second seed was an objectively different story. luan stood 34 in the second round, ending the night with 42 points and 15 rebounds. Redshirt guard Micah Jones received a medical redshirt.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Sophomore pitcher Hannah Parker (21) winds up for a pitch during the WKU vs. Missouri State softball game on Feb. 20, 2016. The Lady Toppers earned a 4-3 victory over Missouri State.

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Sophomore forward Justin Johnson (23) shoots over Old Dominion forward Brandan Stith (25) during the semifinals of the C-USA Tournament on Friday at Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Ala. MIKE CLARK/HERALD

Marshall spoils Noble’s triple-double in C-USA Tournament

BY EVAN HEICHELBECH HERALD SPORTS WRITER

Redshirt junior guard Kendall Noble scored a number in every statistic category against Marshall in the semifinals of the 2016 Conference USA Tournament in Birmingham, Ala.

The Thundering Herd came into the second round of the tournament as one of the best teams in the conference, but Noble’s historic performance knocked them out of the tournament.

For Noble, it was the ultimate chance to showcase his talents, and he didn’t disappoint.

"Kendall is Kendall," Head Coach Mike Clark-Heard said. "She always seems to find a way to help us when we need it, and she never fails to make the big shots when we need them."

Marshall took down the third-seeded Lady Toppers 66-63 in Bartow Arena.

"Yeah, they had a lot of weapons," Head Coach Aleksej Rostov said of Noble. "But Kendall was the difference."}

Marshall forward, but junior forward Talee- quia Hamilton was a game changer for the Herd.

Hamilton finished with 16 points, four rebounds and three blocks after averaging just 8.9 points per contest in the regular season.

"She was everything," Clark-Heard said of Hamilton. "She had a phenomenal game. She was the difference in the game."