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Small fire leads to Cravens evacuation

BY EMMA COLLINS
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On Tuesday morning, a fire broke out in Cravens Graduate Center and Library resulting in an evacuation of the entire building.

According to Daniel Peach, library administration director, the fire started on the first floor of the library when a spam can caught some insulation on fire.

"It was extinguished quickly, but it did create a full response and evacuation of the building," Peach said.

Peach was on the fourth floor of Cravens in the heating and cooling system on the first floor, but according to Bryan Boswell, chief facility officer, the staff was using a sprayer truck to fight the fire and a hose to a course wheel to grind down materials.

"They were using a sprayer to grind some bolts off of a steel plate, and some spark ignited some paper-backed insulators," Boswell said.

The fire remained small and caused very little damage; only some of the insulation will need to be replaced.

Peach attributes this to the quick action of a member of the maintenance staff.

"He got the fire out really quickly. The fire extinguisher was right there, so he put it out, and it just created some more smoke than flames," Peach said.

Despite this, the fire alarm did go off and all nine floors of the library had to be evacuated. The fire department was also called.

"It happened all really quickly; we got everybody out," Peach said.

The fire and subsequent evacuation did not affect the library's hours. The fire did affect the nearby Hills library.

Helm and Cravens are connected by a bridge walkway, so the second floor of Helm and the fifth floor of Cra- vens, cannot be traveled to because of fire damage to the fourth floor of Cravens. Despite this, Helm is not closed and will be evacuated.

"Cravens and Helm are two separate buildings, so if one goes off then the others won't unless it hits both, affecting both buildings," Jessica Simpson, a Helm employee, said. "They're togeth-
er, but they're separate."

Bowling Green native Jouana Cueas, 14, holds up the tray of sweet breads she and her mother are purchasing from the bakery at Mercadito Hispano on Feb. 13. "I only know the name of the church," Cueas said. "I'm a pan [bread] fan for home. My mother knows all the names." Mercadito Hispano, along with the restaurant and market, offers services as a bakery and butcher shop. JOSEPH BARKOFF

TASTES OF EL SALVADOR ACROSS THE TRACKS

WKU student’s family shares culture in community

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Located in an older, dilapidated neighborhood across the tracks from WKU on Woodford Avenue, the Mer-
cadito Hispano restaurant occupies a one-story duplex.

Through El Salvadoran in its roots, Mercadito Hispano is a hub of His-
can diversity in Bowling Green.

However, Mercadito Hispano is often mistaken as a Mexican restaurant.

Throughout one entrance in the front of the building is a modest, clean restaur-

ant, and on the other side is a small market with ripe avocados, frozen ta-

males and everything in between.

Manager Melissa Escoito, Bowling Green sophomore, is a double ma-

nor in marketing and management at WKU. She is also the middle child of Mercadito Hispano’s owner and chef Gloria Escoito.

"Anywhere you go, Melissa Escoto said, "dang and accents — a lot of people can tell you where you are from by your accent."

Mercadito means “little market,” and Hispano is all encompassing reference to being descended from the original conquistadors of Spain.

After Spain conquered large areas of Central and South America in the 15th and 16th centuries, the conquistadores, regardless of their native country today, are referred to as His-

panos, Mercadito Hispano, as it has done for the last 15 years, caters to a com-

munity of customers from various or-

gins.

Antonio Ramirez, 33, originally from Mexico and Texas, now lives in Bur-

ningville. He has driven 60 minutes east at least once every week for 10 years to

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Presidential search to be conducted by hiring firm

BY MONICA KAST
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The Board of Regents voted unanimously to utilize an exec-
utive hiring firm to search for WKU’s next president dur-
ing its meeting on Friday.

This is common practice when searching for the new executive of a company or business, but many students at WKU might be unfamiliar with the role a firm will play in the selection of their next president.

Mickey Matthews, interna-
tional chairman of Stanton Chase, an international exec-
utive hiring firm, provided some information on exec-
utive hiring firms and their roles in selecting candidates.

"The primary goal of an exec-
utive search firm is to part-
ner with their clients to help them put in place the best leadership talent to assist them in reaching their corpo-
rate goals," he said in an email. "This can involve assessing and evaluating internal or ex-
ternal executives."

Kirsten Miller, WKU alumna, was on the search committee that appointed current WKU president Gary Ransdell. She was the student body presi-
dent and student regent in 1997, the year Ransdell was selected.

"It was a lengthy process, as it should be," she said of the selection process.

She said the search commi-
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A TASTE OF EL SALVADOR ACROSS THE TRACKS

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Unpredictable winter weather could lead to some last-minute decisions when it comes to closing campuses.

It wasn’t until Monday morning that WKU students received the email that stated WKU campuses were closed and classes were cancelled due to the storm.

On Sunday night, WKU described the Bowling Green campus would remain open as usual until later advised. Elizabethtown and Fort Knox campuses were closed and the decision for other regional campuses would be pending.

The decision-making process for events like snowstorms begins with a group of WKU staff who convene to discuss the possibilities or necessities of closing campuses.

Bob Skipper, public affairs director of Media Relations, sent the emails announcing the status of their decisions on Sunday evening and Monday morning. Skipper is included in the group of WKU staff who confer over cancellations.

“We have a group that in particular purchase delicacies made in the bakery. “It’s the best place for sweet breads and cakes for birthdays,” Miller said. According to census data, the Hispanic population in Bowling Green has grown to 6.5 percent of the population in the past five years. As the population grows, Melissa Escoto hopes to help her family’s business grow with it.

“Hopefully in the future — the reason I’ve gotten into marketing and management I would like to own a whole other location of the whole store, on the other side of town towards Scottsville Road,” Melissa Escoto said. “I think that would be a really good area especially with the interstate right there.”

A specialty of Mercadito Hispano is its center, covers the filling with more offensive, and some people let it slide.”

“My name is Melissa,” Melissa Escoto said. “I am going into marketing and management — or, in this case, university — looks for in the new executive. — or, in this case, university — looks for in the new executive.

“Travel was a big issue,” McShane said. “Highways were closed, shut down because of the impact is going to be with the weather, and all that is taken into consideration with an eye towards safety.”

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“We have a group that includes campus police, Facilities Management, Environmental Health and Safety, myself and Dr. Lee,” Skipper said. “There are no meteorology faculty members who are involved in it.” Lee said. “We do have pretty good access to professional meteorology information through media.

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“Matthews elaborated on the importance of identifying what the business — as opposed to the individual — looks for in the new executive.

“The search firm to look for a client’s values, goals, strategy and culture and then overlay the responsibilities and accountabilities of the specific role being recruited for,” he said. "During the search process, the firm speaks to, meets with and interviews numerous potential candidates and sources and seeks ... to match the alignment of the best candidates based on their belief systems and experiences with the ideal profile of the client.”

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WKU hosts state forensics tournament starting Friday

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On Feb. 19 and 20, the WKU Forensics team will be hosting and competing in the 43rd Annual Kentucky Forensics Intercollegiate State Tournament. The tournament, which will be held in Garrett Conference Center, will feature students from various universities and colleges across the state.

According to Ben Pyle, assistant director of forensics, the idea of hosting the tournament rotates from campus to campus, and this year WKU was chosen.

"Pyle said making hosting "involves making sure we have enough judges to cover all of the different debate and individual events rounds, ensuring we have food to feed all our guests, and making sure that we have enough judges to judge all of our rounds."

The tournament is designed to moderate the rounds is important, and judges come from across the state. Jessica Ferguson, director of debate and the public address coach, said the WKU Forensics staff includes WKU professors, the state GSA forensics coaches from other universities, and guests of the Bowling Green community.

The judges will adjudicate various competitions throughout the two-day event. While each competition will have its own unique set of judging criteria, certain aspects must be present in all presentations and speeches.

"It all sorts of comes down to being thoughtful in your approach and using words wisely or in powerful ways to persuade or move your audience to some conclusion," Ferguson said.

"Every student on the team competing in a variety of categories over the weekend with many students competing in several different events.

According to Ferguson, all students competing in the debate portion of the tournament will participate in five top six students advance to elimination rounds. "We have to move past the idea that only men can lead and women have to follow," Daday said.

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As 2016 rolls along, one can only hope and wish for more money Marvel Studios will make. Maybe... maybe they’ll release another Avenger film, or maybe they’ll finally release a movie that starts a female as the lead. Unheard of, right? Regardless of what Marvel decides to do with its booming movie business, one thing can be said for sure: Marvel knows how to make comic book movies. It seems to understand exactly how to balance its films to appeal to both its core audience, comic book fans, and to the wider movie-going population in general. There might not be a better example of this than in their latest popcorn flick “Deadpool.”

The film stars Ryan Reynolds as Wade Wilson, the eponymous Deadpool — a comically damaged human being who knows how to kick some serious ass. After being diagnose with late-stage cancer, Wilson signs his life away to a shady organization that’s bent on activating mutant genes in willing test subjects. A few plot points later, Deadpool is born, and boy, does he make an entrance.

The film’s humor is the main selling point. That’s when the viewer isnoon grinning from start to finish, it’ll definitely have the same effect on you. Reynolds and the supporting cast do a fantastic job of making their world a gritty, colorful, smart-assed one. The movie actually surprises you with how endearing the characters become. They might not be the run-of-the-mill super-heroines, but that’s why you like them. Deadpool is meta, he’s aware that he’s ridiculous character. That’s what sells the movie.

“Deadpool” was a significant risk for Marvel. It’s a R-rated comic book movie, and despite what many fans had feared, it completely didn’t take itself too seriously. The film left many fans pleased, funny, and consistently entertaining. The film’s witty, self-referential and consistently funny, and the film certainly never takes itself too seriously. If there had been any doubt about “Deadpool” becoming a hit, all of that has evaporated. The film left me grinning from start to finish, and it’ll certainly have the same effect on you.

Paul and His Cat

How to have fun while being broke this spring break

Dear Paul and His Cat,

Spring break is coming up, but I’m borderline broke. I still want to do something fun during our one week of freedom — any tips?

Paul

PAUL’S CRIT: Mowow.

PAUL: First of all, check if any of your Facebook friends have any business contacts. It might make you some extra money, too. Wouldn’t doing that, but I’m writing it down instead.

PAUL’S CRIT: Mowow.

PAUL: Day trips are another great, cheap way to travel. Nashville, Louisville, Lexington and Knoxville are all less than four-hour drives and are all fun cities to explore.

PAUL’S CRIT: I have a great cardboard box you can come hang out in.

PAUL: If all else fails, staycation it is! Visit that one restaurant your friends all want to try, go parking in Mammoth Cave or set sail in Lake Erie. Have you ever checked out Dinosaur World? Snapschat.

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Want to have your problem solved by Paul and his cat? Email paulsname@yahoo.com. If published, letters may be edited for space or clarity.

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Taylor Ashford @AntoinetteTay_T My butt is hurting in these cheap plastic chairs Whu has in their class-room. — 12:04 PM - 16 Feb 2016

Jared Rodewacker @rodewacker This guy has been editing a picture of a dog at least 5 minutes now in my Flock and that history class Whu — 11:33 AM - 16 Feb 2016

wolf_0nfein @coreyelam: Whu’s top secret mission: to find a student who will go on to direct a re-make of ET — 9:52 AM - 16 Feb 2016

Tanya Buckner @bookchick08: I’d really like to think Skipper Bob was still very thoughtful gift #wku — 4:36 PM - 14 Feb 2016
HELP WANTED

Obgon Place Apartments

Looking for someone to help me with computers.

City of Bowling Green
SUMMER AQUATICS

Applications are currently being accepted for the following Parks and Recreation Aquatics positions for the Russell Sims Aquatic Center, 1001 College Street, Bowling Green.

1. Swim Instructors - A minimum of 1 year of experience preferred. SALARY: $10.55/hr. plus sick, vacation, and holiday work required; SALARY: $9.80/hr.

2. Pool Attendants I & II (with Certificates) - 50 hour/week, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Must possess a valid driver’s license and acceptable driving record. High school diploma or GED required, with three to six months of related experience. Must possess an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate or be able to obtain within 30 days of hire. SALARY: $9.10/hr.

3. Pool Lifeguards - 35 hour/week, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Must be 18 years of age or older. Must possess a valid driver’s license and acceptable driving record. High school diploma or GED required. Certification preferred. SALARY: $8.52/hr. Age 18+; $8.00/hr.

4. Pool Manager - 80 hour/week, Monday - Monday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Must possess a valid driver’s license and acceptable driving record. High school diploma or GED required, with 1-3 years of related experience. Must possess a valid American Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate, or equivalent. SALARY: $11.00/hr.

5. Recreation Staff Assistant I - 30 hour/week, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Must possess a valid driver’s license and acceptable driving record. High school diploma or GED required, with three to six months of related experience. Must possess an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification. SALARY: $9.80/hr.

6. Maintenance Assistants - 40 hour/week, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Must possess a valid driver’s license and acceptable driving record. High school diploma or GED required, with 3-5 years of related experience. Must possess an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification. SALARY: $11.00/hr.

7. Assistant Pool Manager - 80 hour/week, Monday - Monday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Must possess a valid driver’s license and acceptable driving record. High school diploma or GED required. Certification preferred. Must be 21 years of age or older. SALARY: $11.00/hr.

8. Director of Aquatics - Must have a minimum of 4 years of experience in the operation of an aquatic facility. This will include experience in leadership, financial management, personnel management, and programming. Minimum of 2 year college degree required. Certification preferred. Must be 21 years of age or older. SALARY: $13.00/hr.

Interested applicants should apply online at www.bgky.org/hr/jobs or at the Human Resources Department in City Hall, 1001 College Street, Bowling Green. During the summer, please call 270-744-1320. The City of Bowling Green is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug-Free Workplace.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 4, 2016
African stories and figures in the Bible are rarely emphasized during typical weekly church services, according to William Hardy, former professor of philosophy and religious studies at Tennessee State University. Hardy revisited his old church, Taylor Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bowling Green, to recognize important African parables in the Bible.

"Most people, black or white, are given a Eurocentric view of Christianity. African stories are a neglected truth, so my work over the last 40 years has lifted these truths," Hardy said.

Hardy gave a sermon on this subject during the church service and brought a collection of paintings and pictures to illustrate his point that African culture is widespread in the Bible.

"Africa is the origin of black people in America. My grandfather was most instructive when I was in the fifth grade about learning who we were as a people. As the years went on, it became an interest to study toward a higher education degree. I took my first trip to Africa in the 1996-1997 school year. I was a visiting scholar at the University of Nairobi in Kenya," Hardy said.
Known among the student body as one of the most important faculty members on WKU’s campus, director of media relations Bob Skipper has a Twitter following of more than 100,000. To keep students informed, Skipper, inform campus about school cancellations. Skipper became the center of one of the biggest misconceptions students stories publicly.

“I feel a huge responsibility to protect citizens against discrimination, to accede workers in a community which is a huge factor when judges evaluate contestants. We're seeing some of our students' Twitter timelines were dominated by Bob’s rise to WKU fame began a year before his rise to the provost's email list, mentioning Bob Skipper’s legendary Twitter presence.

Another tweet also claimed WKU was “not concerned with its Head to the Hill event than with students' safety.

The life and times of Skipper, Bob

By SHELBY BRUCE
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PHOTO COURTESY OF BOWLING GREEN FAIRNESS

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Chinese Flagship students accepted into Princeton in Beijing

BY MADISON MARTIN
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For sophomores like Kate Hart and Dalton Harshbarger, becoming bilingual in Spanish and Chinese has been a labor of love and hard work. And their efforts have paid off. Both were accepted into the Princeton University Chinese Flagship Program, one of only 12 in the United States.

"To enroll in a program like the Chinese Flagship Program is for students who are very passionate about the Chinese language," said Madison Miller, a WKU sophomore in the Chinese Flagship Program.

The program is rigorous and requires a significant amount of time and effort. Students are required to take Chinese courses in high immersion programs abroad, typically for two years. During this time, students are required to only speak Chinese and are evaluated based on their proficiency in the language. At the end of the program, students are expected to have a high level of proficiency in Chinese.

The program also includes an eight-week immersion session abroad, where students have the opportunity to live and study in China. During this time, students are required to only speak Chinese and are evaluated based on their proficiency in the language. At the end of the program, students are expected to have a high level of proficiency in Chinese.

Sophomore Kate Hart was recently accepted into the Chinese Flagship Program in Princeton for the summer of 2016. Hart studies in the Chinese Flagship Program along with students from multiple campuses on campus. Michelle Miller, a WKU sophomore in the Chinese Flagship Program, says, "Living in China is essential to every life. It is a year and a half long that I have been studying lan-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Men's Basketball

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“We play 29 home games this season including two tournaments, so it’s nice to get our legs under us for our team,” Head Coach Amy Tudor said.

Facing the Lady Toppers first will be the Austin Peay Governors on Friday at 12:30, who finished their 2015 season with a 5-27 record, winning five home games at one and three games on the road. The Governors also finished with a 5-22 record in Ohio Valley Conference play.

Austin Peay has only plowed two games this season so far, winning one and losing one to Gardner-Webb University in a two-game series at Bowling Green, North Carolina.

Despite having a less than promising record in their 2015 season, the Lady Governors have quite a few returning players, including seven starters and five pitchers, among their 20-player roster.

The returning players also include four of Austin Peay’s top five hitters from 2015, 100 percent of their pitching and five infielders.

Next in to face the Lady Toppers at 3 p.m. will be Missouri State, who finished with a record of 30-25-1 last season. The Lady Bears finished with a record of 17-9 during its conference play last year.

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