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Winter storm causes delays in campus construction

By Monica Kast

As winter break comes to an end, construction work continues on the new building despite delays from inclement weather.

There of the current projects, Topper Tavern and Grill, Chilli’s Grill and Bar, and the Conference and International Center, have nearly reached completion. While both projects were designed to open this January, the recent snow and ice have pushed back the predicted completion dates.

Under the current estimates, Topper Tavern is expected to be finished in about two weeks, while Chilli’s is due to open in the fall, according to a press release from UK.

Regarding Topper Tavern, Bryan Russell, chef director of food service, said that remains is to get the furniture delivered and go through a permitting process once the structure is in place.

Construction has also continued on the lot for a new building that will house the Confucius Institute.

Terral Martin, managing director of the Confucius Institute, said the lot, which is located next to the Hot Springs College and International Center, has already been leveled, and progress work to start construction is underway.

Martin predicts the actual construction of the building will begin in the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

“The projected completion date is around August 2016,” said Martin.

Once completed, the one-story building will house offices, an exhibition area and four classrooms. Three of the classrooms will be designated for independent learning rooms while the fourth will house a kitchen for demonstration cooking.

Other projects currently occupied by the Confucius Institute will be relocated to make way for the new building.

University of Kentucky tem- porarily banned hoverboards and similar devices “based on safety standards and recent instances of batteries catching fire and self-balancing devices bursting into flames,” according to a press release from UK. The press release also stated that “all students, faculty and staff must leave these devices at off-campus location.”

Outside Kentucky, other universities like Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, have also banned hoverboards until more is known about the risks involved.

Michael Cross, Jr., the director of Public Safety at UK, wants to remind students these devices are not allowed on campus during the spring 2016 semester.

“The Office of Judicial Affairs will be using the current recreational mobility code as a guideline to address the issues of hoverboards and raise awareness about the transportation safety in a larger context,” Cross said in an email.

HRL enacts temporary ban on hoverboards for campus housing

By Mike McVey

As part of a new policy, WKU Housing and Residence Life has placed a temporary ban on hoverboards and similar devices in residence halls and apartments on campus.

This decision was made in response to reports of hoverboards catching fire while charging.

Last semester, it was announced that hoverboards were removed in WKU’s recreational mobility policy and banned from use in and around buildings on campus, according to the WKU Student Code of Conduct.

Students received an email from HRL on Jan. 14 that described the new temporary policy.

The new policy states, “Motorized vehicles and electronic scooters, including hoverboards, self-balancing scooters, and other similar equipment are prohibited from being used, stored and/or changed in a permanent manner.”

“This policy is in place for the student’s safety,” early said. “When the weather permits, a courtesy call is made to the students to retrieve their hoverboards.”

Pending the student’s response, the hoverboards are then picked up.

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that there have been at least 40 investigations involving fires started from hoverboards in the United States. Most of these investigations concern hoverboards using lithium-ion batteries smoking and catching fire in the same way detailed in the new policy.

HRL said reports from the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission raised safety concerns and influenced the department’s decision to ban hoverboards.

Jennifer Tougas, director of Parking and Transportation Services, said she was initially informed about safety issues and combustion involving hoverboards by a coworker in the transportation department.

The department decided to ban hoverboards from buses on campus as well as buildings.

“For safety sake, we won’t be allowing hoverboards on the WKU buses starting this semester,” Tougas said in an email.

Other colleges and universities across the nation have taken similar action. The
"Our main concern was people staying safe during the actual storm," Moore said. "We were worried about power outages and opening shelters, but thankfully we didn’t have too much of that."

Moore said the most important thing for traveling in these conditions is to be aware.

"Take your time," Moore said. "Don’t speed, and try to look at road conditions before you leave your home. The Department of Transportation will let you know what roads are clear."

On campus, students and staff faced layers of ice and snow. Many students, like sophomore Rachel McClain, parked their cars on or around campus before the storm hit. By the weekend, they were forced to dig their cars out of ice and snow.

"I parked my car on Thursday before the snow hit," McClain said. "My car was covered in snow and ice, and there was a ton of snow pushed up behind it from the plows, behind the wheels."

McClain said that she had four-wheel drive, and wasn’t worried about her car being stuck in the snow.

"The real problem was getting the snow off of my car and waiting for the ice to melt," McClain said. Parking and Transportation Services worked to clear roads and parking lots on campus before the start of classes. In an email sent to students, faculty and staff on Sunday night, Parking and Transportation released a list of changes, including lots that would be closed or changed to a different permit zone because of the weather conditions.

"If you can’t travel," Moore said, "know that your life is more important than making it to class."
Smoking ban to remain voluntary policy

BY MARCEL MAYO AND JACOB DICK
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WKU's Student Government Association was expected to enforce the new phased out plan for smoking; however, SGA is unwilling to do so.

SGA will not be able to assemble an ambassadorial program to handle the ban as previously planned, according to SGA President Jay Todd Richey.

"We had a representative from Tobacco-free UK [University of Kentucky] come and speak about their transition," Richey said. "We learned UK to a tobacco-free campus," SGA President Jay Todd Richey. "There are people that work at UK's Tobacco-free Taskforce."

The ban is a campuswide project compared to the University of Kentucky's similar policy enacted in 2009. UK's smoking ban is a campuswide project led by former university president Lee Todd according to Eli Hahn, the co-chairman of UK's Tobacco-free Taskforce.

"Our tobacco-free ambassadoirs are conpashed at the volun-
toaries and students," Hahn said. "We quickly learned that ambassadors needed to be part-time employees that weren't always students."

At this time, SGA wasn't unwilling to follow this path in enforcing the phaseout plan, according to Richey. "I realize President Ransdell's email said SGA would assemble a cadre of students, but SGA has no intention on actually being the group that enforces this," Richey said. "I would also like to say that I dis-agree with the new smoking, tobacco and vapor ban, but as student body president, I still adhere to it if that was the decision made."

The plan of action for the time being will be various signs promoting voluntary com-pliance of the policy without pu-nishment measure. "I realize President Ransdell's email said SGA could assemble a cadre of students, but SGA has no intention on actually being the group that enforces this," Richey said. "I would also like to say that I dis-agree with the new smoking, tobacco and vapor ban, but as student body president, I still adhere to it if that was the decision made."

The three-year phaseout plan is expected to make WKU smoke-free by Jan. 1, 2018.

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“IT’S OUR MONEY AND WE NEED IT NOW!”

CHANGE IN RESIDUAL DISBURSEMENT LEAVES STUDENTS SUFFERING

The issue: Starting this semester, financial aid residual disbursements will not be disbursed until three weeks after the semester begins.

Our stance: While the intentions were good, this change in policy may cause more harm than good.

We’ve been warned about this multiple times through emails since the beginning of last semester, but it’s still a hasten to realize that residual disbursement will be coming three weeks later than usual after the 100 percent drop-add period.

Previously, students would use this money towards rent, groceries, books, school supplies and other necessities. Now, however, all of those resources will have to wait.

The financial aid department claims many other universities are choosing to have their residuals, many more need that money sooner than three weeks into the semester.

able to receive their residuals during the first week. Classes begin at Eastern Kentucky University they implement this policy, but their drop-add period ends sooner than WKU’s, allowing the students access to their residual money during the second week of the semester.

WKU’s financial aid department made the decision to withhold residual moneys until after the drop-add period because students would often spend their residual money, drop a class and then owe money to the university for the class they dropped.

According to Cindy Bartjes, the director of Student Financial Assistance, the university consulted a random group of students, and the students stated they would rather wait for their residuals instead of being put through the hassle of owing money after returning.

This resolution, however, just seems to create more problems for students. While the university is pushing students to buy their textbooks and school supplies at the university bookstore and charge these to their account, textbooks are often much more expensive at the bookstore. As for rent, the financial aid department never offers to send letters explaining the delay to landlords of students who will not be able to be able to pay their rent on time due to this change.

The property manager of the Colonium Apartments, Ali Pittman, said this wouldn’t be a problem for her and that she understood the financial hardships of being a student. On the other hand, this is not a guarantee that all landlords will be similarly forgiving.

The financial aid department had another option: requiring students to inform the university of their plans to drop classes. However, this still left an opportunity for students who changed from full-time to part-time to overpay money.

These don’t seem like problems that the majority of students face. While it is bad that some are left owing the university money after spending their residuals, this would be a problem for her, as students who will not be able to afford to pay their rent until three weeks into the semester.

HOW TO DRESS STYLISHLY IN WINTER WEATHER

Welcome back to campus, snow bunnies! Winter has finally arrived, and we’re collectively resolved to wear our coats and hot chocolate with the intention of hibernating until spring. With this comes the challenge of dressing stylishly while remaining toasty.

The climate might be arctic, but your wardrobe doesn’t have to be so cold.

1. Warm and stay warm! Layering! You have probably heard what an essential style tool layering can be, and it is especially handy in the chilly months. One of my favorite looks is the trench coat and sweater combo. You can then add a jacket and coat.

2. Be aware that you can have too much of a good thing when it comes to layering. If you’re going to layer a trench coat and sweater, don’t grab your chunkiest knitted trench and the heaviest sweater you own. Instead, mix a lightweight base garment with heavier outerwear. Layering is invaluable when it comes to changing temperatures. It helps you stay comfortable for a situation that’s set to go through extreme temperatures. Having the ability to pull off some of those extra layers is vital if you don’t want to die of heat exhaustion. At the end of the day, just choose a weather-appropriate outfit.

Before you shrug off those extra coats and jackets, you have to be brave the elements and brave the storms through the snow. You will never be more fashionable for a pair of boots than in that moment. Duck boots, whether you love them or hate them, are undeniably practical in this weather. They protect you from getting your socks soggy and keep those cute little toes of yours warm and safe from frostbite.

Don’t stick to ducks, however. There are many other types of snow boots that will keep you warm and dry. The National Weather Service predicts that temperatures will cool off for the next few days.

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1. Hockey disk
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15. Parts in a play
16. British prep school
17. Arab League prince
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19. Weaponry
20. Canadian flag symbol
22. “Farewell, mon ami!”
23. “Put a __ on it!”
24. Prevailing weather
26. After-dinner brandy
30. Every 24 hours
31. “Hold Me” Grammy winner K.T.
32. Rap sheet abbr.
33. Speech therapy subject
37. Actor Baldwin
38. Advertising handout
40. Wedding vows
41. Sonnet or haiku
42. Rowboat need
43. Like mountain roads
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47. Two-deck rummy variety
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51. Hotelier Helmsley
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Down
1. Sonnet or haiku
2. West Point initials
3. Poker player’s token
4. Hoopster Malone
5. Play friskily
6. Mooed
7. Elbow-to-wrist bone
8. Sexy photos in women’s mags
9. Ukr. or Estonia, during the Cold War
10. Preface to Bush Sr.’s “no new taxes” promise
11. Open-air courts
12. Halley’s __
13. Occur as a result
21. Stylish vigor
22. Have a bug
25. Unreliable witness
26. Winter wear
27. Capital on a fjord
28. Secluded valley
29. “America’s Got Talent” host since 2009
30. Eggs and butter market section
34. Sit at a four-way stop, say
35. Sweet’s opposite
36. Furtive “Hey!”

SUDOKU

Notes: In addition to this week’s Sudoku puzzle, we offer one puzzle every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These puzzles can be accessed at the Herald’s website (wkuherald.com) or by visiting the Classifieds section of our newspaper. For more information, please contact Miranda Lear at herald.advertising@wku.edu.
An abandoned barn weathers the snow off Old Scottsville Road in Bowling Green. JENNIFER KING/HERALD

Bowling Green native and Gatton Academy junior Elaine Losekamp, left, sleds with her older sister Katie Losekamp, a sophomore at WKU, on Saturday. "Sledding is a lot of fun, but I forgot how tiring it can be," Katie Losekamp said. JENNIFER KING/HERALD

Residents of Bowling Green take to the streets and head to Hospital Hill for some fun in the snow. While snow was still falling, dozens of people were already sledding and snowboarding up and down the hill. GABRIEL SCARLETT/HERALD

Somerset Freshman Lincoln Curry throws a snowball during a snowball fight in front of Minton Hall on Friday. SHABAN ATHUMAN/HERALD

Whiteout

A Selection from Our Photographers of the Best Photos from This Weekend’s Snow Storm
WKU students and Bowling Green residents will have the opportunity to be involved in community service projects with officials on Tuesday at The Foundry Christian Community Center begin- ning at 5 p.m.

The Kentucky Green Fairness Coalition, Kentuckians for the Common- wealth, and the Coalition for Social Justice came together to host the event "Creating Change: Citizen Lobbying and Non-Violent Direct Training."

This event is to show everyday people how to get their voice heard effectively, a KFTC member said.

Participants will learn how to send emails, arrange meetings and make calls to legislative officials on the state and local level.

Bowling Green senior Kate McElroy will be a co-facilitator for the event. McElroy will be helping participants in a brainstorming activity that covers the topic of renters' rights.

"WKU students can help other people about this issue and out of lobbying," McElroy said.

"I've been interested in knowing my rights for a while, but I didn't have any knowledge on how to understand it," she said.

McElroy has been a member of the Student Coalition for Renter's Rights and Bowling Green Fairness Coalition. Each club can help others become empowered activists.

McElroy isn't the only one concerned about issues surrounding the housing market. Dora James, regional organ- izer for the Bowling Green Fairness Coalition, shares similar sentiments. "It's become clear to me that knowing that this isn't hard to do," James said.

James said she thinks the facilitators of these events can help people become proactive.

"We want young people to be involved in the democratic process," James said.

\[TIPS FOR SUCCESS:
Four ways to start fresh this semester, B2.\]

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\[Freshers. Jeffries joined WKU in 2013 as assistant professor in the department of communication.\]

\[She said the Derby princesses are expected to network with others to make people comfortable as well as good speakers.\]

\[The festival. Part of this festival is an ambassadors program comprised of a few girls selected from Kentucky and southern Indiana who serve as ambassadors for the festival.\]

\[They could be having lunch with the governor, or they could be meeting young people and young adults to connect to the community of people who want to share questions, doubts, and inspirations along their path.\]
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**Cheerleaders give record-setting performance at nationals**

BY BAILEY TOWNSEND

The WKU women's basketball team (10-16) headed to Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday to take on the 49ers (22-4) in the last leg of its four-game stretch. After the break, sophomores forward Nigel Snipes and guard Fredrick Edmond had a spectacular night finishing with a double-double. The junior college transfer was 8-15 from the field, good for 18 points and eight rebounds. Johnson led the way in the post, scoring 12 points in the first half but instead finished the game with 20 points, 10 rebounds, four assists, and three blocks.

Redshirt junior guard Kendall Noble (12) shoots for two as Charlotte's guard Laia Reventos (4) defends during the Lady Topper's 77-66 win over the 49ers Saturday at Diddle Arena.

If you do that, the placement is going to happen," Clark-Heard said. "[Coach] tells me, 'You only need to beat yourself and if they aren't making shots then I need to do and I'm proud of that," Head Coach Michelle Clark-Heard said. "I think I just played like I usually do, but teammates were making shots and if we aren't making shots, then I don't get [the triple-double], so thanks," Noble said. Noble picked a good time to notch her second career triple-double by a Lady Topper in program history. Despite her great performance, it took a balanced effort as we moved the ball from the Lady Toppers to put the 49ers away. Freshman forward Taylor Brown had her number called when sophomore forward Ivory Brown picked up three fouls in the first half. Taylor Brown responded in a major way. Taylor Brown finished with a near triple-double with 16 points and nine rebounds. By Brown still managed to have a solid scoring finish with 9 points and nine rebounds before fouling out in the fourth quarter. “I did well rebounding and being aggressive in the post,” Taylor Brown said. “Coach [tells me], ‘Stay aggressive all the time; re-bound and run the floor.”

Freshman forward Eve Giorgi provided her usual spark off the bench, scoring 12 points on four 3-pointers in the first half. Sophomore forward Tashia Brown struggled with her shot early but found her rhythm and finished with 10 points on 4-14 shooting. Freshman guard Kayla Smith added 8 points as well. On Saturday, Noble played her usual game but walked off the court with a historic distinction: the first triple-double in Lady Topper history.

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The WKU women's basketball team placed third in the University Cheerleading Association College National Championships on Jan. 3. Third is the highest finish in WKU cheerleading history.

The WKU men's basketball team (10-10) headed to Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday to take on the 49ers (22-4) in the last leg of its four-game road stretch. The Owls took over with a costly WKU turnovers and poor transition defense to hand the Hilltoppers their tenth loss of the season with a 6-2 defeat. Charlotte opened the contest with a 7-1 lead, but the Owls responded in a major way.

We had too many defensive breakdowns,” said Head Coach Ray Harper in a post-game radio interview. “Defensively we’ve just got to be better.”

However, Charlotte forced 13 turnovers throughout the game and Braxton Ogbueze turned up the intensity for the 49ers as Charlotte won an 11-4 run to go up 48-40. Shortly after the 11-4 run, the Owls were at it again as they went on a 10-2 run to cut the lead down to 12 points. After the break, sophomore forward Tashia Brown struggled with her shot early but found her rhythm and finished with 10 points on 4-14 shooting. Freshman guard Kayla Smith added 8 points as well. On Saturday, Noble played her usual game but walked off the court with a historic distinction: the first triple-double in Lady Topper history.

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The WKU Lady Topper's 77-66 win over the 49ers Saturday at Diddle Arena.

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