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Departments lose funding to Judicial Council ruling

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The Student Government Association Judicial Council ruled two bills SGA had previously passed unconstitutional.

The Judicial Council deemed Bill 8-15-F, Bill to Assist the Physics Department unconstitutional. SGA President Jay Todd Richey said SGA still wants to help but cannot unilaterally fund the group to apply for $500 of organizational aid to any organization on campus that might need funding.

“The Judicial Council determined that departments could not be the recipients of funding, only students could be,” Richey said. “The Student Government Association would be under their ruling, cannot give funding to a department.”

However, Luttrell said the Judicial Council discussed different possibilities for students to receive some funding from these departments.

“This is one of the bills that was discussed as well because we realized these people are under the impression they’re going to receive some money,” she said. Luttrell said Bill 8-15-F specifically said funds will be given to the physical department, so the Judicial Council passed two bills, one for 8-15-F, to amend funding that. However, Luttrell said the student group League of Sculptures was interested in matching SGA’s funds.

“The Judicial Council is encouraging the group to apply for $500 of organizational aid funding from SGA. In that case, the student would lose no funding completely.”

SGA Chief Justice resigns, senator not censured

During a Student Government Association Judicial Council senate meeting on Nov. 18, the Student Government Association unanimously decided not to censure an SGA senator, and the Chief Justice assigned effective by the end of the semester.

The Judicial Council launched an investigation on SGA senator John Winfield, who also an opinion columnist at the Herald, by a majority vote of the council over comments he made against President’s Joseph Baddour and political party on his Facebook page. Winfield received an email from Chief Justice Kelsey Luttrell resigning the investigation on Nov. 18.

The image of Winfield holding up a picture of Ransdell with a speech bubble that displayed “Joof Stalin was a good Christian who did nothing wrong.”

The Judicial Council investigated whether this was true and subsequently replied a warrant or censure was not approved because it was protected by freedom of speech. Luttrell announced her resignation as Chief Justice at the end of the semester, citing a lack of support from SGA among other reasons.

The Herald’s full story is online.
Ray said another common challenge for them is “identifying what food they want and where they can get it.” Community Action provides information pamphlets of all the international grocery stores in Bowling Green translated in many different languages.

Ray said struggle also arises because many refugee families come from rural backgrounds when they grew their own food, but when they come to cities, they are placed in more urban apartment settings where it isn’t easy to have a garden. While some see SNAP as temporary assistance, families like Per Meh’s see it as permanent help for their struggling food security.

The family came to America in 2009 from a refugee camp in Thailand and at first received food assistance. Nga Meh, Per Meh’s 11-year-old daughter, said it was difficult during this time, and her family would eat less or not eat at all. For Per Meh, SNAP has proved necessary but difficult. When her now 11-month-old son Michael was born, she said through Nga Meh, Per Meh said the SNAP food her family was receiving and the Medicaid her husband was receiving all stopped when her youngest son was born. It took months of friends and volunteers calling for the assistance to be restored. The family is still unsure of why exactly their assistance stopped. Per Meh said she would call the SNAP office several times for help, and no one would answer.

The family has lived in America for six years, but Per Meh still cooks traditional Kareni food for every meal. It is a challenge for them and their children. With WIC, mothers are allotted food they can use until they start working, which allows them to have a garden. While some see SNAP as temporary assistance, families like Per Meh’s see it as permanent help for their struggling food security.

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Kentucky Legislature to vote on prohibiting Palcohol in 2016

BY LEANORA BENKATO
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Twenty-five states have passed laws prohibiting alcoholic beverages in crystalline forms. Kentucky might be next.

A bill, 16 RS BR-1, relating to powdered or crystalline alcoholic beverage products has been prefiled for the 2016 state legislative session. If passed, the bill would add a new section to KRS Chapter 224 and amend KRS 241.010. The new section to KRS 224 would read as follows: “No person shall possess, sell, offer for sale, or use of any powdered or crystalline alcoholic beverage product.”

However, powdered alcohol is not yet on the market. In a video he posted to YouTube about powdered alcohol, Lipscomb said in the contested product, said in the video that Palcohol is akin to alcohol.

Palcohol is just like liquid alcohol,” Phillips said. “It will be sold in the same licensed establishments where alcohol is currently sold, and only adults 21 years or older with proper identification can buy it.”

He said he envisioned the product as a solution for outdoor enthusiasts who want to drink alcohol on outings but for whom a heavy liquid container would be impractical to carry. However, he believes the packaging and the properties of the powder do not make it an easier substance for spiking drinks than liquid alcohol.

The package is too big, Phillips said in the video while displaying miniature liquor bottles against a 4-by-6-inch plastic pouch like the ones Palcohol will be sold in. You could sneak four bottles in the same space as one packet of Palcohol. It will take at least a minute of stirring for all the powder to dissolve.”

Similarly, Phillips dismissed concerns from those who worry teens may want to snort the powder. “There is absolutely no reason, even for an irresponsible person, to snort powdered alcohol when they can just do a shot in two seconds and accomplish the same thing,” he said.

Some federal lawmakers want to address concerns about powdered alcohol on a national level. Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, who referred to the substance as “Kool-Aid for underage drinking” in a press release last spring, introduced S.2935 to the Senate in March. If passed, the bill would amend the Federal Alcohol Administration Act “to prohibit the manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession of powdered alcohol,”

Paton Spear said powdered alcohol wouldn’t be especially dangerous. “You could use it the same as any normal alcohol,” Spear said with a shrug. “That’s the choice of anybody. If you want to abuse something, you’re going to abuse it, but if you don’t want to, you don’t have to. It’s all up to the user.”
LISTEN TO THIS

The holiday season has arrived, and since we at the Herald have been given so much to write about this semester, we’d like to take this time to give back.

To Skullcandy’s Latte, we give a choice sandwich, a $10 gift card to Denney’s and a sense of humor.

To everyone we’ve made salty this semester, try to keep a smile on your face. The holidays can be a stressful time, but by building yourself up with caffeine and sushi, you will conquer.

To Housing and Residence Life, we give spaghetti sauce and ground turkey for our cheesy advertising placement.

To the Bowling Green Daily News, we give Advil to relieve all those headaches caused by the “Dub the O” competition. With its beautiful orchestra, this album does a good job of living up to its title.

To Gordon Emslie, we give the gift of relaxation. May he be inspired to make a list of all your goals for the future and plan accordingly and ensure that you are aware of your exam times since they often differ from the class’ normal schedule.

After becoming aware of your exam times, try to fill yourself with healthy foods — try to fit in exercise; keep your dorm or a designated study area in check. This list will give you a chance. With its beautiful orchestration and groovy rhythms, this album does a good job of living up to its title.

The weather is getting colder and Christmas is in sight around the corner. But before we get a chance to buckle down and focus on the work ahead, let us give you a list of all your goals for the future and plan accordingly and ensure that you are aware of your exam times since they often differ from the class’ normal schedule.

To President Gary Ransdell, we give a copy of Chinese Rosette Stone so he can read the contracts he signs in the future.

To Gordon Emile, we give the gift of governance for making sure all levels of decision making in the university function smoothly.

To the Student Government Association, we give Ad Vitellum to relive all those battles caused by the “Dub the O” competition.

We give Jay Todd Richey a statue of Paul Revere for all those midnight calls Paul Revere made during his job. Keep up the good work.

To Housing and Residence Life, we give a box of Band-Aids for all the cuts and bruises we can only afford one weekend.

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Twenty minutes outside Bowling Green, a small ranch houses a Greenwood High School senior who is holding on to his bi-ethnic Hispanic identity.

Marcos Espinoza, 17, of Oxnard, California, is a U.S. citizen who is proud of his Guatemalan and Mexican ancestry. When not on the family ranch, which houses three generations of his family, he feels split when choosing to represent himself.

"On the ranch, I can do whatever I want, but when you go outside, it's different," said Espinoza.

To escape stresses of daily life, he spends time on the ranch, where he is able to ride horses, daydream, hang out with family and be a country boy.

"I feel like I am two different persons. I have to choose one, never both," said Espinoza.
Local peanut butter business spreads

BY ANDREW CRITCHELOW
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A local peanut butter company is in business and hopes to satisfy Bowling Green's sweet tooth while using local ingredients. Gone Nuts, created in April by 23-year-old senior Tara Blanzy and 22-year-old senior Brennan Elsas, makes a wide variety of peanut butter and sells its products at various farmers markets across the state. Elsas, of Lincoln, Illinois, said the idea of creating a peanut butter business came simply from frequenting the local farmers market circuit.

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Malt beverage shakes attention at national level

BY SHELBY BRUCE

The Cleveland State University student body is currently considering the introduction of a malt beverage to its campus. The university’s president, Dr. John Martin, has expressed strong support for the idea, stating that it will provide an opportunity for students to enjoy a beverage that is both socially responsible and enjoyable.

The proposal has been met with mixed reactions from students, with some expressing concerns about the potential impact on public health and others expressing enthusiasm for the new option.

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“With its high-quality ingredients and unique flavor profile, this beverage will be a great addition to our menu,” he said.

However, some students have raised concerns about the potential impact on public health. They are worried that the introduction of the malt beverage may lead to an increase in alcohol consumption and that it may negatively impact the university’s emphasis on healthy lifestyles.

Dr. Martin acknowledged these concerns but stated that the university is committed to ensuring that the beverage is produced and consumed in a responsible manner.

“The beverage will be produced in small batches and will be accompanied by nutritional information and responsible consumption guidelines,” he said.

The university is also considering implementing a system to monitor the consumption of the beverage and to ensure that it is consumed in a responsible manner.

Dr. Martin emphasized that the university is committed to promoting a healthy and responsible campus environment and that the introduction of the malt beverage is a step in that direction.

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The Hilltoppers regained some momentum after they took down Eastern Kentucky off a last-second Justin Johnson basket. The sophomore forward sealed the deal with his first career 3-pointer on 68-61.

"They are (No. 12 in the country) our first opponent, so we are not going to play as if we are going to lose on the road," Head Coach Travis Hudson said. "I watched them the other night against Dayton, and I think of the teams that I have seen. They are playing as good as anyone in the country right now."

As Harper warned in pre-season, the team still hasn’t found a winning formula with a core of players with which Harper can achieve a non-conference win.

But Harper is learning about the band he has been dealt, and glimpses show the Hilltoppers have different pieces that play well together.

"We may even go smaller than we wanted to," Harper asked when asked what lineup he envisioned against the 12th ranked team in the country right now.

"They did a great job of getting me in an open look and my teammates did a great job of finding me," Cosby said. "It was a team effort for sure and my teammates did a great job behind the 3-point line.

"I got a lot of shots up during shootaround, and my teammates did a great job of feeding me," Cosby said. "It was a great effort from all of us.

"We have to defend the three better and we did tonight," Harper said. "We were able to resolve with some big shots, and we had guys like Cosby and Johnson who were not afraid to take the big shots. That was just a great ending to a good first half of the game and that win for a new, young basketball team.

The Hilltoppers will back on action Saturday as they travel to Cincinnati to take on the No. 12 Xavier Musketeers.
Johnson finished the game with 11 rebounds.

Sophomore setter Jessica Lucas (1) sets the ball for senior middle hitter Noelle Langenkamp (13) during the Lady Topper's match against UTSA Oct. 9 at Diddle Arena.

Sophomore Justin Johnson (23) dunks the ball during the Hilltoppers' 86-84 overtime win against Austin Peay. Johnson finished the game with 11 rebounds.

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Head Coach Jeff Brohm

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BY BILLY RUTLEDGE

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