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WKU Student Affairs
An undated photo of Jack Thacker teaching a class in Glasgow via satellite. (PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KENTUCKY MUSEUM ARCHIVES)

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Students who do not meet the required benchmarks indicated by ACT or SAT scores are enrolled in noncredit courses. Once they complete the noncredit remedial course, students can move on to courses that will count toward graduation.

According to the Complete College America report, “Remediation: Higher Education’s Bridge to Nowhere,” nearly 20 percent of those entering four-year universities are placed in remedial courses that do not count toward their postsecondary credits for graduation.

Sharon Hunter, coordinator of college readiness, said WKU is not requiring noncredit courses but is in the process of making alternatives available for less prepared students.

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WKU receives awards for treatment of military students, veterans

BY SAMANTHA WRIGHT

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Victory Media names WKU a Military Friendly School for the seventh year in a row, and the Military Times ranked it among the nation's top 25 Best for Vets Colleges 2016 rankings. WKU was also recognized as one of the Best Colleges for Veterans of Regional Universities in the South by U.S. News and World Report.

Tonya Archey, the director of Military Student Services, said she believes WKU earned these awards through its multitude of programs. "WKU offers a course credit for military training, flexible transfer credit from other universities, the only Veterans Literary Award program in the state of Kentucky, an Air Force ROTC program, an Army ROTC program, a therapy dog (that is) the only one in the state, the nation's largest scholarship program of its type, textbooks for Troops, and much more," she said. "Our personalized service and attention to their needs sets us apart." Archey said military students face challenges different from the traditional student population, so university-issued needs to provide additional services and programs to help them. She added that to assist these students, schools need to be flexible and understanding. "Flexibility, and an understanding of their needs is an essential element in serving them properly," Archey said.

Joshua Smith, Military Student Services consultant, said these awards will provide excellent publicity. "Prospective students searching for a school are going to read about WKU’s high quality support provided without us having to tell them," he said. "This is amazing publicity for WKU and all our departments serving this student group." Smith added that the recognition shows faculty and staff that WKU Student Services are providing exceptional support.

"It tells our faculty and staff — whether they counsel, provide support, teach, advise and accommodate their calls to service — they are providing exceptional service," he said. Smith said these awards highlight the hard work put in to make sure military students, veterans and their dependents are taken care of. "The accolades and awards we have received help spotlight this specific student population and the work that WKU has put in to make sure that the military, veterans and their dependents are taken care of during their time with us," he said.

CRIME REPORTS

- Freshman Abby Lynn King, Gilbert Hall, was cited on Nov. 19 for possession of a weapon that has the right of way over motorized vehicles. "As long as it’s not raining," she said, regarding the policy. "However, personally, I would like them to be allowed in buildings. Twenty pounds is a lot to pick up and lug around," she said. "The only change happening on campus is that signs were put up enforcing the current policy. "I think that this will make people think twice," Katelynn Eaves, a sophomore from Louisville, said. "People zipping around on those things in buildings can be potentially dangerous." Eaves said last week, she and some friends were on their way to dinner and saw a student on a hoverboard in DSU. The student was "weaving in and around people," she said, and rode the hoverboard into Red Zone. "We were walking at a normal pace," she said. "A guy on a hoverboard was going faster than us, obviously, and rode right around us and essentially cut in front of us in line for food. May be that’s why it happened again."
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This season the Hilltoppers were undefeated in conference play, and with a 49-28 win over Marshall on Friday, became the East Division champions. The 2015 squad has been one of the best WKU teams of the past few decades, so why is attendance so low? WKU is hosting the championship game this Saturday at 11 a.m., and as many students and fans should be there as possible. Smith Stadium’s capacity is 22,000 fans, and we should pack it full.

It’s understandable that attending sporting events isn’t a fun way to spend your weekend. Football games are fun. You get to eat nachos and hot dogs and drink beers with your friends. You are allowed to be rowdy and scream “Hilltoppers!” as loud as you like—unless you didn’t realize that was something you would want to do.

As students, we need to take the initiative and support our Hilltoppers. Make sure Smith Stadium is packed on Saturday for the championship game. Go Tops!

**The stars are aligning this December BY MOLLIE MOORE**

**Taurus:** Use this month to build inner strength and deepen your intuition. Try and connect to your roots and look at the big picture.

**Aries:** This month you’ll be filled to the brim with playful energy. Thank goodness you’ll have the time and freedom you need to do what you want.

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Students are making waves with WKU athletics

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One organization on campus, WKU Red Wave, is focusing on keeping a spirited atmosphere at all WKU athletic events.

Jared Glenn Willis, the executive director of Red Wave and a junior from Leitchfield, says being a member of Red Wave is a different experience for each person, but they all are together for a common goal.

"What Red Wave means to me is getting students more involved in athletic events," Willis said. "It's about finding out that Hilltopper spirit that's in each one of us. It's like finding out that one of the toughest places to play is in the country and carrying out our Hilltopper traditions."

For alumna Michelle Espinal, an official student organization for WKU athletics. Thomas Hamm, the director of WKU's athletic relations, said Espinal has served the Department of Athletics on a national and international level since 2008.

"It is a way for students to earn points by coming to games and having those points earned in prizes," he said.

Red Wave began after a decrease in student attendance at sporting events. Organizations believed that having a set group of students to keep the spirit alive would help stop this decline.

"We also wanted to offer special programs for our students that would bring them to games and also be more involved on campus," Harris said.

Red Wave allows members to meet student-athletes, attend meet and greets, and showcase Hilltopper spirit at athletic events. Any WKU undergraduate student can join Red Wave, according to Garcia.

Brenda McClesky, a freshman from Memphis, is a member of Red Wave and says meeting athletes is one of the best benefits about being in the group, "It is a way for students to earn points by coming to games and having those points earned in prizes," she said.

For students who want to help to instill and showcase Hilltopper spirit at athletic events, McClesky and Espinal help to instill and showcase Hilltopper spirit at athletic events.

"Red Wave has given me confidence about being a student," said Ward.

WKU helps students stay on top of their academics by offering advising and tutoring services, Jackson said. She believes student parents who seek help are encouraged to continue with their education. More than half of the student parents are encouraged to continue with their education.

"Red Wave has a membership fee of $5, which guarantees a wristband, a T-shirt and an opportunity to join in the point system.

"[It] just gives you the opportunity to get to know the athletes and coaches by attending the games and the players you support. The other students will appreciate what they do for this university," said Harris.

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"Her Kentucky roots and deep understanding of our local culture and history was also a factor in the Knipp's success," said Garcia.

"If I can get it—and I'm from nowhere—and have very little experience despite where someone comes from. Even the kind of cultural ambassador that I know it had a lot to do with where I went to school, the mountains of eastern Kentucky. So that helped her land the internship on a national and international level de-
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The Hilltoppers pressed their ticket to the Conference USA Championship Game by beating 2014 C-USA East Division Champions Marshall Saturday. With a perfect 6-0 record in league play, the Hilltoppers claimed the East Division title and earned the right to play for Southern Methodist (9-1, 7-0) in the championship contest this Saturday at Smith Stadium.

In a rematch of a last season that resulted in a Hilltoppers overtime, WKU hosted the RedHawks 89-28 and had control the entire contest.

The win also gave the Hilltoppers their 10th win of the season, marking only the seventh time in WKU football history that this has happened and the first time since 2002.

“This is a huge win for our team, something that we’ve worked hard and for all your time,” head coach Jeff Brohm said. “We are extremely happy. We are going to enjoy this one.”

Brehm remembered how much the win meant for the program last season when WKU beat then-No. 19 Marshall in Huntington, West Virginia, and knew his team was capable of pulling out a win.

“Marshall is a good football team,” Brehm said. “We wanted to try and upset them. We wanted to change the guard and get ourselves in the championship game.”

In the win, sixth-year quarterback Brandon Doughty threw for 370 yards and five touchdowns, and redshirt junior Anthony Wales rushed for 135 yards and a touchdown. It was the sixth straight game in which Wales has tallied over 100 yards against C-USA opponents.

Redshirt senior tight end Tyler Higbee racked up six catches, 32 yards and two touchdowns in his first game back since he sustained a knee injury against North Texas in mid-October.

Defensively, WKU had one of its strongest outings of the season, holding one of the best offenses in C-USA to just 273 total yards.

The Hilltopper defense, which forced four turnovers, three sacks and seven tackles for a loss, was led by redshirt-

d- quarterback Nick Holt. Holt had a game-high three interceptions.

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Hudson leads Lady Toppers to new heights

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As he wraps up his 21st college season at the helm of the WKU volleyball program, Coach Travis Hudson and his team’s Conference USA Championship team found out Sunday night that they are the final Guardian of the Title game against Marshall over the weekend.

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Head Coach Travis Hudson directs his players during the Lady Topp- ers’ win over Eastern Kentucky Oct. 3 at Diddle Arena.

WKU and EKU have played 154 times in the past 30 years, 35 times or more – a track record of Hudson is proud of considering where the program was when he started.

Hudson has always been the main guy with national attention, and the journey to building a program that demands and ex- pects success began when Hudson was a freshman at WKU.

“Just a table and asked me to help him in the gym, and that’s how it all started,” Hudson said. However, the transition into

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