SGA supports meningitis vaccination requirement
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The Student Government Association's senate passed a resolution yesterday to require meningitis vaccinations for incoming freshmen.

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Resolution 6-15-E. Resolution to Support Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccinations for Incoming Freshmen

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The resolution supports a requirement of meningitis vaccinations for incoming freshmen who reside in on-campus housing beginning with the class of 2020.

Bill 10-1E. To Adopt an Amendment to the Bylaws of the Student Government Association, also passed unanimously.

During his report, SGA President Clay Michels said the listening tours to extended campuses ended with success, and he received much feedback from WKU students.

“It’s very hard to put into words how every different these campuses are,” Michels said. “A full-time security guard for the Glasgow campus is a top priority for the extended campus.

“Major concerns are raised because of full-time security guard or police of- cer is not there,” Richey said.

Owensboro campus is also the only regional campus that doesn’t have a Student-Body Association yet.

“Because we have extensive access [here] on Bowling Green campus, I’ll Tuesday to support a requirement for WBU to be more reflected on Student Govern- ment Association, Campus Activities Board and the Herald as three of the most influential student organizations at WBU,” said Richey.

“The extended campuses are adding in the university’s mission of guiding student success,” Bichy said. Richey said.

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“She was never negative, always posi- 
tive,” Bailey said. “But her laugh was 
memorable and her smile, beautiful, Wood said.

“She was nervous,” she said. Sullivan was always 

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“She offered me meal plans,” Wood said. “She 

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CRIME REPORTS
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Libraries prepare for new system
BY MONICA KAST
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WKU’s libraries will be implementing a new search system in January to give more control of the system to library staff.

“We have been undergoing intensive training for several months now,” Deana Groves, the department head of library technical services, said. “It’s a big change for us, but we’ve been working really hard so that we’re ready to go.”

The new system will be accessible to students on Jan. 20, right before the beginning of the spring semester. When the new search system is implemented, students and faculty will notice only a few minor cosmetic changes such as a simpler alphabetized listing of the journals on file at the library, Groves said. For the library staff, however, the changes will be much more noticeable.

“The look of the system that we work in is going to be a lot different,” Groves said.

Groves said the process of designing the new system began in July, and the library staff has been having weekly meetings and training sessions since then.

She said the library took a train-the-trainer approach. Library team members meet once a week with the company that is creating the new software. Later, the team returns and trains the librarians. There have also been training videos for the staff.

The library has worked to provide documentation of all journals, both physical and electronic, owned by WKU that will be available through the new system.

The library staff will have access to a new system dashboard. Groves said they will have more access to statistical data about the library and its collections as well as more agency to make changes to the system. The previous system took longer and was more difficult for implementing changes because staff members were not able to do so themselves. The new system will also be able to update automatically instead of requiring each computer to be updated manually.

Groves said the One-Search box on the library homepage would remain the same for students and faculty. This feature has been used at the libraries for the past several years. After some improvements, it became the primary search feature at the beginning of this semester. Groves said the libraries removed their older search system, called Voyager, so newcomers to campus could begin using the One-Search box right away.

“It’s sort of like a Google search environment that students can use,” she said of the One-Search box. “It brings together our holdings on our print and our e-collection, and it can drill down to the article level, so it’s a more robust search.”
This week has seen much tragedy. From the terror attacks in Beirut and Paris to the WKU3 student who took her own life, there is no shortage of despair on people's minds. I do not want to grandstand or politicize these tragedies. I want to, instead, offer a meditation on grief.

I don't know what causes someone to stop violence, whether that violence is directed outward or inward. But I think our obsession with figuring out why tragedies happen betrays a truth of the human experience, which is that we want to be in control of our world.

During my four years at WKU, I've known personally three people who have died by suicide, and I have known of half a dozen other people who have killed themselves. After each incident there was a common knee-jerk reaction to ask “Did you know they were depressed?” or “Did you see this coming?” as if we had just been more attentive, it could have been prevented.

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It is a horrifying thought. The disease is debilitating both mentally and physically. Alzheimer’s worsens over time. In its early stages, it can cause memory loss, which is usually mild. In its later stages, it causes more extreme memory loss, reduction in the ability to hold in a conversation and an inability to respond to stimuli.

This year alone, according to Alzheimer’s Association, approximately 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer’s disease. The number continues to grow, and it is suspected that by the year 2050, there will be about 13.8 million Americans suffering from Alzheimer’s.

Since this is such a rapidly growing disease, there are many organizations — even a few on WKU’s campus — that advocate finding a cure. The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity’s Chi Eta chapter on campus raises money for Alzheimer’s research through its annual Purple Run. The Sigma Kappa sorority also hosts several events, including the Walk to End Alzheimer’s, every year to help spread awareness and raise money to end the disease.

Having this disease is debilitating, but there are many other facets to the Alzheimer’s disease. Alzheimer’s Association has assigned colors that represent these different facets. The color peach means, “I have Alzheimer’s,” while yellow means, “I am supporting or caring for someone who has Alzheimer’s.” The color orange means, “I support the cause and a vision of a world without Alzheimer’s.”

Alzheimer’s has to potential to touch all of our lives at some point. In the United States, one in every three people who will die this year of Alzheimer’s will either have, transmit the genes, and remember that some justices we have no power over wash over us.

But in the grieving process, when we have the answers, we will talk about the life with the loss, the conversations about our friends, the things we will be back to our jobs, the memories, the memories, the memories, the memories that will be back to their jobs.

And after the grief is done, when we have the answers, we will talk about the life with the loss, and the conversations about our friends, the things we will be back to our jobs, the memories, the memories, the memories, the memories.

Until that time, take care of each other, grimly open and remember that some people will not be saved, but that burden is not on you.
African Student Union giving African cultural experience

By Brinytt Moore

In partnership with the International Students of Africa and the School of Teacher Education, the African Student Union will be showcasing the diverse cultures of Africa during an event this Saturday.

Africa Night will highlight performances, step competitions, food, art exhibits, fashion and more. The event, which will take place in the Downing Student Auditorium from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., is open to WKU students and the community.

The event is free and all members of the university and community are welcome.

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Once he could play, he built his game quickly for Louisiana just two days later. Hammond said: "I think that the fourth week, we had one door prize that was a little bit of the map that they will be playing in today and what they'll be doing if they're working in groups.

The pressure is on for the Florida team, and the Hilltoppers know they can't overlook its desire for a victory and a postseason. "It doesn't matter if you are any more or less than we've been before," Hammond said. "I think we try to improve and get better every week. So, as always, it's vitally important. We've got to find a way to win. We have to become a better football team.

Brohm is confident that his team is improving even on this late in the season. "I think our guys are eager and excited to get back on the playing field, which is good," Brohm said. "We have to go out there and perform at a high level and try to play well in all three segments.

The game will kick off at 1:30 p.m. and will be aired on Fox College Sports.

Hammond started working with the club after a professor appealed for volunteers with game experience.

Hammond had many duties, one of which was simply helping children with the most difficult aspects of Minecraft.

"One of the things that I did in the classroom during the time the students were there was help them learn what the classroom looks like and that the classroom has a door," Hammond said.

He also taught them how to craft different items, explain how to look at a little bit of the map they will be playing in today and what they'll be doing if they were working in groups.

Some of the maps had several levels that required teamwork and communication before students could move to the next level. One level prompted students to shout different things, and they had to talk to fly out of which one was to shoot. Another level had a maze one student would guide others through, but leaders couldn't progress themselves until those through the maze had passed through and unlocked the door.

Hammond said this format of using Minecraft was much easier and friendlier for the students.

"It's a very friendly environment. It's not looked at like a math classroom, and the students can sit down. Hammond said: "They just get relaxed and feel at ease and ease into that communication that they might not get in a classroom environment as a medium as opposed to doing a group project.

Natalie Hamilton, assistant professor in the School of Teacher Education, said her 6-year-old son Henry, one of the neurotypical participants, thoroughly enjoyed his time at the club and made many new friends.

Hamilton added that her son even told her stories about some of the children with autism who went to his school would come up and say hello. "I would hear stories from him sometimes about how certain kids would say, "Hey! how are you doing?" in the hallway, and those are kids who are on the spectrum who don't typically do that," Hamilton said.

When asked about the clubs expectations, Noel replied that results were "exactly what I was hoping." Hamilton said: "I think it's cool. I'm excited and Jeff is excited and the Hilltoppers are excited as well.

"Kids who wouldn't normally have that kind of environment even if they go to the same school — they're not typically interacting with one another, so it gets them out of their comfort and they're familiar with one another," Hamilton said.

Hulan said the club was a positive experience because it allowed students different abilities to work together and build camaraderie.

"I think that any time you encourage students with different needs and abilities to interact with each other, it's a good thing," Hulan said, "and work together in a positive way because it was all positive.

Instead, one student who got into trouble at school frequently showed complete different behavior during the club.

"I think the fourth week, we had one student, I think historically, kind of gets in a lot of trouble at school. There's a lot of behavior problems, and he didn't in Minecraft Club," she said.

She added that the club made a huge impact in the boy's life.

"But he didn't have a lot of friends, and he didn't have a lot of friends in the school. He was a little bit of a different kid," Noel said. "And in the interventions courses, they had to go in and introduce themselves, and I asked people..." She explained her son's improvement and said people could actually be nice. "The most surprising endearing moments," Noel said.

"I hope people come out and watch," Clark-Heard said. "I hope people come out and support the girls. They deserve it."

"It's always been on our schedule, so it's going to be a good game," Brohm said. "If WKU can take down Marshall for a third time this year, the Hilltoppers will see the winner of North Texas and FIU on TV.

The championship match is scheduled for Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. on TV.
Head Coach Travis Hudson said. "Not a lot is going to change in a week for either one of us. I don’t think it makes the preparation for the first round match that much easier.

Last Thursday, the Lady Toppers took down the Herd in a three-set sweep in Diddle Arena. The upcoming set is set for 7 p.m. on Friday.

Both teams have been ready night-in and night-out for the past couple months, and they know what time it is: Tournament time. They understand that it will come down to the Hilltoppers vs. Marshall and it will have to play very well,” Hudson said. "There are certainly other teams that are more than capable of winning this thing, and we realize that.”

The Hilltoppers are the only No. 1 seed in the country already have at least one game in the books, the 108-43 win over Ouachita Baptist University on Nov. 3 at Diddle Arena.

The focus for Clark-Heard this season is to try to replicate that form. She has been one of the better 3-point shooters in the country in her career and would love to do it again this season.

"It’s going to be an interesting task,” Clark-Heard said of the season opener. "Our whole goal is for us to keep getting better and get ready for conference play.”

Last season, WKU defeated Ball State 84-59 at home while shooting 47.6 percent from the floor, and Clark-Heard is hoping to be able to replicate that from this season away from home.

"We shot the ball really, really well here last year. We made 10 threes, and hopefully we can go there and make 10," Clark-Heard said. "Ready (Sule) does a great job, and he has his system in place.”

This year’s context differs slightly as the Hilltoppers are eager to notch their first wins of the season.

"The roles are kind of reversed,” Clark-Heard said, comparing this game to last season’s clash. "They have a lot of veterans coming back, and they’re looking forward to taking advantage of that this year.”

The WKU volleyball team is gearing up for the Conference USA regular season and will enter the contest as the tournament’s No. 1 seed.

The team just wrapped up regular season play, in which it went 15-1 to lead the league, and headed down to San Antonio on Wednesday to prepare for its first game against the Thundering Herd of Marshall.

The Hilltoppers (8-2, 6-0) are coming off their bye week; they used the time to heal some injuries and get ready for their first contest.

"We’re excited to get back on track and back to playing some football,” Head Coach Jeff Brohm said. "We definitely used the bye week to get better but also get refreshed and ready to go. I think our guys are ready to make this last run at trying to win a championship.”

With a big game against Marshall around the corner to close out the regular season, Brohm and the team are being careful not to overreact to their next opponent. "It’s a very important game for us. We’re going to do everything we can to win the game,” Brohm said. "We’re excited to get out there and play some more football.”

WKU will be looking to secure its third consecutive eight-win seasons for the first time since 2002-2003 and last since nine games in 2004 when they went 9-3.

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