The Student Government Association's senate passed a resolution on Tuesday to support meningococcal meningitis vaccinations for incoming freshmen. The resolution was prompted by a full-time security guard for the Owensboro campus, who recently quit because the pay wasn't enough.

The resolution supports a requirement of meningococcal vaccinations for incoming freshmen who reside in on-campus housing beginning with the class of 2020. Resolution 6-15-E, Resolution to Support Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccinations for Incoming Freshmen, was adopted unanimously.

During his report, SGA President Clay 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,” Bichy said.

A full-time security guard for the Glasgow campus is a top priority for the extended campus.

“A major concern is because of full-time security guard or police officer there is not three,” Bichy said.

The extended campuses are 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’d like Tuesday to be a top priority for WKU to be more reflected on Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board and the Herald as three of the most influential student organizations at WKU,” said Richey.

She was always smiling.

And everywhere she went, she had a presence.

That’s how Glasgow senior Emilee Wood described her best friend and former co-worker Shanece Sullivan.

Sullivan was a freshman from Winchester.

On Sunday, Sullivan was pronounced dead by the Warren County Coroner’s Office. Sullivan’s death was confirmed as a suicide.

On Sunday, the sister Wood had never wanted but had found was gone.

“I’m glad she [Sullivan] came into my life,” she said.

Wood had only known Sullivan since the beginning of the semester, when Sullivan started working in the Tower Food Court at Popeye’s.

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"Shame me, and me, we were like hands in hand," Bailey said. "I think she promised me that she wouldn't quit if she came back if or get her job back." Sullivan got her job back, Bailey said. "She just never came back."

"She said Sullivan always picked on her, but that's how their friendship worked. "She was never negative, always positive," Bailey said. "It's sad to see such a beautiful soul leave so soon."

Friend of Sullivan Austin Spears

School, also described Sullivan. Sullivan was someone who could bring joy to you no matter what mood you were feeling, he said.

"She worked so hard at whatever goals she set," he said. "I've never seen someone so determined as her. It's sad to see such a beautiful soul leave so soon.

A student should never feel ashamed to seek professional help. Considering medication is also a step in the right direction, he said. "We need to accept that we all need help."

No one is built to make it through life by themselves, Laves said. "We need to get the word out that it is okay to feel bad."

"I want to stop putting my life off," Ferrell said. "I want to make the most of my life now while I'm as young as I used to be."

Ferrell said he will continue to serve on various boards but is at a point in his life where he recognizes he is not as young as he used to be. Ferrell said he wants to make the most of his life now while he can.

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Freshman Brittany Frerking, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on Nov. 16 the theft of her laptop from her dorm room. The theft was valued at $1,300.

CRIME REPORTS

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.”
Take time to grieve after this week's events


Join the fight to end Alzheimer's disease

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Alzheimer's disease steals life and memories. It disrupts, confuses, and makes life more difficult to live. Organizations across the country are fighting for a cure and funding research to end Alzheimer's. If you have a brain, you are at risk. The Alzheimer's Association says the disease is among the top 10 causes of death in America but that there is no treatment to cure it, nor its progression or even prevent it. 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 to a conversation and an inability to respond to stimuli in a surrounding environment. 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, each 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 Association. The Association has assigned colors that represent these different facets. The color blue means, “I support the cause and its vision of a world without Alzheimer’s,” while yellow means, “I have Alzheimer’s,” while yellow means, “I support the cause and its vision of a world without Alzheimer’s.”

But when the grieving is done, when we have passed the loss and moved on with the loss, when we do this, will we then be that much more fortified in our resolve to tackle the injustices we see in our power overwash. Until that time, take care of each other, grieve openly and remember that some people will not be saved, but that burden is not on you.
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Minecraft helps kids with autism learn social skills

BY SAMANTHA WRIGHT
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In partnership with the International Year of South Africa and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, 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., intends to give WKU students and the community exposure to the rich variety of the African continent’s cultures.

“We hope from this event that most people from Bowling Green and the area can learn different cultures of Africa and not only base their knowledge on what they see on ‘TV or what they hear,'” Nigerian junior Abigail Sani of Yobe, Nigeria, said.

The ASU hopes it can provide participants with a new perspective on Africa that is not focused on poverty and other negative associations.

“We want to have them see a different view of Africa based on a different perspective,” said Olanrewaju Olanrewaju, recording secretary for ASU.

The ASU also agreed WKU students lack exposure to different cultures present on campus and those that are not. “I think that WKU can expand and learn all the cultures, and it would be wonderful,” said Nigerian sophomore Ruth Ushe-bekpe Alasha, organizing secretary for ASU.

Looking at the Bowling Green community, there are lots of people from different countries, and lots of people speaking different languages. Exposing people to different cultures is important for erasing stereotyped views of traits that define particular groups of people, according to Henry Nottinson, Ghana senior and president of ASU.

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

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“The idea of a special interest group was born, and it was like, ‘Let’s try to identify something that’s really interest- ing — almost to the point, some- times, of being distracting for kids with autism — and make it so that something that’s neurotypical peers also think is really interesting, and then let’s see that’s a foundation to teach social skills,” Noel said.

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In contrast to last season, the Hilltoppers have grown into a team with high expectations instead of playing the underdog role. WKU has been favored in all but two games this season and is the favorite again this week against a team that is 3-4 in conference play despite being undefeated at home.

"Because you have a target on your back, it doesn't mean it might influence how you might play," graduate student and running back Anthony Davis said. "You've got to always go out there and prove it your best." Davis is confident WKU will give its best effort. This season, the Hilltoppers have grown to expect similar efforts from their opponents.

"Maybe one difference of increased performance is you're gonna get into every team's best shot — especially this week, given the circumstances," Davis said. "This past year just have to ground and execute. There's not much we can change."

Hulan said the game, WKU will have to refuse quickly for Louisville just two days later.

"It's always on our schedules, so as a coaching staff, we know and we've been through that," Clark-Heard said. "It's getting the newcomers to understand that that's the task." Clark-Heard is hoping the veterans on the team can show the newcomers that competitive mentality that ultimately can get a team two games in three days.

"The veterans understand, and they know that we will have a game plan ready, and they understand and know that throughout those weeks … we've been practising and putting things in that we need to prepare for our quick turnaround," Clark-Heard said. "It's playing for Leconte has special meaning for Clark-Heard, who spent five years coaching under Louisville head coach Jeff Walz.

"It's cool. I'm excited and good does a great job, and they'll come in hungry and get the look," Clark-Heard said. "It'll be fun, and it's always good to coach against — turns — what's his name? Louisvile has the No. 2 recruiting of different abilities to work together and build camaraderie.

"I think the fourth week, we had one student with autism who was 11 who completely different behavior during the club. When asked about the club's expectations, Noel replied that were exactly what I was hoping." Hulan said making friends was a goal this season.

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

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Huddle is hoping to be able to create some separation against Marshall, which ended their season 8-4-0. "We're excited to get back on track and play some football," Huddle said.

WKU has yet to play its first game against Marshall when the Hilltoppers visit the Thundering Herd. A win would be a record for the Hilltoppers in the FBS era.

The Hilltoppers have posted three consecutive win seasons for the first time since 2002-2004 and last won nine games in four seasons since then. "It's going to be an interesting task," Clark-Heard said of the season opener. "Our overall goal is for us to keep getting better and get ready for conference play."