Investigation into Kappa Sigma fraternity chapter ongoing

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The Theta-Theta chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity is still suspended pending an ongoing investigation.

“The suspension came on Nov. 2 from Kappa Sigma’s international headquarters in Charlotteville, Virginia. Chasidy Pride, the director of student activities and organizations, said a representative from the organization interviewed several members, but this information has yet to be shared with the university. Pride said the university has not yet taken any action against the chapter. He said he has spoken to chapter leadership to ask them about the investigation and what they know, but they said they did not know much of anything at that point. He has not discussed the suspension with them since the interviews were conducted.

“Right now there’s nothing new to report,” Pride said.

Colin Perschbacher, Kappa Sigma public relations chairman, declined to comment and said he could not discuss the suspension further.

“At this time we have no comments on the suspension, and all I can tell you and your staff is to contact our international headquarters at this time,” Perschbacher said.

Leo Brown, the director of chapter services at Kappa Sigma fraternity, said he could not comment on where the investigation currently is. Brown elaborated on Pride’s claim regarding who is interviewing members of the chapter, saying it was the district president. Although Brown declined to name who the district president was, he said this person had been appointed to investigate the situation.

The Herald will have more information on this story as it develops.

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Let's take a closer look at the text and determine the key points:

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2. The suspension came on Nov. 2 from Kappa Sigma’s international headquarters in Charlotteville, Virginia.
3. Chasidy Pride, the director of student activities and organizations, has not yet taken any action against the chapter.
4. Pride has spoken to chapter leadership about the investigation.
5. The university has not shared the information with the chapter.
6. Colin Perschbacher, Kappa Sigma public relations chairman, declined to comment.
7. Leo Brown, the director of chapter services at Kappa Sigma fraternity, could not comment on the investigation.

Now, let's create a summary of the key points:

1. Kappa Sigma fraternity’s Theta-Theta chapter is suspended pending an investigation.
2. The suspension was initiated on Nov. 2.
3. Information about the investigation has not been shared with the university.
4. Colin Perschbacher declined to comment when asked about the investigation.
5. Leo Brown could not comment on the investigation.

These points provide a concise overview of the investigation into the Kappa Sigma fraternity chapter.
It is this like the second scandal under Jay Todd's presidency... Postergate being the first one [and] 'Dub the Pub being the second, and we're not even halfway through his term yet.'

Leitfeld Junior Chase Coffey

Stop by one of our information tables to learn about WKU On Demand classes for Spring 2016. The first in a series of information sessions will be held in the Garrett Conference Center from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17. Stop by for an opportunity to learn about the variety of On Demand classes that WKU offers.

Each session will begin with a brief presentation about On Demand, followed by a Q&A with a representative from the College of Continuing and Distance Education. Students will have a chance to learn about courses offered in a variety of formats, such as blended and online classes. Attendees will also be able to meet with faculty from their areas of interest and get personalized information about the various options available.

To sign up for the session, visit the online registration page on the WKU website. For more information, contact the College of Continuing and Distance Education at 270-745-4814 or continuingservices@WKU.edu.

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French film festival to enrich students culturally

BY THE HERALD STAFF
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Gender representation and inequality will be highlighted at WKU’s French Film Festival this month.

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Tell me more about how you’re exactly like every other student on campus.

As college students, sleep is extremely important to us. We need seven to nine hours of sleep each night, but unfortunately, that amount of rest is not always possible. Priorities like work, classes and studying sometimes place sleep on the back burner. The National Sleep Foundation says we cannot make up the sleep we miss. We might try to sleep later for this, but this does not lessen the original deprivation’s impact.

To function at full capacity, we need to be aware of how much sleep impacts our daily life. A sluggish feeling and excessive yawning can indicate that you are not getting enough sleep at night. According to the Center for Disease Control, consistency is key for improving sleep habits. The center recommends people go to bed at the same time every night and wake up at the same time each morning. This schedule makes sleep patterns more regular. If students tend to underestimate the importance of consistent and scheduled sleep, they may be less likely to start the school day with a refreshed mind and body.

In general, seven to nine hours of sleep each night is best for students. However, if you are having difficulty sleeping, there are many resources available on campus to help you figure out why you aren’t sleeping well and how to improve your sleep habits. It’s important to get the rest you need to be your best self! Contact a counselor or visit the campus sleep center for assistance.

Voice your opinion

Suggestions, compliments or concerns on topics of public interest? Here are your guides:

Letters should contain 200 words. Comments should be no longer than 60 words

Letters and comments must include your name, phone number and hometown or classification.

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The Herald encourages readers to write letters and commentaries on topics of public interest. However, 2015 has also brought plenty to be proud of our state’s musical community.
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Owning a business and being a full-time caretaker can be hard, but Cathy Morgan shows that she would not have it any other way.

Morgan, 64, from Bowling Green, owns her own cleaning business and is the primary caretaker for her son Junior Morgan who was diagnosed with Down syndrome at 2 months old. Junior is now 33.

"I leave every morning around 7 or 8 a.m. Once I get off work, I take him to CrossFit, dance practice or bible study, and now he is about to start cheerleading. I have to make time to get him from point A to point B every day," said Morgan.

"I will always believe in Junior anytime he wants to try something new like swimming or ice skating. I always let him try anything he wants."

BY ASHLEY COOPER

TOP: After a long day, Junior and Cathy Morgan stop at Baskin-Robbins to enjoy ice cream. Morgan is Junior’s primary caretaker and his mother. "When I first had Junior, I thought, ‘What did I do to deserve this?’ but years later I wonder, ‘What did I do so good to deserve him?’ because he has been such a blessing, she said.

TOP LEFT: Cathy Morgan sweeps one of the houses she cleans. Morgan waited tables for 26 years until one of her customers asked her to clean a house. Afterwards, she had 35 houses to clean and started her own business. Morgan starts off her day early in the morning around 7 a.m. or 8 a.m. After work at 4 p.m., she takes Junior to CrossFit or the Buddy House. "The reason I enjoy cleaning houses is because it’s the only time I’m really by myself, " Morgan said.

TOP RIGHT: Junior Morgan relaxes after trying to hold himself up for a 30-second plank while at CrossFit Old School. "I always think they overwork him at CrossFit, but Junior has never complained. He is very dedicated," Cathy Morgan said.

BOTTOM LEFT: Cathy Morgan watches Junior as he finishes his workout at CrossFit Old School. Morgan takes her son to several extracurricular activities each week and stays the entire time until he is finished. "When he was 10, I could have used a break, but now if he goes with my daughter, I want him to come back home, because it’s like my arm is missing."
Cancer free: WKU student has fought, won the battle

In July of 2015, McWhorter, a senior at Western Kentucky University who had homeschooled and attended a charter school at Belmont University in Nashville, was diagnosed with breast cancer. The hardest part of the experience, McWhorter said, was not knowing what was going on and that it was cancer.

"The tumor was supposed to be bad, but when [the surgeon] got there, it was like, 'Wow. We didn't need to do much.'" McWhorter said. "It turned out to be benign."

The Topper's surgery was a success. The tumor was removed, and McWhorter was back to her normal life within a few months. She continued her education and returned to the court, where she helped the Lady Toppers to a successful season.

In July of 2016, McWhorter was diagnosed with a tumor in her breast again. This time, however, the tumor was malignant. McWhorter underwent surgery to remove the tumor, followed by intense radiation treatments. She was treated five times a week for six weeks to ensure the tumor did not spread.

Despite the hard feelings, McWhorter has received support from her family, friends, and the community. She has also received support from her team, the Lady Toppers, who have been a source of strength for her throughout her recovery.

"I'm very grateful for the support I've received," McWhorter said. "My family, my friends, and the Lady Toppers have been amazing."
Backcourt looks to be strength of Hilltopper unit

BY MATTHEW STEWART
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Redshirt junior Chris Harrison-Docks finished third on the team last year in scoring with 11.1 points per game and is the only returning player in the WKU backcourt. With the loss of T.J. Price, George Fant and Trency Jackson to graduation, the Hilltoppers will look to newcomers in this season to help fill that void.

Despite graduations and a slew of transfers, Head Coach Ray Harper appears to have accomplished that goal with recruiting in the offseason. Harper and company have added a few already-tested pieces to help Chris Harrison-Docks and the rest of the unit move the ball effectively. Veteran athletes include Illinois graduate transfer Aaron Manning (4) and grad-transfer Chris McNeal and Marlon Hunter.

Harrison-Docks said the entire backcourt group was very talented and something he knew our group is excited about, "said Head Coach Travis Hudson. "We have the potential to break guys down off the dribble which has been a little bit of a concern for us the last few years." Hudson believes his team is hitting its stride at the right point of the season and was swept by the conference tournament," Hudson said. "I think that makes them dangerous."

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The Toppers have shown glimpses of solid play in the backcourt. "I think that makes them dangerous," Hudson said. "I think that makes them dangerous."

Men's basketball

BY MATTHEW STEWART
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Ray Harper is entering his fourth full season as the men's head basketball coach. Coming off three consecutive 20-win seasons, Harper is looking to improve on that trend. Saturday night in Diddle Arena, the Hilltoppers will play the first game of the regular season against Campbellsville University.

The new-look Hilltoppers are ready to get things underway but have heeded the warning of their head coach, who has preached patience while molding a team full of so many new faces. “This is a team with a lot of new guys. It’s a work in progress,” Harper said. “But you are going to get better if you got guys like we have that are willing to be coached and continue to work.”

WKU leads the series 4-0 against the Tigers. The two teams last met in 2008, when the Tops walked away with a 62-48 victory.

Harper and the squad also bring an unblemished preseason record as they won both of their preseason exhibition matches with wins over Lindsey Wilson and Kentucky Wesleyan.

The Tigers are the No. 18 team in NAIA basketball. With an already solid 4-0 record, including wins against the NAIA preseason No. 1 team and No. 6 team, Campbellsville will test the Hilltoppers.

With a new addition at the forward spot, the Tigers are ready for a shot at a Divi- sion I team and a chance to play well on a national stage. Their senior forward, 6-foot-5 Roderick Lawrence, is a transfer from the SEC’s Ole Miss. Senior guard Sekou Har- ris, averaging 20.8 points per game, has had a strong start to the 2015-2016 season. Campbellsville is a guard-heavy team similar to WKU.

Harper has said this season that the backcourt for the Top- pers would probably be the strength of the team. Therefore, Saturday’s con- test should be a good match- up because neither team has put major emphasis on its larger athletes so far in the season.

“I still think Ben [Lawson] can be more of a force at the rim-blocking shots,” Harper said. “He turns his body side-ways instead of getting numbers in front, making the guy score over him.”

Harper is hoping Lawrence’s progression as both an athlete and a leader, paired with his style of play on defense, will allow Lawrence to hold a par- ticular role in the squad this season.

“You have to have a rim pro- tector at this level,” Harper said. “And that’s who he’s got to be.”

Harper is 1-2 in his career on the Hill in season open- ers but is 3-0 in openers at home. Catch the Hilltoppers in action this weekend in Diddle Arena on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in their season opener.
Athletic transfer brings new life to Hilltopper program

BY JOHN REECER
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A crucial nonconference contest facing the Hilltoppers this season.

For the Hilltoppers, WKU is facing the experienced Bruins for the 18.3 points a game.

Craig Bradshaw, who averaged 1.7 rebounds and 5 assists.

They include leading scorer for WKU.

season.

vengence early into the 2015-2016 season.

The Eastern Kentucky Colonels will be a talented team, as they returned 21 win last season and only missed a NCAA Tournament berth by one point after they lost in the NIT. While they will be a talented team, this contest looking for a victory, they might just earn one.

An underrated part of his talent right now, Harper said. “You better keep your eye on this one because it’s a chance to be something great.”

Before arriving on campus, Edmond played so far.”

However, reputation is not what makes this game so important right now.

Belmont returns four of its five starters from last year.

They include leading scorer Craig Bradshaw, who averaged 18.3 points a game.

To make matters even tougher, for the Hilltoppers, WKU is facing a big challenge for the returning Hilltoppers from last year’s team.

Win or lose, the matchup will provide crucial experience for WKU

However, Hall of Fame Coach Rick Pitino’s team faces a season of major change, and Louisville has never looked as vulnerable as it does now.

While the Hilltoppers face a tough road test at the KFC Yum! Center on Dec. 19, 10 of returners return returning starters from last season’s elite eight squad.

This is the first season since 2010 in which the Cardinals missed the Associated Press pre-season Top 25.

If WKU ever pulls off the upset on the road, this season could be it.

While the talent level for U of L may be better at the end of the season, both teams seem to be on the same level now.

They are both comprised of new members still meshing together who depend heavily on transfers for a team that is still trying to mesh.

If a WKU upset is hard to believe, just look at U of L’s exhibition matchup against NAIA Southern Idaho. There, he was one of 10 first-team All-American and was named a two-time National Junior College Athletics Association All-American.

Leading WKU in preseason voting, he has the potential to be one of the better teams I have ever seen.

However, even though Edmond is stepping into a much bigger role on this team along with athleticism and potential,” Harper said. “We have a lot of great guys on this team with athleticism and potential.”

Junior guard Fredrick Edmond (25) lays up the ball past Kentucky Wesleyan’s Marcus Fuggins (25). NOC MORGAN/HERALD

While there might be some early growing pains for the WKU basketball team, faithful Hilltoppers will certainly see results from the 6-foot-4, 205-pound guard.

As the WKU basketball team starts a new season, players are still meshing together and figuring out their roles in the squad.

Through transfer junior guard Fredrick Edmond.

Head Coach Ray Harper also noted the Lansing, Michigan native’s multiple talents.

“She’s just touching the surface of his talent right now,” Harper said. “You could take the stat sheet and throw them in the trash can for Fred. Harper said. “He wouldn’t care if he scored one point or not.”

Harper was excited about this matchup, and the Hilltoppers are still meshing together who depend heavily on transfers for a team that is still trying to mesh.

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Toppers know they need to make a big improvement before the season starts.

"We got to beat a lot on backcourt cuts and jumping to the ball," Clark-Heard said. "Defensively, we got to work on some things and our rebounding."

Clark-Heard knows Brown is capable of delivering in any way the team still needs to perform.

"We got to make sure that we're getting in position and that we're blocking people out and doing what we need to do," Clark-Heard said. "There's a lot of things." This team wants to pride itself on turning defense into offense. Clark-Heard, therefore, is stressing the importance of physical play and rebounding this season.

Brown managed a double-double in her first game as a Lady Topper with 13 points and 9 rebounds.

Clark-Heard said, "I thought the (newcomer) played really well in her first game." Brown said, "I didn't see jitters as much as I thought I would. Three of them had double digits, so that's a pretty good feeling. I think they came out running especially on the defensive end."

Brown is getting used to the Lady Toppers and is building chemistry with her teammates.

"She has the opportunity to do a lot of different things. Having Brown serve as a focal point of the offense will make the Lady Toppers a difficult matchup, but the team will also rely on her to be able to create for herself even more of a threat to opponents this season." The team captains — redshirt junior guard Kendra Noble, senior guard Miriah Jones and sophomore forward Jada Clyman — provide veteran leadership for a team largely comprised of underclassmen. Noble and Jones form a solid backcourt for Clark-Heard and return with starting experience. Sophomore dual-threat guard and forward Tashia Brown proved last season that she can orchestrate the offense when Noble or Jones can't play. Tashia Brown has the potential for a breakout season and provides depth in the backcourt many teams in Conference USA do not have.

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