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Student gets hit by car
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Another injury due to a car accident has occurred close to WKU. Goodletsville, Tennessee freshman Shantee Hammonds was hit by a car around 10 p.m. on Sunday while she was walking.

The police report stated the driver of the car applied his brakes once he saw her, but couldn’t stop in time to avoid the collision. Results are pending a toxicology report, the report said.

The man behind the wheel is 18 years old. Hammonds was transported to The Medical Center and then flown to Tri-Star Skyline Medical Center in Nashville. She was treated and released by Monday afternoon.

Lewis Hall, one of the girls walking with Hammonds, told police Hammonds was not wearing her contacts and she recalled Hammonds making comments earlier in the day about being “blind,” according to the report.

This is the fourth pedestrian injured on or near WKU’s campus since March.

VP for Alumni Relations retiring
BY SHELBY ROGERS
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After five years at WKU, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Kathryn Costello is retiring.

“There is nothing more worthwhile to work on behalf of than higher education,” she said. “It’s been a great pleasure for me having ended up in higher education, even though I didn’t necessarily plan to end up here or in the human services. She has worked in private, public and non-profit institutions.

Costello will retire with a role with the university as a special advisor, helping President Gary Burdett in choosing a successor. She will retain her current full salary through December 31, 2015.

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Gender conference discusses sexuality, identity
BY SHELBY ROGERS
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“Billions,” drag performers and masculine gender identity were several of the subjects covered in Housing and Residence Life’s fifth-annual Gender and Communication Conference.

The conference was headlined by transgender man and artist Ryan Sallans. Sallans discussed his transition process and how people receive members of the trans community.

Ethan Sykes, residence hall director for Pearles Ford Tower, helped coordinate the conference.

“This year’s theme is the ‘Intersectionalities of You,’” and the basic idea is that you are more than your gender, you’re a student, the event was largely promoted with fliers and emails to students and faculty, and 83 students registered for the event with 75 percent showing up. Throughout the day, the event gained 20 walk-ins, Sykes said.

This year’s theme expanded more into the realm of LGBTQ discussion, largely because of Sallans. Genia Pijpe Wilson, assistant coordinator of the event, she will retain her current full salary through December 31, 2015.
Student Publications is home to the College Heights Herald and Talisman. The Office of Student Publications provides students with valuable hands-on experience. Positions in writing, photography, design, sales, marketing, multimedia and copy editing develop skills that give students a competitive edge when entering the workplace. Students from all departments and majors are a part of our team. We are accepting applications until April 28. Pick one up at the Adams-Whitaker Student Publications building across from Mass Media & Technology Hall.
THE ISSUE: Traveling this campus is a danger in almost any form, as demonstrated by the number of accidents this semester alone.

Lives Depend on Campus Road Safety

The attention the College Heights Herald has given to campus road safety is not uncommon, but yet there’s often close calls when an unwitting pedestrian suddenly changes direction in front of a cyclist, or when an automobile takes advantage of the gap between groups of crossing pedestrians. Not too long ago, a new speed limit was implemented in order to curb accidents on Normal Street. But to be blunt, Western could light up the streets as a Vegas strip with road signs and it still won’t make a bit of difference in people’s daily lives. Many people walk by the signs and feel safe to cross, and yet when it relates to means of getting anywhere, the majority of people that drive a car do not follow the speed limits. People are paid to drive a car, but they are not paid to take the time to follow the speed limits. In a sense, this directly relates to the road safety issue. Yet it cannot be said that the faculty and administration are not aware of the issue, nor can it be said that the administration is not trying to do something about the issue. The Student Government Association has received a multitude of complaints about the road safety issue. However, there is still a low voter turnout on this campus when it comes to means of getting anywhere. A large road safety issue that needs to be addressed before studentsAppendix: Smug, while Ellis is both of these as a one-dimensional, still aren’t very good characters we meet. Unfortunately, the movie skips over most of Adaline’s past. It would have been fascinating to follow her character every year or so. But the shared lack of awareness among people traveling across campus is out of hand. One of the first roads we learned as children was to look both ways before crossing, and even a couple of us here at the Herald are guilty of not doing that every time now and again with the comfort of those white lines.

A campus environment is a distinctly different place than the rest of the world when it relates to means of getting anywhere. There’s speed limits and plenty of crossing signs installed for the student body. But during elections, the SGA takes its eyes off campus, not to mention its ears. Despite the newness of the 19-year-old student was struck on Russellville Road near Taco Bell and was transported to a Tennessee hospital.

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New WKU Store Director will start in June

By BRIA GRANVILLE
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After several months of searching, the WKU Store is finally getting a new director. After its previous store director left in February of 2014, the position was given to Tristy Floresca, who served as interim director. Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Services Gary Meszaros said the store hoped to keep longtime director Anne Hillestad, but she decided to leave in September of the same year. Since then, Meszaros stepped in as the interim director.

“It’s difficult in the fact that I’ve been in the Auxiliary Services department for over 30 years, but I never ran a bookstore until this year,” he said.

The search for a new director was completed recently.

“We went through several different candidates,” Meszaros said. “Some with some...”

As of June 1, however, Ann Floresca of Mission Viejo, California will be taking over as store director.

“We need to take a direction, and that’s all related to karst,” he said. “There are literally millions and millions of sinkholes are examples of karst landscapes. They’re not just for Bowling Green, they’re for the whole world we face as a global society, whether it’s water, or air quality, pollution, [or] climate change.”

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David Keeling, Geography and Geology Department Head, says he hopes Groves’ invitation helps with development of both WKU and the department.

“If it helps give us some international profile in terms of recognizing that type of research that we do,” he said.

Keeling said karst landscapes have an impact on people’s lives.

“If you go and think about the Corvette Museum sinkhole collapse, and that’s all related to Karst,” he said. “There are literally millions and millions of people that are impacted by karst landscapes.”

OK, enough rambling. Let’s get to the story.

Keeling and Groves have worked with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to study karst water resources through conducting geographical research on water bodies in limestone caves and sinkholes are examples of karst landscapes.

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Thus far, the commission has been working very closely with the classes he teaches and is about to finalize a survey for this year. Groves enjoys working with the students to other countries.

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After one semester, Starks realized that being a lawyer was not the path in life he wanted to follow—he desired to pursue missions work. That's not what all attorneys care about, "I wanted to share my faith with others and help people," he said. "Missionary work was the most effective way for me to reach the world and impact people," he said. "In one sense it is a duty, but I think it is a calling that it will be a whole new experience."

Throughout college, Starks continued to pursue his double major, but also began to entertain the idea of missions work. Starks has always enjoyed sharing his faith with others and helping people. "Missionary work was the most effective way for me to reach the world and impact people," he said. "In one sense it is a duty, but I think it is a calling that it will be a whole new experience."

Lexington senior Joe Starks stands outside the Chandler Memorial Chapel, Sunday, April 26. After he graduates, Starks is planning to spend four months as a mission intern for three years, he has steadily grown on my life," he said. "In one sense it is a duty, but I think it is a calling that it will be a whole new experience."

"Being a native to western Asia rather than to pursue his future. "Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the presence of fear," Starks said. "It is the presence of fear from the outside world for 90 days, and they at-

Walcher said. "But I feel like this is where I need to be—this is what I am passionate about, and this is what I feel called to do with my life."
Franklin alumnus Nathan Killen encourages members of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity during the championship match of Tug, Friday at the University Farm. AGR went on to win Tug for the second year in a row. MIKE CLARK/HERALD
**WKU hosts first LGBT recognition ceremony**

**BY ANDREW HENDERSON LIFE@WKUHERALD.COM**

For the first time ever, WKU will host a Lavender graduation ceremony to recognize lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender graduates, along with their families and allies.

The Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion are heading the ceremony. The first Lavender Ceremony began in 1995 at the University of Michigan, said Andrea Gare-Barnes, director of the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion.

“A lavender graduation is an institutional response to, ‘We know you’re here. We welcome you here. We understand how society is when it comes to differences, and we’re proud you’re part of our community,’” she said.

Gare-Barnes said she had interest in bringing this ceremony to WKU when she interviewed for her position in 2012. Over time, a group of faculty, staff and students emerged as a planning committee for the ceremony.

She said the committee did grassroots organizing in order to get the word out about the ceremony. They also sent out an email inviting the entire campus to persuade them to take part in some way.

“The idea was to do one of two things, or preferably both, to attend the ceremony on May 11 and support the students and in addition to that to share that information,” Gare-Barnes said.

She said the atmosphere on WKU’s campus regarding LGBT inclusion is moving much like the rest of the country from tolerance to acceptance. She believes this is evidenced by the ceremony receiving no pushback from the university.

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**Greeks participate in Tug-of-War competition**

**BY NICOLE ARES LIFE@WKUHERALD.COM**

The only thing louder than the exasperated grunts of the mud-covered Tug participants was the piercing screams of the crowd, cheering on their teams to a hopeful victory.

Tug Day—one of the last Greek Week events—took place at the Agricultural Exposition Center last Friday at 2 p.m. Tug is designed as a single-elimination tournament with eight-member teams who are trained and equipped with the skills to pull their opposition to their side of the “pit.”

This competition is not the typical tug of war childhood game. Teams have dedicated months of practice to perfect their strategies and their “tugging” technique.

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**New farmers market opens behind SkyPAC downtown**

**BY KAE HOLLOWAY LIFE@WKUHERALD.COM**

On a chilly Saturday morning at Hot Rod Alley, a little girl in her pink rain jacket clutches a bag full of bright green roses in her pink rain jacket clutches a bag full of bright green roses. She glances back to her parents and bolts with her new organic trophy, struggling to keep hold of the bag of greens as Mom and Dad begin a quick chase after her.

There are a few in the trickling crowd of consumers pushing the newest addition to Bowling Green’s Gateway Farmers Market, which is operating under the name SoKY Market Place. Nestled between the Bowling Green Ballpark, home of the Hot Rods, and the closed Hitcens Plaza, vendors line up every Tuesday and Saturday morning to sell kaleidoscopic bouquets of tulips, pale orange carrots speckled with dirt and spotted eggs, among other goods.

This open space, however, is rented. Their permanent home is still under construction, next door along Seventh Avenue.

“This a great opportunity for not only more local foods to be around, but it provides a new opportunity for not only more local foods to be around, but it provides a new opportunity for”

**Wine Zone**

BY ANDREW HENDERSON LIFE@WKUHERALD.COM

Acclaimed poet, BuzzFeed editor to speak at WKU Tuesday for Goldenrod Poetry festival B4

A hopeful victory. Participants were the piercing screams of the crowd, cheering on their teams to a hopeful victory.
This is the first victory for any SAE tug team, so we are pleased accompanying our first victory is the next chapter. Other chapters dedicate more of their time in preparation for the event. Kyle Howard, tug chair for AGR, said "We just like to have a good time in our practice for this competition."

"The only trouble we really faced during training was the snow storm," Goodwill said. "It's really hard to get out and dig holes in the snow."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity however, never practiced as a team until a team meeting at the SOKY Market. Brittany Young, board chairman for the SOKY Market, said "The goal of this celebration is for the community to come together, to celebrate these students and say, 'job well done—we appreciate you,'" to celebrate these students and say, 'job well done—we appreciate you,'” Young said. stad Blurred the team’s quality. ‘Job well done—we appreciate you,’ said Brittan, court chairman for the SOKY Market. "The goal of this celebration is for the community to come together, to celebrate these students and say, 'job well done—we appreciate you,'” Young said. stad Blurred the team’s quality.

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Congratulations!

The office of Study Abroad and Global Learning would like to thank our graduating Student Representatives for their service to SAGL and the WKU campus community!

Jason Webb  Katherine Halicks  Jenny Gaiko  Matt Frazier  Cindy Block
Rachael Walters
Natalie Buller
Kiersten Richards

SAGL Student Representatives

The SAGL Student Representative program is a volunteer student organization comprised of passionate study abroad alumni who advocate for and promote study abroad on WKU’s campus and in the community. The SAGL reps are responsible for multiple campus-wide outreach efforts, including peer advising, classroom presentations, general information meetings, and study abroad events.

Welcome!

The eleven returning SAGL reps and the office of Study Abroad and Global Learning would like to welcome our seven new SAGL reps to the program for the 2015-2016 year!

Austin Richards  Taylor Pellerin*
Callie Mobley  Benjamin Richardson*
Mallory Schnell  Abigail Belknap*
Jarred Johnson  Arla O’Neal*
Jessica Canada  Jessica Henao*
Susan Breidenich  Isabella Greene*
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**College Heights Herald**
The coaching staff has had a markt back on the high school days at Hamilton High, in Athens, Tennessee. Clark-Heard described her as an "ageless, defensive player who can hit and throw incredibly hard on off the field."

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Winning second baseman Leiff Clarkson mishandles a throw as Ricka Grayson Lewis steals second safely during Friday’s game at Nick Denes Field. The Owls swept the Hilltoppers in the three-game series over the weekend, beating WKU by scores of 11-4, 3-3 and 3-2.

**BASEBALL**

**SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST**

Clarkson thrives as last to bat

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For the average baseball team batting order, the best hitters are usually found in the leadoff or cleanup spots. The WKU baseball team, however, has drifted away from this model as the quiet play of Clarkson has been vital to the triumphs of the Hilltopper lineup. “I could’ve easily moved him up in the order,” Head Coach Matt Myers said. “He and (Anderson) Miller combi- ne the quiet play of Clarkson that has been proven to be vital to the triumphs of the team.”

Clarkson is currently second on the team in batting average as the Union native currently has a .326 average through 38 appearances on the year. But Clarkson has done so in an un- orthodox manner—be bats last in the Hilltopper lineup.

“It doesn’t matter where I bat; I just try to stick to my approach and do my job at the plate,” Clarkson said. “I’m not a power guy and I don’t try to pull home runs. I just try to hit the ball up the middle and get on base because I got those big bats in the top of the lineup behind me.”

Those big bats he refers to are well-known Hilltoppers such as Miller and Ryan Church. However, it has been the quiet play of Clarkson that has proven to be vital to the triumphs of the team. “That kid (Clarkson) has been a big part of our success this season,” Myers said. “Up until this point Leiff has proven to be such a good job playing in front of Miller and our other big bats. Now with him putting up big stats, he cre- ates a problem for opposing pitchers.”

This problem could not be made worse for the WKU baseball team, however, as the Hilltoppers fell in the three-game series by scores of 11-4, 3-3 and 3-2.大学の野球チームは、平均的なチームのバッティング順位では、最も優れた選手は通常ウエスタン・キングスワースに勝利した。しかし、WKUのチームでは、クランクロスが重要な役割を果たしています。

**TRACK & FIELD**

**Hilltoppers split achievements in Louisville.**

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As a split team, the WKU track and field program was able to string together some wins at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, and the Bellarmine Invitational in Louisville.

At the Bellarmine Invitational, the Hilltoppers managed a 13th-place finish, beating Texas, Pittsburgh, Univ. of South Carolina and GC Foster a team out of Jamaica in a 3-1 decision that took 11 innings to culminate, WKU had taken care of the business end of things in the first two legs, clinching the series with scores of 1-0 and 3-1 respectively.

Despite falling one strikeout short of matching her career best in game three, Kramer was able to match her no-hitter in game two. She nabbed her second no-hitter of the season (and of her career) off of a 10-strikeout performance from the mound.

Impressively enough, the C-USA rec- ord 18 strikeouts isn’t even Kramer’s top mark as a Lady Topper. The six-time C-USA Pitcher of the Week nabbed a career-high 19 strike- outs in an even more impressive sev- enteen innings (opposed to the extended 11 this weekend) against Troy in Feb-ruary, and a tally of six conference honors is a WKU record across all collec- tive all conference listings (individual and confed- eracy honors), and one shy of a tying the C-USA record 19.

Her 19-strikeout performance against Troy accounted for her first and only no-hitter in her career. Kramer ends this past weekend now holding two to her name and gives WKU its ninth.

Before this weekend’s series, Kramer ranked first in strikeouts per seven in- nings (13.3), second in total shutouts (10) and total strikeouts (287) and third in ERA (3.94).

Even with numbers that have earned her designation as a dominating women already this season, and a spot on the list of 24 finalists for the USA Softball Women’s Collegiate National Team, Kramer continues to improve her skills, but their strategy as well.

Competing against all top 10 teams including LSU, Texas A&M, Clemson, Texas, Pittsburgh, Univ. of South Caro- lina, GC Foster a team out of Jamaica, South Carolina and GC Foster.

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**BEYOND THE ARC**

**In first year on the Hill, Kramer sets WKU records**

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Miranda Kramer’s record-setting week against Charlotte is nothing like the senior transfer.

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