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St. Baldricks: A chance to fight childhood cancer

By Samantha Wright

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Students clustered at Nick Denes Field on Saturday afternoon, following a WKU baseball game against the Southern Mississippi University Golden Eagles to shave their heads for a common cause.

The St. Baldrick’s fundraiser provided a way for students to raise money for a cure for childhood cancer, while showing support for those diagnosed with the disease. Many children lose their hair while fighting cancer due to chemotherapy, and the fundraising event allowed people to shave their hair in solidarity.

The event, in its sixth year on campus and organized by Omegaphi Al- pha sorority, raised $4,500 with future donations still pending.

A group of about 50 people gathered around the deck off the third baseline to either watch or participate in the head-shaving spectacle. Men were the first called to get rid of their hair. The crowd cheered as the first locks of hair fell to the ground.

Nathan Wilson, a sophomore from Princeton, sported an “ask me why I’m shaving” poster.

“The event was called to get rid of their hair. The fundraiser was in their memory, not mine,” Wilson said.

Blessing Green junior Breanna Harris holds her pigtails in her lap after her hair was cut on Saturday. The hair will be donated to an organization that makes wigs for children with hair loss. LeonaBenkato/Herald

Gatton seniors offered national scholarships

By Jessica Voorhees

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The U.S. Department of State offered four Gatton Academy scholarships to students, which provide complete funding for in- ternship language study in foreign countries over six to eight weeks per period in the summer.

Derick Strong, assistant director of Academic Services for Gatton Academy, said this is the largest number of NSLI-Y scholarships ever awarded to Gatton students.

He said Gatton Academy marketed the program to students for four years and partnered with the WKU Office of Scholar Development to prepare applicants for written submissions and interviews.

Gatton Academy senior India Blassar, from Henderson, will further her studies in Russian at a university in Moldova.

Blassar studied Russian for two semesters through the modern languages department. She said she chose Russian for her foreign language study because of its career marketability.

“I wanted to learn a critical language and increase job opportunities,” she said.

Blassar said she learned about the scholarship opportunity from her roommate who participated last year.

“I’m excited about the immersion aspect,” she said. “I hope to become fluent.”

Blassar said she hopes to continue her language studies at Princeton, sported an “ask me why I’m shaving” poster.

Saudis Students restricted from certain classes

By Lashana Harney

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Some students feel overwhelmed by all the options when it comes to picking classes, but for some Saudi Arabi- an students the options are few. The Academic Quality Committee—a standing committee in the Fac- ulty Senate—submitted a report to the Senate Committee on March 1 regarding an investigation.

The committee was asked to investi- gate an email sent to all advisors re- garding students funded by the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM). The SACM is an organization that provides financial aid to Saudi Ara- bian students who choose to further their education in the United States. Laura DeLancy, Academic Quality committee chair, said the committee was asked to look into the issue by the SEC.

Russell Curley, director of the Aca- demic Advising and Retention Center, sent the email. He said SACM does not fund certain courses, such as religion.

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Accrediting committee’s visit to WKU successful

By Shelby Rogers

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WKU is one step closer to passing its reaccreditation by the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), meaning the university would retain the “baccalaureate and graduate academic benefits of being an accredited university.

WKU’s SEC. was asked to look into the issue by the SACSCOC administration toured campus last week for onsite reaffirmation.

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Majors incorporating hard sciences, such as engineering, are funded, he said. "It is funded through their national academic Quality Committee. It was informing advisors what classes the Saudi Arabian students were funded to take.

"Someone was concerned that advisors were being told to steer students away from these majors," DeLaney said. "When the Academic Quality Committee read the email, it appeared to us that it wasn't so much anybody was saying steering students away. It was informing students that they aren't funded for these majors.

DeLaney said that was an important distinction to make. "It's one thing to inform a student of what their funding will and will not cover and it's another thing to actually dissuade them from taking a certain class," she said.

The investigation into the email concluded at the end of February and the committee's report was released on March 1.

However, DeLaney said the committee continues to investigate if someone asks for further investigation regarding Saudi Arabian students' academic freedom.

"Other issues came up when we were beginning WKU is accepting funding from an institution that doesn't allow students complete freedom of the classes that they take, but we felt that was outside the scope that we had been charged to look at," she said. Faculty Senate or the SEC decided they want to broaden the conversation, then the committee would do further investigation.

Henderson native and Gatton Academy student India Blaiser, 18, recently received the National Security Language Initiative for Youth, or NSLI-Y, scholarship to study the Russian language abroad in Moldova for six weeks over the summer. The program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, allows students to fully immerse themselves in the language of their choice. "I'm hoping to become fluent," Blaiser said. "I think figure language immersion is the best way to learn."
Bowling Green freshman Carolina Ng reported on April 12 an unknown male asked her personal questions while she was working the desk in Helm Library.

Police officers found Buffalo freshman Elijah Thomas on April 11 in possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance in Hugh Poland Hall.

Clarksville, Indiana freshman Lindsay Etherton and Shepherdsville freshman Darby Capito on April 11 for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in Bemis Lawrence Hall.

Louisville sophomore and WKU football wide receiver Taywan Taylor on April 10 for stealing a breakfast sandwich from the Garrett Conference Center food court. Estimated value of the stolen food was $2.50.

President Gary Ransdell announced the successful visit via email on Friday.

“The Committee was highly complimentary of all aspects of their visit, from the efficiency of the arrangements to the quality of the campuses and, most of all, the hospitality of everyone they met,” Ransdell said in the email.

Richard Miller, vice provost and chief diversity officer, was on the advisory committee that met with SACSCOC members throughout the process.

“It’s a wonderful process,” he said. “It gives us an opportunity to give us a close look at the things we do, if we’re making progress towards compliance or there’s a red flag that we need to do things different. It’s a wholesome, very healthy process through internal review.”

SACSCOC made two recommendations, but the fixes were small.

On the Corner of Chestnut and 11th (270) 393-1800
SGA ELECTION CONTROVERSY
OVERSHADOWING REAL ISSUES

The issue: Although Glasgow sophomore Jay Todd Richey won the Student Government Association presidency by 26 percentage points, recent election appeals have called his victory into question.

Our stance: SGA isn’t really thinking about campus issues.

It’s that simple. It’s also happening in a year when SGA has been up to a lot. From debuting smoking at WKU to being involved in on-campus restaurants, SGA has done quite a bit this year, and they should be celebrated.

President-Elect Richey even thought to write a commentary for The Herald to outline his plans for students. Obviously, there are members of SGA who want to help the student body.

However, with shenanigans like this, it’s hard to see why students would want to get involved in SGA or believe in the organization. There is no blue dress. There are posters accidentally put in the wrong place and gun. There is no hotel break-in. There is no smoking ban. There is no plan to outline his plans for students. Obviously, there are members of SGA who want to help the student body.

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LEFT: Tyler Prill (front) and Kris Kohler (behind) of Central Michigan University block throws from the opposing team of Grand Valley State University. CMU made it to the final four in the National Collegiate Dodgeball Association Championship, but lost to GVSU.

ABBEY TANNER/SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

ABOVE: On April 11 to 12, WKU hosted the National Collegiate Dodgeball Association Championship. Sixteen teams competed over this two day tournament from all over the country. Central Michigan University and Grand Valley State competed in the championship game, the latter winning the title 2-0 for the third year in a row.

ABBEY TANNER/SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

BELOW: A member of WKU's dodgeball team holds a ball before their match against James Madison University at the National Collegiate Dodgeball Association's national tournament on Sunday, April 12 at the Preston Center in Bowling Green. WKU had a 1-3 record during the tournament and was knocked out by JMU during the Sweet 16 round.

MIKE CLARK/HERALD
Bowling Green artist illustrates with Kentucky spirit

By Andrew Henderson
lifewkherald.com

Paducah native John Thompson loves to draw. By day he manages the Bowling Green branch of design firm ZebraGraphics. By night, he takes up his pencil, sits at his easel and sketches intricate illustrations. His art has caught the attention of the campus, the Square, Beech Corvette museum, WKU’s green icon, Green’s iconic features—the list goes on.

“I’ve been drawing all my life, just for fun,” he said. Thompson said he’s been drawing since he was old enough to hold a pencil. He said he has art always been something he’s wanted to do, and he’s always been driven to do it. He said during high school he would often draw in his comic books of exaggeration and unusualness. He then moved on to something he’s been doing for the last ten years. He said now he uses this skill in his work.

He uses the style he used in his comic books of exaggeration and unusualness to spill into the work he does today. “Sometimes I joke that my art career started from 15 years of getting into trouble for drawing in class,” Thompson said.

The success of Thompson’s artistic work started off with portraits, but now he finds himself doing illustrations. One of Thompson’s recent works was an illustrated map of Bowling Green. The map was drawn in his comic-like style and included many of Bowling Green’s iconic features—the Corvette museum, WKU’s campus, the Square, Beach Bend Park and Southern Lanes. For this project, he said it took a lot of research and a heavy amount of time put in.

“Maybe 100 hours, I wasn’t keeping track,” Thompson said. “This is something that I love doing. I’m not trying to make a living doing it.” His illustrations have been used in various places such as ZebraGraphics and for the WKU Panhellenic Association’s newspaper.

Thompson said his work has been used in many places, from posters to website images. “I’ve met some of the best people through my work,” he said. "I’ve met some of the best people through my work."

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WKU Hosts Dodgeball Tournament

By Trey Crumbie
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College students from across the nation traveled to WKU this weekend to engage in a sport played in thousands of elementary schools: dodgeball. The Preston Center hosted the National Collegiate Dodgeball Association’s national tournament Saturday, April 11, at the Preston Center.

Sixteen dodgeball teams, including WKU, University of Kentucky, Ohio State University and Pennsylvania State University, participated in the tournament. Sororities are encouraged to reach the “total,” which is 147 for this semester. Kennedy said Delta Zeta will be the ninth sorority in the WKU Panhellenic Association and the 15th sorority overall on WKU’s campus.

Within the WKU Panhellenic Association, there is a concept called “total,” which is the average chapter size. Sororities are encouraged to reach the “total,” which is 147 for this semester. Kennedy said Delta Zeta will try to reach “total,” but will not be held to that standard as it is still new.

“I love that." — Charley Pride, director of Student Activities, said he hopes the new sorority will be successful with student recruitment and development. “I can’t get them involved, they stay here, they become leaders, they become involved. All of that comes together.”

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Bowling Green artist John David Thompson works on his piece called “Kentucky Map.” Saturday, at ZebraGraphix in Bowling Green. Thompson created the mural that hangs above the Diddle North lot entrance to the arena.

Delta Zeta sorority will come to WKU after being approved by the WKU Panhellenic Council. Delta Zeta beat out Alpha Sigma Tau and Gamma Phi Beta sororities, all of which gave presenta- tions on why they wanted to have a co-ed chapter at WKU last month.

Collegiate Dodgeball Association’s national tournament Saturday, April 11, at the Preston Center.

A member of WKU's dodgeball team holds a ball during a timeout in a match against Saginaw Valley State University at the National Diddle arena.

The building was filled with people due to the amount of traveling involved. "These games, they're close games, almost always," said John Thompson, a WKU sophomore. He said he's been playing dodgeball since last year. Warfield said WKU's dodgeball team, has been playing every game this semester. It will play in colored sports jerseys and a heavy amount of time was put in. "Maybe 100 hours, I wasn't keeping track," Thompson said. "This is something that I love doing. I'm not trying to make a living doing it." His illustrations have been used in various places such as ZebraGraphics and for the WKU Panhellenic Association's newspaper.

The Preston Center hosted the National Collegiate Dodgeball Association Championship on Saturday and Sunday. The building was filled with the passionate screams and shouts of men and women as rubber balls bounced off bodies and chairs. Luisalide sophomore Dominique Warfield, a member of WKU's dodgeball team, has been playing since last year. Warfield said he loves multiple aspects of the sport.

"The atmosphere, how competitive it is," he said. "These games, they're close and they come down in the wire and everybody is getting hyped. I love that."

On Sunday, a crowd clung to the rails of the upside-down walking track to watch the action as students adorned in colored sports jerseys tried their best to cobble together the opposing side with the spherical weapons. The crowd uttered a collective shout of surprise each time a player was struck fairly hard. Sixteen dodgeball teams participated in the tournament, including WKU, University of Kentucky, Ohio State University and Pennsylvania State University.

The players duked, spun and ran in order to secure victory for their team or to avoid getting eliminated from the game themselves. Joe Lucen, a sophomore from the University of Kentuc- ky, said the sport has introduced him to a variety of people due to the amount of traveling involved. "I've met some of the best people through my work," he said. "I've met some of the best people through my work."
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utility player Jacqueline McCall made the game happen when she took a sacrifice bunt that scored Hannah Parker from third base.

Parker stepped into the circle after Chloe Kennedy had given it her all and hit an RBI double to score Lauren Chaumont home for a score of 2-0. Pugh hit an RBI single in the fifth in

Softball

The Hilltoppers will look to get back on track in Lexington on Tuesday as they begin their week against Kentucky. First pitch is set for 5:30 p.m. at Cliff Hagen Stadium.

Game Three (8-0)
The Lady Toppers completed the sweep of the weekend with a 14-3 victory as Chaumont homered for a score of 10-0. The Hilltoppers scored a total of 13 hits and Kramer (17-4) pitched another double-digit strikeout game with 10, her 10th of the season. Kramer allowed two hits and one walk.

All but two Lady Toppers posted hits. Freshman Hannah T Friest and Kennedy had two runs each. Hansen attributed two RBIs. The score was 8-0 the second inning with Franklin's run in the first followed by Hansen and Holloway's run in the second. On Friday, the Hilltoppers hit their second home run during the inning, hitting the ball over the left field fence.

Overall, the team earned three top performances in the meet and several of the athletes had personal bests that scored them in the top eight in the conference rankings.

The Hilltoppers and Lady Toppers will be competing again this weekend, the team will be split with half going to MI, SAC Relays and the other half going to the Austin Peay Invitational.

Baseball

The game was 8-0 by the end of the third inning. The WKU Invitational is this weekend and the conference series left to play against University of Evansville. "We're looking to come in and make as many adjustments at the plate to continue to pitch well right over the left field fence," Tucker said.

Basball

The Hilltoppers will play on Tuesday in Kentucky. shapes to their second C-USA series this season.

The Hilltoppers regrouped some energy on Tuesday. They won the 200 and 400 meter dashes with times of 20.01 and 44.06 respectively.

"It was really exciting to compete at home—it was great," Davis said. "This year was an even bigger expectation, because we can always improve." Davis also said he felt most comfortable in the 200 meter race. "I've been running 20, and it's been a first for me this year," he said. "I'm comfortable in the 200 meter race."

A couple of times a year when we do a labor of love, so I wasn't getting paid. Candle Makers, said the store owner. "It was just the best feeling because we all got to celebrate together," he said.

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The Lady Topper softball team clutched out a three-game sweep against Southern Miss Golden Eagles this past weekend.

“Two of WKU’s (25-7, 10-2) three wins on the weekend came in shutout fashion. A doubleheader on Saturday afternoon clenched the series for the Lady Toppers with scores of 7-1 and 5-0. A final match on Sunday ended with a score of 6-0, giving the Lady Toppers their 10th C-USA win of the season. Two other teams, Florida Atlantic and University of Alabama Birmingham have double-digit wins (10).

With the sweep, WKU stays in first place of the league’s East Division. Freshman infielder Carleigh Chau- mont had a big weekend for the Lady Toppers, hitting the first two home runs of her Lady Topper career over the course of the series. Chaumont notched five hits and runs three out of all that bats on the weekend. “I was really proud of my whole team this weekend; and pitching staff really did do a good job,” Head Coach Amy Tudor said. “At that weekend, I’m real proud of that kid. You know, she got her shot, she took it and she hit the ball really well.”

Game One (7-1)
Junior Pitcher Miranda Kramer started for WKU and pitched all seven innings of the first game, striking out 11 batters and allowed four hits and one run. Junior infielder Morgan McKeever recorded the last out run by clouting her first home run as an Eagle—all weekend when she stole home plate.

Senior Shelby Rodgers earned the start for Southern Miss on the mound and delivered a score of 0-0 until the bottom of the third when Lady Topper runs bringing the final score to 7-1.

Game Two (5-0)
The game opened with WKU in the left handers, and he gave four hits and one run. Senior shortstop Cody Wofford and junior third baseman Danny Huddleston provided the energy on offense. Wofford had a two-run home run in the sixth inning and Huddleston a hit with run in the seventh. The series took a turn in favor of Southern Miss in game two. WKU committed four errors on, allowing Southern Miss 14 runs in the first four innings. Southern Miss dominated the series at 1-1.

“We just aren’t playing well defensively; our pitching staff also has not been there,” said sophomore outfielder Paul Murpy. “Those little errors we made today were huge, and we have to clean up the little things. Defense wins championships at the end of the day, and we have to get better.”

Murpy proved to be one of the bright spots for the Hilltoppers, finishing the day with five hits and four runs.

Game Three (6-0)
The Hilltoppers lost two of these conference games against Southern Miss this past weekend at Nick Denes Field and dropped to seventh place in the Conference USA rankings. After winning the first game of the series 5-0 on Friday, Southern Miss defeated WKU (16-14) in a blowout with a score of 15-3 on Saturday. The Golden Eagles would then go on to win the series on Sunday with a score of 6-3.

“It’s a game of inches,” Head Coach Matt Myers said. “It usually comes down to. I’m not mad at how we played. We had a career high in hits going for 4-5 at the plate. Murphy was awesome today,” Myers said. “He has been the guy that we go to against left handers, and he gave four to five great at bats. I am proud of him.”

Hilltopper Relays show program’s progression
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This weekend, the WKU track and field team showed their talent in Bowling Green— an opportunity that only comes once a year. WKU student athletes broke personal and school records as they competed in the Hilltopper Relays at the Ruter Track and Field Complex.

It was the seventh straight year WKU hosted their annual home event. With the weather in their favor, 21 teams from 12 institutions and that only 4 or 5 teams, and now having 15 really shows our progression,” Jenkins said. “We hope to continue to enhance our facilities and provide experience where people can come out and really enjoy their Saturday.”

In their relay events, pole-vaulter senior Karleigh Parker and freshman Ria Mollers both set a new WKU record at 13-feet-7.5 inches. They finished with Mollers in second and Parker in third, with Mollers finishing with less misses.

“Southern Miss Golden Eagles this past weekend when she stole home plate. WKU’s Peter Agaba splashes into a pool of water in the steepwater race event during the Hilltopper Relays at the Ruter Track and Field Complex on Saturday. Nick Mckennis/HERALD

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