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Two separate investigations involving members of the WKU swim team have found individuals under multiple violations—regarding hazing, drug paraphernalia and sexual assault. Bowling Green Police Department’s investigation of the hazing allegation filed by former swim team member Collin Craig has concluded. In the report, BGPD officials obtained a search warrant for 1303 Chestnut Street, the address of where the hazing was reported to occur.

Two beer kegs, two marijuana grinders, two marijuana pipes, one pill bottle with marijuana stems and five picture boards full of various photographs were among the items seized during the search from the house’s residents.

Multiple electronics, including several game consoles, cell phones and flash drives were also seized. According to the report, Huda Melky, director and Title IX Coordinator for WKU, met with BGPD in late February to view the picture boards. The picture boards were a photo collage of what appeared to be various students that were highly intoxicated to the point of vomiting and passing out.

A Title IX investigation was then started in response to BGPD’s findings. Title IX deals with equal treatment of sexes and expands into sexual assault and harassment.

Some of the photographs depicted intoxicated individuals that were nude or partially nude placing their buttocks on other individuals, according to the BGPD report. The photographs also showed individuals with a penis drawn on them, the words “insert dick here” with an arrow drawn to the mouth, the word “nigger” written on an individual that appeared to be passed out and females passed out in various positions. See SWIM PAGE A3

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Rand Paul announces presidential campaign
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Bowling Green’s own Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) announced his bid for the White House on Tuesday in a packed ballroom in downtown Louisville. Fountain Square Park—and the passion of 700 Tea Party supporters who filled the downtown park six years ago when Paul first ran for U.S. Senate—were shouted out in speeches by both the senator and his wife, Kelley Paul. But most mentions of Kentucky, in both pre-announcement campaign videos and speeches from Louisville pastor Jerry Stephenson, revolved around Derby city.

Scott Lasley, chairman of the Kentucky Republican Party for the 2nd District and associate professor of political science at WKU, said that while the references to Louisville were “well-choreographed” and linked to the recent opening of a Republican campaign office in West Louisville, Paul’s Bowling Green wasn’t likely to be a star in the campaign.

“I would think that even though, Bowling Green is his hometown, he’s not going to be as connected as Jimmy Carter was to Plains [Georgia],” Lasley said. “I don’t think it’s the same type of relationship that you’ll see with some of these other folks.”

Among the crowd for the senator was Bowling Green native Austin Hatfield, who came with a group of college students working on Agricultural
data-gathering practices and monitoring young voters focused on the NSA’s free markets and things like that,” he said. “I think younger people are just more prone to connect to civil liberties and the presidential campaign.

Commissioner James Comer’s gubernatorial campaign videos for Paul targeted young voters focused on the NSD’s data-gathering practices and monitoring of metadata. In his speech, Paul announced while holding his iPhone that he would report that data-gathering practices through executive order on his first day in office.

Videos also highlighted his trips to Ferguson, Chicago and West Louisville as a way to try to fix policies that aren’t helping those residents and laws that may unfairly target African-Americans.

“I think that’s necessary,” Huffield said of Paul’s more socially progressive policies. “I think the Republican Party has been so far downtown that they are anymore and I think what he’s doing is bringing us back to our base.”

Paul’s politics have already swayed University of Kentucky junior Lauren Bosler, who introduced Paul’s pre-speech campaign video directed to young people.

Bosler said she’s been interning with Paul since she was in high school because he’s “so different than any other politician.”

“He’s a real person,” she said. “He’s a person, he’s a doctor.”

Bosler said after the speech that college students are more in tune with Paul’s libertarian principles and his outsider status. “We are the first generation of young people who are going to be older, more conservative republicans,” she said.
positions, in one of which a female is passed out in the hallway with her underwear pulled down.

The FBI and U.S. Attorney's office also investigated and were unable to find any cases of abuse.
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Blacklist does little to add minority female voices to the mix, particularly with the setting of the show in the 1980s. Despite the larger picture, “Blacklist” does little to add minority female voices to the mix. This is a show that thrives on the dynamics between a woman and her male characters in the FBI. It is important to keep in mind that the male characters are small in number compared to the many women who are being denied medical treatments, but the post is that the plot.

The series also manages to add many female characters in the FBI with specialized, complex skills unique to their male counterparts. “Blacklist” brings larger-than-life criminal forces in the criminal underworld—viewers will recall intimi-
Shara Roten, 21 of Frankfort, transfers plants, allowing their roots to further expand in the soil in the greenhouse behind the Environmental Science and Technology Building, on Wednesday. The horticulture club will be selling plants at EST this Friday to fund materials for their club and their summer trip. Last Friday was their first sale of the semester and they made more than $100.

LEFT: Corinn Sprigler, 23, of Floyds Knobs, Indiana, is the president of the horticulture club. She stands for a portrait in the greenhouse behind the Environmental Science and Technology Building on Wednesday. "It is my passion," Sprigler said. "It is what I want to do. My grandmother always had a big green thumb, and that's how I got into it."

BOTTOM: Linda Cruz (left), Corinn Sprigler and Lindsey Humphrey (right) transfer plants, allowing their roots to further expand in the soil in the greenhouse behind the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building on April 8. The horticulture club will be selling plants in EST this Friday to fund materials for their club and their summer trip.

Photos by Nicole Boliaux
Students across campus will be able to create and submit videos that explore images of a different world for the Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility’s “Imagining Otherwise” video contest.

“Essentially, the video contest is a way for students to film what they believe is a just world,” Scarletté Briones, graduate assistant for ICSR, said. “You can envision a just world, but you can’t envision what we want!”

Contest participants must submit videos that are within 30 to 90 seconds in length and reflect the participant’s vision of an ideal world. The videos will then be divided into three categories—local, national and global—and judged by a panel comprised of students, faculty and staff members from various disciplines.

First place winners for each of the three categories will receive $200 that will be redeemable at the WKU Bookstore, according to the contest’s press release. The runner-ups will receive $100.

“We get people to think critically about social justice issues and have them use that critical thinking to apply it and act more generously in the world,” Briones said. “We really wanted a video contest because we wanted a visual—something concrete, something you can see,” Briones said. “Write in a physical world, and the best way to get that is through video.”

One of the main objectives of the contest is to allow student’s voices to be heard, Briones said.

Kate McElroy, a junior from Bowling Green and the student marketing coordinator for ICSR, said she’s excited about the contest’s potential.

“We get to play with student’s creativity to spread a message. ‘We really like seeing social justice themes being put into a creative output because we have such talented students here,’” she said.

The video contest also encourages students to see the world differently, McElroy said.

“We get people to think critically about social justice issues and have them use that critical thinking to apply it and act more generously in the world,” she said. The video contest is located in Tate Page Hall 110, is a place for students to feel comfortable, Briones said.

“‘This area is supposed to be a safe space, a place for all students, no matter what background,’” Briones said. “‘We want to create a space for all students, where we are diverse, and we can envision what we want?’

Expect to spend a little on the specialty pizzas there. Searching for cheaper or more personal options near a few interesting choices, such as the beer-battered shrimp. The fried morsels of shrimp came smothered in...
BY SAMANTHA WRIGHT
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The greenhouse behind the Envi-
ronmental Sciences and Technol-
gy building is blooming in the fresh spring weather, as the various flora and fauna begin to show their true, vibrant colors.

All flowers were planted by members of the Horticulture Club, a community organization focused toward lovers of plants and the environment.

However, Corinn Sprigler, the presi-
dent of the Horticulture Club, said the club serves more purposes than just gardening.

“It’s important to bring the people with similar interest together and to help each other grow as well as grow-
ing their plants,” she said.

The club, which meets the first Wednesday of every month, has several activities throughout the spring season. Sprigler said these help build real-life business experiences.

Poinsettias are sold in December, roses in February and the club is planning the inaugural Flower Friday this week. Starting this week, they will sell flowers and other plants every other Friday in the lobby of EST.

Sonia Lenk, Ecuadorian native and asso-
ciate professor in the Modern Languages department, said she attended the event because she takes pride in her country and also needed a few cooking tips.

“I feel really embarrassed that I don’t know someone asks me to cook authentic food, I feel really embarrassed that I don’t know how to cook my country food,” Lenk said.

Lenk and 22 other faculty and staff were given opportunity to learn Ecuadorian recipes during Holt’s presenta-
tion. During the demonstration, Holt explained that one of the ingredients—the achiote paste— doubled in Ecuador.

“I definitely think I will go home and make the achiote sauce,” Alyson Youngblood, assistant professor of English said. “It was flavorful and excellent.”

At the end of the event, Cheney reinforced to the crowd that the Interna-
tional Year of Ecuador is not over.

“There is still food to be had and cof-
tee to be drank,” she said.

For more information about the IYO program, contact Andrea ‘Addie’ Cheney, assistant di-

cor. The event was designed to bring about the IYO program "is an opportunity to share in this country’s great cuisine."

ICSR

Continued from LIFE

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A pair of butter wells is scooped and then flattened and fried to be made into Liptonga-
chos, a fried potato dish that originated in Ecuador.

LUKE FRANKE/HERALD

BG EATS

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topics of conversation in an accessible platform.

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**BASEBALL**

In the first inning Sam Higgs was outstanding and Brandon Allen was playing good also.

Ryan Church provided WKU their only other hit in the contest on a single to center field out of the first inning, which almost scored Anderson Miller from second. However, was thrown out at home plate.

Up next for the Hilltoppers is a three-game Conference USA series at Nick Denes Field this weekend against Southern Miss (17-11-1). The series is set to start Friday night at 6 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

Southern Miss will field a strong pitching staff as the Golden Eagles currently have a team ERA of 2.48—the highest mark in the league. Senior pitcher James McMahon will lead the way for Southern Miss as the righty currently is 6-0 on the season with an ERA of 1.22. "They are leading the league in pitching right now, and they are going to be very much like UNA," Coach Myers said. "Everything for them is pitching, pitching, pitching. They are beating people with their pitching staff." The Golden Eagles are coming off a conference series against the University of Alabama Birmingham in which they defeated the Blazers two games to one. UNA recently swept the Hilltoppers as WKU never scored more than five runs against the potent Blazer pitching, pitching. They are beating people with their pitching staff.

"We have been preparing for it, and we look forward to the challenge," Coach Myers said. "It's a big weekend for us because that's going to be a big series for us to continue to move up the rankings."
Thunderstorms in the area cut the Hilltopper's scrimmage against the Bowling Green Hot Rods short in the bottom of the fourth, with the Hot Rods holding a 1-0 advantage over the Hilltoppers.

Statistics did not count toward either team's season totals. Both teams used wooden bats in the exhibition along with 10-man lineups which featured two designated hitters. The Hilltoppers held the Tampa Bay Rays' Class-A affiliate hitless until Hot Rod out-fielder Bralin Jackson doubled to lead off the frame. Designated hitter face Conrad would then drive in Jackson from third base on a RBI groundout to score the matchups lone run.

"The weather is unbelievable," Head Coach Matt Myers said. "Wherever the Tops are playing, Mother Nature is bound to throw a lightning bolt, a thunder storm or some snow at us." It's unfortunate because the crowd was growing as the game was going and it turned out to be a pretty good game." Sophomore Sam Higgs provided the Hilltoppers' lone run in the bottom of the fourth.

Higgs allowed just one hit and one unearned run along with one strikeout in three complete innings. Junior outfielder Anderson Miller shined brightest for the Hilltoppers, earning a single and double in his two at bats while also adding a stolen base to the WKU effort.

"Anderson Miller showed in front of some scouts that he can hit with a wood bat, and I loved Ryan Church's approach," Myers said.

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HOT RODS SCRAMMGE Halted, Southern Miss Up Next

BY JOHN REECEER

WKU will look to rise up perusal- man within its receiving corps as it attempts to replicate the offensive success it achieved last season. After losing Willie McNeal and Joel German to graduation, redshirt senior quarter- back Brandon Doughty will have three veteran targets to look to in his final season on the Hill.

Baring seniors Jared Dangerfield, An- ton Wyant Taylor combined for 2,213 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2014. Last season, Dangerfield led the team with 825 yards and 11 touchdowns. These will be Doughty's most experienced and indeed targets in his upcoming cam- paign for a Conference USA title.

"For the most part, we are making those plays. There are a few mistakes out there, but that's part of the learning process, and these guys are learn- ing. Most of the veterans know the playbook very well, but it's about fine tun- ing," said coach JaMarcus Shephard said. "When your number is called, guys know they have to make the plays.

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