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Miami senior Nick Gilyard nestles against the curb as a car passes on Kentucky Street, the site where some men shouted a racial slur and hurled a cup of ice as they sped by in their car several weeks ago. “I watch movies about racism and I’ve read about it,” Gilyard said. “You think you have a handle on it but it makes me feel different having something like that happen to me.”

BY MICHAEL MCKAY  
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Nick Gilyard doesn’t walk by himself at night anymore. What happened to the Miami senior two weeks ago may have been classified as a hate crime, according to KRS 532.031. The state statute makes the acts of aggression against a person “intentionally because of race, color, religion, sexual orientation or national origin” a felony. Lawyers say the act seems to fit the description of a hate crime. Gilyard is still affected by it. “I walked down Kentucky Street, then through campus, so I had to walk back past where it happened,” he said. “Just like, being outside in the daylight, honestly everyone that I walked past — I just felt like things looked different, it just felt different. I feel different.

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Gilyard was walking back from his Spirit Masters meeting to his apartment on Kentucky Street to grab books to study with a friend at The Registry apartment complex. He was in black slacks, carrying his briefcase. “I was barely 1,000 feet from the Kentucky Street Apartments and a black SUV was riding past me,” he said. “And as it approached, I saw the guy roll down his window, and then from the passenger side a guy started to hang out the window,” — he hesitates before he repeats the words — “he yells ‘You stupid fucking nigger!’” Gilyard said. He dropped down to the ground out of instinct. “A cup of ice hit me and went all over the ground,” Gilyard said. “I sat there for what felt like forever.”

At this point, Gilyard was a short sprint away from his on-campus apartment building. He plastered himself to the sidewalk, and a flood of thoughts swirled through in his head during time he spent there. “Are they going to circle around? Are they going to stop and get out, like is this going to turn physical? I was also thinking like, ‘Did I do something?’” he said.

Gilyard said he’s always felt perfectly safe at WKU, but that night was different. “My heart was fluttering and I was just lying there wondering, like, ‘I hope this is as far as it goes, and I hope I’m not going to die on Kentucky Street.’”

See hate crimes page A3.
Osborne's 46 year chapter at WKU coming to an end

When John Osborne first came to WKU, he wasn't fully prepared to be a student. Osborne, vice president of Campus Services and Facilities, visited WKU as a high school senior from Louisville in the spring of 1968 with his best friend, Billy Burton. Burton was offered a scholarship to play basketball at WKU and Osborne, a basketball player also, decided to go with him. Osborne himself was not offered a scholarship, but was told by John Oldham, the basketball coach at the time, that he could try out for the team as a walk-on. But basketball wasn't the only reason why he wanted to go to WKU.

"I didn't want to get drafted," Osborne said. "Vietnam was going on in 1968 in a big way and the country was in enormous turmoil." Osborne tried out and made the freshman team, but his low grades rendered him ineligible to play.

"It was a case of I couldn't do it all," he said. "I was underprepared to be a student." Osborne said he didn't prioritize academics in high school, develop study skills or time management skills. Osborne said his roommates helped him get back on track.

"I needed a roommate who would help me manage my time and study instead of party and he was a perfect match for me," Osborne said. Osborne's athletic background would help him relate to the students and make the building run smoothly.

"When you have a common interest, that's for sure," Osborne said.

Bobby Taylor, vice president for Public Affairs, said in an email she was surprised that Osborne announced his retirement.

"It's not intentional, that's for sure," Osborne said.

Osborne, who stands at 6'3", said he wasn't fully prepared to be a student. Osborne said he wants his legacy to be that he worked with passion.

"I would like to think that people would think that John really was dedicated, loyal, hardworking and was always interested in students," he said.
Hateful crime has long been a part of the fabric of our society, but it continues to be a source of pain and suffering for many Americans. The recent incidents on the University of Kentucky campus, especially the hate crime against a student, serve as a stark reminder of the importance of understanding and addressing hate crimes. The incident that occurred on Kentucky Street is just one example of the growing prevalence of hate crimes, which are often underreported and underinvestigated. The university community is working to address these issues by providing resources and support for victims of hate crimes and by educating students about the importance of promoting diversity and inclusivity. The response from the university leadership and the broader community is a testament to the importance of standing up against hate and working together to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all. The Colorblind Generation series, which aims to encourage dialogue about race and diversity, is a valuable resource for anyone seeking to understand the impact of race and identity on modern society.

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PLUMMETING POLLS

The Student Government Association held their yearly elections last week where they elected executive staff members and student senators. SGA voter turnout for this semester was 908, down 55 votes from last year.

OUR STANCE: With SGA voter turnout at fewer than 1,000 this semester we feel students’ in-vote matters. The president and senators. SGA voter turnout for this year: they had no idea about SGA elections and there was only one candidate for president.

But in the end, the fact remains that thinking “but SGA doesn’t do anything!” is probably our best teacher regarding the effects of vaccina-tion, education and understanding persist because of lack of informa-tion. Students should want to vote for the only way to change it is to become student elected officials.

Sure, there are still some outspoken opponents to vaccinations, but the ques-tion of whether vaccines should be administered and children have become more and more apathetic to things happening outside of their bubble. Sure, there may be a number of rea-sons that people decided not to vote this year: they had no idea about SGA elections and there was only one can-didate for president.

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TWEETS FROM THE HILL

@lbluejaebird: I realllllllly wanna meet all the uloue players on campus! Where are y'all at? Let's jam! #wku

@DrakeSmith: It should be no surprise that in my 3 years at #Wku I never went to the library. Don’t remember what its called. Barely remember where it is.

@kthem: Absolutely sick. #WKU

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VOICE YOUR OPINION

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“While there are some vaccines that are not efficacious, it is easy to offer preventative medicine as vaccination.

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WKU has discovered newfound prestige through the recognition of all four nominees in the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

Three of the four nominated students received the award in order to pursue careers in math, science or engineering. The student who did not obtain the scholarship was recognized as “Honorable Mention.”

“It speaks to the university and the strides it’s made over the years,” recipient John Cliburn said, a Gatton senior from Cloverport. “It gives personal attention to every student, especially those who are pursuing research, so they can achieve what they want and secure a bright future.”

Students applying to Goldwater must be of sophomore or junior status and studying in a science, technology, engineering or math field. The program seeks students with research experience and strong academic standing.

“Students generally find Goldwater success with support from faculty mentors, most of whom have been researching together for months prior to the application process. These mentors assist students in perfecting application skills and writing recommendation letters,” Jennings said.

“The fact that all four of WKU’s nominees gained recognition in the competition speaks volumes about the opportunities available to undergraduates at WKU to engage in research and the dedication of our faculty,” Audra Jennings, director of the Office of Scholar Development, said.

Recipients get a $7,500 research stipend to go towards tuition, books, housing or travel. On top of fiscal benefits, the award makes students more competitive for internships and graduate programs.

Cliburn plans to attend Vanderbilt University in the fall and hopes to use the award to continue research with differential equations. He hopes to team up with a faculty member working with a similar model.

“The focus of Goldwater is on students who are going to actively participate and contribute to research and most students who want to get a Ph.D. and teach at the university level,” Cliburn said.

Students had to outline their research goals on the application and explain how they plan to contribute to their chosen fields. Researchers review the award, allowing students to create opportunities for graduate school.

Cliburn has been working with Lan Nguyen in the math department to study mathematical applications against antibiotic resistant bacteria. “The Goldwater Scholarship is a very prestigious award,” Jennings said. “It looks for students who are committed to pursuing research careers and have the potential to excel in research.”
Franklin, sophomore Alyssa Bush, pulls with the rest of the Chi Omega sorority Tug team at the WKU Agriculture Farm on Friday. BRIAN POWERS/HERALD

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity senior Will Vance from Glasgow recoils after SAE brothers lost their Tug match to Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. BRIAN POWERS/HERALD

Members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority cheered in the annual Tug event for Greek week Friday at the WKU Agriculture Farm. DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/HERALD

Paris sophomore K.K. Shepard hugs her Kappa Delta sisters after winning the Tug sorority title Friday at the WKU Agriculture Farm. DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/HERALD

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Greeks get dirty with annual tug-of-war

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Today, there aren't many pageants that highlight different shapes and sizes with regard to beauty, but one pageant is changing that.

Omega Psi Phi fraternity hosted the Miss Omega pageant, which is geared toward plus-sized women to show off their beauty.

The pageant was held at Downing Student Union. Doors opened at 5:30 p.m., and the pageant started at 7 p.m. Seats started to fill instantly with friends, family and loved ones supporting the 10 glamorous contestants who have been practicing for the pageant for more than two months.

In a show of solidarity, past and present contestants paid homage to former participant Cheryl Williamson, who died two years ago, by wearing shirts with "hope" on them.

Louisville senior and 2011 Miss Omega Paige Freeman said Williamson was her pageant sister and said "hope" means going against the odds and doing what others say you can't do. "Confidence is key, and having hope is essential to surviving and persevering through difficult times," WKU graduate Terrance Williams was Williamson's best friend and said "hope" means it's not about where you come from, but where you're going.

"It's straining to do better and, in doing so, having hope," Williams said.

Nashville junior Briana Wofford said she was going to be a contestant last year, but she had to quit because of work.

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She said it’s a tradition to go to all the pageants once you’ve been in it. Although Webb didn’t know the contestants personally, she’s still excited “because this is the best pageant of the year,” she said. “It’s important because on campus, full-figured girls aren’t recognized,” she said. “This is the time of the year they recognize all full-figured girls on campus.”

Webb said that working with the Omegas and practicing for the lingerie scene will help contestants break out of their shells.

“Society says if you’re a certain size you can’t fit in, but they make you fit in,” Webb said.

Out of all five scenes — business, club, talent, lingerie and formal — the most important one is the lingerie scene, host Montez Phillips said.

“The lingerie scene is not about the clothes contestants have on, but the confidence they have inside,” Phillips said.

2013 Miss Omega and this year’s coordinator, Toyonna Sweatt, took her last walk as Miss Omega. Sweatt’s cousin, Bowling Green junior Meca Clark, said she was so excited seeing her cousin last year that she had to come this year, too.

“Don’t eat wonderful ladies, and they’re beautiful,” she said. “I love their strong confidence.”

Clark said she was excited to see that the girls did different talents. She said the Hip-Hop dance and monologues were new to her, but she loved them. “Every girl came out and showed their own personality,” she said. “They might do the same thing, but each one was different in their own special way.”

Clark said she enjoyed the pageant and can’t wait for next year.

The winner of Miss Omega was Patterson, N.C., freshman Najah Shawri, also known as “Jewel from New Jersey” during the pageant.

She won a book scholarship and will coordinate next year’s pageant.

Shawri said she didn’t think she was going to win. “The pageant had its ups and downs, but it was all worth it,” she said.

Shawri said she’s definitely grown as a person after the pageant.

“As a larger female, I can be beautiful,” she said. “My advice to future contestants is that no matter what, be yourself — that’s what gives you where you need to be.”

TUG CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Agr was happy to regain the title of champion after falling in the second round last year. Cross Plains, Tenn., junior Michael Eidson has tugged for the past three years. Eidson said the team was really disappointed with the outcome last year. “We worked our butts off this year,” Eidson said. “It took a little while to get in the groove as a team, but after I feel sorry for anybody against us.”

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**WILCOX CONTINUED FROM SPORTS**

...being who’s respectful, going about his business professional and understanding accountability and responsibility. Scotty wouldn’t be the type of guy who has played in every game and played multiple positions for us if he wasn’t anything more than a rock solid person."

**RELAY CONTINUED FROM SPORTS**

The changes were going to happen overnight.

The team found success in a multi-tand event of events, shining light on some not-so-familiar faces.

Carroll Hardy has already dashed her way into WKU record books as a freshman with a time of 11.41 seconds in the 100-meter dash.

Hardy also grabbed gold in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.79 seconds, good for first in the Sun Belt, 200-meter dash with a time of 23.79 seconds, good for first in the Sun Belt.

Fellow freshman Sandra Akachukwu nabbed gold in the high jump at 5-feet-11 inches.

Akachukwu wasn’t done there, finishing second in the long jump at 20-feet-3.5 inches to lead the conference.

Junior jumpers France Makabu and Ana Camargo tied for second place in the triple jump, both posting a mark of 43-feet-3 inches.

Makabu and Camargo’s jumps were the longest in the Sun Belt this season and are tied for third in the NCAA as of Saturday.

On the men’s side, jumper Cyrus Johnson also put up a Sun Belt leading mark in the triple jump, taking gold with a leap of 50-feet-0.75 inches.

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