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State senate restores money to WKU, cuts renovations
BY SHELBY ROGERS NEWS@WKUHERALD.COM
Cash-strapped state universities are finally seeing some light at the end of a tunnel thanks to budgetary woes. Late Monday, the state Senate passed a budget proposal that would eliminate Gov. Steve Beshear's 2.5 percent budget cut. For WKU, that cut meant an imposing $1.1 million budget hole the university faces while balancing next year's budget. However, the Senate's proposal wasn't without its drawbacks. Senate leadership removed the funding for capital projects, including the $484 million needed for WKU to

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New degrees, budget planned for Board of Regents meeting
BY TONY CROSBIE NEWS@WKUHERALD.COM
Several new degrees, including a Master of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Diversity & Community Studies will be seeking approval from the Board of Regents committee meetings on Friday. The committee meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room in Mass Media and Technology Hall.

Jane Olmsted, department head of Diversity & Community Studies, said she will be the only major in the department, which already offers minors.

"We think it will appeal to students worldwide..."—Olmsted

Ransdell shakes up administrator roles
BY JOANNA WILLIAMS NEWS@WKUHERALD.COM
WKU has begun work on several new initiatives in order to save money for a budget shortfall that totals $2.1 million.

Last week it was announced that WKU will privatize Health Services, an effort that will save $1 million.

President Gary Ransdell said, "...the latest move is a change on top of the Hill where Ransdell announced Tuesday in an email that he is restructuring his administration. The news of the restructuring coincides with John Osborne's retirement in May—"...the move is a change on top of the Hill where Ransdell announced Tuesday in an email that he is restructuring his administration..."—Ransdell

Students use art to raise sexual awareness
BY KAYLA BOYD LIFE@WKUHERALD.COM
Two every and a half minutes someone is sexually assaulted somewhere in the United States.

It's a startling and daunting statistic, and it affects everyone:

"Issues like sexual assault aren't just women's issues," Lauren Cunningham, Community Engagement coordinator for the WKU ALIVE Center said. "It's everyone's issue. Men are less likely than women to be sexually assaulted and report it. But they have daughters, wives, nieces, family issues. This is every-...."—Cunningham

WKU Sexual Assault Awareness Month committee continued their tradition of offering multiple events throughout the month to raise awareness.

Tuesday night, SAAM held its second annual Love the Way You Lie. Nearly 50 people attended the event, which displayed artistic expression in the form of dance, song, poetry and public service announcements. No More, a national campaign to end sexual assault, was also incorporated.

Participant Carmen Van Leet, a senior from Nashville, wrote and performed a poem about self esteem. Her words — addressing her Afri- can American roots, gender and body image — flowed quickly and perfectly paced, coming directly from the heart.

"I wrote it three weeks ago," she said. "Well, first I wrote a lot of crap. I wrote a lot of crap. But then I was sitting in the lab and I started with a phrase and just kept writing..."—Van Leet

Van Leet believes there's a connection between sexual assault and self-esteem.

"It was just like, you don't think about it all the time," she said. "Self-esteem issues can be a result of sexual assault. It's an important part of it."

Mindi Gazy, an employee at Health Services on campus, attended the Love the Way You Lie with her daughter.

"I'm familiar with a survivor of sexual as-..."—Gazy

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WKU sees gains in areas of international reach

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WKU students would be hard pressed to get through time at WKU without hearing about the school’s “international reach.” This year, WKU has gotten closer to that mindset with an increased number of international students and students studying abroad.

Students and number on the rise

In the 2011-2012 school year, 491 students studied abroad, according to the Office of International Programs and Study Abroad and Global Learning’s 2012-2013 annual report. By the 2012-2013 school year, that number had grown to 616 — an increase of 25 percent.

Craig Cobane, chief international officer, said a big increase is due to marketing, which resulted in more than 1,000 students attending the Study Abroad Fair last fall, and making the process of studying abroad easier.

Students can now browse Study Abroad options online rather than having to go to the office and look through pamphlets.

“When you’re able to do this, you can sit in your room and you can search 4,000 different programs that WKU has partnerships with,” Cobane said. For this year, Cobane estimates the number of students abroad will be in the high 600s.

Study Abroad has also been making more scholarships available, particularly to students with the most financial need.

Cobane said he wants to “take responsibility really to find it in the students who have the most need because we want to support all students having a study abroad experience.”

There is also the Diversity Abroad Grant for minority students, which Cobane has said has two parts — one that could help traditional, ethnic minority students and two that offers aid to students who are underrepresented, such as nontraditional students or students with disabilities.

One Study Abroad program that students can choose is Harlaxton College in Grantham, England. This semester, WKU sent its 300th student to Harlaxton — Paduchap sophomore Shady Schaefer.

Schaefer said her time there has flown by, and she has been on weekend trips to London, Ireland, Scotland, Munich and The Lake District.

“On my first field trip, I was able to stand in front of the British Museum and say, ‘I have accomplished that and this will be something I will always remember,’” Schaefer said. “I have definitely realized the small differences between Grantham, England and the U.S. I miss things like American mustard, ketchup with preservatives, sinks with a single faucet and pick-up trucks.”

However, Schaefer said she likes that there’s a coffee tea shop every corner in England, and she likes walking everywhere. As far as her school, she said her British studies class occurs for half of her workload, but the class goes on field trips, which she said makes things more exciting.

“This course in America would be completely different,” Schaefer said. “When we have discussions about the way certain cultures rear or educate their children, someone in our class has usually taken a weekend trip to the place we are discussing and has a first-hand account to share as an example.”

“Bring the world to the students”

Cobane said the Office of International Programs had even more important than Study Abroad because it helps students at WKU, even those who never leave the county.

“If we’re truly going to internationalize the experience here at WKU, we have to do it on campus,” he said. “We’ve got to bring the world to the students.”

In the fall of 2011, there were 679 students from foreign countries at WKU, according to WKU’s fact book. In the fall of 2012, that number was 766.

Stephanie Sieggreen, the director of the International Programs Office, attributes this to increased recruitment of international students.

But despite the growing numbers of international and Study Abroad students, the budget hasn’t grown overall. In the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010, the budgets for these offices were under the category “International Office” and the total budget was $1,317,674. For this fiscal year, these offices are under a category on the budget labeled “International Programs” and the total allocated is $1,374,275.

Cobane said Study Abroad’s budget specifically has gotten a little more money, but no one’s budgets are increasing by a lot right now.

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A rising voice in the world of gay rappers

BY TANNER COLE
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In a genre infamous for its struggles with homosexuality, Le1f is a beacon of fresh air equipped with an arsenal of filthy beats and overtly sexual lyrics. Gay rappers are few and far between. In 2013, Le1f exploded for charts with his single, “Rape God,” which featured homopho- bic slurs throughout. Arguably the big- gest voice in hip-hop for LGBT rights is Macklemore, a straight, white male. Le1f is taking on the world of queer music and not backing down. He has been called a “reality star” who really wants to cuddle. Le1f raps in his hit single “Wut” (in the flow of his voice and energy). A contributing factor to any difficulty one may have in discovering Le1f’s lyrics is his lack of a comparable style. He is not conventionally East-coast, nor is his flow similar to any big-name contemporaries. “Hey” doesn’t revolutionize anything, and yet Le1f’s voice is on it’s heels and representative of a new age for hip hop. Rappers like Cakes da Killa have been pushing sexual orientation boundaries against all odds with mainstream acceptance. Fortunately, Le1f is showing all the signs of becoming a major force. He is receiving good reviews from critics and significant attention. All that full-length followup could make Le1f an icon for the gay community within the rap world.

One near future. Le1f’s delivery is low- pitched and extremely quick. New listeners may have some difficulty un- derstanding his lines at first, but his unashamed message shines through regardless.

A few reasons to watch ‘Game of Thrones’

BY RYAN PAIT
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HBO’s smashing fantasy epic “Game of Thrones” is back for a fourth se- ries. Here are some reasons why you should be watching.

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Bowling Green senior Tiffany Quiles has always been in love with animals. She currently owns 12 pets, most of which are reptiles. Her menagerie is currently confined to her bedroom, but Quiles plans to open a reptile learning center and animal rescue center for both exotic and domestic animals after graduating college. “Reptiles are so misunderstood,” she said. “They’re just different, you know?”

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TOP: Tiffany Quiles poses for a portrait with her snake, King Bubba Camou. Quiles received the snake on her 16th birthday. Since then, she has acquired multiple reptiles.

MIDDLE LEFT: James Berry, Quiles’ boyfriend, holds the newest addition to their collection, Dante. The red tail boa was given to Quiles by her mother nearly two weeks ago.

BOTTOM LEFT: Quiles feeds her candy corn snake, Apophis, who was named after a Greek god. The snake is a year old and could grow to be up to 6 feet in length.

LEFT: Camou, a Ball Python, moves around in his cage during feeding time on Tuesday. Quiles received Camou as a birthday gift eight years ago.
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Like Little, senior Carolina Barboza from Uruguay at WKU, which she came together. “I’m fortunate from being a country that every-” Barboza said. “I’ve had that experience before of not confine yourself to a corner of a map. The whole world is your native land.”

Little practiced what he preached, traveling hundreds of miles from his home in Melbourne, Australia in order to swim and study on the Hill. Coming to WKU for college was not that diffi- cult of a transition for Little because he was used to moving around to different places. He lived in Hong Kong for three years while it was still a British colony and also traveled to many places for swimming.

“T’ve had that experience before of being the only one. Little said. “Here, it was a lot easier. Surprising as it may sound to some people, we do speak the same language, Americans and Ameri- cans.”

Students across the world assimilate to life away from home — which isn’t a bad thing — but it would be nice to be able to stay and work here. “I’m used to adapting,” Barboza said. Little said that he was surprised at the number of churches here and he also had to get used to American slang and driving on the right side of the road.

While Americans and Australians speak the same language, colloquial differences did lead Little to a few memorable misunderstandings. Little told a story of how his friend was talking about “spitting game” with a girl he had met. “I’m like I’m not spitting on any- body. I don’t want to do that,” he said.

Little also had to learn the differ- ence between American’ s and Austra- lian’ s defi nitions of the words “thong” and “rubber.”

Like Little, senior Carolina Barboza from Urugua- y and sophomore Aliaksei Taranda from Belar- us have met great friends and have experienced that movie come to life. It’s more than rehearsal, casting, etc. I’m seeing that move come to life. It’s real people out there.”

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“It started out as a collection of random people,” Weinzaepfel said. “Seeing the ensemble.”

“In My Skin is a weekly fea- ture series that looks to tell the stories of diverse stu- dents across the world. Senior Carolina Barboza is a student from Uruguay at WKU, which she came together. “I’m just a poor kid from rural Kentucky,” Dodds said. “And wherever I went, wherever I went, there was never what I wanted to do with my life. I didn’t have a dream, I didn’t have a plan, I didn’t have a mission, what I wanted to do was be more, and to pursue a life like George Clooney’s.” And thanks to his guidance and his advice, and ex-Coffey. After meeting his mas- ter’s degree at WKU, he earned his doctorate at Virginia Tech, where he later accompanied him on two trips. “The class was more or less informa- tive, but the way he taught it,” Dodds said.

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"I fell in love with the script. It's moving, powerful and such an ensemble piece."
For Loup Langton, travel is about being open to possibilities. Langton, the director of WKU’s School of Journalism & Broadcasting, plans to give a presentation about those possibilities tonight as a continuation of the WKU Libraries’ Far Away Places series.

“The theme is to have an open mind and an adventurous spirit about life in general, and particularly when traveling and going to other cultures,” Langton said. “By having an open mind and adventurous spirit, it really does open some doors.”

Langton plans to give his talk at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble. His talk about what he has learned from his travels is free and open to both students and members of the community.

Brian Coutts, head of the WKU Libraries, said that Langton brings something unique to the series. “He’s a rare combination of a person who is not only an academic, but a person who has all this great life experience as a professional photographer abroad,” Coutts said.

Some of the locations Langton has visited include Egypt, Haiti and Ecuador. His experiences in Ecuador are particularly timely as WKU prepares to launch its year of Ecuador in fall 2014. For that, Coutts said WKU plans to showcase a country each year by featuring speakers and other events related to the culture and history of that country.

The Far Away Places series has featured more than 80 talks on a wide range of topics from melting glaciers in Chile to boy Buddhist monks in Sri Lanka. Coutts said the WKU Libraries’ decisions about the series are influenced by their audience: students, faculty and members of the community. “We try to put on programs that have broad appeal, that people might not hear,” Coutts said. “We go into a little more depth than you might hear on a travel show on the television.”

In Ecuador, Langton worked with his friend Pablo to put together a book featuring photographs of life in the South American country. The project was an international effort and required Langton and his colleagues to sort through around 70,000 photo submissions in a week. Langton said the experience goes back to keeping an open mind and sense of adventure. “We had no experience in putting a project like that together,” Langton said. “The book was really well received. As we thought back on it, it was really kind of funny because we were naïve and a little bit stupid but it worked.”

At the time Photoshop didn’t exist, so photos with technical problems like over-exposure were automatically eliminated. After eliminating these submissions, Langton and the other editors looked at how well photos were composed, interesting moments captured and the use of light. Langton estimates that only 100 submissions made the final cut.

Langton recognizes that there are many ways to appreciate travel and connect with other cultures, especially through the internet. He enjoys using Skype to keep up with his friends overseas. “I don’t think many people live in isolation anymore,” he said. “I see on this campus, actually, a lot of initiative and excitement for international travel.”
The WKU Track and Field team has entered their 2014 outdoor campaigns with nine individual wins at the Southeast Missouri State University Edwardsville Classic. Head coach Erik Jenkins enters his seventh outdoor campaign coming off of his 2013 Women’s Indoor Track and Field Couch of the Year for his university. This is his 12th year as Coach of theKu yerleşik ve dörtayım nın run victory with a time of 1:56.56. Chalmers, Elyonny Bailey, Karli Byars and Deondre Staggard grabbed top honors at the meet.女人。“This is the single most difficult position to develop into top end conference or national athletes. I am still working hard to perfect it and innovate it.”

“We had a couple receivers that proved up to this point, so we have to keep improving at that position. We're going to have to find players on offense that will do what they did last year and that's to get open and score,” Brohm said. "We’re going to have to find players to fill the void left by the departure of key players. However, Brohm said the Toppers need to find players to fill the void left by the departure of key players.

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In addition to 15 high school signees, WKU added nine junior college transfers as mid-year pickups last season. According to Brohm, junior receivers were one of the key pieces of its new coach. On Tuesday, Brohm looked and sounded like he’s ready for the challenge.

BASKETBALL
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“We won 20 games, we finished second in the league and you lose your starting center (Aleksejs Rostov) and your point guard (Thomas),” Jenkins said. "At the end of the day, I believe in this university...I believe in this program...I believe in this administration...I believe in this community...I believe in this university." The guy we hope will turn the corner, he set season records in passing yards (2,857), completions (29) and single-game passing yards (357) in his first full season as a starter. Senior quarterback Brandon Dougherty, who received All American honors last season, but according to Brohm, the Toppers need to find players on offense.

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Both teams are back in action next weekend as WKU hosts its annual indoor meeting, the Vanderbilt Black and Gold Invitational at the Vanderbilt Track and Field Complex.

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It might not feel like spring outside just yet, but that didn’t prevent the WKU football team from hitting the field at Smith Stadium Tuesday for the first day of spring practice, practice Harper believes the program is headed in the right direction.

New Toppers put first spring practice in the books

By Kyle Williams sports@WKUHerald.com

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