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LET'S DANCE
Lady Toppers win first Sun Belt conference title since 2008, earn NCAA tournament berth

The Lady Toppers celebrate after their 61-60 victory against Arkansas State in the championship game of the Sun Belt Conference Championship. The Lady Toppers secured a place in the NCAA tournament with the win. They will play No. 5 Baylor Saturday at 5:30 p.m. CT in Waco, Texas.

Students could lose $76M in KEES with state budget cut

BY SHLEY ROGERS
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Students receiving Kentucky state financial aid could receive less money over the next two years with the proposed state budget.

Since 2009, state financial aid programs have lost $105 million from diverted lottery proceeds, and might take an additional $7 million hit over the next two years under Gov. Steve Beshear’s current budget proposal.

WKU students currently receiving need-based aid will experience more competition for the funding and less money, according to a new study from the Kentucky Center for EyEWITNESS NEWS@WKUHERALD.COM

Einstein to have overnight hours

BY TREV CRUMBIE
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Students with the late night munchies will be happy to know that they’ll have a place to eat on campus for the next two weeks.

Einstein Bros Bagels will have a soft opening from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays through Thursday, in addition to its normal hours.

Steve Hoyng, resident district manager for Einstein Bros., said the decision was made due to feedback from students.

“They’ve asked for something to be open and the Mass Media building is conducive due to the fact it has a 24-hour study hall, so that’s why we picked Einstein’s,” Hoyng said.

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'HIPSTER HILBILLY'
Alum finds work, pleasure in promoting good art

BY MACKENZIE PIRTLE
LIFE@WKUHERALD.COM

Sitting in her living room, Mary Sparr is surrounded by memorabilia. Scattered records, left over tour merch, a mannequin clad with backstage passes ranging from Adele to Bowl-A-Ram’s Stewie Nights, a Maker’s Mark certificate dedicating a barrel of the Kentucky bourbon “to Young Mary’s Record.”

These pieces from days gone by aren’t just eclectic home decor, they’re proof of an already budding career for the 2009 WKU graduate. Her success, however, hasn’t just happened. While on the Hill, Sparr had a sitting of switched majors—six in all—before combining her many interests and creating an ideal career.

“I was a PR major for a period of time, I was a philosophy major at one point,” the Liberty native said. “The one thing I had consistently moved forward in was my English classes, while I’d dabbed in all those other things because I was interested in them.”

Sparr, who spends her time running a high-traffic blog, promoting local artists, touring the country with Mary Sport, a 2009 WKU graduate, runs the blog “Young Mary’s Record.” From travel to hoboes to movies to music, Sparr said her aim is to “write about the best stuff I know about at the time.”

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SGA supports proposal to take campus LGBT pride survey

BY JACKSON FRITZ

A Student Government Association proposal to take the Campus Pride Inde-
X (CPI) survey at WKU was presented to SGA at their weekly meeting on Monday.

Seay said the Administrative Council is looking at the survey, and if they pro-
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CAMP COUNSELORS - Assists with Summer Camp, leads group activities, supervises counselors with special needs, children, teens, and adults. Must be knowledgeable in recreation/sports activities; may require CPR & First Aid Certification. 40 hours per week; May thru August; weekend work may be required. Age 17+. $7.50/hr.

Interested applicants should obtain an employment application and additional information from the Human Resources Department in City Hall, 1001 College Street, or from our website at www.bgky.org.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Cut entertainment spending, and wait a bit longer on a planned purchase. Consider an interesting suggestion. You'll be in the middle of the action. Listen with fascination. Romance is kindled. A lovely moment presents itself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- You can choose your way through a maze. Discover the boundaries and limitations. Get help from friends with connections or special talents. Push forward. Hold your temper. There's a lovely prize at the end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Plan for the long haul, but take action immediately. You need a partner, friends, or a place to express your emotions. Flirt, and play tricks. There may be hidden costs, so you can play here if you want. Get into studies that develop new understandings. Dally around with an idea.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- With a proposal, without committing yet. Drive someone in with your candor. There may be hidden costs, so you can play here if you want. Get into studies that develop new understandings. Dally around with an idea.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) -- Let others know what you want. If it includes including committing authority. Friends are there for you. Let your partner negotiate on your behalf. Love sets free. Share your appreciation in secret notes. Send treats. Make lists.
Jeremy Kees, who is currently an assistant professor of marketing at Villanova University, was named one of “the 40 Most Outstanding Under 40 In the World” according to Poets and Quants. Kees played basketball collegiately while earning his doctorate at Villanova University, was named one of “the 40 Most Outstanding Under 40 In the World” according to Poets and Quants. Kees started his research in 2004 and as a graduate student. Kees said he acknowledges that Kees obtained his master’s degree in business management from WKU in 2001. Kees said it has been great accomplishing so much at a young age and credits much of his success to those who have helped him lead a humble and honest lifestyle. Kees said he is just as dependable as ever.” Everybody thinks very highly of him. McCoy said he couldn’t ask for a more supportive group of people, and he is focusing on the positive. “This place really is one big family, and they really went beyond my expectations,” he said. “We aren’t in need of anything right now, that’s what happened and figure out what to do.” Younglove said. “It has shown that it isn’t just a place to work or go to school, it is a family.”

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The Lady Topper road to the NCAA Tournament hasn't been easy, and it's not slated to get any easier. No. 15 seed WKU (24-8) will travel to Waco, Texas, and face No. 2 Baylor Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the first round of the Women's NCAA Tournament.

Saturday's tournament meeting will be the first time WKU and Baylor have faced each other on the hardwood.

"We're really excited," redshirt freshman guard Kendall Noble said at the team's selection show party Monday night. "Baylor is a great team. They're tough competition. We're probably going to learn a lot from them. If we can win, that will be even better." 

No. 5 Baylor (29-4, 16-2 Big 12 Conference) defeated No. 5 West Virginia 74-71 to claim the Women's Big 12 championship. The Lady Bears defeated Notre Dame in 2012 to claim its second national championship in school history, capping a perfect season with a 40-0 record.

The Lady Topper defense will have their hands full with an offense that averages 80 points per game, who is tied for fourth in the nation with White State. Senior guard Odyssey Sims leads the Lady Bears offensively as the nation's second best scorer, averaging 28.4 points per game.

Baylor will be without its leader on the sideline, head coach Kim Mulkey. The coach, who has spent 13 seasons at Baylor, will not be allowed to lead the team in the first-round game because of comments against Louisville she made in last year's NCAA competition.

"I'm going to watch on TV," Mulkey told ESPN's Kevin Negandhi during the selection show. "We're going to prepare them. I have a tremendous coaching staff. As hard waiting the whole time," sophomore guard Micah Jones said. "It was nervous the whole time holding Kendall's hand," sophomore guard Micah Jones said. "It was hard waiting the whole time."

The Lady Toppers' opponent wasn't announced until 30 minutes into the selection show only building more suspense.

"We're going to give our best effort. No matter who we play, we'll have a game plan, and we'll be ready to compete," Clark-Heard said Sunday when the team arrived back in Bowling Green on Sunday, that it didn't matter who WKU would play, they have to make the most of a chance to play in the NCAA tournament.

"We get here. Now what are we going to do about it." Means said. "We're just really excited, and we're going to give our best effort. No matter who we play, no matter what seed we have, it's just going to be a fun time."

The Lady Toppers road though the Sun Belt Tournament

Quarterfinals

WKU 67 LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 61

Sophomore guard Micael Jones drilled a pair of free throws with 6.6 seconds left to tie the game.

"It's been our goal all season," Jones said. "We talk about it. Getting to this championship game and we get here and we have a chance to win. For our seniors, it just that much more. Want to win."
Clark-Heard leads her alma mater to the top

It's official - Lady Topper basketball is back.

The WKU women's basketball program under Coach Michelle Clark-Heard secured a place in the NCAA tournament with their win. The Lady Toppers secured a place in the NCAA Tournament with their win.

Clark-Heard has praised her team's development since she was announced as the interim athletic director on March 12, 2012, replaced former director Ross Bjork.

"We have all the things we need for us to be successful," she said. "I think the things I'd tell a young player to talk to Coach Clark-Heard on the court in Lakefront Arena in New Orleans since the championship was WKU's to claim.

"I think that's how proud I was of her and how I appreciate it that she stands for what her leadership and what she represents our program." Stewart said. "She kept thanking me for the opportunity to be the head coach.

"We have always joked about that bond and we talked that the day of the championship was March 15, the day before the year and in one year on December 22-11 second. That accomplishment earned her the Sun Belt Coach of the Year award as the Lady Toppers were the first team in Sun Belt history to win 20 games in a season following a nine-win season in the year before the year.

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"I think the big thing is Coach Clark-Heard has always been a basketball junky," Sanderford said. "She has had that passion for the sport at a young age and that's a little bit of both, and takes the opportunity to be the head coach.

"The WKU women's basketball program under Coach Michelle Clark-Heard has made a historic turnaround for the program and that didn't come without hesitation.

"I think they all see that," Sanderford said. "Michelle has always been a basketball junky, and there are all things I'll sell."

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tionary defines the term "clutch" as one's ability to perform well in a critical or important situation of a sports competition — but on Saturday night, the definition was more than just for show.

Govan embraces role

Junior guard Alexis Govan was a crucial part of WKU's game-plan since her injury took her out of the lineup.

"She now has earned her coaching scholarship," senior guard Bianca McGee said. "She's handled her injury very well. I don't know if I could have handled it that well because I love this game of basketball so much. She's been phenomenal and it means a lot to us," McGee said. "She's handled her injury very well. I'm talking with the staff and we're trying to help her. My heart goes out to her and I'm hoping she'll be 100 percent soon."

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"It's been a phenomenal year for us. It's been a great season and it's been a great way to finish. It just didn't go right for us," Fant said, adding, "But for now, there are no magic tricks. We'll have to wait several months to see what the magic looks like.

BASKETBALL

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**NO LUCK in NOLA**

By Byler Lashbrook

WKU senior Caden Dickerson reaches after his last game as a Hilltopper– a 72-73 loss to the University of Louisiana Lafayette in the semifinal round of the Sun Belt Tournament on Saturday at Lakefront Arena in New Orleans. Mike Clarke/WKU Herald

**BASEBALL**

**Toppers gear up for Kentucky showdown**

By Billy Rutledge

WKU baseball got the start it wanted for conference play with a series victory over Georgia State this weekend.

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