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“This is our first show at Rockey’s. This is monumental,” Matt Shultz, lead singer of Cage the Elephant, said into the microphone. “We’re all ready for a rock ‘n’ roll show.”

Matt Shultz (left), Matthew Shultz (center) and Brad Shultz (right) perform with their band Cage the Elephant at Rocky’s Bar Thursday. An estimated 350 fans flooded the bar to watch the band play its set. MIKE CLARK/HERALD

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**Correction**

Due to a Herald error, Greg Nord was incorrectly identified as offensive coordinator in a photo in an article about football coaches on page B4 of the Jan. 30, 2014 issue. The man identified as the offensive coordinator is Tyson Helton. Greg Nord is the running backs coach.

Last Thursday, the Herald ran a graphic stating three cars were keyed last semester. Three cars were keyed last December. The Herald regrets the error.

The College Heights Herald corrects all confirmed errors that are brought to reporters' or editors' attention.

**DEAN CONTINUED FROM FRONT**

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Gaiko is presently the associate vice president for Planning and Program Development in the Office of Academic Affairs at WKU. In her "Deanship Leadership Philosophy," Gaiko said the dean's job is to assist in the formation of successful students.

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"It's been neat to have articles pop up saying, 'You're not the only one—other people have these problems,'" Jones said. "And they're not just getting by, they're thinking, too. That's neat because there's a support system like that."

"Different, but for that person who might have some reservations, it's worth looking into and giving a shot," Jones said. To find out more about Queerability and how to get involved, visit facebook.com/queerability and queerability.tumblr.com.
Imagewest eager to start semester with new director

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Imagewest, WKU’s student-staffed public relations and advertising agency has picked up the spring semester with its new director, Jennifer Tongue.

Tongue, a Bowling Green senior, recently accepted an offer at Imagewest, said Warnenfeltz’s perspective is refreshing.

"She comes in at an outsider’s perspective and she didn’t have to have the team point out these some massive events that happened this past summer with George Zimmerman being acquitted and Mike Brown being shot and court striking down part of the Voting Rights Act," Simmons said.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Disappointed in Thursday's photo

I write to express my disappointment in the Herald's choice of photograph for the Jan. 30, 2014 cover story titled "Fight or Flight." The photograph was taken in 2008 during an incident on WKU's campus that was blown out of proportion. The image appeared on the cover of the Herald at that time and evoked much criticism from the university community. The incident, which involved a student who was being forcibly subdued with a gun to her head, expired days before the publication of the image. Her family also was furious. It is important to consider how you would respond if you saw your daughter pinned to the ground in such a manner.

In addition to the personal trauma experienced by those most closely involved, the image reinforced the idea that the presence of any gun on campus required a response. Choosing to use this image once again smacks of sensationalism. The case should have been handled as a one-time event. Thereafter, such discrimination was a much more serious offense than the acts committed on campus.

Ironically, some of those opposed to passing the ordinance argued that a fairness ordinance protecting the LGBT community is unfair to heterosexuals. We believe this claim is completely absurd. Passing an ordinance like the one in question means that everyone will be treated fairly in the town of Bowling Green. This would make it illegal to discriminate against someone because they no longer felt safe, let alone examine the reasons why.

To us, being fired simply for who you are and who you are attracted to is a much more serious offense than passing an ordinance that prevents such discrimination.

This editorial represents the major- ity of the Herald's 8-member editorial board.

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PREVIOUS CROSSWORD SOLUTION

RESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

Job Description and Qualifications
Western Kentucky University’s Center for Gifted Studies will employ 14-16 individuals to serve as residential counselors for the two-week Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students (June 24-June 28) and the three-week Summer Program for Vehally and Mathematically Gifted Youngsters (June 25-July 12). Each counselor will have primary responsibility for supervising the conduct and activities of 12-16 residential students when these students are not in class. In addition, the counselor staff will be responsible for planning, implementing, and supervising individual and group recreational activities for SAGAT and VAMPY students in the evenings and on weekends. The residential counselor staff will work under the direct supervision of Dr. Julia Roberts, Director of The Center for Gifted Studies, and Mrs. Carolyn Haggeman, Coordinator of Summer Programming.

Because the residential counselors must work closely with gifted young people, we are expected to serve as positive adult role models for these students, individuals selected for these positions must:
1. Have completed at least one year of college and be enrolled as a college student or have a college degree,
2. Have demonstrated a high level of academic performance,
3. Be of high moral character,
4. Have had successful experience working with young people, and
5. Have recreational interests/skills which can be shared with young people.

Once selected, the individual is responsible for submitting a criminal background check.

Residential Counselors will live in the residence hall with the camp program students and will work seven days a week. The salary is $330 per week plus room and meals.

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to Dr. Julia Roberts at The Center for Gifted Studies or by email at gifted@wku.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2014
Matt Shultz (left) sings with his band Cage the Elephant at Rocky’s Bar last Thursday. The show — the band’s first at Rocky’s — would be Cage the Elephant’s last performance in the United States before they kick off their European tour.

TOP RIGHT ABOVE: Throngs of spectators hoist Wes Sandlin into the air during Cage the Elephant’s performance. Rocky’s required security personnel to maintain order near the stage.

TOP LEFT ABOVE: Laser lights paint Rocky’s interior with streams of green, blue and pink as fog-encircled guitarist Nick Bockrath. The musician often provided backup vocals during Cage the Elephant’s performance.

LEFT: Disco balls bathe lead singer Matt Shultz in fractal spotlights as he sings to fans.
The Wu Force
performs tonight at Van Meter

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The Wu Force performs tonight at Van Meter Hall.

The Wu-Force is a Chinese/Folk music band from China, performing tonight at Van Meter Hall. They blend Chinese and Western elements to create a unique musical experience.

On Saturday, February 8th, The Wu-Force will perform at Van Meter Hall, located in the Mass Media and Technology Building. The performance starts at 6:30 pm, and admission is free for all.

The Wu-Force consists of three members: Li Weijia (guitarist), a native of Beijing; Wei Fengyue (drummer), originally from Jiangsu Province; and Wu Fei (vocalist and guitarist), who was born in Beijing.

The band formed in 2009, combining traditional Chinese instruments with modern rock and folk elements. Their music is characterized by its harmonious blend of traditional and contemporary sounds, making it suitable for both Chinese and international audiences.

Their repertoire includes a mix of traditional Chinese melodies and modern rock arrangements, creating a unique musical style that resonates with both traditionalists and modern listeners. The Wu-Force has performed at various festivals and venues, earning them a dedicated fan base.

The Wu-Force is one of several bands featured in WKU's Cultural Enhancement Series, which aims to bring diverse musical acts to the campus. This series also features performances by other international acts, such as the Appalachian Folk Group and the Chinese opera troupe from China.

For more information about the Wu-Force or other events in WKU's Cultural Enhancement Series, visit the WKU Herald's website or contact the campus event coordinator.

Students celebrate Vietnamese New Year with food and music

BY ANNA ROEDERER
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Do says that he misses the lucky money the most of all of the traditions associated with Tet.

Tân Niên
The New Year

Performers glide through a traditional Vietnamese dance during the Vietnamese Student Association's celebration of Tet, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year.

Students participate in various activities to celebrate Tet, including traditional dances and music. This year's celebration featured a range of cultural performances, including a traditional Vietnamese dance.

Vietnamese Lunar New Year, also known as Tet, is a significant traditional festival in Vietnam. It is a time of family gatherings, feasting, and honoring ancestors. The celebration includes the exchange of red envelopes containing lucky money, which is considered a symbol of prosperity.

In the context of the celebration, students enjoy various foods and drinks, such as bánh trung thu (mooncakes), bánh chung (sticky rice cake), and bánh bei (grilled fish cake). These dishes are associated with Tet and symbolize good fortune and longevity.

In addition to the food, the music and dance performances add to the festive atmosphere. Many students, including those from Vietnam, share their cultural traditions with others, fostering a sense of community and understanding.

The event is organized by the Vietnamese Student Association, which aims to promote Vietnamese culture and traditions among WKU students. The organization also collaborates with other cultural groups on campus to create a diverse and inclusive environment.

For more information about the Vietnamese Student Association or other cultural events on campus, visit the WKU Herald's website or contact the campus event coordinator.

Forum advocates lobbying for fairness ordinance

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The lighting of the first firework is a symbolic act that signifies the renewal and optimism associated with the New Year. It is a moment of joy and anticipation, as people look forward to the fresh opportunities and possibilities that the new year brings.

The act of lighting the first firework is considered a symbol of clearance, clearing away the past and embracing the future. It is a way to channel positive energy and set intentions for the coming year.

The event was well attended, with many people coming together to celebrate the New Year. Attendees enjoyed the festivities, which included music, food, and socializing.

For more information about the New Year event or other community gatherings, visit the WKU Herald's website or contact the campus event coordinator.

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It is currently illegal to fire someone for being or being perceived to be in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in Bowling Green. It is also legal to deny someone service to LGBT community members.

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The Fairness Ordinance is a bill that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in Bowling Green. The ordinance would protect individuals from being fired, denied housing, or denied service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Ordinance is a response to widespread discrimination against the LGBT community in Bowling Green. It aims to create a more inclusive community by promoting equality and fairness for all.

Community members have been advocating for the Fairness Ordinance through various events and meetings. The Forum advocates were one of the groups that organized a meeting to discuss the ordinance and gather support.

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Speach team wins first place at National Qualifying Tournament

BY SHELBY ROGERS

The WKU Forensics team frequently wins big, and the group began its season in less fashion. In the two weekends since university classes began, the team swept competitions hosted by Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Jace Lux, director of WKU forensics, said despite a long season break, the team showed it was ready to go in upcoming tournaments.

"It’s always a little rough to shake the dust off after such a long break, but they’ve done a really good job of getting back into the swing of things quickly," Lux said.

WKU’s performance at EMU comes after a similar sweepstakes showing at the American Forensic Association Division Six National Qualifying Tournament the weekend before. Individual members also did exceptionally well at the EMU tournament. All team members advanced to the tournament’s final round.

In addition to winning big in the rounds, WKU also gained one of the best high school competitors in the nation.

Lily Nellans, a 17-year-old senior from Owensboro High School in Daviess, Ky., broke National Forensics League (NFL) records as the highest point holder in league history. She also earned one of nine spots on the NFL’s National Qualifying Tournament team for breaking news and updates on any feelings of homesickness that might be present due to being so far from home during this important time of year.

"It is good for us because we are 12,000 miles away from home, and it brings back a lot of memories," Ha said.

Student Union Trang, VSA president, also acknowledged that this can be a difficult time for Vietnamese students who are so far away from their families.

"It is really fun being away from the family," said Ha. "It’s good to spend time with people from the same culture, but it is the best we can do here," Trang said.

Although Ha participated in the different competitions at the event, he was not a fan of the one which involved drawing numbers to determine how much lemon and sugar the different performers would have to drink.

"It was terrible," Ha said, "Too much sugar. I almost vomited because his Vietnamese roommate invited him. Although his roommate later gave him back home to Vietnam, Reeves returned this year for Tet.

"It’s good to spend time with people and show that we value their culture," Reeves said. "It is always better to experience new things in different competitions at the event."

Reeves was supportive of VSA’s celebration of the New Year.

"It is good for us to have these types of events for students who are away from their families, he said."
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Lady Toppers keying on defense moving forward

By Kyle Williams
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With only nine games remaining on the schedule before conference tournament time, the Lady Toppers (14-6, 6-3 Sun Belt Conference) need to maintain their nice. This past Saturday, their defense failed, resulting in a 72-63 loss against Texas State.

The Lady Toppers will have to raise their defensive intensity to grab a win at the Sun Belt's top-ranked Arkansas State (13-7, 7-2 Sun Belt) Wednesday, a team that already has their conference winning streak intact.

Before Saturday's game, the Lady Toppers' last loss came against the Red Wolves at home Jan. 18 in a 67-64 decision.

"Our offense can't dictate their defense," Heard said. "It has to be the other way around and that's what we're going to go back and go to work on." WKU needs to improve in order to compliment the offense.

"Our defense can't dictate our offense," Heard said. "It will say it one more time and again. It has to be the other way around, and that's what we need to do and we couldn't get stops which counted. That's what we have to go back and evaluate...we're going to take it to Texas State on Saturday that's going to be the primary focus for WKU moving forward."

"Defense," Heard said. "If we can get our defense to go back and evaluate...we're going to get into rhythm."

WKU begins its second two-game road trip in four weeks Wednesday in a battle against Arkansas State. With the Red Wolves at the top of the league standings, WKU is currently sitting in 11th at 10-13-3 in the Sun Belt Conference second place.

Arkansas State is averaging 81.5 points per game while giving up just 66 in conference play, which is good for a 24-4 record in conference play. That loss seems further away as it was nearly a month ago.  Still, with Georgia State being the area of most lopsided wins by, only that it's taking much better place now than it was nearly a month ago. Still, with Georgia State winning 12-straight, it will be tough for the Toppers to keep pace.

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Lady Toppers might do it.
ing cast can pick up some of her slack, they just need to keep leaning on their all-Sun Belt forward, Gooch.

Bianca McGee has the ability to make up for some of the production that was lost with Govan's return.

Jones, the only Lady Topper other than Gooch to have scored 12 or more points, has been on a hot streak recently — she had a pair of 19- and 20-point games a week ago in Louisiana and led the team in rebounds twice in that span.

She's a senior now, so you know he's going to step up.

Akamune was again aggressive in the season since the 2009-10 season, has won five straight and is on a roll.

The Toppers have won five straight for the first time since 2009-10.

The stat sheet, however, doesn't tell the whole story. Akamune missed the first 14 games of O'Karo Akamune's senior season with a torn ACL against the season.

Even if you think we had O tonight, I don't think we would have been in a position where we were in a position we were at the end of the game.

They were because we were too aggressive. They were not because he was not alert and reacting slowly. They were because he was too aggressive.