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Regents tackle Brohm contract and budget cuts in Fri. meeting

BY SHELBY ROGERS NEWS@WKUHERALD.COM

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Ordinance allows purchase of alcohol on Sunday

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day through Saturday, one day isn't going to make a difference," he said. "Bottom line if you're mature enough, you can handle it." Michael Flager, regional manager of Shenanigan's Wine & Spirits, said he's enjoyed working on Sundays. "Of course with our business, anytime you're able to sell is a positive thing," he said. "Especially Sundays during football season." Though the ordinance is only in its first months of operation, Flager believes that there will be a sales increase. "It's kind of hard to tell so far because we've only been open a month and a half yet," he said. "I think any time we're open we're going to have sales increase — it's definitely not going to hurt. However, money isn't the only benefit. It helps public safety as well as our sales," he said. "People can come to the liquor store and get their alcohol and go to their house to drink with their friends, as opposed to having to go to a bar somewhere and then possibly risking driving drunk." Fritz Games, campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship, said he tries not to find himself in stores on a Sunday, but believes, as a Christian, that everyone deserves a day off. "I have better things to do on Sundays, like worship with other believers, work of service and mercy, share meals, rest, or be out in creation. But, if I do find myself in the store on Sunday for said meal, it would be great to know that I could order good decision making and being accountable for what you decide to do," he said.

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"The people who are going to have a drink are going to have a drink whether or not they pick it up Saturday night or Sunday morning," he said. Osoello added that, whatever the outcome, the justice department will continue to enforce the law. "I am just going to continue it like we do and promote good decision making and being accountable for what you decide to do," he said.
BY AARON MUDD

WKU offers scholarships at study abroad fair

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$12,000 per student

President Gary Ransdell called the quoted study “flawed,” only taking into consideration certain aspects of student spending.

Todd Stewart, WKU athletics director, said the football coaching staff payroll remains $1.65 million, the same amount in the previous year.

“75 percent of programs in the country have an athletic budget greater than $50 million,” Stewart said. In relation to our peers, the people we compete with on a daily basis, we are way below our peers, the people we compete with in our country. I see more advisees who are interested in going to Morocco, Jordan and other countries in the Middle East to study Arabic,” Hale said.

Hale said English is the number one international language, and more opportunities are becoming available for students who only speak English.

“Students that are awarded the scholarship in their first year will be ex-ill to WKU,” Russell said when the building is completed.

“Tuniversity iden4ifies at-risk students. Russell said this was done to preserve a unique to WKU. As an example, Russell said the enrollment office would have more finalized numbers by February.

“Students who attend the fair can re-ill the entire second floor, which is third floor of a residence. When the building is completed. The entire third floor, which is also one of the most popular locations for a variety of groups in the residence hall. There are also seminars, workshops and other activities that are held on the second floor. It’s a great area for students to be able to get more specific questions answered.

“Students who attend the fair can receive a free T-shirt and the chance to win a study abroad scholarship. The scholarship awards $250 for winter or summer study abroad programs or $500 for semester-long programs.

Students that are awarded the scholarship can use it any time before gradu-ation,” Hale said.

Over 900 students attended the fair last year. “We hope 400 plus students will be in attendance,” said Hale.

Students often choose to study abroad in Western Europe, Latin America and Asia. Halation in Grantham, England continues to be a popular location each semester.

“We send 30 to 40 students each se-15 of this year. 24 for a third-offense aggravated DUI, disregarding a stop sign, careless driv-ing and possession of marijuana at the corner of 13th and Clay streets.

Police arrested Hardin freshman Co-ney Stevens an indictment warrant for fi rst-degree robbery on Jan. 25 at the Warren County jail. Item stolen was $300.

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Caring for our health is a challenge that connects us in the current budgets of Kentucky. Governor Steve Beshear recently proposed a 2.5 percent decrease in post-secondary education funding from the state government by Gov. Beshear, higher education is being handed a financial blow each year. According to Beshear, who called the decision extremely difficult, the post-secondary education budget is being cut in order to invest more money in pre-K through 12th grade education — a cut we find ironic. If this cut is made, Ransdell said that tuition could go up 3 to 4 percent for students, which comes after last March’s discussion of raising tuition by 8 percent. We believe at this rate it won’t be long until students aren’t simply dealing with student loans after graduating, but with the fact that they may not be able to earn a degree from a public school in the first place. This editorial represents the majority opinion if the Herald’s 9-member opinion board. If you are in good health, you have been given a great gift and responsibility of taking care of yourself and your loved ones. It is one of the greatest challenges that a person encounters throughout his or her lifetime. Although it is ultimately an individual effort, it is a challenge that each of us faces daily. It connects us on a fundamental level, and it is something that we can discuss. This semester, I hope to stimulate the discussion on the importance of understanding your health and taking care of it.

My name is Ryan, and this semester I’m going to talk about your health, your body, and how we as college students can start leading healthier and more fulfilling lives. We are fortunate to live in a particularly exciting time in healthcare. The emphasis is becoming less on finding cures and more on incorporating positive lifestyle changes in order to prevent or minimize the debilitating effects of certain diseases.

We are finding that the habit that we have today are crucial to our health in our old age. Even if the life expectancy in the United States is nearly 80 years old and the major diseases in our time are those caused by old age, health matters here and now.

Many ancient traditions are being revisited as we search for new ways to conceptualize positive and treating disease. Studies show that major diseases such as heart disease, lung disease and diabetes begin on a microscopic and imperceptible level, often in early childhood and during your college years. According to a study called CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults), being active during your college years can lower your risk for diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity. However, good nutrition, an active lifestyle and stress-coping techniques through the lifespan can prevent hypertension from occurring, even in those individuals who come from families with a history of high blood pressure. Prevention means incorporating lifestyle changes at the earliest possible opportunity so that you remain healthy.

Finally, although caring for one’s health is an individual effort, the implications for society are tremendous. Questions regarding how to fund Medicare, Medicaid, and a comprehensive healthcare system over the next decades can be made easier if we collectively become more health-conscious and make better health decisions. In order for us to be healthy people in the next 20 to 30 years, each of us needs to make positive changes today. Take small steps now to make a big difference later. It’s up to us all to learn how to lead healthier lives at this semester.

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Crowds of people congre- gated in one of the classrooms in the North Wing of Thomp- son Complex to share their memories, both good and bad, of the establishment on Thurs- day, Jan. 23.

The building, construct- ed in 1960, shut down on Friday, Jan. 24 due to heating and cooling system fail- ures.

Cheryl Stevens, dean of Ogden College of Science and Engineering, offered a recap of the history of the building.

“In 1960, 54 years ago, this building opened when this campus was still called Western Kentucky State Col- lege,” she said. “I wish I could have gotten the numbers and even an estimate of the num- ber of people who have been through or used this build- ing.”

Stevens said the building was used by many depart- ments over the years, such as the biology and chemistry departments. The physics depart- ment also used the building in the early 1970s.

“So because of the impact that this building had on so many people, we thought it was only fitting to acknowl- edge its closure in a celebra- tion of sorts,” Stevens said.

President Gary Ransdell was one of the first to share his experiences of the building.

“I have no real pleasant memories of this building,” he said, causing laughter within the crowd.

Ransdell said he held a stu- dent job in a biology lab where he cleaned petri dishes and took care of the rabbits that were used by the biology depart- ment. Ransdell tried to make a pet out of one of the rabbits after it was of no use to the department.

“It didn’t work,” Ransdell said.

Ransdell also spoke of the ultimate future of the build- ing, which includes the de- molition of the North Wing of Thompson Complex, and a renovation of the Center Wing.

Ransdell said the total cost of the project would cost $48 mil- lion and hopes to secure that funding from the state this spring.

“We will not rest until that project is funded and is done,” Ransdell said.

Ransdell ended his speech by thanking the faculty for their contributions and read reactions from alumni that were posted on social media websites.


Blaine Ferrell, a professor on transitional retirement in the biology department, said his memories of the people, rather than the building, were more vivid.

“The building certainly served its purpose very well,” Ferrell said. “It’s really not the building that matters. It’s the people, and the people that I came in contact with here… are very open and welcoming and really look out for each other and that’s the part I re- member.”

David Hartman, who served as a faculty member for the chemistry department from 1966 to 2008, said the closing of the building will be unfortunate because it is in the middle of the academic year.

Ferrell said after he ob- tained his master’s degree in biology from WKU in 1975, he came back to WKU as a faculty member in 1978, until he be- gan his transitional retirement in 2011. Ferrell also served as head of the biology depart- ment and dean of Ogden Col- lege of Science and Engineer- ing.

“When I came as a gradu- ate student, I came from Philadelphia,” Ferrell said. “I didn’t pay any attention to the building quite frankly be- cause the faculty were so wel- coming.”

The ceremony concluded with Stevens inviting the visi- tors to sign the border of a gi- ant photograph of the North Wing.

Marcus Korba, an alumnus who graduated in the spring semester of 2013, took several biology and chemistry classes within the building.

Korba said the building’s closure was bittersweet.

“It’s good to come see it come to an end, but I didn’t enjoy it when I was part of it,” Korba said.
Some students who returned to their residence halls early were forced to leave after their arrival.

On Thursday at about 10 p.m., a water main broke in the mechanical room of Northeast Hall. The burst pipe caused a short that knocked out power in the Northeast and Bates-Runner residence halls to lose power.

Those living in the affected dorms had the opportunity to gather essentials and were then relocated to other vacant rooms in other residence halls on campus. Some students chose to stay off campus or go back home.

La Grange Junior Tyler Scaff was one of those students and said an "inconvenience" was a mild way to describe the situation. "We were essentially evicted," he said.

"We're very interested in young children — preschool and elementary school children," she said. "They understand that the future of our state depends on children having opportunities and being prepared and being able to learn."

Dubose said that with the PNC Foundation grant, WKU is one of those students who are just beginning their educational journey. "It gives them pointers and tips on how to prepare their children to be successful, in particular in the math and science areas," he said.

The main component of the proposal, Dubose said, is making videos that will use the grant money to produce six videos. "We will make them available to early childhood programs," she said. "They have a special interest in children from lower to moderate income families."

Costello also said WKU will submit a report to the James Graham Brown Foundation to show what the grant helped fund. "We hope that they'll be pleased and one day in the future, we'll apply to them in the future for another grant for some purpose," she said.

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"If we would have waited and tried exactly what could have fit inside the building, we would probably have to have it manufactured. That's not something anybody would have sitting around."

WKU receives grant money for education outreach

The PNC Foundation has awarded WKU a $150,000 grant, propelling the school one step closer to completing a three-year challenge from the James Graham Brown Foundation.

Nick Dubose, executive director of the WKU Alumni Association, said the school received a $500,000 grant three years ago from the James Graham Brown Foundation, a trust based in Louisville that funds projects to promote economic development, education and health standards in Kentucky. The Foundation also challenged WKU to raise an additional $500,000.

Dubose said that with the PNC Foundation's grant, WKU is on the last step of the James Graham Brown Foundation's challenge and has until the end of 2014 to raise the rest of the money.

Kathryn Costello, president of the WKU Foundation, said PNC's gift is important to the school's i4 Initiative. She said the goal of the i4 Initiative is to make children in the public schools in Kentucky become more knowledgeable in the STEM disciplines: science, technology, engineering and math.

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Customers relax in the newly remodeled interior of Spencer's Coffee on Monday. The coffee shop recently reopened in this location after a brief period of operating in the lobby of the building next door during renovations. (DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/HERALD)

BY LEAH BROWN
NEWSPAPER/WKUHERALD

Spencer’s Coffee reopened last week, shocking customers with its recent renovations.

Justin Shepard, owner of Spencer’s Coffee, said customers would walk in and say, “This doesn’t look like it belongs in Bowling Green.”

The shop closed for the first time in two weeks in January.

The renovation included taking over the back half of a four-story building and replacing it with restaurant, an office and storage space.

The kitchen and service counter are now more efficient, and the dining room doubled its seating from 50 to 80 seats.

Spencer’s also has seating in their courtyard for up to 40 people.

“We’ve been mauled out on seats for the past year or so when Westerners is in session, especially if the weather is pretty good,” Shepard said.

Starting back in August of last year, Spencer’s began hosting beer garden events in their courtyard every couple of weeks. During these events, they feature a brewery and serve a variety of beers.

Shepard said the coffee shop is not trying to become a bar, but they want to give customers a good beer in a relaxing environment.

The Dero Downing Student Union is not the only campus building on campus receiving a makeover.

Kerra Ogden, project manager of Capital Construction, said the Craig Alumni Center is being restored in the style of what the building was originally used for a home.

Ogden said the building contained no central heating or air conditioning prior to the renovation, and it will be receiving a new HVAC system as well as an updated electrical system, new carpeting and a fresh coat of paint.

John Osborne, vice president for Campus Services and Facilities, said the building received “very little maintenance prior to the renovation.”

“Only very superficial work had been performed in there,” Osborne said.

Ogden said the house was constructed in 1931, but the last major update it received was the 1970s when a structure connecting the building with the College Heights Foundation in 1980.

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The connecting structure was removed when the renovation started.

Ogden said the building has important historical connections to WKU.

“We had several presidents that lived in that building,” Ogden said.

The building served as the home for Presidents Kelly Thompson, Paul Gartett and Henry Hardin Cherry, the last of who died in the house.

Ogden said the renovation started in November. There are three phases to the project, which is currently at the end of its first stage. This portion consists of clearing out the building. The second and third phases will involve installing new infrastructure and putting the final touches on the building.

The staff that was housed in the Craig Alumni Center has since moved to the Augustinian Alumni Center and will stay there even after the renovation is complete.

Ogden said the building will have multiple uses for the public once the renovation is finished, including a formal dining room and conference rooms. The building will house administrative offices as well, including President Gary Ransdell’s office.

Ransdell said the main reason for the renovation is to prevent the house from deteriorating. Because of its historical ties to the university, he likes the idea of his office being in the building.

After his move, his old office in the Wetherby Administration Building will be shared by various administrative departments.

Ogden said he plans for the renovation to be completed by this fall.

“Seeing a lot of new faces has been a really nice change of pace,” Ogden said.

Spencer’s goal is to be a place in Bowling Green where people can walk in and leave the weight of the world outside.

Whether a customer comes in for his or her morning coffee or to have lunch with a friend, Spencer’s wants to give them the best quality for what they’re buying.

Jon Dunn, a junior from Jamestown, is a regular customer at Spencer’s and said the changes were pretty sweet.

He plans to use the coffee shop as a study space for the upcoming semester.

“It’s a good, calm place to study,” Dunn said.

The Dero Downing Student Union is not the only campus building on campus receiving a makeover.

Kerra Ogden, project manager of Capital Construction, said the Craig Alumni Center is being restored in the style of what the building was originally used for a home.

Ogden said the building contained no central heating or air conditioning prior to the renovation, and it will be receiving a new HVAC system as well as an updated electrical system, new carpeting and a fresh coat of paint.

John Osborne, vice president for Campus Services and Facilities, said the building received “very little maintenance prior to the renovation.”

“Only very superficial work had been performed in there,” Osborne said.

Ogden said the house was constructed in 1931, but the last major update it received was the 1970s when a structure connecting the building with the College Heights Foundation in 1980.
It's a very great herb that has been used in the East for so many health aspects, like curing anything from the common cold to diabetes to cholesterol," he said. "And when I looked at the literature, I saw that basil, in fact, contains a useful compound called eugenol. And eugenol has a potent effect for curing breast cancer."

Emani said that basil leaves also create an anti-inflammatory reaction on breast cancer cells, halting tumor development. Emani said this is caused by chemical compounds within basil, which plants called metabolites, which carry the genes that create eugenol — the center of study.

"My first focus now with this research is I want to get the basil plant to make more of this eugenol, so it can be a substitute of that compound, which can help us fight breast cancer. That, I would say, is the most important aspect of this research," Emani said.

"Testing the effects of the modified plants is expected to begin by the end of the year, placing WKU at the head of research for a plant-based cure. If all goes to plan, Emani believes that basil could svmply cancer treatment, making it more natural than present synthetic chemotherapies."

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Emani expressed his enthusiasm for this impactful opportunity available to his students.

"Some of them will be learning the techniques, and some of them will be writing a FUSE grant for an independent research project," he said. "But at the end of the day, when they all come together they know that they have been working on a plant system for a useful compound which will come down the road.

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Competitors huddle around the foosball tables at Tidball’s during The Big Foos foosball tournament on Thursday, Jan. 23.

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Players and spectators watch as prizes are raffled off at The Big Foos foosball tournament at Tidball’s Thursday, Jan. 23.

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Connor Litten, of Louisville, celebrates a win in the first round at The Big Foos foosball tournament at Tidball’s Thursday, Jan. 23. AUSTIN ANTHONY/HERALD

PHOTO
BG OnStage, the resident community theatre of Van Meter, hopes to immerse adults and children alike in the world of one of author Beverly Cleary’s most popular characters: Ramona Quimby.

Elise Iannuzzi, director of the production, said the theatre company’s dramatic adaptation, “Ramona Quimby,” centers around an everyday family in anywhere America.

“Iannuzzi said the story is set in a quiet little neighborhood where not much happens,” Iannuzzi said. “Beezus, the narrator in the beginning, tells the audience that you can see shows about princesses, knights in shining armor—all these crazy things—and learn all this cool stuff in school, but sometimes the best story is in your own backyard.”

Iannuzzi said the story follows Beatrice—“Beezus”—and Ramona through their family problems and school drama.

It’s a cute family show,” Iannuzzi said.

Abby Murphy, a fifth-grade student from Bowling Green, plays the titular role of Ramona Quimby, a student who feels like no one understands her.

Students receive culture, language enhancement overseas

While many WKU students spent their winter breaks relaxing, working, getting some classes out of the way, or doing a combination of all three, some students took their winter break as an opportunity to indulge their wanderlust.

Bowling Green senior Emily Gott studied abroad in Australia over winter break on a trip entitled “Economics Down Under.”

Gott said she and other students on the trip met city planners, members of sports teams and others who were involved in what they were studying in each class.

“Class was over by noon, and we had the rest of the day to do whatever we wanted in whichever city we were in that day,” Gott said.

Gott said getting to snorkel in the Great Barrier Reef was a highlight of the trip for her.

Ryan and Scott Vennell, seniors from Chatham, Ill., visited Cuba with Walker Rutledge during the “Cuban Culture and Literature” program.

“Many Americans either don’t have an opinion on Cuba or think negatively of it because of how our governments have interacted in the past,” Scott said. “Our professor wanted us to see the true side of Cuban culture, which was really cool.”

Ryan said that because of the United States’ commercial, economic and financial embargo on Cuba, his visit felt like going back in time.

“The cars that citizens own can’t be newer than 1960,” Ryan said. “No new buildings have been built since the revolution in 1960. You would walk down the streets and see 1950s Fords and Chevys.”

Ryan said there was also no

Director Elise Iannuzzi walks cast members through their scenes for the play adapted from Beverly Cleary’s “Ramona Quimby” on January 25, 2014 at the Faculty House on campus. DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/HERALD

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Holger Velastegui is a businessman. He is an Ecuadorian politician. He is a WKU alumnus. Now, he is a bridge between the students of Latin America and Western Kentucky University.

Velastegui believes he has a vision that will further WKU’s global presence of international reach. He is working with a team of students in South America to bring high school students from South America to the classroom and on campus.

The businessman in Velastegui recognizes the value of what he could help fill.

Velastegui said he sees no program in existence that directs South American high school students into American universities into American universities.

“I see a big market for WKU, we’ve said, ‘it’s a good way of supporting your ideas and your goals by educating. Bring more people here, educate them and send them back.’ We speak from experiences. Born and raised in Santo Domingo, in Ecuador, in 1981, he arrived to Bowling Green as a high school exchange student. He became a Hilltopper in 1981 after WKU offered him a ‘standout student.’

Velastegui fully immersed himself into the student life of WKU. The business administration major served on the Student Government Association, and he was the International Student Club president.

His involvement at WKU translated off of which he would build an influential political career. WKU’s impact would load him back into the Hill top sooner than he thought.

“Getting to work with young leaders was very good for me,” Velastegui said. “The leadership skills I learned really helped.”

Economists professors William Davis, taught Velastegui when he was a student at WKU. Davis, said Velastegui’s contributions were tremendous.

In 1988, Velastegui graduated from WKU and returned to work as a radio broadcaster for his family’s radio company. Through the show “Funny Literary Game,” and the people he met on the show, he began to develop a deep connection within his community, which opened a door to the world of politics.

In 1996, he became a senator. He served on the senate until 1998 and then served as city commissioner from 2000 to 2005. During Velastegui’s political career, he assisted in making the country of Santo Domingo a state. It offered aid to the poor and founded two small catholic institutions.

Velastegui said he decided to end his political career due to corruption he began to see within the Ecuadorian government. The connections he made while working for the government will prove to be an irreplaceable resource in the attempts to bring over Latin American students.

“Now is a good time to help Western,” Velastegui said. “Later won’t help.”

President Gary Ransdell said alumni recruiting is not uncommon, but appreciates Velastegui’s efforts.

“There’s a lot more to recruits than what meets the eye,” Ransdell said. “But it’s an idea worth pursing.”

The first step in connecting South American students to WKU is showing the students the benefits of studying at WKU and developing relationships with elite high schools in South America.

“The goal is to have the high schools send a group of students every year,” Velastegui said. “Hopefully in a couple of years we can see 100 students and in 10 years 1000 students.”

Davis said Velastegui is the perfect person for the job. His business experience and connections throughout South America make him the perfect liaison.

“He [Velastegui] is ideal for this,” Davis said.
What makes Ethan special is that he has a special knack for finding real problems that affect everyday life and making those problems go away using technology, including getting an app made for something he is passionate about.

Dr. Mark Berry, an associate professor of music, said he is looking forward to the recital. “It’s rare to hear a snare drum on this campus,” he said. “It’s truly music that anyone can enjoy.”

Harris said he hopes to connect with the WKU community with this solo recital. “It makes the audience say, ‘Wow, that’s a special instrument.’” Harris said he hopes to increase people’s awareness of the tam-tam’s potential as a percussion instrument.

Harris said the snare drum is versatile and can be used in a variety of musical settings. “It’s a very loud instrument, but it can also be very quiet,” Harris said. “It can be used in a classical, soft, pretty side of music, as well as in a loud and powerful style.”

Harris said he enjoys playing the tam-tam because he finds it challenging and rewarding. “It’s a challenging instrument to master, but it’s also very satisfying when you can achieve that level of control,” he said.

Harris said he plans to continue to study the tam-tam and to explore its potential in different musical contexts. “It’s a very exciting instrument that has a lot of hidden potential,” he said.

Harris said he hopes to share his passion for the tam-tam with others and to inspire others to explore new musical territory. “I think it’s important to keep pushing the boundaries of what we can do with percussion instruments,” he said.
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New Main Campus Store is now located
Ground Floor, Downing Student Union.
WKU breaks three school records at Vanderbilt Indoor Invitational

The WKU track and field teams continued on in their indoor-season campaign this past weekend at the Vanderbilt Invitational. The Topper efforts complimented those from the national team, setting seven marks that rank in the national top 25.

Junior jumper Cyrus Johnson leaped his way into a personal record. Johnson's jump was the second furthest in program history. The men's team fell just short of competing at the level we want to be at. We have to stay disciplined, healthy and humble.
Noble expands role for Lady Toppers in absence of Govan

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Despite the absence of junior guard Alexis Govan, the Sun Belt Conference’s Preseason Player of the Year, WKU (13-5, 5-2 Sun Belt) finds itself just one game away with an 18-point win at Arkansas State for first place in the league standings.

Govan is second in the scoring column for the Lady Toppers with 16.5 points and 2.5 steals per game so far this year. Noble is third in the conference in assists per game (3.4) and seventh in steals per game (1.9).

Though Noble provided valuable minutes off the bench, giving the Toppers a physical interior presence with each playing stout defense, she was sidelined with a stress fracture on Jan. 8 that the team is keying on in its offense so that we can translate into offense, which the Lady Toppers needed badly.

"I'm just trying to focus on defense," Noble said. "I know the shots will start falling and everyone will contribute..." Noble said after a win against Georgia State on Jan. 10. "I just want to do what I can to help."

"I thought those guys did a heck of a job," Coach Michelle Clark-Heard said after a win against the Texas Mavericks on Jan. 12. "I'm putting Kendall in a lot of different situations and I tell her what she's growing up each and every day."

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Other people are stepping up. "We're ready for her to come back," Coach Michelle Clark-Heard said before embarking on the road to the Pelican State, coach Ray Harper made the move to put the Lady Toppers in second place in the conference right now in assists per game (3.4) and seventh in steals per game (1.9).

"I recommend this place to anyone and everyone driving by if they truly want an authentic taste of what WKU is all about," Coach Ray Harper said. "This is THE REAL DEAL!"

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Noble told WKU Radio the win against Lafayette was "a collective team effort." Noble is a big reason WKU has won five of its last six games and three of four over the holiday break without Govan. In nine games with Govan in the lineup, Noble averaged just 3 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 2.3 steals in 24.3 minutes per game. Since Govan left the lineup in a Dec. 22 loss to Arkansas State on Jan. 6, Noble has become an even bigger part of the offense. In the Lady Toppers’ first five games without Govan, Noble has averaged 11.9 points, including 19 and 20-point efforts over the last two games. Noble also ranks second in the conference right now in assists per game (3.4) and seventh in steals per game (1.9) in conference play. Noble’s playing time has increased substantially, but her scoring hasn’t budged. She’s owns a league-best 2.0 assist/turnover ratio and is making 82.8% of her free throws. Noble’s steady play has been a pleasant surprise for WKU while the play of junior forward Chastity Gooch remains a solid staple.

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"We’ve got a business trip this weekend and hopefully we go take care of business," he said.

The Toppers, all of them, took care of business.
Men's Basketball

Next man up: Toppers show strength in numbers

By Tyler Lashbrook
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The Toppers have shocked Sun Belt Conference basketball fans by proving they are not just a two-man team. Follow-
ners will say that the team is reliant on its guard Chris Harrison-Docks and forward George Fant, but the Toppers have 11 different players that play at least 10 minutes a game. The team’s depth is on full display.

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Saturday afternoon’s win came against a feisty and talented Louisiana-Lafayette squad. The Ragin’ Cajuns boast two of the best post men in the league, so George Fant was due for a big road game.

Fant answered the challenge of guarding Shawn Long, he said. “I think he wanted the challenge of guarding Shawn Long,” he said. “I think right now a lot of people consider Shawn the best post man in the league, so George welcomed the challenge.”

WKU, as a team, however, was challenged in the second half as its leading scorer, Price, was sidelined for nearly 10 minutes with foul trouble. Transfer guards Chris Harrison-Docks and Trency Jackson answered that challenge. They scored 18 and 17 points respectively and connected on 12-of-14 free throws, with several of those coming late in the game. Jackson has brought one of the best shooters on the court while Harrison-Docks, already with a game-winning shot at South Alabama to his name, is one of the best shooters on the team from any range.

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The defense has never been in question, but since joining the Top-
pers at the start of the break, hot-shooting Harrison-Docks and Jack-
son — the best athletes on the team — have reshaped a Topper offense that sat near the bottom of the Sun Belt Conference in several statisti-
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