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Cathy Yates, mother of 1st Lt. Eric Yates, a WKU Army ROTC graduate who was killed last year in Afghanistan, took part in a ceremony Friday for Veterans Day as a granite panel was unveiled with Yates’ face on it. The panel will be applied to the Guthrie Bell Tower.

By COLE CLAYBURN
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Defensive coordinator Lance Guidry met with Athletics Director Ross Bjork and Head Coach Willie Taggart Sunday morning — a day af- ter he was arrested in Baton Rouge, La., for driving while intoxicated — to discuss what penalties he would face.

Taggart called it “a nice discipli- nary action for Guidry. ‘Lance agreed to them, which he had to,’ Taggart said. ‘We feel like he’s come to terms with what we’re going through. He un- derstands that it’s unacceptable.’”

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Established in 1838 from the slave membership of the First Baptist Church, State Street Baptist Church was the first formally organized church for African Americans in Bowling Green. “The church has a rich history here in the community,” said Rev. Fredric Brown. Brown has been the church’s pastor for 20 years and is the 28th pastor since its infancy.

“The church needs to be surrounded completely by residential housing, but construction on the Medical Center and the Parks and Recreation buildings changed the landscape. Not as many people live by the church today. “So they started attending churches closer by,” Brown said. “We are thankful we have been able to survive and make it and God has blessed us.”

“The church means a great deal to the people who attend here. They feel a part of the church. The church feels a part of them. We are in this together, and that’s the kind of attitude that we got.”

“Like the members of the physical body. When every part of the body is doing its part, you’ve got a great working body, and so is the church. When every member of the church is busy doing their work for the Lord, it makes a good church and a great church,” State Street Baptist currently has 325 active members and is seeking growth spiritually, numerically, financially, and morally, Brown said. “To me, the church has really been a means of hope and extending new life to people,” he said. “We want to be a ray of hope to those in despair. We hope that people will always remember State Street as being a friendly church, a loving church, a kind church, and a church that really cares.”

CRIME REPORTS

Reports

A female victim stated she was raped on Nov. 13 by a male suspect while staying the night in his dorm room in McCormack Hall.

Charles Ellis, McCormack, reported on Nov. 13 that his mountain bike was stolen from a light pole in front of Mass Media and Technology Hall. The value of the bike is estimated to be $200.

Lowell Shank, a chemistry professor and director of Kentucky Science Olympiad, reported on Nov. 13 that his WKU-owned Ford van was vandalized, as well as a trophy that was stored inside. Two other trophies were stolen from the van.

Arrests

Shasadin Shekir Fayzulov, Bowling Green, was arrested on Nov. 13 near the intersection of State Street and College Heights Boulevard and charged with careless driving and driving under the influence. Fayzulov was lodged in the Warren County Regional Jail and released the same day.

Mason Kidd, Keen Hall, was arrested on Nov. 12 in the 1500 block of State Street and charged with alcohol intoxication. Kidd was lodged in the Warren County Jail and released the same day.

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Recreation class hosting cornhole tourney

The students in TAMMIE STERNAGAS-RAMSEY’s Recreation Program Planning class aren’t the type to wait around.

Rather than sit in a classroom, these students are planning out events to raise money for the Mark “the Shark” Williams Scholarship.

Those taking REC 306 are planning to host Big Red’s Thrown Tourism event after Thanksgiving break to raise money for the Mark “the Shark” Williams Scholarship.

This is the sixth class event planned by the students, which will be held in Diddle Arena from 12-2 on Monday, Nov. 21.

Sternagars-Ramsey, the Recreation Administration Coordinator for WKU, said the scholarship goes to recreation administration students and that priority is given to minority students. This year’s goal is to raise $2,500.

“We need a few more thousand dollars in the account so it can become a fully-sponsored scholarship,” Sternagars-Ramsey said.

Then we’ll be able to offer it forever.”

The namesake of the scholarship, Mark “the Shark” Williams, worked in the recreation department for 15 years and taught a Campus Recreation course for 20 years.

“As well as being a great advocate for our program, he had recruited a ton of students for the recreation major,” Sternagars-Ramsey said. “We wanted to honor him for his efforts.”

Jenna Woosley, the student representative for the Kentucky Recreacy and Park Board, said the tourney events are great opportunities for recreation students at WKU to get important field experience.

“Programming, for recreation majors, is putting together an event,” she said, “and this is a Brownsville style ‘Networking between the people who attend food, planning— all of this is important that go into a program or event.”

Big Red’s Thrown is not the only event for which Sternagars-Ramsey’s class is preparing.

From 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Diddle Arena, the students taking REC 306 will hold Future Professionals’ Night, a social event for recreation majors in the region.

“The students are hosting that event so they can try to help all of the students in recreation from Bowling Green and surrounding areas, and their networking with professionals and to help build their networks,” Sternagars-Ramsey said.

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By NICK BRATCHER

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Know your place

SGA should focus on student issues, not re-naming historic buildings

The case for cancer (and why its supporters are rare and anonymous)

Sara Taylor

COMMENTARY

Let’s not waste our breath

Angry flames encircling that sym bol — the cross — has never been a n official sight for women’s rights. However, the flames that smoldered theSince the last time we wrote about the proposal to change the name of the DUC, there have been no new developments. It is unlikely that there will be any changes to the name of the DUC in the near future. The students and alumni who are against the change believe that the DUC is an important tradition at WKU and that it is not necessary to change the name. Those who support the change argue that the name of the DUC should be changed to reflect the university’s values and mission. The end of a tradition is always a difficult decision, and it is important to carefully consider all perspectives before making any changes. It is ultimately up to the students and alumni to decide whether or not the DUC should be renamed. LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The case for cancer (and why its supporters are rare and anonymous)

Molly Besaw

It's safe to say that there haven't been any changes to the DUC or its keys to Downing University Center (DUC) because SGA has yet to hear anything on that matter. It seems as if SGA brought up the name change just because of "we can do whatever we want" mentality. Former President Dave Downg's legacies deserves better treatment. While many SGA members believe changing the name of the DUC is a great idea, others agree with the Herald that tradition should actually mean something in this situation. Poorvie Patel is one senator who didn't support the name change. Patel said that DUC's original platform promises. "He is the best to build an established a Provaila-Ride program before the end of the semester, but he hopes it to do in semester in almost ever, and we haven't seen changes. SGA provides $30,000 for Provaila-Ride program might cost more with a new contract. If that's the case, SGA would not be able to fund it entirely on its own. Also, Stephens said he wanted to boost SGA's public relations on campus saying, "if elected, I aim to increase the visibility of SGA to the student body." We want to enhance our image to the student body and the students have a right to know what we do as an organization. But outside of a case the Elephant Congress, which was co-sponsored with the Campus Activities Board, and looking out of Hope, how much more valuable has SGA really become? Before bickering about a building name change — one SGA doesn't have to do — the power to make the organization should be present on campus already. This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 10-member editorial board. --

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Talking Xi’s and O’s

By JOANNA WILLIAMS

With a struggling economy, many WKU students may worry whether the major they have chosen will lead to a job after graduation.

A report released recently by the Wall Street Journal along with the 2010 unemployment earnings of each college major by the Wall Street Journal chosen will lead to a job after a moment after telling her teammates not to argue with the referees during the “Flight of the Gridiron.”

Talking Xi’s and O’s

By BACHIEL WALTERS

As Christmas approaches, the Kentucky Museum invites all to begin spreading the season’s cheer with their annual Holiday Ornament Contest.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Kentucky Room of the Kentucky Museum. WKU organizations will decorate Christmas trees inspired by their organization or another chosen theme.

Middlesex senior and Phi Sigma Pi vice president Kevin Smith said, “The ornament contest is a way for the brothers to get together, have fun and celebrate the season of Christmas.”

WKU offering EMT paramedic program

By CAMERON ICHC

Students and others in the Bowling Green community looking for a medical profession may want to consider the expansion of the Kentucky Emergency Medical Services Academy at WKU.

While WKU has offered training for emergency medical technicians (EMT) in the form of a basic EMT program for many years, those interested in the career can now pursue further training with the revised EMT paramedic program.

The associate’s degree in paramedicine at WKU will provide students already-certified paramedics or re-certified people to receive credit hours according to their certificate. Paramedics could then fulfill general education requirements to receive the associate degree.

There were a lot of traditional and non-traditional students that don’t have the certification as a paramedic but want to become certified,” said program director of Continuing Education Harvey Wallmann.

Now students who are not certified can begin their training with the non-nominee basic EMT course in addition to taking general education classes as they work to complete the 32-month long paramedic training course. Students can work in the field as they pursue the paramedic degree and also become eligible for financial aid. Individuals only interested in receiving EMT Paramedic certification will complete both courses.

“Very innovative,” said KEMS Director Lance Brown about the program. “When you think about it, you have to know anything about everything that anybody would call 911 for.”

Woodard said she believes the new program will open up possibilities for people in the community. "People who are inexperienced in an associate’s degree and who like to go into something new have another option," Woodard said. "Before you almost had to work already for an ambulance service to go through the training — now it’s open really to anyone.”

Brown stressed the importance of those interested in the career to earn their degree as some states are beginning to require Paramedics to graduate from an accredited program. Currently, Eastern Kentucky University is the only university in the state to have an accredited paramedic program. Brown believes WKU is on the cutting-edge of change within the field.

“We’re kind of ahead of the ball game,” Brown said. “There will be nowhere else to go.”

For information on the paramedic program, please contact Harvey Wallmann, director of Continuing Education, at 220-2664. For information on the EMT program, please contact Chris Bidwell, director of the department of physical therapy, at 220-1828.
Bjork also confirmed that Guidry was not wearing an WKU attire at the time of the arrest. News of Guidry’s arrest broke Saturday dur- ing the Toppers’ game against Louisiana State. WKU Athletic Director Todd Stewart said Saturday that WKU had no comment and that Guidry would not be made available for comment after the game.

That was by design, Bjork said.

“It had to be about the players and the game — taking on The No. 1 team in the country, which we’re never done before,” Bjork said. “This could not, and we were not going to let it affect a routine. I thought it was circulating out there, the right thing to do was just to say. You know what? We talked with this when we get back. That’s what we decided to do.

Players were not told of Guidry’s arrest before or during the game, Bjork said, citing “If at one o’clock in the afternoon, we could have pulled out Antonio Andrews. We were in the middle of a game on Saturday and that would have suggested that Guidry be fired. If they were the head coach, maybe they’d do that.”

I think whenever a situation like this comes up, you learn from it and try to make things better so they don’t happen again,” he said. “When we go on the road, we’re going there for one reason and that’s to win a football game. It’s a business trip. Everybody’s in the huddle and everybody’s going to stay in the hotel.

When guys go out recruiting they’re go- ing to come back to the hotel and be there and locked in to the job that is a brand’s and that’s the truth.

Guidry was not made available on Sun- day or Monday for comment on the situation. But Guidry released a statement on Sun- day in which he took full responsibility for his actions Saturday.

“I would like to apologize to my family, our players, coaching staff, administration and fans for the undue attention my personal judgment has caused,” he said. “Our football program has worked very hard to distance itself from the nation’s top ranked team, and I have done a tremendous job by shifting the focus away from where it belongs. I ac- cept full responsibility and the consequences for my actions.

I can assure everyone associated with our program that I have learned from this experience and it will never happen again. It will be something I prove to back the trust and confidence from those I have let down. I am an honor to be a Wildcat and I will prove that more than any move forward.”
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By BRAD STEPHENS

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2010-2011 season.

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But Doyle said the team, especially its of-

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it’s not in the first time the Hilltoppers faced an SEC football team since the 1980s. At

Just last season, WKU opened the year with a new head coach and a new

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-Florida Atlantic (as of Monday)

-James (CBS Sports) — Arkansas

Arkansas State in New Orleans

We had a very, very remarkable year

Looking Good Biological</p>
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Kevin Durant didn't play defense like Der- ret, to be honest. McDaid said, "I love the fact that Derrick plays both sides of the ball. I think he wants to guard the best player on the other team."

"He's so physical, he's got long arms, he's active, and he's aggressive. He's got great int."

McDaid praised Gordon's "scoring mental- ity" as well.

Gordon's 25 points were the most from any WKU freshman in his first career game. Between of his points came from the free throw line, where he was 12-15.

His ability to get to the free throw line im- pressed McDaid, who said he doesn't remem- ber a time when a freshman shot that many free throws in a game.

Gordon said he puts a lot of pride in his shooting.

"I shot a lot of free throws a day because I knew I'm never going to get to the free throw line like this," he said. "It's all about confidence.

But anyone who is a point guard directed toward Gordon and his play, he was quick to turn the at- tention to the Lady Toppers.

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"I guarantee you, he texts me and calls me tonight," McDonald said of his "scoring mentality."

"He's very, very in to getting better," he said. "I promise you, he texts me and calls me all the time, and says, 'Coach what do I got to do better? Let's go on to tomorrow.'"

"I'm just going to keep getting better," Gordon said.

**Junior guard Derrick Gordon led WKU with 25 points in his college debut. The Toppers lost 72-61 to St. Joseph's.**

But WKU finished with a 32.9 field goal per- centage, including going 1 of 13 from three-point range in the match, with 20 coming in the second half.

Saturday. The Lady Toppers had 26 fouls in the game, with 20 coming in the second half.

"After we'd try to get over the hump we'd run into a wall," Owens said their lack of momentum ended "We just simply did not shoot the basket- ball," she said. "It's all about confidence."

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The loss using especially hard for Gordon, who comes from a high school program that's not ac- customed to losing many games.

"I'm just going to want to win. No matter how I do it," Gordon said. "There's still plenty for the young Gordon to work on. McDaid said Gordon's ability to penetrate the lane, he said he'd like to see him find an open player more than forcing shots.

"But one thing McDaid isn't worried about is Gordon's effort on the floor and called him a "so- cial student of the game.""

"For us to have a successful season the way many lingering questions about WKU's ability to perform against its big- gest rival. Aside from not logging a win against MTSU since 2006, WKU hadn't won in Murfrees- boro since 2006.

"Some really hot stuff," McDaid said of Tiffany Elmore was a freshman the last time the Lady Toppers beat MTSU and said the team had been striving to get this win for a long time. His St. Patrick (N.J.) team was ranked No. 1 for a long time."

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**The Lady Toppers won more than just the regular-season crown on Friday. By finishing the season with the best re- cord in the conference, WKU clinched the No. 1 seed in the upcoming conference tournament, which starts this Thurs- day.**

The top eight teams in the conference were invited to the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, which takes place this year at Florida Interna- tional in Miami.

Hudon said he's at ease with where his team is heading into the postseason.

"We're regular-sea- son champs, we're 26- 3, we're excited about where we are," he said.

"We just got to con- tinue with this momen- tum and go down there, get greedy and try to get another championship."
The sun rises slowly as the lawn sprinklers start up. The track becomes more and more visible as Jason Terrell Browhow laces up his track shoes. Three, two, one. He's off.

Right after working the graveyard shift, Browhow trains early in the mornings at WKU's track facilities. “I'm experiencing running — the sunrise, me, then I feel like I can run forever,” Browhow said.

The 26-year-old from Lawrenceville, Ga., came to WKU on a full track scholarship, with his main event the 110-meter high hurdles and the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

Browhow, who never completed his degree, now works at WKU as a building services attendant. He cleans the first and second floors of Snell Hall from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. every Sunday through Thursday.

“Whenever I'm at work I think positive — gaining ground no matter what I'm doing,” Browhow said.

“Motivation is something you create — why I will never get burnt out,” Browhow said.

Whether it’s working late hours or training in the morning, Browhow insists upon keeping his focus.

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Jason Terrell Browhow competed in track and field in high school and at WKU, winning many awards. He keeps them on a shelf at home — a reminder to keep training. “My mom has kept every newspaper article since I was in high school that I’ve been in,” Browhow said.

Browhow uses a leaf blower to move trash in the bigger classrooms he cleans as a building services attendant. He cleans the first and fourth floors of Snell Hall.

Photos & Story By MICHAEL RIVERA
Depth the difference in WKU's loss at LSU

By BRAD STEPHENS

Both teams came into the match 14-1 in the Sun Belt, with MTSU forcing WKU (28-3, 15-1 Sun Belt Conference) to one conference loss and only home loss in October. It looked like a handshake to earlier matches between the two teams after MTSU took the first two sets, but the Lady Toppers were able to come out and win the next three games to clinch the conference title. It was the second time this season that WKU has come back from a two-set deficit to win. Junior outside hitter Jordyn Skinner, who led the Lady Toppers in the match with 20 kills and 13 digs, said losing those first two sets inspired them to step up during the next three sets.

“The first game we played terribly bad couldn’t get a stop,” she said. “In the second game we played awful and kind of gave up. But those girls kind of gave us motivation and play hard and came back the next three games and won.”

Hudson said the challenges they faced this season, like going 1-4 in their other two five-set matches this year, helped the Lady Toppers take their down on the road.

“This is a team that all year long has taken on every challenge,” he said. “We haven’t wavered all year long and they’re the best hitters we’ve seen and our blockers couldn’t stop them.”

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Both teams came into the match 14-1 in the Sun Belt, with MTSU forcing WKU (28-3, 15-1 Sun Belt Conference) to one conference loss and only home loss in October. It looked like a handshake to earlier matches between the two teams after MTSU took the first two sets, but the Lady Toppers were able to come out and win the next three games to clinch the conference title. It was the second time this season that WKU has come back from a two-set deficit to win. Junior outside hitter Jordyn Skinner, who led the Lady Toppers in the match with 20 kills and 13 digs, said losing those first two sets inspired them to step up during the next three sets.

“The first game we played terribly bad couldn’t get a stop,” she said. “In the second game we played awful and kind of gave up. But those girls kind of gave us motivation and play hard and came back the next three games and won.”

Hudson said the challenges they faced this season, like going 1-4 in their other two five-set matches this year, helped the Lady Toppers take their down on the road.

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