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CRIME REPORTS

Arrests

Kelly Powell and Brent Hudson, Reaco Food Town, were arrested on May 1 and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Hudson was also arrested for tampering with physical evidence after he was found eating an apple that contained marijuana. They were released the same day on a $1000 unsecured bond.

Ryan Apel PF, was arrested on April 30 and charged with disordering a stop sign while under the influence, possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of an open container in a motor vehicle. He was released the same day on a $1,288.85 cash bond.

Jonathan Schull, Southwest Hall, was arrested on April 30 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place and possession of alcohol by a minor after he was observed pulling a handicap sign out of the ground in Minton Circle. He was released the same day on a $1,000 unsecured bond.

Brady Tabor (Bowling Green) was arrested on April 29 for alcohol intoxication in a public place and criminal trespassing after he was seen pulling a Hillsboro parking sign out of the ground. He was released the same day on a $500 bond.

Sadie Varley, Poland Hall, was arrested on April 29 for alcohol intoxication in a public place. She was released the same day on a $500 unsecured bond.

Jonathan Edwards, St. Louis Hall, was arrested on April 29 for possession of a controlled substance and a $1,128.85 cash bond. He was released the same day on $300 time served.

Hudson was also arrested for tampering with physical evidence after he was found eating an apple that contained marijuana. They were released the same day on a $1000 unsecured bond.

A cookout where students and administrators will meet, will be held on Tuesday at the SAE house. The cookout is open to the public and will feature a variety of grilled meats, sides, and desserts.

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BIG RED  
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“Of course, there’s no question that as the ultimate compliment,” Richards said. “But I mean it’s extremely meaningful, and it means so much to me.”  

Davids was a WKU student in 1979 when the university de- 

Ransdell thanked the dedication of Ransdell Hall on Friday. The building is across from the new Mass Media and Technology Hall and houses the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.  

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Royalists, foreign intervention no match for Gaddafi

Muammar Gaddafi seized power in Libya as in Egypt and Tunisia, which border Libya to the east and west, respectively. The Western media has attempted to portray the rebels as a force that cannot do this through mass protests because of their decades-long hostility to Gaddafi’s sovereignty because of his people enjoy higher standards of living than any other Arab country. In mid-February, supporters of the former king, infl uenced by recent events in neighboring countries, attempted to overthrow Gaddafi. The rebels knew that they could not do this through mass protests because Gaddafi still retained widespread support from many of the population, especially in the west of the country. The rebels, organized around the Interim Council in Benghazi, a city in the western part of Libya, refused to accept a political solution. In fact, the rebels have been able to seize control of the country’s eastern regions and seize key buildings. The people and army remained loyal to Gaddafi, in spite of significant defections from the cities and some army units, and within weeks a counter-offensive against the rebels that almost ended with the fall of Benghazi and their flight across the border into Egypt. It was at this juncture that NATO began an armed intervention against Libyan sovereignty by bombing rebel positions.

In the past few weeks, the world has witnessed a shocking turn of events in the Middle East and North Africa, a region of major oil wealth to build up the infrastructure and institute a wide range of social programs that give Libyan citizens essential living standards.

The conditions for a revolution were not the same in every country. Don’t fret SGA; from there, you have no reason to stop. The Sustainability award goes to the administrative services. The Epic Fail award goes to the administration for using their iPads. Surely the expense is a great trade-off for going paperless. The biggest fan award is a tie between Aaron Wilson* and Marianne Hale*. The Mayor’s Award goes to Mayor Elaine Walker. Looks like someone can get out of Bowling Green.

The pledgers of the annual Marsupial Awards hand out a few of our annual Marsupial Awards. Some of our reporters wish they had as many bylines as you two, but we love to hear from you. The Student Engagement award goes to the Student Publications Center on Normal Street.

The About Time award goes to the City of Bowling Green. The About Time award goes to the City of Bowling Green. The About Time award goes to the City of Bowling Green. The About Time award goes to the City of Bowling Green. The About Time award goes to the City of Bowling Green.

The Icepack award goes to Ken McDonald, who has given us a lot to write about, good and bad. The About Time award goes to the City of Bowling Green.
Wouldn't You

Like To Know?
The Downing University Center renovation mandatory student fee was passed by WKU’s Board of Regents on Friday, but it was the only motion not to be unanimously approved.

Faculty regent Patty Minter voted against the $70 a semester fee. Minter said she expressed concerns about the fee and was led to believe they had a loophole. "I think it leaves a big problem," said Minter. "I don't think it's fair if they wanted my support, these things be changed," she said. "None of it changed, so I could not support it in that form."

WKU retention task forceformed

Faculty regent Patty Minter announced that WKU is forming a task force to address retention issues.

The task force assembly is still in progress, but Emile said that Doug McElroy, assistant provost for Academic Affairs and Provost’s Office, will spearhead the group. Emile said there are several reasons students don’t complete their degrees, “only one of which is academic.” He said retention is a critical issue both on WKU’s campus and across the country. The dropout rate is highest among freshmen and sophomores. Emile said WKU’s main priority will be to make sure people come back for their second year. "It’s very important that we make sure that students who come here are graduating to graduate and not simply take the credits and leave." he said.

WKU introduces app

Sean Ward, assistant director for University Relations, announced the formation of The Office of Alumni Relations, presented an iPad app for WKU Sports, and launched the university alumni magazine.

Kathryn Coslin, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, said the app is useful because “staying in touch with alumni is more important than ever.” Ward said the magazine’s growth rate is about 500 percent from issue to issue. President Gary Ransdell said he has installed the app on his iPad.

Motions approved at Friday’s Board of Regents meeting:

- Doctor of physical therapy degree
- Master of arts in teaching degree
- Bachelor of science in mathematics economic degree
- Undergraduate certificates in computer literacy and information systems
- Reorganization of Academic Affairs and Research divisions
- Administrative reorganization of University College
- Downing University Center renovation mandatory student fee
- Revisions to the 2010-11 Operating Budget (Net decrease in a task force to address retention)
- Auditor’s report and financial statements for WKU TV and WKYU-FM radio
- Faculty reorganization on application of approved procedures, NCAA Compliance Report
- Personnel actions as of March 10, 2011 (includes new fees and salary changes)
- Naming of more of than a dozen new rooms in the new Alumni Center
- 2011-2012 Six Year Capital Plan listing the university’s construction priorities

We will miss you!

Jennifer Adkins
Chelsea Mouliden
Alyssa Stephens

2011-2012 Returning HTs:
Zachariah Claytor
Kathryn Crawford
Megan Dunley*
Alex Isbill
Kelsey Mattingly
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Mackenzie Perkins
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Morgan Stone
Jennifer Thomas
Anna Vied
Kaitie Vonderschmidt
Chad Willis
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I believe in the mission of The Campus Notebook. I don’t always trust people who are in my class, but sometimes the people who are motivated enough to put their notes online tend to take good notes anyway. —SARAH RAYNE

Snohomish, Wash. senior

I received a request for ethics when creating professo...
"I still have a couple days to change his mind," Lahey said.

Lahey hopes to include independent candi- dates (for whom he will speak next semester).

William, a Burkesville native, has been in the state senate for more than 25 years and is running for governor this November.

"That's the choice many of you are going to be making in a few years," he said. "Are we going to change or are we going to be un- der what's to come in the state?"

Lasley hopes to have Independent candi- dates (for whom he will speak next semester). Lahey said that in order to become competitive as a state, Kentucky must change its tax structure.

"He has no agenda. And without a vision, the people will perish," Williams said.

We've been working on Ogden College for quite some time," he said. "We are ready to finish up that area of campus so we will all have room to refresh." Oborne said the plan consists of some projects that would be funded by the state, some funded by the university and some funded by private sources. He said the state will prepare the university's 2012-2014 budget in a period between January and April of next year.

"We are going to focus our attention of course on the top three on the project list with the state and attempt to get as much out of all of that funded," he said.

Oborne said the university went to the state for funding for their academic priorities. Russell said WKU would like to finish up the science campus renovations so they can move on to the new college of business.

"We've been dealing with the science facilities for so long," he said. "It's our No. 1 priority to finish them once and for all."
Morganfield senior Charlie Harris feels as if he’s left a legacy at WKU.

Harris is the co-founder of WKU Americans for Informed Democracy and chief of staff for the Student Government Association.

“I really wanted to make a difference at WKU and in Bowling Green,” Harris said. “I wanted to be a good neighbor and fight injustice whenever it may lie.”

Harris and Matt Vaughan, a senior from Mexico, Mo., started WKU AID their freshman year. WKU AID is an organization for students committed to the idea of global citizenship and changing the world.

“We thought it would be good to work together on issues to improve campus,” Harris said.

In addition to the clubs he is involved in, Harris has also done extensive work on the ONGE Campaign and Earth Day activities.

SGA President Colton Jessie said Harris is a “great example of a shining WKU student.”

“Charlie has a work ethic like I’ve never seen,” Jessie said. “He puts so much time into everything. He has always had a million things to do but always gets them done.”

Harris was an SGA senator his freshman year but decided to resign from his position his sophomore year. Jessie convinced Harris to come back to SGA for his senior year to be chief of staff — Jessie’s right-hand man.

“I didn’t want anyone but him,” Jessie said. Harris was said to be skeptical at first when Harris decided to become chief of staff.

“It is a big-time commitment and he already had a lot on his plate, but he went ahead with it and has managed to pull it off without any hitches,” Vaughan said.

While serving with both WKU AID and SGA, Harris has tried to bridge the two organizations. Last semester, SGA supported a bill to make WKU a fair trade university, which was an WKU AID project.

The bill was eventually approved, and WKU became the fourth university in the country to be fair-trade certified.

“He has done a good job of bridging the two,” Vaughan said. “He has helped make SGA a more sustainable organization.”

Harris said seeing all of the changes he has been a part of has been “amazing.”

“Four years ago there wasn’t any fair trade stuff on campus or much sustainabilty,” Harris said. “Seeing all the progress these four years and being a part of it makes me feel so good.”

Harris will graduate this month and hopes to work for a non-profit organization.

Vaughan said Harris has played a large role on campus despite not always getting the recognition for it.

“He is more dedicated than anyone I know and has been that way since freshman year.” — Vaughan said.

Harris graduating with a legacy on the Hill

By MIKE STUNSON

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SQA votes on tobacco resolution today

The Student Government Association will vote on a resolution today regarding whether it supports a tobacco-free campus.

If SGA passes the resolution, Staff Council will remain the only one of WKU’s three campus government bodies not to support a tobacco-free campus.

President Gary Russell said he wouldn’t move forward and support a tobacco-free campus until all three governing bodies pass a resolution.

University Senate supported the ban by a 39-12 vote in December, and Staff Council voted down a resolution in February.

Smoking is already banned in the buildings on campus.

The University of Kentucky and University of Louisville already have smoke-free campuses, having passed their policies on Nov. 19, 2009.

SGA Campus Improvements Chairperson Kaylee Egerer said SGA will help provide outlets for those who use tobacco as well as look into how to enforce the policy should the resolution pass.

— Mike Stunson

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Begining Sunday, May 8th. Helm-Cravens and the Lab will be open until 2 am
Each Night of Finals Week!!
Library faculty & staff will be available to assist you.
(5: 7pm-2am & MTWTh: 7:45am-2am)

Relay for Life heightens awareness of cancer

By LINDSAY KRIZ

Bowling Green High School senior Natalie Gugler was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 5 years old. “I was expected to survive because we caught it right away,” she said.

Gugler said she went through chemotherapy treatments, including spinal taps, bone marrow aspirations and IVs before the cancer fully receded.

“Your parents tell you what’s going on, but you don’t know. The big thing is looking back and seeing.”

To celebrate her recovery, Gugler attended WKU’s annual Relay for Life Finals Event.

The event, which took place at Houchens-Smith Stadium, lasted from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday. Activities throughout the night included inflatable games, a corn hole tournament and a scavenger hunt.

Survivors had a dinner in Downing University Center before arriving at the stadium, where they walked half a lap amidst cheers and music.

At 11 p.m., participants lit luminarias and walked a lap in honor of loved ones who lost the battle with cancer.

“Cancer patients don’t get a night off, so we can stay up one night for them,” she said.

Pikeville senior Mitch Jackson, accounting chair for Relay for Life, said different teams compete throughout the night to raise the most money.

“IT’s my job to count it all up and determine who won,” he said.

Evansville, Ind., senior Chad Bezwick, president of the WKU Kentucky Public Health Association, said the goal is to heighten awareness and education about cancer.

Ultimately, we want to get the Susan G. Komen walk here in Bowling Green in 18 months,” he said. “The closest one is in Louisville, but there’s nothing out west. We hope we can bring it here.”
Commonwealth School reorganized after listening tour

By ELIZABETH BEILMAN news@chherald.com

Voting open online for Homecoming 2011 theme

The WKU Alumni Association is asking voters to determine the theme for Homecoming 2011. A poll on the organization’s website features four choices: Geaux Toppers!, It’s All About the Spirit, Back to the Future and #Winning. Voting runs through May 8. The poll can be accessed at alumni.wku.edu/hctheme11.

Homecoming is the week of Oct. 17 and culminates with the Toppers’ football game against Louisiana-Lafayette on Oct. 22. Kickoff has yet to be determined.

— Jonathan Lintner

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Commonwealth School Dean Dennis George said this means eliminating the director of the Commonwealth School position and changing divisions to departments.

Division chairs consequently will become department heads, who will report directly to the dean of the school.

“We eliminated an unnecessary layer of administration,” George said.

He said any activities performed by the director of the school could have been done by either the dean of Commonwealth School or department heads within the school.

These departments are now academic support and liberal arts and sciences.

According to the Board of Regents agenda, the health science division will be moved to the College of Health and Human Services, and the business division will be moved from within the Commonwealth School to University College.

The changes will be effective July 1.

These recommendations were presented at the academic open forum on March 25 conducted by Gordon Emelie, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and Gordon Baylis, vice president for Research.

The forum was a result of the “listening tour” led by Baylis and Emelie to evaluate the academic world at WKU.

The reorganization reflects administrative efficiency and abides by faculty recommendations, according to materials distributed at the forum.

The Commonwealth School, which at one time was the Bowling Green Community College, is a unit of the University College, George said. When the BGCC first joined University College, it retained its name.

However, because having two deans was redundant, the dean’s position was changed to director.

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Lady Tops searching for consistency in final week

By Zach GREENWELL

It’s been an up-and-down season for the Lady Toppers. WKU (26-25, 7-14 Sun Belt Conference) won eight games in a row at one point this season, but it has also been swept in three conference series. The Lady Toppers have dropped games to teams with losing records, and they’ve also claimed a win over No. 6 Michigan.

But Head Coach Tyra Perry said it’s now time for them to consistently be the team that comes out on top in conference play.

“We’ve been talking all your about consistency,” Perry said. “We know we can play with anybody, but we talk all the time about just being consistent at this point. After just missing out their first Sun Belt series sweep of the season against Louisiana-Monroe, the Lady Toppers were swept at No. 23 Louisiana-Lafayette last weekend.

WKU took the top team in the league to the brink in the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader before falling 3-2. The Lady Toppers got seven strong innings from sophomore pitcher Melissa Sulaski and had a chance to take the lead in the seventh, but they couldn’t get any runs across.

WKU was a casualty by four errors in the game, and the Ragin’ Cajuns went on to win in walk off fashion. It was frustrating, but it definitely was a good sign that we’re capable of beating them,” Sulaski said. “We had it. I feel bad that much of a drivin’ because I showed that we could win the next two games.

Lafayette didn’t allow for any more close calls during the weekend; though, beating WKU 10-2 in Saturday’s second game and 10-0 in Sunday’s finale.

“We came out and we were being aggressive, but we had a few too many errors that ended up costing us in the first one,” sophomore catcher Karavin Dew said. “In the second and third games, we didn’t really hit too well, and we didn’t have what it took defensively.”

But Dew said the fact the Lady Toppers didn’t have what it took last weekend doesn’t mean they don’t have the ability.

“We just have to come out and do it,” she said. “Playing that way for four games in a row was really nice, and we just have to bring that back this weekend coming up.

WKU will play its final Sun Belt series of the season against Middle Ten- nessee this week.

The first game of the three-game series will be played at MTSU at 6 p.m. Wednesday, a makeup game for the series. The Lady Toppers will then head for a non-conference doubleheader at Murray State on Thursday before returning home to take on Tennessee Tech in a weekend series.

“We need to make sure we’re fo- cused on every day and every inning for three games,” Sulaski said. “We have to make sure we get in there and do our jobs.

Both MTSU and WKU are currently 7-14 in the Sun Belt standings, tied for seventh place. If a tiebreaker was put in place today, the Lady Toppers would be the No. 1 team.

Only the ninth team in the confer- ence standings, which currently North Texas, is excluded from the Sun Belt tournament.

But a sweep at the hands of MTSU would mean WKU at-large selection for the tournament, as well as the ability to make it to the next round of the Sun Belt tournament.

“We’ve been talking all year about consistency,” Perry said. “We know we can play with anybody, but we talk all the time about just being consistent at this point. It’s been an up-and-down season for us, but we’ve passed our record high of 549.9 feet. After the tournament, the lake sur- passed its record high of 549.9 feet. After the tournament, the lake sur-

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**RACES CONTINUED FROM SPREADS**

Since receiving his first racing chair, Davis has competed both nationally and internationally in wheelchair racing.

Pointers of wheelchair racing in Japan, where he has raced on 10 separate occasions, line his office walls.

Two weeks ago on April 18, he finished 21st overall in the 2011 Boston Marathon wheelchair race with a time of 1:48:54.

This was a very good wheelchair racer and a real nice guy,” Stein said. “He’s inspired his own racing as well.

His fellow Boston Marathon competitor in the men’s run, Jeff Stein, said “It’s a cycle that Melky said she wants to see repeated over and over again.

“Students see that if he can make it, they can make it,” she said. “They can’t do the same thing because I have a disability. He did it with a disability. I get seconded of him. When you have a role model like Matt, you have so many students that can follow his footsteps.”

**STRONG CONTINUED FROM SPREADS**

“Furrow was jubilant in talking about Edelen’s “phenomenal” outing to WKU’s Big Red Radio following the game.

“I can’t say enough about Brian Edelen’s performance this weekend,” Furrow said.

“Just how Mr. Furrow put it, he’s just put on a great show for us. He is a very good pitcher and he’s been doing what he did last night. Then he went out three today running on times, and just wanted to keep going back out. I’m just so proud of him.”

Edelen has been consistent all season, he entered the weekend with a 4-1 record and a 4.15 ERA.

His defined pitching role has changed through the course of the season. He started out the season as the No. 5 starter before replacing Huywillem in the Sunday role.

Now that he’s being used as a reliever, Edelen said he “takes pride” in being a pitcher that can work in various situations.

“It shows the coaches’ confidence in me to do different things and get outs for the team,” Edelen said. “It’s my goal to start, but I’ll do whatever the team needs me to do.”

Edelen has been on the unorthodox side of several bullpen collapses during conference play. One example was when he left in the sixth inning of the Topper’s March 27 game against Florida International with a 5-2 lead.

But Hammond, Wetherell and Davis all allowed runs to score, and W&L lost 9-8 to the Golden Panthers in 10 innings.

Sophomore Tanner Perkins, the Toppers’ Friday starter in another pitcher who, like Edelen, has seen potential wins blown by the bullpen.

He said none of those losses are a reflection on Edelen.

“Of course, we lose in every game he pitches in,” Perkins said. “That’s all it is. We can’t ask for a starting pitcher.”

Now with just three regular-season Sun Belt series left to play, it remains to be seen whether Edelen will be tossed from the bullpen or the rotation.

He said has one primary goal for the end of his senior season — to pitch in an NCAA Regional.

“I’d like to pitch in a Regional as one of those long pitches in the rotation,” Edelen said. “I’d like to pitch well, start one of those games and have a great game.”

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**CONTINUED FROM SPORTS**

Track teams step up at national meet

By LUCAS AULBACH

The WKU track and field teams were able to perform this weekend at a location where much of the team is hoping to return to next month.

Most of the team competed at the 102nd annual Drake Relays in Iowa this weekend, the site of next month’s NCAA National Championships. The distance squad traveled to Butler University in Indianapolis to compete in another meet.

Head Coach Erik Jenkins was at Drake with the team and said the meet went well for WKU.

“The weather out there was great,” he said. “Drake is notorious for having iffy weather.”

The Drake Relays are one of the largest events of the outdoor season, attracting many of the nation’s top teams.

Jenkins said the competition at the meet was at a very high level.

“We were up against some of the best teams in the U.S.,” he said. “Some of the toughest guys, collegiate and high school talents were there.”

Several WKU athletes finished well despite the competition.

Junior Ignacio Guerra continued his dominant streak in the javelin throw with another first-place finish, this time with a distance of 208 feet, 5 inches.

In the hammer throw, senior Laura Friedman will join a few other team members in making the national field at a meet.

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Jenkins said the teams have stepped up their performance this season, including this weekend and the competition in Florida earlier in the year.

“We’re competed in two of the top-five most nationally, and we’ve performed well at both of them,” he said.

Assistant Coach Michelle Scott was with the distance squad at Butler, where the teams competed late into the night Saturday.

“It was a very long top, but it was worth the wait,” she said.

Senior Rachel Freedman competed in the five-kilometer run at Butler on Saturday and said the event wasn’t over until around 11:30 p.m., though the time of day didn’t hurt the squad.

“Most of us had pretty good times,” she said. “We all did well for it being so late.”

The teams benefitted from good running conditions. While the afternoon was windy, Scott and Freedman both described the weather later in the night as perfect for a meet.

With the Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championships looming on May 13, most members of the team will have this weekend off. A small group will go to Indiana University for a meet, Jenkins said, as a tune-up for conference championships.

Freedman will join a few other team members at the meet in Indiana next weekend to run in the 1500-meter run. She said the teams still have work to do before the conference championships.

“We’re all training a little harder coming into conference,” she said.

Jenkins said the teams are in a good position coming down the stretch.

“We’re getting things done now,” he said. “I’m exited about where we stand going into conference.”

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**GREATeways**
We don’t always take a lot of time to reflect on things as reporters. It’s kind of the nature of the job. It’s our duty to recreate the scene for everyone who didn’t see it like we did, instead of soaking it in for ourselves.

But as my time at both the Herald and WKU comes to a close, I finally get to take a look back. I spent far less time here than most of my co-workers. I began at the Herald as a junior, which is most likely the reason why everyone I work with on a daily basis still seems suspicious that I’m graduating.

But believe me, it’s really happening. And I couldn’t have asked for a better two years.

I’ve been extremely fortunate during my time here to have a chance to prove myself and work on some of the top beats on the sports desk. Those beats have allowed me to cover games in places such as Lincoln, Neb., and Memphis, Tenn. A football trip to Tampa, Fla., also allowed me to miss a flight for the first time, but if you want to hear that story for a laugh, come find me.

Everything about my time at the Herald has been serendipitous, as I was switched from swimming to women’s basketball during my junior year. But I hope from there, I’ve shown that taking advantage of an opportunity and working hard will get you places. I will never lose the work ethic I’ve built here.

And now time for some thank you’s.

The first, as expected, goes to Bob Adams, director of Student Publications. I don’t think there’s any former Heralder who doesn’t feel like Mr. A has impacted their life, and I’m no different.

I’d also like to thank my editor for two semesters, Jonathan Lintner. I like to think Jonathan and I made a push to make the Herald a more competitive and credible as a sports news outlet, and that’s something I look forward to watching continue to grow.

Thank you to the coaches I worked closely with during my time here — Willie Taggart, Ken McDonald and Mary Taylor Cowles. For the other coaches here, I interacted with all of you at one point or another, and I truly appreciate everything you’ve done. Thank you to my girlfriend Caitlin for pushing me to join the Herald two years ago, I honestly didn’t know if I ever would have wandered over to Student Pubs if not for you.

And lastly, much thanks to family and friends for being understanding when this great place took up so much of my time. I promise, I’m about to have more time to share with you — maybe far too much time.

I’m not quite sure yet where I’ll go from here, except maybe straight to the unemployment line. But I hope you all have enjoyed reading my stuff as much as I’ve enjoyed writing and reporting it. I told you there would be a lot to reflect on — and that’s just two years.

But, they were incredibly special.

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**WHEELS OF FORTUNE**

Student Disabilities coordinator races wheelchair internationally

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**SPORTS**

Matt Davis, coordinator of Student Disability Services, helps students each day while they attend classes at WKU.

When he meets with students, Davis often says, “I’ve been where you are.”

Those words are not some therapeutic jargon or rhetoric, but the truth.

In Downing University Center, the 44-year-old maneuvers around his office desk in a wheelchair.

“This is all I’ve ever known,” he said, as his hands move the wheels back and forth on his chair.

Davis was born with spina bifida, which is a disorder where some vertebrae overlying the spinal cord are not fully formed.

In 1997, when Davis was an undergraduate at WKU, he was also a recipient of services at Student Disabilities, and the result was one he said changed his life.

Huda Melky was assisting students with disabilities as an Affirmative Action/ADA compliance officer when Davis showed up in her office at WKU.

She now serves as the equal opportunity/affirmative action director and ADA coordinator for Equal Opportunity/Admissions/Affirmative Action/University ADA Services for the university.

“She was going on her first day to do my run,” Melky said.

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**BASEBALL**

Edelen comes out strong in new role

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Professor’s short story book comes out in May

By ALEXIS CUSTARD
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From Girl Scouts to graduate school, English instructor Molly McCaffrey writes about women struggling against dysfunctional and unhealthy situations in her book, “How to Survive Graduate School.”

Her book of short stories comes out May 17. She’s been working on it for 16 years. “I’m really happy, I’m thrilled,” she said.

S. Craig Renfroe Jr., an editor and assistant professor of creative writing in Charlotte, N.C., said he has been editing McCaffrey’s book for a few weeks off and on.

“I enjoyed Dr. McCaffrey’s writing,” he said. “The joy of editing her book was getting to find writing that I was passionate about, taking that writing so seriously that I could help the writer make it the best it could be and then bringing that amazing writing to readers.”

By SPENCER JENKINS
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After climbing up and down the Hill during her freshman orientation, Julia Smeth of Tompkinsville felt unremarkable and tired but still had her meg-pretty twizzle for her WKU ID.

“The lady didn’t give me time to smile,” said Smeth, now a junior. “I was walking up the Hill all day long, and my hair was all crazy.”

Although Smeth said she has lost weight in her face and her hair color has changed since her original photo, she doesn’t want to pay for another ID.

“People who don’t like their picture are the people who most often want to trade their WKU ID cards,” ID Center Manager Sherry Blanton said.

“The majority of the student body has at least one replacement,” she said.

Students can use IDs to get into dorms, use their meal plans, prove attendance at an event, among other uses.

“Years ago, a student came in to the center about every two weeks to turn in his picture attempting to have another one replaced, constantly saying his photo didn’t look like him,” Blanton said.

Now, center employees make sure people aren’t abusing the system by doing checking signatures or second when they ask for a replacement.

“If people haven’t come within a year, we figure they’re not trying to abuse the system,” Blanton said.

Some students have had as many as 12 replacement IDs, she said.

Nicole Headlee, a senior from Waynesburg, Pa., said her appearance has changed a lot since she got her WKU ID because she likes to keep things interesting by doing things such as dyeing her hair.

“I love that I can change and express a bit — very, very proton, low carb diet,” she said.

Like other people, Headlee doesn’t want to pay money for a new ID.

A replacement ID costs $20, but sometimes the center will replace them for free if the person has “drastically” changed in appearance or if their card is genuinely worn out, Blanton said.

“From July 1, 2010, to present day, we have taken almost 200,000 ID photos,” she said in an email. “We’ve issued cards for those 10,000, plus an indeterminable amount beyond that for situations not requiring a new photo to be taken, which includes the free replacement of wrinkled or damaged ID cards, summer conference cards, as well as others.”

According to the WKU Code of Student Conduct, students are expected to carry their valid WKU ID at all times, and WKU cannot confiscate any ID card that has been misused, duplicated or altered.

Blanton said the center has the right to refuse to take someone’s photo if they make goofy or inappropriate faces.

“Something that was cute as a freshman may not be so cute after carrying it around for two or three years,” she said.
Europe has different alcohol culture

By TESSA DUVALL

I’m 20. I can’t legally buy alcohol in America. Good thing I’m not in America. I’m in Europe, and 20 is more than old enough to drink alcohol. I can walk into a pub, order your drink, and get you it. You’re usually rared, and alcohol is cheap.

As a college student, being around alcohol is no news for me, but the sheer availability of it is. In Grantham, my English host family, it was nearly free, with no card required. In Scotland, a friend of mine and I once walked around town, drinking wine. If I’d be willing to do that neither my parents nor my one and uncle would ever let me drink alcohol in a similar way. (Sorry, Mom, but you know it’s true.)

I’ve tried to make my relationship with alcohol a cultured one while abroad. In Munich, Germany, I drank the locally brewed Paulaner beer with my dinner of sausages and sauerkraut, and in France, a glass of Beaujolais became my drink of choice. I do mean that’s not to say that 90 percent of Strongbow didn’t have their place in my study abroad experience, because they did. Given the opportunity, most college students and I would go to bars in town, drink, dance and have a good time. (Sorry again, Mom.)

However, these nights do not define what alcohol means to me.

What defined my time abroad were the people, places and things I have been given. I have been given a broken bottle of wine, a glass of Bordeaux became my drink of choice. (Sorry, Mom, but you know it’s true.)

According to the American Heart Association, Emergency Medical Services treats about 300,000 victims of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest each year in the U.S. Eight less than eight percent of people who suffer cardiac arrest outside the hospital survive. Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at any time. Many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease or other risk factors.

While several electrical abnormalities can result in sudden cardiac arrest, the majority begin with ventricular fibrillation. Rapid treatment of ventricular fibrillation, through the application of a controlled electrical shock, is essential to the victim’s survival.

The WKU AED Program is being developed to provide the availability of early defibrillation to victims of cardiac emergencies. Dr. Allen Redden, WKU Health Services Staff Physician and The AED Program Medical Advisor, is responsible for the medical direction of WKU’s AED program. “We looked at several factors when considering how to attract people and help the community.”

Child said people and they’ve had a successful semester but are trying to find a new way to reach out to WKU.

“I joined Field Good because I feel it’s a new way to help the community,” she said. “This concert is a new way to do something fun. It’s a good way to attract people and help the community.”

Child said Field Good decided to partner with Golden Key Honor Society because both groups already have their hands into the Hunter Project, which is committed to making world hunger, according to the non-profit’s website.

The Hunter Project creates partnerships with schools. “It’s a new way to help the community.”

Child said the organizations have been working together for a few years, word about the benefit.

“We’ve spoken to other campus organizations, we organized a Face- book page and invited lots of people, and we’re released a press release,” Child said. “Other than that, it’s been word of mouth.”

The concert will start at 7 p.m. on the bottom floor of the Registry apartment, and tickets are $5 if purchased in advance at the Field Good stand, according to the press release.

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Several Bowling Green bands will “Rock for the Hungry” on Thursday night at the Registry.

The concert is in support of those groups through a campaign for the Hunter Project.

Lousiville junior Alex Kinser, president of Field Good, said the band is called Hunter Project and will be the concert.

Field Good President Andrea Willkamp, president of Golden Key Honor Society, said they’ve been able to put the concert together cheap.

“We’re lucky,” Child said. “The bands are doing it for free, and we got a relatively low price at the Registry. The only thing they had to pay for was the stage, and those were cheap. It’s pretty ideal.”

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In Grantham, my English host family, it was nearly free, with no card required. In Scotland, a friend of mine and I once walked around town, drinking wine. If I’d be willing to do that neither my parents nor my one and uncle would ever let me drink alcohol in a similar way. (Sorry, Mom, but you know it’s true.)

I’ve tried to make my relationship with alcohol a cultured one while abroad. In Munich, Germany, I drank the locally brewed Paulaner beer with my dinner of sausages and sauerkraut, and in France, a glass of Beaujolais became my drink of choice. I do mean that’s not to say that 90 percent of Strongbow didn’t have their place in my study abroad experience, because they did. Given the opportunity, most college students and I would go to bars in town, drink, dance and have a good time. (Sorry again, Mom.)

However, these nights do not define what alcohol means to me.

What defined my time abroad were the people, places and things I have been given. I have been given a broken bottle of wine, a glass of Bordeaux became my drink of choice. (Sorry, Mom, but you know it’s true.)

According to the American Heart Association, Emergency Medical Services treats about 300,000 victims of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest each year in the U.S. Eight less than eight percent of people who suffer cardiac arrest outside the hospital survive. Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at any time. Many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease or other risk factors.

While several electrical abnormalities can result in sudden cardiac arrest, the majority begin with ventricular fibrillation. Rapid treatment of ventricular fibrillation, through the application of a controlled electrical shock, is essential to the victim’s survival.

The WKU AED Program is being developed to provide the availability of early defibrillation to victims of cardiac emergencies. Dr. Allen Redden, WKU Health Services Staff Physician and The AED Program Medical Advisor, is responsible for the medical direction of WKU’s AED program. “We looked at several factors when considering how to attract people and help the community.”

Child said people and they’ve had a successful semester but are trying to find a new way to reach out to WKU.

“I joined Field Good because I feel it’s a new way to help the community,” she said. “This concert is a new way to do something fun. It’s a good way to attract people and help the community.”

Child said Field Good decided to partner with Golden Key Honor Society because both groups already have their hands into the Hunter Project, which is committed to making world hunger, according to the non-profit’s website.

The Hunter Project creates partnerships with schools. “It’s a new way to help the community.”

Child said the organizations have been working together for a few years, word about the benefit.

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The installation of the AEDs is currently scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the Fall 2011 semester.
Cory Lash, a transitional journalism retiree, started the Western Film Festival 17 years ago because he thought it would be beneficial for the students at WKU.

“I’ve always attended film festivals in other states and other colleges,” he said. “I thought it would be a terrific idea for students at Western to showcase their films. It developed over the years and we started adding seminars.”

The film festival began yesterday and will continue through Thursday, with student and independent films screened each night at 7 p.m. in Mass Media and Technology Hall auditoriums.

Notable seminars this year include Zach Adams, who directed a documentary on the Nashville floods, and Cheryl Beckley, a producer of an Emmy-winning Mammoth Cave documentary.

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A full schedule of films and seminars can be found at www.westernfilmfest.com.

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Erase the Hate event will provide forum to discuss diversity

By KEVIN ALLEN

Students and administrators will discuss their experiences with diversity and discrimination at an afternoon coat-in as part of the fifth annual Erase the Hate campaign.

The mission of the Erase the Hate is to create an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding by sharing and discussing the experiences of different groups on campus, according to the group’s Facebook page.

This year, that will be achieved with “A Walk in Their Shoes” coat-in on South Lawn.

Darrell Jarett, D’Andrew Logan, a coordinator for the event, said he wants the program to speak specifically to other students.

“We want them to know they aren’t alone and that people have the same feelings they do,” he said. “Everybody is someone trying to meet new people and make it in college. I think discrimination is just a way of life for that that way of life.”

The event will touch on many topics, and all of these topics are things students should think about and take seriously.

“There are a lot of messages you can get from this program, as I don’t think I can narrow it down to just one,” he said. “Things like from the fact that you aren’t alone to discrimination not being needed.”

Encouraging people to talk about these issues is especially necessary on a campus as diverse as WKU’s, said Versailles sophomore Chris Jakowski, another coordinator for the event.

Jakowski said his own experiences as a resident assistant in Pearce-Ford Tower showed him the need for this event.

“It’s going to be an educational experience, and these conversations are ones that we as RAs have with residents below us,” Jakowski said.

In years past, the Erase the Hate campaign took place over a week, but this year it has been condensed into a single day, Jakowski said.

“All in all day will bring the entire experience to the student in a shorter amount of time,” he said.

A Walk in Their Shoes is a series of talks by 20 students about their experiences dealing with diversity in the workplace and how they got to their current positions, he said.

The event is on South Lawn today from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and there will be free food and giveaways provided.

CONTINUED FROM DIVERSIONS

by NATE LEST

Sam Evans prefers more tangible forms of music.

Evans, the dean of the College of Educa-
tion and Behavioral Sciences, has no music on his iPhone, but has CDs, tapes and records instead.

He considers the music of the 1960s as his favorite, because he was in high school during that decade.

When he has time to listen to music, Evans said he routinely plays music by Elvis Presley and ABBA.

“I listen to Elvis more than anything else,” he said.

Evans said he will always remember the year Elvis died. It was Evans’ first week back to work after his honeymoon. At the time, he was working in southeast Missouri, where Evans said Elvis got his start.

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MAYHEM AT CIRCUS SQUARE

(top photo) The Black Shades play a song in Circus Square Park during “Mayhem,” a concert put on by Revolution 91.7. (right) Denny Laster and Stephanie Walker sit and watch The Black Shades perform at “Mayhem.” All the proceeds from the event went to the music program at Henry F. Moss Middle School.

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