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**Friday**

- **Ransdell Hall Dedication**, 2 p.m., Ransdell Hall
- **Miss Black Western Pageant**, 6-10 p.m., DUC 224
- **Broadway and Beyond**, 7:30 p.m., FAC 189
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- **An Evening of Dance**, 8 p.m., Russell Miller Theatre in the fine arts center
- **Gamers’ Guild Meeting**, 4-10:45 p.m., DUC 300
- **Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Relief Community Yard Sale**, 7 a.m. to noon, Carroll Knickly Center parking lot. A yard sale to raise money for the American Red Cross Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Relief.

**Sunday**

- **An Evening of Dance**, 3 p.m., Russell Miller Theatre in the fine arts center

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**WKU Relay for Life**

**April 29th**

- **7 PM-7 AM**
- **At the Football Field**

**Taking Cancer out of the Game**

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They have already gotten the student voice, so it’s a matter of supporting it,” Egerer said. “We are a voice of the students, and the students seem to be in sup- port of it.”

If SGA passes the resolution, only Staff Council will remain among WKU’s three campus government bodies not to support a tobacco-free campus. University Senate supported the ban by a 39-12 vote in December, and Presi- dent Gary Ransdell said he wouldn’t move forward and support a tobacco-free campus until all three governing bodies pass a resolution. Staff Council voted down a resolution in February.

SGA Chief of Staff Charlie Harris said that if SGA approves its resolution, he would be surprised if Staff Council brought it up again. “It could be interesting to see their re- action of us passing it,” Harris said. “If they are two-thirds (of governing bodies) in support, then they might feel different.”

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. 9, 2009. SGA Executive Vice President Kend- rick Bryan said he supports WKU being smoke-free as long as there is enforce- ment. “It’s up to campus officials, and we know how inconsistent the current policy is,” he said. “If it is not enforced, then I don’t see the point.”

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

Egerer wins speaker race

At last Tuesday’s meeting, Egerer was voted by the senate as next year’s Speaker of the Senate. She defeated Nathan Bishop and Dan- niel Shaw.

Egerer will take the reins from current Speaker Austin Wingate, who graduates in May.

Polk said he wanted to base the camp on the Fellowship of Christ- ianAthletes, of which he is a member. “It’s always great because whether or not you’re a Christian or not, you can play sports together,” Polk said. Each camper will get a Bible, a Camp T-shirt and equipment to keep after the camp is over.

Goodman said sports are some- thing they can do to keep their minds off the stress of their lives. “People need something to boost their spirits,” he said. “What better way than God and sports?”

Ransdell Hall dedication today

WKU’s campus “is the architectural style says a lot about what Dr. Ransdell is trying to do in far as the message con-veyed by our physical campus.”
Celebrate life in times of death

It’s never easy to deal with, nor can you always see it coming. But death is an inevitable part of life. Hip-hop music is saturated with songs about loss and grief. From Bone Thugs- N-Harmony’s “The Crossroads” to Dr. Dre’s “Message to N.W.” to NIPSA’s “Everyday I’m Cryin’,”

These and other paint pictures of their fallen loved ones, so violent and graphic, other rhythm times peaceful and graceful. But no matter their experience, the songs express a feeling we’ve all had, and that makes them beautiful.

I don’t mean to sound morbid or lower anyone’s spirits, but with the loss of two aspects within the past two weeks, one on each side of my family, death has been on my mind. And some of you may be mourning as well.

I keep thinking of my cousin, who found my aunt, her mother, in her home and never came back. And I think of my grandmother, who lost her sister, and how she feels to be the last of hersisters left. I think of the future and the inevitable tension in the room as we’ll walk up to the casket — the story experiences, the soft cries, the moving songs and the chilling interments. All of the days that I thought of, and they said it. But I think of all those loved ones who have transcended this earth in past years. I can still see their faces, their smiles, their personalities. And I find comfort in their memory. I encourage you to do the same. I’m not a therapist; my advice giving goes no further than talk with your friends. But I bet you’ve felt the same way, so I’ll be right there with you. And if you’re faithful, it might work for you too.

When you begin to miss them, simply speak their name. It’s harder to think of them as your life, an actual life — they’re not back to you yet. You can’t stop thinking about them. Grab a journal and write down all of your thoughts; document your memories with them and keep them close to you as a reminder of the good times you had most importantly, as a daily source of your appreciation. Vitalize your life, cherish your family, do good deeds while you still can. If all else fails, give it a shot to a song. If nothing else, it will remind you that you are not alone.

Surely, we’ve all endured a period of disheartening grief, anger and doubt that we could ever find happiness again. But, with time, and by some miraculous work of fate, we found strength. That’s one of the most powerful things about being human.

Death is tricky. It doesn’t warn you, and it doesn’t apologize. But when it’s ready, we somehow find a way to accept it. I guess we don’t let it sit for too long because we’ve all learned what Tu- pac said best: “Life goes on.”

Pay attention to the news. No, seriously this time. For most of our lives, our parents and teachers have been telling us to watch the news, and we have opt- ed for the more interesting “Harry Shons.” Let’s get real — who doesn’t want to see Pan- dy D. fight with Smokey on a weekly basis? With only 22.8 percent of young people from ages 18-29 voting in 2008, according to the Center for Informa- tion & Research on Civic Learning and Engage- ment, our generation likes to leave the big decisions up to our more-expen- sed elders.

In our lifetime, our mothers and fa- thers, teachers and even the gas station attendants at the local 7-Eleven have always had our backs. They’ve picked our presidents and spend hundreds of billions of dollars on discretionary programs such as educa- tion and programs that we now use to gain job experience and valuable news such as WKU on here bowling Green. But that’s over. Yes, that’s right. Grammy and Pa- pow are turning on us.

That may be an exaggeration, but take a look at the current issues re- ducing spending for Medicaid, Medi- care and Social Security. Why should those issues matter to you? According to the U.S. Congression- al Budget Office (CBO), a non-partisan group of economists that moni- tored governmental spending, America spends about $1.4 trillion a year on those three mandatory spending pro- grams with our debt reaching 92.7 per- cent of our gross domestic product (according to Forbes), if we took all the money the U.S. government spent, all of the products people consumed, machines and factories that businesses invested in, and goals that the U.S. exported to other countries, we would just barely have enough money to pay off the current debt.

However, with last year’s budget deficit reaching 9.7 percent, we are likely to lose that already impossible capability now.

Who do you think would rather push that number even higher than raise requirement ages or restrictions steals crime? Suddenly, your great aunt Mable doesn’t look like the nice older lady who gave you buttered marshmallows when you cried as a little kid anymore. So what do we do?

We download news apps on our phones, tell others, support politi- cians (regardless of party affiliation) that rise above political catering and vote so we can continue to have a na- tion to vote for. Two major U.S. investment firms warned earlier this month that if the U.S. does nothing to shift its debt levels — in bond rating will be downgraded in the near future. That will simultaneously increase U.S. debt and slow the economy, which could decrease its with refu- sional growth — a downward spiral that bankruptcies flourishes, Ireland and Portugal this year.

My mom used to quote an old say- ing, “If you won’t stand for something, you’ll fall for anything.”

The American Association of Retired Persons estimated that 69 percent of Americans age 45 and older voted in 2008, so great aunt Mable will be voting for you by New Year’s Eve.

We need a stand of our own. No, seriously this time.

This commentary doesn’t necessarily represent the views of the Herald or the university.
Chandi Tanner doesn’t do gentle yoga. Tanner teaches yoga classes five times a week at the Preston Center. “It’s not the easy stretching like some people think,” she said. “It’s not a gentle yoga. The classes that I teach are about muscular endurance.” She said she enjoys yoga because it helps her find relief. “I’ve had two kids, and to me it’s kind of just like a stress reliever and a time for myself to get out of the house,” she said. She’s motivated to continue doing yoga because she finds it calming. Tanner enjoys the deep breaths, the awareness of her body and the rest that she gets from it. “It’s not a workout that stresses and strains you and makes your muscles fatigued,” she said. “It’s a balance. That’s what yoga is about. It’s about balancing.” Tanner said that while yoga is stress-relieving and helpful in finding calm, it isn’t what helps her through difficult times. “I wouldn’t give the glory to yoga,” she said. “Personally, I know the Lord.” She often prays when doing yoga, and there are certain poses she prefers to practice when she is praying. Tanner said she does a pose with her feet and back against the wall. “That kind of gets my blood circulating in different areas, and I go into that deep breathing and do a little bit of yoga, but I pray to my Lord,” Tanner said. “He helps me bring calmness into anything that I’m going through.” Tanner said that her favorite pose is also a very difficult one called the Cobra Pose, which involves a headstand. “It’s very challenging,” she said. “I often pray it. It’s just something I do on my own. I still use the wall.” Tanner said she started doing yoga regularly about five years ago, when she became certified to teach it and has taught off and on since. She says it’s a great workout. Tanner does yoga on her own twice a week, she said. “I teach five classes, so that’s enough,” she said. “I don’t really have to do it on my own.” She said she prefers to lead her classes by example, standing in front of the class and demonstrating. Heather Stubblefield and Kelly Poyner both work in Information Technology and attend Tanner’s class together. Stubblefield said Tanner is one of the best yoga instructors she has had. “She’s challenging, and she gives us a good workout,” Stubblefield said. “Chandi is wonderful!” Poyner said that Tanner’s class is more challenging than some of the other yoga classes she has taken. “I feel like she pushes us more than what we would want to push ourselves,” she said. “But she’s very encouraging.” Elizabethstown sophomore Ben Nelson said he goes to Tanner’s yoga class as often as he can. Nelson has taken yoga classes with other instructors, but he said Tanner’s class is his favorite. “This one is the better one, in my opinion,” he said. “It’s more active. I guess it’s more focused on doing yoga rather than teaching it.” Yoga newcomers shouldn’t be intimidated, Tanner said. “Everybody is on their own level,” she said. “There is no judging or expectations. Come and try it out.”
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By ELIZABETH BEILMAN

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Amy Chester, academic adviser for the Honors College, will be leaving WKU to become the assistant registrar at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

“Honors students need an adviser who is not only involved in their academics but an adviser who is also involved in their personal and social lives,” Chester said.

“Her work and how to make Honors work in their schedule, how to augment, how to work Study Abroad — that’s a part of the Honors College’s growth.”

As an academic adviser, she coordinates their schedules, helps them get to know each other, and works with them to understand when you’re pressing because you’reSystems. Chester has been a part of the Honors College since its inception.

“I think it’s easier to get students’ attention, and I think it’s easier to get them to understand when you’re speaking about something they can relate to,” he said. “I think it makes a difference. It’s not just looking at pictures in a book.”

“Sometimes, just when someone has mastered a skill in his class, he has an off day,” Chester said. “I think it’s easier to get them interested in a topic they’re interested in.”

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By KEVIN ALLEN

At the WKU Dance Company’s annual show “An Evening of Dance,” music ranges from Vivaldi to Britney Spears.

“Some of the work is slow and some of the work is very high energy,” said associate professor of dance Cliffon Brown, who is the dance program coordinator and a choreographer. “Everyone loves a good variety of everything.”

That variety will be seen in this weekend’s performances, with pieces ranging from classical ballet to modern dance. Brown said.

He said all students should consider attending the show.

“When students and you become a professional in whatever type of job you have, you’ll need to speak about other things beside your job,” Brown said. “So if you get taken to a ballet or any kind of performance, at least you can speak educatedly about it, which is really important in any professional setting.”

The event isn’t just about the audience, but also preparing the dancers for the professional world, said Amanda Clark, an assistant dance professor and one of the lead choreographers.

“This is their opportunity to finally show people what they have been working so hard to achieve,” Clark said.

Brown said this year in particular features several talented graduating seniors, allowing the company to perform pieces that they haven’t been able to produce in eight years due to their difficulty.

“And now I’ll have to save my best for next year,” Brown said, after watching “Speed,” one of the most challenging pieces.

Natalie Peak, a Louisville senior and one of the lead dancers, said she’s channeling the excitement of being so close to graduating into her performance.

“That’s my favorite part, each night getting closer and closer to the point I’ve been working toward since was three years old,” Peak said.

Peak said she hopes students will attend the production and take away inspiration or a new idea that they wouldn’t have considered before.

“They don’t have to like it, they don’t have to come back saying ‘that was the best thing ever,’” Peak said. “But to step out of their own comfort zones and maybe they’ll take something away personally.”

“An Evening of Dance” began yesterday and will be performed each night in Russell Miller Theatre in the fine arts center through Tuesday. It begins at 8 p.m. every night except Sunday, when it starts at 3 p.m. The cost is $10.

Members of the WKU Dance Company practice in Russell Miller Theatre in the fine arts center on Wednesday night.

It was their final dress rehearsal for their upcoming performance of “An Evening of Dance,” during which they will perform many kinds of dances they have been perfecting over the past semester.

By JOANNA WILLIAMS

Forty years ago, the Miss Black Western pageant was created because at that time, black women weren’t allowed to run and compete for the Homecoming Queen title at WKU.

“This gave them an opportunity to try something new. Some of the women who have never had the opportunity to try something new. I feel like this is one of the premier opportunities to showcase our black women on campus,” she said.

Thurpe said even though black women are now able to run for Homecoming Queen, she thinks the Miss Black Western pageant is still necessary.

“I feel like it goes young ladies to come out of the box and most new people, form new relationships and have their moment to shine, because a lot of these women have never had that,” said. “It gives them an opportunity to learn who they are.”

“Don’t think you can have too many events where women are able to show who they are and be recognized for it,” she said.

Nashville freshman Jamee Hardy said the competition is still for the pageant and winning carries impact.

“The first Miss Black Western pageant was a very controversial thing,” she said. “I think that it would be a great honor to be the face of that.”

Hardy said that no matter who wins the title tonight, the friendships she’s made through the pageant is what counts.

“I think we’ve become a big family and we’ve all become sisters,” she said. “I know two girls at the beginning and now I have sixteen other sisters.”

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Wouldn't You
Like To Know?
Fans might want to keep all hands and feet away from the Lady Toppers after last weekend's sweep of Louisiana-Monroe in a three-game series.

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Injured seniors find other ways to provide leadership

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The Lady Toppers didn't expect to lose two of their three senior players to injury this year, but when they did, they were more than effective.

Senior Elizabeth Ferrell broke her arm in batting practice on March 14 and re-injured her back on July 5 of last year, finding their final seasons would be a bit different than anticipated.

"It's hard, because nothing happened like I thought it was going to," Williams said. "You spend the two years dreaming about how your senior year is going to be. Clearly, I didn't reach that."

But that hasn't stopped her from playing a role this season.

Head Coach Tyra Perry said the duo has provided an unexpected extension to the coaching staff.

"They're almost my on-field coach," she said. "They're my eyes and ears. They have the freedom to say whatever they need to say to the young players out there and even the older ones.

Ferrell said she grew in a person through her experience.

"I've definitely had to be more vocal," she said. "That was a problem I had with my leadership skills because the team wanted me to be more vocal. It definitely brought me life skill-wise. I don't like to talk a lot. I don't like to be more vocal, but I've had to do that more now."

The circumstance has had a similar effect on Williams.

"I'm not as strong as I used to be, just how life is going to be," she said. "Things are going to end up being thrown at you, but there's always a bigger picture. I've relied on God, and this has shown me that there's a lot more to life than just the good things and the bad things and not playing this year."

"This year should be ending like this for a reason."

The experience hasn't been all gain, though. Senior Britney Perry said not having her fellow seniors play was a bit different than expected.

"When we talked all summer," she said. "We talked about being the best leaders we could be and leading this team to a championship — not just cheating on them, but physically, too. We wanted to be the best to play; we could not vote for our four years here."

Tyra Perry said the loss of the two seniors has decreased the already small amount of leadership the Lady Toppers had coming into the season.

"I think we lost a sense of stability," she said. "They were strong, true leaders, and they were providing leadership. Now that they're out, it's difficult to provide the same levels of leadership."

Ferrell said she has done her best to fill the leadership void.

"I realized I needed to step up as much as a vocal leader," she said. "I'm still a little bit reticent, I have experiences, and I can still share my experiences with the younger players so they can still draw from my experience to play well in the field."

Williams said she's doing her best to pass down her wisdom, but "I want any of my college's confidence back."

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Junior third baseman Amanda Waiden said Albright’s inclusion in the pitching staff gives the team a special edge in conference play.

“It’s great that we found another pitcher,” she said. “The two-pitcher rotation works for a while, and then everyone gets used to your pitchers. Now that Albright is in the rotation, they haven’t seen her.

“Lady Toppers’ pitching rotation previously consisted of sophomores Mallorie Sulaski and Kim Wagner. Perry said Sulaski remains the team’s No. 1 starter pitcher, but that Albright grabbed the team’s No. 2 spot after displaying a strong sense of responsibility, potential and heart.

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dents within its athletic department Monday in the Topper Club at Houchens-Smith Stadium.

Of those honored, 224 have a cumula-
tive grade point average of 3.0 or higher, which go to the teams with the highest

The scholarship team of the year awards, which give the title most prestigious GPA over the past year, were presented to

The Men’s Scholar Team Award was won by two baseball and tennis, while the Women’s Scholar Team Award went

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