Student tour guides hit WKU's high points

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Hilltopper Haven home to 'fiery' WKU sports talk

By JONATHAN LINTNER
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It's the water cooler. It's the barber shop of old. And now it's instantaneous.

GARY CARTER
Hilltopper Haven member

As an open forum, "Havenites," as members are called, like the line between fact and fiction in truths that readily shift but can still be heard. "Hilltopper Haven," a WKU Internet newsgroup brokered and unbalanced Havenite, said he receives no more tips than he has children's hats in a box. "I think the stuff that gets put in front of me otherwise would scare a lot of people, and I think it would bother a lot of people," Morgan, who has owned the place "Are you hearing what I'm hearing?" when hearing to other Havenites that he has new information. "That's like a tornado weather — just letting you know conditions are right, and then you should be on the lookout." 

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Regents will vote on new construction

By JONATHAN LINTNER
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WKU's Board of Regents will discuss the university’s six-year capital construction plan as well as a number of new academic programs at its meeting this Friday, according to agenda materials released Monday. 

Friday's meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. in the regents room on the second floor of Mas Mo-ska and Technology Hall, in the Regent's second quarterly meeting. 

Many actions items follow approvals from the Board of Regents committees, which met March 4. 

The capital construction plan, which runs from 2012 through 2018, is just the initial of the building process, said Bryan Russell, director of Planning, Design and Construction. 

The plan contains projects ranging from mono-yetions to WKU’s science buildings, $17 million dollars in steam repairs and a new College of Business building with renovations in Oval Hill. 

"There are going to include renovations to many academic buildings, an indoor athletics facility and a new parking structure," he said.

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Small number of students go ticket-free

By LINDSAY KRIZ
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Dorms Car transportation analyst at Parking and Transportation Services, said just a small portion of WKU’s student body takes advantage of ticket-free parking. 

"That means 74 percent either pay what was suggested or have the price reduced," he said. "Can you decide what action should be taken on parking tickets are part of the appeals committee, which is a collection of faculty, staff and students." 

Maloney said he wants each person to talk about the ticketing process, said "I'm not sure what's happened throughout the year," she said. 

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**NEWS BRIEF**

**BG smoking ban starts Thursday**

An ordinance banning smoking in most public places in Bowling Green goes into effect Thursday.

According to the ordinance, no person will be allowed to smoke in any building or enclosed area, including but not limited to all office buildings and work places, with a few exceptions. Smoking near building entrances will also be prohibited, and “no smoking” signs will be required in buildings.

Bowling Green’s Board of Commissioners originally passed the ordinance by a 3-2 vote at a Jan. 24 special session.

The city, along with the Barren River District Health Department, has since offered “Smoking Business Kits” to assist business owners in implementing the new ordinance. Smoking is already banned in buildings on WKU’s campus, although further discussions to make campus smoke-free is in the works.

The University Senate passed a resolution in December supporting a smoke-free campus. Staff Council has since voted down a resolution, and the Student Government Association hasn’t yet read a resolution.

President Gary Ransdell said he won’t recommend a smoking ban on campus to the Board of Regents until all three governing bodies pass a resolution.

— Jonathan Lintner

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**CRIME REPORTS**

**Reports**

- Katrina Bidwell, McLean Hall, reported on April 23 that her GPS was stolen from her vehicle. The value of the theft was $150.
- Jason Pruitt, Pearce-Ford Tower, reported on April 23 that his moped was stolen outside of PFT. The value of the theft was $600.
- Shawn Lymon, PFT, reported on April 22 that his car had been keyed in the PFT lot. The value of the damage was $300.

**Arrests**

- Noah Guest, Gallatin, Texas, was arrested on April 24 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. He was released the same day on an unsecured bond.

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The ticket is most likely to reduce the ticket to a warning or appeal the ticket. The appeals committee can choose to uphold the ticket, reduce the ticket to a warning or appeal the ticket.

Jankowski said that if an appeal is made, the committee is most likely to reduce the ticket to a warning. A "lot of times somebody self-corrects," he said. "The ticket is their statement. Yeah, I was only 10 minutes over the time limit, but ... So we have to uphold the amount.

If the vote for an appeal is tied, the appeals committee votes on the next appeals committee, he said.

Building Services Atten- dant Cassandra Bailey, also an appeals committee member, said the committee sees a decision based on the fines and how many citations that person has had.

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Other university action items included approval of the Student Union Center. Revisions will be made to the 2010-2011 operating budget because of a 1.4 percent increase after state funding.

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Concerns: The fee should be waived for student organizations, as the events they hold benefit WKU.

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To do that, the student groups might plan a big performance or other event that could lead to profits, and it makes sense that they would choose a convenient, sizable location, like DUC theater, to do so. Sure, there are other free locations, but they might not be as accommodating.

Since the DUC theater renovation, there has been an hourly fee for staffing during any event hosted there. In the past the fee was not enforced, student groups simply had to reserve a time and were in charge of their own set-up.

Charging to use the space is unfair to student organizations with big visions, but small budgets. There is a $9 hourly charge per staffer and a $10 hourly charge for a manager. On average, for a four-hour booking, there are three staffers and one manager, totaling $84.

The fee is not outrageous, but every dollar counts when groups have to financially support themselves.

Furthermore, since the students who make up the groups pay student activity fees with tuition, they should be covered. After all, the groups plan them under tuition, should they be covered.

To support student groups, DUC management must consider only applying the fees to people who host non-campus related events. Perhaps they could give student groups an instruction manual for operating lights, sound and any other technical equipment of necessary.

Without the charge, more student organizations might have the option of hosting big events, rather than being hindered in programming because of the extra expense. They could also possibly lower their admission costs to further please students who attend their programs.

Whatever the resolution, student organizations should have the freedom to use the facilities that their tuition help to maintain, especially when fundraise on campus and in the greater community can benefit from it.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald’s 10-member editorial board.
By ZIRCONIA ALLEYNE

Mulholland and Williamson have been accepted to a prestigious veterinary school in London. Although the two women did not know each other well while students at WKU, they are planning to live together in London.

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“I think I got accepted because I had put in a lot of work,” Mulholland said. “I really feel like I have told people about things that aren’t true just because it’s a big campus.”

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Regarding his second campaign and the $25 million that has already been raised, Ransdell said it will have the same organizing group that works on and year round fundraising.

By EMILY Y. ULBER

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According to Board of Regents agenda materials, $100 million of the current campaign goes toward academic programs. The $25 million for buildings has already been reached, with the last $25 million being raised toward a $75 million total for “People.”

Mostly, the last $25 million will always be the hardest because you’ve antagonized a lot of gifts that will hopefully be able to be realized during this next period of time,” Costello said.

Ransdell will meet with university officials to develop a strategic plan for the next several years, which will help WKU put together its next fundraising campaign — just like he did before the “New Century of Spirit” campaign, Costello said.

“Great push could be based on a strategic plan the university developed,” she said. “We needed a lot of improvements to the campus and buildings and so forth, we needed some endowments for scholarships and faculty positions and those things all became part of what drove the fundraising efforts.”

That same process will start back up as the current campaign comes to an end, Costello said.

After the campaign, there’s this tendency to get kind of “Ah, we’re so glad this is over,” she said. “But we really can’t afford to do that, because we have a lot of people that have been engaged and interested.”

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A new WKU partnership may offer rewards to students, faculty and staff who visit areas of campus.

WKU has partnered with Foursquare for Universities, the higher education arm of Foursquare, said Cone Martin, creative web services manager.

Foursquare is a “location-based mobile platform.” By “checking in” via a smartphone app or text message, users share their location with friends while collecting points and virtual badges, according to Foursquare’s website. There are more than 6 million users worldwide, and an average of 2.5 million check-ins per day.

The Foursquare application can be downloaded onto any smartphone device. According to Foursquare, WKU has officially claimed more than 100 venues, including all the academic buildings, administrative buildings and food establishments on campus.

“We’re hoping it creates some buzz across campus,” she said. “And it could help prospective students see what’s going on around WKU.”

In addition to social networking, Martin said there are many other benefits to Foursquare — including the rewards that come with using it.

Martin was at a car wash recently when she decided to check in to the area using Foursquare. She was rewarded with $2 off her car wash, just for using the service.

“They’re really cool to find specials like that around,” she said.

Martin said administrators are hoping to partner with the WKU Restaurant and Catering Group and the WKU Store to offer some incentives for students to use the service. For example, if you check in five or 10 times in an area, you could get a discount or something free.

Lacey Jackson, marketing and graphic artist for the WKU Athletics Office, said the program has potential.

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In his second-floor office in College High Hall, Blaine Ferrell held an engraved cherry box containing a limited-edition "The Fifty Rarest Birds of the World" given to him by his fellow faculty members.

That, to me, meant more than almost anything else," he said.

Ferrell, dean of Ogden College of Science and Engineering for the past decade, looks forward to having more time to photograph the birds that fascinate him. "I know I wanted to be a biologist since I was 5 years old, " Ferrell said after describing his childhood bird watching on the western Philadelphia farm across from his parent's suburban house.

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"No one person does it all," he said. "It's just a matter of working as a team. I want to thank them for their support."

Although Ferrell will be leaving his position as dean, he will remain at WKU as associate vice president for research.

Ferrell said that before serving as dean, he would be working with corporations, working with teachers in Kentucky. "I just enjoyed doing it, " Ferrell said. "I do it mostly for search."

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"These are all things that kind of happened under my watch," Keorder said. "It really changed the way we think about research in this college."

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"This is all with seven years of budget cuts," he said. "We try to help students become very successful.

One of Ferrell's fondest memories includes traveling to Ecuador.

"We went down to the forest, and it was unreal," Ferrell said. "As an ornithologist, that's like the ultimate "Mesa.""

He said Ogden College has evolved to be more technologically sophisticated over the last 15 years.

"With the infrastructure and working with corporations, we've become much more cutting edge," Ferrell said. "It just stepped it up a notch."

The college now owns and operates a large chamber scanning electron microscope, he said.

"About 600 jobs have been created for students from the Center for Research and Development, Ferrell said.

"We've had a lot of good corporate support," he said.

Ferrell said he wants to leave behind a legacy of emphasis on faculty members.

"I hope the faculty feel they have been empowered enough that they can maintain the quality," he said.

Elizabeth Ferrell, daughter of Blaine Ferrell, a senior on the WKU softball team and a chemistry major, said her father never let her slack off.

"He's definitely pushed me in class, and I definitely appreciate it," she said.

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The Symphony at WKU is presenting its best music tonight at the group's first Concert of The Symphony.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. today in Van Meter Hall, and tickets cost $10 for adults and $5 for students. All proceeds go to WKU's music Panoramique Delta Omicron and Phi Mu Alpha.

The concert will consist of five concertos for instruments ranging from violins to harpsichord and includes well-known pieces such as Vivaldi's "Summer" and more modern works.

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"He's going to tell you straight up what he thinks," she said. "He's going to do what he thinks needs to be done to the college to make it better. He's well respected."

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Van Meter Hall, and tickets cost $10 for adults and $5 for students. All proceeds go to WKU’s music Panoramique Delta Omicron and Phi Mu Alpha.
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Mourderball back in action in Preston
By JOANNA WILLIAMS
APRIL 26, 2011 COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD
Wheelchairs will clank as mourderball returns to WKU tonight. Mourderball is a game similar to rugby that's played by quadriplegic athletes, said Matthew Davis, coordinator for Student Disability Services.
WKU will host a game of mourderball tonight at 6 p.m. in the Preston Center, when a quadriplegic rugby team made up of members from Kentucky and Tennessee will be in town, he said.
As the game, the quadriplegic team will compete against members of WKU's intramural rugby teams, who will be playing in wheelchairs, Davis said.
Then, the intramural members will add members of the quadriplegic team to their side and vice versa, in order to create two balanced teams of quadriplegics and able-bodied members, Davis said.
The intramural teams gain a greater appreciation of the sport after playing it themselves, he said.
This is the team's fourth year playing mourderball at WKU, Davis said. The event has been steadily growing in popularity each year.
"Every year I get questions from students, "When are we going to do the mourderball?"" he said.
"Honokio resident Ernie Chan, who is a member of the quadriplegic team, said he thinks everyone on the team has benefitted from being a part of it in some way. "It helps them develop a healthy lifestyle," he said. "We also travel a lot so you learn to live on your own and take care of yourself."
Bowling Green resident Travis Smith has been competing in wheelchair rugby for more than 14 years and said the experiences he's gotten from it have been invaluable.
"It's good to go out and show able-bodies how people do things from transfers to driving to travel and make friendships. You get to see how people do things from transfers to drivers to a wheelchairs," he said. "It's amazing by the vast imagинаtion the people in the world."
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Visit the website of the College Heights Herald.


Jonathan White, a former student from Russellville, Kentucky, under the screen name "Woodrow," said finding information on the Haven has become a "way of life." White, now a public affairs employee at WKU, even-
tually realized the Haven's spreadsheet system was an "idea to be admired." Although Mendez-Valdez is a for-
ter player, Baumgardner said current players and coaches also read it.

Nick Baumgardner, WKU beat 

Stewart, professor and associate 

Twitter is a "great" place to read the messages and find out about the boards, and not all accounts are anonymous. Stewart, professor and associate

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Nick Baumgardner, WKU beat writer for the Bowling Green Daily News, has been a spike in mes-

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What keener, though, was the Haven's "one of the five or six best things" to happen to WKU — the last four years.

"Does it keep people on their toes — absolutely, because there's many times we'll get information weeks in advance. Whether it's good, bad or indifferent, it gets on there." Stewart said.

"Before it was formally announced that year that the play of the season was on the Haven before tradition-

"It's the water cooler. It's the bar-

Alongside Mendez-Valdez, now a profes-

The bulletin board, the "Haven of yahoos or hardcores, I think they're pretty much it, and it has been for some time," Stewart said. "I'm not going to put my finger in the emotions of what some Originally, analytics and decision making, as Stewart continues to operate out of the media such as himself. Because

"We ended up giving them advice without being told to give it — or you say you're acting irresponsibly if he didn't read the information is now viewed focused on social media rather than tipped to traditional media such as himself. Because

"If you're not checking on it — or you say you're not — you're probably long before you're covering the team," Stewart said. "I wouldn't say it's part of the job, but if you want to be good at the job, you need to be able to gauge what people are thinking, and that's one way to do it."
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Children join parents at work

By LAUREN ARNOLD

WKU students shouldn’t be alarmed if they walk into a classroom to find a child sitting behind the desk.

Human Resources is hosting its first Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day today.

The event, which is happening in conjunction with the national event, is on campus today until 4 p.m. The national event is held annually in April.

Kari Adams, assistant director of Human Resources, said she found an article about Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day in a newsletter at the University of South Florida and decided to model WKU’s after it.

Adams said college campuses have a unique setting that can give children a look at multiple career opportunities in one day because of the different departments and programs at WKU.

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day isn’t exactly what it sounds like, she said.

“It’s bring your children to work, but with a twist,” she said.

Adams said the students don’t shadow their parents all day. They also choose and participate in two “breakout sessions,” one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

She said the departments at WKU have helped a lot with the event.

“They’ve done a superb job on designing the breakout sessions to really give the kids an insight into things they’d see in different career fields,” she said.

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Senate rejects change to Honors curriculum

By MIKE STIGSON

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BRIEF

Honors adviser Chester leaving

Amy Chester, assistant adviser for the Honors College, announced in an email on Friday that she will be leaving WKU to become assistant registrar at the University of Mississippi-Kansas City.

Chester, whose last day at WKU is May 3, is from Frankfort, Ky., and is a graduate of the University of Central Missouri.

Chester said she made the decision in order to fill her position at WKU. — Jonathan Lister

In other news

Kelly Maddix was voted chair of the University Senate on Thursday for the second straight year.

David Harris, Lawrence was elected secretary, and Francesca Sunkin reaffirmed her role as vice-chair.

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THE HANDYMAN

Carter uses ‘five tools’ to build pro career

By BRAD STEPHENS | sports@chherald.com

Junior center and outfielder Kes Carter has drawn attention from professional scouts since he arrived at WKU. Carter has hit .358 during his career and has committed just five errors as a Topper.

In his time at WKU, the left-hander has a .358 career average with 104 RBIs, is 24-for-30 on stolen base attempts and has commited just five errors.

And that’s why scouts have been lined up every fall workout to watch Carter.

Senior catcher Matt Rice said it’s almost comical for a player to have the natural talents of Carter.

“We always joke about how anytime a ball is hit to him, he just makes it look so easy,” Rice said. “We’re lucky to have a player like him at Western.”

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—MATT RICE

Senior catcher
Most Topper fans know the story of the bittersweet defeat when they hosted Vanderbilt, the nation’s No. 2 team, 5-4 in the 11th, of 11 teams. The Toppers came back from a 6-3 deficit and even took an 8-6 lead, but the lineup couldn’t overcome the baserunner performances of Davis and Phil Wetherell, who combined to allow eight runs in 3 and 1/3 innings.

The bitter 6-5 loss cost WKU a chance at the program’s best-ever road victory, as well as an opportunity to add a monumental win to its postseason resume.

The Toppers (25-16) will look to erase memories of the painful defeat when they host Vanderbilt (35-5), still No. 2 in the nation, tonight at 6 p.m. at Nick Denes Field.

“We lost on the last pitch, so that was tough,” Rice said. “But the fact we were playing a top-5 team early in the season that we handled, allowing the winning Commodore run to score, is what the Topper dugout thought was over the outer edge of the plate for the decisive third strike. That game against the Commodores, the fact it was such a close contest has set the stage for the Topper’s season.

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Those who know Cort Basham associate the interdisciplinary studies instructor with many different roles. Most often, acquaintances see him play the roles of teacher, father and husband. But to the members of the Bowling Green Road Runners Club, Basham is the nutrition expert and marathoner who just completed his second Boston Marathon.

Basham finished 2,685th out of the 24,338 starters with a time of 3:08.33 during the 115th Boston Marathon on April 18. "I've heard it described as a 26-mile victory lap," Basham said. "Getting there is the accomplishment—not necessarily running the race itself."

That's because the Boston Marathon requires participants to qualify by meeting a designated time standard that corresponds with their age group and gender. Because the 34-year-old ran under three hours and 10 minutes at a marathon in the past year, he was allowed to register. "Not everyone can play in the Super Bowl," Basham said. "Not everyone can play in the World Series, not everyone can play for the Lakers or the Celtics, and not everyone can run in the Boston Marathon, but 27,000 people can."

Basham said qualifying times are increasingly becoming faster, and registration for the field capacity filled in just eight hours for Boston.

He ran his first Boston Marathon in 2008 and has run seven other marathons. This was his first time repeating the 26.2 miles on the same course. But the WKU instructor wasn’t always the runner he is now. Graduating as a Hilltopper in 2001, he said he “just didn’t feel good, didn’t feel fit.”

Basham began running two days a week, which turned into completing a few 5ks, or 3.1 mile races. He then found himself running the distances of a half-marathon, which is 13.1 miles. "I wasn’t sure about the whole marathon, long-distance running thing," Basham said. "But the more I did it, you adapt, and it gets easier on you. I just really enjoyed the challenge. Distance running is more about energy management than it is about speed."

"If you aren’t trained and don’t strategize, 26 miles will break you. It is much more of a chess match with yourself." Basham met up with a group of men and women in the Bowling Green Road Runners Club, and the idea of running a marathon started to grow.

The club has created a social aspect of running that a lot of runners miss out on, said Brian Packard, president of the club. Packard ran Boston as well. "For the most part, running is not about competing with other people," he said. "The only part that is a race is the last tenth of a mile. The whole rest of the time, you’re by yourself. It is like golf in a sense. You are really playing against yourself more than you are anybody else."

Jeff Stein, former president and now treasurer of the club, completed his 14th Boston Marathon and 10th in a row this year. "There’s Cort, Brian and me, and four or five others that run together pretty regularly," Stein said. "I don’t know if we talk each other into it or not. We run together, and it contributes to all of us still running these marathons."

Since Basham completed his first marathon in the fall of 2005, he said he has found a support system from the group of other runners. "In any subculture, you need people that are as crazy as you are," Basham said. "Whether you’re in a band, or you are in a hiking club, you all understand the language. You understand what drives you to do this thing that normal people wouldn’t want to do."

Basham said he doesn’t have an ultimate goal in marathoning, but he would like to be able to run the Boston Marathon every few years. "I’ve always said that I don’t really run marathons to achieve anything great," he said. "I run marathons to discover my limits."
**Men's Basketball**

WKU recruits 'spread the ed' at Derby Classic

By JONATHAN LINTNER & ZACH GREENWELL

Class of '11 point guard Derrick Gordon — self-proclaimed Mr. Hilltop — got his all about 'spreading the end,' like they say, at Friday's Derby Festival Non-Pro Basketball Classic in Louisville.

Gordon and fellow WKU signee George Fant demoralized grey cat-om warfare shirts with red towel logos before the all-star game, where they both participated in the white team's 126-122 loss to the Gold team in front of 10,919 fans at the KFC Yum! Center.

All other players were black warmups decorated with the all-star game's logo — 'It's good to just let people know who you are and where you're going,' Gordon said.

Although Gordon's team ended up on the wrong end of a game that was all about offense, the WKU signee couldn't stop smiling, chipping balls and sharing hugs afterwards.

"I just want to shoot every moment when I'm here," said Gordon on being back in Kentucky.

The St. Patrick High School (N.J.) point guard came off the bench to score 10 points in the first half. He added four rebounds, three steals, one assist and a turnover in 19 minutes played.

Fant didn't make quite the same splash for Gordon, but he was still definitely determined to make an impact for himself and WKU.

The forward from Warren Central High School totaled six points and four rebounds in 19 minutes.

Fant was great out here, playing with these top talents like these guys," Fant said. "All of these guys are really good players, and I think I came out and showed myself tonight. I did most of the rebounding, but hey, me and Derrick made a team for ourselves out here.

With 19 minutes of action, Gordon and Fant were the only players on Friday's game, which was made up of five 12-minute quarters.

Warren Central coach Tim Riley, who coached the white team in Friday's signee lineups were set in advance with the exception of the fourth quarter.

"It's a great glorified pickup game and we're going to go to Western and turn to fans at the KFC Yum! Center."

Fant's sales pitch for WKU was also heard by all other stars throughout the night.

Fant said he and Gordon had been the event to persuade Jefferson- town's Tony Kimbro and Christian County's Anthony Hickey to consider the Topper.

While WKU Head Coach Ken Mc- Donald hosted recruiting visits back in Bowling Green, President Gary Ransdell and Athletics Director Ross Brotz watched from the Yum! Center’s stands. "All wish I could have been up there and give them a hug," Gordon said. "For them to come out and show support for me and George is just incredible."

Gordon said he will move to WKU on June 3, and Fant will participate in the Kentucky-Indiana all-star series that same month.

And by them, Fant said he thinks people around WKU will know the future is bright.

"Everybody in Bowling Green knows what I'm capable of, and I'm going to be a wealth of experience around WKU."

Fant was quick to take credit for Gordon making a name for himself out here.

"Hey, you still got your game face up, and me I'm like, 'I've got mine.' So we went from I had a red towel, but I left it in the hotel room.

FANT

GORDON

The WKU duo connected quickly on Fantasy Island to Kentucky-Indiana all-star series that won’t be WKU's first exposure of the night.

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One player that will not return to eastern Car- rie True, who was named as the All-Con- ference team Wednesday. True went 4-4 during her senior year and also matched a 46-20 career singles record while at WKU.

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**BRIEF**

**Tennis teams fall in Sun Belt: True honored**

The WKU tennis teams’ seasons came to an end last week with losses in the first round of their respective Sun Belt Con- ference tournaments in Mobile, Ala.

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SOFTBALL

Lady Tops trying to finish strong after weekend sweep

By NICK BRATCHER

Difficult for us to make it into the tournament this weekend, it would have been very, very successful that we can sweep, and that we can combine nine innings and yielding four earned runs on eight hits in 12 innings of work.

Freshman pitcher Brittanie Albright (3-1) stepped up to claim a starting role in two games of the series and grabbed the win on both occasions, pitching a combined 13-2 innings and yielding four earned runs on 10 hits.

Senior outfi elder Brittney Perry laughs with teammates in the outfi eld after WKU’s 7-6 victory against Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Toppers swept the weekend series against UL.

“I think it’s big for the team to know they can sweep, and that they can compete,” Perry said. “If we had another bad weekend, it would have been very, very difficult for us to make it into the tournament — not impossible, but extremely difflcult.”

WKU climbed to seventh place in the Sun Belt with the wins after entering this season’s action in ninth, facing potential exclusion from the postseason tournament because it includes just the top eight teams.

Freshman second baseman Katie Mattox said the team’s main concern remains that feeling before we go practice. We need to remember the success we had this year,” she said. “We just want to be there about where we fall at the end of the season.”

That new outlook meant viewing the road in a doubleheader against Murray State as extra motivation.

“We called last week’s ‘soul searching,’” she said. “We decided to dig deep within ourselves and figure out what the issues are — if it’s ourselves or the team or both. We had a couple sessions of mental training and got a new outlook. That new outlook meant viewing the remaining games as a brand new season.”

“We’re just going to think of what we can do from here on out,” she said. “We’re just going to think of what we can do from here on out.”

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It was business as usual over the week-end for the WKU track and field teams, meaning school records fell, and the Captains competed through inclement weather and unfavorable weather. The teams were split up, with the majority of the team competing in a meet in Louisiana, while the distance squad competed in Vanderbilt. While the weather in Vanderbilt was closed to slow running, the teams struggled in Lousiana with warm rain and wind, with some events being canceled in the last hour as a result. "In outdoor track, you have to deal with the weather," Head Coach Erik Jenkins said. "That's just the way the sport is." For most Saskatchewan Wind, even competed in Lousiana, said the inconsistent weather and things different with the meet. The meet was won in a heat race to get going with the wind and rain coming in. "The weather didn't stop senior Laura Ispas from throwing, though, and she was going," she said. "I'm very excited about Michelle and all of them running well at Vanderbilt," he said. The teams will be split up once again next weekend in one of the last meets of the outdoor regular season. At the meet this week, the Lady Toppers will go to the Drake Relays in Iowa to compete in one of the largest track meets in the country, while the distance squad will be in competition at Butler University in Indianapolis. Jenkins said it's important for the teams to head into the meet in top shape. "You always want to start to close out the season on a good note," he said.

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