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**It’s Electric**

Engineering students convert Prius for senior project

By Taylor Harrison

Course work became more hands-on this year for several electrical engineering majors Megan Young and Robert Kessinger.

For their senior project, Young, of Scottsville, said they were given a stock hybrid Toyota Prius that operates on a parallel system using battery and a gasoline engine. Their objective was to convert it into a plug-in hybrid that goes into a typical wall outlet and charges to improve fuel usage.

“We had to do the converters and repent on the buses of it,” Young said. “So from that, we came up with the idea of testing, and we have presentations every few weeks when our faculty monitor our progress and gives us feedback.”

Young and Kessinger, of Beaver Dam, were assigned the project in September. They worked on it throughout the fall and started the actual conversion during J-term.

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Fourth president served 10 years

By Katherine Wade

Don Downing was at WKU when most university traditions — if not all of them — were established.

Downing, WKU’s fourth president, died Monday after a celebration of services held by the university’s Board of Regents.

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Lee said during his time at WKU, Kirchmeyer always tried to convince him that Pepperdine College needed new equipment.

“He was an evangelist for technology,” he said. “He did a lot of fun to be around.”

Ransdell saw Kirchmeyer as a person who was always ready to do whatever it took to get the job done, even if it meant going above and beyond what was expected of him.

“He had a real sense of humor, he was very personable, he was always ready to help,” Ransdell said. “He was a really excellent mentor.”

Lee agreed, saying that Kirchmeyer was a great mentor and that he had taught him a lot.

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Honors College paying for more upper-division courses

By ELIZABETH BULMAN

The Honors College is on its way to becoming “more fully mature,” said Gayi Motley, assistant profes-
sor for the Honors College, said it would add 10 percent of the salary of faculty teaching stand-alone upper division Honors courses in the fall.

This would total at $75,000. The pilot program came from a need for more upper-division Honors courses to compensate for a need for more upper-division faculty teaching stand-alone upper division courses, Motley said.

"We need to have a sub-
stantial number of upper division courses," Motley said. "The money's there. It just really involves the department's ability to staff it."

"We hope that these might be as many as three more, but this is at least the beginning," said Honors College alumni who started at WKU during fall 2008 are on a 35-hour model. These writing a thesis are re-
quited to take three hours of up-
ner-division courses within their major and six hours of non-major courses. The non-thesis option re-
quires nine upper-division hours and six hours of upper-division electives.

Motley said the goal of a stand-alone upper division Honors course is to provide the student with a unique experience.

"The experience should be, in some appropriate way, different," he said. Faculty members would ide-
ally teach courses that are his or her specialties.

"These ought to be the quinte-
ssential pedagogicalism of what you want in a course," Craig Cobane, said. Cobane said the faculty mem-
bers teaching these courses will not be taking on a heavier workload.

"Gordon Emslie, provost and Vice President for Academic Af-
airs, presented the project at the open forum on March 25. The programs, which involves courses within Potter College of Arts & Letters, is also aimed at recruiting students.

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By SPENCER JENKINS & MARIANNE HALE

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**BASEBALL**

**WKU blasts its way past Louisville at BG Ballpark**

By BRAD STEPHENS

WKU went into a Tuesday matchup with Louisville having lost five of its last six games. But the Toppers broke out of their slump with 11 runs in the first three innings on the way to a 15-5 blowout victory over the Cardinals at Frankfort’s Jim Patterson Stadium.

Many of the Toppers’ recent losses to Louisville have been close contests, so Finwood said he was glad to finally have a game where the outcome was hardly ever in question.

“I know they had a big crowd that always comes around here,” Finwood said. “We like coming out here in front of a big crowd that always comes out here.”

The win was also staged on a six-game losing streak against the Cardinals for many of the Toppers.

“I figured the odds would catch up with us sooner or later,” Finwood said. “I felt the odds would catch up with us sooner or later, and it was nice to have one where you could put it down to the eighth or ninth innings.”

Rice said the atmosphere was opposite when the teams met March 29 at Jim Patterson Stadium in Louisville.

“We had a really small crowd that night. Bullard’s first at-bat scored two runs for the Toppers, and he also had a home run in the third inning. WKU won 15-5.”

**POWER PLAYER**

Former first baseman Bullard finding success on baseball diamond

By BRAD STEPHENS

Chris Bullard is a name familiar to WKU athlets. The Canada, Ga., native played four years as a first baseman for the Toppers, but also scored 39 runs in their first two games there. His playing career saw him move all Topper home games to the ballpark. But Bullard has now taken his talents a short walk down the Avenue of Champions from Houchens-Smith Stadium to Nick Denes Field, home of WKU baseball.

Bullard, a senior, has established himself as the team’s everyday designated hitter, and he’s hit three RBIs and two runs scored apiece. The win was the first time the Toppers have beaten Louisville to start the season. Bullard was drafted out of high school in the 45th round of the 2007 MLB Player Draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers, but has taken his talents to play baseball as a junior in 2010.

**SOFTBALL**

Lady Toppers leaning on young pitchers’ experience

By NICK BRATCHER

The Lady Toppers’ sophomore starting pitchers hardly seem like seasoned veterans at first glance.

But the WKU (21-17, 3-6 Sun Belt Conference) pitching duo of Mallorie Sulaski and Kim Wagner still slightly admire their class rank suggest.

The pair has started all 283 innings combined over the past two seasons. And Head Coach Tyra Perry said the two sophomores could use a reminder of that fact.

“Make sure you tell them that,” Perry said.

“They have to act like it.”

Perry said the youth that surrounds the pitching staff makes every pitch.

“Make sure you tell them that. I know they feel pressure,” she said.

“I know they feel pressure,” she said. “It’s really in their hands. It is a lot easier when you’re younger and you have an older team, but it’s not necessary for success.”

Sulaski has started the season with a 2.7 earned run average and a 2.11 earned run average. She said she uses the pressure as motivation to stay focused instead of allowing it to shake her from the goal.

“I focus every pitch and make sure I’m leading my team to a win instead of letting runners on base and putting us behind,” she said.

Wagner said she builds up her own confidence and continued believing in herself to get the position.

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Lord (10-7) has rebounded in April to win her last two starts against North Texas and Samford after suffering a rocky four-game losing streak in March.

She said she tweaked a few things in her game and continued believing in herself to get the position.

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Can’t go fulltime?

Toppers fueling competition with spring game draft

By EMILY PATTON

Defensive coordinator Lance Guidry said he wants to keep things “hush-hush.”

After all, it’s draft time for the WKU football team, and the coaching and scouting has already started.

Before the spring game, which was on April 16, a draft will take place to divide the spring game’s two teams—the red and the white.

‘Hush-hush’

Guidry said, “We’ve split teams in the past, and this year we’ve never done it like this, and I think this is really what the players want.”

Each team was able to sign one offensive and one defensive player before the draft. All remaining players are then available for selection in the actual draft, which will take place after today’s practice.

Aznanni and Alonzo Hampton.

The red team signed junior defensive tackle Jamarcus Allen and senior offensive lineman Wes Jeffries with its two picks, while the white team signed senior defensive end Jared Clendenin and junior quarterback Kawan Lewis.

With each team choosing the best players, both Guidry and Head Coach Willie Taggart said it gives the Toppers an opportunity to see what their coaches think of the players, who currently sit in sixth place in the Sun Belt standings with conference records of 3-3.

The top four teams in the Sun Belt standings with conference records of 3-3.

Thompson for six runs in his one inning of Tuesday and reached Cardinal starter Jeff

But the WKU lineup banged out 16 hits compared to just four for Loyola.

The WKU top two in the batting order were senior catcher Senior catcher Scott Wils...
Teams prepare to host Hilltopper Relays

By LUCAS AULBACH

Dodgeball Club hosting nationals in Preston Center

The WKU track and field teams won’t have to travel this weekend, but Head Coach Eric Jenkins said the season’s first and only home meet doesn’t give anyone an excuse to slack off.

WKU’s annual most meet, the Hilltopper Relays, on Saturday.

“Even though we’re at home this week, we still have to do all of our pre-meet business, and that includes eating right and getting enough sleep,” Jenkins said.

The meet takes place at the Runte Track and Field Complex, which is located next to Beachum-Smith Stadium on the other side of University Boulevard.

The facility was built in 2008 at the same time the stadium for student’s most recent renovations.

But Assistant Coach Mike Perrone said the proximity to campus likely won’t bring out a crowd to watch the event, and he noted that the home event is still just one of many that make up as outdoor season.

“This is going to be just another Plain-Jane meet,” he said.

The throwers will start the meet at 9 a.m., with the men’s portion beginning at noon. Jenkins said there isn’t a set closing time, but the meet will probably end somewhere between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The event will feature several regional teams, including Murray State, Tennessee- Chattanooga and others from the area. Jenkins said many of the teams are very good and should pose a challenge to WKU.

The loss of senior Varsity Chemweno won’t help the team, either. Chemweno, a freshman, we were easiest one of the worst teams in the league. Two years ago, we

“last year’s high medley was our best event, and I think we’ve been very consistent in that, but the loss could have come at a worse time,” Perrone said.

“With our lack of depth for the top few events, this is a really big test. The results won’t help the team, either. Chemweno is a huge put in the mix, and his absence will definitely be felt,” Perrone said.

Jenkins said one of the biggest advantages of having a home meet is not having to travel.

“Being able to stay home helps,” he said. “However, when we travel, we try to travel in a manner that doesn’t hurt.”

Scott said the home meet would definitely count as a huge meet for WKU.

“It helps being able to sleep in your own bed and to go to a track you know,” she said.

She said while the meet is not one of the biggest on the schedule, it serves as an important point in the season.

“It should be interesting, and it will definitely be competitive,” Scott said.

BRIEF

Dodgeball Club will host nationals in Preston Center

The WKU Dodgeball Club will host the National College Dodgeball Association national championships in the Preston Center this Saturday and Sunday. The WKU has three games scheduled for Saturday. The first will be against Bowling Green State University at 11:45 a.m., followed by another at 2:45 p.m. against Kansas State University and the last at 4:55 p.m. against Saguna Valley State University.

Saturday’s games will be open to spectators who will play sign-up ball. The event features 32 teams competing alphabetically. Admission is free for everyone.

“Chemweno, WKU’s No. 1 thrower, has an 8-3 record and is ranked in the top 50 nationally. In in first year on the Hill in 2007, the last game finished with a 6-3 record. Jenkins said Chemweno would definitely be in the top 50 nationally. In his first year on the Hill in 2007, the last game finished with an 8-3 record. Jenkins said Chemweno would definitely be in the top 50 nationally. He’s a guy that comes out every day and plays hard and is a great teammate,” said Pitcher Matt Rice.

“Last year he would’ve swung at a pitch probably 2 out of the zone, but on this at-bat, he didn’t,” Finwood said. “It wasn’t a bad pitch, but he just didn’t swing.

“He was so strong that if he just gets the ball on the barrel on it, it’s going to go someplace where he can’t track it,” Finwood said.

Bullard credited Finwood for helping him knock the rust off his baseball swing coming into his senior year.

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