Students take part in nutrition assistance program
By SPENCER JENKINS

Cleveland junior Tony King shops at Walmart for juice on Friday afternoon. King, who has been participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) since October, said he didn’t want to use it at first because he was embarrassed of being perceived as taking advantage of the system. Now King says he feels comfortable using SNAP to buy healthier foods and help ease the financial burden of school expenses.

“We are happy to have you,” said Anya Weber, public information officer for Kentucky cabinet for health and family services in an email.

“Students who work 20 hours a week, participate in a work study program, take care of a small child or get public assistance benefits could be eligible for the program,” King, who works and pays for most of his college expenses, is able to buy organic, healthy food on the table, said Anya Weber, public information officer for Kentucky cabinet for health and family services in an email. A small child or get public assistance benefits could be eligible for the program.

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“If the chapter GPA drops to between 2.25 and 2.5, it’s placed in level one academic probation. Both levels of academic probation carry the chapter being restricted from social activities and internships. That’s along with being required to attend TLC study hours, academic workshops, as well as submitting monthly grade reports to the IFC Executive Council.

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SGA candidates get extra week to campaign
By ROBERT STUNKON

A scheduling conflict with TopTag has pushed back Student Government Association elections to April 5-6 instead of Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

SGA President Colton Jesse said that when he called Information Technology on Friday, IT didn’t have the original dates available for SGA to hold elections. He said next week was the only time IT had available.

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“I did not have the opportunity to campaign as much as I would have liked last week,” Stillwell said. “I had contacted a few groups to campaign, and a lot said they would not be meeting last week, so now I get to follow up with them and hopefully speak to those groups.”

IFC institutes new GPA requirements
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SGA President Colton Jessie said he will look within the judicial branch as well as outside the organization to find a replacement and may appoint a new chief justice at tomorrow’s meeting.

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Weber said statistics aren’t available for how many college students use SNAP. But in 2010, more than 7,500 households in Warren County participated in the program, spending more than $2.2 million.

“Depending on the student’s household status, there may be work requirements to be eligible,” Weber said. “Eligibility also depends on whether he or she has a meal card that provides more than half of their meals.”

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen and be working. Weber said the applicant also has to prove he or she doesn’t have more than $2,000 in cash and bank accounts assets. King works as a community adviser at Pearce Ford Tower, which is considered a study week program. King’s mother is also a SNAP participant, and he has no health insurance.

“I think for college students, this program is good,” he said. King applied for SNAP and said he will stay in it as long as he can. During the application process, the SNAP office gave him a $100 emergency fund while processing his application.

“Now I try to get healthy food across the board,” Payne said. “Although the program is meant to benefit people in need, Weber and King said people take advantage of SNAP.”

“I know sometimes people who take food, said King. “You have those people who take advantage of the system.”

Lexington sophomore Christopher Jankowski has friends that ask him to buy items with his SNAP benefits, he said in an email. “I don’t think they’d do it even if I didn’t have SNAP benefits,” Jankowski said.

Jankowski said SNAP helps supplement his income from his part-time job. He only makes $250 every two weeks, so the SNAP benefits have helped him “get the things I need,” he said. “In fact, my boss in Housing and Residence Life encouraged me to get the things I need,” he said. “In fact, my boss in Housing and Residence Life encouraged me to get the things I need.”

“It’s a program that’s meant to benefit people in need,” Weber said. “The guy may not have info at all. But we still help him out.”

The nature of the investigation has not been disclosed.

Harbaugh encouraged anyone with information on the man to call campus police at 343-2481.

“I’m very natural and health conscious,” he said. “I’m able to save my money, and eat wisely.”

“I do (buy for them,” he said. “The guy may not have info at all. But we still need help identifying.”

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“People are making a bit much out of the situation,” he said. “It’s a program that’s designed to help improve the reputation of the law,” he said. “It is to help and do the best things for our Greek community. The best thing we can do is be honest.”

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$2.3 million in budget cuts will affect 13 divisions

President Gary Ransdell announced more than $2.3 million in budget cuts for fiscal year 2011-2012 on March 18. Here’s how the cuts will work: four different university divisions according to a document Ransdell provided in an email to WKU faculty.

Academic Affairs: $14,927

About 11.2 million of cuts come from elimina-
tion of vacant faculty and staff positions. Personnel reductions are of seven full-time faculty, five full-time staff and three part-time transitional inter-
faculty positions. That’s in addition to partial employees-student workers and grad-
uate assistants.

Full-time faculty posi-
tions are cut in architecture, manufacturing sciences, marketing and psychology.

“The Faculty has a lot to cut,” said Blaine Ford, head of College of Science and En-
ing.

“We’re down to the bone, and I think that’s true of all the colleges.”

Tuition increases in the divi-
sion of Academic Affairs that were used to fund operational funds; travel and profes-
sional development and capital funds.

Campus Services and Facilities: $548,800

Cuts include six full-time positions, five in the Facilities Department and one in Planning, Design & Construction, said Ron Osborne, vice president for Campus Services and Fa-
sibilities.

“We’re having to reorga-
nize and utilize those skills elsewhere in order to make do,” Osborne said. Information Tech-
ology: $136,387

Reductions will be made in repair and replacement of technology equipment within the division as well as in departments and com-
puter labs.

Additionally, the num-
ber of equipment available to students and faculty will be reduced.

Finance and Administration: $65,702

The Employee Wellness posi-
tion will be moved to Health Services, which generates its own revenue.

Student Affairs: $61,315

One position will be eliminated, and salary dol-
ars will be reduced due to layoffs on a position re-
quired in Academic Affairs.

Basically, it means we’re going to review and decide where we’re going to cut salary dollars, and if we’re going to have to elim-
inate positions,” said Howard Bulley, vice pres-
ident for Student Affairs.

Campus Services and Facilities: $55,260

Salary budgets, or money set aside for potential salary, will be decreased.

Athletics: $47,545

Restrictions will be made in contingency funds, affect-
ing maintenance projects and travel for staff and teams.

Development and Alumni Relations: $45,965

One position will be removed. Also, the new director of acquisition funding will be eliminated, which could also affect the num-
ber of donors and participants.

Public Affairs: $25,995

Reduction will be made in funding for travel, non-
mandatory service agreements.

One student aid and scholarship funding will be eliminated.

Research: $23,972

Cost share budgets for research and outreach will decrease.

Chief Diversity Officer: $17,722

Reduction will be made in funding for temporary, permanent, operational and salary support.

Chiefs work on helping to limit time on campus, said Howard Bulley, vice pres-
ident for Student Affairs.

Central Budgets: $5,952

Reductions will be made in funding for operations and travel for staff and teams.

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“That were some things that I thought were positive points of the presen-
tation and other things that I questioned why they’re doing it,” said Kathy Malido, psychology professor and University Club vice chair. Prom Minter, associate professor and faculty regent, said the for-
um presented detailed information and provoked many questions.

“That’s a lot of information to dis-
("I'm looking forward to the opportunity to talk some more about it on the follow-up.")

One of the recommendations was a reorganization of the office of the prov-
ost.

Richard Miller, associate vice pres-
tident for Academic Affairs, said the vice provost.

The heads of Enrollment Manage-
ment, Academic Budgets and Admin-
istration, Planning and Program De-
velopment, Extended Learning and Outreach, and Aurora/Atm. Effectiveness will all become asso-
ciates vice presidents for their divisions.

"I think people do wonder why we
need to promote to so many people who are already assistant vice presidents,”

Minter said. She was also concerned about the workload.

Emile said the idea workload for a faculty member would be 70 percent teaching, 20 percent and 10 percent research.

"When the provost and the VP for financial affairs do things there is there to allow departments to do what they need to do, I think faculty appre-
ciate that she said do our jobs, but if there’s not funding to make it possible, it’s not actually doing anything.”

Minter also said one of the recom-
mendations is to promote "three and three" sharing role in the WKU Research Foundation.

"Three and three" means that professors would teach three courses per semester, without ad-
ditional funding to improve it. If so, for example, four courses one se-
month and three the next ("four and three").

"I don’t think this could be possible, partly because fac-
sity members don’t have enough time

outside of classroom duties to conduct research.

Emile invited attendants to come to a second open forum on April 22 at 5 p.m. in the Mass Media and Technol-
ology Hall Auditorium.

He wants faculty and staff to have time for in-depth thought about the recommendations so there can be in-
depth discussion at the next forum.

“One thing that I think that’s got to be said is I think that if we see some people who are administrators as people who say, don’t say nothing,”

Rutland said. "We’re absolutely not saying that. We’re saying, ‘Don’t maim if you thought you

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WKU moving to Windows 7

By KATHERINE WADE

John Bowers, director of Academic Technology, said his department plans to begin upgrading lab, classroom and faculty/staff computers to Windows 7 this summer. "The computers have been using Windows XP for almost 10 years," Bowers said last month as IT started testing Windows 7. "It is time to upgrade this equipment," he said. "The user interface of Windows 7 is faster," he said. "It supports better graphics and newer processors. It is a more secure operating system, so it will protect the campus against malware better." Lori Douglas, director of Technical Support Services, said another reason WKU chose to upgrade is "It's newer, and some things work better on it," she said. Bowers said the newest versions of all these supported software will be optimized for Windows 7, including installing Microsoft Office 2010. He said the migration does not cost the university any additional charges because of its Microsoft Campus Agreement.

"We've been testing it for a long time, and we like it," he said. "It looks different, but it's really easy to get used to," he said.

"Windows 7 is faster," said another reason why they decided it was superior, "and we are meeting student needs now," she said. "It protects the campus against malware better." Windows 7 is more secure, it will run on the new (operating system), she said.

"It's newer, and some things work better on it," she said. "The user interface is nice. I really like it." Sundelicker said, he has Windows 7 on his laptop, but he uses the campus labs often too. He said students who haven't used the operating system might be surprised by the change at first. "It looks different, but it's really easy to get used to," he said.

Bowers said the sociology department lab in Gino Cross and the lobby computers in Mass Media and Technology Hall have already been upgraded with Windows 7 for students who would like to test the new operating system. Douglas said she didn't expect students to have any problems with Windows 7, especially since many of them have already been using it for more than a year. She said the biggest challenges they anticipate will be with the computers themselves.

"We may have to upgrade softwares in order for it to run or purchase new hardware because they don't make drivers for it on the new (operating system)," she said. "It's a very stable operating system," she said. "We've been testing it for a long time, and we like it."

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Douglas said if students experience problems with the upgrade, they can call the Information Technology Help Desk at 745-7500 or stop by the desk on the third floor of Mass Media.

By MIKE STUNSON

The Student Government Association is working to move ahead on the project to renovate Downing University Center.

SGA passed a resolution last month to support the renovations.

Six SGA members, as well as WKU administrators and architects for the project, have been meeting twice a week as part of the planning process for renovations.

SGA President Colton Jessie said planning is a lengthy process with no definitive timetable. Renovations are currently scheduled to start this fall.

"We are just taking it week by week, but there has been plenty of progress," Jessie said.

Campus Improvements Chair Kaylee Egerer said the committee has talked about who in DUC needs more or less space. She said nothing has been set in stone yet.

"The bookstore definitely needs more space, but the place with the most space available is the fourth floor because we are looking to get rid of the bowling alley," Egerer said. "We have also reached on the 24-hour study space which we are really in favor of."

SGA had a forum last month to get ideas from students. Jessie said SGA is now starting to narrow down some of those ideas.

"We obviously cannot do them all," he said. "We are trying to figure out which ones we want that fit into our scheme."

Project costs have been set for $492,285,465, and the resolution says students will pay a student fee of $710 per semester for 20 years to cover half of the cost. Both the project and the student fee must be approved by the Board of Regents.

Billy Stephens, SGA’s director of academic and student affairs, said the communication between the students and administrators on the committee has been great.

"It's been 100 times better than I thought it would be," he said. "Every time we have questions or want to voice our ideas, they are listening and willing to help. It's the best-run committee I have been a part of."

Egerer said the SGA members are the most listened to people in the meetings.

"We can speak up whenever we want and they are entirely engaged in us," she said. "So that really encouraged me."

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Professors: Students should take evaluations seriously

By LAUREN ARNOLD
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WKU students finish each semester with a written evaluation of each of their professors, and while some students might doodle on or disregard these surveys, several faculty members say students should take them seriously.

After all, they can affect faculty tenure decisions and influence the way professors teach their courses.

These evaluations, called Student Input for Teaching Effectiveness, or S.I.T.E., surveys, consist of questions about the instructor and the course and are “used to enhance course quality and as part of the promotion, tenure, and merit pay evaluation,” according to the Counseling and Student Affairs department’s website.

Eric Bain-Selbo, head of the philosophy and religion department, said that the student evaluations are very important in deciding whether a professor receives tenure.

“We aren’t a Research I institute, so we use faculty to teach,” he said.

Tenure means a faculty member’s position is essentially permanent.

He said he doesn’t see the actual surveys, but he receives the data and comments for each professor in his department.

The forms are sent to the Office of Institutional Research, where the Scatron portion of the evaluations are analyzed and the written comments are typed, he said.

“We look at consistency in responses,” said Bain-Selbo.

He said many students don’t take the surveys seriously, but there’s no way to tell the difference between a serious survey and a survey that isn’t.

“What we’re looking for is consistency,” he said.

Bain-Selbo said that students should take the surveys seriously because they can impact tenure, but they’re also a chance for students to be heard.

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Two years ago, crowds of students and locals packed into Downing University Center’s Student Center for the 800- and 1500-meter runs. But they weren’t there for the food. Students were gathered to enjoy Niteclass—a music venue started in 1988. However, after the spring 2009 semester, Niteclass never returned, and no one seemed to know why.

Louisville sophomore Tyler Vogt is hopeful that the Campus Activities Board will approve Niteclass’ return to campus.

"We probably wouldn’t have to get someone to be an spokesperson to a leader to back the concerts," he said. Vogt said that as of right now, the Facebook group “Get WKU to bring back Niteclass” is actively posting on the Campus Activities Board’s Facebook wall and communicating in back-and-forth conversations.

"This summer there was a venue called the Crow’s Nest, but the closing stopped paying for it after summer," Vogt said. "This is what we’re doing. The page was created on March 20 and has almost 380 likes."
Young pitching staffs don’t always work out.

Even when they’re at the top of the talent in the world, young pitchers can’t take the pressure and experience that comes with being a veteran.

But so far, WKU’s duo of Tanner Perkins and Justin Hageman have thrown that conviction to the wind.

Perkins, shortstop, and Hageman, a true freshman, have combined for a 9-3 record this season. That’s 76 percent of WKU’s (16-7, 5-1 Sun Belt Conference) total victories — not true freshman, have combined for a 9-3 record to the world.

The “Circle of Trust,” in which he rescued in one up-down drill later for the player.

“Two guys in the major leagues before coming to campus has hardly been singed.

The Toppers have won 10 of their last 12 games and had an eight-game winning streak snapped after a 9-6, extra-inning loss at Florida Interna
tional on Sunday.

WKU’s 5-1 Sun Belt record has claimed the Sunday starter role from veteran at the back end of the rotation just to provide some leadership. It hasn’t worked out badly for either pitcher.

But given that the duo has passed every test thrown in their way so far this season, it’s looks like WKU has tucked in up into one hole for another win.

None if cancelled during the first 30 days, but up to $35 restocking fee may apply to equipment returns; thereafter ETF up to $150 or $325 applies depending on device.

Finwood said Mon-
day that even though the Toppers couldn’t clinch a winny Sunday against the preseason Sun Belt Favor-
tee Golden Panthers, win-
ning the first two games of the weekend in Miami was still an im-
pressive feat.

The Toppers have received large contribu-
tions from junior short-
stop Logan Robbins, who is hitting .305, and Rice, who leads the team with 24 RBIs.

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**Football**

**Tops getting on board with OC Azzanni’s new style**

By Emily Patton

Recently-hired Zach Azzanni is getting the Toppers two new style choices. The team can either get on board or get left behind. Azzanni’s hire could bring positive reactions from fans and opponents alike.

Jeffries said, “Everything we do is all for us,” Jeffries said. “Everything we do is asking. Other players are buying into what “Coach Z” is asking.”

Because of OC’s spring was learning the new West Coast offense, this year has been about mastering it. And that’s where Azzanni comes in.

“We’ve got a bunch of willing and eager offensive tackle Wes Jeffries said he and the offensive line.”

**Softball**

Lady Toppers break through with first conference win

By Cole Clavbour

Head Coach Tyra Perry said the Lady Toppers got the monkey off their backs, and they were able to take the win over their rival.

“We’ve been making a lot of errors and not getting timely hits,” she said. “We can’t expect to win that way.”

**Baseball**

Toppers hoping to deliver payback to Cards tonight

By Brad Stephens

If there’s one program that has had WKU’s number over the past few years, it’s the Louisville Cardinals. Louisville has beaten the Toppers seven of their last eight meetings, including five straight. WKU (16-7, 5-1 Sun Belt Conference) will try to change that statistic when it faces the Cardinals, and he said that has had WKU’s number over the past few years.

Scott coaches distance runners for the WKU track team. While this outdoor season will be the last one for Chemweno, it’s been a big part of her life for the past few years.

“Chemweno showed me a lot of speed,” Scott said that Chemweno has shown a lot of improvement in cross country in her time at WKU. Chemweno quickly rises through the ranks for WKU track

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**For live coverage of WKU baseball’s game at Louisville tonight, visit wkuherald.com**
Something’s cooking tonight at “The Spitfire Grill,” the latest production from the WKU theatre and dance department. The show is a musical that follows the Percy Talbott, a young woman released from prison who is looking for a new life in the picturesque town of Gilliad. Once there, she finds the town in dire conditions, but through her determination and hope the entire town and its people get a fresh start.

The performance will be tonight at 8 p.m. in the Gordon Wilson Hall lab theater, and admission is $5.

Bowling Green senior Stephen Tabor, the director, said the story is not a stereotypical musical.

“It isn’t campy like other musicals are,” Tabor said. “Other musicals are all about love and happy endings. There is some of that, just like in real life, but the story is like that. Real.”

Louisville freshman J. Morgan Shaffo said she likes how the story and characters are relatable.

“It’s a good connection kind of musical. You will see yourself or someone you know somewhere in this story.” — J. MORGAN SHAFFO Louisville freshman

Musical offers ‘story about hope’
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Lions, tigers and elephants in Diddle, oh my

By ZIRCONIA ALLEYNE
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Since the first Take Back the Night event in 1975, it’s become an international movement with countries such as England, India and Australia participating, according to the website.

Jones said Hope Harbor has been sponsoring Take Back the Night event locally for about 12 years. The event used to be a show-stunting poetry and dancing before they began having a march on years ago.

By TAYLOR HARRISON

New film major goes beyond journalism

The School of Journalism and Broad- casting has broadened its horizons this year beyond just journalism and broad- casting.

There are now 40 students majoring in film studies at WKU, with 36 new students this year.

For the past 10 years, only film has only been offered as a minor, said Ted Hovet, director of the film studies program.

But Hovet said while the minor focuses mostly on film studies, the major program delves into hands-on aspects such as film production.

Hovet said the program is growing and expects to increase its enrollment.

Course options are also expanding. Hovet said a world film class will be offered this fall.

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COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD

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Hope Harbor, a local center that provides support for sexual abuse and assault, is sponsoring Take Back the Night on Thursday as part of an ongoing effort to raise awareness on the issue.

The goal of Take Back the Night is to make it safe for people to walk the streets without fear of being sexually assaulted, according to wkuhopeharbor.org.

The event will feature a march and a car- dillion-style vigil, said Linda Jones, an administr- ative assistant at Hope Harbor.

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