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WKU faces $2.3 million budget deficit

Emslie: Cuts won’t result in faculty, staff layoffs

By MIKE STUNSON
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WKU is preparing for budget cuts for the 2012 fiscal year, but at Thursday’s University Senate meeting, Gordon Emslie, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said no WKU faculty or staff member would suffer “involutionary termini” as a result of the cuts.

WKU is looking at a $2.3 million deficit, and Emslie said that’s where $1.1 to 1.6 percent of its budgets in various colleges.

“We won’t be able to replace all of the federal stimulus money,” Emslie said. “With the disappearance of some of that money, we may put in a hole.”

The federal stimulus money WKU has been receiving through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will expire June 30. WKU received a total of $5.4 million in stimulus funds through the act. To compensate for the loss of stimulus money, budget cuts are necessary, Emslie said.

Senators pass bills for physical therapy program

By CAITLIN CARTER
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Soon, pre-physical therapy students at WKU may not have to leave the area to receive their education.

Last week, Senate Bill 130, which would create a doctoral degree in physical therapy program at WKU, was approved by the Senate, 34-2, during the Kentucky General Assembly, said Robbin Taylor, vice president for Public Affairs.

The bill will allow universities across the state of Kentucky to offer up to three advanced doctorate programs. Taylor said she said WKU is considering the doctor of physical therapy program, the educational lead- ening doctorate program and the doctor of nursing practice, among other programs.

Taylor said the next step in the legislative process is moving the bill through the House of Representatives within the next two weeks.

Baseball returns at right time for WKU athletics

By EMILY PARSON
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Junior Will Higdon leaned against the wood railing at Nick Denes Field on Friday, watching the Toppers play on Opening Day.

Overcast skies and scattered showers delayed the first pitch of the 2011 season by 52 minutes, but that didn’t keep Higdon and nearly 100 other fans from seeing the action.

The Owensboro native said having baseball season back is “a breath of fresh air” for the athletics pro- grams here at WKU.

“We know, the weather isn’t pretty, but it’s still baseball,” Higdon said.

That thought seemed to be echoed by the combined 2,123 fans that ventured out to the ballpark this weekend for the Toppers’ three-game sweep of Bowling Green State, including Owensboro junior Skyler Shown.

“I think the atmosphere here is getting better and better, especially now that they get to play at the Hot Rods stadium,” Shown said. “I think last year a lot of people who hadn’t seen them play got to see them play. There is a new hype surrounding the program now.”

Trumpet player ‘getting excitement in Diddle’

By JONATHAN LINTNER
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Kevin Goodnight’s role as the “super trumpet” in WKU’s pep band began just as his solo goes at the last media time- out of most men’s basketball games — an improv of the planned act.

Goodnight arrived late to a game at Diddle Arena during the spring of 2005 and entered through the tunnel opposite where the pep band was already playing. But instead of quickly joining the rest of the band’s trumpet players, he blasted into song across the arena.

“I came in and started playing and working my way around,” Goodnight said. “The crowd went crazy, and ever since then I’ve done it.”

Goodnight, now 24 years old and a senior from Bowling Green, performs in the pep band at men’s basketball games in Diddle Arena. Goodnight is known for sneaking into the stands among fans with his trumpet and playing a distinctive solo to the song “Vehicle” by The Ides of March late in the second half of WKU home games.

Senior lining out to make last stand

Junior outfielder Ken Carter embraces a fun after the game against Bowling Green State on Saturday at Nick Denes Field. WKU won 8-2.

Junior catcher Matt Babbitt gets his tape torn during a solo from the 1970 film “Vehicle.” Carter is known for performing a fun after the game against Bowling Green State on Saturday at Nick Denes Field. WKU won 8-2.
College Bowl for Kids’ Sale

Dowling University Center 4th floor. 4 to 9 p.m.
Bowling fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Kentucky

Student Government Association senate meeting. DUC 355. 5:30 p.m.

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John Griffen, Bowling Green, was arrested Feb. 19 after trying to cause a disturbance at Hilltop Mall.
Taco restaurant nears its last stand

By KATHERINE WADE

Students can expect a new restaurant brand, among other changes, to open in WKU dorm on their way to WKU dining by next fall.

Tim Colley, director for ARAMA-KED and the WKU Restaurant and Catering Department, said some changes would be made in the Downing University Center local food court this summer, including a new eating option.

Taco’s Last Stand has been well-received as a new food option on campus, Colley said.

“I think it is a name thing,” he said. “We have received positive feedback from people who have tried it. But students aren’t going there because it’s just not Taco Bell.”

Allison Fiekers, a freshman from La Porte, Ind., said she ate at Taco’s Last Stand once at the beginning of the year but doesn’t eat there regularly. She said she’d be excited to see a new brand in DUC.

“I would definitely prefer something else there,” she said. “I usually go to DUC because it’s closest to my dorm, so I look forward to something new there.”

Taco Bell, which had an outlet in the DUC food court until three years ago, Colley said. He has since tried to bring it back to campus.

Colley didn’t reveal what the new dining option until a contract had been signed.

ARAMA-KED, a company that provides food services to colleges and universities, is also planning an on-campus campus convenience store, known as Pro-Shop Demand, in the new garage being built on the corner of 13th Avenue and Kentucky Street.

Colley said the store would benefit resident students of the apartments intended to wrap vision on Demand, in the new parking garage being built on the corner of 13th Avenue and Kentucky Street.

“Getting excitement in Diddle right now is hard to come by, so as much as we can get it, it helps,” Sparks said.

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“They talk to the president, faculty, staff, students, even high school students,” Colley said.

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“This was not the state’s goal to replace all the stimulus money. Faculty Regent Patty Minter said “The money would have to come from somewhere.”

The budget cuts were first mentioned at the Board of Regents meeting on Jan. 21. Minter said many people left that meeting without a clear understanding of the proposed cuts.

“If it’s because it’s a real stability budget cut,” Minter said. “A lot of people haven’t necessarily known about it yet except for some of the departments hit hard.”

Although Emslie said there will be no layoffs due to the budget cuts, Minter said job searches have been conducted.

“The provost puts a positive spin on the cuts with our inevitable cuts, as the provost does,” Minter said. “But we have had to stop hiring for positions that were ongoing, and we are in very popular majors.”

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Have you noticed the influx of e-mails from The Campus Notebook? I have. These e-mails offer money to those who are diligent and attend class in excess of the per hour class limit. As nice as the offer is, do not fall for it. Many students, really want to support those who don’t pay attention in class. If you are so unconcerned with the level of blatant disrespect that some students have for professors. I am not afraid to admit that I never share my notes with the level of blatant disrespect. Furthermore, enabling fair trade would be a chance for WKU to lead in a new area of university trends and social responsibility. There are only three institutions in the U.S. that have themselves fair-trade schools. The campus also has a green energy certification and LEED-certified building adjuntions, and this would be another ad- vancement in setting the univer- sity apart. I am unspeakable to think WKU could ever reach the point where all products on campus were fair-trade items. But the fair-trade coffee and tea and the chocolate found in the Pit Stop are a good start. And supporting the SGA Bill would be the next step in defining WKU as a leading university with international reach in an academic, long-term and tan- ble way. This editorial represents the ma- jority opinion of the Herald’s 10-member editorial board.

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No WKU students involved in shooting last Thursday

WKU students were not involved in a shooting Thursday night at College Station apartments, 42N Dixie commercial Drive.

Joshua Wickware, 22, was arrested and charged with evading police after he shot Sharen Greene, 20, and attempted to run from police, according to Monica Woods, public information officer for Bowling Green Police Department.

Though College Station is home to many WKU students, neither Wickware nor Greene are listed in the school directory.

Wickware was released from jail on a $1,000 cash bond.

According to the Bowling Green Daily News, Wickware is scheduled to appear before Warren District Judge Bruce Peter on Wednesday for a pretrial conference.

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President Gary Ransdell said the physical therapy program has viewed other universities’ student centers as well as having a campus in Diddle Arena has sparked more interest in the field of physical therapy.

Both wins were convincing for the Lady Toppers.

“Overall, we just have to get our eye on the prize and not worry about anything else,” Cowles said. “This is all about healthcare for the patients.”

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According to the proposed resolution, $70 student fee per semester until the debt is paid off, according to the proposed resolution.

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Both Hansen, property manager at College Station, said on Friday that she doesn’t have enough information right now to de-

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At last year’s regional, Cowles said the Lady Toppers needed to win three out of their fi nal four games in order to make the NCAA Tournament.

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Championships, a process known as workouts in preparation for the meet, team members have been

in Texas for almost a week.

He said the teams will be competing in and near Dallas, a neutral location close to host North Texas’ Aquatic Center in Dallas, a neutral location.

The event starts Wednesday morning, and competition will last through Saturday.

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Marchionda said it would be a big week.

Marchionda said the teams will perform in multiple events over the course of the week, including the preliminaries, the finals, and the team event. All of these events will take place at North Texas’ Aquatic Center.

One of the main goals of the conference championships is to set the stage for the NCAA championships in March.

While this will be the last time both teams will be performing in a conference championship,

Marchionda said the teams will

be performing in a conference championship.

She said, “That’s been our goal all season.”

The teams will be performing in a neutral location.

Marchionda said, “We’re trying to get some more individuals to the championship this year.”

Marchionda said while the teams are in a long stretch for a week, they are confident in their ability.

It’s going to be tough,” he said. “But we’re going for it.”

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To make an appointment visit
www.ouryear.com, school code 367
Junior Logan Robbins hits a line drive toward third base, almost hitting junior Kes Carter during Sunday’s game against Bowling Green State. The Toppers won 12-3, sweeping BGSU in three games during their opening weekend.

**Leading Off**

Deep Topper lineup provides plenty of offense in weekend sweep

By BRAD STEPHENS

Usually pitchers get an early-season advantage, while batters take a few weeks to get calibrated.

But that wasn’t the case for WKU’s offense on its opening weekend, as the Toppers scored 32 total runs in a three-game sweep of Bowling Green State at Nick Denes Field.

Nine different Toppers had at least one RBI during the weekend, while 12 players recorded hits.

Head Coach Chris Finwood said some of the success could be attributed to subpar Falcon pitching, but he was still pleased by the performance of his offense and ability to adapt in the new NCAA rules.

The new rules, which include playing for changes in base paths, were created to increase player safety and keep scoring down.

That means Finwood will be relying on his team to play more “small ball” this season, with an emphasis on moving runners over and stealing bases.

**COLUMN**

Tops baseball offering best ticket in town

By ZACH GREENWELL

Baseball weather came early this year, and so did the crowds at Nick Denes Field.

Good thing because these Toppers are once again worth seeing.

Pitch up at a clean sweep of Bowling Green State during its opening weekend, pounding the Falcons to the tune of 32 runs in three games.

It seems all too familiar, as a lineup that was largely the same out of the gate last season with a surprisingly explosive offense.

This kind of preparation is a good thing.

Plenty has been made of the fact that baseball’s attendance has soared with Head Coach Chris Finwood at the helm.

But you can take that even one step further.

Baseball has become, at least for the foreseeable future, the most athletic fan experience on campus.

That’s not to say men’s basketball isn’t still long on the Hill, with football coming behind.

But as far as who’s putting out the best product, baseball takes the throne.

At most schools, football reigns supreme. It may one day at WKU, but that day isn’t today.

Tailgating still has plenty of kinks that will likely play out this season, and the results on the field still have some catching up to do at the resources WKU football has at its disposal.

In the meantime, baseball has reigned as the social sport on campus.

So far, it seems to have packed into the first-base deck for Sunday’s game, combining beer, food and fun on one of the first pleasant days of 2011.

And you can bet more will come as spring turns into summer.

Finwood was the first to admit Sunday that the crowds at the Topper games against BGSU this past weekend wasn’t the cream of the crop.

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