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**TOPPER TRANSIT COULD EXPAND**

By TESSA DUVALL

Topper Transit and GO BG Transit received grant money from the Bowling Green Metropolitan Planning Organization that will allow for a joint study of the transit systems, Rowland said.

“By that point, we will sit back as a corporation, not just a transit system, and say, ‘Wow we’ve made it,’” Rowland said.

“Topp Transit and GO BG Transit customers like the service they get, and to allow Western students to log in and search for housing Web site

They said he first got the idea of working with Off Campus customers by next fall.

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the fine arts center

Ninth annual Musical National Muscian Association Hot Rod and Muscle Car Nationals
9 a.m. at Beech Bend Raceway, 798 Beech Bend Road

Limber for life exercise class
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Health & Wellness Center/ Greenwood Mall, 2825 Scottsville Road

Red Cross Blood Drive
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, 430 Center St.

Wine tasting
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at all Chuck’s Liquor locations: 3513 Louisville Road, 368 Three Springs Road, 770 Veterans Memorial Blvd. and 1640 Scottsville Road Suite

Live music
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Greener Groundz Coffee and Café, 871 Broadway Ave.

Saturday

Remote-controlled airplane swap meet
8 a.m. at the Western Agricultural Exposition Center, 406 Blind Road

Ninth annual NMCA Hot Rod and Muscle Car Nationals
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13th Annual C5/C6 Corvette Bash
9 a.m. at the National Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Drive

Kentucky Proud Festival
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chaney’s Dairy Barn, 9191 Nashville Road

Western softball vs. South Alabama
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10am-5pm on Sunday, April 25th

Northern Kentucky Team Penning Nationals
9 a.m. at Beech Bend Raceway, 798 Beech Bend Road

Southern KY Team Penning
10 a.m. at the Western Agricultural Exposition Center, 406 Blind Rd.

Western concert band/wind ensemble concert
7:30 p.m. at Van Meter Hall

An Evening of Dance
8 a.m. at Russell Miller Theatre

Karaoke
8 p.m. at Hurt Mama’s Roadhouse, 306 Old Morgantown Road

Steel Magnolias
8 p.m. at the Public Theatre of Kentucky, 545 Morris Alley

Live music
9 a.m. at Tabilds, 522 Morris Alley

9 a.m. at Sipway Bar and Grill, 295 Old Louisville Road

Cosmic Bowling
9:30 p.m. at Southern Lanes, 2710 Scottsville Road

Rapid Ricks Jersey Dogs
Midnight to 2 a.m. at the front of the Brewing Co., 423 Park Row

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CRIME REPORTS

Reports
- Elizabeth Berger, a Forensics employee, reported April 27 that her wallet was stolen from her office in Garrett Conference Center room 102. The value of the theft was $350.
- Jason Cropper, an employee in Parking and Transportation Services, reported April 27 that three parking meters and one meter base were stolen at Newport Drive and the Pearce Ford Tower lot. The value of the theft was $1,966.
- Jennifer Elise Miller, Hartland Hall, reported April 27 that her laptop was stolen from the Cherry Hall computer lab.
- Patricia Sowell, office assistant at the Center for Environmental Education and Sustainability, reported on April 26 that a laptop belonging to Western was stolen from Jones-Jaggers Hall Room 131. The value of the theft was $1,962.

Arrests
- Logan R. Ninnette was arrested on April 27 and charged with being in possession of a stolen phone that was taken from the Black Media and Technology Hall. The value of the theft was $300. He was released April 27 on a court order.

TRANSIT

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Riverside said Parking and Transportation wants to look at the existing stops and decide how to enhance them, as well as make the system compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Parking, and Transportation is considering continual service to Center Street, which may eventually progress into service in the downtown area, he said.

Additionally, there have been questions about the possibility of providing transportation to the University Campus and extending the hours of the White Lane service, which goes to South Campus, Road and River.

Some students think that the transit system is already working just fine as it is now.

Louisville sophomore Jacob Stephenson said he occasionally takes the shuttle up the Hill, especially when it’s raining.

“I just need to get where I’m going,” he said.

Stephenson said that, next semester, he plans to use the shuttle more often because he will be living in an apartment at The Colleges, so he will get on at the Crosson stop.

Devin Varey, a sophomore from Columbus, Ohio, said that he likes the shuttle daily, as does Terri Thompson.

“If you’re late, you can easily hop on and they get you to where you need to go,” he said.

Varey suggested that the shuttle system should add more routes.

Sam pamphlet, a graduate student from Huntington, Ind., said he really likes the shuttle because of the convenience.

Pamphlet said he cut his way to Mason Media and Technology Hall and then walk over and catch a shuttle to Environmental Sciences and Technology Building because the route runs near his on-campus residence.

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"We're really excited," he said. "It's been long-awaited." Western Fijis will also introduce the name they decided to call their specific chapter — Chi Eta, which stands for College Heights, Vittitow said.

Along with earning their charter in the past two years, Fijis have found several ways to distinguish themselves, Bowman said.

"We have the highest GPA on campus, not by a little, by a lot," he said. Members have also organized a philanthropy event called "Fijis Across America," during which five members of Western's chapter will bike 3,200 miles from Oceanside, Calif., to Yorktown, Va., to raise money for Alzheimer's research, Bowman said.

"When you strive to be excellent, it takes a lot of work," Vittitow said. Members don't plan to stop that work anytime soon, he said.

"We knew our (chartering) would be a goal and a moment that we would remember all our lives," Vittitow said. "Not that it's our end goal, because we always want to move forward."
Legislators need to get act together in terms of budget

THE ISSUE: The Kentucky General Assembly session ended without a budget being passed, so now the legislators must get into special session. If a budget isn’t passed by July 1, state university programs could shut down — including Western.

OUR VIEW: Kentucky legislators should be represented during the session without a budget. Students should write to legislators and express concern about the budget gap.

Kentuckians should be appalled at their legislators’ inability to pass a state budget. The problem comes from legislators refusing to look past partisanship to get the job done. Members of the Kentucky House and Senate, both Democratic and Republican, are arguing over where money should go. The terrible domino effect that would be created with the state having a budget would wreak much more havoc on state programs than having a budget with cuts. Many state programs are already planned for a cut in their funding anyway, regardless of the stagnant budget decision in the legislature.

Western foresees a 1.5 percent cut in state money for next year and is still planning out the loss of about $1.1 million as its budget. The legal age to gamble varies throughout the United States. However, in Indiana and Kentucky, the legal age to play the lottery is 18. Casino gambling ages vary as well and may differ from the lottery gambling age. In some states, such as Kentucky, casino gambling is illegal altogether while in others such as Indiana, it is allowed, but the legal age to gamble at a casino is raised to 21.

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According to Indiana law, the fines can be as high as $500. Other consequences are lower self-esteem, higher rates of depression and alcohol abuse, anti-social behaviors, and deterioration of relationships with family and friends. Underaged gambling also leads to poorer academic performance as well as poorer workplace performance.

Some of these consequences can have a very long-term impact such as impacting the person’s ability to obtain a good job due to a criminal record. The academic consequences of underaged gambling can also be detrimental to the person getting into college and finding a good job. Financial problems also plague those who are addicted to gambling.

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Historian Nikki Sakowicz said the players got their start in 2002 by bringing samples of their barbecue to the store whenever he's in the area and brings his friends.

"The way he makes it is better," Neal said. "He said he stops and eats at every restaurant he's ever heard of, so he knows what he's doing." Neal said the store is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Neal said Diemer opened the store just to get his start. "I'm not getting better," he said. "But I was in the groove of things and I thought, 'Well, I'm not getting better, so I might as well start it.'"

For 71-year-old Jimmy Diemer, owning a restaurant of his own was his dream growing up. "I see all these people doing it and I think, 'I want to do this for years,'" he said. "But I was in the grocery business for years, and when I finally got my own, well, it might as well start in.

Diemer, a Western graduate, got his start in 2002 by bringing samples of his barbecue that he was curing at home into his store, Jimmy Jennie's Supermarket and Gas, and giving them away for free.

"People started buying it, and we couldn't produce enough of it," he said. Diemer opened up his Real Pit Bar-B-Que on 5449 Scottsville Road in November 2007.

He said he thinks his restaurant is owned and convenient. "There's nowhere else where you can come in and shop at a barbecue restaurant and pick out what you want," Diemer said.

The food is homemade every day, he said. The store's specialties include pulled pork and pork ribs. A pulled pork sandwich costs $2.75, and a pork rib sandwich, which includes Texas toast, costs $3.75.

"We are at 11.2 percent recycling rate, but 40 percent of our waste can actually be recycled based on our dumpster audits that we've done," Lanham said. Lanham said she also works closely with GreenToppers. GreenToppers is an organization of Western students with ideas of how to make campus more sustainable, said Elizabethtown junior Nick Asher, GreenToppers treasurer.

"He's been pleased with the results and is making changes in sustainability, especially on some of our off-campus residences," Asher said. He said Western will continue to pick up more sustainable habits in the future.

"I want to see that this issue continue, that we're not just making changes for this year, but we can do that for years," Asher said.
**By LINDSAY KIRZ**

Every day, college students receive a letter from a friend or a card from a parent or a postcard from a place they’ve visited. But few students know exactly how and why their mail is delivered. Postal Services Director Marshall Gray, along with United States Postal Service University mailroom doesn’t typically come to Edgewood University Center Post Office, Gray said. Mail that does come to the DUC Post Office is express, certified, registered or needs a signature confirmation, Gray said.

Otherwise the mail goes directly from a Bowling Green Post Office location to the mail room. From then, half staff are in charge of the process.

But some students have voiced concerns about not receiving their mail. If that is the case, students should go to the DUC Post Office and fill out a missing mail report, Gray said.

Information on the report includes a description of the mail, while the office will keep records of its final destination and recipient and in class. Once a student fills out a report and returns it to DUC, the report is given to campus police, Gray said.

Officer answer question about campus mail

By EMMETT STEPHENS

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The outside

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Lebanese will be bustling this weekend. Crazy hair will abound, and the city will reap the benefits of hosting the 155th Kentucky Derby.

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Injured senior returns for stretch run

By M. BLAKE HARRISON

Senior catcher Rachelle Boucher had started three straight years for the Lady Toppers softball team. In early February, just two days before the spring season began, Boucher’s hopes of a fourth year started vanishing.

After falling in a February sledding accident, Boucher broke her fibula and sprained the medial collateral ligament in her right leg. The injury called for a minimum of 10 weeks of rest.

“Going into your senior year, you don’t expect that,” Boucher said. “You think that it’s not fun.”

With the drastic change, Williams said she knew she had to start working harder than ever before.

“I knew that I had to earn my teammates’ trust and respect behind the plate,” Williams said. “I pretty much had three days to establish for myself what Rachelle had three years to do.”

Boucher was forced to sit and watch from afar while also missing out on traveling to away games with the team. She said she was tough knowing that she should have been playing all that time.

“With my injury, it’s like it’s my own fault,” Boucher said. “I observe this. It’s not fun.”

Like Boucher, senior Lindsey Antonio missed the entirety of the fall 2009 season with a fractured navicular bone.

Get to know junior pitcher Erick Coleman, and you’ll hear what he’s talking “bout.

 Coleman recently posted a video on Facebook showcasing his rap skills, which he said reveals his “other side.” More than 40 people have published comments on Facebook, and he’s even posted a video of Odeh.

It doesn’t take long to grasp that the video was not at all scripted, seeing as Coleman fills dead space by repeatedly saying, “You know what I’m talking ‘bout.”

The video also calls out Coleman’s friends who “ruin” the video.

Freshman synethic Randall Gregory was one whose rap skills questioned.

HEAD COACH PATRICK COLEMAN

The Toppers are closing in on the home stretch of their season without a midweek worry among them.

Thanks to an overscheduled weekday, Wednes-
day’s game against Eastern Kentucky was can-
celled, meaning Western’s non-conference sched-
ule is now complete.

Head Coach Chris Finwood said the Toppers (16-14, 1-7 Sun Belt Conference) will now be able to focus solely on Sun Belt Conference play, where they sit fifth in the standings.

“I think this (break) is going to allow our guys to rest a bit, get caught up academically and relax a bit as we start to just focus on the weekends,” Finwood said. “They’ll decide where we’re at when we go to the tournament.”

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