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CORRECTION
Due to a Herald error, Aaron Pawley’s position was incorrectly identified in an online article about the Student Government Association posted Tuesday. Pawley resigned as Director of Academic and Student Affairs.

The Herald regrets the error.

CRIME REPORTS
Arrests
■ Matthew Taggart, McCormack Hall, was arrested on Jan. 27 and charged with alcohol intoxication. He was released after five hours on time served.
■ Michael Taggart, South-West Hall, was arrested on Jan. 27 for alcohol intoxication. He was released after five hours on time served.
■ Dejontae Copeland, McCormack Hall, was arrested on Jan. 26 and charged with public intoxication, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance. He has since been released on a court order.

More reports listed on wkuherald.com.

saturday

Nature Watch Weekend with the Sandhill Cranes
9 a.m. at the Barren River Lake State Resort Park, 1699 State Park Road
Limber for Life Exercise Class
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Health & Wellness Center in Greenwood Mall, 2625 Scottsville Road
Red Cross Blood Drive
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, 430 Center St.

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Regents approve ASL certificate

By SHAKIA HARRIS

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The certificate program will be implemented this fall through the Communication Disorders department in the College of Health and Human Services, Chance said. She said she hopes to have groups of 20 to 25 students enrolled in the program.

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Eyes on the road

Banning texting while driving a good start to end distractions

THE ISSUE: The Kentucky House Transportation Committee passed a bill on Tuesday banning drivers from texting while behind the wheel, making it the first state to legislate against this cell phone use for drivers under 18.

OUR VIEW: Passing a bill is a good start to the right direction, but it’s up to drivers to not text while driving. Texting and driving is a lot of people do, but don’t realize the problems it could cause. House Bill 47 passed through committee and seems to be on its way to preventing drivers from texting and driving. Starting in 2011, violating the bill could result in a fine between $20 and $100. Law enforcement agents are equipped from the bill, and motorists may still check their phones for global positioning-related applications. The true problem with the bill is how will a ban be enforced properly and objectively.

If a motorist is in an accident because texting distracted them, then the chances of them admitting to the police that they had indeed texting is slim.

A mistake like that would put someone in an embarrassing situation, because they would have to tell their friends not only about receiving a ticket but also about how their ticket was for something as simple as texting.

The probability of someone getting pulled over for texting also raises the question of invasion of privacy. Would police be able to look through a driver’s phone to prove he or she was texting? The driver could just delete their texts before police came to the window anyway.

Objectivity on behalf of law enforcement necessary as well. Police might target a specific age group, especially the young generation, when they are more aware of the new law. They might be an empty threat—or not.

The texting bill can be compared to the Kentucky Seat Belt Law which went into effect in 2006. The “Click it or Ticket” campaign cost the state $100,000, which went into effect in 2006. The state will also have to put money in the state budget. “Click it or Ticket” campaign cost the state $100,000, which went into effect in 2006. The state will also have to put money in the state budget.

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THE CROWD: There are many people pointing fingers at the young generation when they are texting while driving, but the truth is that texting isn’t the only distraction posed to drivers. There are those who put makeup on, stoplights, hold their dog in their laps, and eat the greasy hamburgers. American drivers have already had a bad reputation, so getting fined for texting while driving would remove one of those distractions.

So get ready, Western drivers. Being fined for texting and driving might be an empty threat—or not.

The editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald’s 11-member editorial board.
Civic organization to get own space

By EMILY WADLEY

The Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility will have a home of its own this semester, giving it a permanent presence on Western's campus. The ICSR is a group of administrators, faculty, students and staff committed to promoting civic involvement as a way of achieving social change and the common good, according to its Web site. The board of regents approved the ICSR in April.

"We're going back to the roots of public education, which was originally about teaching citizens," said John Paul Blair, assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement. "I think it's very energized, great music, but it's very expressive voice, and very beautiful." Blair said.

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The institute's goal is to move in the area of jazz, or I'd like to see it. It's a very expressive voice, and very beautiful." Brady said. "One of the things musicians love about it is that it's a wonderful place to play. The acoustics are wonderful." said John Paul Blair, assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Pioneer Cabin concert series

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Intermediate Men's and Women's Swim Teams to Focus on Details

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...can see the light at the end of the tunnel. She's a pretty woman. She's a winning woman. She's a woman who can do anything she sets her mind to. She's a woman who will not let anything get in her way. She's a woman who will push herself to the limit. She's a woman who will not give up. She's a woman who will not back down. She's a woman who will not let anything stand in her way.

But I will stand by that. I will stand by her. I will stand by her words. I will stand by her actions. I will stand by her decisions. I will stand by her every move.

And it's a reminder that Cowles hopes isn't broken. It's a reminder that we're all capable of doing anything we set our minds to. It's a reminder that we can achieve anything we want. It's a reminder that we can be anything we want to be. It's a reminder that we can be the best we can be. It's a reminder that we can be the people we want to be.

I'm proud to be a part of the Western Kentucky University swimming and diving team. I'm proud to be a part of this program. I'm proud to be a part of this team. I'm proud to be a part of this university. I'm proud to be a part of this country.

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North Texas senior guard Nejaughy and Western sophomore forward Vanessa Olufemi dive for the ball before it goes out of bounds during the second half Wednesday.

By JONATHAN LINTNER

points at Northern Kentucky — the 30th win in two years for the Hilltoppers and only the second in the last two years in the state of Texas — was another sign of improvement for Western Kentucky.

"The difference in the way they were playing was the most impressive thing," Horn said. "They definitely were focused and prepared and took what they were able to do on the court and turned it on."