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Tariq Shabazz holds a candle during a prayer in front of Pearce-Ford Tower on Friday, Sept. 13 to honor his son, Larry Thomas. "I can't even say that these arrests bring comfort," Shabazz said about suspects being taken into custody. "Now these parents will have to go without a son as well." Thomas was shot on Sept. 2 and died a day later at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. BRIAN POWERS/HERALD

To remember his **SON**

Campus mourns death of student

BY JACOB PARKER
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Tariq Shabazz, father of Louisville freshman Larry Thomas, is at a loss for words.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that my son would come to school and lose his life," Shabazz said. "You think about college as an institution of higher learning, not a correctional facility."

Shabazz spoke Friday night at a march from Cherry Hall to Pearce-Ford Tower in memory of his murdered son. It was the latest event in a still-unfolding saga, one that began two weeks ago.

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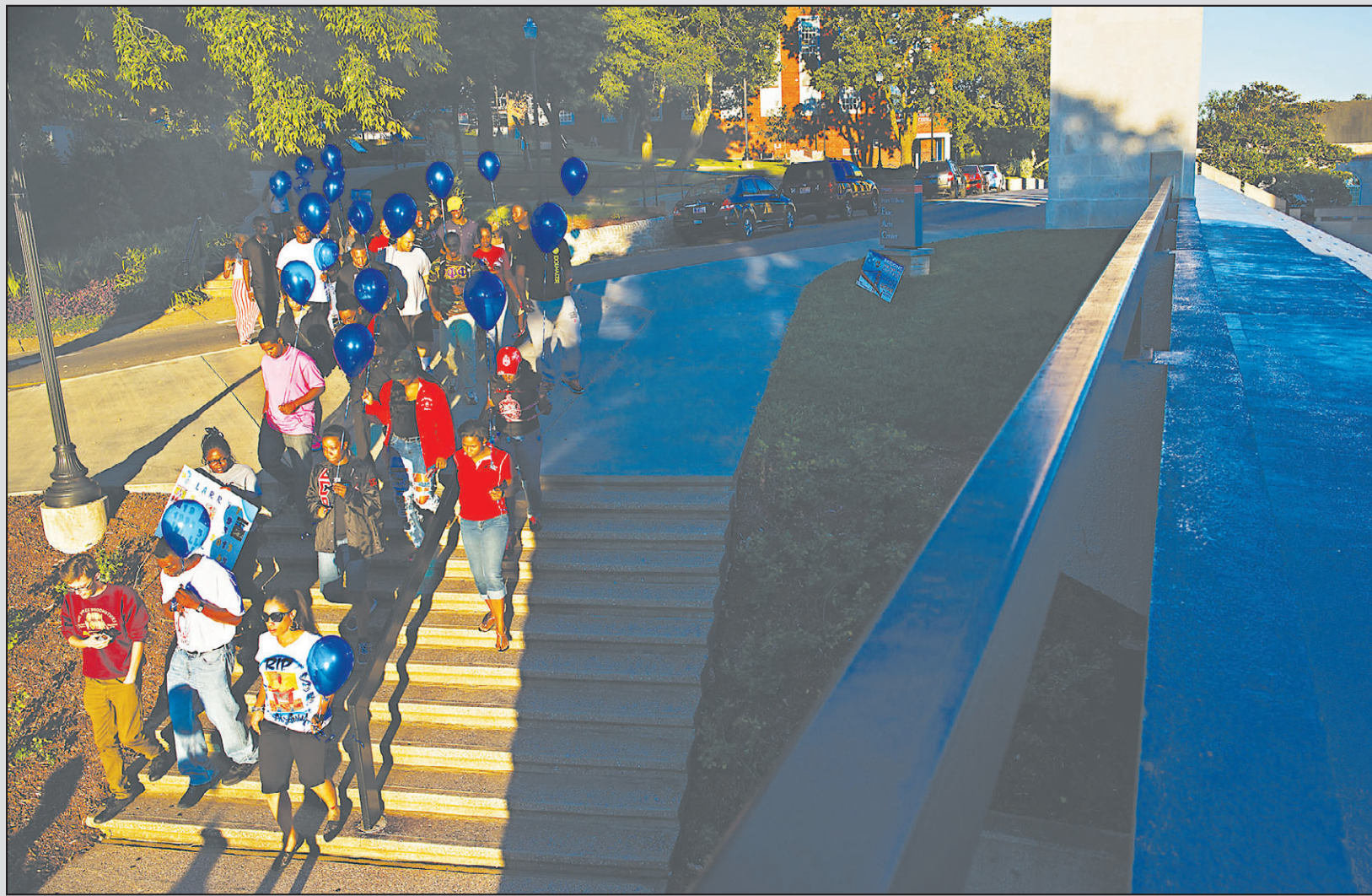
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Friends and family of Larry Thomas walk from Cherry Hall to Pearce-Ford Tower on Friday, Sept. 13. BRIAN POWERS/HERALD

Winchester junior Kinya Embry, right, and Louisville graduate student Ashlee Bradley, left, embrace outside of Pearce-Ford Tower after a march in memory of Larry Thomas on Sept. 13. Thomas was shot on Sept. 2 and died from his wounds a day later at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. BRIAN POWERS/HERALD



Balloons were released outside of Pearce-Ford Tower after the march for Larry Thomas ended on Sept. 13. TYLER ESSARY/HERALD

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Duck Dynasty cast members to visit WKU next month

BY LINDSAY KRIZ
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Two of Duck Dynasty's biggest stars are coming to Diddle Arena next month. Jase and Missy Robertson, and two of their three children, Cole and Reed, will be making a Saturday afternoon appearance on campus on Oct. 19, courtesy of Owensboro's Eagle Athletic Foundation, according to a press release. Jeff Younglove, director of Campus and Community

Events, said Kevin Shelton, president of the Eagle Athletic Foundation, contacted him about using Diddle as a facility for the show. Shelton said initially the event was going to be held in Owensboro, but none of the facilities were large enough to hold the crowd Duck Dynasty would bring. "I'm excited it's at Diddle," he said. "So far, it's been a great relationship. Every office has been great." Shelton said WME Enter-

tainment is in charge of booking the Duck Dynasty events, and according to the Duck Commander website, the stars of the show are booked every weekend. During their speaking events, which they do every weekend except during duck season, all the money they receive from shows goes back to their community and local churches and organizations, Shelton said. "They don't keep the money," he said. "Their whole mes-

sage is about faith and family. It's very strong. It's all about their family and how simple a life they live, and it's a neat, neat deal." The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 with the doors opening at 12:30 p.m., according to the press release. Tickets have been on sale since last Thursday at 10 a.m. with about 300 tickets sold by Thursday afternoon, Younglove said. VIP tickets are \$500 and include front row seats, one

meet-and-greet pass prior to the event and a souvenir ticket lanyard. Only 100 seats are available. Floor seats are \$100 each and include floor seats and a souvenir ticket lanyard. Only 680 seats are available. Red Towel seats are \$60 each, 100 and 200 level chair seats are \$40 each, 200 level bench seats are \$25 each and 300 level bleacher seats are \$15 each. For more information, call the WKU Ticket Office at 1-800-5BIGRED.

THOMAS

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

On the night of Sept. 2, Alyssa Rite and her boyfriend, residents of Greenhaven Apartments, had just turned off their television when they heard bickering outside. "We just thought it was the couple upstairs," Rite said. "We opened the window and heard someone say, 'I've been shot,' so we ran outside." "He [Thomas] had come outside. The guy was laying right there, up the stairs, and he was naked from getting out of the shower. The dude next door was leaned over him, trying to help him out and keep him awake 'cause he kept closing his eyes. Five minutes later, the cops got here. He was already really gray, though." WKU freshman Larry Thomas, of Louisville, was shot at the Greenhaven Apartments in Apartment 8F around 11:17 p.m., according to reports from the Bowling Green Police Department. "No one heard anything," Rite said, pointing at the apartment beneath Thomas. "No one heard a gun shot, even her, and she lives right underneath him." Thomas was airlifted to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville where he died later that night. The couple who lived in the apartment across from Thomas and helped

him the night of the incident have since moved to a different city because of the murder, Rite said.

Two days after the murder on Sept. 4, investigators arrested Louisville junior Siara Thompson, the ninth floor RA in Rodes-Harlin Hall. Thompson had been in the victim's apartment less than an hour before his death, according to police reports.

BGPD established Thompson knowingly provided transportation to two 17-year-olds to Thomas' apartment to purchase a half a gram of marijuana for \$10. The minors were residents on Thompson's floor, according to police.

Thompson was arrested and charged with two felony counts of second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor. Thompson's student status is still pending and her case will go before a grand jury, according to the Bowling Green Daily News. It would be a little more than a week after Thomas's death, on the night of Sept. 12, that BGPD arrested Bradenton, Fla., freshman Dominique Wortham, 21, in Barnes-Campbell Hall.

According to a BGPD press release, Wortham confessed "after an extensive investigation" to shooting Thomas during a robbery.

The following day a Paducah resident, Adriana Mason, 19, was arrested by the Paducah Police Department and also charged with the murder of Thomas.

Both Wortham and Mason are cur-



Adriana Mason



Dominique Wortham



The front entrance to Greenhaven Apartments Building Eight, where WKU freshman Larry Thomas was shot and killed. MIKE CLARK/HERALD

rently housed in the Warren County Regional Jail on \$1 million bonds. They will both appear in court at a preliminary hearing on Wednesday.

The death of Thomas has sparked a reaction from many students on campus, with two vigils and a walk held in his memory since the incident.

Louisville graduate student Ashlee Bradley and Thomas' cousin, said she felt his depiction in the media wasn't true to who he was.

"They brought up a lot about his past, and I feel like we should have been more focused on what Larry was now and what he was reaching for," Bradley said of previous reporting in the Herald. "He had just signed up to be a member of the Campus Activities Board, he had joined Black Men at Western, he had spoken to me personally, because I'm a GA (graduate assistant) at Student Activities, about getting involved."

Thomas was enrolled for fall classes at WKU, but was previously banned by the university for the spring semester after he was arrested in Pearce-Ford Tower in Nov. 2012 for trafficking a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bradley said Thomas was attempting to stay proactive on campus and in the community. She said he was in the process of turning over a new leaf.

"He had gotten in trouble for what he had done in the past, and it just kind of made him realize the opportunity that he had being here at WKU," she said.

Bradley said the march from Cherry Hall to Pearce-Ford Tower on Friday night wasn't just about Larry but also about taking a stand against violence.



Larry Thomas

"The march here today is to celebrate Larry's life but it's also making people aware of the violence we have in the community," she said. "The most important thing is standing against violence."

However, Bradley said she isn't naïve to the things that go on within campus.

"I was there not that long ago," she said. "I know a lot more things that go on than our administrators, faculty and staff would like to think goes on."

Shabazz also disagreed with the way his son was represented in the media the past couple of weeks.

"Larry wasn't a thug," he said. "He was a young man who was trying to pursue his dreams."

Louisville native Shabazz came to WKU to participate in the march.

Because of the arrests, he said three families now have to go without their children.

"This young man and this young lady's parents having to go without a son or without a daughter just like I am," he said.

He said Thomas's sense of humor still stands out most in his mind.

"Larry always made me laugh," he said. "Even when I was in the process of disciplining him, he turned it around and made it so humorous that you had no choice but to lower your guard."

His son's death, even if it was off campus, is confusing to Shabazz, who said college is supposed to be a place to make something of one's self.

"I don't know about the violence on campus, but I know the violence on campus affected the lives of my family," he said. "Because we're without a son, a grandson, a brother, an uncle, a nephew, a cousin."

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 - Police arrested Palm Bay, Fla. freshman Sultan Hussain Ayidh Alshahrani for alcohol intoxication after approaching an officer's traffic stop on the corner of 13th Ave. and Center St. and refusing to leave on Sept. 15.
 - Police arrested Bowling Green senior Camille Coltrain for driving under the influence after she was observed driving her vehicle in a careless manner on the corner of Russellville Rd. and Morgantown Rd. on Sept. 14.
 - Police arrested and lodged Franklin, Tenn. freshman Arthur E. Watson, Northeast Hall, in the Warren County Regional Jail for alcohol intoxication in a public place at 644 E. 14th St. on Sept. 14.
 - Police arrested Scottsville freshman Tanner Reed in Barnes-Campbell Hall lobby in regards to an Allen County e-warrant for robbery in the first-degree on Sept. 13.
 - Police arrested Louisville sophomore Paige McMillan for DUI and failure to illuminate headlights at Regents Ave. near Chestnut St. on Sept. 13.
 - Police arrested Clarkson freshman Johnny Armstrong, Zacharias Hall, after he entered the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house on 300 Alumni Ave. and started causing a disturbance on Sept. 13. Armstrong was charged with burglary of the second-degree and second-degree disorderly conduct.
- Reports:**
- Mount Washington senior Ashley Coulter, McLean Hall, reported several items stolen from the Academic Commons area in FAC Room 166 on Sept. 13. The estimated value of the items stolen was \$450.

STAFF EDITORIAL



@joemel: Report of people stuck in an elevator on 11th floor of PFT, all are OK, maintenance is on the way according to scanner traffic. #wku #pft.
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MIDNIGHT MUNCHIES

24-hour dining option not worth cost

THE ISSUE: When the Student Government Association meets tonight, it will vote on a resolution to establish a 24-hour dining option on campus. If the resolution passes, it will be given to Gary Meszaros, assistant vice president for Auxiliary Services, for consideration.

OUR STANCE: The idea of a 24-hour dining option for students on campus seems great. However, the reality of such a restaurant doesn't because of the likelihood of increased prices and lower food quality.

It's 2 a.m. You've procrastinated yet again, forcing an all-night cram session of epic proportions.

You've got another 250 pages to read before your class at 8 a.m., but you've got ice in your veins. You know you're going to ace this exam if you cram hard enough.

The only thing that stands between you and sweet success is the small hunger pangs that are slowly taking over your mind as morning nears.

You stare around your dorm room, disgusted by the pretzel rods and peanut butter crackers your mom sent in the care package last week.

That's when it hits you: there should be a restaurant on campus that's open at this time.

We've all had the idea at some point.

Well, the SGA has heard your cries, late-night wanderers of WKU.

But if that sounds too good to be true, that's probably because it is.

The Herald is perfectly aware that most college students love and cherish late-night dining. It seems like the union between this beloved pastime and on-campus dining would be a match made in greasy heaven.

But the Herald doesn't believe the allure of a 24-hour dining option to be worth the obvious drawbacks.

Much of this has to do with the nature of late-night dining and the infrequency with which customers visit such an establishment.

First, the quality of food would be lower than what currently exists at WKU, Meszaros previously told the Herald.

Because customers cannot be relied upon to frequent such a restaurant like they do Fresh Food Company in the daytime, whatever food is served at this venue would likely sit under a heat lamp of sorts until some bold student decides to take a chance.

Second, the cost of the food would be high because of all the extra workers that would need to be hired to staff such a restaurant, Meszaros said.

Third, the dining option

would serve a very small percentage of WKU students.

While on-campus students are the ones being targeted for this restaurant, a lot of WKU students don't live on campus.

And of the ones that do, there are already 24-hour dining options within walking distance of their rooms that are likely going to be better than whatever this resolution would create.

Yes, we know that if it's already late at night, and you're tired from studying — because that's the only reason that college kids stay up late — the last thing you want to do is walk the street with no sidewalk to Waffle House.

But you needed to work off those hash browns anyway, right?

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 9-member editorial board

New column starting Thursday

BY LINDSAY KRIZ
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I catch mistakes.

It's what I do for a living as a copy editor at the Herald; well, I am a "poor" college student, so it's what I do for spending money each month.

And really, I should be paid to catch mistakes that I see happen beyond the page, whether in the news media (it's not that hard, trust me) or on campus when I see someone flying down the Hill in a truck and throw a wrapper out of the window because holding onto it five minutes longer before discarding it in the proper bin is apparently too tough a task.

But instead of complaining about the media's treatment of race, gender, privilege and what have you and cursing under my breath, I will attempt to calmly and intelligently vent through this column.

I will also attempt to do so in a manner that gets people fired up — hopefully in all the right ways — and doesn't bring the modern equivalent of a mob to my front door (we're talking cell phone lights and switchblades stepping in for torches and pitchforks).

So Thursday, as I decided on my way to work when said song's beat came from a car, I will be talking about "Blurred Lines," and how the concept of the song and its title are not acceptable.

Will I shame you for still listening to the song even after you read my column? Of course not. But I do hope that you listen to it knowing exactly why it's problematic—and it IS problematic. So stay tuned.

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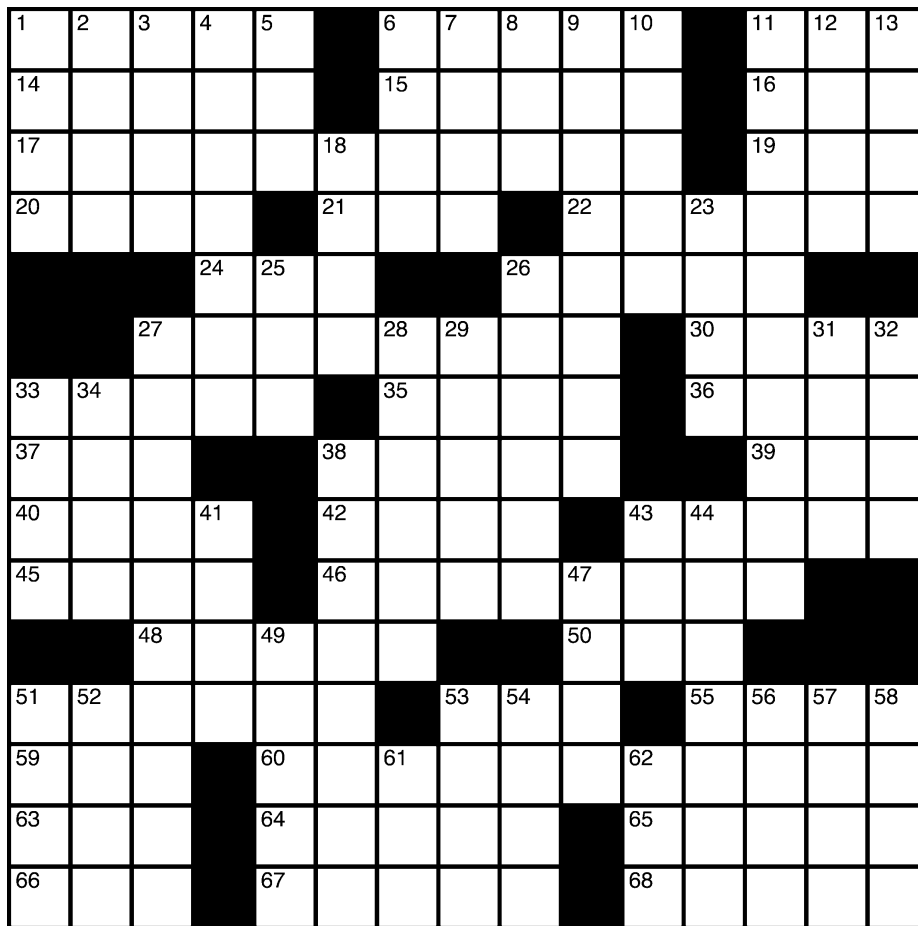
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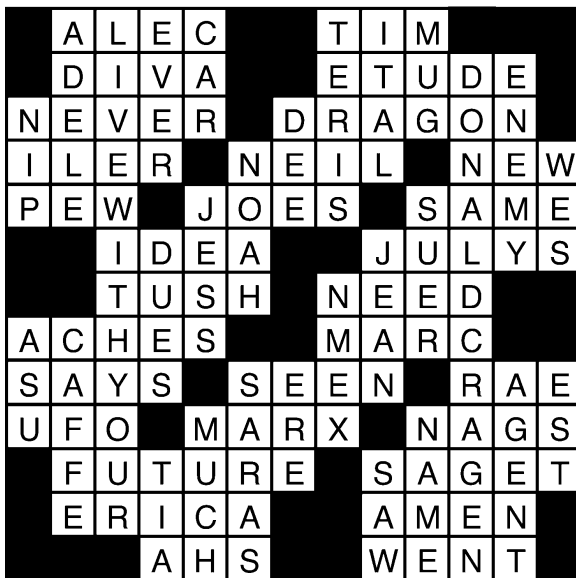
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Runners compete at Commodore Classic

BY ANDREW WEIGEL
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Behind the legs of juniors David Mokone and Jodi Miller, the WKU men's and women's cross country teams posted team finishes of 14th and 7th respectively at the Commodore Classic on Saturday.

The Toppers returned to Nashville's Percy Warner Park, where they ran in the Belmont Opener on Aug. 30.

Coach Erik Jenkins was pleased with his teams' performances in such a large meet.

"They did a good job of racing in a big meet with many runners," Jenkins said. "That

will pay off down the road in conference play."

The Lady Toppers were led by Miller's 34th-place finish in the 5,000-meter race.

Miller, in her first career meet as a Lady Topper, finished with a time of 18:10.80. She is a junior college transfer from Iowa Central Community College, where she was a 13-time All-American and led Iowa Central to back-to-back cross country national championships in her two years.

Jenkins said he is looking forward to what Miller can bring to the team.

"She comes from an extremely successful junior col-

lege program in Iowa Central," Jenkins said. "They produce good runners every year and she brings some experience to our young team."

The Toppers were led once again by Mokone, who tallied a sixth-place finish with a time of 25:21.82. The meet marked the eighth time in his career Mokone has recorded a top-ten finish and the second time in two meets this season.

Jenkins said he was happy with how WKU competed against tough competition.

"They went out and ran competitively," Jenkins said. "I really liked their work ethic out there."



Junior distance runner Jodi Miller competes during the Commodore Classic in Nashville on Sept. 14. Miller finished first for the WKU women's cross country team and 34th overall with a time of 18:10.80 IAN MAULE/HERALD

Lady Toppers go scoreless in first road trip of 2013

BY JONAH PHILLIPS
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The Lady Toppers had a scoreless weekend in their first road trip of the season, but WKU (1-3-3) showed positive signs in the team's pair of games.

Western Carolina (4-2-0) came away with the win when the teams met Friday, but WKU was able to force a double-overtime tie against Tennessee (5-2-1) on Sunday.

WKU struggled in its start against Western Carolina. The

team trailed by two goals less than 10 minutes into the game — the first career road game for the 11 Lady Topper freshmen.

"We didn't start the game ready to play, and they scored two goals on us because of it," coach Jason Neidell said.

The Lady Toppers rallied together and were on the attack for the later part of the first half, firing 10 shots—three of which were on goal.

The best opportunities of the half came from senior

midfielder Sydney Sisler and sophomore midfielder Chandler Clark. Sisler fired a shot on goal from 25 yards out. Clark connected with a header off a corner from freshman midfielder Haley Baldrige, both of which were stopped by Western Carolina's Jenny Lauer.

The Lady Toppers made defensive stops but couldn't net a goal, as the team fell 2-0.

"In the last 20-25 minutes of the first half, we actually played very well," Neidell said. "But in the second half we were

just too anxious and pressed to get the goals back, and we just couldn't find a rhythm to our game."

Their second away showcase was a bit closer to home for the squad but no easier of an opponent when the Lady Toppers took on Tennessee in Knoxville on Sunday.

"We played a really, really good Tennessee team, and our kids battled for 110 minutes," Neidell said. "We were playing a lot of defense because their team was so good, but we

also were able to create some chances that we didn't create on Friday."

Despite playing well as a team against arguably their biggest opponent yet of the season, the Lady Toppers ended their weekend having not scored a goal in 336 minutes of play since sophomore midfielder Lauren Moats' equalizer against Indiana State on Sept. 5.

WKU returns to action Friday when the team travels to Nashville to take on Belmont at 4 p.m.

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we looked good but were not consistent enough to execute for four quarters."

Consistency has been a problem for WKU this year. After starting the season with another win over Kentucky, the Toppers expectedly struggled against Tennessee before sputtering through the game against the Jaguars.

The Toppers have had is-

sues staying consistent from one half to the next, as well. After mustering three points in the second half against the Volunteers, Saturday the Toppers could only put three on the board in the last 30 minutes again — all while the South Alabama whittled away at WKU's 21-10 halftime lead.

But remember, we're just a fourth of the way through the regular season. It's hard to tell what's true and what's false with any team at this point.

Last season through three

games, WKU was coming off of its first win over Kentucky and first win over an SEC school — at 2-1, the sky was the limit for that team. The Toppers finished the season 7-6 and went 2-5 in the last seven games.

WKU dropped the third game of the season back in 2011 as well in a major upset loss to FCS school Indiana State. After an 0-3 start, that team overachieved to finish 7-5.

"We know we've got to go to work. We know what we've

got in front of us," senior linebacker Chuck Franks said at Monday's press conference. "The season is still young. We've still got a lot more ball-games to play. Right now, we're just focused on this next game and getting this win."

If there's any positives WKU can take from the 31-24 weekend loss in Mobile, at least the team's expectations have been tempered a little bit.

The Toppers won't have to deal with anyone in the national or local media predict-

ing an undefeated season in the Sun Belt or an upset berth to a BCS bowl any more. Those expectations were put on the team when WKU hired Bobby Petrino, but remember, this is a group that went 4-4 in the Sun Belt last year. Expecting that much improvement in one offseason was unfair.

One loss isn't going to define the entire season as a failure. The Toppers just have to work moving forward to make sure bad losses don't become a trend.

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blame on junior quarterback Brandon Doughty, whose FBS-leading eight interceptions in the past two games don't help, but the coach says it's the lack of cohesiveness that holds the team back.

"We're not playing real well around (Doughty) with everybody," Petrino said. "I've always answered the question when anyone asks me, 'How do you get your quarterback to play so well?' and it's you get the 10 guys around him to really do their job — really execute, protect, make catches, run the ball, so a quarterback

really has success with the 10 guys around him."

Freshman wide receiver Nicholas Norris is one of those 10 guys around Doughty trying to make the offense function to Petrino's expectations. Norris did his part on Saturday, hauling in seven catches for 95 yards and two touchdowns.

He said the team's focus changes as the game winds on, resulting in losses for WKU.

"We were just more hungry in the first half, came out just dominating," Norris said. "Then the second half, we just let our foot off the gas and mistakes build, and as you see, we lost the game."

Saturday's game home

opener against Morgan State will be the first game in Smith Stadium for Norris who said he's ready to play with his team in front of Topper Nation.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Norris said. "I've never played in front of so many fans screaming my name and screaming for the Hilltoppers, so I'm excited to get there."

NORRIS

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put a lot on him," Petrino said. "He's a guy that came in and we kind of threw him in the fire and said 'Hey, here you go.' He's made a lot of good plays for us. He's a guy that we feel can really catch the ball and run after the catch."

When Norris arrived at WKU from Booker T. Washington High School in Miami, he didn't know he would play such an important role in the offense. Also a member of the track and field squad for the Tornados, Norris

said paying attention as a newcomer has helped earn the job he has in the offensive line up.

"Just staying humble and being ready any time my number is called," Norris said about being ready to play. "Coming from high school, I always was in, so I had to take a step back coming off the bench at first, then practicing hard to get a starting position."

Norris's role in the offense has increased more through each game. He credits the early chemistry he has built with the quarterbacks to his young success.

"It's been a great chemistry," Norris said.

"I'm getting a different feel for every quarterback in practice everyday. Whoever they can throw it at any time in the game, I just know I have a great relationship at any time."

Petrino likes the direction his young receiver is headed, saying Norris is going to be an exciting player for WKU for years to come.

"He's done a good job for us, and he's just going to continue to get better," Petrino said. "He's more comfortable with the offense now. His routes are better than they were early in the year, and he's an exciting guy for what's going to come."

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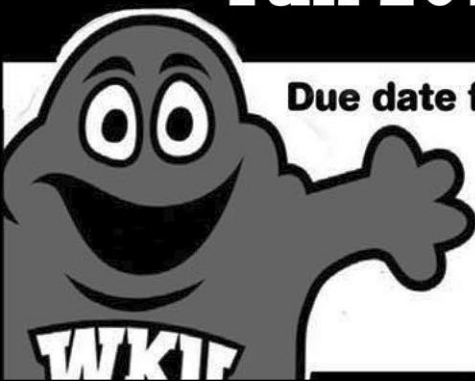
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Emotions run high as WKU begins their comeback in the first set of the match against Virginia during the WKU Invitational tournament on Friday, Sept. 13. From left is Ashley Potts, Kaelin Grimes, Haley Bodway, Noelle Langenkamp and Melanie Stutsman. WKU won the match-up 3-1. **BRIAN POWERS/HERALD**

VOLLEYBALL

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Kullerkann of the Ohio Bobcats. Katie Horton, also from Ohio, was named the MVP.

Boyan recorded 30 kills during the three games while Langenkamp had 33 to lead the Lady Toppers.

Ohio went 3-0 this weekend to claim first place in the tournament and only dropped two sets in the three matches.

Hudson said the team gave great effort throughout the weekend, but there are things to improve on and he and his team need to do better.

"We're just too up and down right now with things we're doing," Hudson said. "I'm really, really proud of our kids. They played exceptionally hard tonight and they needed to."

"We're not playing great volleyball right now, and it's on me. Our kids are playing hard, they're trying, they're giving me great effort, we're just not playing good, clean volleyball."

For Boyan, serving is one aspect of the game that could be cleaned up as the team heads forward.

"We just need to be more aggressive with serving," she said. "Our defense too — both blocking and floor defense could use some work. I think if we work on that and just keep playing as hard as we did this weekend then we'll be good for next weekend."

Defense played a factor in the team's lone loss to Ohio on the week-

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end. In the loss, WKU only recorded two total team blocks, both of which came in the last set compared to the nine blocks tallied by the Bobcats. In the next match against UNLV, the defense came alive to get 10 blocks in the game.


Each game throughout the course of the weekend was a close one for the home team. All 10 sets that WKU played in the tournament were decided by seven points or less, and in the first game of the tournament, it took a 9-1 run to end the first set to give the Lady Toppers the victory.

Hudson called it a "gutty" win and chalked it up to experience. For senior outside hitter Paige Wessel, it was just all about not giving up.

"When we're behind we've been struggling with how to catch back up, so that's what we've been working on," Wessel said. "We've been working out when we're down not giving up, and if there's a point still left on that scoreboard, then we keep playing."

The Lady Toppers will play in another tournament next weekend as they travel to Dayton, Ohio, for the Flyer Classic. The next home match for WKU will be Oct. 4 as they take on Texas State in a Sun Belt Conference match.



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FOOTBALL



WKU wide receiver Nicholas Norris (15), covered by South Alabama cornerback Montell Garner, drops a pass in the first half of WKU's 31-24 loss to South Alabama on Saturday Sept. 14, 2013 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala. JEFF BROWN/HERALD

COLUMN

Don't bury WKU after one game

BY LUCAS AULBACH
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Don't torch those season tickets yet. Saturday's game at South Alabama was a bad loss that will have some implications on WKU's bowl hopes months from now, but the Toppers still have nine games left this year — plenty of time to right the ship.

WKU (2-1, 0-1 Sun Belt Conference) had enough talent to beat the Jaguars over the weekend, but the Toppers let the game get away from them through dropped passes, poor run defense and about a hundred other issues.

Coach Bobby Petrino didn't sugar-coat it after the game — after the 31-24 loss to South Alabama, in just its second year as an FBS member, the Toppers have a lot of work to do.

"We've got to do a better job in practice," he said after the game. "We've got to do a better job in taking practice into the game and executing for four quarters. There was times in the last two games where

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FOOTBALL

Young receiver earns big role in offense

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Coach Bobby Petrino made a couple of changes to the starting line-up Saturday based on the results of practice throughout the week, and the changes resulted in a breakout performance from freshman wide receiver Nicholas Norris.

The coach said the players who give the best efforts in practice will start the game on Saturdays.

Norris is one of those players that earned a spot on the field during the first snap and may have sealed a permanent place in the starting line-up.

The freshman from Miami leads the team with three touchdowns and 129 yards on 10 catches this season.

Norris' coming-out party occurred Saturday at South Alabama when he caught seven passes for 95 yards and two scores, making him the first WKU wide receiver since Jake Gaebler in 2009 to catch multiple touchdowns in one game.

Petrino is quite pleased with the early performance of Norris — the coach said he has done well considering how much responsibility he's been given.

"I've been really happy. We've

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Through their FINGERTIPS

Dropped passes stop Tops in Mobile

BY ELLIOTT PRATT
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The Toppers are behind the eight-ball going into Saturday's home opener against Morgan State.

On paper, WKU's (1-2, 0-1 Sun Belt Conference) 31-24 loss at South Alabama (2-1, 1-0 SBC) could not have been more devastating for a program expected to finish near the top of the Sun Belt.

Now the Toppers find themselves in a must-win situation welcoming an 0-3 team from the lower Football Championship Series rankings to Smith Stadium this Saturday.

"I'm looking forward to the routine for a home game and what you do and how you prepare it," Coach Bobby Petrino said. "I'm looking for a crowd to come out with a lot of energy and a lot of excitement. It's always great to play at home. Hopefully that's something that helps us and gives us energy and helps in our preparation for the week because it's really important that we improve this week in practice."

Senior linebacker Chuck Franks said the team is ready

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Nicholas Norris, WR	
• 7 receptions	• 95 yards
	• 2 TDs

to get the win in front of a home crowd on Saturday but carrying over the energy from practice to the game and capitalizing on opportunities when the defense gets them is what the team must do to get a win at home.

"Defensively, we just have to go back to the basics," Franks said. "It goes back to practice.

We need to practice a little bit harder during the week, focus more on our game plan. Also in those games, we just have to take advantage of all our opportunities."

Bringing the energy from practice to the game is something the team has to do in order to bounce back from Saturday's disappointing loss to South Alabama, Petrino said.

Carrying over their momentum from the first half to the part two of each game has also been a struggle for WKU. In the past two games, WKU has scored only three points in the second half. In combining second halves for the season, WKU has been outscored 51-20.

Petrino hasn't shied away from noting that the second half has been an issue all season.

"It certainly has, particularly in that third quarter with our defense not being able to get off the field," Petrino said. "We have to re-evaluate everything we're doing at halftime."

Petrino said the struggles come from all 11 players on the field. It's easy to place the

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VOLLEYBALL

WKU earns win No. 300 in tournament at Diddle Arena

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The Lady Toppers hit another milestone this weekend when they earned the 300th win in school history during a 2-1 run at the WKU Invitational.

WKU (7-4) topped Virginia 3-1 in the first game and swept University of Nevada, Las Vegas in the final game to earn the two wins needed to reach the milestone but fell to Ohio in straight sets in the second game.

"I remember when I was trying to get my first win in Diddle," Coach Travis Hudson said. "It probably took me a couple years to get my first win. But Diddle's turned into such a great atmo-

sphere for volleyball.

"I'm so proud of what our program has grown into and the atmosphere that's been created by our fan base, band and students, and I hope to see it continue in the right direction."

It was WKU's last home action of September. The Lady Toppers will not play in Diddle Arena again until Oct. 4.

Two players from the WKU roster — junior middle hitter Heather Boyan and sophomore middle hitter Noelle Langenkamp — were named to the all-Tournament team.

Joining the two WKU athletes were Mallory Woolridge of Virginia, Madeline Westman from UNLV, and Liis

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Louisville redshirt senior Paige Wessel (9) and Cincinnati, Ohio sophomore Noelle Langenkamp (13) block a spike from Tori Janowski (8) during WKU's match against UVA on Sept. 13 at E. A. Diddle Arena. MIKE CLARK/HERALD

BEECH PARTY

WKU students work to set up sister city in Switzerland

BY ANNA LAWSON
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Sarah Kinnicutt has always been intrigued by different cultures. Growing up in Lexington, the senior honors student was involved in exchange programs all through high school.



KINNICUTT
Lexington senior

For her Honors College thesis project, Kinnicutt wanted to give Bowling Green students the same opportunity by setting up a sister city in Porrentruy, Switzerland.

Kinnicutt is a French major and wants to get more people interested in the culture. She feels learning French has become much less important in the minds of students, and she wants to change that.

Kinnicutt said she wants to offer students the chance to learn about other cultures outside of the classroom.

"This will benefit Bowling Green because anyone can do it," she said.

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Bowling Green junior Sarah Bright, left, and Bowling Green junior Madison Le Roy enjoy the Sizzler ride during WKU Night at Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green on Sept. 14. This was the first WKU Night at the park and 10 percent of the proceeds go toward fighting cancer. DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/HERALD

Students engineer event to support cancer research

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WKU Night at Beech Bend Park on Saturday was started as a way to raise money for the American Cancer Society in honor of two WKU engineering students battling cancer.

Last week, another engineering student was diagnosed, making the event even more crucial, Reed Gonzalez, a manager at Beech Bend and WKU mechanical engineering graduate who organized the event, said.

"It's strange, and also sad because none of us expected it," Gonzalez said about the sudden news.

Gonzalez said the department is a tight-knit group, and he knows all three students, or former students, battling cancer.

"The first friend was an RA in Minton who graduated in May in mechanical engineering," he said. "He was married in June and got diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma about three or four weeks ago. He's at the treatment stage where bills keep coming in, so we're reaching out to help."



The Kentucky Rumbler during WKU Night at Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green on Sept. 14. DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/HERALD

The other student battling cancer is a current senior and civil engineering major who was diagnosed with Stage III brain cancer last spring, Gonzalez said.

"His recovery process has been much longer, but he's doing a lot better," he said. "Several engineering students built a concrete canoe for him and wrote 'courageous' on it as a sign of gratitude."

Gonzalez said the third friend battling

cancer is a WKU graduate and international student who is currently studying at the University of Kentucky. She has melanoma in multiple areas.

"She was a member of Tau Beta Pi and someone we know very well," Gonzalez said. "She's extremely nice and lively — definitely not a person you would expect to get cancer. It hits everybody at

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Sundy Best headlines Lost River Music Festival

BY SAM OSBORNE
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Thousands of music fans converged at Circus Square Park Saturday for the Lost River Music Festival. The 12-hour event featured 13 bands on two stages and nearly a dozen vendors with proceeds going to the Center for Courageous Kids, a free camp in Scottsville for children with medical challenges.

Festival organizer Keith Coffman estimated 3,000 people were on hand throughout the day at the festival.

Prestonsburg duo, Sundy Best, comprised of childhood friends Nick Jamerson and Kris Bentley, drew one of the largest and most raucous crowds of the day for their set.

The group was formed in 2010 but recently found their way into the spotlight in the country music world when their video, "Home,"

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RUN FOR RONALD

ADPi hosts 5k for Ronald McDonald House

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When Louisville junior Sam Kimura was diagnosed with a bone marrow disease as a junior in high school, the Ronald McDonald House provided her family a place to stay while specialists treated her.

"I was in the hospital for two weeks and my mom, my dad and my sister stayed at the Ronald McDonald House in Cincinnati," Kimura said.

Now, years later, Kimura helped raise money for the charity by running in the second annual Run for Ronald 5K on Saturday at Kereiakes Park, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi sorority, of which she is a member.

The course was marked throughout the park and consisted of two laps.

Prizes were awarded to the top three runners in each age division, including a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses, a Pandora bracelet and a voucher for a two-night stay at the local Marriott.

Mallory Chaney, philanthropy chair for ADPi, said event registration was up from last year.

"We had a ton of people take advantage of the website, but we had so many people come and sign up today," Chaney said at the event.

She said recruitment was a big part of registration.

"I really have to credit our girls for that — for just en-

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Crestwood freshman Joey Badinger runs in Alpha Delta Pi sorority's second annual Run for Ronald 5K at Kereiakes Park. Badinger won the race with a time of 20 minutes and 36.9 seconds. TREY HEATH/HERALD

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world when their video, "Home," debuted at number one on CMT's 12-Pack Countdown in April.

Jamerson, lead singer and guitarist for the group, said he is still wrapping his head around the experience.

"I think just to have a video on CMT is crazy," he said. "It was just kind of a surreal thing — I still don't know if it's really sunk in. If you would've told me 10 years ago we would have a video on CMT, I would've said, 'You're stupid.'"

Sundy Best has garnered a loyal following on social media, and the duo affectionately refers to their fans as kinfolk.

Bentley said he prefers calling fans kinfolk because it pays homage to the tight-knit com-

munity they grew up around in eastern Kentucky.

"We don't like to call the people who listen to our music 'fans,'" Bentley said. "It puts an automatic disconnect between us and the people who listen to us. Where we're from, it's a close-knit community, and we wanted to try to roll that over into what we're doing. We use the term kinfolk, like a big family."

The band's "kinfolk" are an integral part of their success.

Sundy Best's video for their song, "Lily," also debuted at number one on CMT's 12-Pack Countdown. The voting for these video contests is purely driven by fan voting, and Jamerson said the loyal support the group has received is unlike anything else in country music right now.

"It's pretty unreal how everybody is so devoted and

pushes everything," he said. "I feel like we've got something that no one else does. It's pretty special."

The duo has parlayed their success from having videos on CMT into attending the CMT Music Awards as well as performing at the CMT Music Festival in June. Sundy Best released their first album, "Door Without A Screen," on Aug. 27 and has plans to release their follow-up effort in January.

In the meantime, Bentley said the duo is going to focus on playing as many venues in Kentucky as possible.

"There are still a lot of people in the state that don't know about us," he said. "We're trying to build that up as big as we can because we are releasing a new record in January."

Bentley said the Commonwealth, especially eastern



WKU students at the Lost River Music Fest sing along to the band, Sundy Best. The music festival was to raise money for The Center for Courageous Kids, a camp for children with disabilities. DANIEL VORLET/HERALD

Kentucky where duo grew up, is one of Sundy Best's biggest inspirations.

"We're very Kentucky proud," he said. "If you listen to our record, it's pretty evident. It's what we know, and what we know is what we write about."

Jamerson said his Kentucky kinfolk have been there from

the band's beginnings, and he plans to do everything in his power to keep them proud.

"We want to carry that flag for Kentucky," he said. "The only people that gave a damn from the beginning were people from Kentucky. Why not give them something to be proud of and to share with other people?"

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couraging people to come this morning," she said. "We couldn't have asked for better weather or a more beautiful place to run. It all just fell into place."

With the Ronald McDonald House as ADPi's national charity since 1979, Chaney said the run was a great way to raise money for the cause.

It was the charity that played a major influence in

Kimura choosing ADPi.

"One of the things that first drew me to ADPi is that our philanthropy is the Ronald McDonald house," she said. "I thought it was just an amazing connection."

Somerses resident Patrick Jenkins placed second in the race. Jenkins said this was his first Run for Ronald.

"I wanted to come out and support my kids," Jenkins said, whose son was also participating in the race.

Henderson freshman Morgan Davis, a member of ADPi, said at first she wasn't sure if she would run in the event.

"I really thought about working it, but I was like, 'You know what? I should go ahead and run it. I might as well,'" Davis said.

For Kimura, running wasn't just about getting exercise or running with her sorority sisters.

"The fact that I can give back to an organization that gave to my family is a big deal for me," she said.

BEECH BEND

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the wrong times."

On WKU Night, Beech Bend charged a discounted \$20 ticket price for anyone with a WKU ID. Attendees affiliated with WKU had event-exclusive nighttime access to several of Beech Bend's rides and attractions.

Ten percent of the proceeds went to the American Cancer Society. The event raised close to \$200 for the three students on Saturday.

Gonzalez said turnout wasn't quite what he had hoped, but he

was happy to raise any amount of money for his friends in need.

"With this event, we wanted to test the water to see how receptive it would be," he said. "I'm very proud of this event, and I look forward to its future."

Joe Ray, a volunteer at the American Cancer Society, spoke briefly at the event about the impact of cancer and its financial demand.

He said money is vitally important, as almost all fundraising efforts go toward research.

"These types of activities really impact peoples' lives," Ray said.



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“Family” Matters: De Niro, Pfeiffer lead offbeat mob comedy



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Growing up, I always considered my family “dysfunctional.” Mom’s late picking me up from basketball practice, my sister needs someone to take her to violin lessons on Saturday and no one wants to clean up the kitchen after dinner. The Conniffs have never been the most effective communicators, but I’ll take that over crime any day. In director Luc Besson’s mafia-comedy “The Family,” the Manzonis give “dysfunctional” a whole new meaning. After ratting out his entire crew, Brooklyn mafia boss Giovanni Manzoni (Robert De Niro) and his family are relocated to Normandy, France under the Witness Protection Program. Assimilating into the sleepy town proves difficult as new frustrations lead to the emergence of old habits. When a plumber comes to evaluate the house’s ancient pipes, Gio beats him senseless for attempting to rip him off. When Gio’s wife Maggie (Michelle Pfeiffer) is rudely informed the grocery store doesn’t sell peanut butter, she burns the place down. When some creeps make an unwelcome pass at 17-year-old Belle (Dianna Agron), she invokes her wrath with a tennis racket. When some bullies give 14-year-old Warren (John D’Leo) a black eye, he

establishes a mini crime syndicate at school. Some viewers may find these violent scenes to cause jarring shifts in tone. But it’s these moments of unsuspected violence that expose a degree of depth for each character and also drive the film’s dark humor. “The Family” is akin to another violent, dark comedy: Martin McDonagh’s “In Bruges.” There are fine character developments and loads of zippy jokes from start to finish, but the comedy never overshadows the violence nor does the violence get in the way of the laughs. Though “The Family” is disappointingly bereft of the belly laughs that made “In Bruges” one of my all-time favorite movies, you can’t help but chuckle at the very least whenever Gio goes overboard. The best self-referential joke of recent memory involves his turn as a guest speaker at a local film society’s screening of a certain American classic. I won’t spoil the punch-line for you. You just have to see it. It isn’t until the last twenty minutes, when the “goombas” finally catch up to the Manzonis, that the film sheds its playful exterior in favor of a gruesome, high-stakes showdown. By losing its lightheartedness altogether, “The Family” isn’t as hard-hitting or memorable as it should be. That being said, the film still boasts stellar performances from a nuanced De Niro and an ageless Pfeiffer, whose turn as Maggie feels like a welcome parody of her roles in “Scarface” and “Married to the Mob.” Agron and D’Leo also fare well in addition to a strong turn from Tommy Lee Jones as the Manzoni’s F.B.I. handler. Watching him trade gruff banter with De Niro is a treat. It’s imperfect, but whose “family” isn’t?

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“It will expand awareness of French culture and students will realize that it isn’t a waste of time to learn French. It will help to generate interest in other cultures.” Kinnicutt came up with the idea last fall and has been working on it ever since. She said she hopes to have exchange with pen-pals by the end of October. Taylorsville sophomore Tara Sorrels is helping Kinnicutt with the project. Sorrels said she is excited about the idea of making connections across the globe. “Opening up international relationships will be a learning experience and a great opportunity for everyone who is involved,” Sorrels said. “I believe globalization is an amazing thing, and if I can help with that, I don’t want to hesitate.” Last semester, Kinnicutt helped to start the organization Hilltoppers for Sister Cities. The group works with Bowling Green Visitors Bureau. Sorrels said having this sister city will

allow not only students to participate in this exchange but the city as a whole. “I think having a sister city will benefit Bowling Green because we hope to set up exchanges and opportunities for our communities to join together and share ideas,” she said. Kinnicutt is also hoping to put together an art show in the spring that will showcase artwork from Bowling Green and Porrentruy. Sorrels said they are just trying to kick-start everything and see if they can start making things happen. “We would have students in Bowling Green and students in Switzerland create art with the same theme and then bring it all together in one big art show here in Bowling Green,” said Sorrels. Kinnicutt said the sister city will be a great addition to Bowling Green. It will allow the community as a whole to understand other cultures and be more in touch with other people. “We just hope for it to be an interactive relationship and one that many people can benefit from,” said Sorrels. People who are interested in this project or want to know more can attend a meeting on Sept. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center, room 250.

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Symphony at WKU plays concert at Jackson's Orchard

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tions the Symphony at WKU performed.

"Children were really excited because they played selections from 'Up,' 'Brave' and other Pixar films," Volk said. "They also had a medley from 'Les Miserables,' which I really enjoyed. The audience was trying not to sing along because it was so pretty."

Owensboro freshman Landon Case, a third chair viola player in the Symphony at WKU, said he enjoyed playing the selections members of the audience loved.

"The concert itself was a lot of really fun music to play because it wasn't classical, structured music, but it still had its level of difficulty," Case said.

Bill Scott, conductor and music director of the Symphony at WKU, said three orchestras played at the orchard on Saturday.

One of the exciting moments of the day happened while the Bowling Green High School orchestra was performing.

"There was a snake in the

middle of the orchestra," Scott said. "One of the girls that was performing went ahead and picked it up and removed it and then came back to play again. It was really unusual."

Case said the high school orchestra students seemed very happy to be a part of Symphony Day.

"They all had beaming smiles while they were getting set up," Case said.

Scott said there was a huge turnout for Symphony Day. He said the event would help to spread the word about both

the Symphony at WKU and the high school orchestras in the Bowling Green area.

He said he enjoyed the casual feel of the concert compared to an orchestra concert in an auditorium.

"People were walking around and sitting in lawn chairs and on picnic blankets," Scott said. "People weren't just behind the conductor like they typically would be during a concert — they were on all sides and could even walk behind the orchestra."

THE REMOTE

"The Big Bang Theory" is Disney Channel for grown-ups

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complicated. "The Big Bang Theory" is essentially a Disney Channel program for grown-ups.

And that's what drove me crazy: "The Big Bang Theory" features some of the smartest characters on television, but at its core, it's ultimately unsophisticated.

In the episodes that I watched, this meant mostly poop and sex jokes.

Don't get me wrong — there's nothing I love more than a good poop or sex joke.

"The Big Bang Theory" is so juvenile in its delivery, though.

There isn't anything refined or insightful here — just broad, crass delivery, aided by a seemingly incessant laugh track.

I was also infuriated with the show's treatment of women.

CBS has smartly expanded the show's female cast over the past couple of years.

The show used to feature only one female character: Kaley Cuoco's Penny, the blonde bimbo next door that can't keep up with the boys.

More recently, however, "The Big Bang Theory" has added more women to its male-dominated cast. Melissa Rauch and Mayim Bialik became regulars in the show's fourth season.

This is a good thing. It's great seeing more women on TV, especially on boy's club-type programs like "The Big Bang Theory."

Even better is the fact that Rauch and Bialik's characters are smart, successful professionals — more so than the show's male characters.

The show's attitude toward women is more regressive than the show's humor.

On "The Big Bang Theory," women are there to ruin the fun. They're obstacles, and in-

ferior to the men.

In one of the episodes I watched, Sheldon (Jim Parsons) gets in trouble for sexually harassing a female co-worker.

He says that because she's a female, she's a slave to her emotions.

So Sheldon meets with human resources representative, Mrs. Davis (Regina King), who he also sexually harasses.

Sheldon calls her a slave as well.

For those who don't know, Regina King is a successful, talented black actress.

There are ways to make jokes about touchy topics. When done correctly, they can be funny.

However, this one wasn't done correctly. It was tasteless and offensive, and worst of all, it wasn't funny.

It didn't help that the episode ended with Sheldon having to take an online seminar on sexual harassment, which he

delegated to his (surprise!) female assistant, because Sheldon doesn't have time for such nonsense.

So now I've experienced "The Big Bang Theory," and I hate it.

But just because I hate it doesn't mean other people can't love it.

And other people obviously do.

"The Big Bang Theory" is nominated for four major Emmys this year.

And Deadline.com reports that it averaged 18.6 million viewers during its sixth season.

As far as I'm concerned though, I will never be one of them.

When people ask me from now on if I watch "The Big Bang Theory," I'll have a definitive answer.

And that answer is a resounding "no."



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New microscope will allow for improvements in research

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A new \$425,000 microscope will soon find a home in Thompson Complex North Wing.

Hemali Rathnayake, assistant professor of chemistry, worked with a team of four other professors to research and write a proposal to the National Science Foundation regarding the need for the transmission electron microscope.

Rathnayake had a large role in writing the proposal and getting it submitted, noticed and approved by the National Science Foundation.

"We started working on this proposal in January, and the deadline was in February," Rathnayake said.

She was assisted in building the proposal by Rajalingam Dakshinamurthy of the chemistry department, Rodney King and Shivendra Sahi, both of the biology department and Muhammad Jahan of the architectural & manufacturing sciences department.

"It's highly competitive getting funding from the National Science Foundation," Rathnayake said.

The new microscope will be replacing one currently residing in Thompson Complex. The current microscope is almost 40-years-old and has caused issues for several classes and departments, which are using it at increasing rates, Sahi said.

"It's always broken, constantly," Sahi said. "Thankfully, we have a service contract on that. You can often see the

guy (repairman) walking around because he's always there."

Rathnayake said problems with the microscope became prevalent around 2009 when classes were added that used the microscope as the primary method for completing research, including Biology 404, an introductory microscope course.

The increased use of the older microscope and the resulting complications were what notified Rathnayake of the need to write the proposal for the new piece of equipment.

"We do have a teaching and research component that we emphasize very nicely," Rathnayake said. "We engage the students in this facility."

The new microscope will not only

remedy the problems, but will also allow students and professors using it to experience some improvements.

It will be used to view nanoparticles but will differ from the older microscope by allowing them to be viewed through a computer screen connected to the device, Rathnayake said. Students will also be able to view samples in a solution stage.

Gordon Baylis, vice president of research, said the group is about to order the new microscope.

"We're just refitting some space for it," Baylis said. "The fact that we got it really says that the National Science Foundation really thinks we're doing some good stuff, and we're really proud of that."

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Frank, a labrador, retrieves a ball for his owner James Boyington.



Rocco Graves, an Aussiedoodle, runs past a no running sign during the Puppy Paddle.



Bowling Green WKU student Emily Ragan (left) and Isabella Ragan (right) play in the kiddie pool as Abe, a beagle, goes down a slide.