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GONE IN A FLASH

“State-sponsored espionage” was the phrase that reverberated around the wooden walls of the Faculty House during the Nov. 19, 2015, meeting of the University Senate.

These words were uttered quickly and then faded to continued discussion among those in attendance.

Why was espionage being discussed at the senate meeting?

Martha Day, SKyTeach education co-director, GSKyTeach executive director

and associate professor of science education, and Lynn Hines, professional in residence at the School of Teacher Education, traveled to China from Aug. 3-7, 2015, to conduct teacher training.

This training should have been nothing out of the ordinary for Day and Hines as their August trip was the third trip each had taken to China for that purpose. Typically, Day and Hines conduct teacher training workshops to prepare Chinese teachers who will be traveling to Kentucky.

However, the training in August was different. Day said they were asked to train college professors and educational administrators from across China instead of instructors teaching grades K-12, their previous trainees.

This discrepancy in the training was just the beginning of Day's concerns. While in China, a flash drive belonging to Day was taken from her without her permission.

“This is a serious matter,” Day said at the November senate meeting. “I had four years of my scholarly work stolen from me and a virus installed on my flash drive.”

Her work included projects related to the Confucius Institute, lesson plans she had taught to Hanban teachers, evaluation documents related to Hanban teachers, information pertaining to her students and training materials.

Hanban/Confucius Institute is a public institution affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education.

Apart from Day's compromised intellectual property, the duo discovered upon their return to the United States that the institute had misrepresented who was providing the training.

Day and Hines were told they would be working with Hanban/Confucius Institute, but they later discovered they were working for a for-profit company called Chinese Testing International, which publishes teaching materials in China.

The CTI website states they are “an independent legal entity that specializes in Chinese language testing services.”

“We had never heard the acronym CTI until we had returned from the August trip,” Day said at the senate.

The Confucius Institute at WKU was established in April 2010, but controversies surrounding the program erupted in the halls of

the senate and the Student Government Association chambers last semester regarding a contract approved by the Board of Regents in January 2015.

On Jan. 23, 2015, the board approved the design and construction of the Model Confucius Institute building.

The details of this incident can be boiled down to two separate but connected events:

The first is how Day's flash drive was taken from her and how her intellectual property was compromised as a result. The second is how Day and Hines were really working for CTI and not Hanban/Confucius Institute during their training work.

THE FLASH DRIVE

On Aug. 6, 2015, Terrill Martin, the managing director of the Confucius Institute, sent an email to Sam Evans, the dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science, and carbon copied Wei-Ping Pan, assistant to WKU's president, and Betty Yu, associate director of educational outreach of the Confucius Institute, according to documents obtained by the Herald.

The email from Martin to Evans, Pan and Yu contained electronic communication Day had sent to Pan at 4:17 a.m. that same day.

In the email, Day stated her flash drive was taken out of her classroom by one of the Hanban personnel. Day said this person claimed Day had given her permission, but Day said that was not the case. She said when the drive was returned to her, it was loaded with files that were corrupt.

“I feel that my files were taken without my permission and on top of this my intellectual property is now compromised,” Day said in the email. “The Hanban official asked me to give her my flash drive again, so she could remove the corrupted files but I refused. I will take it to Paul Mooney when I return to campus.”

Mooney is the compliance manager for WKU. The Herald reached out to Mooney multiple times, but he said he could not comment. Day and Mooney remained in contact with one another over the next several months.

Day also sent an email to Mooney on Aug. 6 recounting what had happened, telling him she had just “had an incident with my files in China.”

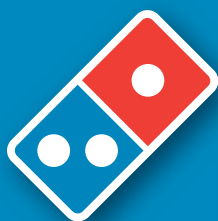
Day informed Mooney she was still in China and would be returning in the next week. Mooney responded to Day with advice on what she should do next.

“Try to keep this on the Down Low, and delete these emails to me. I will let you know that if you put up any more of a fuss while there you will be questioned more,” Mooney wrote to Day in a response late that evening. “Try to keep the flash drive on you but do not fight for it. If your equipment is corrupt you can get it cleaned I promise. Just be careful.”

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Confusion over Confucius training results in possible intellectual property theft

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Martin drafted a memorandum to Ransdell on Aug. 14, 2015, that was also sent to Pan, Evans, Yu, Mooney and Deborah Wilkins, general counsel for the university. The memorandum covers various aspects of planning that went into the trip, events that transpired, Day and Hines' budget for their training, two appendices and a letter from CTI.

Ransdell emailed Martin on Aug. 17, 2015, outlining four main questions he had at that point. He asked what the CTI acronym stood for, what CTI's relationship was with Hanban, if any Hanban employees were present, and if the incident appeared to be "a matter between CTI and our two faculty."

In his response to the email later that day, Martin said there were no Hanban employees on-site at any time, and only CTI members and personnel with North China Electric Power University, where the training was taking place, were present.

Appendix B, titled "Flash Drive Situation," of Martin's memorandum is told from the perspective of NCEPU's IT coordinator, according to Martin. No name or gender preference is obvious from the coordinator's statement.

The statement is dated Aug. 8, 2015, at 7:45 a.m. The IT coordinator begins by stating that he or she encountered Day in a classroom while she was attempting to use her flash drive to open a document on a computer. Day was unable to open the document.

The IT coordinator stated that he or she installed a more updated version of Microsoft PowerPoint on the computer in hopes that Day would then be able to open her files. Day wanted the IT coordinator to try a second flash drive she possessed since the first was not working. Day then consented to the IT coordinator's trying to use her other flash drive, according to the coordinator's statement.

"I took the flash drive she handed me and tried on the computer, but it was not working and the 360 virus killer indicated that the flash drive has been infected by a virus, so it cannot be opened," the IT coordinator stated.

The statement continues that Chungqing Wu, who is an NCEPU employee according to Martin, then entered the classroom with a computer faculty member who immediately checked the flash drive and decided to try it on another computer.

According to the statement, Day, when asked if the personnel could try the drive on a computer in another room instead of Day's trying it on her laptop, said, "It's ok." At that point, the

From:	Ransdell, Gary
Sent:	Friday, August 14, 2015 6:41 PM
To:	Mooney, Paul
Cc:	Wilkins, Deborah
Subject:	Re: Situation in China
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
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Agreed. We'll sort through it. Thanks Paul.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2015, at 5:23 PM, Mooney, Paul <paul.mooney@wku.edu> wrote:

Dr. Ransdell,

I agree, and further want to attempt to get the facts before judgments are made. Regardless of who makes those decisions. This matter can seriously impact several relationships involving WKU. I am sure you agree special care should be taken.

I have been told by several involved that this should not turn into an international incident. I feel no one wants that.

Thank you,

IT coordinator, Wu and faculty member left with her flash drive.

The computer faculty member, according to the IT coordinator's statement, discovered a virus on the flash drive that could "convert all the documents into a '.exe file,'" had changed all the opening routes of documents in the flash drive, and had "conducted some new files that were actually fake."

The IT coordinator told the computer faculty member not to kill the virus at that point since the coordinator was not sure if killing the virus would affect Day's documents. The faculty member and Wu then opted to copy all the flash

drive's files to the computer's desktop before attempting to kill the virus in the flash drive.

ally involved with the flash drive, Martin said; CTI never took the flash drive.

"It was NCEPU saying, 'Oh, you have a virus on it. Let me take it back to the office. Let me see if I can clean it off,'" he said.

On Aug. 14, 2015, Ransdell requested a meeting with Day, Hines, Mooney and Wilkins on Aug. 17. In the email, he expressed interest in hearing the full story of the incident.

"I am certain there is more to learn," Ransdell said in the email. "I have been told that Paul Mooney has taken the initial step of turning the flash drive over to the FBI. I need to know what role that University [NCEPU] had in your trip and your endeavors while in China."

Ransdell said in his email the only other person with whom he had discussed the incident was Faculty Regent Barbara Burch.

"This is a serious matter. I had four years of my scholarly work stolen from me and a virus installed on my flash drive."

Martha Day

JUNE 24, 2015

- Martin informs Day and Hines of the August training

AUGUST 6, 2015

- Day informs Pan of her flash drive being compromised. She also informs Mooney.

AUGUST 14, 2015

- Ransdell reaches out to Day and Hines about meeting with them.
- Martin drafts a memorandum about the situation and sends it to Ransdell.

AUGUST 17, 2015

- Meeting between Ransdell, Day, Hines and others.

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

• Mooney tells Day and Hines FBI agents can meet on September 11.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

• Mooney, Day, FBI agents and others hold meeting.

OCTOBER 21, 2015

• At this point, the FBI has returned the flash drive to Mooney, who returns it to Day. Her files are extracted and placed on her personal drive.

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

• University Senate holds meeting.

In an interview with the Herald, Burch said she had met with Ransdell to discuss the issue. She said Day and Hines came to her since she was faculty regent and a fellow colleague to share their concerns.

“They came to me because they felt they had been inappropriately treated as a result of the situation that occurred in China,” Burch said.

Burch said neither of them asked her to inform Ransdell, but she decided that if he didn't know, he needed to.

Day said the meeting served as a space to report what had happened with her intellectual property, difficulties she and Hines had with the WKU Confucius Institute, the misrepresentation of the trips and other concerns.

On Sept. 4, 2015, Mooney informed Day, Hines, Wilkins and others via email that he had heard back from the FBI, who had proposed a meeting time on Sept. 11, 2015.

This meeting was attended by Kate Hudepohl, senate chairwoman, Wilkins, Mooney, FBI agents and Dan Rudloff, principal attorney at Rudloff & Rudloff Attorneys at Law, who served as Day's attorney.

“Special Agent Aaron Graves described he will have a Cyber Agent available to describe the findings of the flash drive, and receive any further information if available,” Mooney said in the email, referring to Special Agent William Aaron Graves.

Day said after the meeting, the FBI agents took the compromised flash drive back with them for testing. The agents had the flash drive in their possession for about one month.

Graves, an agent from the FBI's Louisville office, emailed Mooney on Sept. 23, 2015, and said the FBI would be contacting Day later to schedule a time to deliver the flash drive. Graves carbon copied Agent Wayne Johnson onto the email.

Mooney informed Day and Hines the agents were having difficulty returning to WKU, and the FBI had agreed to send the agents' written report that was used in their last meeting. He said the agents were planning to return the flash drive to Day. Day said ultimately Mooney re-

From: Terrill Martin <terrill.martin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Ransdell, Gary
Cc: Pan, Wei-Ping; Evans, Sam; Mooney, Paul; Wilkins, Deborah; Yu, Betty
Subject: Re: CTI August 2015 Teacher Training Memorandum

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Dr. Ransdell

The Chinese Testing International (CTI) was commissioned by the Chinese Language Program Team of the United Nations, and has undertaken the task of setting the test paper for the U.N. The six U.N official languages have their own Language Proficiency Examinations (LEP), thus, the test covers the following six sections of speaking, writing, reading, listening, vocabulary, and grammar. They are a stand alone company that produces Chinese learning books, HSK/YCT/BCT testing materials, in addition, they manage all training management for Hanban's teachers.

There were no Hanban employees onsite at any time. Members onsite were from NCEPU and CTI. Yes, the situation about the flashdrive was between CTI and the two WKU professors. If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

ers using various methods.

“The FBI officials in the report told me that this flash drive puts dummy files that look like your personal files on your flash drive, and when the flash drive is accessed on the network computer, it infiltrates the network and accesses that information as well,” Day said at the senate.

Day said Mooney assembled a team that was able to extract some of the files from her flash drive, which was then placed on her shared drive at WKU.

Brent Haselhoff, manager of enterprise security and identity management at WKU, said because every computer on the internet is technically connected to every other computer on the internet, it was a possible for one computer on the university's network to infect another computer.

“Yes, it's certainly possible for one computer to affect another computer,” he said.

CHINESE TESTING INTERNATIONAL

Once you get through the details of malware, compromised intellectual property and FBI involvement, you still have another level to go through: Day and Hines were told the Hanban/Confucius Institute would be hosting the teacher training when in fact they were not.

In a joint email statement to the Herald, Day and Hines said they did not

event in August. But, Martin said, prior to the incident he and Pan didn't know about CTI.

“All of the materials we got were Hanban teacher training,” he said. “The budget went back and forth between us and Hanban.”

In an email, Pan said he was approached by Hanban and North China Electric Power University in the summer of 2015 to host the August training event. He said Day and Hines were chosen for the trip because “Hanban and NCEPU officials sat in on their training sessions in May 2015 and were impressed with their teaching styles and methods.”

Martin said that from Hanban's perspective, it's likely they thought nothing of having another entity affiliated with them perform the training and that it might not have been a big deal on their part.

“They [CTI] handle all the teaching for Hanban, but we did not know that,” Martin said.

An Aug. 6, 2015, a letter from CTI is also included with Martin's memorandum. In the letter, it's stated CTI held a meeting before the training began to “reiterate the importance of privacy and copyright of foreign professors.”

“CTI is deeply sorry about the whole business. Meanwhile, we sincerely hope you could understand the misunderstanding caused by the difference of language and culture,” the let-

“Try to keep this on the Down Low, and delete these emails to me. I will let you know that if you put up any more of a fuss while there you will be questioned more.”

Compliance Manager Paul Mooney

turned it to her.

The Herald reached out to Graves and Johnson for comment. Graves did not respond, but Johnson referred the Herald to Dave Habich, chief division counsel.

The Herald reached out to Habich, but he said he could not provide further comment “Per Department of Justice policy.”

The Herald submitted an open records request through the FBI for the official report, but as of publication, the full report has yet to be obtained.

However, an open records request filed through the university procured documentation of a copy of the report Mooney sent to Day.

According to the copy of the FBI report, malware was found on the flash drive based on a cursory search of the drive. The report stated that it was possible the malware is related to “Backdoor:Win32/Bifrose.IZ” as defined by Microsoft.

The executable files had a modify timestamp of June 28, 2012, and an ac-

discover they were working for Chinese Testing International while they were in China but were informed of this once they met with Ransdell.

“At this meeting, Dr. Ransdell provided us with copies of a statement prepared by Mr. Terrill Martin, WKU Confucius Institute, that stated repeatedly we were working for CTI in China ... During the negotiations for this trip, Dr. Hines asked Mr. Martin and Dr. Pan specifically if was a WKU Confucius Institute initiative and was told ‘yes,’” the statement reads.

Day said all documents, emails and correspondence sent to her and Hines by the WKU Confucius Institute stated they were conducting training for Hanban. Day said she and Hines went through all the correspondence the two received and never found a reference to CTI.

“I have an entire plastic box file full of every email correspondence that was among Pan, Martin, myself, Dr. Hines, Dr. Dietrich, Dr. Evans — and [in] not one place prior to Martin writing the

ter states.

Pan's response to CTI's explanation was, “I wasn't there, do not know what conversations where [sic], and have no perspective on the intentions of the others in attendance.”

Martin was also hesitant to expound on CTI's explanation, saying he wasn't there himself and could not speak to it.

In an interview, Ransdell said the training event was a CTI matter that included engagement by the Confucius Institute.

As for the cultural misunderstanding, he also didn't wish to speak for CTI but remained skeptical of their assertion nonetheless.

“I don't know how much of a misunderstanding it was,” Ransdell said. “A flash drive left the possession of its owner and came back compromised, so I wouldn't call that a misunderstanding, but I've not had any communication with CTI.”

Day said had she and Hines known how CTI was affiliated with Hanban and how CTI instead of Hanban was leading the training, the information would have changed their decision to go drastically.

BACK TO UNIVERSITY SENATE

Returning to the University Senate's Nov. 19 meeting, two reports were being discussed. The Academic Quality Committee and Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee presented reports to the senate regarding the August trip.

“The SEC [Senate Executive Committee] decided to make very specific motions ... for academic quality to focus on intellectual property issues associated with this trip, and not just in terms of Confucius Institute but more broadly. The charge for faculty welfare was to ensure that university policies and procedures are followed accurately and that people have good information in advance of trips,” Hudepohl said at the meeting.

The Academic Quality Committee was charged by the SEC to examine the policies and procedures “concerning disclosures of information on security of intellectual property issues stemming from international travel or study abroad by university personnel and students.”

The committee examined WKU policies related to international travel, intellectual property and data security. It was determined the primary mode in which this information was disseminated to travelers was through Study



MARCH 31, 2016

• Mooney holds workshop on going abroad.

cess timestamp of Aug. 5, 2015, according to the report.

“Had one of the executable files been clicked on by a user, the malware would have executed immediately and gained persistence on the user's computer ... it's then possible that an unknown person could have pulled data, including sensitive data, from the user's computer without their knowledge,” the report stated.

Backdoor:Win32/Bifrose.IZ is a Trojan that allows unauthorized access and control of an affected computer, according to the Microsoft Malware Protection Center.

The Trojan allows attackers to perform a number of different actions, including but not limited to downloading and executing arbitrary files, deleting files, or spreading to other comput-

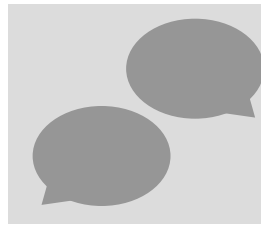
letter to President Ransdell is CTI mentioned,” Day said. “Not one place.”

Day's claim is supported by an email Martin sent to Day and Hines and carbon copied to Pan, Yu, Evans and Sylvia Dietrich, the director of the School of Teacher Education, on June 24, 2015.

In the email, Martin told Day and Hines WKU had been selected to teach Hanban teachers due to training both had completed previously.

“While this is the first year being asked to do Hanban Teacher Training (for teachers not coming to WKU), but I envision this being an ongoing partnership with Hanban and WKU,” the email states.

However, Martin's Aug. 14 memorandum states CTI contacted Pan to inquire about having Day and Hines come back to China to host a training



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LISTEN TO THIS

The 3 best albums of last month

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LISTEN TO THIS: Info on all the latest music.

tricks — swirling synthesizers, tribal rhythms and frantic repetitions — are present on this record. But “Sleep Cycle” presents these sounds in a refreshing new way that makes you wonder why it took Deakin so long to step out of the shadows. The gentle, acoustic touches of “Golden Chords” and the explosive “Footy” prove that sometimes the quiet ones have the best things to say.

“CHANGES” BY CHARLES BRADLEY:

Upon hearing such a vintage soul-driven record as “Changes” in 2016, it’s easy to dismiss Charles Bradley’s third album as simple revivalism. But a quick look at Bradley’s age dispels this notion entirely. A 67-year-old soul singer who recorded his first album in 2011, Bradley illuminates the rasp and wisdom of a seasoned veteran without the drawbacks inherent in being an “oldies act.” But don’t dismiss Bradley as an artifact.

Bradley’s reworking of Black Sabbath’s “Changes” shows that the man is so full of soul that he can take the lyrics of a metal song and make them entirely his own. “Changes” is a record that easily could have been a hit during soul’s golden age, but it sounds just as fresh today.

“HUMAN PERFORMANCE” BY PARQUET COURTS:

Parquet Court’s third studio album “Human Performance” oozes all things New York. On frantic tracks such as “I Was Just Here” and “One Man No City,” the band lyrically and sonically channels urban confusion and isolation while still relishing their NYC-style influences. Traces of New York natives The Modern Lovers and The Velvet Underground can be heard all over this record, showing that the sonic manifestos started by these seminal groups are still being replicated with precision.

MARSUPIALS



The **Not-So-Silent Majority Award** goes to the “conservative majority” of WKU that only exists on Twitter and the mini-mansions on Alumni Avenue.

The **Look at My Caucus Award** goes to Rand Paul for forcing Kentucky Republicans into a primary caucus and dropping out before it happened.

The **Because I Said So Award** goes to President Gary Ransdell — because we said so.

The **Get Back to Work Award** goes to Kentucky governor and rising YouTube star Matt Bevin.

We give the **Cold One Award** to Topper Pub and Grill for all the virgin drinks you’ll be serving.

The **Throw Passes, Not Punches Award** goes to our recent Topper draftees. Good luck to them in all their pending careers or court cases!

The Talisman receives the **Turning a New Page Award**. We wish you luck as you begin your new life as a magazine!

The **Mass Exodus Award** goes to the Honors College for all the staff departures it’s seen this semester.

tures it’s seen this semester.

The **Le Prix de Littérature Française** is given to Gov. Matt Bevin. Hopefully future graduates will be able to translate this for you.

We give President Ransdell’s legacy the **Rose-Colored Glasses Award**.

The **Going the Distance Award** goes to the track and field team. May these budget cuts not deter from your consistent successes.

The **Shoulder to Cry on Award** goes to Brian Kuster. Perhaps he can help out in the newly cut Counseling and Testing Center.

The men’s basketball team gets the **Behind Closed Doors Award** for whatever happened to them and their former coach this semester.

We award ourselves the **Dirty Mirror Award** for our inability to reflect this campus’s “values.”

The **New Neighbor Award** goes to the new Confucius Institute building right up the street. We can’t wait to meet you, comrades!

Gov. Matt Bevin gets the **Come Heaven or High Water Award**. At least Kentucky can now survive the Great

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IT’S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL MARSUPIAL AWARDS!

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Happy anniversary to the Student Government Association! We give you the **50 Years of What? Award** for all that you do.

Lynne Holland, dean of students for Student Affairs and chief diversity officer, gets the **Not the Forum for this Award** — thankfully, our Opinion page is.

The **Too Little, Too Late Award** is given to the university administration for the recently announced faculty pay raises.

We give the **Sinking Ship Award** to the WKU Foundation endowments that have gone underwater.

The **Stayin’ ALIVE Award** goes to the ALIVE Center and the ICSR. Keep doing the amazing work you do.

We give the Board of Regents the **Running On Fumes Award** for depleting most of the university’s reserve funds to get us through this year.

SYNTHESIS

Take cuts from the top before cuts from the Toppers

BY JOHN WINSTEAD
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JOHN WINSTEAD

Following the announcement of the budget reduction plan, the WKU administration hosted an open forum under the guise of soliciting faculty and staff opinions. Curiously, students were not directly informed about the forum. At the forum, a lot of blame was going around.

The administrators pushed that it wasn’t their fault. It’s Gov. Matt Bevin’s. Why did we elect him?

Certainly there is room for Bevin’s culpability in our current financial situation. Despite where the administrators

may lay blame, though, a docile student body and faculty who do what they’re told and are afraid to agitate was cultivated under their collective tenure.

At the forum, President Gary Ransdell justified not taking a pay cut out of solidarity with the faculty, students and staff on the mere grounds that he said so.

The implication from administrators was that students should have been more involved in the election. They should have voted. Bevin is our fault, so these cuts are on us. But when you run a university by condescending to students and disregarding their input by telling them “because I said so,” you cannot then turn around and blame those same students for not feeling empowered enough to take action.

Bevin was incidental. We lost this budget fight years ago when students became too afraid to speak up. And

given the number of students I’ve spoken with who are afraid they will lose their scholarships, jobs or good reputation at the university if they protest on issues of administrative budget cuts, I think we can make an educated guess as to who is to blame for that.

Some of you might be trying to find a silver lining in all this. The faculty will receive a raise as per the new budget. That’s good, right? Not really. This measure smacks of placation. Consider that this measure will not cover the growing number of adjunct faculty members or the graduate assistants that are the growing backbone of this university. This raise is a morphine drip.

Students, faculty and staff are all going to be hurt by these cuts, yet no one at the top of the university salary structure will lose their retirement or have to take out more student loans to pay

for an education coming from over-worked faculty members. Administrators emerge from this unscathed.

Make no mistake; bloating the administration with high salaries in an effort to solve the problems facing WKU is trickle-down education, and it does not work.

We don’t need strategic marketing plans to be “A Leading American University with International Reach.” We need to invest more money in professors and students rather than administrators and coaches. That is why I urge, in light of these announced budget cuts, for administrators to put the highest paid salary positions on the table for reduction before they take any cuts from students, faculty or staff. And I call on students and professors not to take any inequitable cut lying down. These cuts are not final. They will not be final until July 1.



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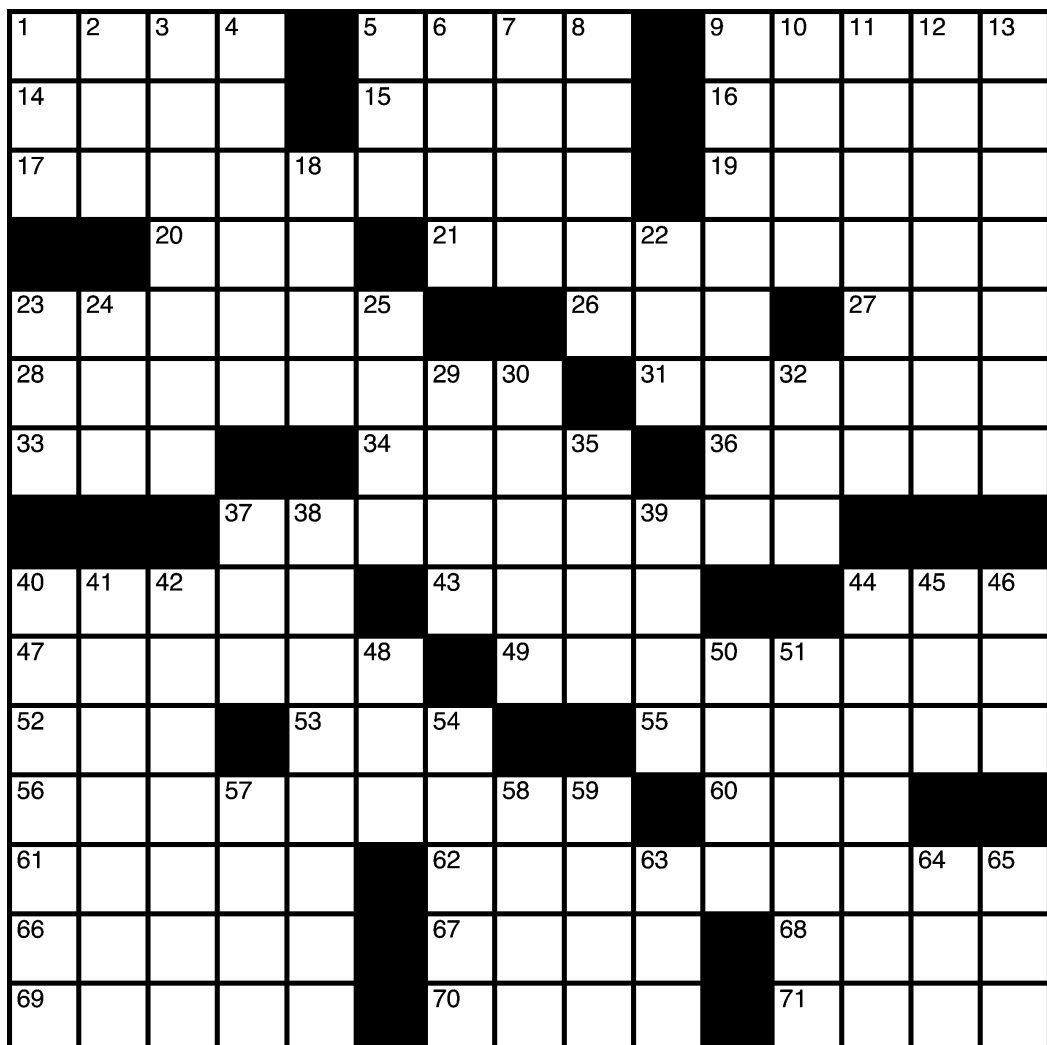
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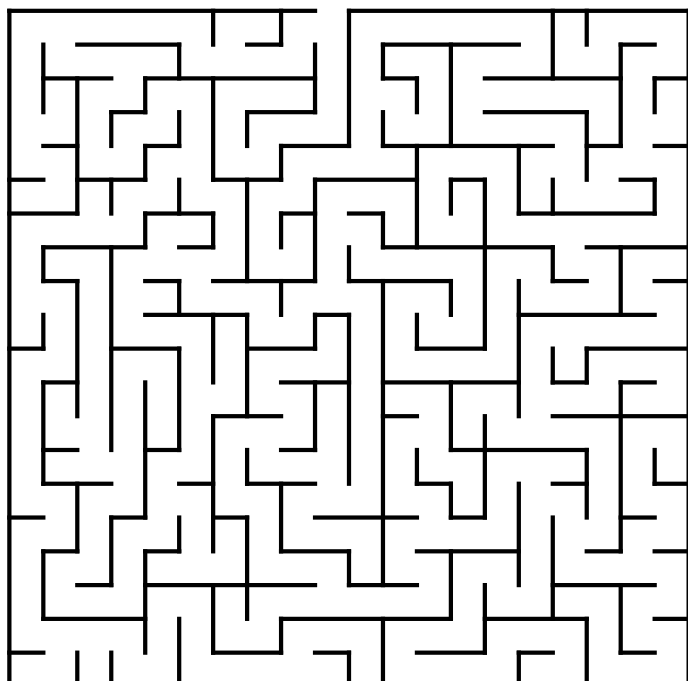
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WKU staff respond to news of new employer

BY MONICA KAST

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WKU's 202 custodial, building service, landscape and waste management employees working on the Bowling Green campus will have to decide if Sodexo, a private employment management service, will be their new employer after they spoke with administration.

At a budget forum last week, President Gary Ransdell announced that by switching to Sodexo, 202 employees would be able to keep their jobs, and 25 jobs were saved from being cut.

According to the 2016-2017 budget reduction plan that was released last week, switching the employees to a contract with Sodexo will save about \$745,000. Regional campuses will not be affected by this change, according to Bryan Russell, chief facilities officer.

Employees who have been with WKU for 20 years or more will not make the switch to Sodexo and will remain employees of WKU. Other employees will be able to meet with Sodexo on a one-on-one basis and discuss individual concerns, according to Ransdell.

Greg Yost, Sodexo spokesperson, described the existing relationship between WKU

and Sodexo.

"I can tell you that Sodexo USA has been on campus as a contractor, working with these teams, for 21 years now and this transition is an expansion of our existing relationship," Yost said in an email.

Employees who will be moving to employment by Sodexo will receive a pay increase, and the starting wage will now be \$10.26, one dollar more than the current starting wage. Sodexo will also reimburse employees who want to take courses that will further their career path, according to Russell.

Despite the welcome of Sodexo and assurances from administration, not every employee is confident that the change is for the best.

Brenda Whitaker has been an employee at WKU for 26 years. She currently works as a BSA on campus. Because she is near retirement, she will remain employed by WKU, but she said she didn't agree with moving others to Sodexo.

"A lot of people are against it, and so am I," Whitaker said, "but you've got to go with the system."

Whitaker said she and many others felt like they had been "sold."

Tamela Smith, staff regent and manager of AV services, said many concerns and un-

certainties have been brought to her attention since the announcement.

"It's a change, and there's a lot of unknowns," Smith said.

She said she has received much negative feedback from employees about the change and recognized that it has been a long, difficult process to make these decisions.

"There's certainly been negative feedback," Smith said. "I haven't received any positive feedback, and that's unfortunate."

At the forum, BSA employees were able to voice some of that negative feedback. Most concerns were about retaining vacation days and potentially losing tuition benefits that are currently offered to employees.

Yost said employees would begin acquiring vacation and sick days with Sodexo on August 1.

"Holidays will be determined by Sodexo USA management," Yost said. "Under Sodexo USA, employees will be awarded a beginning vacation leave balance based upon their years of service at Western Kentucky University. Effective August 1, 2016, employees will accrue vacation and sick time, both of which will be based upon Sodexo USA's accrual schedule and their years of service to Western Kentucky University."

Russell expanded on this at the forum.

"The other thing that we have done for employees, which is very unusual when you make this transition, is that based on their years of service, they will accrue at different rates," Russell said. "If we have an employee that's been here for 10 years, they're going to be accruing with Sodexo as if they've been with Sodexo for 10 years."

At the forum, Russell said WKU would be buying out unused vacation days from employees on July 31.

"At July 31 of this year, when they transfer from [WKU] to Sodexo employees, we're going to buy out any unused vacation that they have — no limit," Russell said at the forum.

According to the Official Employment Notice Pertaining to Outsourced Services from Russell and Brian Kuster, vice president of the Division of Student Affairs, employees who do not wish to be employed by Sodexo will "terminate employment with WKU effective no later than July 31, 2016 and will have no further employment rights with WKU or Sodexo." The notice also states that "Any individuals who do not meet Sodexo's employment standards will not be hired by Sodexo and will

have no further employment rights with Sodexo or with WKU."

Candy Walker, BSA and team leader for Grise Hall, said she and some of her coworkers feel like they aren't getting the answers they need.

"Stuff is just not adding up and its not just BSAs, grounds is worried now," Walker said in an email.

Tina Sneed has been with Building Services for 20 years, so she won't be transferring to Sodexo for the fall. She said that a lot of employees are worried about losing their benefits that they've amassed in their time at WKU. Sneed said that WKU offers a lot of great benefits for its employees, like vacation and half-price tuition for employee's children.

"This is the reason people come to Western, for the benefits, for the retirement," Sneed said. "It's not for the pay."

Sneed said that people have a lot of questions about what will happen to their benefits.

"That's stuff that needs to be answered now, not in July," Sneed said.

She said that even the BSAs who are staying with WKU have worries, particularly with a new president coming in 2017.

"It's scary for everybody," Sneed said.

New parking policies for fall permits due to construction

BY EMMA COLLINS

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WKU Parking and Transportation Services has released the 2016-2017 parking policy announcing a change to housing permits due to an anticipated shortage of parking spaces.

Jennifer Tougas, the director of PTS, said the number of housing permits will now be limited to the parking capacity on campus. In the past, an unlimited number of housing permits have been sold.

"This is new for housing permits, but we've been doing it for three years for commuter permits," Tougas said.

The new parking policy will not affect the number of commuter permits sold for parking on WKU's main campus. In a statement on the website for PTS, Tougas said PTS chose to decrease the number of housing permits instead of decreasing the number of commuter

permits because commuter parking has been decreased in the past three years. Commuter parking will be expanded with the addition of a lot on Old Morgantown Road.

Students who are unable to purchase a housing permit on the main campus before the permits are sold out will have the option to buy a housing permit to park on South Campus. Transit services are provided to take students from South Campus to main campus. The White Line and Green Line currently make trips during weekdays to South Campus to pick up students. An additional White Line will be added on Sundays to compensate for the potential increase in students who park on South Campus.

In an effort to encourage students to leave their cars at home, PTS will offer a Car Free Program. Students who choose to participate in the program will receive discounts on transporta-

tion services provided by PTS such as GObg Transit passes, Greyhound bus discounts, airport shuttle discounts, Enterprise CarShare discounts and a tune-up for bicycles at the Outdoor Recreation Activity Center's bike shop.

The parking policy changes come in response to campus construction. Parking during the 2016-2017 school year will be further limited by construction on two of the university's parking lots: Adams Street lot and Creason lot.

A CVS Pharmacy will be built on Adams Street lot, and a new parking structure, Parking Structure 3, will be built on Creason lot. Tougas said she is hoping they will break ground for Parking Structure 3 this summer.

Bryan Russell, chief facilities officer, said the budget cuts will not affect the current or planned capital construction projects, so construction on Parking Structure 3 will not be impacted.

When state budget cuts were still being debated in April, PTS expressed doubt about the fate of the parking structure.

Tougas said Parking Structure 3 will be paid for by student fees. The fees were approved last summer and are currently in place.

"They are part of the tuition bill [students] are already paying," Tougas said. "These fees are paying for design and technical services now and will pay the debt on agency bonds, which will be sold this summer."

These fees will cover the cost of the parking structure; however, PTS will pay for the construction of its office in the structure.

According to the Capital Project List, Parking Structure 3 will be a six-level structure. Tougas said it will add an additional 500 spaces for campus parking.

Despite these changes, permit fees will not be affected. Permits are currently for sale on the website for PTS.

GONE IN A FLASH

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Abroad and Global Learning and its related resources.

The committee agreed, however, that the manner in which this information is sent could be improved. These improvements included consolidating travel security information, WKU's maintaining a destination-specific record of security incidents involving travelers, and endorsing Mooney's idea of his putting together a workshop for faculty on data security.

On March 31, Mooney held an information session for faculty, staff and students to help "assure your personal safety and the security of your property while you are in another country," according to an email from Provost David Lee.

The Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee's report stated it has concerns about intellectual property but that this aspect was better handled by the Academic Quality Committee. It also identified several issues members agreed needed to be addressed by WKU.

At the meeting, Day said she had a formal grievance in process. A grievance, as defined by the Faculty Handbook, is to "provide an individual faculty member with a procedure for presenting a grievance without fear of reprisal" and have it considered in an "unbiased and orderly process."

Processes for formal grievances typically follow this path: the grievance goes to the department head, and if the head cannot resolve it, the faculty member can request that it go to the respective

college dean; if the dean cannot resolve it, the faculty member can then request further review by the provost.

While grievances typically go through the Division of Academic Affairs, any grievance filed against an administrator within the Confucius Institute would be taken to Ransdell since the Confucius Institute reports directly to him.

Ransdell said he ultimately has the final say in any grievance as he is the president, but because the Confucius Institute reports to him directly, this process is short-circuited.

"Hanban wants the presidents of institutions to be engaged and wants the [Confucius Institutes] to be an extension of the president's office," he said. "That's unusual — probably not particularly characteristic of most university structures — but you go with the flow of it."

When all is said and done, neither Ransdell, Pan nor Martin believes this incident damages the university's relationship with the Confucius Institute.

Martin said it's important to keep things in perspective; 300 individuals have gone to China through WKU, and this has been the first significant issue to come up. Pan echoed the same sentiments almost verbatim but at a different time in his email response.

Ransdell said this incident could have happened anywhere and rattled off a few countries.

"I hate that this happened to two distinguished members of our faculty, but I don't see it having any bearing on our WKU Confucius Institute," he said.

The Model Confucius Institute facility located on Normal Street is slated for completion this summer.



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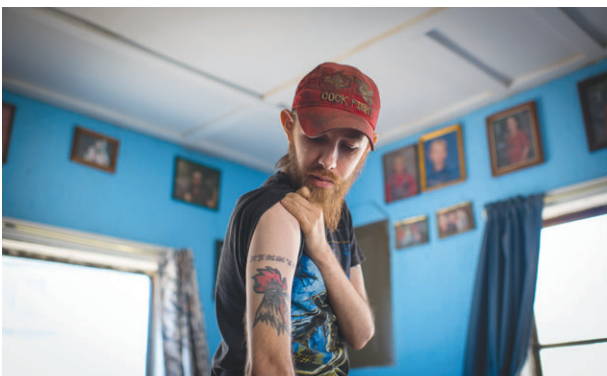
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Runners fly high as they leap the water obstacle on the women's 3000-meter steeple chase at the Hilltopper Relays on April 9. They must complete eight laps of the track, overcoming multiple hurdles and the water trap. **GABRIEL SCARLETT/HERALD**



Nickey, who withheld his last name for legal reasons, shows the "KILLER" tattoo on his right arm on March 8. It depicts a fighting cock. The fights are Nickey's only income source in a region ravaged by the boom and bust of the coal industry. **GABRIEL SCARLETT/HERALD**



Madisonville sophomore Ra'Jene Garrett, left, and Lexington junior Domonique White, right, practice a dance to Missy Elliot's "Lose Control" during the Omega Chi practice at the Downing Student Union Auditorium on March 20. **EMILY KASK/HERALD**



Ashland sophomore Morgan McIntyre reacts to a successful pole vault warmup at the Hilltopper Relays meet at Rueter Track and Field Complex on April 9. **GABRIEL SCARLETT/HERALD**

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FROM TRAVELING TO THE COUNTRYSIDE OF MEXICO TO COVERING ILLEGAL COCK FIGHTERS, THESE ARE SOME OF OUR STRONGEST IMAGES FROM THIS SEMESTER.



With the help of his peers who are learning to control the flying wires offstage, Greenwood High School senior Joe Moore, 17, practices soaring above the stage for the first time in Van Meter Auditorium on March 7. "Flying was the most amazing thing," Moore said of the experience. **JENNIFER KING/HERALD**



Garcia Martinez, 61, of Santa Ana, Mexico, perches on raw maguey plants before they are cooked and turned into a mash to produce mezcal on March 12. "I'm fortunate to be able to make what I love and live from it ... it's something not many people here in Mexico are able to do," Garcia Martinez said. **NICK WAGNER/HERALD**



Drag queen Geneva LaDiva dances to a performance of "Sweet Dreams" by Brooke Lynn Hytes at Play Dance Bar in Nashville April 2. Geneva was part of the Sunday night cast at Play for three years. **ABBY POTTER/HERALD**



West Palm Beach, Fla., sophomore Jonathan Hayden practices hurdles before his race in the men's 60-meter hurdles at the Music City Challenge in Nashville Feb. 13. Hayden finished fifth with a time of 8.09 seconds. **JUSTIN GILLILAND/HERALD**



LIFE

» **Local politics:** Read about a WKU alumnus running for Bowling Green City Commissioner on page B3.



Nashville senior Colin Perschbacher climbs into a replica of a 1917 Curtiss Jenny outside a hangar at the Bowling Green Airport on May 3. The biplane took three years to replicate and is covered in a polyfiber cloth instead of Irish linen to make yearly maintenance a little easier. **LEX SELIG/HERALD**

FLYING HIGH

Advertising students work to restore military plane

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WKU advertising students joined a local nonprofit organization this semester to bring the last remaining military De Havilland 4 airframe in the United States back to life.

The students have been working with Kelley Coppinger, professional in residence in the School of Journalism and Broadcasting, in a user experience design course to build a social media marketing campaign to raise funds needed to complete the restoration

project.

Dorian Walker, a filmmaker based out of Bowling Green, began the restoration process of a Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny" biplane in June 2012. The nonprofit organization Friends of Jenny formed to rebuild the 1917 aircraft.

The Jenny was the first mass-produced World War I flight trainer and carried the first regularly scheduled airmail, according to FOJ's website. The organization's crew, comprised completely of volunteers, worked together to restore the plane and make it safe for travel.

"It brings back a part of our history that will be lost if we're not careful," FOJ board and crew member Myron Callaham said.

Callaham has been a recreational pilot for about 26 years, which sparked his interest in the FOJ project. He said the shared love of aviation is what brought the crew together in their work on the Jenny's restoration.

Coppinger, who has worked with Walker on past projects, took the opportunity to work with him again after he shared his plans to restore a second World War I aircraft: the DH-4, other-

wise known as "The Liberty Plane." The De Havilland was the first American-made plane created solely with the purpose of being used as a fighter plane.

The students' social media marketing campaign has been leading up to a Kickstarter campaign set to launch this week.

Coppinger said there are two set fundraising goals for the Kickstarter. The initial \$45,000 goal will pay for the acquisition of the DH-4 airframe and instrument panel, allowing the pieces to be moved to Bowling Green for recon-

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Volunteer farming program Top Crops ready to grow

BY KJ HALL
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It's easy to get caught up in the excitement of interesting goods and activities at the Community Farmers Market of Bowling Green. Each booth you pass has a story. Each vendor is there for a reason. Among these booths is the Top Crops booth, which people can find as soon as they walk into the market.

"You can't miss the grocers donning their Top Crops aprons, ready to greet everyone who walks through the front door," Owensboro native Bill Greer, co-founder of Top Crops, said.

Bill Greer and Carol Greer along with their oldest son Tucker Greer founded Top Crops in 2013 as a garden project that offers training and continued education opportunities to adults with special needs, according to Bill Greer.

The Greers saw the need for a program for special needs adults over the age of 21. Once a special needs adult is out of school and encouragement has essentially halted, many individuals become dependent on government assistance and lack opportunities to develop their potential, find purposeful work and make a positive impact in the community, Bill Greer said. Thus, Top Crops was born.

They began planting their first season in late summer of 2013 and harvested that fall. Since then, Top Crops has doubled its growing space with additional raised bed boxes and in-ground planting, Carol Greer said. She also said Top Crops has added additional gardeners for both planting and the market.

Top Crops is located at the University Farm, where it has received immense support from the agriculture department.

Members of the program prepare the soil, plant seeds, tend to plants, harvest crops, sort, package and sell to the community each Saturday morning at the Community Farmers Market, Bill Greer said.

Not only does Top Crops offer a vast array of volunteer opportunities, but it now offers internships to WKU students through the Honors College too. This allows for more hands-on support at the garden as well as potential college credit hours for students in a learning experience outside the classroom, he said.

"It's an opportunity for students to spend time with some really cool people like our gardeners and for the gardeners to meet and hang out with WKU students. That social interaction matters a lot," Bill Greer said.

This opportunity has been especially significant for Lawrenceburg junior



Lawrenceburg junior Alexis Corbin works for the local organization Top Crops at the local farmers market Saturday, April 30. Top Crops currently sells a variety of vegetables and plans to sell blueberries and strawberries in the future; they will be growing pumpkins in the fall. **LEX SELIG/HERALD**

Alexis Corbin, who has been serving as an intern and garden manager at Top Crops for the last two semesters.

Corbin found out about the internship when she ran into Craig Cobane, the executive director of the Honors College, after visiting the farmers market one Tuesday. Corbin expressed her interest in the relationship between the environment and social justice,

and Cobane mentioned a new internship opportunity with Top Crops.

Corbin helps out with daily tasks, including weeding and shoveling compost, working with different gardeners on harvest day and helping run and operate larger planting or harvest days. She has also taken on a project of her

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own each semester. In fall 2015, she worked on an information sign on herbs, and this spring, she has been formulating a new method of planting potatoes. Corbin has learned a great deal about pragmatism from this internship and about how being sustainable both socially and environmentally can sometimes be challenging, she said.

"Top Crops shows how people use environmentally sensitive methods to work with social needs, and it has been amazing to focus on the abilities of our gardeners in that way," Corbin said. "At the same time, it's hard to have super extensive gardening or to try new, sustainable [agriculture] techniques because we do have limitations."

While Corbin's career goals don't focus solely on working with people with special needs, she said she would

definitely take a job in that area if the opportunity arose.

"They [special needs adults] are such genuine, overlooked people in our society, and they bring such joy and life to everyone they encounter," Corbin said.

While this is Corbin's last semester interning with Top Crops, Bill Greer said they will definitely have more in the future, and both Corbin and the Greers look forward to seeing how the program will continue to grow in the future.

The gardeners are filled with talent and capability, and Top Crops is one avenue for them to learn new skills, gain confidence and provide a beneficial product to the community, Bill Greer stated.

"The opportunity to work with those with special needs is just a privilege," he said.

RESTORATION
CONTINUED FROM LIFE

struction. The second goal is \$250,000, which will cover the costs to build the plane after transport.

Coppinger said one of the challenges of the project was making it relevant to the students, so she decided to engage them through research.

"We discovered that the pilots were the original adrenaline junkies," Coppinger said. Through their research, Coppinger said, the class learned about risks faced by World War I aircraft pilots. In addition to dealing with structural instabilities of aircraft, pilots had to fly in open cockpits without oxygen systems or parachutes.

"The War Department didn't issue them parachutes because they'd rather land the plane safely," Coppinger explained. "To them, the pilots were expendable; planes weren't."

Senior Colin Perschbacher of Nashville said understanding the plane's history was vital to having a successful project.

"It's really important to think about your audience because you want to make sure you're speaking their language," Perschbacher said. "We had to do a lot of research."

Perschbacher said one of his roles in the project was communicating with Walker and learning about the plane. He said the team incorporated research about the plane's history and craftsmanship into the campaign design.

Learning to appreciate the plane and

its history was an important part of the process, Perschbacher said.

"Appreciating what you're doing will always make a project 10 times better," Perschbacher added.

Callaham and FOJ board and crew member Gary Wickliff met the students working on the project Tuesday afternoon at the hangar where the Jenny was built.

Callaham and Wickliff told the students about the Jenny's restoration process and showed them the plane's different features, including a box behind the cockpit where a homing pigeon was kept during flights.

Lexington junior Nikki Gross said seeing the Jenny in person helped put the DH-4 project into perspective.

"How we were going to target [the campaign] was an issue that came up," Gross said. Although the campaign is targeted towards people with a special interest in history, Gross said they found people from both young and old generations who had an interest in the project.

"It's a cool balancing act of using new mediums to revive history," Henderson senior Matthew Blanchette said.

Blanchette used footage from "Rise of Flight," a World War I combat flight simulation video game, to create animated bumper videos to be used in the Kickstarter promotion.

"We want to get the thrill of aviation and flying out of video games and back into the real world," Blanchette said, "to bring the community together in remembrance of our history."



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WKU alumnus runs for Bowling Green City Commission

BY SAVANNAH PENNINGTON
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Leaning against the dry erase board in a reporting class at WKU, a candidate for one of Bowling Green's city commissioner positions spoke with journalism students about his background and campaign for the state elections in November.

Ready for a change in Bowling Green, Nathan Morguelan is prepared and intends to make those changes.

"There need to be younger people actively involved in politics. There need to be people who don't just let our legislatures get away with all this stuff," Morguelan said.

Morguelan, 29, is the youngest candidate running for commissioner this upcoming election. Born in Louisville and a WKU graduate, he currently serves as chief videographer for Yellowberri.

Less than a year out of college,

Morguelan started working for Yellowberri, a full service creative marketing agency. It helps local businesses in town with marketing, Morguelan said.

If elected, Morguelan proposes to pass the Fairness Ordinance that has been brought forth to city commissioners three times and has had no action, according to Morguelan.

The Fairness Coalition, a group advocating for the ordinance through the Fairness Campaign, presented almost 1,000 signatures and more than 100 businesses supporting its efforts, he said.

Stephanie Menser works with the campaign. "We're simply trying to get the LGBT group added to the law that says you can't discriminate against anyone for sex, religion, creed, ability, etc.," she said. "The main goal of the Fairness Campaign is just to get that group added to the civil rights law that will offer them protection against discrimination."



Nate Morguelan is running for Bowling Green city commissioner. Photo submitted by Nate Morguelan

Morguelan is proposing several other plans to better the city if he is

elected. He said that currently in his campaign, he is producing a lot of video to put on Facebook. There will also be a press release regarding his campaign held in a few weeks, he said.

Bowling Green, Morguelan believes, is just the right size and has a sense of southern hospitality as well as much potential to progress — to be a place where people can be excited to go.

Being a city commissioner is time-consuming, and the community requires significant effort from its Board of Commissioners for them to perform their duties.

"I have a lot of time to do this. I have the time to actually care about it," Morguelan said.

Holding a city commissioner position can open many doors for a future in politics. Regardless of whether or not he receives the position, Morguelan said, he still has the intention to be active in state politics.



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Location: Mass Media Technology Hall Gallery
Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Friday, May 6

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Time: 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

WKU Softball vs. Marshall
Location: WKU Softball Complex
Time: 1 p.m.

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Location: FAC 0189
Time: 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

2 WKU service programs to be consolidated next semester

BY MONICA KAST
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As a part of a budget reduction plan for the 2016-2017 academic year, the ALIVE Center and the Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility will be consolidated next semester.

The consolidation of the ALIVE Center and ICSR will cut \$151,000, according to the budget reduction plan.

Announced the plan, in which 24 programs are being effected by elimination or consolidation, last week. Ransdell said those determining programs that would be affected protected credit-bearing academic programs, personnel and essential student services.

"As harsh as it may seem, not everything measures up to essential student productivity, essential services for student productivity and degree completion," Ransdell



Leah Ashwill

said at a media briefing last week.

Leah Ashwill, the director of the ALIVE Center, confirmed the consolidation in an email to students Wednesday. Ashwill said the center and ICSR will be consolidated into one unit effective July 1.

"While it definitely feels like the end of a very special era, we are also excited about the opportunities that exist with

the merging of the ALIVE Center and ICSR and the beginning of a new era of campus and community partnerships through this emerging programming model," Ashwill said in the email.

In the email, Ashwill also said the ALIVE Center and its employees will be moving to the first floor of Tate Page Hall, where ICSR is currently located.

"We will be working throughout the rest of the spring and summer to determine what ALIVE Center and ICSR programs and services will continue as a result of this consolidation," Ashwill said. "Generally speaking, the new center will continue to serve as a connector for students, faculty and staff at WKU who wish to partner with community organizations for volunteer opportunities, service-learning projects, and other scholarly service endeavors."

Since the consolidation's announcement, participants



Jayme Hardy

in both the ALIVE Center and ICSR have voiced concerns and disapproval.

Jayme Hardy, graduate research assistant at the ALIVE Center and coordinator of the Bonner Leader program, said she hopes the programs will be able to sustain the positive influence they have on the community.

"My hope is that we'll be able to find a way to main-

tain the programs offered," Hardy said. Later, she added that she hoped that students and the community would not feel the consolidation's impact.

Provost David Lee said he was optimistic about the consolidation of the ALIVE Center and ICSR, and neither were at risk of being eliminated.

"In many ways, the ALIVE Center and ICSR will function well together," Lee said last week at the budget forum, where several students from both programs voiced concerns.

Lynne Holland, chief diversity officer, also spoke of the consolidation. She noted that she currently holds three job titles and that "this is the reality we live in."

"Things are merging together so that we can continue to the best of our abilities," Holland said. "We need your help in order to make that happen."

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Lady Toppers to play last home series before championships

BY HUNTER FRINT

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WKU will take its home field for the last time in this Conference USA season in a three-game series against Marshall.

The importance of these matches exceeds past competitions because they are the last in regular conference play for the Lady Toppers before the C-USA championships.

The Lady Toppers need to win these last three matches to have a shot at the conference tournament. Even though WKU owns the worst overall record in the conference, it is just two conference wins behind Florida International for a spot in the conference playoffs.

"It's an opportune time to do something special, and we have to come out and play all three games and see if we can give ourselves a chance to go to conference tournament," Head Coach Amy Tudor said.

WKU (16-28, 7-10 C-USA) enters this match after dropping three conference games last weekend to top-ranked Florida Atlantic. The Lady Toppers dropped the first game by 15 runs but made an attempt to rally in the second game.

They took an 8-3 defeat in the second contest and carried that bad luck into Sunday's final game, where they were shut out 6-0 by FAU.

Marshall (27-24, 11-10 C-USA) will enter the series on a different note after taking the win from FIU last weekend in its last conference home game of the season. Marshall took the series two games to one with



Redshirt sophomore pitcher Kelsey Jernigan (12) pitches in WKU's game against Western Carolina Feb. 27 at the WKU Softball Complex. Jernigan had two strikeouts and gave up one hit. **MATT LUNS福德/HERALD**

close scores for each game.

"They have a good pitcher — throws hard curve balls — and they have some of the best hitters in the league," Tudor said. "It'll definitely be three hard games that we have to play."

The pitcher Tudor is referring to is junior Jordan Dixon, who currently has a 2.78 ERA on the season with a 21-17 record. Dixon was also recently named

C-USA co-pitcher of the week during the week of April 25.

For the Lady Toppers, look for senior infielder Brooke Holloway and junior pitcher Kathryn Downing to lead the team as they have led WKU all season long.

Holloway has led the team from the plate this season as she currently owns a batting average of .346, which is the

best on the squad. She also leads the team in hits with 45 and home runs with 10 overall on the year.

Downing has statistically been the Lady Toppers' best pitcher on the season as she has a 2.92 ERA through 18 appearances, which is the lowest ERA on the team.

The three-game series this weekend at the WKU Softball

Complex will start off with a doubleheader at 1 p.m. The last home game of the season for the Lady Toppers will start at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. After this weekend, WKU will know their fate in C-USA.

"It's a hugely significant three games," Tudor said. "We have to win all three games to even give ourselves a shot at the tournament."

Students, faculty, staff locked out of room where it happens

BY ANDREW HENDERSON

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On Thursday, students, faculty and staff had a space to ask questions to the Administrative Council and the department of human resources in regards to the plan for the upcoming budget reductions announced the day prior.

The atmosphere for the forum was a mix between tense and jovial as President Gary Ransdell heartily encouraged attendees to move down closer to the stage in the Downing Student Union auditorium in order to "make this a little more intimate" before the forum began.

Ransdell thanked everyone for showing up on such late notice, and I would have to agree. Sending an email to faculty and staff to inform them of an open forum regarding the budget cuts the day you've already announced said cuts seems mismatched.

It's like when your parents ask six-year-old you where you want to go for vacation. They probably won't take your opinion into consideration,

but they can at least say they listened to you.

Moreover, it seems the forum wasn't meant to be attended by students. One of the attendees publicly said they were shocked to see so many students in atten-

Ransdell Hall, the unidentifiable statue in Centennial Mall and so many other things.

If you're not going to claim at least one half of the statues on campus, then the other thing you should be doing is voicing your opinion on these

and the 69.3 percent of Kentuckians who didn't vote in the gubernatorial election last November, to blame.

The moment for students to express dissent against Bevin's cuts to higher education has come and gone. The cuts are coming and they're being handled by universities in different and difficult ways, and I recognize this has not been an easy process for the administration here at WKU.

However, I'll be honest, as a student of WKU, I was saddened to hear how administrators responded to some student questions.

When a student asked about a class she needed to take in order to graduate on time which had been suddenly canceled, the appropriate response to that question from Provost David Lee should not have been to solicit ideas about what she thinks they should do.

Nor should the appropriate response to questions about diversity and the consolidation of the Institute of Citizenship and Social Responsibility and the ALIVE Center be met with the

seemingly random appearance of Lynne Holland, chief diversity officer, at Thursday's forum.

What Holland said at the forum truly resonated with me. She pleaded with students to trust the administration, but said the forum was not the appropriate time to voice the kinds of concerns that were being raised.

When is the appropriate time? Will there be another forum? Or is it just too late?

Certainly it can be said students, faculty and staff had their concerns heard and questions supposedly answered, but does any of that really matter when we never had a say in what was traded away to begin with?

Moving forward at WKU, I don't think students, faculty or staff should necessarily throw in the towel.

Yes, Bevin's cuts are finalized, but how the university handles them doesn't have to be. At the very least I would encourage everyone to voice opinions on these cuts, and opinions that don't have to be constrained by an "open" forum.

"Bevin's already done what he thought was needed in order to balance the state budget, and whether or not you agree with how he handled the situation, it's a bit too late to be upset."

dance. I was as well, despite how vital students are at our university.

Student tuition and fees make up 49.2 percent of WKU's operating budget, according to executive summary of the 2015-16 budget. Of course, this number is largely due to the decline in state appropriations public universities have received over the years.

This means you own 50 percent of DSU, the "Gary" in

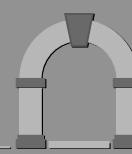
cuts, because they're not quite finalized.

Public universities in Kentucky are all facing hardships thanks to Twitter addict and semi-professional film director Gov. Matt Bevin.

Bevin's already done what he thought was needed in order to balance the state budget, and whether or not you agree with how he handled the situation, it's a bit too late to be upset. We only have ourselves,

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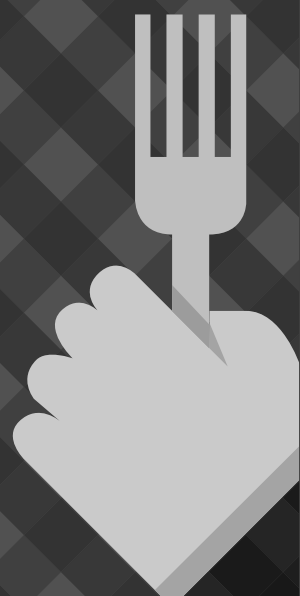
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BASEBALL

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he commanded all three of them tonight. He gave us a chance."

Still behind 3-1 in the top of the eighth, senior infielder Danny Hudzina looked to get the Hilltoppers going from the plate.

The nation's leader in hits ripped a single through the right side to start off the inning. The hit also made it the 50th straight game, dating back to last season, that Hudzina has reached base safely.

However, Vanderbilt's Matt Ruppen-

thal struck out three straight Hilltoppers to end the inning.

"Offensively, we didn't have too many chances tonight," Pawlowski continued. "We had a great opportunity in the first inning that we took advantage of, but that was it. They pitched extremely well tonight. They have a great bullpen with great arms, and it showed."

The Commodores began to pull away in the bottom of the eighth. Infante doubled down the left field line to score Bryan Reynolds to make the score 4-1.

Soon after, a Hilltopper error at home

plate allowed two runs to score to make the score 6-1 after eight innings.

"I thought the two innings that they scored we really helped them," Pawlowski said. "In the third inning, we had a lead off walk and a hit by pitch. In the eighth inning, we had a critical ball that we couldn't handle in the infield. We gave up some extra bases. Against a team like that, you can't do that and expect to win."

Vanderbilt's Ben Bowden pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning to end the game and gave the Commodores a 6-1 victory.

The loss drops the Hilltoppers to 24-

21 (10-11 C-USA) and improves the Commodores to 35-10 overall on the year (13-8 SEC).

WKU travels to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, this weekend for a three-game Conference USA series against Southern Mississippi, who is currently No. 1 in the conference.

"The grind continues," Pawlowski said. "It was a tough weekend last weekend and another tough one today. Our team has been through a lot this year, and it's time to see where we're at as we get closer to the Conference USA tournament."

REECER'S PIECE

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double in the C-USA tournament as the best performance of the year. Granted, it came in a loss, but the second triple-double in program history should not go unnoticed, especially since it came at such a crucial point in the season.

When it comes to the biggest surprise this year, no other team surprised me more than the women's basketball team. After losing some of their best players from last season, many expected the program to take a step back this season.

What the Lady Toppers did, however, was go an astounding 27-7 on the season and advance to the quarterfinals of the Women's National Invitational Tournament. They don't get the credit they deserve, but this is one of the best programs on campus.

On the negative side of things, the biggest disappointment this year, unfortunately, falls to the men's basketball team. This dishonor is not be-

cause of the Hilltoppers' performance on the court; as they proved in the C-USA tournament, it wasn't all that bad.

They get this award because of what happened off the court this spring. When your head coach and three of your best players leave the program for all the wrong reasons, you should ex-

“The best moment of the year goes to when the football team won the C-USA championship in the fall of 2015. Seeing the celebration that ensued as the student body rushed the field was a great moment for a program that has grown faster than any other in the nation.”

pect to receive this award.

The best moment of the year goes to when the football team won the C-USA championship in fall 2015. Seeing the celebration that ensued as the student body rushed the field was a great moment for a program that has

grown faster than any other in the nation.

The worst moment of the year, however, goes to the athletic department's decision to cut the track and field team's budget literally in half.

Now, I realize the program takes in zero revenue for the school, and I can actually understand track and field

taste.

The best decision the athletic department made this year, however, was hiring Rick Stansbury as the basketball team's new head coach. For a mid-major program in need of a savior, I believe Todd Stewart made the best decision possible with Stansbury.

For a personal honor, I would like to give the basketball team my most memorable moment of the year. It was a really cool moment for me while I was on a cruise to the Bahamas on spring break to hear that Nigel Snipes tore apart heavily favored UAB in the C-USA tournament with his hot shooting as the Hilltoppers got the victory.

Seeing a senior end his career like Snipes did in the tournament was really cool to see because it reminds us all of the passion collegiate sports can provide.

That about does it. It's been a fun semester writing this column, and I look forward to continuing it in the fall.

Peace out.

BASKETBALL

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Justin Johnson and sophomore forward Willie Carmichael.

The Hilltoppers had a good experience last year with graduate transfer Aaron Cosby. Cosby transferred to WKU from Illinois and started all 34 games for the Hilltoppers. He stepped up to the plate on the offensive side and averaged 13.7 points per game — the second leading scorer on the team.

Stansbury is looking to continue this trend with Que Johnson. Johnson is a

transfer from Washington State University who is eligible immediately. According to Jon Rothstein of CBS Sports, Johnson said he would visit WKU this week.

Johnson was an impressive player for the Cougars last season. He was the third leading scorer on the squad with 11.3 points per game. Johnson also led the team in 3-point shooting percentage, shooting 40 percent from behind the arc.

The Hilltoppers have one guard who has committed in TJ Howard, a 6-foot-1 combo guard from DME Academy. With a combination of Moore, Johnson

and Howard, the Hilltopper coaching staff would be able to put together a commendable rebuilding job for the backcourt.

The coaching staff might also look to tap the junior college talent pool; they've done this in the past with some success.

Last year Fredrick Edmond, a junior college transfer, played a major role in the success of the Hilltopper team.

Edmond averaged 12.2 points and 5.9 rebounds per game and helped the Toppers reach the semifinals of the C-USA tournament championships.

Junior forward Anton Waters also came from the junior college ranks and was a solid addition to an already talented front court.

At the end of the day, the WKU program is in a good position with recruits who want to hear that they can come in and work hard and see the court from the get-go.

If Stansbury can manage to bring some of these guards to Diddle Arena next season and pair them with Carmichael, Johnson, senior forward Ben Lawson and sophomore forward Jabari McGhee, the Hilltoppers will have a full roster at their disposal.

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REECER'S PIECE

A look back at the year in sports

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Well folks, that's it. Another school year here at WKU is almost over, and the only events left are finals week and the ends of the baseball, softball and track and field teams' seasons.

In the realm of WKU's athletics department, it has certainly been an eventful year. There were some very bright moments and some extremely low points.

However, no matter what the lows were, it is evident that the athletic program here at WKU has grown tremendously the past several years, and this year was no exception.

Before the year officially ends, I think there are some specific individuals and teams that need to be recognized for their achievements or, in some cases, their unfortunate failures.

First, let's acknowledge the obvious honors. The best team on campus this year was easily the football team, and there wasn't really a close second. The track and field program and the women's basketball program would have to fight for second place.

Head Coach Jeff Brohm's Hilltoppers were the first Conference USA football team to go undefeated in conference play; they also won the conference championship. The team completed its season ranked in the Top 25 in the AP poll for the first time in school history.

For best athlete on campus, the honor goes to none other than Brandon Doughty. The guy broke every passing record during his time here and was the best player on the best team on campus. He even managed to earn WKU's first Heisman vote when one sportswriter gave him a third-place vote.

While Doughty gave several brilliant performances during the season, I'm going to go with Kendall Noble's triple-

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BASEBALL



Senior pitcher Austin King (18) pitches in a doubleheader against Florida International at Nick Denes Field Friday, April 29. WKU lost 8-7 after leading early. MATT LUNSFORD/HERALD

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Vanderbilt defeats Hilltoppers in mid-week matchup

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On Tuesday night, the WKU baseball team traveled to Nashville to take on nationally fifth-ranked Vanderbilt University in its nonconference season finale.

After defeating the University of Georgia, the University of Tennessee and the University of Kentucky, the Hilltoppers looked to sweep their Southeastern Conference opponents on the year.

However, the Commodores proved too tough. After scoring the game's opening run, the Toppers gave up

six unanswered runs as Vanderbilt cruised to a 6-1 victory.

The Toppers took no time getting on the board early. After Vanderbilt's Matt McGarry walked two straight batters, redshirt sophomore first baseman Harrison Scanlon delivered the game's first big play from the plate.

The Louisville native ripped a single up the middle of the field to score redshirt junior infielder Leiff Clarkson to give WKU a 1-0 lead after the first inning.

However, the Commodores answered with a big third inning. With two men on base, Vanderbilt's Julian Infante ripped a two-run RBI triple to give the Commodores a 2-1 lead.

Soon after, Walker Grisanti scored Infante on an RBI single to stretch the lead to 3-1 after three innings. Junior pitcher Cody Coll didn't allow another Vanderbilt the rest of his time on the mound.

The Naperville, Illinois, native pitched a career-high 6 2/3 innings and struck out four batters while giving up three runs.

"He did a great job of keeping his composure after that third inning," Head Coach John Pawlowski said in a postgame radio show. "One of the things he has really worked on is commanding all three pitches. I thought

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BASKETBALL

Potential playing time brings interest from recruits

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Something all incoming college basketball recruits would like to have is an opportunity for immediate playing time.

This is the case for potential

interesting players, like Class of 2016 point guard Charlie Moore, to put WKU on their list of top schools.

Moore is rated at No. 61 as the best player in his class, according to the ESPN top 100 basketball recruitment

"If the Hilltoppers could land Moore, he could help distribute the ball to a talented core of big men like junior forward Justin Johnson and sophomore forward Willie Carmichael."

recruits of the WKU men's basketball program this spring. There is playing time available — lots of it.

The current Hilltopper roster is void of any scholarship guards, which opens the door for backcourt players to come to WKU and have an immediate impact.

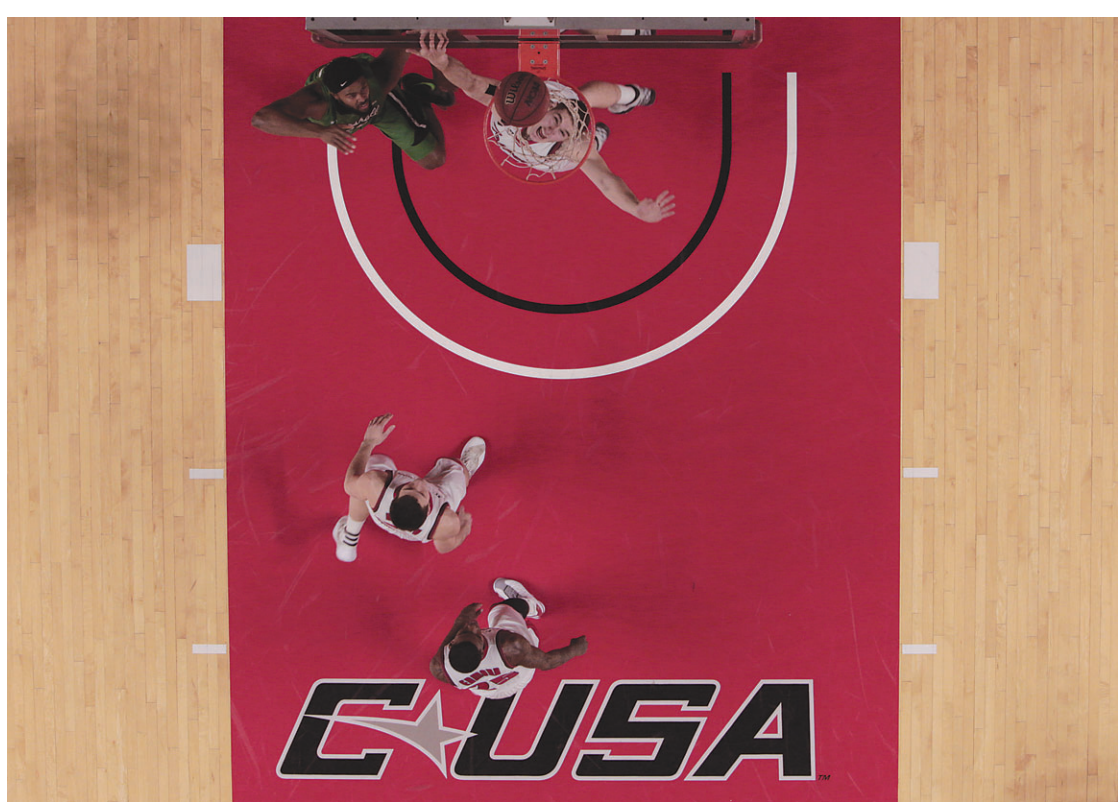
New Head Coach Rick Stansbury is able to offer any guards the opportunity to come to WKU and play right away.

This has caused a few in-

rankings.

The 5-foot-11, four-star point guard from Morgan Park High School in Chicago narrowed his list to Southern Methodist University, Louisiana State University, the University of Miami, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, the University of Illinois, the University of California, Georgia Tech and WKU according to his Twitter account.

The slashing guard could really help the Hilltoppers keep



WKU loses to Marshall University with a score of 96-93 on Feb. 13 at Diddle Arena. LEX SELIG/HERALD

up the pace and run with the best teams in Conference USA.

"He can really shoot the basketball," Scout.com's Director of Recruiting Evan Daniels

said. "He's tough and hard-nosed. He likes to push the tempo, and he's a good passer. He's a really talented floor general."

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Moore, he could help distribute the ball to a talented core of big men like junior forward

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