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Emslie a finalist for UCF provost

BY JOANNA WILLIAMS
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Provost and vice-president for Academic Affairs Gordon Emslie announced in an email Friday that he is a finalist for the provost position at the University of Central Florida.

In the email, Emslie said he has enjoyed his time at WKU, but the UCF position was “an opportunity not to be missed.”

UCF is currently the nation's second largest university, with an enrollment of 59,740 students. As provost, he would be responsible for the academic leadership of the university and partially responsible for the university's annual budget, all of which are responsibilities he currently has at WKU.

Emslie is one of three finalists for the position. He will have a UCF

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Board of Regents approves new majors, emeritus status recognized

BY SHELBY ROGERS
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The Board of Regents recognized new emeritus faculty, approved new majors and gave out new money in its second annual quarterly meeting Friday.

During the meeting, university officials also spoke of preparations to welcome new students to WKU.

The sudden closure of Mid-Continent University in Mayfield on Wednesday could bring several hundred students to the Hill, provost Gordon Emslie told the Board. “Given our exceptional online and distance learning courses, we anticipate being there for those students,” Emslie said.

Brian Meredith, associate vice president for Enrollment Management, presented favorable reports to the Board, especially regarding summer enrollment.

Summer enrollment is up a total

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RECORD SURGE



Wooster, Ohio graduate student Kaitlyn Berle finds a record and shows it to fellow graduate student Josh Chrysler during Record Store Day at Mellow Matt's on Saturday. BRIAN POWERS/HERALD

Vinyl lovers celebrate Record Store Day

BY SAM OSBORNE
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Many may think enjoying vinyl records is a relic of the past, but the 50-plus people who gathered at the door of Mellow Matt's Records and More at 7 a.m. Saturday begged to differ.

Saturday marked the seventh annual National Record Store Day, the equivalent of Black Friday for vinyl aficionados. The day is aimed at celebrating independent record stores, with over a 1,000 retailers participating nationwide in 2014. A local store, Mellow Matt's Records and More, commemorated the holiday with live music from nine local bands and a wide range of releases, reissues and Record Store Day exclusives.

Matt Pfefferkorn, owner of Mellow Matt's Records and More, said he was pleased with how “the first full-fledged

record store day in Bowling Green” went.

“We had a great turnout,” Pfefferkorn said, “It was cool to see all that support out there. We went out all out with getting the releases and having local bands play in the parking lot.”

Pfefferkorn said there has been a strong resurgence of interest in buying vinyl, especially in the last three years. According to music tracking service Nielsen Soundscan, vinyl record sales rose 32 percent in 2013.

Pfefferkorn said he has noticed a huge spike in interest with vinyl in the teenage demographic.

“We've seen vinyl sales explode almost overnight,” he said. “Early high school teenagers are totally into vinyl. We're selling more record players and new vinyl, and they go back, it's like they found their parents' records.”

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WKU presents ‘Evening of Dance’

Elijah Furlong, left, and WKU Sophomore Mara Brand practice with fellow dancers for an upcoming show "An Evening of Dance," which will begin on Thursday April 24, at the Fine Arts Center in the Russell Miller Theatre. JEFF BROWN/HERALD



BY KRISTINA BURTON
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Russell Miller Theatre will be filled with artistic athletes from April 24 to 28 as the WKU Dance Company performs everything from tap to flamenco during “Evening of Dance.”

Bowling Green senior Hannah Slattery said “Evening of Dance” is the final dance concert of the spring semester for the WKU Dance Company.

“We start preparing the first week of school,” Slattery said.

“This is the showcase of all the things we've been working on — pointe, tap, modern, jazz, flamenco. This is our championship football game It's what we've worked

all semester for.”

Lexington junior Nathan Fister describes “Evening of Dance” as a “buffet of dance.”

“It has a little bit of everything,” Fister said. “There's all different types of dancing with all different types of music. It's a great way for people who haven't really seen dance to taste dance and see if they enjoy it.”

Since it's Slattery's senior year, “Evening of Dance” marks the last time she gets to perform at WKU.

“I was lucky enough to be approached by one of my teachers about doing a solo, and for the other two pieces I was just cast by other teachers,” Slattery said. “But a solo is something really

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Bowling Green senior Bryant Lipp carries a cross on Good Friday. Members of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center took turns carrying the cross from Centennial Mall to Chandler Memorial Chapel.

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New Big Red statue unveiled on Saturday

BY TREY CRUMBIE
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Students and alumni were entertained by the WKU mascot in the Alumni Plaza in front of the Augenstein Alumni Center during the unveiling of a new bronze statue of Big Red on Saturday morning.

Rick DuBose, director of the WKU Alumni Association, began the ceremony by recognizing various personnel, including several people who have dressed up as Big Red over the years.

"It's good to see what once were the hidden faces of so many Big Reds here today," J Moseley, president of the WKU Alumni Association, said.

President Gary Ransdell said Big Red is just one of the many unique entities that define WKU.

"Nothing is contrived here," Ransdell said. "All of our traditions, all of the things that define our personality as a university were created by Hill-toppers."

Ralph Carey, who created Big Red as a student nearly 35 years ago, said he was surprised at the longevity of Big Red and thanked those who dressed up as Big Red for carrying on the tradition.

Carey recalled a letter he received from Jim Richards, who coached the WKU basketball team from 1971 to

1978, after meeting him at a WKU basketball game in New York City. In the letter, Richards told Carey Big Red would continue to live on for the foreseeable future. Carey was skeptical at first but admitted that Richards might be right.

"...Maybe Big Red will be here long after I'm gone," Carey said. "And that is something that doesn't happen to people very often, and it's special to me."

Brandon Davis, president of the WKU Young Alumni Council, cut the ribbon and removed the red cloth that covered the statue of Big Red. Davis said the statue had been in the works since the funding for the alumni center began.

"...And to finally see it happen today is absolutely amazing," Davis said.

The Young Alumni Council raised \$50,000 in private donations to make the statue a possibility.

Following the unveiling of the statue, members of the WKU Redshirts, a men's cappella group, led the crowd in singing the WKU Fight Song twice.

Afterwards, people were invited to take pictures with the statue, tour the alumni center, and go to Smith Stadium to watch the annual Red and White spring game.

Russell Faxon, a WKU alumnus and the statue's sculptor, said the creation process took nine months. Faxon said



Big Red poses during the unveiling of the new Big Red statue outside of the Augenstein Alumni Center on Saturday. MIKE CLARK/HERALD

there was a photo shoot with Big Red to decide which pose best represented the mascot.

"I wanted to make sure I get [sic.] all those flops and folds and all the roundness that he is," Faxon said.

Faxon is responsible for four other

bronze sculptures on campus, including the statue of Edgar Allen Diddle in front of Diddle Arena and Robert Guthrie at the Guthrie Bell Tower. Faxon also sculpted another Big Red statue that will be placed in Downing Student Union this fall.

EMSLIE

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campus open forum today that will take place at 3:15 p.m., according to UCF's website.

This isn't the first time Emslie has been a finalist for a provost position at another university. Last April, it was announced that he was one of the final candidates for the position at the University of Alabama.

Emslie declined to comment to the Herald.

President Gary Ransdell said he learned that Emslie was a finalist for the position at the end of last week. Ransdell said while he was not expecting to hear the news, Emslie's decision to throw his name in UCF's hat as well as Emslie's selection as a finalist did not shock him.

"Obviously I'm not surprised by them wanting him," Ransdell said. "I encourage all of our vice presidents to be loyal here but also perform at a level that makes any institution impressed. I don't worry about losing good people. That's just the nature of the business we're in, and it doesn't surprise me at

all with Gordon. He's very effective at handling financial matters at an academic perspective."

Ransdell went on to say that if Emslie is selected and takes the position, he will not attempt to prevent Emslie from accepting the job.

"That's pure speculation, and if it's something Gordon wants to do I'll certainly not stand in his way, or in any way seek to inhibit or try to block that," Ransdell said. "That's just not a professional thing to do. If this is something he wants to do, I'll support him any way I can. If he wants to continue to be our provost, I'll support him here as well. I enjoy working with him, so I'll try to help with whatever is best for him."

Emslie joined WKU in 2010 after previously working for the University of Oklahoma State University as associate vice-president for Research and dean of the Graduate College, according to his curriculum vitae.

Since being named provost, he has formed a retention task force, restructured the hiring process for instructors and professors, and created a "Colonade" general education curriculum.



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of 37 undergraduate students, and a significant number of those enrollees are freshmen. Meredith said those numbers are good indicators for fall enrollment.

"We're in the in-between time when we're trying to close the deal," he said.

International student enrollment is up 43 percent in the last two years, according to Meredith.

"We're rolling aggressively forward in enrolling our international students," he said.

Robbin Taylor gave a brief summary report of the lengthy struggle university officials faced this semester with the State legislature.

"I commend the Board members who worked very hard with state legislators," she said.

Since late January, Taylor and various university officials traveled to Frankfort to combat Gov. Steve Beshear's proposed 2.5 percent cut to public universities. The final budget passed by the legislature was reduced to 1.5 percent, saving WKU \$750,000.

The Board also doled out a number of emeritus statuses to academics and administrators. Psychology professor Retta Poe, political science professor John Petersen, university registrar Freida Eggleton and vice president of Campus Services and Facilities John Osborne were all unanimously given emeritus statuses with the university.

Osborne also presented construction updates, giving particular emphasis on Downing Student Union's process.

"This is the most complex, difficult project we've ever undertaken," Osborne said.

Audra Jennings, director of the Office of Scholar Development, updated the Board on national awards by WKU students.

The Board opened the meeting with approvals of various new degrees, including a Master of Science in Psychology, Bachelor of Arts in Diversity & Community Studies and Undergraduate Minor in Classical Studies, among others.

Various departmental raises were quickly approved for newly-tenured professors in the finance committee's portion of the meeting.

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Jordan Reynolds, keyboardist and vocalist for Bowling Green's Buffalo Rodeo, said she enjoys vinyl because it offers a more meaningful experience.

"Since everything is so readily available in an instant because of things like Spotify and YouTube, the novelty of buying and sharing music tends to sort of wear off," she said. "But, if you take the effort to purchase a vinyl and listen to an album in its entirety, not only are you supporting the bands by actually buying their music, but music nerds like me can sort of collect music in a physical way."

Reynolds said, as an artist, it is crucial to support the culture and community of independent record stores.

"Mellow Matt's is the only local, independent in Bowling Green and support-

ing local businesses and local music is really important to me and the rest of the guys in Buffalo Rodeo, so the fact we go to do both is a win-win for us."

Local independent businesses Spencer's Coffee, JD's Bakery and Print Mafia also participated in the event at Mellow Matt's.

Pfefferkorn said bringing together local businesses and establishing a sense of community was one his biggest goals when he decided to open his record store.

"That's exactly what I what I wanted to accomplish, be community-minded and have a true local independent store where we can do events like Record Store Day, and there's no reason we can't pull in other local businesses and just make it more of a festival-type atmosphere," he said. "Buying local does actually support the community and helps the community grow."

Crime reports

- Vine Grove junior KeeSing Yong reported an unknown subject threatened him at the Faculty House on April 17.

- Police arrested Vine Grove junior KeeSing Yong for receiving a stolen laptop in Hugh Poland Hall on April 17.

- Police arrested Ryan Morris first-degree alcohol intoxication and possession of marijuana on Chestnut Street on April 18.

- An unknown subject pulled a fire alarm in Grise Hall though

there was no fire on April 18.

- A fire alarm in the Wetherby Administration Building was set off when an employee burned popcorn in the break room on April 18.

- Police arrested London, Ky., sophomore Whitley Lawson for first degree DUI on Chestnut Street on April 19.

- LaGrange freshman Wilfrido Lopez reported property stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in Creason Lot on April 20.

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special I'm getting to do. We started work on it over Christmas break."

Slattery said her solo piece is going to feature a live singer and pianist.

"We don't often get the opportunity to collaborate with other artists," Slattery said. "It changes the feel of the piece and takes it to another level."

Fister said a highlight of preparing for "Evening of Dance" has been working with his dance partner.

"It's our first time working together," Fister said. "We've gotten to know each other a lot better and have a really good bond and partnership so we can have a good performance on stage."

Slattery hopes for a big crowd at "Evening of Dance" with a wide variety of people.

"I love when students who don't ordinarily come to these shows come out and see a lot of talented artists," Slattery said. "We train and work just as hard as the athletes on campus. We have class and rehearsal all day every day in preparation for performances."

Fister echoed Slattery's sentiments.

"We're artists but also athletes," he said. "It takes a lot to rehearse all day since January for this one show. We want the community to take in what we do. It's pretty and nice onstage, but it takes a lot of hard work to look effortless."

Slattery said there is definitely something for everyone in "Evening of Dance".

"There are so many different genres and feels," Slattery said. "Pop Culture, which closes the show...there is no way to not enjoy watching that piece. There's passionate movement to it and we dance to Rihanna and Britney Spears."

Fister said "Evening of Dance" is going to be a really enjoyable night.

"It's not a long program," Fister said. "It's a great night to enjoy dance and enjoy what we want to give to the audience."

"Evening of Dance" will be presented at 8 p.m. April 24-26, 3 p.m. April 27 and 8 p.m. April 28 in the Russell Miller Theatre in WKU's fine arts center. Tickets are \$12 and are available at wku.showare.com or by calling the box office at 270-745-3121.

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BREAK the SILENCE

Do not be afraid to report hate crimes

THE ISSUE: As we reported last week, hate crimes still occur today on our campus and beyond, and many go unreported.

OUR STANCE: We urge everyone to break the silence and report hate crimes, whether they are a victim of one or a witness.

According to the most recent FBI statistics from 2012, 5,790 single-bias incidents were reported. Of these reported, 48.3 percent were racially motivated, 19.6 percent were motivated by sexual-orientation, 19.0 percent were motivated by religious bias, 11.5 percent were motivated by national origin/ethnicity bias and 1.6 percent were motivated by disability-bias.

The estimated population of the United States currently is around 300 million people. Statistically, it's pretty darn likely that more than 5,790 hate crime incidents occurred in one year. It's numbers like these that prove that reporting hate crimes must occur.

Of course, we know the idea of Wre- porting a hate crime is anything but simple. There may be repercussions for even attempting to report the crime, and the fear of backlash is what likely keeps people from reporting specific crimes.

But in order to attempt to solve the problems of hate crimes, the law needs to know about said injustices.

Witnessing a hate crime and pre- tending to not notice promotes this behavior, and suggests that the per- son who committed the crime is not in the wrong — that it's inevitable that these types of actions will occur

so it's best to just accept it.

We remind you that this way of thinking has allowed for genocides to occur in the past; the most deadly type of hate crime. This type of thinking has driven children to commit suicide thanks to relentless bullying, which is considered a hate crime. This type of behavior shows complacency, and complacency and apathy are the last tools we need in the struggle against hate crimes.

Crimes may start small, such as some form of harassment. According to CNN, in 2013 three San Jose State students were charged with a hate crime against their black roommate after they put a bicycle chain around his neck and decorated his room with the Confederate flag and Nazi symbols.

The students were obviously re- ported, and were suspended for the actions. One member of the team was even arrested.

Not all hate crimes occur physically, however. With the power of the inter- net beneath our fingers, hate crimes are as easy as an anonymous message on Tumblr or a hateful message from a fake Facebook account.

However, with all of these improve- ments in technology, reporting hate crimes can be easier than ever, with information about the state of hate crimes available to anyone with In- ternet access. Education can help lead people one step closer to com- passion, education and action.

So read up.

Keep a sharp eye.

And let hate crime perpetrators know that there are serious consequences for action motivated by nothing more than hate across the hall.

This editorial represents the major-

THE REEL

The Grand Budapest Hotel' adds to Wes Anderson's collection



BY BEN CONNIFF
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"The Grand Budapest Hotel" is more than just another entry into Wes Anderson's cache of quirky comedies.

It's a tremendous caper with hilar- ity, heart and mayhem bursting at the seams. Its darker elements, though seemingly uncouth for an Anderson film, evoke shades of the Coen brothers.

For those unfamiliar with Anderson, it's worth noting that he has a very distinct visual style in all his films. "GBH" is no exception.

There's always an actor or vertically-po- sitioned prop defining the very center of the frame. He uses vibrant colors — in this case mostly pink, red, purple and grey.

Anderson also utilizes lots of flat space, and his shots are mostly middle, symmet-

rical shots with an occasional swish pan or zoom to another flat, middle shot.

That kind of camerawork, along with Anderson's propensity for practical vi- sual effects and painted sets, creates a very unique filmmaking experience for the audience.

Such deliberate whimsy makes it feel as though you're watching a live stage comedy or even one of the early works of French filmmaker Georges Méliès.

This kind of vibrant visual style isn't for everyone. Fans of Anderson's work will cherish this film as a masterpiece. If "GBH" is your first rodeo, you may not appreciate it as much. However this is only the second of his films I've seen, and I loved it.

The story of "GBH" is told in chapters, with each profiling specific characters and events relevant to the plot.

The entire thing is told in this "Inception"-like fashion where a girl from the present day sits down to read a book titled "The Grand Budapest Hotel." As she reads, the book's author (Tom Wilkinson) gives an introductory nar- ration in the mid-1980s. From there the voice switches to the author's younger self (Jude Law) in the 1960s when he vis- its the hotel and speaks with its propri- etor Mr. Zero Moustafa (F. Murray Abra-

ham). The yarn that Moustafa recants is his coming-of-age story as a young lob- by boy in the 1930s (Tony Revolori) who plays apprentice to the hotel's legendary concierge Gustave H. (Ralph Fiennes).

When Gustave and Zero steal a famous painting from a deceased widow (Tilda Swinton), her son (Adrien Brody) and a hitman (Willem Dafoe) team up to bring them to justice.

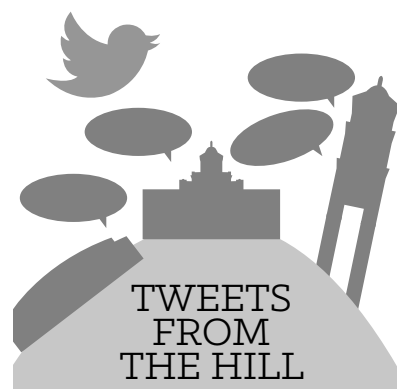
The narrative style works well. You al- most forget it's a huge flashback or that a girl is sitting reading the entire story in a book the whole time.

Dafoe's hitman makes for the major- ity of the film's darker moments with graphic images nearly always springing up in his wake.

Riotously quirky performances from Fiennes and Revolori stand out from a star-studded cast which also includes Harvey Kietel, Jeff Goldblum and Ed- ward Norton among other big names.

The film's only major disappointment is to see classic Anderson players like Bill Murray, Owen Wilson and Jason Schwartz- man reserved to only a few minutes, if not seconds, of screen time each.

Anyone looking to escape the usual trappings of mainstream Hollywood blockbusters should book an extended stay at "The Grand Budapest Hotel."



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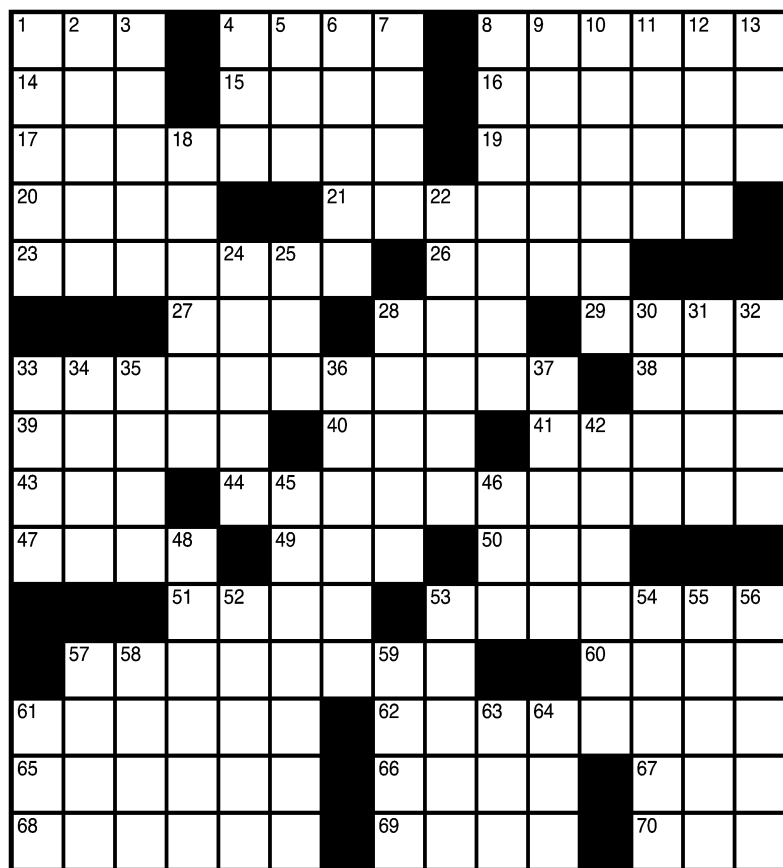
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Patrons browse boxes of records on the seventh annual Record Store Day at Mellow Matt's on Saturday. **BRIAN POWERS/HERALD**



Bowling Green music enthusiasts browse through records at Mellow Matt's during Record Store Day, where there was a limited release of new vinyl records on Saturday. **JEFF BROWN/HERALD**



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Family atmosphere contributes to Forensics teams dominance

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With eight American Forensic Association National championships, ten World Championships and 24 consecutive State Championships, WKU's Forensics team has made it to national distinction and beyond, but there is more to this team than its competitive achievements.

"It's a lovely family to have, especially coming from so far away," Chicago junior Emma Collins said.

It is easy to gain that sense of family when the team spends so much time together, she said.

The team travels across the nation, and sometimes internationally, for tournaments almost every weekend from September to April. They break into groups so every member does not have to travel every weekend.

That is not to mention daily practice sessions, when members spend hours in the Forensics office researching, writing and reciting speeches. Then, there are assignments outside of sessions.

"It's a huge time commitment, but a lot of the skills forensics encourages are qualities that translate well to school," Des Moines, Iowa, freshman Carolyn Evans said. "Our coaches put a tremendous amount of emphasis on keeping up with school work."

Much of the team's success has been credited to members' efforts and the time they are willing to put into work. Inspiration derives from members pushing one other to be better and a legacy left by still supportive alumni, Evans said.

Tradition and pride are significant aspects of maintaining the team's success.

As WKU's oldest student organization, with the first team in 1914, the Forensics team has perfected techniques of speech tournaments. The last 20 years have seen a number of successful members. Many alumni stay in touch in order to help the team or sign on as coaches.

"No one likes to leave the family," Collins said. "There's as much peer pressure to work hard and be successful as there is self-motivation."

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Tournaments consist of 11 events divided into three categories: interpretive, public address and limited prep. There are two preliminary rounds, in which a judge ranks contestants from one to six. The top numbers move on to out rounds, then final rounds, where the winners are placed.

Despite popular thought, the forensics team does not delve into much "CSI" work, as they deal with the art of public speaking and debate.

"The forensics team is a great place to get to explore a lot of your own interests and learn how to communicate effectively," Collins said.

The origin of the word "forensics" can mean anything from "CSI" to public speaking, she said.

Whether as police forensics or speech forensics, their reputation has made it across campus and across the nation. Most of the members came to WKU to join the team, hearing of the school through high school debate clubs.

The difference between WKU and other schools' debate teams appears to be the passion. The long hours of practice sessions and road trips builds an appreciation for the activity.

"I think it comes down to our team spirit," Evans said. "We're always there to support one another, always there to push one another to work harder and always there to help one another grow."

Faculty Senate discusses budget, approves new courses

BY MACKENZIE MATHEWS
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The Faculty Senate returned to discussions of the university budget at its Thursday meeting, but this time the topic was approached in a different light.

Budget cuts were reduced by one percent, which projected WKU savings to come to \$750,000. State-funded mandates increased by 50 percent, and influx that channeled an extra \$1.3 million into the school's treasury.

Funding has also been established for several facilities across campus. A state bond will finance the new science complex, and Gatton Academy will gain \$2 million in order to increase enrollment by 80 students. A private donor will fund the physical developments needed for the expansion.

The positive updates were not to overshadow the state funds neglecting higher education. Faculty Regent Patricia Minter urged senate members to discuss finances with state legislators whenever possible.

"Without significant tax reform, we're going to have financial discussions at every senate meeting," Minter said.

The football team received a \$1.6 million compensation, which provoked a question of priorities from Chair Margaret Crowder.

As the university continues to lose money, funding remains an issue, but the school is not prioritizing financial issues, Crowder said.

"People breathed a sigh of relief, but not entirely because it's still tough," she said. "I feel the institution's mission and funding are not matching well."

Tuition revenue produced higher numbers than expected; however, due to an enrollment decline, the budget had to be reduced. Many faculty positions were eliminated, but the student to teacher ratio is still increasing at 36 to 1.

Summer term saw an increase in enrollment this year, and an influx in stu-

dents is expected from Mid-Continent University's closing.

"Despite the challenges we have faced, we were able to make a budget for next year that preserves staffing," Provost Gordon Emslie said.

Deborah Wilkins, WKU general counsel, met with senate to discuss IT policy concerning questions about email access and privacy. As it stands, faculty email has never been accessed, and there has been only one information request — regarding sports — in around 20 years.

There were still inquiries about potential access to faculty and student emails. The main request was to be informed if access was needed.

"I'm not going to search anything until I verify or have a subpoena," Wilkins said.

By May 2014, WKU must have proper whistleblower procedures. The solution included providing an internal auditor with a "1-800" number. The system must be compliant with common statute in protecting those who expose misconduct in the workplace.

The Colonnade Program, the new general education requirement system, went through approval, and several courses, including sciences, history and criminal justice, were accepted into the plan.

A resolution pertaining to South Campus also made it to the floor. Several changes occurred without faculty knowledge, and those involved would prefer more discussion and clarification concerning any changes that affect faculty and students.

The resolution would allow for planned and communicated revisions, and it passed without discussion.

Elections for new senate officers took place with no changes, as Margaret Crowder remained chair, Jennifer Hanley remained vice chair and Heidi Alvarez remained secretary.

The meeting closed with college representatives meeting to discuss committee memberships.

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SOFTBALL

Lady Toppers prepare to host Kentucky

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Over the weekend the WKU Lady Topper Softball team traveled to Texas State and took the three game series against the Bobcats 2-1. WKU (31-15-1, 10-5 Sun Belt Conference) opened with two wins in Friday's doubleheader before falling victim to the run rule in Saturday's contest 11-2 in only five innings of play. Coach Amy Tudor said she couldn't pinpoint the differences other than the team really struggled on the mound in Saturday's matchup. "It just wasn't our day pitching," she said. "Sometimes we let our defense bleed into our offense, and vice versa, which you try to separate, but it does happen. I felt that we overall played a good game Fri-

Amy Tudor, Softball Coach

Just gradually continue to get better. Wins and losses are one thing, but how we're playing the game is very, very vital.

day but Saturday we were just a little shell-shocked. The road doesn't get any easier this week as the team prepares for two mid-week games against strong non-Conference opponents and then a three game Sun Belt series with No. 17 South Alabama (34-9, 11-5 SBC), all of which are at home. "I think we are going to be tested this

week," Tudor said. "I think this is going to be our hardest week of the entire season." First up for WKU is the No. 16 Kentucky Wildcats (38-9, 12-6 Southeastern Conference) today at 6 p.m. The Wildcats have won nine of their last 10 games. Tomorrow the Lady Toppers face Lipscomb (35-11, 15-8 Atlantic Sun) who is currently ranked 30th in the nation,

at 5 p.m. "UK has great pitching," Tudor said. "Great hitting, overall really good athletes, as does Lipscomb. They're going to present challenges and we have to play our A-game. I'm not saying we can't compete with them but we have to put it all together. When we do, we're pretty good." The Lady Toppers are 2-0 this season against opponents from the SEC having beating Ole Miss and Tennessee, who was ranked second at the time, earlier this season. With only a couple weeks left in the season, Tudor said it is a big weekend for her team. "I think the importance is that we play well and we play together," she said. "Just gradually continue to get better. Wins and losses are one thing, but how we're playing the game is very, very vital."

FOOTBALL

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The White team went three-and-out on its first possession, but answered on the following drive with a 51-yard touchdown pass from Fishback to redshirt freshman receiver Kylen Townner. The exciting passing display continued when Doughty launched a 70-yard bomb to sophomore receiver Taywan Taylor, extending the Red team's lead to 17-7. Taylor had scoring grabs of 70 and 33 yards and finished with seven receptions for 175 yards. Doughty later found redshirt senior fullback Demetrius Coley in the end zone on a rollout before being intercepted two possessions later by redshirt sophomore linebacker Branden Leston off a tipped ball. "We had some guys make plays on both sides of the ball, which is what we need," Brohm said. "We've developed depth at some positions, which I think we need. Overall, I thought it was a good end to our spring." That newfound depth allowed junior running back Leon Allen to rest during the scrimmage. Allen, who will carry the workload left by former all-purpose back

Antonio Andrews, rushed nine times for 53 yards in just 15 minutes on the field. Instead, the work on Saturday went to sophomore Anthony Wales, who danced his way to a 26-yard touchdown after Doughty's interception to give the Red team a 31-10 lead. The Red team would extend that lead to 38-10 on a six-yard touchdown reception from senior receiver Willie McNeal right before halftime. Fishback assumed the quarterbacking duties for the Red team in the second half, which was played with a running game clock. Fishback scored on a two-yard run and twice through the air. His last touchdown for 33 yards to Taylor occurred as the clock hit zero to mark a 58-10 final score. The Toppers have a noticeably increased sense of relaxation under Brohm in comparison to last season and according to senior linebacker Terran Williams, it showed during the spring game. "He's much more loose," Williams said. "You're more comfortable. You play better. I'm not saying (Bobby) Petrino was a bad coach because he was a great coach, but with coach Brohm being more of a player type coach, you play more comfortable out there. It's a better vibe out there."

COLUMN

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there are plenty of things to fix. "We have some young guys, but we've played a lot of young guys that have gotten a ton of reps this spring," Brohm said. "It hasn't been like anybody's been missing out. They've gotten a lot of reps. I think once we get a few key guys back that are missing now, we'll be a little better." It'll be a much clearer picture of what this defense is going to look like once those guys do get back. It's easy to look at score like 58-10 and say something wasn't right on one side of the ball, but if coaches were concerned with the score in a Spring Game, the attitude would be much different.

"We can definitely do better when we get some more guys that's knicked up back," senior linebacker Terran Williams said. "We have a couple injured guys and we'll get Cam (Thomas) back, so it'll be pretty good to see him get back out there and play, too. That's what makes it better, to see how the younger dudes come out and respond with all the older guys like (Andrew) Jackson and all them leaving. I think they responded pretty well with the tempo and everything." So what we can conclude is that each side of the ball is quite a few pigskin stitches away from meeting up, but that's what Spring Games are for – to remind us things aren't done yet, and that we're still several months away from actual football season.

BASEBALL

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WWKU trailed 2-1 in the eighth inning before Wood's grand slam propelled a six run comeback on the Toppers' way to a 7-2 win. The slam was Wood's first home run of his career and the second slam for WKU on the season. The Toppers weren't done yet as they claimed their fifth weekend series on the season after a 6-3 victory Sunday. Another strong pitching performance from Jake Thompson, headlined the game. Thompson pitched 6.1 innings, giving up five hits and three runs on his way to his third win on the season. The offense went back to work as

well scoring six runs if the final outing on ten hits. WKU finished the series with 38 hits, which marks the third time in the past four series they have had at least 35 hits against league foes. The win put WKU at .500 in the Sun Belt, which ties them for fourth with UT Arlington. The Toppers have 12 conference games left to play with each team being under WKU in the standings. WKU plays Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (CT) at No. 13 Louisville for the second and final meeting of the year. Louisville defeated WKU 5-3 Mar. 26 at Bowling Green Ballpark. The Toppers will once again face senior Jeff Gardner, who comes in as one of the best players in the nation boasting a .338 average and leading the Cards in home runs, RBI's and slugging average.



Redshirt junior running back Marquis Sumler (23) dodges redshirt senior defensive back Ricardo Singh (38) during the Red and White Spring Game Saturday, April 19, 2014, at Houchens Industries - L.T. Smith Stadium in Bowling Green, Ky. **MIKE CLARK/HERALD**

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SIDELINES

What we learned from WKU's Spring Game

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Pratt Sport Editor A spring game is nothing more than a hyped up, main event intra-squad scrimmage to remind us that we're still several months away from real football competition. There's not a whole lot of conclusions you can draw from a team that plays its starters against its back-ups, but that doesn't stop us all from drawing those conclusions up anyways. So when I watched a spring game that ended in a 58-10 final score, I, along with a lot of other people, can't help but draw a few obvious conclusions.

1.) This offense is established and 2.) This defense isn't.

To quote Brandon Doughty from the spring game a year ago, he was "baking cakes" with 365 passing yards for four touchdowns, but that was expected. It's also expected that Leon Allen is going to take full control of the backfield to replace Antonio Andrews. Anthony (Ace) Wales is going to provide that extra burst of speed alongside Allen for a potential "smash-and-dash" combo circa 2008 Chris Johnson and Lendale White style.

Doughty has a plethora of wide receivers to throw to that provide a variety of skill sets. Willie McNeal, Taywan Taylor and Nicholas Norris have the experience with Doughty while JUCO transfers Antwane Grant and Jared Dangerfield bring in extra size at the position, which the Toppers lacked last season.

"I think those guys are heck of playmakers," Doughty said. "I think coach (Jeff) Brohm did a good job of bringing those guys in. I feel comfortable with those guys, even with the short time we've had together. This summer we'll keep working at it and be even better, hopefully."

Doughty also wants you to know he believes the Topper offense is "one of the best in the conference and the NCAA", so there's the confidence they'll need for next season.

The offense is set, now on to the defense. What defense?

There was hardly any Saturday, and that's what happens when starters are pitted against the benchwarmers.

But the reality is that this is a brittle defense with big shoes to fill. Replacing potential NFL linebackers like Andrew Jackson and Xavius Boyd isn't easy. The Spring Game was without three crucial parts of the defense with Cam Thomas, Daquall Randall and Bryan Shorter all sidelined for much of spring camp.

There were some bright spots with big plays from the defense, but

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FOOTBALL

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Sophomore wide receiver Taywan Taylor (2) catches a pass through coverage by redshirt sophomore defensive back Branden Leston (45) during the Red and White Spring Game on Saturday, at Smith Stadium. **MIKE CLARK/HERALD**

Red Team rolls in first Spring Game of Brohm era

BY KYLE WILLIAMS
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More often than not, the Red and White game is an opportunity for Topper fans to see the new aspects of the WKU football team. But on Saturday, fans saw a polished version of last year's product.

WKU displayed a high-powered offensive attack with 831 yards of total offense, 642 coming through the air as the Red team defeated the White 58-10 in the Toppers' annual spring game.

The same Topper offense that set school records for total yards (5,502) and yards per game (458.5) is the same one that, according to redshirt senior quarterback Brandon Doughty, could be one of the best in the nation this fall.

"I think our offense is one of the best in the conference and in the NCAA," Doughty said. "That's just how I feel. That's how we have to feel. I think we're making strides in the right direction and we just have to keep working at it."

Doughty completed 21 of 35 passes for 365 yards and four touchdowns in just the first half. Junior quarterback Nelson Fishback followed suit, completing 14 of 21 passes for 205 yards

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and three touchdowns with another one the ground.

"I think (Doughty) had a very good spring," Head Coach Jeff Brohm said. "He finished it off pretty well today. He had a couple moments where I didn't like him not stepping into the ball during the very first series or two. Once we got that figured out. I think from there he was sharp, efficient, and made good plays...He has to be a leader for us."

While questions on offense are answered, much isn't the same for the defense looking to replace seven starters including all of last year's starting linebackers.

The White defense held its ground early in the game, keeping the Red team offense to a Garrett Schwettman 39-yard field goal on its opening drive before the offense opened up.

"We have some young guys, but we've played a lot of guys who got a ton of reps this spring," Brohm said. "I think once we get a few key guys back who we're missing now we'll be a little better. This was a very base, vanilla defense and offensive plan that we had. Coach (Nick) Holt does a great job scheming, our players know the system, and we're going to attack on defense."

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BASEBALL

Toppers bounce back and take South Alabama series



WKU junior Cody Wofford tags South Alabama's Adam Ballew in a rundown during their game at Nick Denes field on Friday. Despite a strong offense, the Hilltoppers fell to USA 13-10. **BRIAN POWERS/HERALD**

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After the WKU baseball team gave up 10 unanswered runs to South Alabama for its fourth straight Friday night, coach Matt Myers' was simple in his delivery of dissatisfaction.

"It was awful, very embarrassing," Myers said. "I apologize to all our fans. We were in complete control of that game through six innings and then are bullpen and defense just killed us."

After senior Justin Hageman pitched six innings giving up three runs with WKU (21-19, 9-9 Sun Belt Conference) leading 6-3, the bullpen was called into the game.

Five different pitchers worked innings seven though nine giving up ten runs on seven hits and six walks. The Jaguars (17-22, 7-10 Sun Belt) scored one run in the seventh, three in the eighth and six in the ninth.

But the 13-10 loss didn't stay in the minds of the team for long.

"They are going to have to be big boys and comeback (Saturday) with their heads held high," Myers said. "If you get the game tomorrow and win Sunday, you don't think too much about this one, and that's the goal to win two out of the three."

The team took note, put its "big boy" pants on and won both games Saturday and Sunday to take the weekend series from the Jaguars.

The Toppers were able to even up the series thanks to the arm of sophomore Josh Bartley Saturday and the bat of freshman Hunter Wood. After giving up two runs in the first inning, Bartley went on to pitch seven more without giving up a run. He finished with a career-long eight innings pitched and picked up his first career Sun Belt victory to improve to 4-3 on the year.

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