KSU honors historic March on Frankfort

Students Suncearae Spears, Bryan Blackwell and Robert Willis participate in the 50th Anniversary March on Frankfort. Photo by Mergan Jones

Do flies come with that shake?

A constant buzzing sound has been circulating in the Underwood Cafeteria and food court. Flies have made their way into the food vegetables and are starting to bugging students.

The increase of flies hovering over every food station and plate in their path has caused many students to upset off campus.

Student Brianna Kendrick, said she, "I feel like I always have to hover over my food or eat away flies," Kendrick said. "It just makes eating harder than what it needs to be.

Kendrick said that once a fly touches the food she just throws it away. A student who asked to remain anonymous said she bi into her cookie from Subway last semester, she say fly was protruding from the side of her cookie. She said since that day she has never eaten at the food court again but, occasionally visits with her friends. "I always see flies swimming around the meat on the grill when people aren’t around," she said.

According to Sharnesa Miles, a student and food staff member said the cafeteria does have measures in place to safely eliminate the fly problem. "There are a lot of fly catchers in different areas of the cafeteria that are changed every couple of weeks regularly," Miles said.

Flies are not only a pestering problem, but also a health problem. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website, flies transport harmful bacteria. "Flies are attracted to and live off of manure and rotten food. The bacterium that’s contained in the rotting food and manure is dangerous to humans," a statement said. Caterpillar workers have recently covered desserts in saran wrap, but the fruit, salads, items on the main line and the pizzas and burgers are potentially vulnerable to bacteria carrying flies.

State of the University: half empty or half full

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The Elkhorn Middle School 8th Grade Choir opened the ceremony by singing “Instrument of Peace.” The Choir then gave a performance of “I’ll Make the Difference” two songs that resonated Sias’ goal for KSU to keep “climbing onward and upward.” In order continue this process the president proposed a process that requires students to test out of admission requirements. If the student doesn’t pass the test they can attend a community college and transfer to KSU as a four year graduate. For tuition rates, the university is evaluating the best way to make tuition affordable to both in-state and out of state students and there is discussion about whether or not to go back to a flat-rate tuition price. In the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website, flies transport harmful bacteria. "Flies are attracted to and live off of manure and rotten food. The bacterium that’s contained in the rotting food and manure is dangerous to humans," a statement said. Caterpillar workers have recently covered desserts in saran wrap, but the fruit, salads, items on the main line and the pizzas and burgers are potentially vulnerable to bacteria carrying flies.

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Volunteer for Operation Preparation

For the third consecutive year, KSU will host 100 – 1,000 eighth and ninth grade students from the Daviess, Green, and Knott counties in the 2014 Operation Preparation. The event, which will give every eighth and ninth grade student in Kentucky an opportunity to meet with a volunteer to focus on their career plans and preparation. The event will focus on college and military programs. Also attending were senior criminal justice students, Jeanne Bruneau, Tricia Laffel, and Aaliyah Chiasson. Students in need of replacement when the vehicles were delivered to campus on Thursday. He said the purchase was necessary when the department had acquired the uni-

Regents approve two degree programs

The Kentucky State University Board of Regents recently approved the Master of Arts program in Multicultural Behavioral Sciences. The Master of Arts in Multicultural Behavioral Sciences will begin fall semester 2014.

The university began work on developing the Doctor of Nursing Practice program last year. The degree programs will be of-fered approved programs. Students accepted into the doctoral program must have earned a bache-

KSU police get new cars

UPCOMING EVENTS

KSU police officers pass out some of the new Interceptors, Photo courtesy of KSU Police Relations

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KSU men advance in SIAC tourney; women face CAU

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Kentucky State men’s basketball team defeated the Claflin University Panthers, 76-55, in the opening round of the SIAC Basketball Championship Tournament on Tuesday evening at the Bill Harris Arena.

In the first half, Claflin jumped out to take the early lead, going up 12-7 with just under 14 minutes left in the first half. Kentucky State then went on a huge 20-1 run to take a commanding 27-13 lead with 4:42 left in the half. In the final seconds of the first period Claflin guard Brandon Curry missed a contested layup with just a few seconds left. After securing the rebound, Ulysses Thomas III quickly pushed the ball too a streaking Darquell Pulliam who rushed down the floor and got an off-balance 3-point attempt. The ball fell through the basket as time expired to send the Thorobreds into the locker room with a 35-25 lead.

In the second half, the Panthers were able to chip away at the Kentucky State advantage, cutting the lead to seven early in the half. With 8:59 left in the game, Claflin’s Adolph Caldwell, who finished with a game-high 21 points, hit a 3-pointer to cut the KSU lead to 11 at 60-49. From there, the Thorobreds outscored CU, 16-6, to close out the game.

Senior forward/center Brandon Darrett anchored the Thorobreds on both ends of the floor picking up his tenth double-double of the season after finishing with 14 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks. The Thorobreds were paced offensively by sophomore point guard Quentin Henderson who finished the contest with 11 points and three assists. More importantly, Hend-erson didn’t turn the ball over at all against the Pan- thers. KSU forward Darrien Wilkins was a key for the Thorobreds scoring 14 points, mostly close to the basket, and pulling down eight rebounds, three on the offensive end. Junior guard Ulysses Thomas II finished with 11 points. With starting guard Antonio Sullivan in foul trouble early, se- nior Darquell Pulliam came off the bench to provide nine points and three assists in 23 minutes.

Along with his game-high 21 points, Claflin’s Caldwell also had five rebounds and a pair of steals. Marcelius Dunn picked up a double-double, finishing with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Kendall Jackson finished Tuesdays game with 12 points, eight rebounds and three blocks.

Next up for Kentucky State is a quarterfinal matchup on Thursday, Mar. 6th at 7:45 p.m. (CT) against the winner of the #2E Albany State University.

KSU Thorobrettes information on the women’s game against Clark Atlanta was not available by T-News press deadline.

KSU men’s team huddles before the Central State tip-off. Photo by Will Sanders

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Alicia continues to live her dream

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During business hours, Alicia Alcius is in her office located in Student Support Services where she is an administrative assistant. But by the evening Alcius continues her lifelong passion for dance and cheerleading. “I have been cheering my whole life,” Alcius said. “I have always wanted to be a professional cheerleader.” Alcius is a captain and assistant director of the Lady Warhorses of the Bluegrass Warhorses arena football team. But her journey to the professional ranks of the NFL and arena league started in Lexington.

Alicia began cheerleading at neighborhood parks and recreation centers, continued through middle school and then at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. From Dunbar, Alcius continued her cheer career as a Lady Warhorse for the University of Louisville. Throughout the existence of her scholastic cheerleading career, Alcius successfully experienced the competition aspect of the cheerleading field obtaining multiple awards.

“I was when Alcius relocated to Nashville, TN, that she would get her chance to go pro,” Alcius said. “In 2004 Alcius and 29 other dancers made the Tennessee Titans roster out of 500 who tried out. Alcius would spend the next two seasons cheerleading professionally in the NFL for the Titans. Although, it would not get the Cowboys, Alcius found solace in her run with the Titans.”

NFL is a lot of work. It is business professional. You have timeouts for TV and timeouts for sponsors along with a bunch of other things. It does everything out, which can be a very long day.”

A typical day, for Alcius, starts at 8:00 am assisting students and conducting administrative duties for Student Support Services. After that she rushes home to help her son with his homework and do her own. Later, she cooks for her family and spends quality time with them before going to practice in the evenings which sometimes lead past midnight.

“Alcius made an impact. She advised for two years but she’s already made an impact. She advises the Royal Peace Dance Crew, SGA sophomore class, Alpha Phi Omega, and serves on the committees of the Women’s Conference, Essence of Culture and Dance Extravaganzas. Last year she was awarded a plaque from the sophomore class and the Above & Beyond award from the Office of Student Life. Her dance group has won the campus homecoming contest twice and served as an opening act at the concert. “The best part of my job is knowing that I’ve made an impression on someone’s life,” she said. I have a lot of students that seek my advice on life-changing decisions and I feel honored that they value my opinion and see me as a role model.”

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Staff Spotlight: Kim Jones

A helping hand on the road to success

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In a center office tucked away on the second floor of the Academic Service Building is where you can find Kim Jones ready to help students polish their resumes and prepare for the job market.

Jones, a counselor in the Office of Career Counseling and Placement, is a placement officer for most and mentor for many more.

Jones helps KSU students with post-education plans since 1996. She handles early job interviews so that students gain experience on how to perform in a real-life interview. Students can also submit their resumes to Jones for revisions. She helps students seek out job opportunities and internships not only for seniors and graduates, but she also helps undergraduates while in college as well.

“Mrs. Jones has always played a major role in my academic success. When I veered off track she was there to guide me back into the right direction,” said 2013 graduate Ty’jan Booth.

If you ever need resume suggestions, help finding job placement or if you are just having a bad day and need to talk, Jones is always there to lend a helping hand.

“Mrs. Jones really Movie in with working as a ‘jester Robert Wil- liam said. “She is known to our students and others also as professional.”

Jones received her undergraduate degree and Master of Public Administration degree from Kentucky State University and is an active member of the Frankfort community. Her sorority Delta Sigma Theta participates in a variety of community service projects, the Vice President of the cheerleading booster for Franklin County High School, and she is the team parents for her Child for the All-Star cheerleading team in Lawrence-

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