The beginning of Oct. 2, 1970 was just like any other day for the Wichita State football team. Since then Oct. 2 has been an annual day of grieving.

"Let’s stay on the right side of history:' Vigil for Iranian women held

Ellen Brackeen, a community organizer and director of the Kansas City-based non-profit group the Keeper of the Plains, said that one way to remember those who have been killed is to continue to pay attention.

"There should be an entire law enforcement system in any country dedicated to policing women’s bodies or any aspect of women’s lives," Mandana said in her speech.

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'A new and blooming journey:' Wayne and Kay Woolsey celebrates grand opening

BY LINDSAY SMITH
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While Wayne and Kay Woolsey, the new home of the Barton School of Business, has been open for classes since the first day of Fall semester, the school just celebrated its grand opening on Friday.

"Over the few months we’ve been open, I’ve seen students embrace Woolsey Hall as their home away from home: a place they feel safe to challenge themselves, to grow and to thrive," Laurie Gitman, dean of the business school, said. "This is the beginning of a new and blooming journey."

Woolsey Hall has been a labor of love for Wayne and Kay Woolsey.

In 2019, students were called out to vote on the "Shock the Future" referendum, which would have raised campus fees by $6 an hour. More than half of the 8,400 voters who voted would have gone towards the business building.

The referendum failed narrowly by 107 votes.

"We want to bring the community together in support of Wichita’s new business school, said. "By being able to connect with a community, if you yourself are struggling, knowing you are not alone and there are resources and people available can be empowering." Suspenders4Hope partnered with several local organizations that have resources available, including several substance abuse treatment and prevention programs, such as Mirror Inc. and Valley Hope, and general healthcare providers, like M-Care HealthCare, which specializes in healthcare for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

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Photo by Baswanth Naidu / The Sunflower

Suspenders4Hope hosts walk and run to raise suicide awareness

BY MADISON WEINCENT
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Wichita State’s Suspenders4Hope program hosted the Sedgwick County community together for their annual suicide awareness run and walk on Saturday.

Wichita State’s mental health awareness program, Suspenders4Hope, partnered with local organization StopSuicideICT to have their annual suicide awareness walk and memorial 5k walk.

Suspenders4Hope works to create a culture of WSU campus that helps reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and inspires students who are struggling to seek help.

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Kay Woolsey Hall celebrates grand opening on Sept. 30. [Photo by Baswanth Naidu / The Sunflower]
News

President Kirk release
campaign platform,
nominates VP elect

SGA President John Kirk recently released his groups platform on tiktok “United as One”.

Some of these points include investing in the local production of all campus bathrooms, expanding parking options and a new facility for the Ruthigen Student Center and Wellness initiatives.

“we will also be creating new specific video and photo series to what we’re doing including behind the scenes that was updated weekly, with our university,” Kirk said.

Most of Kirk’s points are in the beginning phases, such as building renovations. Moving forward, conversations regarding these subjects will be discussed by the association more.

“We don’t have a campaign for opportunities for community members to connect with us to discuss those questions and provide feedback as we finalise, ultimately, whatever is proposed to put together,” SGA Advisor Gabriel Fonseca said.

More details about Kirk’s platform points can be found on tiktok. On Wednesday, at a press conference announcing the nomination of Undersecretary Senator Mary Elizabeth Thornton as vice president-elect the senator followed Kirk’s nomination of Michael Beer as VP, which was overwhelmingly rejected by the Senate.

SGA will host two dates for the candidates to present their campaign below the Senate approves or rejects it.

Thursday, Oct. 6, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m.

“Anybody who wants to know more about this nominee is more than welcome,” Kirk said.

This community works together: Wichita State leads coalition awarding $51.4 million

by Jovice Wilson

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Out of type applications, Wichita State received five in nominations of the $5 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

$51 million was awarded to Wichita as a partner in the Support Manufacturing Technologies program, an initiative led by Wichita State that will support the 72-county South Kansas region. On Tuesday, program managers, industry participants, local government leaders and Alejandro Castillo, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, sat down and discussed what the awarded funding will provide for the region.

Castillo said this award was a big deal because it’s what’s going to propel the economy forward for the community.

“Twenty-one locations across the country brought up this idea and intelligent ideas that are going exactly for the engine of the economy of our country,” Castillo said.

Wayne Bell, SBA District Director, said that just before the pandemic, the region underwent a significant setback due to the 75% grounding. Bell said the ecosystem came together to provide resources to the community that was impacted which helped rejuvenate the community and identified a critical aspect of the economy that can create more jobs.

Bell said the accounting, manufacturing, representing and creating 3,000 new jobs across the state, including small businesses involved in manufacturing, and generating $6 billion in revenue.

“Wichita is the community that is going to be a major win for our state and this region,” Bell said.

Waruna Seneviratne, Research Professor and Institute Director at WSU/NAR, said that the demand for manufacturing is increasing and that their manufacturing medicines will increase as well.

“We want to take this funding and develop these high skilled, high paid workforces,” Seneviratne said.

Association Vice President of Strategic Communications and Marketing Travis Flitt said the coalition would expand Wichita State, NIAR and industry- opportunities for hiring students.

“This funding will go toward establishing laboratories that can further smart manufacturing technologies and within those laboratories there will be additional opportunities for hiring students at an applied learning capacity,” Flitt said.

According to the Smart Manufacturing Technologies program vision, this coalition will help develop a solution that enables small and mid-size businesses to implement smart manufacturing technologies into their supply chains.

“This community works together,” Jeff Flitt, president of Greater Wichita Partnership said. “This campus, think, demonstrates that we, with private companies and the public sector of the university itself, are coming together for the betterment of the community.”

Barton School adds Nadler and Oeding to Dean’s Advisory Board

Fred’s Frosty Custard & Snow-Creations co-founder Scott Nadler and Fred’s and OSU MTUSI. Joel Oeding were recently named to the WSU Barton School of Business Dean’s Advisory Board.

Nadler, who was Vice Chair of the National Restaurant Association, was chosen for his years of experience in restaurants and entrepreneurship. Oeding, Barton school alum, founded Tenzing Capital and his experience at NXTUS gave him the industry and venture capital opportunities.

“Private and public opinion is often expressed as how we’re doing, how we’re doing, keeping you informed,” Kirk said.

The scrapped are now on display in the Rhoden Student Center in the Shockers Football Lounge in the season.

WSU Research team awarded funding for improving heart health

A WSU research team consisting of researchers from the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences were recently awarded funding to continue their research proposal, “The Development of a Smart Telehealth ECG and Human-Artifact Activity Monitoring System to Improve Cardiovascular Health in Older Adults.”

The funding was given by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with the hopes that the team will improve upon telehealth cardiovascular care methods provided via telehealth.

NIAS Smart Apps Hackathon localizes the global challenge

by William Larkin

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Space Apps hackathon, a global challenge, reached Wichita this week and was held as National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) Advanced Technologies Lab for two days.

The hackathon was a series of challenges contributed by NASA. Each team involved picked a different challenge and competed to propose the best solution for those problems with prizes on the line.

His project was a fully interactive card and an all-expenses paid trip to Dassault Systemes. The first-place winner was a team of one taking first place.

The entries from Wichita State students from all colleges competed.

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Workentine said his inspiration was the story of Parker, the solar probe.

“Every project has a idea that leads me to.” Workentine said. “I’m still in disbelief about this weekend and how this happened [here],” Seneviratne said. “And to also mark NIAR, our capabilities to some of these problems.”

The challenge ended on Oct. 2, with a team of one taking first place, the best team for the challenge. The fields will be chosen for the competition, and the only team of one, is like the way it was selected against me.” Workentine said. “I’m still in disbelief about this weekend and how this happened [here],” Seneviratne said. “And to also mark NIAR, our capabilities to some of these problems.”

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Their project aimed to bring attention to the correlation between the rise of natural disasters because of climate change and the employment statistics of the US. They hope to use the data and build the project around bringing awareness and show these trends for previous years. The third place team, Ari, Kamea, and Zain, from Wichita State University, Kubeshwarika Kathalan, the 5th place team, Michael Bearth, and several other teams.

This team aimed to make a map to visualize potential for political campaigns. The team commented on how many maps were easy to understand.
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**Volleyball Schedule**

**WSU vs. University of Memphis**
Oct. 7 (Fri) at Charles Koch Arena (7 p.m.)

**WSU vs. Southern Methodist University**
Oct. 9 (Sun) at Charles Koch Arena (1 p.m.)

**WSU vs. University of Tulsa**
Oct. 12 (Wed) at Charles Koch Arena (7 p.m)

**WSU vs. University of Cincinnati**
Oct. 14 (Fri) at Fifth Third Arena (5 p.m.)

**WSU vs. University of Houston**
Oct. 21 (Fri) at Fertitta Center (7 p.m.)

**WSU vs. Tulane University**
Oct. 23 (Sun) at Aarón B. Fotioglu Arena (1 p.m.)

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**Baseball ends exhibition undefeated**

BY DANIELLE WAGNER

The Shockers went into the Oct. 3 game against the Pittsburg State Gorillas, the Shockers 2-0 in their exhibition series against junior college teams. Their second game against the Gorillas was Oct. 9, but was moved due to a physical cost, "I can't physically drain us, we don't pay for the spring," Thornhill said. "Rather than last year, we didn't take it as seriously as we needed to take it this year.

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**It was hard to watch:’ Nationally ranked Central Florida sweeps volleyball at home**

BY WILMA INEVA CORTEZ

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SPORTS

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Men's golf team to play first home tournament in over a decade

The men's golf team will host their first home meet of the season at Creekside Country Club for the first time in 10 years.

The tournament is named the Grier Jones Shocker Invitational. "I've been a huge fan of this coach that I played for when I took over for who used to coach for Wichita State men's golf," Head Coach Todd Johnson said. "He's known to be a quick hitter at the Sunflower in a previous interview." Grier Jones coached the Shockers for 24 years and retired after the 2018-19 season, Jones was induced into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame for his coaching and playing career. "He was there forever and is basically considered the father of the program," Assistant Director of Communications Davin Grigg said.

Heading into the home tournament, the Shockers are ranked 30th in the nation and are currently placed at the Trinity Forest Invitational. Junior Blake Lorenz and sophomore Michael Winslow placed the team. Castellbell was 36th for 39 holes. Winslow finished 39th for the tournament.

At the Trinity Forest Invitational, three Shockers finished in the top 50: Castellbell scored a 77-73-72-222 to finish in third place. Winslow scored 78-76-74-230. Finally, Lorenz scored a 73-74-78-235 for 15th place.

Women's golf team to play first tournament of the season

On Oct. 3-4, 16 Shockers women traveled to Oklahoma for the Big O Classic. The women placed first as a team for the second time of the season. With a score of 50 over par, 680, they narrowly beat out the second place team who had a score of 628.

Senior Megan Lucas tied for second place overall with a score of 234. Freshman Jordan Grier scored a 75 on day one and a 79 on day two to finish in 35th place overall. Senior Rachel Dornan finished with a score of 236 to finish in 42nd place overall. Senior Kenni Henson played in her first tournament of the season and finished in third place. Henson had a score of 234 overall to finish in 42nd place overall.

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First, take a deep breath. It is going to be okay. You might be asking, why is this so important? Well, the most important thing is to not get anxious over the process.

If you can’t put the information in from the IRS automatically, don’t stress. Both times I have done it, I had to input the information manually. It takes a little bit longer, but it works just as well.

Don’t rush it. Take your time filling out the form. Answer everything you need to, but don’t be discouraged if some questions are left blank or left unanswered. It’s completely normal to not apply to all of the questions.

Make sure to have all of your tax documents, W-4 and banking information with you. You will most likely need to use all of it.

The most important thing is not to get anxious over the process. I’m not going to say it’s easy. It isn’t. You have to do it at your own pace, so don’t over-whelm yourself. FAFSA seems like a big, scary word, but once you figure it out, you’ll be glad you did. There will also come a time when you will see what company is leaning you the money. This is when you’ll start setting up a payment process.

There are two main types

…telling the tale of an American icon

Andrew Dominik’s “Blonde” has a glaring problem throughout its run — and a final hour solution. It constantly asks the audiences to buy into Marilyn Monroe, played by actress Ana de Armas, as a real person but refuses to treat her like one. The film is technically sound. In the summer of you try to pick out what’s not suitable for the fall season. Also, do you want to go to the pumpkin patch because I want to go or do I want to go because society told me to go and could spoil the fun for me.

As an anticipatable smile, I don’t take part in capricious traditions such as pumpkin spice latte — an每年 comes seasonal drink.

You say a haunted house — I say giving myself nightmares for months. One good thing about spooky season is that I get to put a little bit of the witch on the doorstep on my own terms.

Flannel, hoodies, cape pants and cemetery white. Whatever these things have in common: I’ll wear them with pride. I don’t like being cold. It’s not the Booge dragging. I wear clothes because I think it’s cool. I wear them because I’m cold. We are the same.

In summary, summer is because it’s not fall.

Let’s enjoy every second of this fall because, unfortunatly, summer will be back to haunt us.

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Student accumulates half a million TikTok followers for relatable rants

BY RACHEL RUSSELL
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I’m more just like a kill em with kindness person. Sometimes when you have a job in customer service, you have to not let that break your spirit. Internet trolls may not like the funny stuff, but they love the angry stuff. Even though Mains has over half a million followers on TikTok, she lives a “normal” lifestyle. Having TikTok is a lot of fun, but you have to realize that it doesn’t really change your life that much,” Mains said. “It’s really cool and you meet a whole bunch of people, but at the end of the day everything stays the same. I wasn’t popular in high school, I was really nice and everybody knew who I was, but they weren’t super eager to talk to me. Having a following has not changed that. Even in college, you sit in your class and you’re like, half of these people don’t know who I am, and the other half don’t care who I am.”

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Kevin Harrison teaches diversity in Black Lives Matter class

BY MAILEE EVANS / The Sunflower

When coming to college, a lot of the classes are to be expected: algebra, biology and English. However, some classes dive deeper into specific issues, such as the Black Lives Matter course.

Kevin Harrison teaches the course at Wichita State. In the class, his main focus is to foster active citizenship, personal growth, improve writing skills and encourage a diverse perspective.

Harrison created this class to deconstruct stereotypes and give students the power to become critical thinkers who will understand the value of different perspectives and diversity.

“This is a way in which both the course and the course material: ‘Black Lives Matter’ is powerful,” Harrison said. “The class is an opportunity to present a perspective and place emphasis on whose voices are often overshadowed, overlooked and dismissed.

“In the woke society, he focuses on the perspective of his students and a teach-back approach so they can actively change each course. However, some things do stay the same semester-to-semester, such as covering worldview issues. Courses include the Civil Rights Movement and Brown v. Board of Education as well as events specific to Wichita, like the Dockum Sit-in.

For this semester’s class, there are three main projects. Harrison is focusing on a service learning project, a place-as-text assignment and an afterlife. Each project is incredibly in-depth and each part is even finer on reflecting diversity.

For the service learning project, Harrison is partnering with the Wichita Art Museum on November 10. “We will be hosting an event called ‘Diversity Education Expo’ from 6 to 9 p.m. at the museum where each group will present on an audience- or project-specific topic, in significance and then their final project for the audience,” Harrison said.

Each project keeps a central focus on the main goal of the class, which is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. “The class, we discuss, explore and examine all the subject matter that moves headlines and labels today,” he said.

ANSWERS TO PAGE 3 CROSSWORD
1. Wooley Hall
2. Clinton Hall
3. Workentine
4. Redler
5. Suspenders/hope
6. Scrapbooks
7. Amini
8. YMCA

A screenshot of this crossword can be found on the Crimson Crossword app.
UPCOMING EVENTS

ENGINEERING & I.T. CAREER FAIR
THURSDAY, OCT. 6
1 - 4 p.m. | Roggs Ballroom

CONFERENCE ON DIVERSITY & MULTICULTURALISM
THURSDAY, OCT. 6 - FRIDAY, OCT. 7
Washburn University Campus

6 V 6 INDOOR VOLLEYBALL INTRAMURAL LEAGUE
FRIDAY, OCT. 7
All Day | Student Center

WU’S BIG EVENT
SATURDAY, OCT. 8
2 - 4 p.m. | Roggs Ballroom

SPECTRUM SPECIAL
SATURDAY, OCT. 8
6 p.m. | Orpheum Theatre

JOHNNY CASH & NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE
SATURDAY, OCT. 8
8 p.m. | Orpheum Theatre

ROXY'S SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH
SUNDAY, OCT. 9
Noon - 1 p.m. | Roy's Downtown

SCULPTOUR AFFAIR
SUNDAY, OCT. 9
2 - 5 p.m. | The Ulrich Museum

LUCKY LOVETT & JOHN HIATT LIVE CONCERT
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JUST CHILLIN’
The WSU marching band, dance team and baseball team made an appearance at the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff.

DANCE TEAM Member Britney Gowan perform with the Shocker Sound Machine during the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

Lophys Albert plays the trumpet during the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff. The Wichita State Shocker Sound Machine attended before the chili tasting began. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

Siubhan Mora-Bruce plays the cymbals during the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff. The Wichita State Shocker Sound Machine attended before the chili tasting began. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

Hunter Sills plays the marching tenor drums during the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff. The Wichita State Shocker Sound Machine attended before the chili tasting began. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

Sean Babjak, Intrust Bank employee, stirs a pot of chili during the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff. The cookoff brought teams from all around Kansas and surrounding states. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

Parrot Heads of Central Kansas members pass out necklaces to event-goers on Oct. 1. The Chili Cookoff has been a tradition in Wichita for over 30 years. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

During the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff, John Altar, Parrot Heads of Central Kansas member, gives out necklaces to event-goers on Oct. 1. The Chili Cookoff has been a tradition in Wichita for over 30 years. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

McCurdy Real Estate and Auction employees pour chili during the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Contest on Oct. 1. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

Shooter Noise Jordan plays the drums during the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff. The Wichita State Shocker Sound Machine attended before the chili tasting began. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

Parrot Heads of Central Kansas members pass out pirate attire to children attending the Wagonmasters Downtown Chili Cookoff on Oct. 1. | Photo by Mia Hennen / The Sunflower

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