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Students weigh pros, cons of Honors College membership

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Students are thinking about leaving the Honors College after finding the incentive to stay is not as great as they anticipated.

Honors students are required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and complete 53 honors credit hours to be in good standing. While there are perks like honors housing and priority registration, some current students say this is not enough to keep them enrolled all four years.

Brittany Goodnight, who studied music at WKU and served as an assistant band director for three local high schools, stepped on stage with several other musicians to play the trumpet and the drums that night. “It’s like a garage band meets adults,” said Goodnight. ARIA GRANVILLE/SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Brittany, a sophomore biology major and honors student who prefers to be referenced only by her first name due to potential academic conflict, said she is considering dropping out of the Honors College her junior or senior year.

“I like the Honors College, but I don’t have enough to keep them enrolled all four years,” said Britten. “I’m not sure if I want to major in honors because they aren’t enough resources,” Brauner said. “I’m just not sure how they believe compensation in-...
"I personally know many parents who are amazed at the stupidity and complexity of the methods their children are forced to use in mathematics and other subjects," Cherry said. "A generation educated with Common Core will not be prepared for higher education, so I think Matt Bevin gets his priorities right there for solving the real problem.

Cherry is focusing his views on school funding. His support on national testing is well known as well as his support for funding to establish new schools, funding for block grants to hire more teachers and the elimination of restrictions on federal education funding.

With elections fast approaching, the importance of voting is being discussed on WKU’s campus.

Political science professor Scott Lasley said the odds of a single voter affecting the elections are pretty small, but it is important for citizens to participate.

“You want to start with voting but also attend things, know your representatives, know your members of congress because then it makes it easier to connect,” Lasley said. “So I would never just encourage students to vote solely because it would affect the outcome but because it is an important part of the process of building political currency.”

Cherry said some students feel as if their vote doesn’t matter.

“Our opinions as students often go unheard simply because we choose not to exercise our right to vote,” Cherry said. “To encourage our fellow students to participate in the democratic process and provide the oversight over our government, I think we have to make people realize that what they vote and the elections really do matter. A perfect example of this truth was the Republican gubernatorial primary this year. Matt Bevin defeated James Comer for the Republican bid by less than 100 votes across the entire state of Kentucky.”
SGA increases outreach to regional campuses

BY MARCEL MAYO OCTOBER 13, 2015

The celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Student Government Association (SGA) 2016 is expected to be big. According to the SGA's Student Body Association President Jay Todd Richey, it is in the process of setting up a listening tour for all regional campuses.

This tour entails Richey going to the different campus community and associations and listening to the issues they are currently facing. The tour would begin on Nov. 15.

All events are free to attend along, Richcy wants to acquire a better understanding of students' needs and wants on WKU's four regional campuses.

"I deeply care about the students," Richcy said. "WKU students and every single member of the WKU community need to understand that WKU is a system with four campuses.

Richcy supports the advantage of having other WKU Student Body Associations and I would love to see that," Richcy said.

Richcy said the regional campuses are being left out and are underrepresented.

"We have a Student Body Association in Glasgow, Kn. Knox, and hopefully we can get one in Owensboro," Richcy said.

Richcy also instructed SGA members to learn out other campuses on purpose when they refer to WKU's campus.

"It's really in the idea phase. I don't want it to be talk..." said SGA President Jay Todd Richcy. "We really appreciate Jay Todd Richcy's willingness to reach out to the regional campuses," said Barbara.

SGA plans to celebrate 50th anniversary

BY MARCEL MAYO OCTOBER 13, 2015

The Gordon Ford College of Business is aiming to make your degree worth more.

"We're trying to think of if we can merge it with elections and a gala," said Richcy. "It's official, the 50th anniversary."

"It is a much better alternative to the building's renovation. Keyana Davis, a junior of the WKU Council of 1956 was the first president of the Student Government Association in 1963 and a student council was created for all WKU members and any campus student," said Richcy.

"There will probably be a more formal event. We don't want it to be talk..." Richcy said.

"I have this bright blue, slide key- board phone from 8th grade..." SGA President Jay Todd Richcy.

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Finally, Richcy said another possibility would be to establish Student Body Associations on the four regional campuses.

"The majority of students that go to extended campuses are never on the Bowling Green campus," said Johnson.

"There is no main campus, nor are there satellite campuses," Richcy said.

"They're 'I Hoppin' just like us,'" said Samantha Johnson, the Student Body Association president of Glasgow campus, doesn't think extended campuses should be responsible for hosting certain fair for resources they don't have.

"The Hopeline Drive helps victims of domestic violence. We are excited about this drive increases awareness and gives back to the community," said Johnson.

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"Domestic violence affects 1,927 women and 1,927 men in 3 women, 1 man and more than 3 million children in the US alone," she said. "And in 2013, 3,568 Kentuckyians spent at least one night in a domestic violence shelter, including 1,972 women and 596 children.

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THE ISSUE: School shootings are becoming more prevalent, creating tension and fear on campuses and stirring discussions about gun control and mental illness.

OUR STANCE: It’s difficult thinking about school shootings, especially on our own campus, in light of the shootings at Oregon State University in Oregon, and the threat of Western Kentucky University, gun violence is becoming more common and important to discuss.

Since the beginning of October, there have been three fatal shootings on college campuses across the U.S. Closer to home, WKU was shut down at the end of last week because of threats from Eastern Kentucky University’s employees or of its administration.

Some of the worst mass shootings have occurred on college campuses, and that fear is spreading, creating tension and stirring discussions about gun control and mental illness.

The shooter in Oregon reportedly expressed fascination in other famous murderers. It’s no secret that many of these violent incidents are talked about for weeks and months after they occur. Though many people will know the names of the perpetrators, only a few will know the names of the victims.

News about other mass shootings and videos all display violence so often that they become desensitized to it. These are just outlets used to express violence without fear of punishment, but they also make acts of violence — acts that would disgust many people — seem normal and achievable.

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Violence and mental illness are directly connected according to a report published by Jeffrey W. Swanson, E. Elizabeth McGinty, S. Fazel and Vickie M. Mays titled “Mental illness and reduction of gun violence and suicide: bringing epidemiologic research to policy.”

Yes, gun control is a major issue. According to research done by three researchers — Stacie J. Harmon, L. John Dohnan III that was published in the December issue — the majority of studies connected to higher rates of crime, specifically robbery, rape and aggravated assault. Obviously, all of the offenders in the shootings had access to guns in order to commit the crimes. A more intensive process in buying a gun and keeping a gun more rigid laws controlling the use of guns owned by the public would help to decrease violent crimes.

Discourse needs to shift from talk of gun control and mental illness towards a critique of the culture of violence prevalent in the U.S.

If all of your friends are channeling their inner ‘va-voom — which is completely acceptable — but you don’t want to, you can dress as a man, all you have to do is change your hair cut. While pop culture isn’t the only source to blame, it’s almost certain the major cause driving the current gun violence.

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54. Points of connection
55. Apex antonym
56. Mississippi
57. Puts on a hook
58. Away from port
59. Lots
60. “Gone With the Wind” family name
61. Sharp-eyed
63. “80's-90’s Mets pitcher nicknamed “Dr. K”
64. Stan of Marvel
65. Only
66. Ancient Chinese divination text
67. Violinists’ sect.
68. Binding vows
69. Summer wear

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2. Related maternally
3. Birdlike
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5. Weather-affecting phenomenon
6. Brit. military decoration
7. Big name in auto parts
8. Apprehension
9. Place to get a Cab
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11. Rub off
12. Rebellious
13. Dying fire bit
14. Refused
15. Literary pen name
16. Half of a steep price?
17. Mailing address
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19. Honkers on the ground
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The Fun Page
From ‘American Idol’ contestant to college student, rising star settles on the Hill

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Each season, thousands of ambitious singers audition for “American Idol.” For one contestant and WKU student, it opened doors into a world of music.

Aubrey Penn, a sophomore from Bowling Green, has been working at the store since she was 9 years old. She began singing at karaoke competitions in Kentucky and Tennessee. In 2011, she made her first audition for “American Idol,” but it took three auditions before the maid it past “Hollywood Week” during season 13. She then rose to the Top 15 before being eliminated. “American Idol” showed Penn that she has that kind of persistence and determination.

Aubrey Penn, a senior from Bowling Green, enjoys going to Mellow Matt’s because he enjoys staying the community to “come produce a new single called “Over” at Lost River Pizza Co. The band is currently signed to the indie record label Brandy Neelly Music Group, located in Bowling Green. The band is currently touring and planning to release a new single into a world of music.

Matthew Pfefferkorn, owner and founder of Mellow Matt’s, saw his job as a way to influence the Bowling Green community in a positive way. “I opened this store because Bowling Green hasn’t had a local music store,” he said. Pfefferkorn enjoys owning a record store in a college town. The young demographic is constantly coming and going, which brings new faces into his store. “It’s amazing to see how many people want to buy records,” Pfefferkorn added.

In today’s world of music, almost every song can be found online, but Pfefferkorn says he likes this access because it allows people to discover new music faster. In someone really enjoys an album online, Pfefferkorn believes he or she will come to his store to buy a hard copy of the work. Taylor Dick, a senior from Somerset, enjoys going to Mellow Matt’s because he enjoys staying the store a buy a hard copy of the work. “It think it’s really cool, and actually a puzzle from here.”

To expose the community to a wider range of music, Mellow Matt’s hosts many events at the shop and other locations. The shop often hosts an event called “Vinyl Take-Over” at Lost River Pizza Co. Participants can bring in their favorite records to be “added to the spin” of music locations.

Herbert Clouse, a professor at WKU, was exposed to a world of music at a young age. “God-given vocal talent” and determination will bring her far in this industry. “She is an incredible talent. Her vocal ability is tremendous, and she has a huge range.”

Clouse added. “Besides her vocal ability, she is a true artist.”

Outside the studio and off the stage, Neelly is very committed to giving back through service projects. She currently volunteers with Unbridled Eve Gala, whose proceeds benefit Blessings in a Backpack.

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Sophomore Brandy Neelly recently made it to the Top 15 on “American Idol” during the show’s “Hollywood Week.” Since leaving the show, Neelly has become the lead vocalist of the Brandy Neelly Band and is learning how to balance her social life and school life as a musician. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRANDY NEELLY

Mellow Matt’s offers alternative selection of music, more

BY NEW AND USED VINYL, unique equipment, memorabilia, comics and more can be purchased at Bowling Green native record store.

The local shop, Mellow Matt’s Music and More, has been nestled on Smallhouse Road since its opening in October of 2011. Aubrey Penn, a senior from Franklin, enjoys going to Mellow Matt’s for the store’s unique merchandise.

“I love it,” Penn said. “I’ve bought quite a lot of music from here and some other stuff: music, a tapistry and movies. It’s also great to support local business.”

WKU students are not the only people who enjoy the record store. Rachel Fiedelman of Bowling Green has been working at the store since it opened as a cashier since the store opened.

“I love working here; it’s the coolest job,” Fiedelman said. “Music is a passion of mine, and I go with it. I own a huge library to pick from.”

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Last month’s theme was “debut albums,” and this month it will be “indie artists.” Ryan said. “I’d love to have a WKU Green Tour app to use while you walk around campus as well as a virtual Green Tour for prospective students.”

Molly Kerby is an up-and-coming country music artist who was dismissed from “American Idol,”

Neelly discovered her own industry. “Moving forward with my life, I will have that kind of persistence and determination.” Neelly said. “Neelly is now the lead vocalist of the Brandy Neelly Band. The band is currently under contract with Century Music Group, located in Nashville. The label is helping produce a new single set to come out soon.

Sherry Clouse, Neelly’s manager, believes Neelly’s “God-given vocal talent” and determination will bring her far in this industry. “She is an incredible talent. Her vocal ability is tremendous, and she has a huge range.” Clouse said. “Besides her vocal ability, she is a true artist.”

Outside the studio and off the stage, Neelly is very committed to giving back through service projects. She currently volunteers with Unbridled Eve Gala, whose proceeds benefit Blessings in a Backpack.
Has to balance a lot between her social life, school work and her band. She has a lot of priorities, and she works really hard to balance them," says Sarah Schott, a sophomore from St. Louis and friend of Neelly who lived in the same building as her last year. "I can only imagine what it would be like to have so many things in order, but she does an awesome job.

At WKU, Neelly is majoring in communication studies and conducting a minor in broadcasting to aid her career goal of being a performing artist. "I'm not studying music because it's such a big part of my life, and I wanted to experience something a little different with my education," Neelly said. "That would be an awesome way to get involved."

After she earns a degree, Neelly is interested in moving to Nashville to record and perform. "I just want to move forward and like the path that I'm taking and be happy with the life that I'm creating for myself," she said.
Lady Tops move to No. 22 with winning weekend

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I had been 26 years since the Hilltoppers defeated Middle Tennessee State University in Bowling Green. That was in the 1989 season.

WKU (5-1, 3-0) dominated its rival from the very beginning, beating the Blue Raiders 58-28 after a high-flying, 25-point first half of offensive performance.

The win improved the Hilltoppers’ conference record to 3-0 for the first time in the FBS era, and their 3-1 overall record is the program’s best start since 2012.

The win was considered a victory of historic proportions.

WKU is now No. 22 in the American Football Coaches Association poll and in the Ratings Percentage Index poll.

WKU rose in No. 22 in the poll in a contest that was expected to challenge WKU for the championship. This was the second consecutive season that WKU was a nationally recognized offensive player, junior outside hitter Sydney Bozick, who

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