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Students weigh in on housing decisions

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“Kind of sucks because, I mean, I can’t stay in (Gilbert) and like this one best,” she said.

Students living in the dorms in question are working to find alternative housing both on and off campus.

Fosler stated that while living in an apartment is appealing, it’s not altogether practical for her at the moment. Instead, she intends to live in Gilbert-Hans Hall in the fall of 2015.

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The impact of the ripe, juicy tomatoes in Fresh Food Company and Burger Studio extends beyond the taste buds to the local farming community.

Gary Robbins, a local farmer who owns ATB Greenhouse in Morgantown, said the sale of his tomatoes to WKU improves his business, as well as the lives of other local farming families.

“Really helps our business because it cuts our travel cost down,” he said. “It helps local farmers to know they got a place to sell their product at a decent price you could make a living out of.”

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Miller said (wholly or partially) was the first partner because of its location only five minutes from the university. She said President Gary Ransdell advocated for the inclusion of its products in campus food.

Miller said the use of local products is "practical and feasible" for in campus food.

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ATP Greenhouse became the latest addition to the group of local farms partnered with WKU this winter. Robbins produces 4,000 pounds of tomatoes a week and hopes to deliver 5,000 to 10,000 pounds to WKU. Miller said the quantity Robbins produces is ideal.

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Robbins also owns Hidden Valley Golf Course, where ATP Greenhouse is located and operated in the winter months, during the course's slow season.

However, Robbins said he was raised on a farm and would like to expand his farming business. He said the partner who WKU will provide the stability to do so.

"We have our own goals as far as growth and local purchasing just to affect the local economy," she said. "We're taking small steps toward big changes."
New social media website being explored at WKU

By Abby Ponder

Over the last decade, social media presence on WKU’s campus has progressively increased as a potential addition to the campus-wide phone network—Campus Bubble.

The site was designed by student entrepreneurs in Atlanta, with the intent of providing a social media experience specifically for campus life, according to Spencer Barkoff, Campus Bubble’s CEO.

"Facebook is for our social lives and LinkedIn is for our professional lives, but it doesn’t really have a place for [students] to connect in an academic setting," Barkoff said. "Campus Bubble app-pressed the idea of the concept to the site, bringing students, faculty and administrators onto a shared platform.

Campus Bubble offers its services to all students in the greater university, with a group of organization on campus where students are able to follow posts and stay updated on events and deadlines.

Barkoff believes prospective and incoming freshmen can also benefit from using the platform. "Campus Bubble app-pressed the item to the community at a more personal place to interact. The website is designed to connect students and faculty members on a shared platform.

"(Campus Bubble) is spe-cifically tailored to our campus environment," Barkoff said. "It’s kind of like a hub, so if someone posts something on Facebook, it will also post in the Campus Bubble. All the students would have to do would be to check their Campus Bubble to see everything."

According to Barkoff, the bubbles include centralized class announcements and push notifications to keep students aware. Currently, the site is still in its trial run, Milks said. SGA is currently dedicated to offi-cially launching the site, according to Phillips-Melancon.

"I think it’s about the tim-ing and the benefit," Phillips-Melancon said. "We just need to keep pushing forward, keep questions answered, and keep moving forward."

While social media is pop-u-lar on college campuses, it also has been a pronounced dis-outlet for students, according to Phillips-Melancon.

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Along with the goal to be "TUFF as Nails," the Toppers United for Feminist are going to print they can inform the WKU community about social issues. "TUFF, in general, is a group that fo-cuses on feminist issues in our community," Crenshaw said, TUFF also has been involved in campaigns, "Campus Bubble’ s demo run at WKU. Copies can be found at the main campus Libraries and the Career Center. Subscriptions can be emailed to wkucampusbubble@gmail.com."

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Apart from education, Crenshaw hopes to build coalition and com-munity among students, creating an open forum for the issues in the zine. "We want to lead the zine to the community at large," she said. "We want to make students aware of the issues in the zine. We want to make students aware of the issues in the zine so they can make changes to the community at large."
"Broad City" tackles issues in youth culture

"Broad City" is a relatively new show in its second season,centers on Ilana and Abbi, two college graduates from New York who deal with issues and concerns of adults in their early twenties. Despite the ADHD plot line of trials in young adulthood, "Broad City" adds a modern angle.

The girls bring casual drug use, un immaculate homes and the sense of instability typical to fresh-ly graduated 20-something. The two add a layer of honesty that other comedies miss when dealing with youth culture.

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Ashley Dudley (not pictured) allows McKenzie, 3, and Parker, 1, to have natural hair because she wants them to embrace themselves. “I will let them choose once I feel they’re old enough to make a decision,” said Dudley, mother to McKenzie and Parker. “I think they have beautiful hair, and I want them to love and embrace it. But I’m not natural, and I love my relaxed hair as well.”

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TOP RIGHT: Elizabethtown graduate student Andrea Daniels never straightened her hair with relaxer until arriving at college, but after two years she missed her curly hair. She recently started her own business focusing on natural hair product reviews and tutorials showing newly natural women how to do their hair. “For me, being natural wasn’t just about my hair. I wanted my curls back, but I wanted to grow and change and embrace who I was as a female over a period of time. It started with my hair, but if you want healthy hair you have to, like, eat better. It’s little things that you do to get better results, and so I think it’s bigger than just hair.”

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ABOVE: Phaedra Bailey has been growing out her locks for six years. She makes sure to call them locks because “there’s nothing dreadful about them.” For Bailey, her locks have grown with her through the good times and the bad—she has even affectionately given a few locks names.

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LEFT: Lexington senior Isaac Edmonds has grown his dreads for 10 years. In spite of media stereotyping black men with dreads as drug users or delinquents, Edmonds is opposed to cutting his hair to fit society’s standards. “Because society says, because of the media, African American males do this, that, one thing or the other. And in order to make it in the real world, my mom, she said you might have to decide to cut them off, and I told her I really don’t want to sell myself to society just because of that stereotype that black men with dreads have.”

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Osaka Sushi Train is a novelty with substance

John Green • BG EATS
Weekly guide to the BG restaurant scene

For providing cheap sushi in a slightly chaotic and untraditional setting, Osaka Sushi Train makes for a singularly interesting experience. The central concept and most interesting aspect of Osaka Sushi Train is the conveyor belt system. Small plates snake leisurely throughout the restaurant along this mechanical pathway. Instead of ordering off the menu, which is still an option, customers are free to scoop plates directly off the conveyor belt. Coupled with the more ornate, traditional Japanese art lining the walls, it creates a weird pseudo-modern urban vibe.

As if to further complicate this theme, an eclectic mix of American pop buzzes through the speakers. Do not be surprised if you hear Lady Gaga and Michael Jackson back-to-back. The novelty is initially exciting. Depending on the quality of the food, it could wear out quickly. Fortunately, Osaka Sushi Train does enough to ensure that the concept does not evolve into novelty without substance. On a general level, the sushi offerings bordered on limited. Little odds and ends of rice stuck out from the sushi pieces. They did not look particularly uniform. The overcooked pieces of sushi were also liable to be falling apart on occasion.

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The $100 Solution is a service learning model used at WKU through the ALIVE Center for Community Partnerships. Bernard Stemecky, WKU scholar-in-residence, founded the program. Stemecky said he created The $100 Solution with the goal in mind that when a student goes to university they should be able to give back to the community. "We have a responsibility to give back," he said.

Stemecky said by using formal methodology and by giving students a small amount of money, problem solving can take place. He said students living in the house have the conscious effort to give back to the WKU community as they act in the role of living the idea of giving back. "What can they do to make, with the $100, a better place to live and a better person," he said.

Cunningham said that the house helps to emphasize the goal of The $100 Solution. She said students live in the house with a graduate assistant and work on projects together to determine community needs. The students work on a project and individual projects that utilize their academic disciplines.

"They are currently working on one group project this semester," she said.

The $100 Solution House is located on Chestnut Street. They are currently accepting applications for three open student slots for next semester.

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tion. Ten speakers from various dis-
ciplines will speak in four different sessions throughout the day. The event will feature one 90-minute work by keynote speaker and as-

The freedom one has when hallucinating for a pop-rock musical is different than the freedom of the 30-foot for a city, in long legislative theater," she said.

"The students not performing on stage, sitting attentively in the audience, also learned from the comments Sanders made on the performances. "I never been to a workshop like that before," said Someret freshmen Maire Stevens.

"Sushi Train also includes nigiri on its conveyor belt. Nigiri consists of a slab of raw fish layered with an elongated crab stick and rice with the flavors. "Mrs. Sanders would like to teach the students the importance of preparing themselves for the show, audition and then the performance," Sanders said.

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"He's gonna be talking about how his preparation met a moment of need, and that's what allowed him to survive." Stevens said.

"Rock the Audition" is one that Sanders gave the performers. "The most memorable moment of the show was when I heard talk of it as concerning Stevens said.

Josh Raymer, Innovate Kentucky's executive administrator and WKU alum

Sushi Train also offers an all-you-can-eat sushi roll. There is one clear time to visit Su-
shi Train for cheap college students. From 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sushi Train offers all you can eat sushi for $10. That is a great deal, but be careful not wanting to eat $10 worth of food (Warning! It is really easy to eat).
Important weekend for WKU as Ohio State comes to town

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This weekend, the Hilltoppers will play against Ohio State at Nick Denes Field with the first game of the three-game series slated to start at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. The Hilltoppers (6-5) are coming off a four-game winning streak highlighted by a series sweep of Southern Illinois. The Buckeyes (5-4) recently dropped games against Conference USA foes Florida Atlantic and UAB. They play hard, and they are going to do some little things to get some runs,” Head Coach Matt Myers said. “They’ve been a team that we are familiar with seeing. For the Hilltoppers, the play of junior infielder Anderson Miller has been solid on the mound, earning last week’s Conference USA Co-Boy of the Week Award. Miller is currently batting .343 with 10 runs, eight RBIs, 25 total bases, two triples and two home runs through eleven games. “It’s a big name opponent coming in to play us, and we are going to take pride in protecting our home field,” Miller said. “It will be a tough opponent. Illinois came in here last year and we were able to get the sweep, so we will be ready to go.”

One of the cornerstone strengths for the Buckeyes will be the team’s experience as many of the starting lineup for the Buckeyes are returners. Myers said that this Buckeye team reminds him of WKU because they return so many players that saw significant action last year.

Ohio State will field an impressive pitching staff this weekend as the current team ERA sits at 3.62.

However, the Buckeyes weakness is at the plate as junior infielder Craig Nennig is the only starter on the team that is currently batting over .300. There are seven players batting in the .200s for the Hilltoppers.

“On the road, it’s all about mental toughness,” Harper said. “You have to take care of the basketball. Hopefully, we can have three good days of practice leading into the Charlotte game. You want to be playing your best basketball right now. We’ve had lots of opportunites, and once again we control our own destiny.”

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Check out the Talisman’s first digital story.
Hilltoppers look for two wins in final stages of season

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The WKU basketball team plays its final two regular season games this week against Charlotte and Old Dominion. Despite boasting an 11-5 mark in league play, the Hilltoppers’ postseason future is still in doubt. That’s WKU basketball.”

The transition from 2014 to 2015 saw WKU battle off a season-high nine-game winning streak and a close defeat to No. 4 ranked Louisville. Senior forward Alexis Govan, guard Ileana Johnson, and forward Chastity Gooch will enter the final week of the regular season when they face Charlotte, Thursday, March 5.

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