The IRS has informed about 80 WKU employees that their 2014 tax returns have been filed fraudulently. The recent surge of reports come a little more than a month after Anther, the nation’s second-largest health insurance provider, announced that it had suffered a data breach, leaving the personal information of potentially 80 million people at risk, including 4,600 current and former WKU employees. Anther has functioned as the third-party administrator for WKU’s self-insured Employee Health Plan since the beginning of 2003.

The number of employees who have reported a fraudulently filed tax return has jumped by about 30 people since the beginning of March. Mac McKerral, associate professor of journalism, is one of the 80 WKU employees who has had a tax return filed fraudulently.

McKerral said he received a letter from the IRS on Feb. 23 stating that an unabbreviated effort to direct deposit a tax return had failed. McKerral immediately knew something was wrong.

“I knew something was amiss because my tax return hadn’t been filed yet,” he said. “And besides the fact, I never get refunds.”

McKerral later received another letter from the IRS noting that the agency was investigating a fraudulently filed return.

According to an email sent Monday to faculty and staff from President Gary Ransdell, there has been no evidence of any problems within WKU’s IT systems, but WKU encourages employees who have had tax returns filed fraudulently to inform the university so that it may inform Anther.

“Since the video surfaced, fraternity and sorority members across the nation have sought to dispel a growing negative image while reports of segregation, stereotypes and racism in Greek organizations steadily came into the light,” Ransdell said. “What happened in Oklahoma should never be repeated.”

“For anyone that believes that I was a WKU fraternity 40 years ago, that I would be anything less than swift and direct in dealing with any act of stupidity coming from any member or members of any WKU Greek organization today, then they are making a mistake,” Ransdell said, himself an alumnus of WKU’s Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter. “I will be quick and harsh in a WKU fraternity 40 years ago, that I would be anything less than swift and direct in dealing with any act of stupidity... then they are making a mistake.”

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HRL Director Brian Kuster said it’s difficult to pinpoint exactly where and when the mold began. “We’re not saying there is or isn’t mold, but no proper forms have been turned in, in order for us to investigate,” he said.

LaRosa Shelton, a freshman from Louisville, said more could’ve been done to prevent the problem. “I feel like they do not put enough money into housing and don’t put enough time and energy into making sure the students on campus have a nice place to live,” she said.

Kuster said any student can go online to request maintenance on their rooms. “We are happy to check students’ rooms because mold is a serious issue, but no maintenance requests have been turned in from a lot of students to say they’re concerned about mold,” he said.

Alesis Collins, a freshman from Louisville, said while she wasn’t personally affected by the mold, the news wasn’t something she liked getting. “I wasn’t pleased when I was informed about mold because I knew that it could get to me if it wasn’t handled,” she said. “But I did appreciate that [the] process of the effected was handled quickly.”

Kuster said knowledge of the issues helps in addressing them, particularly with mold.

Bryan Russell, chief facilities officer, said via email he was unaware “of any issues in PFT,” but after inquiring with HRL said several people have been identified and contacted. “During the semester, we change filters in all HVAC units on a regular basis, but we usually do the coil cleaning during the summer months because of the cleaning agent,” HRL’s response said.

“Conventional wisdom would indicate that that’s the likely correlation,” he said. According to the Financial Times, in 2013 the US government warned Anthem about computer security vulnerabilities. McKerral said it was “a little frustrating” that the warnings were not heeded. McKerral has identity theft protection, but is still keeping on his personal information. “I’m keeping an eye on my bank account every day,” he said. “I’m keeping an eye on my credit cards everyday. There’s really not much you can do.”

More information being stored digitally, the threat of personal information being compromised is always present, McKerral said. “We live in a world where information...really is not safe,” he said. “That’s just the way it is.”

Ransdell emphasized unity throughout his speech. “We are one academic community, one campus family, one family of brothers and sisters, black and white, Greek and non-Greek,” Ransdell said.
A new sorority chapter might find its home on the Hill as WKU’s Panhellenic Association is in the midst of a campus extension process.

Three sororities are being considered for an invitation to join campus in the fall: Alpha Sigma Tau, Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Zeta.

Alexandria Kennedy, coordinator of Student Activities and Greek Affairs, said the three sororities were invited for campus tours and presentations.

“They tour,” Kennedy said. “They meet some student activity staff… They get to check out Meredith Hall, and see some sorority housing. They have lunch with the Panhellenic Executive Board. Then have lunch with the Panhel coordinator of Student Activities and Greek Affairs, said the three sororities were invited for campus tours and presentations.

After the final sorority visits campus, Kennedy said, the extension committees—set up of representatives from each sorority on campus—will meet to discuss which sorority to invite to the Panhellenic Council.

“The extension committee just makes a recommendation to the Panhellenic Council,” Kennedy said. “Then they vote to approve that recommendation or strike down that recommendation.”

If the council approves the recommendation, a new sorority will colonize on the Hill in the fall.

Kennedy said WKU is the perfect place to start a new chapter.

“Western Kentucky University is an incredible campus filled with Greek tradition,” Kennedy said. “It gives an organization a chance to really experience what Hilltopper pride is.”

Kennedy said WKU’s Greek organizations are doing well, and it seems like the right time to invite new organizations.

“We couldn’t bring a new sorority to campus if a WKU chapter is struggling,” Kennedy said. “Our Greeks are in a really great spot right now, so we are going through the extension process.”

Kennedy said there are several factors that go into the decision making process.

One important factor is adding support.

“Whatever chapter joins now will have never been on WKU’s campus before, so we want to know if we will have some great students,” Kennedy said. Another factor is sisterhood. Kennedy said the extension committees want to know what sets the organization apart from other members of the National Panhellenic Conference.

Kennedy said inviting a new chapter to campus assists women who otherwise may not be interested in Greek life.

“They’re those well-developed and well-rounded women who maybe never thought sorority was for them,” she said. “It gives them an opportunity to really bring quality women to those organizations, but also get to meet even more qualified women we might not have otherwise met, if we didn’t have the extension process.”

Elizabeth Owen, president of Alpha Xi Delta, said a new chapter would make a big impact on campus given the opportunity for more women to join the Greek community.

“I think it’s a great opportunity that a new sorority will be joining Western’s campus,” she said. “About five years ago, we were new on campus and were looking for support from other sororities. This is a great time for us to help other sororities.

Each potential sorority was rated on several different values in its creed. Alpha Sigma Tau noted “permanence and loveliness” and Gamma Phi Beta praised “loyalty that means adherence to all true and noble things.” For Delta Zetas, it was a “crusade for justice.”

However, Owen said there was a lot of competition.

“We are recruiting against each other, but in the essence we are all a Greek community and it’s a philanthropic event, to give back to Western’s campus in what we’re here for,” Owen said.

Kennedy said it’s important that whatever sorority comes to campus jumps right in. She said the current sororities are looking forward to welcoming another sisterhood to campus.

“A new sorority needs to be able to hit the ground in and do it with them, also develop and become familiar that it’s just going to sit in their buildings and wait for few years and then decide they’re going to invite somebody to be involved right from the very beginning.”

The National Panhellenic Council extended an invitation to campus in a letter to invite a new chapter.

“We’re really excited for whatever sorority it is to come to WKU,” Kennedy said. “We’re really excited to offer the organization an experience on a campus where they will never have been here before.”
High HIV/AIDS cases have contributed to the outbreak. After an intense route from Bowdoin Green, the possibility of contracting HIV is still just as high. HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus and can be transmitted through sexual contact, intravenous drug use, pregnancy, breastfeeding, blood and other bodily secretions. Sexually active individuals should know that HIV is most commonly spread through sexual contact.

Lauren Tuttle, a post health educator for TopperWell, said the number of HIV infections has decreased since the nation-wide epidemic in the 80s. As treatment progresses, people with HIV/AIDS are able to live longer. Along with the benefits, the risk of transmission has also increased.

“The WKU Health Education and Promotion department on campus has been promoting their HIV Testing program as much as possible because it has six centers and results are provided in 20 minutes,” Tuttle said. “Our goal is to offer other STD/STI tests that require a doctor visit.”

Considering the stigma that is attached to having HIV/AIDS, some people may not get tested. Turner said if people have a reason to believe they have HIV/AIDS, they should get tested. People who are HIV-positive for HIV can have a hard time getting proper medical treatment, could be rejected by their friends and family, or they may even struggle with the interpersonal aspect of self acceptance.

According to the Center for Disease Control, gay and bisexual males are most heavily affected by HIV/AIDS. In 2011, 57 percent of people living with HIV were gay or bisexual men. With this being said, the psychological impact of becoming infected with HIV/AIDS can only worsen with these individuals. If gay or bisexual man is already ridiculed by society for their way he is or, is adding this HIV-after infection will only worsen his circumstances. As a society, we should be providing proper medical care and support systems to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

The HEP department in the Health Services building offers HIV testing once a month. The next test is on March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Health Services. Getting tested for HIV can help ensure your health and ease your mind.

Additional information gained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided by Dr. Kelli Kemper, is a remark-

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"Are you sure we should be doing this?"

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**COMMENTARY**

**THE RIGHT TO KNOW IS ALMOST A NO**

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The irony was lost on no one Monday morning (National Newsday). On the heels of the news release that the White House announced it will announce it will establish a new federal regulation that subjects the Executive Office of the President to the Freedom of Information Act.

It seems as if the comments on Transparency.gov are flood with public access. It is to say that the government's openness has, by all means, been open. Government officials have a right to private conversations not pertaining to national issues, despite the controversy pertaining to Hillary Clinton's private e-mail account. When the FBI did investigate, she had used a personal e-mail. Part of the reason why she attained this recent announcement by the White House is because she is attempting to prevent another Watergate scandal.

Transparency.gov in the past few years has been the front-running political issue. Between Snowden and Manning's leaks, the NSA and sks facts and the current issues revolving around the American weapons, it's not a surprise. As a reporter stated, there is a majority of Americans believe that the government and one of the biggest problems facing the country, four months in a row.

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**OPINION**

**WHIT MY IDEE**

Not Your Typical Woman: Leading ladies with super powers

Tina Fey’s comedy, “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” is one of the newest series to be released on Netflix. Schmidt, played by Ellie Kemper, is a remarkable young lady who was trapped for 15 years in a bunker, she reinvents herself by moving to New York. “Unbreakable” is a show highlighting the resilience of strong women. The title says it all— the cast fights through situations in a series of ridiculous events. Schmidt, as the protagonist, empowers her newly acquired friends as she deals with recent freedom.

Upon arrival, Schmidt finds a new home with the emotionally damaged but talented Titus Andromedon. Andromedon immediately sends Schmidtaway— nervous at her unapologetic and attempts to shield her him from the brutality of New York. Schmidt manages to gain a job working as a nanny for the affluent Ms. Voorhees and returns to live with Andromedon. Inspired by her generosity and ambition, Andromedon finds the courage to return to the city that broke him down.

One of Schmidt’s more memorable maxines, “you can get through anything for 10 seconds” assisted those along her way, who were caught in frustrating situations. Through there’s no doubt her strength was formidable, you would never know from meeting her. Schmidt shares her coping mechanisms in hopes of helping people in need.

The side characters, much like Schmidt, have uncomfortable pasts.

They also reinvented themselves in New York. Though they found new lives, they lost much of their confidence. As the show progresses, Schmidt insinuates them to break out of their shells. “Unbreakable” offers unique advice to everyone watching. The world might not be all that it’s on, but it’s all in how you see it. The women surrounding Schmidt red-

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Cadet Joseph Gray, a Bowling Green sophomore, jumps into the pool at the Bill Powell Natatorium during a mandatory WKU ROTC swimming assessment in the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 18. WILLIAM KOLB/HERALD

LEFT: Josh Bachman, a senior from Phoenix, Arizona, and member of WKU’s ROTC program, is lifted up by fellow cadets during an early morning swimming practice at the Preston Center on Wednesday, March 18. EMILY KASK/HERALD

ABOVE: WKU ROTC cadets swim in their clothes at a mandatory swimming assessment in the Bill Powell Natatorium early Wednesday, March 18. Cadets were required to make their way across the pool multiple times and tread water without taking a break for five minutes. WILLIAM KOLB/HERALD

BELOW: Derek Tyler, left, a senior member of the WKU ROTC program from Muhlenberg County, hugs fellow cadet Augustine Amonge, a graduate student from Kenya, during an early morning swimming practice at the Preston Center on Wednesday, March 18. EMILY KASK/HERALD

The Major in Diversity & Community Studies requires a minor — such as African American Studies, Citizenship & Social Justice, or Gender & Women’s Studies, but any minor (or second major) will work!
By Andrew Henderson

The lights went out in Downing Student Union auditorium. The audience was left in the dark until a red spotlight shone on the stage and the curtain receded, revealing 12 students sitting in a row of chairs.

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“There’s the clit moan… the Jewish moan… the uninhibited militant bisexual moan… the college moan,” the list of moans went on as Billion played them out all on stage.

“It’s more, I guess, kicking against the patriarchy. A woman moaning on stage in front of several hundred people is not really PC,” she said.

The proceeds from the monologues went to benefit the non-profit organization Hope Harbor. Ericka Church, therapist with Hope Harbor, said the monologues provide women a way to share stories without revealing their identities, and it helps educate others as well.

“It helps people realize what an epidemic sexual assault is,” Church said. Church said the monologues were a way for their organization to reach out to students and let them know about the services they offer.

“I think it’s extremely important to let women know that it’s okay to be who you are as a woman and embrace that,” Vincent said.

Miller said the performance was important in changing one’s perspective, and Billion saw it as an opportunity for younger students to learn something new.

“It opens the door to something they may have never thought of before,” Billion said.

“I think it really does change your perspective,” Miller said.

The fee. She said that this rekindled her interest in crafting which eventually led to Spongie’s Whimsicals. Last year, she began offering workshops during the winter months on how to create an old-fashioned sock monkey.

“They get to make a monkey from scratch, from the very beginning to the very end,” she said.

Bowling Green resident Debbie Modlin took Kronenberger’s class last year. Modlin said she quickly realized that crafting sock monkeys is a very family-oriented activity.

“I think it’s an activity any age would enjoy doing,” she said.

In Kronenberger’s workshop, Modlin noted that she guided her and other participants in crafting sock monkeys with great care.

“You felt like you could do your own things, but there were enough guidelines to follow,” she said.

Modlin also shared a childhood connection to sock monkeys.

Modlin said her aunt would make sock monkeys for her, and she always wondered how her aunt made them. Because of this, Modlin thought they would be a fun craft to make.

“I think monkeys put a smile on people’s face when they see them,” she said.

Sock monkeys also put a smile on the faces of faculty and students in the Folk Studies program. Folk Studies professor, Erika Brady suggested a sock monkey as the mascot for the program—a departmental alternative to Big Red. Brady said instead of traditionally hooding their graduating students, the students who graduate from Folk Studies have a miniature sock monkey pinned on them and go through graduation that way.

“Every year Gary Ransdell says, ‘so what’s with the sock monkeys?’” she said. Brady was also familiar with Kronenberger’s work and the class she offers. She said having someone teach this class face-to-face is an important part of traditional crafting.

“I think it’s fun to learn something that you can really cover the basics of in just a couple of hours,” she said. Kronenberger will be offering her last workshop for this year on March 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Spongie Acres Bed and Breakfast, 610 Matlock Road.

“I’m proud I can share this craft with them that not many people are familiar with,” Kronenberger said.
Spring football kicks off this week with a wealth of newcomers on the Hill. WKU signed 21 recruits to the spring on signing day this year, including nine players from Kentucky. On the list, four players each signed from the states of Florida and Georgia. Two come from Tennessee and one each from Mississippi and Alabama.

“I feel good. I think our offense didn’t miss a step. We were clicking all practice,” redshirt senior wide receiver Jared Dangerfield said. “Our defense was making plays today. They have a different energy this year and are looking better.”

The Hilltoppers recruiting class was ranked 106 out of 129 ranked Division I programs, and eighth out of the 12 Conference USA teams, according to Rivals.com.

One aspect of the program WKU will look to improve during the spring is the defense. Last season, WKU gave up 39.9 points per game, which was ranked 124th in Division I football. Redshirt senior linebacker Nick Holt, who started every game in 2014, will look to revamp a side of the ball that struggled the season before.

“There are a lot of things we have to do on defense this year, and it starts with tackling better,” Holt said. “We’re doing tackling drills at the beginning of practice for ten minutes every practice and a lot more guys are getting reps and experience. It helps going against one of the best offenses in the country day in and day out.

“The vibe here is we want to be a great football team. We are already like a family, but now we want to take that next step and win a conference championship.”

WKU’s practice Tuesday was the first of 15 this spring which are all open to the public. WKU will conclude spring football with the annual Red and White game on April 18.
**EVERYDAY DELIVERY**

Delivering big in the first half, the game became closely contested in the final seconds. WKU would go on to win 61-59 and advance to the semi-final matchup, Friday, March 13 at Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama. Despite leading by 22 points early in the first half, the game became closely contested in the final seconds. WKU would go on to win 61-59 and advance to the championship game against Southern Miss. **LUKE FRANK/NHADL**

**FOOTBALL**

**GONE DANCING**

Lady Toppers receive bid to big dance, earn 12 seed

**BY JONAH PHILLIPS**

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**BASEBALL**

**HILLTOPPERS PUSH PAST LIPSCOMB**

**BY JOHN REECE**

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In a season that has seen the Hilltoppers struggle from the bullpen, pitching proved the difference in WKU’s win over Lipscomb University 6-1 at Nick Denes Field Tuesday night. The Tops (10-9) defeated Lipscomb University (11-4) as the WKU pitching staff combined to allow only one run, two hits and one walk over five innings.

Junior outfieder Anderson Miller missed in on the bullpen action, and added spark to the Hilltopper attack. Miller brought home three bases with a solo home run and struck out four in two innings.

“The bullpen has definitely been effective,” said Miller. “That was a statement win and we were able to really carry the energy over from this weekend in all aspects.”

The Hilltoppers also proved their effectiveness on the night, WKU went on runs on eight hits, and Miller added his team leading fifth home run on the year in the fifth inning.

“Staying consistent is what it’s going to take,” Head Coach Matt Myers said. “The bullpen just has to stay consistent and only allow the bits and pieces they can’t hit.”

Senior shortstop Cody Wofford and junior left fielder Ben Hudzina also provided solid performances at the plate, Wofford with a three at-bats while Hudzina added two hits.

The Hilltopper pitching staff also held the Lipscombs to a 1-4-0 record on the season. WKU's Johnson Allinson is

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**Football kicks off with high expectations**

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In his second year at the helm, Brohm will start spring practice this week with one goal in mind: improvement.

“The spring is about developing our players. We want to make sure that we get as many reps with those guys as we can in a limited amount of time. What we want is a good plan, a good place to go from there,” Coach Jeff Brohm said. “To be able to study tape and film in between the games, since it is spread out a little bit more, and get better and that is the focus, improving, getting better, getting stronger and becoming a better football team this spring.”

This season, WKU returns 11 starters (seven on offense, nine on defense) and will look to become bowl eligible for the fourth straight season in 2015.