REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS UNABLE TO COMPROMISE ON BUDGET

BY EMMA COLLINS
HERALD UNDERGROUND

For several days, Democrats and Republicans in Kentucky’s House and Senate have been in debate, unable to reach a compromise regarding a budget for the state.

The Republican-run Senate’s budget proposal included a majority of Gov. Matt Bevin’s budget cuts, which the Democratic-led House refused to support.

During a press conference, Bevin, surrounded by fellow Republicans, called out the Democrats for refusing to negotiate. He said the Republicans in the House and the Senate are willing to negotiate, but a compromise would not be approved before the legislative session.

In order for that to happen successfully, it takes all parties being involved, and by all parties that means the others who have a voice in this — in this case, the Democrats in the House,” Bevin said.

The House did agree to require recipients of the Work Ready Program to take only 12 credit hours per semester.

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WKU students work to create autonomous quadcopter

By Brittany Moore
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As time for WKU’s 46th Annual Student Research Conference dwindles, hundreds of students are putting the final touches on their talks, performances, posters, exhibits and displays. Those participants include two WKU undergraduates who are finalizing preliminary work on a drone.

Louisville junior Conner Brooks, left, and Munfordville senior Christopher Goulet, right, developed a fully autonomous drone as part of their studies as computer science majors. Their project’s focus is to create inexpensive drones to be used for target searching and mapping of indoor environments. The two are currently reprogramming the drone’s software to make it fully operational by the end of the year.

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"The biggest thing is just getting that exposure," Brooks said. "It gives the confidence as we have applied for so much of the bigger national conferences, and it was very beneficial to have that under our belt."

Goulet agreed that he enjoys presenting at the research conference as an important part that not every undergraduate or graduate has a chance to experience. "There's not a lot of opportunities for undergraduates or graduates to be involved in research, and this gives us an introduction to researching right in our local university," Goulet said. "It's quite exciting to work a lot of work and look forward to more opportunities for more students who are interested in working in that environment."
Senate finally outlines performance funding, hope to gain traction with new sponsorship

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Two years ago WKU started its own League of Legends club, which eventually led its own League of Legends team, the WKU Tops. In its sponsorship, Amazon Student has recently agreed to sponsor WKU's e-sports team.

During a meeting of the Senate's Budget Conference Committee on March 21, Kentucky universities will only come a sports club, mainly for competition at their meetings. Sen. David Givens said that the Senate and its presidents to have a voice in the discussion.

“The budget plans have been a nightmare for the past several years,” said Givens during a meeting. “We've laid out a plan that will only harm the universities for the past several years.”

Rep. Judy Richards said such a plan will only harm the universities for the past several years. “I do not really think about it..." said Conrad. "But often, everyone has such a busy schedule..."
Everyone likes Disney films, right? What about cartoons? C'mon, you like cartoons. Don't lie. Okay, maybe you don't like cartoons, but you have to admit that you have a very accurate and clever portrayal of current social issues. Right? Right? Right? But what about the new animated film from Walt Disney Studios? Zootopia, with Ginnifer Goodwin as Judy Hopps, a plucky little bunny who follows her dream of becoming a police officer in the titular Zootopia, a sprawling metropolis where all members of the animal kingdom live in harmony — or so Judy thinks. The film is consistently treated unfairly, the audience treats it as something more unfairly due to some nefarious schemes by a few select prey animals. For many reasons, it's cute as hell, the world is fleshed out — but I'd say it's warming, so get happy! The winter weather is subsidizing negativity right now. Let your responsibilities go for just a weekend and give yourself a break because your life is your job prospects after graduation. You've had a busy day, it will feel like a relief. It's also an excellent time to breathe because no one needs your stress at this point in the semester. However, not everyone lets it get to their head, though. Your modesty is a part of your charm. Don't worry, you'll be just like it too.
From left, Indygo Ray, KJ Beauchamp and Issac Edmonds of Blaq Art Nouveau perform their poem “Ready for Love” during the Love the Way you Lie program held in the DSU auditorium on March 29. The group of four performers each came out on stage and read a poem describing different types of unhealthy relationships and the effects it had on them. The poems focused on telling the audience the importance of love over lust in relationships and how relationships driven by lust can end badly for both partners. Love the Way You Lie aimed to shed light on all different types of sexual assault and unhealthy relationships and how to recognize them.

Las Vegas freshman Braxtyn Mckinnie sings “Treat Me Like Somebody” during the Love the Way you Lie program in the Downing Student Union auditorium on Tuesday. Love the Way You Lie was the first of many programs put on by WKU for sexual assault awareness month. A variety of artists came together to perform in the program to express, in their own way, how sexual assault has directly or indirectly affected their lives and to raise awareness for the issue. Linda Stockton, the community educator for Hope Harbor, said the goal of the program was to shed light on how sexual assault affects communities.

Louisville junior Nick Lawson performs the song “Trouble” during the Love the Way you Lie program on March 29, in the DSU auditorium. Each performer was asked to tell the audience one thing they loved about themselves before they performed and Lawson told the audience he loved his red hair. The performances each portrayed different ideas to the audience and aimed to inspire them in their own lives.
Choral Collaboration

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Major Redz to hold auditions for new members

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With their unique style of dance and abundance of strength and athleticism, the Major Redz are a staple at athletic events and in parades at these institutions.

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Many departments on campus, including Housing and Residence Life, the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of Student Activi-
ties and Organizations, the Counseling and Testing Center and the Gender and Women’s Studies Pro-
gram had representatives on stage step by step.

Evansville junior and captain of the Major Redz Jen-
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Adam said she hopes to make the benefit an annual concert continu-
ing the celebration of women’s choral music.

“Raising awareness of female experiences is important and a way to get involved with different clubs and organizations for things that were for men and women,” Adam said.

Becoming a part of the con-

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For Bowling Green High School ja-

nior Abigail Bailey, being able to spread her poetry and awareness was very im-
portant to her.

“When you share poetry with some-
one, it’s a way to celebrate every

In charge of the Major Redz and marketing coordinator at the ALIVE! Center, she had seen the program grow to show her daughters that “a true that loves the unsung,” Pope said.

The poem spoke to her about a woman who has turned to prostitution to provide for her

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Lady Toppers end successful year in WNIT

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The laundry list of achievements from the 2014-2015 WKU women’s basketball season is very long: 30 regular season and conference tournament championships, an NCAA Tournament bid, the C-USA Player of the Year, the C-USA Defensive Player of the Year, and two of the top 11 all-conference selections, both of whom accounted for nearly 45 percent of the team’s scoring.

Head Coach Michelle Clark-Heard said following up one of the most decorated seasons in program history would be tough. This year’s version of the Lady Top- pers finished at 27-7 overall and 15-3 in C-USA play, advancing to the quarterfinals of the WNIT after a stunning C-USA regular season, advancing to the quarter-

The loss was the first time this season the Toppers were shut out at home since March 14, 2011, against South Alabama.

“Tough pitch, tough night,” Pawlowski said. “The biggest thing that happened tonight against a team that has had some success this season was they didn’t get a lot of runs. Give them credit; they were a better team than us tonight.”

Tuesday night, 1,723 fans packed Nick Denes Field as the WKU baseball team hosted the University of Louisville on Tuesday at Nick Denes Field. Duckworth reached base twice, had one hit and one strike out.

During the event, Doughty said: “It’s an honor to be out there in front of scouts to showcase his talent. “I got a lot of good feedback today,” Doughty said. “There were a lot of scouts here and a couple of GM’s, so that was cool.”

Unlike in some of his private work sessions with other teams, Doughty was able to throw to some very familiar targets during Tuesday’s event.

“I had the luxury of having Antwane Grant and Jared Dangerfield out here,” Doughty said. “I got a lot of good feedback today,” Doughty said. “There were a lot of scouts here and a couple of GM’s, so that was cool.”

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