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education, healthcare, jobs and taxes ruled the discussion during Tuesday’s Republican gubernatorial debate.

Three out of the four Republican candidates for governor attended the debate in the Downing Student Union auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Candidates Matt Bevin, James Comer and Hal Heiner were in attendance. Candidate Will Scott could not attend the debate. The debate was co-sponsored by the Americans for Prosperity, the National Review and the WKU political science department.

Heiner described himself as an unlikely candidate, one with a civil engineering background and a multitude of jobs.

“If you could name a job, I probably had it,” Heiner said. “To dish-washer, to janitor, to surveyor, to cutting lawns as I went through college.”

Bevin described himself as a husband, father of nine children, a military veteran and a small business owner.

“I look forward to the day when everyone asks ‘Why is everyone moving to Kentucky’ instead of the other way around,” Bevin said.

Comer received a bachelor’s degree in agriculture from WKU in 1993 and currently serves as the Agriculture Commissioner.

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Elizabethtown campus offers military, nontraditional students opportunities

By ABBY PONDER
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As college students, the probability that we will be involved in a number of relationships is extremely high. We are experimenting and trying to find what will work for us in regards to an "ideal" relationship. As excelling as being in a relationship can be, it can be hard to maintain emotional health especially with all of the stress we are under students. As there are no set guidelines we can follow to make our relationships healthy, but there are a few recommendations that can act as the framework.

To begin, both partners should be open and honest with each other. Honesty is huge in any type of relationship because it allows both partners to have their voice heard and keeps the lines of communication open, which allows for quicker resolution of disagreements.

Be respectful toward your partner. Take into consideration the relationship and show respect for your partner’s beliefs, opinions and feelings. Even in a healthy relationship, it is possible to have disagreements. Every single couple faces times when they really don’t agree on things. It is healthy to disagree because this is how we expand our minds. As long as the argument is handled in an appropriate and respectful way both partners can equally express their opinions, there is nothing to worry about.

Lastly, everything listed above should be respected. A relationship is between two people who care about one another—not one person who cares more than the other. A relationship should entail equality and should be upheld by respect and trust.

Unlike a healthy relationship, it can be difficult to recognize an unhealthy relationship—especially when you are the target for abuse. In an attempt to identify abusive signs, take a closer look at the way your partner treats you emotionally, sexually, physically and verbally.

The vulnerability of someone can occur over time through the subtle progression of abuse, which leads to the dominance of the second partner. This vulnerable versus dominant role can result in emotional and sometimes even fiscal dependency. When one partner is dependent on the other partner, especially financially, the dependent partner may be fearful of walking away due to the possible financial and emotional and physical consequences.

It is important to write for Psychology Today by Craig Malkin, a clinical psychologist from Harvard, that there are many symptoms that can result from being in an abusive relationship. Many people suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. According to Dr. Malkin, this disorder creates a anxiety from reality that they do not even remember, where the victim does not leave the abuse due to the fear of escalating the violence. Psychologically they are not capable of recognizing what happened and the harmful effect it had on them. This could potentially explain why someone may view their relationship as healthy, while someone on the outside sees all signs pointing to abuse.

If you find yourself in a situation where domestic violence, emotional abuse or verbal altercations often occur, it is important that you turn to help. The Counseling and Testing Center here at WKU has an individual counselor, where you can express your feelings and receive advice on how to proceed. If domestic violence is the main issue then contacting the prevention center can help you determine your next steps.

In an article written for Psychology Today, it states, “It’s a party school & you have to just accept the fact that we are students.”

A student should fail any class because of their attendance grade. Mistakes are an integral part of the modern university system. As long as they do not affect your work and research, you should be proud of your work. But taking pride in your work and research is a totally different thing than lording your accomplishments over students and making them feel inferior.

5. Even God isn’t this strict about grades. Migrants, especially those allowing three or less absences are very rare. People have their lives other than university responsibilities. We’re adults dealing with illness, multiple jobs, death, finding our way, growing up and living on our own. More often than not, these things collide with the rigid structures of time classes are set. There is also support around Bowling Green’s Domestic Violence Prevention Center, that can help you determine your next steps.
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“Samuel has taught me patience. He has taught me that love for one’s child is, indeed, unconditional. Finally, Samuel led me to realize that the world is a better place than I have ever imagined,” said Robert Dietle, in reference to his son Samuel.

Most teenagers have to deal with the typical moods that come with their age. Samuel Dietle is one of those teenagers, but he also has to deal with the struggle of having severe autism. With that, Samuel has trouble making connections with his peers at school. School is not the only different thing in this 13-year-old’s life. His parents, Ferrel and Robert have to adjust to the daily routines and necessary appointments that Samuel has because of his severe autism.

When Samuel was first diagnosed, he was more than 3 years old. “Since his behavior didn’t exactly match our idea of autism, it was surprising,” said Robert. “Ferrel and I quickly discovered that the term autism covers a wide range of behaviors and developmental delays. This is why we prefer to say that Samuel is on the autism spectrum, rather than he is autistic. We want to avoid any suggestions that his condition defines him.”

Samuel’s father, Robert, is the history department head and an associate professor, and his mother, Ferrel, teaches German and Spanish at Bowling Green High School. “Our careers as teachers and scholars inevitably made us hope that Samuel would be academically inclined,” said Robert. “Our most fundamental hope remains unchanged, though.” Ferrel and Robert hope that Samuel will be able to lead an independent and happy life.

PHOTOS BY ERICA LAFSER

TOP LEFT: Ferrel, Samuel’s mother, unlocks the car door for Samuel after his speech therapy at the Clinical Education Center. He attends this session every other day during the week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, when he does not have speech therapy, he goes to the Kelly Autism Program.

TOP RIGHT: Samuel changes the information on his calendar to fit the new day. His father, Robert, looks over his shoulder to check that he is doing it right.

LEFT: Samuel rides LeRoy at New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding with instruction from Ms. Pico.

BOTTOM LEFT: Samuel rides LeRoy at New Beginnings and practices halting and trotting. New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding in Bowling Green is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities by using the horses.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Samuel folds the classroom laundry almost every day to start learning household chores. Samuel is in the 7th grade at Bowling Green Junior High.
Tsunami delivers steamy pho that is pho-real good

Of the wide array of Asian restaurants that populate Bowling Green, Tsunami is the rare place that serves Vietnamese cuisine. For this alone, it's a place worth checking out.

The inauspicious dining room was narrow and dim. Instrumental elevator-esque music hummed quietly in the background. In appearance and atmosphere, it mimics many of the casual Asian places in town that traffic in fried rice and teriyaki chicken.

Tsunami also actually provides some of those very items in the small Chinese and Japanese sections on the menu. This seems a bit disconcerting from an authenticity perspective, but that's not why you come. The real draw to this Vietnamese restaurant is, naturally, a popular and traditional Vietnamese street dish: pho.

Conventional pho consists of a meaty broth filled with linguine-shape rice noodles, morsels of meat and a variety of different condiments. Tsunami's pho with steak was no different. Visually, the size alone made for an impressive looking bowl of food. It seemed more appropriate for sharing. A white mound of slippery rice noodles simmered amid rings of raw onion and thinly sliced slivers of steak. While the steak was rare when placed in the bowl, the heat of broth cooked it quite quickly.

Tsunami's pho came with a mound of bean sprouts, fragrant cilantro and fresh scallions. The usual plate of fresh vegetables could be had for an extra charge.

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** Photos by Harrison Hill **

Tucked away in a strip mall off of Campbell Lane in Bowling Green, Tsunami offers cuisine from Vietnam, Japan and China. This particular dish, the Pho Tai Bo Vien, originates from Vietnam and consists of broth, noodles, steak and a beef ball. Accompanying the soup is a plate of fresh bean sprouts, basil leaves and lime slices.

** John Greer **

** Bg Eats: Weekly guide to the big restaurant scene **

Jared Coffell, Jr. of Elizabethtown, is a sophomore exercise science student at WKU, and an avid weight lifter.

After Sasha Teems, a physique trainer from Elizabethtown, spotted Coffell working out a little more than a year ago, Teems recruited Coffell to compete in his first physique competition. Two competitions and a few pounds later, Coffell just competed in his third competition, the annual NPC Kentucky Derby Festival Championships in Louisville. Coffell competed in the men's class A, collegiate class A and teen division. He started his training eight weeks prior to the competition.

"My goal was to win first place in all three classes," said Coffell.

Coffell trained in the gym six days a week, cut his calorie intake, practiced posing, weighed himself every morning and did everything he could to look as lean and well groomed as possible. On top of all of that, he had to endure for the competition.

Coffell's coffee had to balance his workload and job and make even the slightest bit of time for his girlfriend, WKU student Brendan Bird.

"Though I barely had time to hang with my girlfriend, she was very supportive of me, even when I was in a grumpy mood from lack of calories," said Coffell.

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** Far left: ** Jared Coffell weighed himself every morning when he woke up to track his progress and make sure he was losing weight each week in order to lose fat and improve his composition.

** Top: ** Jared Coffell pumps up backstage before he goes out for the men's physique class A competition. Coffell competed in the collegiate and men's physique classes as well.

** Bottom: ** Jared Coffell relaxes with his girlfriend, Brendan Bird, after a long day of school and training. "With training and schoolwork, I haven't had as much time to hang out with Brendan," said Coffell.

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The leading ladies of each genre are crowned

LESLEY KNOPE

"Parks and Recreation," one of the most beloved comedies on TV, ended this year. The star of the series, Amy Poehler, is a clear force for comedy's strongest woman. Poehler's character, Leslie Knope, provided viewers interesting commentary on social struggles still inherent in certain cultural institutions. Knope topped the comedy list because she is genuinely a good and likable person. It is hard to say no to someone like Knope because she just doesn't give up, ever.

Beyond the show's quirky personality traits, Knope displayed over the years, viewers knew she is a real person. She is one of the most relatable personalities in comedy. Perhaps because she has experienced the array of human emotions on screen (sometimes within the same episode), Knope knows what it feels like to be embarrassed or proud, to be frustrated and accomplished.

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Poetry festival showcases student work, alum reading

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May 8, will be dedicated to student films. However, there will be a screen for students to show their work. Hovet said Friday, "I was really excited, and I really only entered to meet Saeed, and I accomplished that," she said with a laugh. "I felt a surprising amount of calmness, and I enjoyed getting it out there, and it wrote itself, you know, it was based on something personal to me, and I actually happened to me." After the last of the films had finished, Jerod Hollyfield, advisor for the English Club, introduced Jones, a 2009 WKU graduate. Jones was Skyping in from his Buzzfeed office in New York City, as he was clear from the very visible Empire State Building in the background. Hovet said that Derek Ellis, of Owenton, won first place in the contest. Secondly, he will be shown in second, and Isaiah Fish, of Louisville, in third. All three winners received a certificate and a cash prize.

"We want to see two things: how creative and talented our student filmmakers are, but we also want them to learn a lot about what is happening in the world of film in 2015," Ted Hovet, English Professor, said.

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"One is to show the great, creative work our film students are doing..." Hovet said. "And the opportunity to help students develop professional relationships." Hovet said one of the ways students can develop professionally is by actually aiding in organizing the festival. Jerod Hollyfield, advisor for the English Club, welcomed those who had helped organize the event, and opened the floor for the finalists to read their poems. According to one of the finalists, read, James Buchanan and Megan Seitz were not in attendance. People applauded after each reading, and felt the event was loud at the often humorous poems.

Sara Ann Alexander, a junior from Glasgow and author of the final poem "A Walk After Midnight on Repeat," said she was thrilled to advance to the final round and didn't feel nervous about reading her poem aloud. "I'm very happy, and pretty surprised, I thought a few shady were other great poems," he said. "And this one was particularly meaningful and super near to my heart." After announcing the winners, Jones read over a dozen poems from his own poetry collection, "Prodigal To Brunei." In between each poem, he explained a bit about what inspired the poem and the different elements and influences. The final poem, "Prodigal To Brunei" follows a character, known only as "Boy" throughout his life. Despite the fiction, some of the poems have been inspired by Jones' experiences.

"You have only to know you have something to share," he said.

The quality of the pho stands to say that at least in terms of Vietnamese food, Tianami can deliver. It's a worthy and more than cheap enough choice to satisfy that pho craving.

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“And now new Miss Black Western...” I hoped I could locate at least one. “Pensive courtesan, Long Pettway.” I stood in the spotlight with my usual country accent. I never smile and my walk is like “no add this,” or “say it like this.”

“I actually won this pageant” I told my audience, “I was the girl who didn’t realize I’d predicted the future.”

I joined the Miss Black Western pageant in January. I was more reserved when I first began to practice with the girls, who already knew each other and their daily routines. All I could say with my country accent was “Hi, my name is Shantel,” pivot and walk back to my seat and non-existent smile was, “Hi, my name is Shantel,” pivot and walk back to my seat.

After a few weeks, I became the girl who knew her introduction and walk and as now girls continued to join practices. I thought that at one point we had about 15 girls. New girls continued to join practices. I didn’t realize how much of my life it would take to practice and who was playing too much during practice time. Indirect and direct comments were directed at me. We were practicing every day and had to work really hard for. I didn’t think I was pageant material. I never smile and my walk was like “no add this,” or “say it like this.”

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A man walks into a basketball arena on a cold, early November night while the home team gears up for its lone exhibition game of the young season.

He takes his usual route, maneuvering through fans on the way to the seat he’s grown accustomed to for a half century: section 105, row F, seat 1.

He’s no stranger here. He’s walked this walk many times. He’s strolled through Western Kentucky University’s Diddle Arena and just about every inch of the campus more than most could fathom.

Less than 25 feet from his seat, folks bombard him with admiration, handshakes, hugs, pictures and other countless signs of affection—many that in one way or another he positively influenced during five decades at WKU.

“You can tell right away, I’ve been here for awhile,” the 92-year-old man says.

It takes the conclusion of the “National Anthem” before he finally finds time to sit down.

Before the basketball is tipped, he notes that the team’s shooting shirts worn in pregame warm-ups weren’t “tough enough.”

During the game, grunts resonated from his general direction every time a WKU player made a miscue.

“Take it to the basket,” he said after a player clanked a 3-pointer off the back of the rim with more than 25 seconds remaining on the shot clock.

To his delight, the team won 105-84 that November night. But that didn’t stop him from identifying possible areas for improvement. He’s always wanted the best for the school and for the people who attend it.

That’s just who he is: Lee Robertson, a WKU graduate and icon.
Robertson grew up in Calhoun, Kentucky, a 448-acre city in McLean County with a current population of less than 800 people.

He attended elementary and high school in his hometown, graduating from Calhoun High in May 1941. Six months later, Robertson, a good old-down-to-earth country boy, joined countless young Americans who stepped up to defend their country.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the amiable high school graduate found himself heading into unfamiliar territory.

"I didn't know what Pearl Harbor was, or where it was, or how it was," Robertson said.

But the next summer, he became a soldier in the U.S. Army, and a year-and-a-half later, he sailed to the jungles of New Guinea for full combat.

Robertson, who rarely left Calhoun, found himself 8,823 miles from it. But he brought the strongest staple of his personality with him—optimism.

"The Army has a way of regimenting you," he said in an upbeat voice. "But after a while, you get used to it. You love it. The Army is good for you."

Robertson's positive nature allowed him to enjoy his time in World War II, but it was obviously far from a walk in the park. He and a fellow trooper overcame a near-death experience during a night battle toward the end of the war in the Philippine Islands.

"When we flew up there in troop carriers, the Japanese were waiting for us in our area," Robertson said. "There was one Japanese with a hand grenade raised that was between me and the highway where the vehicles were, which silhouetted him easily. One of the guys that was under the tank with me fired on him, hit him and killed him. But he was getting ready to let that hand grenade loose in our area."

Robertson spent 36 months in the Army before heading home on Dec. 24, 1945, the same day his brother, Sam, returned.

"You could say we had a pretty good Christmas that year," Robertson said.

The Army did two things for Robertson: it systemized him, and it earned him opportunities in the form of the G.I. Bill. The latter led him to a decision that continues to define his life going on a century later.

"The next spring in '46, one of my buddies came by in the afternoon and said to me, 'Lee, let's go to college,'" Robertson said.

Robertson enrolled at Bowling Green Business University and opted to study cost accounting. It didn't take him long to realize that route wasn't meant to be, spurring him to consider a different option.

Shortly after, Robertson pitched for an independent baseball team from Morgantown, Kentucky, which landed him $25 a game, including a game on WKU's diamond against Bowling Green. He pitched seven innings and managed a couple hits to go along with his impressive outing on the mound.

E.A. Diddle, who coached the WKU baseball team at the time, was in the stands at that game to watch Robertson pitch. Robertson became fond of Diddle and decided to follow in his path. Robertson yearned to become a coach. In fall of 1948, he enrolled at WKU—one of 1,100 to 1,200 students at the time—and began his health and physical education degree with minors in English and biology with the expectation of teaching while coaching.

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In 1948, 1949 and 1950, Robertson lettered in baseball under Diddle. Despite his above-average skill set, his time as a WKU baseball player was limited.

On a cold, rainy March day in 1948, while pitching against the University of Louisville, he injured his left knee. "I was up there, and I slipped and tore my knee completely up," he said. "… (Diddle) came out and got me and picked me up in his arms like a baby and he said, 'Robby it was a good time for it to go out. The bases are loaded and nobody out.'"

Robertson remained on the team for the next three seasons and saw spotty time on the field, but what he took most out of that experience was his time with Diddle.

He graduated in 1950 and used that experience to begin teaching and coaching at Park City High School until 1952 when he went back to McLean County to do the same at Livermore High School—an archrival of Calhoun.

It was at that time Robertson met his eventual wife, Joyce Bennett, who lived a hop and a skip away in Calhoun, but had never come in close contact with him due to a 10-year age difference.

Like many other people in Robertson's life, she was taken aback by his gregarious personality.

"I had gone to college at Murray and came home in the spring," she said. "I was in the backyard having washed all my clothes from college and hanging them on the line, as we did then, and this car drove up in the drive and he said, 'Hey! You want to go to Park City with me to pick up my clothes?' Well, it was Lee."

The two soon became a couple. Joyce transferred to Kentucky Wesleyan to stay closer to her significant other, who was still at Livermore. They were engaged by December 1952 and married on April 2, 1953.

In 1957, Robertson completed his master's degree and found himself on the move again, this time with "Mama Joyce," as he deems her, to Glasgow as assistant superintendent of Barren County schools. By 1958, he advanced to superintendent.

But it wasn't long before he got a chance to come back to WKU.

Former WKU President Kelly Thompson urged Robertson to become director of the alumni program and the placement services program.

"I didn't know what either one of those meant, and Kelly Thompson didn't know, either," Robertson said. "So I asked him, 'What am I supposed to do?' He said, 'You need to come and find out.'"

Despite the uncertainty and a lower salary, Robertson took the job.

"I was in the right place," Robertson said. "I've been pretty dang lucky to get where I am."

His personality and work ethic allowed him to orchestrate several successful projects while head of Alumni Affairs and Placement Services, which included bumping up the number of on-campus clubs from one...
A per watching WKU thump Pikeville in its exhibition, Robertson was on the move again to see yet another Hilltopper the next morning—Dr. Craig Beard, a former football player and a current orthopedic surgeon.

Robertson's knee, the same knee he tore up while pitching for WKU, required surgery.

"He was out to promote this new venture," he said. "I called on superintendents to pitch this new venture.

Robertson's plan was to coach for a single season, but he extended that to six years in accordance with the need from the athletic department and finished with a 364-361-7 record in six years as head coach.

Robertson also was named the first-ever Spirit of Western award winner in August of 2002. The award recognizes an individual who represents enthusiasm for WKU, loyalty to the institution and the principles of the WKU experience and its motto, "The Spirit Makes the Master.

"He's a unique person because he's really the embodiment of the tradition feel of this institution, which is continued about 'The Spirit Makes the Master," said Kathryn Costello, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations. "He lives and breathes that.

In 2005, Robertson was named to WKU's Hall of Distinguished Alumni, which recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of alumni who have made significant contributions in their field.

Whether he claims to be deserving or not, he's up there for a reason.

"When you're a part of the WKU family, you're a part of his.

That's what it all is about—family," Robertson said.

Kyle Williams joined the College Heights Herald sports staff in January of 2013 and spent last semester as sports editor before graduating in December 2014. He now works in his hometown of Louisville as a digital sports producer for The Courier-Journal.

"He's longevity, and it's compassion for your fellow man.

"I have thought how fortunate he's been, but also he has given himself to West-"
The WKU baseball team (22-20) will travel to Murfreesboro, Tennessee for a three-game conference series against rival MTSU next for Hilltoppers pitching staff ahead of a series of just 4-1 which could prove to be problematic against the Hilltoppers lineup.

“Late in the year the ball park usually has some confidence in that ball park.” Head Coach Matt Myers said.

“We are the top team in the league as they have won over UK, Louisville and Mississippi State. It’s even bigger because they used to be our rival in the Sun Belt. Last season we went 4-0 against them, so I’m sure they will have something up their sleeve for us but we will be ready for them.”

The Blue Raiders are currently coming off an 11-3 loss to MTSU in the league’s final regular season game. After the two days I had before it,” Kramer said of the record setting third game.

“We have got to keep our heads up and just get into the conference tournament,” Coach Myers said. “We are the best road team in this conference, which we have to use as an advantage moving forward.”

With the Hilltoppers currently sitting at 10 conference victories, they will travel to Murfreesboro on Friday night at 7 p.m. for the first game of this three-game series, and UAB is also just one o
When Anderson Miller went to bat Tuesday night at home against Austin Peay in the eighth inning with the score tied at 5 and the bases loaded, he wasn’t able to capitalize on the opportunity to put the game away.

Instead, the junior outfielder smashed a ball to centerfield in the 10th with senior Justin Messen, freshman Steven Kraft and sophomore Trey Aguirre on base. Miller’s stylish win began with just seven prior at-bats of his career start for WKU. For an inexperienced Hilltopper with just seven prior at-bats to his name, Kraft set up the game winning run, and managed a 3-for-4 mark from the plate with double and a walk.

The win evens the record of WKU and Austin Peay, who now both sit at 22-20 overall on the season. Sophomore Ben Morrison put up a crucial performance for the Hilltoppers as the seventh Governor that came to bat with him on the mound. Coming in for a pivotal ninth and final inning performance, Morrison earned his second win of the season. The Hilltoppers played a reverse away format in Clarksville, Tennessee Wednesday night, but as of press time for this edition of the Herald, the results were not finalized. The team travels next to Murfreesboro, Tennessee for a vital three-game series against MTSU. Despite posting an impressive non-conference record that includes going undefeated against all Kentucky opposition, the Hilltoppers are still battling for a spot in Conference USA post-season play.

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