### New policy for changes to major discussed

Changing one's major once required little interaction between students and their respective departments. A new policy amendment is being presented before the Student Government Association for discussion and approval seeks to facilitate and regulate that interaction.

The proposal was mandated by the Faculty Senate as a step to aid retention and achievement, the draft policy reforms the process by which students declare and change their major programs.

According to the resolution from the Faculty Senate, the first portion of the two-part proposal would require students to declare a major before completing a set number of hours on campus.

The second part of the proposal would set up a preferred window during which change-of-major requests would be facilitated. Though not compulsory, requests submitted during this window would be reviewed by the new department in time for the student to register for classes in his or her new degree program for the next semester.

### Kentucky’s minimum wage debate could affect WKU students

House Bill 1, sponsored by House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D–Prestonburg, could affect WKU student workers and other university employees.

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After nearly three hours of heated debate on the floor, the bill passed the House with a 54-to-44 vote last Thursday evening. The Republican-controlled Senate will begin reviewing the bill next week.

Robbin Taylor, vice president for Public Affairs, said the university will continue to track the bill, as well as Beshear’s budget proposal.

“We are obviously interested and monitoring it because of the financial impact for which we will need to plan,” she said in an email.

The average minimum wage worker in Kentucky currently earns around $15,080 a year, Stumbo said. If passed, the bill would raise that number to $21,008.

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Florence senior Emily Kemp works at the WKU bookstore. Although the history and social studies major makes more than minimum wage, she said her salary wouldn’t be enough to pay for college.

“I believe they [the university] should do what’s in the best interest of their students and faculty, whether that’s cutting funds or cutting students’ jobs,” she said.

“A mix of both will probably happen. At the bookstore, I know we are constantly examining hours for employees and budget, and they are very conscious of that and use their funds and employees efficiently.”

Bowling Green junior Shannon Lay, a middle school math/science and math education double major, works in the math tutoring lab at the current minimum wage of $7.25 per hour.

“I’d love some extra cash in my pocket, but I’d be worried about losing my job,” the middle grades math major said. “I don’t think the university would want to keep so many student workers if they have to pay them so much more.”
MARIAH’S CONTINUED FROM FRONT

The exception of a few new menu items. “You can get your chicken and but- tons and your galaxy pie just like you can right now,” Dorris said. Mills bought Mariah’s from its previ-

erous owner Rick Kelley. Kelley was hired as a consultant for the new location. Fleming, who has been with Mariah’s for 32 years, was also hired as the gen-

eral manager for MI#:s group’s restaur-

ant. The Mariah House Museum is the old-

est standing brick building in Bowling Green and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Elizabeth and George Moore built the house in 1818 for about $4,000. According to Mariah’s website, the house was pur-

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formed into the restaurant. In 1995, a fire destroyed a majority of the house, but most of it was rebuil-

t to its original structure.

The next use for the building is still under consideration. The building is changing, to an extent, there has been a lot of discussion and time to make sure that it’s the right use for the building and the ser-

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Campus closure apparently not an option

STAFF EDITORIAL

While all of WKU’s other regional campuses close due to hazardous conditions, main campus has yet to experience any closings, despite weather conditions being hazardous downtown Green.

OUR STATE: While we understand that college campuses don’t close as much as high school campuses— which we agree they shouldn’t—we believe there should be times when they should close.

Pretty early in the morning, we check out a couple times a day to see whether things are safe basically, he said. “Then I make a recommendation to the chief of police, who calls me around 5:30 and asks me what’s happening. We both kind of just make a recommendation.”

Emslie said there’s a difference between closing campus entirely and simply canceling classes for students and leaving the rest of campus open.

“We still have courses that we want to be on,” Emslie said. “A residential campus where we don’t want to close, or do we close if there’s any chance at all of bad weather?”

President Ransdell said that those who do not commute must be taken into account when making the decision.

“We also have to consider the fact we have 3,000 students living on campus, and most of our faculty and staff live relatively close to the campus,” he said. “So on nights that we get snow when it comes down to making that decision to close altogether or open up late, we’ll survey the conditions of our streets and walkways on and off campus, knowing that if we close that we have a lot of students on campus that are going to get out in the weather themselves because they have to go to work.”

While that may be the case for local students on days with snow accumulations, this season we have experienced ice and sleet, which do make for safe or fun sliding trips down the hill near Van Meter.

According to the Western Kentucky University 2012 book, campus capacity is 4,958. Not including students, the rest of the student population is made of those who must commute to our main campus and who must deal with the ice and sleet not only walking on campus, but driving great distances on potentially heavy and dangerous roads to campus.

Ransdell said he understands why those who choose the campus is to be thoughtful and be careful,” he said. “Don’t drive, even if we’re open, if it’s dangerous. Our faculty will work with you if you miss a class because of weather. It’s entirely possible that streets could be just fine in and around campus but somewhere out in the county on a rural road it could be treacherous. We can’t close the campus because rural roads are a little treacherous because of every else that it involves. People need to use good judgment, even if we’re open.”

While Ransdell’s advice is wise and should be taken into consideration, we know it’s not that simple. While some professors may be more forgiving of multiple absences due to weather, not all are. In fact, some professors don’t distinguish between unexcused and excused absences.

You may have four absences because you couldn’t take your kids or yourself to school, but your professor may not care about the excuse, and you may fail the course.

Not calling off classes inevitably gives those who live on or near campus an unfair advantage, and given the fact that a good deal of WKU’s students are commuters, we believe that the faculty needs to take all students into consideration.

“We understand that the decision to call off classes or close campus down completely is not a light one. However, it comes to the safety of the majority of our students on days when the weather is obviously hazardous, we believe the decision is an obvious one,” said Ransdell.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald’s editorial board.

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Kyle Paige, of Celina, Tenn., is thrown back while competing in the bareback bronc riding during the Lone Star Championship Rodeo at L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center in Bowling Green on Saturday. JABIN BOTSFORD / HERALD

Preston Fowlkes III, of Calvert City, Ky., watches a horse show while waiting for the start of breakaway roping competition during the Lone Star Rodeo. IAN MAULE / HERALD

Oralee Madison, 6, of Crawford, Ky., blows a bubble with her gum backstage before her entrance for the National Anthem during the Lone Star Championship Rodeo at the L.D. Brown Agricultural Exposition Center on Saturday. ADAM WOLFFBRANDT / HERALD

ABOVE: Bulls wait before the start of the bull riding competition during the Lone Star Rodeo. IAN MAULE / HERALD

LEFT: A cowboy adjusts his saddle backstage during the Lone Star Championship Rodeo. ADAM WOLFFBRANDT / HERALD
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“It’s a great opportunity for me to go out and preach the gospel of geography, to really be a part of that culture and see what a geographer is, and how they understand of geography themes CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, and so much about it,” he said. “The travel is amazing. The people are very generous, which is why we are very proud, which is why we are very proud of them.”

“Some of our students are from places that are very, very far from here. They are excited to go out and preach the gospel of geography.”

Porter explained to the audience that it is important to increase the amount of understanding that people can develop a sensitivity to different cultures and different geographical experiences. He added, “So many people don’t take active roles with the opportunities they are given,” he said. “It’s not really about censorship. It’s not really about politics. It’s just about being educated.”

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**Professors create campus actors access**

BY MICHAEL HALL

WKU prepares for Energy Conservation Contest

WKU will once again engage in an energy conservation contest with other colleges and universities.

"It’s a national competition that we can participate in," according to Ryan-Downing.

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By MACKENZE MATHIES
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Saturday March 1 will mark the third year for the 2014 WKU Leadership Conference. It will be held in the Basin
Center at the Elisa Wilson Center for Fine Arts, and registration will be open soon.

As this year's executive director, Lou
Anne Sharp will be attending various con-
terences to present on various topics about finding leadership and choosing a leadership in a school set-
ing.

"I have found that we need to do a better job on the way we teach our students about WKU's cam-
pus and what it takes to be a successful
leader and student at the same time," he said.

Incorporating WKU's infamous geo-
graphy and leadership seminar, this year's confer-
ence will try to bring in local speak-
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Gloyd, 43, set out to publish her own
book, and she said, "I do not have a family, stu-
dents, just houses and mother of the six. The
author said that she has dreamed of publishing
something, "It's my life."

"At our 25-year high school an-
ter, she said that she was in a middle
school newspaper where all we said was
what was happening to the students. She
had the only one who had done what she
wanted to do.

Gloyd's husband of 25 years, Rich-
ard, has always supported her, and be-
cause their fathers are close, she
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"It wasn't a hands-on at the school, and
she probably never would have been a
"Doctor of God, I would like go out in
state." She said, "I tried to have time for God
every day to get my thoughts figured. Every-
thing will work out in the eyes of God,"
Land and keeps on telling me to go back out,
which I did, took two years," she said.

"I believe that all of us have a destiny
and God is looking over us. I believe in
her faith and family that God has in
our lives."

"God first," McGee said. "I have a
great relationship with God, that's why I
know it's not just me."

"Even when I need to do it right away,"
McGee said that she wasnt prepared
for the maturity level expected of her
at Kilgore, Texas, and it was just a
time. She said, "I ended up here, which I feel-
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season turnaround in the Sun Belt con-
ference will be "Leading from the Top."

"The entire conference has been
successful on campus and helping WKU
students."

The organizing staff on the confer-
ce had a lot of experience as the attendees. Sharp said that the conference was a
unique initiative for a particular role he
or she may choose to pursue.

"Wish group was given a budget to work with, and they worked very well with the conference in ac-
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ply for next year's conference.

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Ramsey sweeps the field at Meyo Invitational

By Jonah Phillips

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"What's so difficult about relay events is you have to have four guys that compete at the very highest level," Jenkins said. "We have about six guys that give us a good chance in the event."

Seams managed to post personal records in the 200-meter dash, triple jump, and long jump. His 200-meter dash clocking of 21.28 seconds was good for third place and improves on his already Sun Belt leading time. His long jump of 7.37 meters ranks second in the league.

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Junior Cyrus Johnson leads the Sun Belt with his triple-jump mark of 50-feet-2 ½ inches, a clip good for third at the meet and a 30th-place national ranking.

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‘I’ve been lucky enough to see track & field competed at on the very highest level—a world-class level,’ Mulfet-Duncan said. ‘And I think oftentimes I toll (Ramsey) too often that I have seen few athletes that can compete at her intensity.’

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Three Toppers named to Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference team

BY ELLIOTT PRATT

The 2014 Sun Belt Conference Preseason coaches’ poll that the Lady Toppers finished last in the Sun Belt, it was no surprise to the Toppers.

As McGee grew up, her father, John McGee, saw potential in her game as early as when she was eight or nine years old. ”As a coaching staff, you always feel like you need someone that can definitely bring an immediate impact, and that’s what Bianca brings to the table,” Clark-Heard said. “And she’s a senior now, so she has that leadership.”

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“Never Say Never” into something for most people regarding the Western Kentucky women’s basketball team. It’s a team that has all the pieces in place—plus some depth to run through the Sun Belt like it’s shown this year.

“Right now, the Lady Toppers sit at fourth place in the Sun Belt, but only one game separates four different teams from the top of the conference. It works out in favor for WKU, who boasts three of the Lady Topper’s lowest teams for a three-game home stretch in Diddle. In the other locker room, the Lady Toppers have hit a fork in the road this season.

February has brought some of the best and the worst out of basketball on the Hill. While the Lady Toppers put together a 6-2 record in the conference in its first ten games by relying on the insurance of Chastity Gooch and positive developments of redshirt freshman guard Kendall Noble, Senior guard Bianca McGee and sophomore guard Mikaela Noble continued to hold down the perimeter shots.

The Toppers begin the season Friday at 59-46 victory, and McGee led the team with 17 points. The 5-foot-9-inch senior guard is the Lady Toppers third leading scorer at 10.9 points per game and is fourth in minutes played at 26.1 per game. McGee started 20 games last season, but solidified her role as the Lady Toppers’ offensive spark off the bench earlier in the year.

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For the Toppers, what’s not to enjoy about their season thus far? Ask McGee.

I always wanted to get a job just to say I had a job and he wouldn’t let me. He never let her have a job when she was growing up because he wanted her to focus on two things: school and basketball. "As McGee said they’d save all the latest clothes with their little jobs and I always wanted to get a job just to say I had a job and he wouldn’t let me. He said, ‘your job is school and basketball. And I’ll give you everything you need and you can still eat the things you want.’"

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"When I first started playing basketball, it was an annoying thing with my sister,” McGee said. “My oldest sister was kind of like a mother to me…that’s why I wore number 22, because she wore number 22. I wanted to just be like her, so I started developing my own love for the game.”

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As she continued fast for a career, McGee said she found herself playing alongside Skylar Diggins, former McDonald’s All-American and current member of the WNBA’s Tulsa Shock. Diggins was a four-