Students worried about potential public broadcasting cuts

by KATHERINE WADE

LEXINGTON senior Tabnie Dozier is nervous about losing her job.

Dozier is doing an internship with WKYU-PBS. Her job, along with other students working for public broadcasting outlets, may hang on a bill facing the U.S. Senate next week.

The bill proposes to eliminate funding for public broadcasting, including WKYU-PBS. A station based in Bowling Green and owned by WKU. It has already passed in the House of Representatives, so the bill is now facing consideration by the Senate.

“Because we aren’t a commercial station, we already don’t have the amount of income that other stations have,” Dozier said. “The idea of taking more money away frightens me.”

Jack Hanes, director of Educational Telecommunications, which is the department responsible for the operation of WKU’s public radio and television stations, as well as the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network, said the Senate will most likely restore the funding, which will lead to a compromise between the House and the Senate.

Hanes said the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a non-profit organization created by Congress and funded by the federal government, currently provides $430 million dollars a year to outlets across the country. WKU’s public media receives $900,000 a year, which amounts to 40 percent of its budget.

By KATHARINE WADE

Bowling Green Sophomore Marcel Flournoy has been excited for the Winter Jam Concert since January when he began seeing the flyers around campus and intrives on Facebook.

Flournoy is looking forward to the concert because he’s been a Yo Gotti fan since he was 12 but has never been to one of the rapper’s concerts.

He said he’s also glad other major performers are coming too.

“It’s going to bring a lot of publicity for the school because they are big name artists,” Flournoy said.

Flournoy is looking forward to the concert featuring Soulja Boy, Ray J and Yo Gotti is presented by Horseman Entertainment, a Bowling Green-based agency, and hosted by Star- tucker, a promotion group made up of these WKU students and two students who go to other universities.

Winter Jam brings big names to BG

by JOANNA WILLIAMS

Jim Sears, assistant director of operations for the WKU News, said he’s looking for fair trade tickets to add to the store. The Student Government Association passed a fair trade declaration last week.

Sears said it’s sending two buyers to a trade show in Houston next week who are going to be looking specifically for fair trade products.

Sears said that it is the time of year that fair trade products are available at the book store even though it doesn’t always inspire."They don’t flourish on the shelves,” he said. "But I think that was an education problem. Now that fair trade is becoming implement-ed on campus and people are becoming aware of it, I think the need will start appearing.”

Supporters of fair trade at WKU, such as Meglanbarger, are trying to make students aware of fair trade products available on campus.

“As a university, we should be conscious of our purchasing actions,” Baron said. “Fair trade is a product that ensures the ideals of furthering our mission and adding value to our university.”

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Western Kentucky University’s fair trade campaign is run through the Americans for Informed Democracy student group pushing fair trade options.

WKU senior Austin Anderson prepares the set at WKYU-PBS before the filming of “Outlook” on Wednesday. Several WKU students work at the television station, which could have its funding cut if the U.S. Senate passes a bill next week that would eliminate federal funding of public broadcasting.

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This fair trade label ensures that farmers get a fair price for their products, which helps farmers in developing countries build sus-tainable businesses that positively influence their communities,” according to fairtradeusa.org.

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**CORRECTIONS**

Due to a Herald error, Cornett Scott's hometown was incorrectly identified in the front page. "levoting the field" story in the Feb. 15 issue, Scott is from Sparta.

Due to a Herald error, the location of Gambs' Field meetings was incorrectly identified in a page 6 article about a member of the Feb. 15 issue.

The guild meets on the third floor of the Downing University Center from 4:30 to 10:45 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Herald regrets these errors.

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**WINTER JAM**

Branding Dean senior Chad Carpineat, a member of Stansfield, estimates the group has had about 35 events over the course of his four years as a WKU student. They mostly include parties and forums with the Black Student Alliance.

But the Winter Jam Concert is their first large-scale event. Carpenter said. "We've been building up for a show like this," he said.

Demand Bell, CEO of Houseman Entertainment, said putting on a hip-hop concert was more than trying to break tickets for the show, because Bell wanted to draw people from across the region. "This isn't about making money," he said. "It's about creating a good event for the community."

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Director of Educational Telecommunications, Broadcasting. Both have been sending letters to the U.S. Senate urging them not to cut funding for public broadcast-

**Public broadcasting is a very valu- able service.** Hanes said. "I would hate to see it eliminated."
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Rohrer planning to better promote WKU research center

By ELIZABETH BELLMAN

Without WKU’s Center for Research and Development, Hitcents, a business started by former WKU students Chris and Clinton Mills, might never have been so successful.

The two brothers, along with father Ted and Hitcents’ first employee, Matt Jeffers, have won many awards and titles, such as ranking No. 19 in Inc.’s list of 500 fastest-growing companies in the U.S. for 2007. Hitcents is a music business that is located inside the center, which gained a new director when Doug Rohrer began on Jan. 5 after decades of work in the Bowling Green and Western Kentucky communities.

"They believed it was taking away the right of the individual on campus," Carver said. "This is something that’s very hard to enforce."

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"Everybody’s worried that if it’s passed, how will it be enforced?" Carver said. "If it’s not enforceable, then why pass it? I guess they’re worried about potential problems with enforcement.

The council plans to make a final decision on April 26.

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Rohrer said they are starting a free business competition in March called “Jobs for High School Startups.”

Applicants with ideas for a business are asked to submit six questions about that idea, such as who their customers and competition would be.

The deadline for the application is April 1.

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College isn’t for everybody

On Kanye West’s 2004 debut, “The College Dropout,” an unabashedly anti-college message almost leaked out of his mouth. In his struggle with the lows of residual college rejection, he is also questioning his decision to go to college itself and has become annoyed to any- thing despite his education. I feel it’s the skin is critical and clearly hear a sarcastic tone, they are also very stylish — provoking.

They make us think about people’s needs for something higher than an education. Is it a pressure from family? Is it because our education is all we know? Or is it a professional world always at the mention of the word? Well, I know my answer. But I can easily see that it differs from many others.

To put it simply, college isn’t for every- body. I might be the first to ask with that stark revelation (after all, you’re already here, right?), but it’s rarely even too late to make a change. That change might be withdrawing and following your dreams. Or it might just be switching your major, but it’s rarely ever too late to make a change. That change is usually the basis for computing in the world, but if your goals are attainable without a degree, why not chase them? Re- member that you can always come back to school if your plans don’t work out. A simple salary, artistic or athletic talent can transform from just a hobby to an influ- ential and possibly lucrative career. And we should be able to afford to do what we love, rather than settle for what society tells us is right. I feel like the college world, it didn’t think that it would lead to my success, I wouldn’t be here. I’ve never been afraid to fail or use school as a tool to promote my dreams, no matter how ambi- tion can come from more than just the class- room.

Others are here to find love, satisfy their desires, and become a boxing champ and business- man. George Foreman left ninth grade; though he eventually earned a GED and became a boxing champ and business- man, he was my inspiration for that, too, left Chicago State University, where his inspiration, and it is now an international music and fashion icon. This commentary doesn’t reflect those of Western Kentucky University. Here are a few guidelines:

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Head Coach Tyra Perry said the team committed its season opener by not executing and not scoring on the 3-point shot, which is a basic component of the offense.

“We had a lot to say,” she refuted. “There were several things we could have done better, but on the other hand, we have to get back on the bus and be ready to go.”

WKU has been one of the lesser-regarded teams in the nation, but the season opener was a wake-up call for them.

“He knew what he was doing,” said Perry. “And the game is not over yet. This is a new season, and you have to try your best and get back to basics.”

The Lady Toppers are still trying to figure out the system that Perry has put in place, and the team is working to improve its consistency. “We have to work on being the best players we can be,” Perry said. “And we’re not going to get any better if we don’t make any changes.”

The Lady Toppers’ season opener was a wake-up call for them, and they have a lot of work to do to get back on track. The team will have to improve its consistency and get back to basics to make a run at the NCAA tournament.
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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

By CLAY BOURIN

Senior forward Arnika Brown summed up the Lady Toppers' 75-62 loss to Florida International on Wednesday's Senior Night in one word: frustration. What was supposed to be a celebratory occasion for three seniors who have been a part of 75 wins over the past four years turned bitter.

It was just the third time in the last 30 years that the Lady Toppers have lost on Senior Night and the first time since 2001, when Hutchison was a senior at Arkansas State.

"You did it right tonight?" Brown asked. "You could look at our guard (Amy McNear) and all the great things she's done. You could look at (senior guard) Hope (Brown) and tell she got frustrated. I know it was Senior Night and all that, but at the end of the day, even if it wasn't Senior Night, I'd still be frustrated because me and my teammates—we didn't get it done."

But the frustration for the Lady Toppers goes beyond just one game. It comes near the end of what's been an uncharacteristic year for WKU women's basketball, to say the least.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Pettigrew 'hungry' for one more tourney trip**

By ZACH GREENWELL

Head Coach Ken McDonald admits that senior forward Shelton Pettigrew is so consistent, he often forgets about him.

But there's one time McDonald said he never forgets about his veteran leader — when he's searching for the next one.

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**BASEBALL**

**Topper transfers transferring through opposition**

By BRAD STEPHENS

When Chris Finwood traveled to Iowa Western Community College last May, he was looking at a third baseman.

It was instead a "big, old, goofy outfielder" named Ryan Hutchison that caught the eye of the Hilltopper's head coach.

"He was hitting balls out of sight," Finwood said.

After Hutchison helped lead Iowa Western to the 2010 NJCAA World Series Championship, Finwood convinced him to sign with WKU.

The junior right fielder made his Topper debut last weekend against Bowling Green State, hitting .417 with two doubles and five RBIs through four games and has also made an impact so far.

"He's hitting near the top of the order, Hartle has the most power, so I've got to have productive sacrifices," Hutchison said. "You've got to get on base, to say the least."

But Hutchison isn't the only Topper transfer making an impact so far.

His teammate at Iowa Western, second baseman Ivan Hartle, also came to WKU.

"I didn't realize I had a player like Ivan Hartle," Finwood said. "He's a real senior leader who never forgets about his veteran leader — when he's searching for the next one."

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