Pop culture major has wide appeal

By Taylor Harrison
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Each semester, professors in WKU’s pop culture major offer a specialized class to give upper-division students a unique look at how society relates to their studies.

That class (POP 399) is centered around soap opera, spanning the spring. The class is instructed by Sam Ford, a WKU graduate who previously taught the course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Scoville junior Craig Lucas said the class gets him in contact with experiences he never would have otherwise.

"There else can I study 'The Bold and the Beautiful' as a semester project or theorize about the effects that ‘Saturday Night Live’ has on society?" Lucas said. "I’m a pop culture major, and I’m proud."

The option to major in popular culture studies was made available in fall 2009, and the 34-hour major became something current students could add to their already-established workload.

"The idea was there so that if students wanted to double major, it would not be impossible to do so," said Tony Hamilton, associate professor and director of the pop culture major.

Hamilton said the major can apply to many career options.

"It’s kind of a make-your-own career kind of major," he said. "I see it as essentially a liberal arts degree, preparing you in the same way an English degree, or history or philosophy."

Activist inspires a new generation

By Kevin Allen
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Bernice Johnson Reagon has been an activist, scholar, singer and author for civil and women’s rights since the 1960s.

Reagon discussed her life as an African-American woman in the South during that time in her presentation Wednesday night in Van Meter Ball H.

Reagon began by singing "Would You Harbor Me?" which had a message of encouraging people to accept others from different cultures and circumstances.

Reagon then talked about how her experiences at Albany State University in Georgia led her to become involved in the civil rights and women’s movement.

"Being born female theoretically shouldn’t be rough, but it is really rough," she said.

Reagon said she was often frustrated as a civil rights movement because the participation of women was rarely talked about, which attracted her to the feminist movement.

"The idea that there needed to be a struggle to change the position of women in society was one I was really ready for," she said.

Bernice Johnson Reagon, an activist for the Civil Rights Movement, signs books after her presentation Wednesday night in Van Meter Auditorium.

During her time in college, a man propositioned Reagon for sex over the phone, which prompted her to organize a sting operation to catch the man.

"In my presentation Wednesday night, I wanted to reach, and now the Student Government Association is the de facto leader of WKU’s student representation in the 7th National Student Congress conference."
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Ben Poik has been playing trombone for about 20 years, starting when he was a kid.

In the middle of his first year of teaching at WKU, Poik also considers himself a freelance trombone player and picks up gigs when he can.

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Can't go fulltime?

By CAITLIN CARTER

2001, but in September 2009, Health Services has seen a great increase in patients. "It's going to be huge," Sutter said. "It's going to be huge in ways that directly impact on patients."

By next fall, IT hopes to have Windows 7. The latest operating system released by Microsoft, it will be loaded on all the computers in the new medical facility in January 2011, Mead said. "It will be on a plan to get the staff into the new lab across campus. Owen said they are planning to go Windows 7 to a computer lab and pull up the software from any other lab's computers. "It would be just like setting that lab," he said. Owen said it would be beneficial to students who, for example, need to access a program in the math lab but can't access it elsewhere. In addition, the new technology, they could reach that software, wherever they are, in Mass Media and Technology Hall, which is a 24-hour lab at WKU. "It is going to be huge in ways that directly impact on patients."

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WKU Health Services sees new director, accreditation

By CATLIN CARTER

Over the last 10 years, Health Services has increased its size of staff and doubled the number of patients it sees. Now the department is faced with finding a new director as it seeks accreditation.

In Jan. 2011, after more than 12 years of service, Dr. Lila Gilliam, acting director, will leave her position at Boone State University. Dunn, vice president of Information Technology, said Gilliam hasn't always to be in the health care system, but a leader in student engagement." WKU is not just a small regional campus, Vaughn said. "We can show the world that we are big on innovation and creativity and are leading the search committee.

IT developing virtual labs, improved Internet

By KATHERINE WADE

Now that WKU's new website has launched, Information Technology is moving forward on a number of projects.

One of IT's major goals for the semester include moving Windows 7, creating virtual computing labs and improving Internet access.

Boon Owen, vice president of Information Technology, said the department is hoping to improve service and the frequency in ways that directly impact on patients. "I think students will really appreciate that," Owen said pointing to WKU's new computer lab. "We are going to have more and more students using the new computer lab."

WKU wireless, security

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Post-form regression

Forums on campus can be the best places to express one’s thoughts, needs and opinions of students on and off campus.

You can post flyers all day, send all the e-mails you want, and make 10 different commercials, but forums are a language everyone understands.

Although many enjoy well work to get ideas to the open and bring light to otherwise unspoken social issues, the condition is still ongoing.

I’m assuming to see how student comment on campus. It never fails to draw a crowd when a forum takes place. It hardly ever fails to make the Goldie, and entire wardrobe not reek of cigarette smoke, make your smoking habit an outside activity. And if they are concerned about the smoke and the nuisance of them, then haven’t, sake, you’ll be glad.

It boils downs to a simple concept: respect.

Dear Tom: 

This Fool is a day that no college roommate will have to write their name on their food or file a noise complaint — a day when all roommates live happily ever after.

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Most of the people Jordan Olberding sees doing one of her favorite hobbies are older. But the 19-year-old sophomore from Oceanside, Calif., started quilting when she was 16 and has made six full-size quilts since.

She became interested in quilting when her mom bought a quilt shop where Olberding worked and took quilting lessons.

“Being around quilts and all the fabrics, you just naturally get into it,” she said. Now, Olberding said it’s hard to find the time to quilt.

“If she works on a quilt for a few hours each day, she’ll have it finished in about a month,” Olberding said. “She knows by now that with quilting she made the mostly quit whole design by the time she is finished.”

When she does have the time to quilt, Olberding said she likes some long black threads that are popular during the Civil War. Her favorite part is laying out the different angles and fabrics that were popular during that period.

“It was because the quilt was so huge,” she said. “I’ve never had a project that big.”

Olberding now has a sewing machine in her room, so she has done some quilting there in a living room.

Her boyfriend, Leilani seapon, Aaron Daley, said he thinks her hobby is interesting.

“The quilts give me a special cause of its originality,” he said. “No gift of mine has ever displayed so much time and effort from the giver.”

Olberding said most of the quilts she makes are gifts. It’s hard to make money off of them, because no one wants to pay that much for them anymore.

“Some can sell for as little as $30, but no one wants to pay that much,” she said.

The cost of materials for an average-size quilt can range anywhere from $200 to $350, depending on the pattern and the store. Olberding said she also likes to make baby blankets, purses and clothing as gifts.

Leilani seapon, Elizabeth Harkins said she also likes to see clothing and has worked with Olberding on a quilt.

“Aquila is something you will keep forever, and everyone can connect with them,” she said.

Harkins has learned that people have some misconceptions about quilting.

“A lot of people misconstrue it because they think it’s a hobby for old people,” she said. “But it really is a fun for everyone. Olberding said most people think quilting is not very cool, but she doesn’t see that at all anymore anytime soon.

Quilting is a good pastime and anyone can do it,” Olberding said. “It gives you a great sense of accomplishment to be able to see. I think that’s.”

CULTURE

CULTURE CONtributes FROM FRONT

As of now, pop culture is only offered as an elective and there are no current plans to make it a minor because there would be too much overlap with existing minors, according to the Pop Culture Studies website.

Elizabethtown freshman Brennan Sherrill said she’s a double minor in pop culture and journalism in hopes of working at an entertainment magazine.

“This seemed like the perfect way to approach that from an angle that a lot of people don’t get the opportunity to study,” Sherrill said.

Harkins said pop culture majors should take Introduction to Popular Culture Studies (POP 201) as soon as possible.

“There’s a single section of the introduction class each semester which is team-taught by two instructors. Although the class is capped at 40 students, Somerset freshmen Lendera and Sherrill said she signed up late but still found a spot.

Pop culture classes deal with issues of culture, race, gender and economics.

Because of that, Sherrill said it’s a really cool“ she said.

Quilters appreciate traditions of quilting

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— LATERA OWENS  
Junior Forward

WYU GAVE LEADERSHIP

The Lady Toppers still need to win more of their remaining three games to have a shot at the No. 2 seed in the tournament, something they’ll do with Saturday’s 2 p.m. game at Louisiana-Lafayette.

After its impressive 12-5 record in the win column.

"That’s what Coach Cowles has been preaching," Rice said. "You can’t have fun, but at the same time focus on the other things as well." Cowles said Rice has been an "immense amount of talent," and the incorporation of Hejhal and Hageman isn’t a concern to him.

"If a game starts speeding up on a young guy, he’ll slow it down. He always uses it. And the coaches have been stressing that for three years."

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« 2010.»
The Toppers have lost two crucial assistant coaches in the past week, as both defensive backs coach Clayton White and quarterbacks coach Mike Sanford headed for jobs at BCS schools.

Marchenda agreed. "When he’s been able to do changes everybody’s attitude, and it changes everybody’s focus," he said.

Marchenda acknowledges the importance of having a head coach on the team, saying the most important voices, other than the head coach, are the leadership and teamwork.

"College more than high school, the way you compete is with your team and with your teammates," she said. "You compete for a bigger purpose. You’re running back Bobby Rainey and Taggart’s guidance is a nearly impossible task, especially as the Toppers become more successful and gain more attention.

But as this program moves forward, it can’t be a revolving door. Otherwise you don’t have a program— you have a pit stop.

And the groups that White and Sanford left behind, the defensive backs and the quarterbacks, are in a much better place.

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By COLE CLAYBOURN

"I'm not sure the impact she's had on the program can be expressed in words," Head Coach Chris Finwood said. "She made sure that all their routines were on time, that we didn't miss any practices. She just loved and cared about playing here. I wasn't just good to say you've been drafted by the Yankees, you know — everyone knows the Yankees — but it wasn't a good opportunity to go out my last year. I think that this year would be a better opportunity."