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Regents to finalize cuts, raise tuition

MICHÈLLE DAY Herald reporter

The Board of Regents will approve a tuition increase at its meeting today, which will be sent to the Council on Postsecondary Education for final approval. The sent the regulation to the Governor last year.

President Gary Ransdell announced on April 17 that he would recommend a tuition increase of 9 percent for the 2008-09 academic year.

Ransdell and Grey both said they didn't expect the board to discuss budget cuts made by the General Assembly. Ransdell said at the Finance and Budget Committee on April 4 that the board would give a preliminary idea of where those cuts will come from.

Ransdell said it's too soon to discuss those cuts. Regents will approve them when they receive a final budget at a special meeting in June, Ransdell said.

Gov. Steve Beshear ordered a 3 percent mandatory cut to postsecondary education on Dec. 21 to offset a budget imbalance in the General Assembly approved Gov. Steve Beshear's 3 percent cut on April 2, but removed the cut to 2 percent.

Regents will vote on whether to finalize the first tuition cuts.

One was the cut of the men's soccer program announced on Feb. 1.

Doug Greiman, a former Western soccer player, said he was upset about five questions about the cut of the soccer team.

"I will stay away with the diminution and solutions the absent have that could possibly sway the decision," he said.

Attorney Rick Evans, who represents the former players, said he contacted the board about having five or so people speak to the Regents, but they were only granted one.

Adams previously said the soccer cut is final.

Greiman said there shouldn't be too much discussion about the tuition policy because regents have had the increase approved for a while, so they've been able to discuss it and ask questions before today's meeting.

"They do their homework and do it well," she said.

The tuition rate that the board approves will be sent to the General Assembly for final approval.

Tuition proposals from all eight public universities and the community college system are due tomorrow.

BUDGET

Parking loses three bus drivers, updates shuttle schedule

MARIANNE HALE Herald reporter

Parking and transportation recently decreased the amount of shuttle drivers from 11 to eight, extending pick-up times on the white line.

All the employees' departures were connected to their inability to meet parking and transportation's standards, said Amanda Massey, transit services general manager.

Some left voluntarily, Massey said. At least one was fired.

Parking officials declined to name the drivers or elaborate.

"We don't all sit well at a negative," Massey said. "I don't want to give anybody the impression that it's earned over there."

Officials also declined to say what-managed the drivers didn't meet.

Parking and transportation aims to "maximize the best of expectations for shuttle drivers," Electrical Jennifer Trogan said.

Drivers should have a good attendance, maintain the route schedule and treat students properly.

Parking and transportation hopes to develop a training program to find drivers to fit in with their raised standards.

Parking and transportation usually has six full-time drivers and six part-time drivers, Trogan said.

"Finding the right drivers is a goal of parking and transportation," Massey said.

Shuttle drivers must have a Commercial Driver's License, she said.

Drivers also must meet all the shuttle routes, the proper way to operate the vehicle as well as anger management and customer service skills, Smith said.

Transit services will develop its own training program to find drivers with desired qualities, such as customer service skills, Massey said.

The program requires applicants to have a CDL, Trogan said.

They would acquire a CDL through parking and transportation's training program.

The CDL requirement limits the applicant pool, Trogan said.

"Removing that requirement would broaden the amount of applicants with strong customer service skills," she said.

Trogan said she hopes to be prevent- ing with a full staff next semester.

Bus driver Wanda Smith said parking and transportation as improved, but customer service comes with more problems.

With more drivers, people are more probable, she said.

"We don't have to have a full staff," she said.

Regents agenda

The following are highlights of the Board of Regents agenda for today's meeting:

- Approval of a graduate certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Appointment to enter into a 99-year lease with right of first refusal with Friends of the River Fork Creek, Inc., involving shoreline and riparian areas.
- Approval of tuition rates for 2008-09
- Tuition减
- Resolution authorizing Lake's Board of Regents to make personnel actions in April 2008.
- Update on 2008 General Assembly, capital construction projects and wireless project

WEATHER

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Arrests

- Marious D'Allen, Bowling Green, was arrested on April 23 and charged with criminal trespass after he was found in a room reserved for faculty and staff. He is being held in the Warren County Regional Jail on a $500 cash bond.

Reports

- Alex Lewis, Cecilia, reported on April 22 the theft of a bicycle from the Environmental Science and Technology building. The value of the theft was $300.
- Jessica Hampton, Central City, reported on April 20 the theft of $144 from her purse in McCormack Hall.

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CORRECTION

Due to Herald error, the Herald reported on April 22 in a story on page three that the last 5.0-magnitude earthquake in the Wabash Valley seismic zone was in 2005.

The last earthquake of that magnitude was in 2002.

The Herald regrets the error.

The College Heights Herald corrects all confirmed errors that are brought to reporters’ editors’ attention. Please call 745-8051 or 745-3944 to report a correction or e-mail us at editor@chherald.com.

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Mari Al-Marzooqi came to the United States in June of 2007 from Al-Hassa, Saudi Arabia. She is a graduate student working toward her master’s degree in public health. Al-Marzooqi has already attained her bachelor’s degree in Saudi Arabia, and she said she hopes to return there to teach as a professor of public health at a university. Al-Marzooqi is wearing a hijab, the headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women.

"Sometimes other students stare, they don’t ask... maybe they are afraid," said Al-Marzooqi, who wears the hijab as a part of her religion. "It is hard to live here with my hijab and practice my religion. This is the part that is hard for me."
City to auction surplus

The annual City Surplus Auction will be in February. Every year, the city replaces materials such as computer and office equipment, Mayor Elvin Walden said. There are restrictions on how these items can be disposed of, and having an auction is one way the city can get rid of them.

This year’s auction will start at 1:30 p.m. at the City Garage at 611 Raven St. with pre-registration at 11:30 a.m. Ken Boyd Realty and Auction, Inc. will run the auction, with Ken Boyd in charge of serving as the auctioneer.

Railsbank said city employees who are downsized will get first priority to buy items. She also said that no city or state funds will be used in connection with the auction.

Four generations of Starbucks

Starbucks will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Monday. Starbucks began in Seattle in 1971 as a coffee roaster and has since expanded to more than 28,000 stores in 77 countries.

The company was founded by three partners: Jerry Baldwin, Zev Siegl and Gordon Bressmer. Today, Starbucks is led by CEO Howard Schultz.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating 40 years of creating the third place where people can come together and connect with each other and with what they love," Schultz said. "Our mission has always been to be a beacon for positive change and progress in the communities we serve, and we are more committed than ever to making the world a little brighter for everyone who walks through the doors of our stores."
NEW EDITORS

BRING FRESH IDEAS

JAN DEMI & SUSIE LAUN
Fall 2008 editor-in-chief

Every semester, new editors come to the Herald with new ideas and new goals, and we re-examine ourselves. We both joined the Herald faculty in the spring of 2008 and quickly developed an overwhelming amount of pride in the work we did and the newspaper we helped produce. It’s this pride that drives us to continue bettering our publication the class of 2008 aims for the fall 2008 issue, and we need your help to recognize them. Here are our first steps to update the Herald: More readers are picking up our paper than is perhaps necessary to succeed in being our first step. We hope to re-examine our previous sets of goals for the fall 2008 issue, and we need your help to improve upon these.

Our first goal is to develop stories that are new, innovative, and engage our readers. The feature section should be big and fresh with creative visuals and innovative story-telling. We want the feature section to engage our readers and present unique coverage. Our goal is to develop stories as an entire staff, housing ideas off of one another, and creating stories with context and context to match the photos and design. To do this, we need to expand our staff. Now, we have a small staff. They are motivated and hungry to succeed, but our job is to report and capture stories that our staff can write for us. We’re looking for creative minds to help us accomplish this goal. The Herald had major breakthroughs during our NCAA tournament coverage this year. We were able to post videos on our Web site, wkherald.com, and we gained the ability to use live blogging software during basketball season greatly improved our coverage of forums and meetings. The experience gained through this has improved our overall newspaper content. We continue our efforts in our sports department by doing stories that go beyond game coverage. We hope to engage in more in-depth, personal angles, and finding those will improve this section tremendously. We know our people who support us know how, but know the people behind those sports.

Our second goal is to keep our staff engaged, with deeper look at important issues such as the budget cut and the considerable futures of our staff. We want our newspaper to be more organized and innovative stories to story-telling. We want the Herald to develop our daily coverage online, and make the Herald the dominant online source for WKU students.

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In this year's升级改造，WKU has worked hard to develop a new Web page that allows each of you to express your feelings and praise or criticize our coverage. Our Web site is also a great place to get involved. The opinions expressed in this commentary do not reflect those of the Herald or the university.
ONE leaders advocate education bill in D.C.

EMILY SILVER
Herald reporter

Thanks to Matt Vaughan, the vocalist Shakti is now sporting a ONE Campaign brooch. Vaughan, a freshman from Mexico, Mo., was in Washington D.C. Wednesday when he was asked to speak at a press conference about his work with the ONE Campaign Challenge.

Vaughan said he got a kiss on the cheek from Shakira, who is acting as the honorary chair of the Global Campaign for Education Action League. Vaughan and four other Western ONE Campaign Challenge leaders arrived in D.C. Sunday for Global Education Action Week.

Six students from ONE campuses across the country also attended.

For two days, students went to meetings about speaking with legislators. On Tuesday, they met with the staffs of Sens. Mitch McConnell and Jim Inhofe and representatives from the group’s hometown to encourage co-sponsorship of the Education for All Act, which aims to secure $3 billion by 2012 to provide a quality basic education for everyone in the world.

Vaughan and other ONE members hope the bill passes in next legislative session, which begins in January 2009.

Vaughan said meeting with the staffs was beneficial, because they have a lot of influence on which bills legislatures support.

Western students didn’t receive any formal response from the staffs on whether the legislators would co-sponsor the EFA Act by the time the group was for Bowling Green on Tuesday, Vaughan said.

"If they don’t speak up, come election time, we will," he said. "They can’t get elected if they aren’t pro-education. By not supporting it, that’s basically what they’re saying."

 Vaughan said the ONE Campaign was a good start in raising awareness, but there’s more to be done.

"The only way we can make global poverty history is through legislation like the Education for All Act," Vaughan said. "We can’t see the image of the future if we don’t act in the present."

He said following up with the legislatures will be essential. Charlie Harris, a freshman from Morgantown, met with the staffs of Rep. Ed Whitfield and McConnell.

Bowling Green freshman Jamie Lokey got sick on Tuesday and was unable to meet with the legislators, Harris said.

Louisville sophomore Kristen Honer and Lexington sophomore Greg Capillo met with John Yarmuth, D-Louisville, on Tuesday.

Yarmuth is a co-sponsor of the bill, Hogan said. "I was wonderful meeting with him because he’s in support of everything we’re fighting for," he said.

Erlin Eggleton, Student Outreach Coordinator for the ONE Campaign praised Western’s efforts. "Matt Vaughan and the WOU ONE Chapter made outstanding efforts to get students, faculty groups and local leaders on these issues," he said. "That’s in a press release.

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NEWSPRINT
Helen-Crover Library to stay open later during finals week
Provision to keep the Helen-Crover Library open until 2 a.m. during finals week was approved by the Student Government Association on Tuesday.
"Buildings such as Helen Library and Owens Library and Graduate Center are favorite spots for students during finals week, and to encourage the use of the library and its many services, the legislation said.

It's important to note that most of these incidents that occur on campus are over in a very short time," Williams said. "The Virginia Tech shooting was over when the perpetrator was shot."

"Falling asleep outside a forum is the largest number of concealed carry cases that have been reported in Virginia," the Virginia College Foundation said. "It is also said he is enrolled in an online course for concealed carry.

"I think it is a dangerous time," the college said. "A lot of people said we should never have concealed carry on campus in the first place."

Karl L avait, assistant director in the Counseling and Testing Center, said the reason concealed carry on campus is different than elsewhere in the public is that a college campus is a constant community.

"Wal-mart, the movie theater, Titans stadium, all are public venues, but they're temporary public venues for a short time," Williams said.

Disagreements have the ability to grow over time in a campus community setting, Kolze said.

Kolze said that a few chapter leaders in Kentucky have been trying to come together as a state chapter to address strategies for addressing campus administrators.

"The policy is individually decided by each campus," she said. "So we go to the administration at each campus, we don't have to go to the legislature."
The Lady Toppers provided action in Music City on Wednesday afternoon.

Except instead of shots at guitar strings, the sound wave courtesy of softball hitting aluminum bats. In their doubleheader wins against Belmont, the Lady Toppers (20-26, 4-13 Sun Belt Conference) won 12-2 in the first game and 10-3 in the second.

The Lady Toppers have won six of their last seven games.

"Playing well has given us confidence," coach Terry Perry said. "We've played well in a couple games now, so we just need to continue to focus on that and keep the momentum." 

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Junior pitcher Matt Highwater picked five and two-thirds innings striking out six, while giving up two runs on three hits.

It was Highwater's second victory against the Wildcats. The first time resulted in a 7-3 loss in Lexington on April 2.

Two runs Highwater gave up, in the first inning, and one in the fifth, were both solo home runs.

The Western pitching staff also had 11 shutouts, while Kentucky struck out nine.

"We aren't as sharp as we first thought," Highwater said. "It felt pretty solid early on, but I feel like we had two of my pitches. Later on the breaking ball started feeling much better and I started using that.

"In the end, I made two mis­ take and left two runs up as good of batters as they were, es­ pecially junior outfielder Collin Douglass, they took advantage of them."

Kentucky had six hits in the first six innings, but Highwater continued to three three-frame shutouts to end the game. The Wildcats were 2-6 in the series.

"I'm proud of the way we pitched but after that the bullpen end the game," Harrow said.

"Anybody can win on any given night and we have to realize that going in. No team is going to lay down for us and we have to go in there."
SPORTS

BASEBALL

Ryan Carey 
 Herald reporter

Like the U.S. Postal Service, the grounds crew at Nick Dennis Field puts in four hours a day, rain or shine. For a Friday game, the crew starts about six or seven hours before game time, with the only break they get until about 1 a.m., the next morning being the game itself. The crew, consisting of sophomore David Jones, Fort Campbell junior Aaron Hodges and Lexington sophomore Adam Reynolds, work long hours to ensure that the players compete in the most comfortable field conditions as possible. "We usually get here early," Jones said. "We'll drag the field up, want the infinity, usually rake in the same pattern every morning, move the grass and then, paint the lines."

After the game, the crew sends out guys around the field and do some maintenance as well as washing the team's uniforms. On Saturdays and Sundays, the managers may arrive at the field between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. to prepare the field for the afternoon games. Of course, not everything is a perfect sunny day at the Nick. "It's a lot of work," assistant coach Jonathan Hrabek said. But it's just knowing what the weather is going to do and using what we have. Unfortunately, I've learned that the weather in Kentucky changes every 15 minutes. Some days are filled with rain and snow. But in the same season, we have games to play and make-up games and have to schedule. "It's stressful at times," Reynolds said. "We don't know how long the rain is going to be. It's coming, it's going and when it does start coming, how long it's going to last," "We're pretty much on the edge of our seats the whole time the rain is there."

The managers take great pride in what they do on the field and consider the field to be the best in the state. They also have some of the best fans.
Tuesday marked the 38th anniversary of Western's Earth Day. According to the student group GreenTopper, a total of 64,050 sheets of paper per day in 2007 were printed off in the Mass Media computer lab, a single user printed a total of 23,661 pages. That equates to 4,221,065 sheets per year, which amounts to 39,000,000 gallons of water used per year. Western students use 72,020,435 kilowatt hours of electricity per year. The 4,221 tons of coal are used each year to heat the central steam plant. Each month, plastic bottle waste from vending machines totals 40,000 bottles.

Students teach Bowling Green, campus to be greener

A massive shrine of papers were taped together and hung on the glass wall in the Mass Media and Technology Hall lobby to show students how much paper is wasted on campus each year. This exhibit stood in honor of the annual Earth Day Festival Tuesday. The festival helped raise awareness regarding excessive printing on campus, the need for recycling, conservation of energy and a cleaner environment, among other important environmental issues. Participants set up stations on DDC South Lawn for various environmental organizations and issues.

The event was organized by the GreenToppers, a student group working to improve the sustainability of campus. Sara Ferguson, a sophomore from Springfield, Tenn., and GreenToppers president, said that the turnout was greater this year. There were about 100 people there at all times, she said.

Ferguson said she hoped the visuals helped get students’ attention to learn more about the environment and how it can be improved.

"The green movement won't happen without movement," Ferguson said.

She hoped students see how much paper they waste and how much money is spent on printing paper and toner alone.

A report 9,084,935 pages were printed for the 2007 calendar year, according to an information flyer from Student Technology Services. The highest printer page count for a single user was 23,661 pages and a total of 19 users printed more than 16,000 pages.

Sara Ferguson, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., said the event was designed to be a creative way to get students thinking about how much paper they waste, how much money is spent and how much waste is generated. She said the posters were to encourage students to "think of green."
Trivia gives professors relaxation, competition

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Carl Jordan of Western's Theater Department and Guy Jordan, assistant art history professor play a trivia game at Buffalo Wild Wings on Tuesday night. "Tuesday is the one night a week we have a babysitter," Guy Jordan said. The couple have been married for 10 years, and met at George Washington University during a Quiz Bowl practice.

Some of his favorite places to visit are: Travers Park in Chicago and a Marriott hotel a few blocks from the White House. He takes a cab to the evening to Aces and Eights bar when he takes his students to Las Vegas for a regular convention.

"They're kind of territorial," he said. "When you start winning, they're on your butt."
Students release end-of-the-semester stress with free food, climbing, games

RALDA ZUK
Herald reporter

Bouner houses, obstacle courses and finger painting seem only a few of the activities that keep students laugh­
ing and entertained on DUC last week yesterday.

Kathryn Steward, health education coordina­tor at Health Services, said Stresslivus was an event that was organized by Health Services, TopperWell and the Residence Hall Association to help students relieve stress. About 400 students attended the event throughout the day, she said.

Students interacted with each other as they stopped at each station to participate in activities such as obstacle courses, rock wall climbing and board games.

Steward said this was the seventh annual event and that each year, the event activities branch out and get bigger.

It was Lebanon junior Katie Hamilton’s first time participating in Stresslivus. She thought it was a great way to relieve stress before finals week.

Steward said people are aware of how stressed they are and many people just get used to being stressed out.

"Some people don’t realize how much it’s affecting their health," Stewart said.

Steward said she wants people to know that they need to take 10 minutes out of each day to release stress.

Steward also said some students get sick at the end of the semester, and they suffer from stress-related ailments.

She also said the stress level goes down temporarily after stu­dents participate in the event.

"It’s all how you manage it," she said.

Mt. Washington junior Christine Vernon said the event gave students the chance to come out and have fun. She said that she thinks that students don’t realize how stressed out they really are, especially when it gets close to finals week.

Mr. Ad Senior Adam Strong, program director of Revolution 91.3, was there to provide the music for the event.

Steguard said Revolution has been involved with the event for at least five or six years. He said that this year, he didn’t order enough students to relieve stress, but also to meet new people.

Stapleton said it’s getting down to the end of the semes­ter and that this is a great way to relieve some stress.

Steward said many students did those activities as kids and that they need stress free. For one day she said that students should feel stress free again.

She said most students participated in the activities, but some just watched and laughed.

Stapleton said Revolution was organized by the Kentucky National Guard with Western to provide the rock climbing wall. Rover said that a lot of students participated in the rock climbing activi­ties.

She said there was also a great energy at the event and that a lot of motivated students just “giving it all you’ve got.”

Steward said overall this was a great time and a lot of people said their stress level went down.

She said students wanted to continue after the event was over.

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New language adds new stress in communication

When coming to Dijon, I know how to give directions, order food and conjugate a few verbs in past tenses. I’ve taken about six years of French and still knew close to nothing.

Now, after three months of living here, I can use three different past tenses and the future tense, create sentences with direct and indirect objects and understand most of what is said around me.

My previous teachers and professors weren’t bad. It’s just impossible to learn a lan­guage without speaking and seeing it every day.

In class here, we do activi­ties based around three skills: reading, writing and understanding. We read articles from newspapers and maga­zines, write stories, listen to recordings and answer ques­tions about what was said and have class discussions.

I did similar things in French classes at home. Yet here it is all conducted in French without the possibility of asking a question in English.

If I say anything in English, my professors say they don’t understand. They say it in French, and with a tone that

News Briefs

Students can submit designs for abacus cover

Students can help design the abacus that maps will carry to class next year. They can do this through sub­mit­ting their cover design ideas to Delta Sigma Pi professional fraternity for its cover design contest.

Entries should be mailed to WKU, Box 8330, 1000 Heights Blvd, Bowling Green, KY, 42101. Or they can be e­mailed to deltasmgpi@wku.edu.

The winner will receive a $500 cash prize and credits. The winners are due by Friday, May 2.

Workshop to help students with the application process

Students can feel a little less nervous about filling out that first job or internship this fall. The Society of African American Alumni is hosting a workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday at the College Heights Center, Room 348.

Students can get help on things such as resume building and interviewing skills. There will also be a free cigarette break for all those who attend.

Those interested can contact Destiny Wiley at destination.wiley@ shads.org or call 270-745-2942.

— Nina Boskin

All your friends are here, why aren’t you?
Western Dance Company members perform a variety of pieces in "An Evening of Dance," a show the theatre and dance department will be hosting tonight through April 29.

Dancers prepare for annual performance

JULIE EWING
Herald reporter

Long hours of choreography and training have finally paid off for the dancers of the Western Dance Company as they prepare to perform in "An Evening of Dance," a showcase of the school's dance talent.

The show, which consists of a variety of dance styles, will be held in the Evening Miller theatre at 7:30 p.m. on April 27. The performance will feature pieces created by both faculty and student choreographers, including ballet, jazz, and modern dance.

"The dancers have worked very hard throughout the semester," said Assistant Dance Professor Calvin Brown. "They are all very excited to showcase their hard work on stage."
Students make statement as they rip the runway

ALEX BOOZE

Music blared and fashion flared as the lights in the Kentucky Building auditorium dimmed on those who attended the third annual Rip the Runway Fashion Show Evolution—"Don't Stop the Music" Tuesday night.

The show was sponsored and produced by the Black Student Alliance, Office of Diversity Programs, Campus Activities Board and the design, merchandising and student design studies.

The models went to the Court Appointed Advocates for Children, an organization that raises awareness for child abuse.

Women models participated. Five designers designed the runway of the clothes that were shown.

The show consisted of four sections that represented different fashion eras throughout history. Models showed off clothing styles from as early as the 1940s and displayed how fashion has developed into what it is today.

The female models ripped the runway with confidence as they strutted the clothes from shiny winged shoes and spiked heels accompanied by colorful leggings and tops with colorful prints to flowing silk dresses with bright accessories such as big sunglasses, jewelry and poms.

Male models showcased the most trendy and popular clothing styles from bright-colored Nike and Converse shoes to polo shirts with patterns paired with plaid shorts.

Louisville upper Kimberly Harrison, a fashion stylist and merchandiser for the show, said all involved had been preparing for it since last January.

"I think that students came to see the show so they can see the latest trends on and off campus, and to see all the work and how the designers have put into getting it done," she said.

For Mizzou freshman, Michael, a freshman from New Albany, Ind., it was his first time attending a fashion show. He came to watch and support his cousin who participated in the show.

McDonald said even though he doesn't normally attend fashion events to learn about the latest trends, fashion is an important part of society, especially on college campuses because it is like home to many students.

"In certain times I think fashion really matters," he said. "If you want to wear something relaxing, do it, and if you want to wear something extravagant, you should do that too because you can still look good wanting whatever you want."

Someone freshman Jordan Wilson, one of the models, said she decided to participate because a friend in the show told her about it. She was glad she participated.

"When it comes to fashion, everybody is different and special in their own unique way, so everybody else looks great," she said. "I think that fashion is really important because it determines character, class and shows someone's upbringing."

The show's coordinator, Kristin Young, a junior from Chicago, said that even though the show was a lot of hard work, it all paid off in the end because everything came together.

"When she agreed that fashion plays a big role in today's society, because it's a form of expression. Fashion shows keep up the clothing business and evolution going," she said.

"I hope that everyone who attended tonight saw all the fashion that is going on and knows that the show was a student run event," she said. "Anyone can do a fashion show as long as they get involved."

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SAQ in Favor of Student Engagement Activity Transcript

The Student Government Association passed legislation Tuesday in support of the Student Engagement Activity Transcript Program.

The program is a part of the Student Affairs Office, which helps students to keep track of what courses they have taken, what activities they have joined and other extracurricular activities.

"Resolutions are powerful tools for change," said Escov.

The Student Engagement Activity Transcript program was created in 2006 and is currently available to students.

The program was introduced bySAQ in the spring of 2007 to help students keep track of what is important in their college experience.

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Bowling Green freshman Coleman Martin of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Holy Cross freshman Cody Green of Farrellhouse fraternity battle for the chance to answer a question during last night’s Greek Feud held in Grise Hall.

Sigma Kappa sorority members, left to right, senior Lauren Schaefer, sophomore Elizabeth Foster and sophomore Megan Gorski celebrate as their team representative, Lexington junior Michelle Reynolds, correctly answers a question.

Kappa Sigma fraternity members celebrate after their representative, Louisville senior Leo Brown, wins the Greek Feud.

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Real World cast member shares her real world

ALEX BODZE
Herald reporter

Many know Parsa Montazaran through her involve­ment with the reality show "The Real World: Sydney" and the infamous "push and show" incident with her roommate Tiana.

But what many don’t know about her is that she is a singer, songwriter and graduate of New York University.

Behind the TV personality per­sona is a strong voice and a powerful message. Montazaran is a woman who tells her story through music and songwriting.

"I would do another Real World show, but I could go back and do the Sydney show over again, I would," Montazaran said.

In college, there is a very diverse environment with many people who have a lot of differ­ent upbringing and no two people are the same," she said. "People should be more open to accepting others."

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