Steve Forbes visits WKU

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 Multi-millionaire Steve Forbes makes his case on capitalism in front of a standing room only crowd at Western Kentucky University.

Amy Bingham sat down with him after his speech and has more in this week’s View from the Hill.

He’s worth 430 million dollars. But Steve Forbes is as down to earth as they come and two WKU business students found that out first hand.

 “Getting to hear Mr. Forbes speak on the economy and how policy impacts us was really neat for me because that’s exactly what I want to do.”

Senior Erin Barden is talking about Steve Forbes’ lecture on Capitalism last week to a capacity crowd in the Grise Hall auditorium.

 “The moral basis of Capitalism. It’s about meeting wants and needs of other people. “

Touching on topics ranging from health care to taxes to the upcoming election,

Forbes spoke for close to an hour before taking questions from the audience.

 “the seriousness of the students was impressive.

 “People were very practical. What is the role of government? How do you make certain things better.”

Forbes says he likes to bring his message to places like WKU.

 “You’ve got to speak to everyone, not just people who share your views but people trying to figure how they should look at this world.”

 “I really enjoyed his take on Capitalism, how it’s not necessarily a perfect system.”

Senior Douglas Stratton, along with Barden-who recently founded WKU’s chapter of Young Americans for Freedom-were asked to attend a small dinner with Forbes after the speech.

 “I felt like somewhat of a celebrity because he seemed interested in my life and my personal goals and he was so nice and friendly. He seemed like someone we had known for a long time.”

 “Great to have someone of that stature ask how the students were doing.”

And get even more insight into their field of study from a multi millionaire.

 “Not something everyone gets to do everyday. Eat dinner with Steve Forbes, the 430 million dollar man.”

 “It’s an experience I’ll not soon forget.”

Young America’s Foundation was one of the sponsors of Forbes’ speech.

He was the first of three speakers for this fall’s lecture series, The WKU BB&T Center for the Study of Capitalism.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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