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Board approves fees increase, tuition to rise 3.7 percent

BY JESSICA VOORHEES
WSHerald.com

WKU students will face an overall 3.7 percent tuition increase, including increases for fees and fees not yet set.

The Board of Regents approved the 2015-16 Tuition and Fees Schedule, which will increase fees and tuition rates next year for students, at their committee meeting Friday.

Ann Mead, senior vice president for finance and administration, said the resident undergraduate tuition for 2015-16 will increase 3.1 percent. This fee is based on the Council on Postsecondary Education’s approval in April 2014 of a two-year 8.2 percent tuition increase for resident undergraduate students.

Mead said with the addition of fees, such as the Student Government Association-recommended $30 student fee for a new parking structure, the tuition rate will increase 3.7 percent.

The Board discussed the increase in student fees, such as a 3 percent increase in fees for student athletics and student centers.

The athletics fee is $218 and the center fee is $60.

Mead said the university raised the fees consistent with increases in other universities.

“These two fees have been frozen for two years and we’re recommending a minimal increase to support those operations,” she said.

FACULTY REPORT

Barbara Burch questioned the increase in fees.

“I am particularly concerned about raising the athletic fee,” she said. “I think maybe we need to think about more ways to raise money. It’s because everybody 2013-2015 looked at the money and when you look at the chart there... from 2011-2015 there was a pretty significant increase in the athletic fee.”


Mead said athletics has been dealing with the decrease in fees.

“The athletic fee is $218 and the center fee... it’s $60,” Mead said.

Mead said athletics has been dealing with a decline in enrollment and is “unsympa-thetic but concerned” with increasing fees.

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Burch said the items on the list are subject to change in priority at any time, so the plan will be an ongoing discussion.

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The first project will cost $97.2 million, and the second project, which will update the undersized infrastructure, will cost $30 million.

The Board of Regents request form states the university developed the plan through integrating priorities in the 2014-2020 Master Plan with capital priorities for higher education outlined by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

The university will submit the plan to the Capital Planning Advisory Board and the CPE on April 15.

The CPE will review capital spending requests and make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly.

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UP ‘TIL DAWN CELEBRATES GIVING

BY SAMANTHA WRIGHT
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Hannah Devi, a Louisville sophomore, and Kathleen Baker, a Glasgow senior, battle in a dance off as a way to stay up all night during Up ’til Dawn event at Diddle Arena, Friday, March 27. The event was dedicated to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Devi is a exercise science major, and Baker is a marketing major.

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A
tches of silver, yellow and red balloons hovered over the entrances to the Diddle Arena floor, and columns of balloons were placed around the stage set up at one end. Red wagons, just like those used to pull kids around at St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, were placed around the floor.

Around 70 students gathered in Diddle Friday night to celebrate a year of giving as well as raise money for the kids at St. Jude’s. Ultimately, Up ’til Dawn participants raised $4,422 for the research center.

To kick-off the event, Brianna Witty, who is attending St. Jude’s for follow-ups having finished her treatment in the fall, spoke about her experience.

“St. Jude’s is where pretty much miracles happen,” she said.

Her mother, Patsey Witty, also spoke.

“Every time we go, we see something new,” she said.

Students, decked out in gear from the “swag table” at the check-in area, like red sweatbands, buttons and temporary tattoos, applauded Brianna’s story. Big Red, who was also in attendance, then gave her a hug.

The emcee, Joshua Miller, from Louisville, explained the rules and spoke about some of the events that would happen during the night. A Google document tallied up team points, and the team with the most points earned prizes. Test alerts would be sent out throughout night to notify students of the upcoming events.

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tioned off at the silent auction and told students that they could nominate people for the dunk tank by writing a person’s name on one of the small cups lining the stage and making a donation. He also thanked Southern Threads, who had a table set up with some of their merchandise, for sponsoring the event.

Members of the board then introduced themselves and explained why they were helping with this event. Several members had been on the board before and were returning because they had enjoyed it so much.

The first event was the Frozen T-Shirt contest, which took place outside. Teams had to grab two t-shirts that were rolled into balls and frozen out of a bin. They had to thaw the t-shirts out enough to put them on, and then two people had to cross the finish line in the t-shirts. As soon as Miller gave the all clear, students surged forth to the bin, and he had to scramble to get out of the way. Chaos ensued, with students hurling the balls at the walls, smacking them on the ground, and with one girl even sitting on it. Eventually, two teams unfurled the shirts enough to tug them on, and raced across the finish line.

After the Frozen T-Shirt contest, students convened inside to grab a bite to eat and take a break. Emileigh McKee, from Elizabeth-town, said she was ready to face a night without sleep. “I took an extra-long nap today,” she laughed.

Students had varying reasons for attending this event. Holly White from Louisville, said she came because a member of her sorority was helping. “One of my sisters is on the E-Board and encouraged us to do it because it’s such a great opportunity,” she said. Katelyn Baker, from Glasgow, had previous experience with the event. “I came last year and it was really fun so I wanted to do it again,” she said.

After more than six hours of activity, the finale closed the event at 5:40 a.m. in celebration.
To celebrate geek culture, Zombie Walk for students ...

On Tuesday, Housing and Residence Life is hosting the first Zombie Walk for students. The walk will be a one-mile route starting at Centennial Mall, making its way down Avenue of Champions, over to University Boulevard and ending back at Centennial Mall. Apart from being a social activity for students, Jensen said it’s also meant to create an atmosphere of community.

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The SACSCOC is a regional accrediting party called by the U.S. Department of Education that reviews colleges every 10 years to ensure they meet certain standards in areas such as academics and administration. Accreditation allows students at a university to receive federal financial aid and let the school offer degree programs.

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ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons, right, and Dusty Hill rock the stage at the Lost River Music Fest at the Bowling Green Ballpark on Saturday, March 28. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees have been performing since 1969.

BOTTOM: John Fred Young performs during the Lost River Music Fest at the Bowling Green Ballpark, Saturday, March 28. The Kentucky Head Hunters and Black Stone Cherry opened the night of music to a crowd of more than 5,000 people.

TOP LEFT: Ben Wells of Black Stone Cherry strums his guitar during his group’s performance at this year’s Lost River Music Fest at the Bowling Green Ballpark, Saturday, March 28. The hard rock band formed in 2001 and calls Edmonton, Kentucky their home.

TOP RIGHT: Two young boys watch Black Stone Cherry’s performance during the Lost River Music Fest at Bowling Green Ballpark, Saturday, March 28. Black Stone Cherry claims Edmonton, Kentucky as their home.

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**WKU alum returns to the Hill as dean of CHHS**

**BY LASHANA HARNEY**

WKU alum returns to the Hill about a week ago with one mission in mind: to help others.

Neale Chumbler replaced John Bonaguro as the dean of the College of Health and Human Services after Bonaguro’s decision to return to a faculty position. Chumbler’s passion for helping people motivated him to apply for this position.

“People are going to be, based upon their strengths, successful in certain ways. I want to strive to help people accomplish those goals in life that they have to aspire to be,” he said.

Chumbler was hired in December of last year and started his job as dean on March 23. Chumbler obtained a master’s degree from WKU in sociology in 1991. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Murry State University and a Ph.D. in sociology from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio.

“I do a lot interdisciplinary work and this is a unique and novel college with a lot of different healthcare fields and health and human services fields that overlap with my interdisciplinary work,” Chumbler said. **SEE DEAN PAGE B2**

**Study Abroad Symposium allows students to share stories**

**BY ABBY PONDER**

Study Abroad Symposium allows students to share stories.

The event involved students and faculty members from universities across the state who have had the opportunity to study abroad or study domestically. At the symposium, speakers gave 15-minute presentations on how their experiences impacted their academic careers and personal lives.

“The Study Abroad Symposium allows students to share stories of students, faculty and staff who have had the opportunity to study abroad or study away. It’s been really neat to see it, over the last four years, continue,” Gesunko said. **SEE SYMPOSIUM PAGE B2**

**WKU hosting ACLU 60th anniversary celebration**

**BY SAMANTHA WRIGHT**

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, a non-profit organization advocating for social issues across the Bluegrass State.

In celebration, an exhibit called “60 Pages of Freedom” tells of the organization’s history using stories of the individuals who helped form it. The exhibit will be presented from March 29 through May 1 in the Mass Media and Technology Hall Gallery. In addition to the exhibit, the ACLU of Kentucky is sponsoring several events on campus that feature past and present civil liberty issues.

The ACLU of Kentucky lists its mission on the website as one of protection and aid.

“The American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky (ACLU) is freedom’s watchdog, working daily in courts, legislatures and communities to defend the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people by the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky,” its website states.

Patti Meister, associate professor of history, encouraged students to attend the events and the exhibit because of the educational benefits.

“Students should come to the exhibit and events because understanding the past is a great way to understand the issues of our times is an amazing learning and teaching opportunity for students. And if a student is interested in what they’ve heard to take action or work toward social change, the ACLU can provide actions and next steps.”

As part of this event, the ACLU of Kentucky is planning to host events on campus that feature past and present civil liberty issues.

The ACLU 60th anniversary celebration will be held at the Mass Media and Technology Hall Gallery on the WKU campus on March 29 through May 1. **SEE ACLU PAGE B2**
Feminist disability scholar holding discussion Thursday

BY SAMANTHA WRIGHT

Chumbler said the College of Health and Human Services is in great shape. “I give credit to my predecessor,” he said. “It’s a great college. We have great academic programs and I want to keep those going. I think we can be a great arm for service learning and international programs.”

Chumbler has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. He has conducted research at the National Institute of Aging, the National Institute on Disability, Aging and Independent Living, and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services. His past work includes a research portfolio on disability and aging.

Chumbler has held positions at Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis and the University of Kentucky.

Chumbler said becoming a dean represented a career objective over the years. “When I transitioned out of the clinical aspect of the ‘re-entry process.’”

Audra Jennings, director of the Office of Scholar Development, believes the event will foster understanding that will help with creating a better world. “I’ve had long standing interest in the positive impacts that people with disabilities will almost certainly figure in creating an inclusive and accessible environment.”

The presentations covered a variety of topics that ranged from itinerary planning to cultural understanding. “I think, especially in Kentucky, not to have these experiences,” she said. “‘I think, especially in Kentucky, not to have these experiences,” she said. “I think that learning to communicate and build these relationships is important.”

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Chumbler said even though it’s only been a week, a good way to be back and share their experiences in the context of the class- room.” Greunke said.

Elise Bobo, a senior from East Tennessee State University and present at the event, described the vision for it’s future along with the “I think that learning to communicate and build these relationships is important.”

When Chumbler isn’t working he cherishes his time with his wife, Janice Chumbler, and daughters, Monica and Isabel, won’t be joining this year’s Symposium. “I’m not afraid to roll up my sleeves and get in there and do some work,” she said. “I think that learning to communicate and build these relationships is important.”

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The third win of the week-end saw the softball program's 500th win and brought the Lady Toppers' winning percentage to .556. WKU swept North Texas this past weekend, which was their first Conference USA sweep, and the Lady Toppers have won 10 of their last 11.

"It's always a good thing to go on the road," Head Coach Amy Tudor said. "It definitely put us in the right direction.

Tudor is currently 48-30 with one tie at WKU. She has tallied 10 wins over three 25 tops. Senior pitcher Miranda Kramer, who just earned her third consecutive and fourth overall C-USA pitcher of the week honors, pitched 14 innings in total this weekend, accruing a total of 31 strikeouts in the series. Kramer allowed North Texas two hits and no runs scored. She was the NCAA's active career leader in strikeouts with a total of 941.

Senior outfielder Latarsha Franklin had some shining moments as well, with a hit posted for the first two games. She extended her hit streak to 20 games this season and had the current school record. Franklin has the chance to break that record in the upcoming games.

Game One (WKU-14, North Texas-0)
Game one consisted of Kramer pitching a total of 31 innings and allowing just one hit for North Texas, and no runs.

The Lady Toppers hit strong and Franklin, Jacqueline McGill and Kaytiy Hanson earned three hits each, gaining a 10-0 lead just after two innings and ending the second inning with a total of 12 hits. The Lady Toppers forced 600 on the weekend, Tudor said of Hanson. "She was really great from the plate.

McClill hit her first home run of the season in that same inning.
North Texas was able to score eight runs during the game in the second inning, managing a lead just after two innings and tied the third and two in the fourth.

Game Two (WKU-4, North Texas-3)
The second game was a complete shut out from the Lady Toppers' Jamie Huff (2-1) began pitching the game, going up two hits in the 6.2 innings pitched.

Kramer pitched the last 2.1 innings and earned her first save. She three four strikeouts and allowed two walks.

WKU accumulated eight hits in the game including Han-son's and Carliegh Charum's two hits each. Lezlie Northern also notched two RBIs.

Dug Pugh's walk, along with Brooke Holland's double, cleaned up for Noelle's RIBS groundout to put WKU's score at one in the second inning.

The score of 1-0 stayed until the fifth frame. Franklin hit an RBI single in North Texas' starting lineup and scored a run in the last two innings. Junior Preslie Cruce brings in a run after hitting a sacrifice fly in the final inning.

Game Three (WKU-4, North Texas-0)
The third and final game ended in a similar 4-0, but it was this matchup that gave the Lady Toppers their first Conference USA sweep. Kramer (2-4-3) put in a successful effort in the series finale, smashing 13 hits and allowing one North Texas hit.

Hudzina’s presence isn’t just felt on the field. As a leader of the team, she has the ability to stay humble. 

"I'm not much of a stat guy," Hudzina said. "All I really care about is winning and hopefully we can start to win more ball games as a team.

"Team-wise, we are going to get together and figure this season out," Hudzina said senior designated hitter Philip Drewrick. "We are going to correct a lot of things through practice this week, and we will bounce back because we believe we are a good baseball team.

The sweep of North Texas puts WKU into first place of the East Division and an all-time record of 500-397-3.

WKU will host their first home showcase of the season, Wednesday, April 1 at 5 p.m. against Tennessee State in a doubleheader. A three-game series against Honda Atlantic will be played at home beginning Friday, April 3.
Dominant pitching leads UAB in Hilltopper sweep

BY JOHN REECER

The Hilltoppers lost three-straight games at Nick Denes Field this past weekend to UAB, suffering its first losses in Conference USA play.

Coming off a 12-run game against the University of Kentucky, the Hilltoppers never got the ball rolling. Another Palms Beach Player has made his way to Bowling Green—one who could surpass Chick's accomplishments by the end of his career on the hill.

A native of Palm City, Florida, Hudzina's path to WKU started with a friendship with Church beginning in the second base in their playing days at Palm Beach.

With the addition of junior third baseman Danny Hudzina to the WKU baseball team, the program has now received and successfully integrated two players from Palm Beach State College, a junior college in Lake Worth, Florida.

It might have seemed unlikely that a junior college just less than 1,000 miles away would give the WKU baseball team a player like senior first baseman Ryan Church, but just a year after Church's arrival, the Hilltoppers are UAB's really good pitching staff.

The Blazers, however, defeated the Hilltoppers as UAB scored a decisive seventh-inning run on a bases-loaded walk from junior John Harman to bring the Hilltoppers down 2-1.

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Baseball

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Coming off a 12-run game against the University of Kentucky, the Hilltoppers never got the ball rolling. The offense scored just one run in a game during the Friday and Sunday games.

"It's really tough to swallow because we played really, really bad baseball," Head Coach Matt Myers said. "In situations like this weekend, mentally, guys like those occasions, and we just didn't do that weekend for whatever reason."

The first game of the series featured an elite pitcher's duel with WKU sophomores Ryan Thurston and UAB's 11-7, 18-strikeout junior John Naile giving up 10 hits and only two runs in their combined 13.1 innings pitched.

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"Coming into this game we knew that UAB had a really good pitching staff and Naile did a great job with our hitters," Myers said. "However, I thought that Ryan Thurston matched him through the game but we squandered a couple of opportunities and you can't do that on Friday nights in this league."

Those missed opportunities include, but are not limited to, five WKU players left in scoring positions and two runners thrown out at home plate.

The Hilltoppers also blew an opportunity to take the lead back in the seventh inning. They hit into a double play with two runners on base to end the inning.

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Swimming

Swimmer grabs All-American honors at NCAA's

BY HERALD SPORTS

Sophomore Fabian Schwingenschlogl grabbed All-American honors at the second-straight year after finishing sixth in the 100-meter breaststroke semifinals of the NCAA championships last Friday in Iowa City, Iowa.

He finished with a time of 51.66 to place seventh in the 100-breaststroke, besting his time of 52.25 last year at the SEC Championship.

Schwingenschlogl, who was named male swimmer of the meet at last month's Conference USA championships for the second consecutive year (after grabbing three individual titles and guiding the Hilltoppers to their second-straight C-USA title), was the only sophomore in the championship heat in Iowa City. The rest of the competition in the final heat were seniors of top class ranking.

The All-American nod on Friday did not bring the Germany native's season to a close. Schwingenschlogl competed the following day in the 200-breaststroke.

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There is no substitute for experience in meets like this… We always say the NCAA meet, top to bottom, ends up being the fastest meet in the world, and I do think that is true. You can't say the NCAA meet, top to bottom, doesn't bring the Germany native's season to a close. Schwingenschlogl competed the following day in the 200-breaststroke.

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