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Faculty, staff face parking pass changes

Students aren't the only ones bracing for the parking fee changes next semester. Several alterations have been made to parking for staff and faculty for the 2015-16 school year.

For a $655 fee, all full-time, eligible faculty and staff are allowed to request a reserved parking space on campus. For a $655 fee, all full-time, eligible faculty and staff are allowed to request a reserved parking space on campus, which is open for personal use during business days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This was formerly only available to the administration, but after requests, it has been opened to more staff.

Jennifer Trogas, director of Parking and Transportation Services, and PTS tiles to keep their prices comparable to other Kentucky universities.

"Aside from the gated faculty/staff and reserved faculty/staff, for those two we were right in line with most of the other institutions; but when you look at premium and non-premium parking in particular, we were well below the average and median of the institutional benchmarks of the Kentucky universities we looked at," she said via email.

WKU's compared parking options and fees for the 2014-15 school year with at least 24 other universities, including Northern Illinois University, University of Louisville and the University of South Alabama. WKU used six other universities that offered reserve parking for faculty and staff to give ideas on the new structure. WKU's $655 fees were above the average ($535) and median ($440) in terms of parking in 2014.

WKU's non-premium parking pass went from $95 to $100. The premium parking pass went from $185 to $220. The total parking fee went from $380 to $400. All of the other universities offered gated parking options for faculty and staff as well. WKU's $510 was below the average ($591) and the median ($780), but the universities surveyed had a non-premium parking option for faculty and staff that was before the average and median fees of other universities.

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Transfer, international students highlight spring enrollment

BY TREY CRUMBIE

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Goodman said he couldn’t put into words the feeling he got from the transplant.

“Usually everyone’s like, ‘oh I want to be matched with a young kid who has leukemia and a full life ahead of them,’ and that is awesome. But my mom is in her 50s and so is this woman, so I could potentially be giving someone’s mother a chance at a longer life with her loved ones.”

Goodman’s bone marrow procedure is extremely painful, but Goodman said another person’s life was well worth it, and it wasn’t too painful at all.

Now, Goodman is giving back to the cause by hosting a bone marrow drive on WKU’s campus. Since college-aged and physically active people are the best donors, he has decided to place the drive in front of the Preston Center. The WKU bone marrow drive will be held April 20 to 22.

“Every year, nearly 13,000 people will need a bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor, but less than half will get one,” according to the Delete Blood Cancer Organization that Goodman has partnered with.

Goodman said donating could provide that chance to one of the 13,000 people needing a transplant.

“I thought I would never have anything to do with the organization again, just be on the registry until age 55,” Goodman said. “But now, it has changed my life forever.”

"They’ve been in place long enough—multiple years now. We’ve invested a lot of time, human resource... into the joint admissions programs.”

Transfer students can range from those already in the workforce wanting to improve their skills, to veterans or students who came back to college after dropping out, said Sharon Hunter, coordinator of College Readiness.

“There’s no such thing as a typical transfer student,” she said.

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Most of the 482 transfer students that attend WKU come from a school within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. WKU has a joint admissions agreement with seven of the 16 colleges, in which students can enroll in a KCTCS school and then transfer to WKU to finish their degree.

Meredith said the joint admissions agreement was a significant factor that helped bolster the 380 transfer student, a 168 (13.6 percent) student increase from last spring, according to the preliminary report. Meredith credited WKU’s increased effort to reach international students. For example, there are methods dedicated to recruiting international students that involve working with students and governments abroad.

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cost of the four other universities that had the options. The last permit cost increase was in 2008. Every year, PTS surveys how parking spots are used to decide how to allocate spaces for faculty and staff. There have been several changes this year to reflect this, such as moving faculty parking into Parking Structure 1.

Patricia Minter, associate professor of history, has qualms about the price raise. “My concern about raising parking fees is that the costs always impact lower-income employees more than higher income ones,” she said.

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**For the Record**

The absurdity of the “Fast and Furious” movies continues to increase every film. In an attempt to outdo themselves, the creators of the various previous films, “Fast and Furious 7” is set in a city that is the epitome of invading flurries of one-liners and plot actions that is an absolute joke to behold. 

“Fast and Furious 7” has the ability to appeal to two vastly different groups of people: the action and fight scenes but don’t care much about the story. All of the thin plots believe in the movie, this issue has been covered. If you are looking for a good injection of “Fast and Furious” is equally amusing as a gold medal for picking stupid mov

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Higher education in the United States is a crossroads. Which is not surprising as the future education in the United States has been at a crossroads as it is everywhere else. It’s clear, however, which seems to get farther every year.

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PREVIOUS CROSSWORD SOLUTION
Ten women flattered their figures across the Downing Student Union stage hoping to win the title of “Miss Omega 2015.” The Miss Omega pageant welcomed hundreds of people on April 2 at the DSU auditorium. The pageant tailored to women sizes 12 and up, allowing women of different body types to participate and celebrate their size. The 2015 pageant marks the eighth year for the event. Contestants practiced constantly in the months prior to the event, each preparing competing in five categories: business, club, lingerie, talent and formalwear.

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WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT

‘Concrete Canoe: Yes it Floats!’

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While some seniors focus on term pa-
ers and capstone projects, several students in WKU’s Department of Civil Engineering are trying to get concrete canoes to float. WKU’s concrete canoe team won its division at the Ohio Valley Student Conference last month, qualifying the team for national events at Clemson University in South Carolina this summer.

These unique canoeing teams have been around for decades, team spokes-
man Matthew Dettman said. The boats — built with mixtures of cement, light-
weight aggregate and chemicals — combine athleticism and engineering skills.

“It is our Super Bowl of civil engi-
neering events,” Dettman, the James D. Scott Professor of Civil Engineer-
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Not all the men in Fiji...
Junior outfielder Anderson Miller went 4-5 with two hits, two RBIs, three runs scored and an eighth home run of the season. Game three would prove to be a much closer matchup as starting pitchers for both teams combined to allow only one run off hits in their respective starts.

Junior pitcher Austin King turned in a solid performance to lead the Toppers with a strong five innings of work after pitching five innings of the first game. The start- ing pitcher for the second game was Janna Scheff (ERA 3.39) followed by sophomore pitcher Kylee Hanson (ERA 1.99). Sadler hits four singles, two doubles and drove in two runs to lead the team to a 6-0 win.

USA Pitcher of the Week, coguning National Player of the Week and the National Pitcher of the week, Kramer will play with former WKU softball player Olivia Watkins (NCAA Stolen Base Leader of the year), junior pitcher Austin King put to- gether one the best starts of his Hill- topper career by striking out four and only allowing three hits in six innings of scoreless pitching. After Church’s run to take the lead, the Hilltoppers will return home Tuesday night to face the Bowling Green Hot Rods in an exhibition at Bowling Green Ballpark before host- ing Southern Missie at Nick Denes Field next weekend.

Game One (WKU 3-1 FAU)

Danni Pugh, Savannah Sadler, Carleigh Chaumont and Brooke Holloway all matched hits in the second inning. Al- though Holloway hit a single and side side- sadler, Sadler’s double brought Holloway all the way home to score the first run for WKU.

In the third, Larissa Franklin came up to bat and nailed the ball out of the pack right field.

In the fourth, with Franklin already on first, Preslie Cruce hit the ball putting herself on first. After Franklin moved to second with two outs on the board, Kylee Hanson’s grand slam home run put WKU up 3-0.

During the sixth inning Florida Atlan- tic scored two more runs. A double by Florida Atlantic’s Carmen Thomas drove in two to lead the Owls to a 5-3 lead.

The seventh and last inning consisted of three singles for Florida Atlantic.

Game Two (FAU 6-1 WKU)

WKU started the second game in the field with two back-to-back outs at first base. Scheff got the start for the Lady Toppers as they dropped game two 6-1.

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Game Three (WKU 1-0 FAU)

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Hilltoppers defeat FAU to win third C-USA series

BY JOHN REECE
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After dropping the first game of last weekend’s series in Ruston, Louisiana, the Hilltoppers (15-14) won both of their doubleheader on Saturday to bring their conference record to 6-6.

The series got off to a nightmarish start for WKU as Louisiana Tech (13-10-1) defeated the Hilltoppers 26-11. However, the Hilltoppers rallied and scored 15 runs on a season-best 19 hits to even the series in game two. Early mistakes caused the Bulldogs to jump out to a 6-2 lead. Nevertheless, it was all downhill for sure.

“I knew I had to do something to help this team win,” Church said. “I had to do something to get one that maybe we didn’t deserve to win because our offense was not good today. I did my best to make something happen and the baseball gods were on my side for sure.”

The Hilltoppers would go on to score 6-2 in the final six innings to go on to win third C-USA series win.

Miranda Kramer drafted sixth overall by Pennsylvania Rebellion

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