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Parking, tuition to be key topics at WKU Regents’ Friday meeting

BY SHELBY ROGERS
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Friday’s Board of Regents quarterly meeting will feature approving university spending, tuition and fees and include an appearance by the Council on Postsecondary Education President Bob King.

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Faculty Regent Barbara Burch said several areas should warrant discussion among the board.

“I would really like if there wasn’t more discussion about tuition and fees schedule,” she said. “I would think that since we’re going to have a guest at this meeting, the CPE president, I mean there will be discussion about budget and funding models for the future.”

The board is also set to approve the Student Government Association’s resolution for a $30 student fee for a new parking structure. The additional fee means students will now pay $380 per semester in mandatory student fees.

Originally approved in early March, the $30 fee would subsidize a $10 million parking structure on Creason Lot. The agenda noted the new fee will have a “sunset clause,” meaning the university will stop charging the $30 fee upon completion of the lot.

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Student voice program concludes first semester at WKU

BY ANDREW HENDERSON

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The Student voice program concludes its first semester at WKU. The program, which was launched in the fall, has aimed to provide a platform for student voices on campus.

“We want more people to get more involved and feel like they’re part of a dialogue,” said Taneka Russell, a member of the Geoscience department.

“We had the expectation that we would have some good dialogue and some thoughtful dialogue and that was met,” Ross said.

A Parking and Transportation survey found that 70% of students surveyed said Russellville and Maysville were places as off-campus or “satellite” campuses.

Chief Facilities Officer Bryan Rus- sell said his department conducted a short analysis about the property, but the U of L has not been expanded formally. He said there could be room for more than the 125 estimated lots.

The agenda noted that construction on a new parking structure at Creason Lot will open additional parking spots.

Wege said the event was her first time geocaching. She enjoyed figuring out the riddles and navigating using the GPS for her GIS studies.

“We just want them to have a little bit more of an appreciation for geography and GIS and some fun,” Gohe said.

Bowling Green freshman Andrew Gohe, who is an aspiring GIS student, said his first geocaching experience was in the past and found the experience enjoyable. He said geocaching is a good way to familiarize himself with material being taught in his classes.

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To The Weather Channel, this week allergy concerns of its own. According to pollen averages to about 300 grains per cubic meter of air. Both Louisville and New Orleans exceed greatly exceeded this average. Bowling Green, to be the worst city in the United States for allergies. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America found Louisville to be a city reading 121, more than two cities that had worse than average.

In order to understand why the pollen counts are so high, we must understand the basics of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) states that all plants produce pollen grains. Pollen grains are the only way that plants can undergo fertilization, thus they need to be spread. This is one way to help pollinate plants. The National Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (NAAFA), if you are allergic to pollen, you will know exactly what’s going on. When you breathe in, pollen enters through your nose and may irritate the nasal passages. It can irritate the nose and eyes, causing a runny nose, sneezing, tearing, and eye itching. It can also cause a headache and a cough.

In order to take steps to limit your contact with pollen, the ACAAI advises that you try to cut down on outdoor activities when pollen counts are high, and replace your air filters in your car and your air conditioner. You may even want to move to a new area if allergies prove too difficult to handle. The ACAAI states, “As low as they may seem, even low pollen counts can cause an allergic reaction.”

When I joined SGA as a freshman, I was shocked to see how much pollen there was and make a difference. I could be the change I wanted to see on campus. I joined SGA as a freshman and was part of something that could help all students. Sadly, this is not the case. The diversity of the organization that has started after this past session of the Senate has a history of poor attendance. As a result, I created a student organization called WKU Students for Environmental Responsibility (SFR). The Administrative Vice President together with Senators reviewed my proposals and decided that the option of a group that meets as a committee outside of the Senate. All the while there is already a transparent committee set up for this exact purpose that Senators are now choosing to ignore.

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13 Prepared potatoes, as for hash browns
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15 Campus courtyard
16 Unnamed news supplier
19 ID theft target
20 Used a bench
21 Injector for severe allergic reactions
22 Slice opposite, in golf
24 Snappy dresser
26 Actress Aniston, in tabloids
27 Automatic setting for highway driving
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37 Wipe off the board
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39 “__ Loves You”: Beatles
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67 Blue books?
68 Pretty pitchers

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1 Dumpster fill
2 Classic Unilever laundry soap
3 Religious rebel
4 Bowling pin
5 Frozen custard brand
6 Instagram uploads
7 Soul singer
8 Crunch food
9 Bit of cosmetic surgery
10 Dinner table faux pas
11 November
12 Kentucky Derby, e.g.
13 One of five in a maternity ward delivery
14 Ready for business
15 One of the Gilmore girls
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Keepin’ it clean

TOP: Anthony Steiner, 19, of Bowling Green, along with several other WKU students prepares a garden bed for planting in the backyard of the WKU Office of Sustainability during the Earth Day Garden Party on Wednesday. The party was sponsored by Project Grow and the Student Government Association.

LEFT: Alexis Corbin, 20, of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, takes a break from planting in the backyard of the WKU Office of Sustainability during the Earth Day Garden Party Wednesday April 22.

BELOW RIGHT: An earthworm emerges in the backyard of the WKU Office of Sustainability during the Earth Day Garden Party on Wednesday.

BOTTOM: WKU grad student Beth McGrew helps direct volunteer efforts during during the Earth Day Garden Party, Wednesday, at the Office of Sustainability.
Parking and Transportation director embraces ‘green thumb’

BY JESSICA VOORHEES  LIFE@WKUHERALD.COM

WHEN Jennifer Tougas, director of Parking and Transportation Services, is not tending to parking space loops and parking structure possibilities, she tends to fresh crops at a local family-owned farm.

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Jennifer Tougas, parking and transportation director at WKU, waters a straw bale garden in her backyard Tuesday. The straw bale is filled with straw. Later in the season, Tougas will need to add phosphorous and potassium. In her backyard there is also a hugel and a raised bed.

The hugel is used as compost material. When she adds water and nitrogen it is called blood meal and helps the decomposition process of the soil.

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“In her backyard there is also a hugel and a raised bed,” said Tougas. “She contributes to Richards and Manco Farm (R&M) whenever she can find time to help out.”

James Manco’s daughter Madonna Manco May, who is a full-time non-traditional senior at WKU and student worker in the Sustainability Office, works on the farm as well.

Manco May said Tougas is a huge help, especially with her degree in biology.

“When you have a farm, you need help,” she said. “[Tougas] has really taken off with reading up on things and helping us produce more things for our farm.”

James Manco said he grew up on a farm, but began farming full time in 2005. Tougas said she connected with the farm through family friends. She works evenings and weekends to cultivate the herbs and crops, and she also helps set up and sell the products on Saturdays at the Community Farmers Market on Nashville Road.

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The audience was having a blast watching this show, and the actors on stage enjoyed themselves so much it radiated all night.

Eric Mattingly, Director of the show

Eventually, Bob leaves his rest stop and sets off on another road trip across America with the goal of becoming a "first-rate" drag performer.

With each new adventure and character Bob met, the audience exploded into laughter.

Lerinton Senior Eric Mattingly, the director of the show, attended Monday night's performance and said the performance was flawless.

"The audience was having a blast watching this show, and the actors on stage were enjoying themselves so much it radiated all night," he said via email.

Another aspect of the play was the idea of trying for myself," Johnson said as a gay male, he's always broken the normative ideals of what it means to be male.

"It's like you joke around about gender, but rather open up more to different people and becomes a bitter moment.

"It's difficult to be on your knees day in and day out," she said.

As for the sides, the hash brown salad wasserviceable, but fairly uninteresting. Perhaps next time I'll ask the regulars for a recommendation.

"I think it's going to be really fun. I mean, I was like, 'hell yeah, I'd love to do it.'" Bryant said during her freshman year. "I said to my mom 'I want to do drag,' and I was like, 'I'm going to drag.'"

"It's rewarding just working at the farm with the vegetables," she said. "It's amazing to see the produce just 'come out 1/2 small half-acre of land,' he said.

The WKU Drag Show will be at 8 p.m. on the third floor of Downing Student Union. The event is free and open to the public.
“You have got to be excited as a competitor, this week, to have this opportunity,” Coach Myers said. “It’s going to require every single one of us to get the job done.”

The Hilltoppers will face a Rice team that is sound in all areas of the game. The Owls currently have eight players batting over .296 along with a combined team ERA of 3.52.

Two players WKU must contain in the series are Rice senior catcher John Clay Reeves and junior pitcher Austin Orewiler.

Reeves is one of the conference’s top hitters as the catcher currently fields a .347 batting average along with a team high seven home runs and a Conference-USA leading 45 RBI’s. On the mound, Orewiler is 5-0 on the season with a 2.37 ERA and 49 strikeouts.

However, the Owls will have their hands full with the Hilltoppers as junior outfielder Anderson Miller and sophomore second baseman Leif Clarkson are playing some of the best baseball of their careers. Recently named the C-USA Hitter of the Week, Miller proved to be a significant reason behind WKU’s four-win week as he batted 7-for-17 (.412) with nine RBI, four walks, three home runs, a stolen base and six runs scored. He also slugged 1.000 and reached base 11 times.

A consistent force all season for WKU, Clarkson currently fields a season batting average of .336, good for fourteenth in the entire conference. Like Miller, the sophomore knows how to get on base as well as he currently has an on-base-percentage of .375.

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**BASEBALL**

Continued from sports

WKU redshirt freshman Harrison Scarlent is waved home by third base coach Brendan Dougherty against Southern Miss at Nick Denes Field, April 11.

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“Another exciting week,” Coach Myers said. “But, we aren’t going to play any different. We are going to try and play the way we have been playing. We had a great week last week, so I want to try and be consistent with that.”

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they’re not, so if we could have some consistency in our hitting lineup it’s going to help us win a lot more ball games,” Tudor said.

In the field, WKU is 6-5 versus the top 50, and 1-2 against the top 10 with their win against the No. 10 ranked team, Tennessee. The softball team holds a high 17-8 mark against the top 100 and 20-8 against the top 110.

WKU has not lost to an opponent below the 100-rank this season.

Senior pitcher Miranda Kramer is currently a six-time C-USA Pitcher of the Week winner and is ranked top three in five categories of the NCAA. The Iowa native and transfer from IPFW will be pitching her last C-USA tournament. Kramer was draft-picked sixth by National Pro Fastpitch team Pennsylvania Rebellion.

Kramer’s ERA of 0.94 and the fact that she is one of five pitchers in the nation with an ERA below 1.00 shows that she is one of the best pitchers in C-USA and the nation. Kramer will be pitching against some of the other highest ranked pitchers in the conference at the tournament coming up.

WKU softball has had 16 games canceled this season, putting a strain on their goal to break the record for most season wins at WKU. The team needs 43 wins still to break the record. However, they could set a program-best winning percentage.

Currently at a percentage of .771 with a 27-8 record, they are close behind the average of the 2013 team’s percentage of .705 at 43-18. The top three best percentages at WKU include the 2013’s .705, 2009’s .648 and 2002’s .627.

The Lady Toppers will be traveling throughout Kentucky and Tennessee to play against the next three opponents in the weeks leading up to the C-USA tournament. If the Lady Toppers win the conference tournament, they will go on to play in the postseason.

“We have to take care of business now. We can’t look ahead of that. We’re hoping to play in postseason obviously. That’s what we’re working for, but our first step is to plan for winning the regular season Conference USA and then our next step is to go into tournament. So, that’s where our heads are at right now,” Tudor said.
WKU senior Larissa Franklin bats during the second of two games against USM, Saturday, April 11. The Lady Toppers took on the Lady Eagles in a double header, winning 7-1 and 6-0.

ANDREW LIVESAY/SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Top-ranked Rice up next for WKU in crucial conference series

BY JOHN REECER

The Hilltoppers (20-17) will take on the Rice University Owls (26-16) in a weekend conference series starting on Friday at 6 p.m. at Nick Denes Field.

The Owls are currently third in the conference standings with a 14-7 record in league play and are also ranked 17 overall in the nation in the USA Today Coaches Poll. "It's an exciting week," Head Coach Matt Myers said. "This is maybe the biggest week in for a season since I have been here on the Hill, and I've been here for eight years."

This week is extremely important for the Hilltoppers. They only have three more conference series left in the season after this weekend. Currently, WKU is in eighth place in the conference standings with an even league record of 9-9. With only four more conference series left, the Hilltoppers must start making their case for a berth in a Super Regional this weekend.

The Conference USA tournament softball draws near. The WKU softball team will start their stint in the tournament on May 7 in Miami.

The Lady Toppers will play the Charlotte 49ers this weekend in a three-game series for their last home games of the spring season. A doubleheader will take place on Saturday and the series will end with a single game the following day. The 49ers (ranked No. 101) have won 11 of their 17 away games played.

Expectations for this final home series are high. "Well it's our senior weekend, so we're looking to play hard for those eight seniors, and also holding onto our first place position in Conference USA," Head Coach Amy Tudor said.

The C-USA series will be held at the WKU Softball Complex. The first two games will start at 1 and 3 p.m. respectively. The third and final game of the series will be played at noon.

The Lady Toppers traveled to Lexington this past Wednesday to play an intensely competitive game against the No. 17 Kentucky Wildcats. "We like to think of this as a rivalry, and "SEE PREVIEW PAGE B4"