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WHERE WKU’S MONEY COMES FROM

200–201, projected budget
Total $381,723,000

Tuition and fees
40.6 percent $153,685,000

Other fees
18.6 percent $74,297,800

Restricted funds
10.7 percent $40,915,300

State Appropriations
8 percent $23,038,000

Other
18.6 percent $142,588,000

More on where student money goes, see page 6

Media relations director volunteers as fire chief

By LAUREN ARNOLD (arnoldl@chherald.com)

When some people think of Bob Skipper, they might think along the same lines as Louisville freshman Rachel Pederson. "I’m not really sure what he does," she said. "I know he sends a lot of e-mails." As director of Media Relations, Skipper e-mails W.K. to enhance WKU’s reputation through different media outlets. He said his job at WKU isn’t a nine-to-five gig. And neither is his volunteer position as the Woodburn Volunteer Fire Department fire chief. Skipper has worked for WKU for 24 years, starting out as the university photographer and working his way up to his current position. Skipper has been the fire chief in Woodburn for the past 10 years. He said the fire department makes anywhere from 300 to 350 runs a year. His fire chief responsibilities include keeping equipment ready to use and dealing with government and state agencies. “It’s just a little bit of everything on top of trying to keep up with training,” he said. Then there is actually responding to emergencies, where Skipper is also in charge on the scene. Skipper said that his position as fire chief has occasionally affected his job as director of Media Relations, but his position at WKU doesn’t have strict hours. “I’ve been fortunate to have supervisors who have allowed me the flexibility when I’ve needed to do something with the fire department as long as it didn’t adversely impact my job,” he said. Tommy Newton, the assistant director of Media Relations, has worked with Skipper since 1999. “He is a very intimate contact of the university,” he said. “He is very available to the community, and we are very fortunate that they are very supportive of the department.”
tuesday

Big Brothers Big Sisters College Bowl
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Downing University Center 4th floor lobby

Student Government Association senate meeting
5 p.m., DUC 305

Opening Ceremony for Black History Month events
5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Garrett Conference Center 103

The Dating Doctor
7 p.m., GEC 318

Wednesday

3:39 p.m., GCC 103

Women’s Basketball vs. South Alabama
11:30 a.m., Diddle Arena

Men’s Basketball vs. South Alabama
7 p.m., Diddle Arena

Thursday

Big Brothers Big Sisters Information Table
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., GCC lobby

Black Classic Film Series: *The Language You Cry In*
6 p.m., DUC 340

Chemistry Club
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thompson Complex Central Wing 425

Chess Club
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Faculty House

Friday

Rico Morales, Pearce-Ford Tower, was arrested on Jan. 29 for disorderly conduct. He was released the same day on time served.

Bryna Price, Louisville, was arrested on Jan. 29 for alcohol intoxication. She was released the same day on a cash bond.

Christian M. Finch, Northeast Hall, was arrested on Jan. 29 for disorderly conduct. He was released the same day on a bond.

Holly Drees, Bemis, reported on Jan. 29 that her laptop was stolen. The value of the theft was $1,175.

Hannah Smith, Bemis Lawrence Hall, reported on Jan. 29 that her laptop was stolen from her room. The value of the theft was $1,100.

CRIME REPORTS

Arrests

- Rico Price, Louisville, was arrested on Jan. 29 for disorderly conduct. He was released the same day on a bond.
- Christian M. Finch, Northeast Hall, was arrested on Jan. 29 for alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was released the same day on a bond.
- Bryna Price, Louisville, was arrested on Jan. 29 for the alcohol intoxication. She was released the same day on time served.
- Hannah Smith, Bemis, was arrested on Jan. 29 for alcohol intoxication. She was released on Jan. 29 after being found intoxicated in a PFT restroom. He was released the same day on time served.

Reports

- Hannah Smith, Bemis Lawrence Hall, reported on Jan. 30 that her laptop was stolen.
- Christian M. Finch, Northeast Hall, was arrested on Jan. 29.
- Holly Drees, Bemis, reported on Jan. 29 that her laptop was stolen. The value of the theft was $175.
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NEWS BRIEFS

Open forum delayed with Emisle in Scotland

WKU’s open forum regarding the results from last fall’s listening tour has been delayed. President Gary Ransdell said in an e-mail to faculty and staff last Thursday that the forum was moved to next week.

The forum, which Emisle said on several occasions would be required to teach, will now be required to teach, thus relieving research.

Proposal to create three divisions within WKU’s research that would involve a research position would not be required to teach, thus relieving research.

President Gary Ransdell said in an e-mail to faculty and staff last Thursday that the forum was moved to next week.

Baylis said he will discuss his proposal in more detail at the forum.

“For what we want to do is lay out quite a lot of ideas,” Baylis said late last month. “I think what we want to do is lay out quite a big vision.”

— Jonathan Lintner

Free service compares textbook prices

WKU is the first school in the state with course lists on Slugbooks.com, a textbook price comparison service.

Slugbooks.com offers a list of professors, course codes, and course descriptions on a list of online book dealers and their textbook prices. The free service also lists more info for students view the first chapter of a textbook before buying it.

“Slugbooks.com is designed to do things that college students need to do on their textbooks,” said David Miller, founder of Slugbooks.com, in a press release.

In addition to prices from large vendors such as Amazon.com, Slugbooks.com also shows prices from rental services and offers downloadable textbooks.

Slugbooks.com also has a Facebook “Corner” feature for students who want to exchange or sell books.

— Herald Staff
Denning said. was chosen as the new secretary of state in Kentucky. “Bowling Green is our city, and I am ready to get to work,” Denning said.

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

“Elaine was always someone I could talk to and trust.” — GARY RANSDELL

Ransdell said relations between WKU and Bowling Green were good when Walker was mayor. “She was very instrumental in getting that legislation through,” Ransdell said. “Any time we have someone from our community in a position of prominence in state government, it is good for Bowling Green and, therefore, good for WKU,” she said.

At the conclusion of her last city commission meeting as mayor, Walker said it had been a privilege to serve as mayor of the city of Bowling Green. “I’ve always attempted to do what I thought was in the best interest of our citizens,” she said. “I’ve always attempted to do what I thought was in the best interest of our citizens,” she said.

But, like Ransdell, Taylor said it’s always beneficial to have someone from Bowling Green who is knowledgeable about WKU in such a prominent position. “I’ve always attempted to do what I thought was in the best interest of our citizens,” she said.

Taylor said she is assured that Walker will continue to work in the best interest of WKU. “I think it is appropriate at this time for DELO as it ‘adopts’ all units across campus,” Emels said.

DELO has matured and evolved sufficiently, and this really was a vice presidency role,” she said. “The division’s structural change has prompted a further look into reevaluation of the division.”

Laves said she especially hopes to extend DELO’s reach in the community. “My goal is to continue to grow this division and become a more valuable asset to Academic Affairs,” she said. “What we’re looking at is to be more supportive and broader in our support.”

By supporting faculty further, DELO will be able to assume some of their responsibilities that lie outside of the classroom. “That frees them up so they can give their time and energy to instruction, service and research,” Laves said.

DELO is a self-supporting division, marketing is an important part of their work. Laves said. “Because DELO is a self-supporting division, marketing is an important part of their work.”

Jennifer Perry, marketing manager of DELO, said their division is working on developing creative means of advertising. “We always look for new and innovative ways to reach different audiences,” Perry said.
Students should express opinions on DUC renovations

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Student Athletics
Helps pay for debt from renovation of Diddle Arena and for uniforms and travel.
WKU: $205
UK: $39
UL: $50

Health Services
Helps pay for Health Services programming such as Passport to Wellness and expanding to regional campuses.
WKU: $40.28
UK: $173
UL: $35

SGA Programming
Helps pay for SGA’s budget and programs.
WKU: $15.54
UK: $9
UL: $12

Student Technology
Helps pay for staff and new equipment in computer lab.
WKU: $55.23
UK: $77
UL: Not listed

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What do you think?
Voice your opinion on the student fee that could go toward renovating DUC. Do you support a fee to pay for the project?
Tell your representatives in the Student Government Association.
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Dollars

Each year, those three restricted tuition areas and the two mandatory fees increase based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), which is an inflation index based on higher education costs, she said.

The rest of the 13 areas — such as Title IX compliance and student spirit groups — still get money from the university, but it’s not necessarily from tuition money, she said.

It’s hard to say exactly what the rest of tuition pays for compared to WKU’s other revenue sources, because tuition and fees only account for 40 percent of WKU’s budget, Reed said.

State appropriations and money the university makes itself also contribute to the total money pot, among other things, she said.

In general, students’ tuition goes toward paying for faculty and staff salaries, support services such as the Counseling and Testing Center, and heating, cooling and maintenance of campus buildings, she said.

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The Body Builders.

Longhorn LEGO League.

These names might seem strange without context, but on Saturday, they were the names of some of the teams who competed in the Kentucky FIRST LEGO League State Robotics Championship.

The event brought 400 students from all across Kentucky to Diddle Arena and Downing University Center and was sponsored by WKU’s science and math departments, according to program materials.

Curtlyn Kramer, a volunteer from Ashland, said this year’s theme for the competition was “Body Forward,” which gave the students an opportunity to brainstorm a solution for a problem in the field of biomechanical engineering.

“This goal might be to fight obesity, help the cardiovascular system or help set bones,” she said.

This year, students picked problems ranging from how to apply prosthetic limbs to how to increase battery life on cochlear implants.

During judging, each team had to show that their robot could perform a task, such as pushing a mechanical lever to make an arm grasp, getting a syringe to plunge forward or replicating the process of setting a limb.

The students, who ranged in age from 9 to 14, were given the theme in early September and had been working on their robots since then, said John Inman, the event’s organizer.

The robots were made out of LEGOs and used a NXT LEGO motor and a computer software program called “Mindstorms,” said Logan Daniels, a seventh grader from Towneplace Middle School in Independence.

The process of programming the robots included taking measurements, trial and error, and programming motors and sensors, said Colten Smith, an eighth grader from Hancock County Middle School in Lewisport.

Inman, who began his involvement in the program as a volunteer six years ago in order to support his son, said, “the greatest benefit of the event is that it helps young people get excited about the ‘STEM’ subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).”

Inman said another important focus of the program was to expose the students to WKU’s campus.

“We want the brightest young minds in Kentucky to see what we have and the programs we have,” he said.

While the competition was a lot of hard work for the students, they also have plenty of fun, Inman said.

“It’s basically like a sporting event for science,” he said.

The winner of Saturday’s event advanced to the world festival in St. Louis in April, Inman said.

By WILL KOTHEIMER

Youth practice problem solving through robots

PHOTOS BY RYAN STONE/HERALD

A member of the Ingenious Engineers team watches one of his teammates compete during an afternoon round of the Kentucky FIRST LEGO League State Robotics competition. Students ages 9 to 14 competed, using student-built and programmed robots to execute tasks related to this year’s theme, “Body Forward.”

A ten-year-old Luke Helson, left, and Caden Dosier, both seventh graders, reset a robot. The students from Piner Elementary in Morning View have been working since summer to learn the LEGO robotics system. As part of the bio-medical related theme, “Body Forward,” they talked via Skype with the first surgeons to complete a double hand transplant in Louisville.
WKU must make budget reductions

By SPENCER JENKINS

The WKU Intramural-Recreational Sports department invited students to tee off in the “Hole in one” contest earlier this month. The contest gave students the chance to win a variety of prizes, including gift cards and equipment. The goal was to make a hole in one on the designated hole, which was located at the University Club.

WKU administrators have been crunching numbers recently. On June 30, the federal stimulus funds that WKU— and other colleges and universities across the state— had been receiving through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will expire. While the state legislature is working to replace those funds, WKU will still face a budget reduction next year.

Ann Mead, vice president for Finance and Administration, said WKU is preparing for a budget reduction of about $2.3 million for the 2011-2012 school year. WKU has been more fortunate than other universities that are facing budget reductions during tough economic times, she said. “Some universities must decrease costs by so much that I don’t see how they’re still open,” Mead said.

In total, $97.4 million in stimulus money was awarded to Kentucky universities across the country, according to Gov. Steve Beshear. WKU received $3.4 million in stimulus funds through the act, Mead said. To compensate for the loss of the stimulus money, budget reductions must be made, Mead said. Robbin Taylor, vice president for Public Affairs, said WKU must look at the situation plainly as a budget reduction. “We’re not doing anything to prepare for the end of stimulus funding,” Taylor said. “We’re preparing to reduce our budget by the amount.”

The $2.3 million reduction must be prorated across the major departments to determine what amount specifically each will lose. Mead said the reductions must be made by July 1. Budget reductions of between $1.6 million and $2 million are common for WKU, she said. But there have been years where the university budget has been reduced by more than $4 million, she said. Taylor said she has heard of times that careful thought and consideration must go into reducing the budget.

As an administrative council, we just got our numbers a week ago — our final numbers a week ago — we probably spend the next three to four weeks making decisions on what those cuts are going to look like,” Taylor said. Mead said. WKU’s administrative council will reconvene in mid-February to discuss the proposed budget reductions for each department. She said there must be agreement that the reductions for each are feasible at the current level. “We have to think, ‘What if the economy tanked and the state couldn’t restore those funds?’” Mead said.

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— swimming in the creek back memories of summer Wilkins said. “It brings my favorite rock ‘n’ roll song, “ she said. “We were just having a blast at the beach — you know how they do there — and we were just dancing to it.” She said. “It’s a powerful song. It reminds me to hold on to those moments.”

Michael Kemens’s “Main Title Theme from ‘Band of Brothers’” (2010) — a hit on the radio in 2010 — makes me think it makes me think of the Vietnam, Korea and World War II. It makes me think of those moments. “Just a beautiful movie,” she said. “It’s a powerful song. It reminds me to hold on to those moments.”

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The largest reduction must come from Academic Affairs at about $1.5 million, she said. “As an administrative council, we just got our numbers a week ago — our final numbers a week ago — we probably spend the next three to four weeks making decisions on what those cuts are going to look like,” Taylor said. Mead said. WKU’s administrative council will reconvene in mid-February to discuss the proposed budget reductions for each department. She said there must be agreement that the reductions for each are feasible at the current level. “We have to think, ‘What if the economy tanked and the state couldn’t restore those funds?’” Mead said.
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The track and field teams boast from several record-setting performances during competition this weekend, with the teams splitting for two meets.

Sophomore Karli Dubie and junior Sharika Smith both set new WKU records at the Rod McCravy Invitational in Lexington, and several distance runners get the chance to compete at Indiana University in a 5,000-meter run, an event rarely offered in the regular season.

Coach Erik Jenkins, who was in Indiana, described the teams’ performances as “pretty good.”

“One goal was to run in under 18 minutes, 30 seconds, and two of us were able to do it,” she said.
The St. Ray was the only event runner in Indiana competed in.

Assistant Coach Michelle Scott, who coached the distance runners at Indiana, agreed that the meet went well.

“We did what we needed to do and accomplished what we were supposed to,” she said.

Scott said that with this meet behind them, the teams can now focus on upcoming 3,000-meter and mile runs.

In Lexington, standout performances highlighted what Head Coach Erik Jenkins called a “very productive meet.”

“It’s good seeing this young team continuing to improve,” he said.

Smith continued her dominating season in the 60-meter hurdles.

Jenkins said he was pleased with Smith’s efforts and noted that she isn’t the only one performing at such a level.

Dubie finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles, breaking a WKU record that had stood for 27 years.

“Many of our members are moving towards the top of the Sun Belt Conference,” Jenkins said.

The meet in Lexington showcased many schools from the Sun Belt, and Jenkins said he believes WKU’s teams gained something just by watching them in action.

“There are a lot of very good, young teams in the Sun Belt, and we got to see them before the championship,” he said.

The Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championships will take place at the end of February.

Next weekend, the teams will be in action against Middle Tennessee in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and after that the teams will split up and go to separate meets.

Hale said the teams won’t have many events at the meet against Southern Illinois on Saturday in the Powell Natatorium. Doss came in first in the 60-meter hurdles.

Jenkins said he was pleased with Hale’s efforts and turnout on Senior Day, though his parents weren’t able to be there.

“They all swam their best. It was definitely nice having one more meet with them,” she said. “They all swam well and had a great meet.”

Marchionda said that while the most intense training is over, the teams need to continue to work hard.

“Like every other program, our turns and starts could use the most work,” he said.

Marchionda agreed that work still needs to be done, saying the teams will continue to train in the conference championships.

“We’ve got our work cut out over the next three and a half weeks,” he said.

“Ms. (Julie) Ransdell got to be my mom for the day since my parents couldn’t make it."

— DAVID MENCHINGER
on Senior Day

Senior Brittany Doss goes for air as she swims the 100-yard breaststroke, the ninth of 22 swimming events at the meet against Southern Illinois on Saturday in the Powell Natatorium. Doss came in first in the event with a time of 1:12.26.
The swimming and diving teams at WKU finally have a chance to rest after their home victories over Southern Illinois this weekend.

The men’s team won 170-127, and the women’s team came through with a 173.5-109.5 win in their final regular season competition.

Head Coach Bruce Marchionda said the teams have been in their most intense training period of the year over the past several weeks.

And with Saturday’s meet behind them, focus can now be placed on the upcoming Sun Belt Conference Championships.

“I’m extremely pleased with probably about 90 percent of the races,” Marchionda said after the meet.

The teams were also dealing with the added pressure of performing on Senior Day. The Bleachers at the Powell Natatorium were filled on Saturday for several swimmers’ final home performance.

“This has been such a great class for the past four years,” Marchionda said. “To see them go out with two wins means a lot to us, and it means a lot to them.”

Marchionda cited WKU’s performance in the 500-yard freestyle as a big part of the win.

WKU's latest initiative — Senior Day. The bleachers were filled on Saturday for the contest.

Chris Wilson/Daily News

For the Lady Topper basketball team, a game against Troy on Jan. 22 in Diddle Arena. WKU won 77-58.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

By COLE CLAYBURN

Read Coach Mary Taylor Cowles hasn’t gone so far as to call this season a disappointment. But she hasn’t hesitated to acknowledge it hasn’t gone according to plan either.

The Lady Toppers (6-13, 5-4 Sun Belt Conference) started the season 0-5 — the worst start in program history — and it hasn’t been more than two games in a row.

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