Homecoming – No Place Like Home

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The campus of Western Kentucky University is taking on a very “Oz” like quality this week with the homecoming theme “There’s No place like Home.”

Amy Bingham explains how the theme surfaced 16 years after it was originally planned in this week’s View from the Hill.

 “There’s No place like Home” was the theme originally planned for WKU’s Homecoming back in 2001. But after 9/11, that theme was scrapped in lieu of a more patriotic one. With a new President coming here from Kansas, the Homecoming committee felt now was the perfect time to finally use it.

 “Dorothy and red shoes, I may have to break out some red shoes, It’s wonderful, it’s exciting.”

Tim and Kacy Caboni are gearing up for their first Homecoming as President and first lady of WKU.

 “I’m not gonna be the lion, the tin man, the scarecrow, I’m enough of a caricature as it is.”

 “I could be Glenda the good witch, (tim) that is actually appropriate with the pink and the wand, perhaps a tiara (Kacy) , No.”

The theme, “There’s No place like Home”, is sure to inspire lots of characters from the Wizard of Oz.

”We expect to see a lot of Dorothys a lot of totos, good witches, bad witches throughout the festivities.”

The popular parade on Friday night will include lots of elaborate floats created by the greek community as well as all the homecoming queen candidates.

 “I actually do like parades, pep rallys, marching bands and the pageantry around it is wonderful.”

It all leads up to game time Saturday when the Toppers take on Charlotte and Kacy Caboni is echoing Coach Sanford by challenging students to stay for the whole game.

 “I think it’s a really good time for students to take ownership of their college experience, go to the football game and stay for four quarters.”

For many alums it will be their first opportunity to meet the Cabonis.

 “This is a terrific opportunity for us to talk about the strategic planning process and our aspirations for the university and do it in a way that’s not speechifying but really quick one-on-one conversations.”

Lots of reminiscing and lots of fun playing off a universal theme

 “there’s no place like home, there’s no place like WKU that’s really what its all about. “

The parade starts at five o’clock tomorrow afternoon on campus and will end at Circus Square Park. For a complete list of Homecoming activities, including a new event called “There’s no place like the after party”, log onto alumni-dot-wku-edu backslash homecoming.

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

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