Homecoming Preview – Toy Story Theme

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WKU students are revisiting a piece of their childhood with this year’s homecoming theme “To the Hill and Beyond.”

That’s right. The 1995 blockbuster film “Toy Story” is the backdrop for this year’s events as Amy Bingham explains in this week’s View from the Hill.

The theme really sets the tone for all the various activities throughout homecoming week especially the parade. With Toy Story, there’s no shortage of characters to display their Hilltopper pride.

It’s a movie that came out not long before many of them were born.

“The kids on campus truly grew up with the Toy Story movie so they all understand and are embracing the Woody and the Buzz Lightyear and all the characters that surround toy story.”

Now it’s time for the alumni association to bring those characters to life for all the Friday night festivities.

“We have Rex, we have the slinky dog, Mr. and Mrs. Potato head, Jessie , Woody, Buzz Lightyear and of course Buzz light year is big red.”

Hensley says the motto “To the Hill and Beyond” perfectly describes WKU students looking ahead to their future.

“Students come here for four years. They make memories they make friendships but they’re building a future for themselves beyond the hill.”

“I love the theme. I have to commend our homecoming committee for the diligence they put in in terms of selecting a theme that’s so visual and can be tied in to so many elements.”

Alumni Director Anthony McAdoo says the theme also doesn’t take away from the other highlights of the weekend.

“This year we have 100 years of WKU football and basketball being celebrated. 100 years of ROTC.”

All sorts of signature events surrounding homecoming attracts alums back to campus.

“We have alumni make the trip from all over to be a part of homecoming.”

And a fun theme, especially like this year’s Toy Story, allows everyone to show their Western spirit.

“It will be a ton of characters out there and it will be fun to watch, it’s fun for us to be able to figure out who to put in the suits.”

The parade is scheduled to begin on campus at five o’clock tomorrow and end at Circus Square. It will be followed by a concert in the park and Big Red’s Roar. The Hilltoppers take on Florida International Saturday night at 6:30.

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

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