Passport Office

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WKU Football’s bowl appearance outside the country coincided nicely with the recent opening of a passport office on Western’s campus.

But it’s designed to serve more than just the campus community as Amy Bingham explains in this week’s View from the Hill.

A steady stream of WKU football players has kept the WKU passport office busy.

Preliminary work began weeks ago with the Athletics department when the possibility of a bowl in the Bahamas became evident.

 “ We met with them and said here’s what we’re gonna need, what your gonna need to help us process 200 plus passports.”

The passport office, located inside WKU’s post office at Downing Student Union, didn’t officially open until after fall break in October so the timing was perfect.

 “It was very convenient for them and everyone in this office has been on point to make it run as smoothly as possible.”

Director Marshall Gray says the post office began actively pursuing the opportunity to become a passport acceptance point about a year and a half ago.

He says Dr. Ransdell especially saw a tie in with the university’s motto.

 “Would this not be a perfect opportunity for the University to be able to allow us to have that additional international reach here on campus starting point being passport office.”

 “There’s a need in our community.”

The general public is also encouraged to take advantage of the WKU passport office.

 “At the downtown Post office they have limited hours and one person working the window it’s very difficult to get an appointment.”

Another perk of being located inside DSU---there’s no need for concern when it comes to parking.

 “There’s no parking issue we actually have public parking lot directly across from our front door. “

 “I love being in DSU, it’s new it’s brighter.”

 “I love being at the heart of the university.”

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

To find out more about WKU’s Passport office, call 270-745-4658 or log onto wku.edu forward slash passport.

And don’t forget WKU takes on Central Michigan next Wednesday, Christmas Eve, in the Popeye’s Bahamas Bowl.

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