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## THE HILL IN REVIEW

Teachers and supporters gathered on April 2 at the Kentucky State Capital Building in Frankfort, Ky. to protest a new pension bill SB151. "Enough is enough!" and "Vote them out!" they chanted. Silas Walker/HERALD



Former WKU quarterback Mike White embraces his former teammate Deon Yelder during WKU Football pro day on Friday March 30 at L.T. Smith Stadium. Shaban Athuman/HERALD

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- A look at a lifelong WKU fan
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## Teachers gather in Frankfort over SB 151

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Hundreds of people from counties around Kentucky gathered in Frankfort on Monday to protest the recently passed Senate Bill 151, a water sewage bill that was amended last-minute to include the state's pension reform plan.

The bill was passed by Kentucky lawmakers late Thursday evening and will land on Gov. Matt Bevin's desk to be signed or vetoed.

Protesters gathered in front of the capitol building chanting phrases, such as "120 strong" and "united we stand, divided we fall."

## Opinion: How our pension bill ended up in the sewers

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SB 151 is an insult to our teachers who are getting ripped off in this awful deal. In addition to not guaranteeing teachers their pensions for when they retire, the bill does very little to really make a dent in our state's debt. On top of that, the bill was approved at the time without any input from teachers who will be the ones affected if the law is put in place. The truth is that many good teachers in this state will see what's going on in Frankfort and decide they'll be much better taken care of elsewhere, and sadly they'd be right.

## WKU fan with cancer reflects on the program

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Roger Osborne has spent most of his life as WKU basketball's biggest fan. Osborne, 80, has been a season ticket holder in Diddle Arena for 52 years.

This season was different: He was likely going to miss some games. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in September, and the amount of time he has left has been uncertain and far from guaranteed.

Six months later, Osborne is watching the Hilltoppers play in the Final Four of the National Invitational Tournament. It's the first time WKU has appeared in the spotlight since 1954. A week and a half before the game, Roger was given approximately three weeks to live.

## Stansbury makes great strides in second season

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On March 8, 2017, Rick Stansbury's first season as head coach of WKU basketball came to a disappointing end. The year was riddled with further misfortune, such as players being ruled ineligible to play for the season, or leaving the program.

Finally in early January, WKU was able to play Anderson and Diagne, as they were each declared eligible. The Hilltoppers were up to 10 players, and they began to roll at "full" strength, making it all the way to New York as the season went on. As Stansbury moves on from an improved second year, the groundwork is laid for further success.

## Down to the Wire: Clark-Heard outgrew WKU

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WKU women's basketball has lost one of the best coaches the program has ever seen. Michelle Clark-Heard is headed north to take on the head coaching role at the University of Cincinnati after seemingly hitting the ceiling at WKU.

With budget cuts coming and one of Clark-Heard's staff positions having been cut, it was pretty clear to see that there wasn't much more room for growth at WKU.

It's not just the financial side of it that had Clark-Heard looking elsewhere. Women's college basketball has a gap in talent between the top tier of teams and the rest.