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THE HILL IN REVIEW

Senior Brendan Ward shows off his school spirit and support for WKU athletics with his handmade red towel outfit. The hat, shirt, pants and cape took a year in total to make. Ward's favorite sport to attend is basketball because "the players and coaches are close enough to hear me.

Silas Walker/HERALD



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WKU guard Lamonte Bearden and Oklahoma State guard Kendall Smith battle for a loose ball during NIT quarterfinal game at Gallagher-Iba Arena in Stillwater, Okla. on Wednesday, March 21st, 2018. Ian Maule/ Tulsa World/ Special to the Herald



1

Position eliminations trim \$5 million from budget

WKU has eliminated 119 full-time positions and one part-time position across the university, President Timothy Caboni announced on Monday.

Of the full-time positions eliminated, 62 were filled at the time of elimination and 57 were vacant. There are 2,100 full-time university employees.

Among the filled full-time positions eliminated were the chief enrollment officer and the regional chancellors for WKU's Elizabethtown/Fort Knox and Owensboro campuses, as well as the regional vice chancellor for the Glasgow campus.

2

Admission requirement change could impact student demographics

In an effort to reduce WKU's budget deficit, the Budget Council released a list of suggestions for potential changes, one of which was potentially raising the Composite Admission Index score cutoff to 65 or higher instead of the current CAI threshold of 60.

"Anytime we admit a student, we need to make sure that student has a reasonable chance of being successful," Caboni said. "I think that has not been our past practice." Caboni has said multiple times that it is not fair to admit students to the university who are unable to succeed and leave with loans once they leave WKU.

3

Hilltoppers advance to NIT semifinals

The WKU men's basketball team has punched its ticket to New York City. Despite dealing with major foul trouble, the Hilltoppers outlasted Oklahoma State University 92-84 in Stillwater, Oklahoma, on Wednesday night to advance to the semifinal round of the NIT.

WKU has now defeated a team from the Big Ten (Purdue University), ACC (Boston College), Pac-12 (University of Southern California), and Big 12 this season.

4

Guthrie Bell Tower bells now only computerized

The Guthrie Bell Tower was once played manually on special days at WKU. It was constructed in 2001-2002 and is operated according to a carillon system that weighs about 25,000 pounds and consists of 45 cast metal bells made in France, according to WKU archives.

Budget constraints and loss of faculty involved in the scholarship forced the department to halt the scholarship and the bell tower's manual function, said head of the music department and associate professor of music Scott Harris.

5

Vote for Best Of The Hill 2018!

Now is the time to let your voice be heard! Let the community know where the best spots are in town for all your entertainment pleasure. Best of the Hill is a voting contest in which the WKU community can vote on their favorite places to eat, drink, karaoke, shop, and many more!