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Redshirt senior Brittany Vaughn slides into third base during the game against Tennessee State at the Chattanooga Challenge Feb. 17 at Frost Stadium. Vaughn scored three runs including one home run against the Tigers. Brook Joyner/HERALD

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Griffen Beckner, 19, looks out onto the crowd taking in the scene after dancing with his date Rebecca Perfetto, 22. Beckner danced with Perfetto for the whole night. Those with special needs ages 16 and up were invited to Jesus Prom for a night of celebration. Wittney Hardin/HERALD
As enrollment changes, budgets don’t always follow
In the last 10 years at WKU, enrollments have shifted between colleges, with more students pursuing degrees in the College of Health and Human Services. Other colleges, like the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and Potter College of Arts and Letters, have seen their enrollments decrease since 2007. Along with changes in enrollment, some colleges at WKU have seen changes in their budgets. Other colleges, despite changing enrollments, have seen little changes to their budgets.

Mandatory fees could rise under Aramark contract
Members of the University Senate discussed a possible cost increase to the $75 meal plan decline balance fee (“flex dollars”) for students during their meeting Thursday. Newly elected Board of Regents member Claus Ernst said the per-semester fees could rise to $150 for the fall 2018 semester, and to $300 by the following fall.

Ethnobotanist speaks at WKU about research
As part of the Cultural Enhancement Series, ethnobotanist Paul Alan Cox spoke at Van Meter Hall about his research on neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and ALS, otherwise known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease. Cox is a leading scientist and researcher in ethnobotany, which is the scientific study of an area’s plants and their uses through a culture’s traditional knowledge.

Down the Wire: WKU basketball teams hit 20 wins
A 20-win season is a goal of every college basketball team in America. No matter the conference or the strength of schedule, a 20-win season generally means something was going right for most of the year. This season, both the men’s and women’s WKU basketball teams reached 20 wins on the same day. For the Lady Toppers, a successful 20-win season has been business as usual lately. But for the men’s team, 20 wins is a good sign of big things to come.

Annual chocolate festival benefits hospice
The Hospice Chocolate Festival took place on Feb. 18 at the Sloan Convention Center. Now in its 31st year, the festival raises money through ticket sales and a silent auction for Hospice of Southern Kentucky, which provides end-of-life care. Aside from vendors and chocolate samples, activities and offerings included live music throughout the festival by local bands and performing youth, as well as the annual Oreo-eating contest.