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THE HILL IN REVIEW

WKU forward Tashia Brown (10) and her mother Tomekia Thomas wipe away tears as they listen to coach Michelle Clark-Heard following the Lady Toppers 83-61 win over University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Friday Feb. 23, 2018 at Diddle Arena.
Shaban Athuman/HERALD



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Harpist Phyllis Sparks performs with the orchestra on Friday at the Arabian Nights concert in Van Meter. Hannah Leboeuf/HERALD



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Budget Council recommends reducing workforce

To combat the current \$15 million budget deficit, WKU's Budget Council has recommended eliminating University College, reducing the university's workforce and returning management of the three regional campuses to the Division of Extended Learning and Outreach.

The recommendations were announced at the quarterly meeting for the Board of Regents on Friday. Other recommendations include reducing the number of university vehicles and reorganizing or consolidating similar jobs and units.

Read ongoing coverage of budget cuts online.

2

Budget reductions include raising admission standards

WKU will no longer be admitting students with a Composite Admission Index score, or CAI, of less than 60, according to the budget restructuring plan announced on Friday. The CAI is calculated using an applicant's unweighted high school GPA and ACT score.

Previously, WKU required a CAI of 65 or greater to guarantee admission, and applicants with a CAI score between 60 and 64 were "evaluated on a competitive basis," according to the university's website.

3

Lady Topper Legends finish career in Diddle Arena

WKU's senior night win over UNC Charlotte featured a perfect ending to senior forward Tashia Brown's career in Diddle Arena, as she scored a career-high 38 points. "I'm just really glad she was able to finish out her career like that," Women's basketball head coach Michelle Clark-Heard said after Friday's win. "She's just special. She plays hard all the time. She's very coachable. She's one of the best teammates anyone could ever ask for."

4

History professor holds kickoff rally for campaign

Patti Minter, a history professor, ACLU-KY board member and a former faculty regent on the WKU Board of Regents, is running for state legislation for the 20th House District of Kentucky, a position that was previously held by Rep. Jody Richards. Minter held her state representative kick off rally on Friday night, Feb. 23, at La Gala.

5

Mother and daughter run businesses

Tammra Turner has been interested in hairstyling since she was 5 years old. Now, years later, she owns her own salon, Designs by Tammra. Turner links her interest in hairstyling to her grandmother, who was a hairstylist as well. She recalled her grandmother braiding her hair and wanting to be able to braid like her.

Turner said her role as a hairstylist has a lot to do with trust. She said that to her, trust goes beyond knowing what hairstyles or colors look best on someone.

Read this and other stories as part of this month's Black History Month section.