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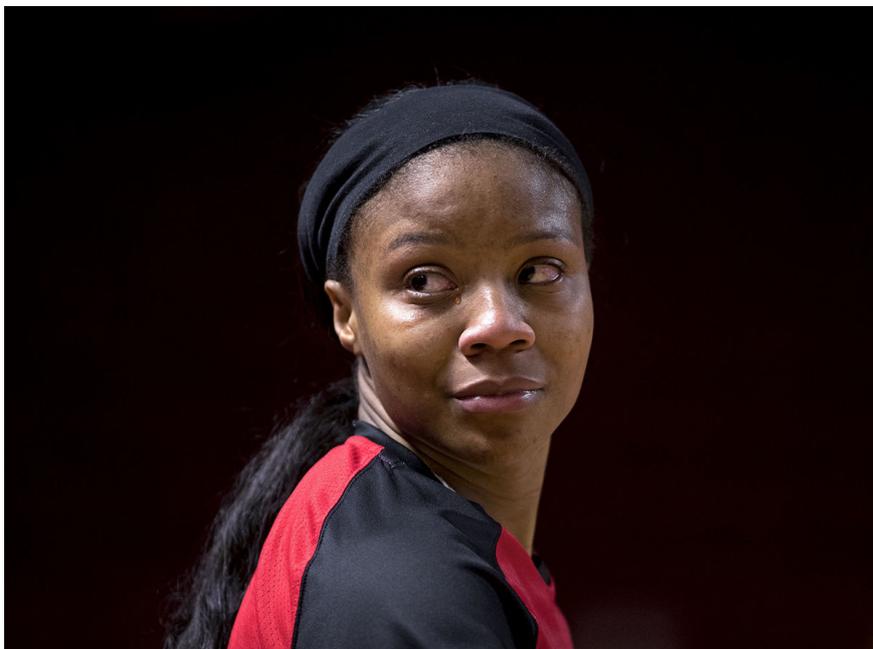
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THE HILL IN REVIEW

WKU senior guard Justin Johnson (23) kisses his long-time girlfriend and now fiancée after proposing to her on senior night Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 in E. A. Diddle Arena. WKU went on to beat Old Dominion 88 - 66.

Silas Walker/HERALD



WKU forward Tashia Brown (10) sheds a tear as she gives remarks at Senior Night in Diddle Arena. Shaban Athuman/HERALD

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Budget Council recommends athletics budget cut

At Friday's WKU Board of Regents meeting, the recommended Budget Council budget cuts were revealed, which included an athletics budget cut of over \$1.3 million.

The exact figure of the recommended cut is \$1,346,259 from university funding. That would be a 5.7 percent reduction of the athletic program's 2017-18 proposed budget of \$23.6 million. The \$1.3 million signifies an approximate 8 percent reduction athletics is bearing for the overall \$15 million deficit.

Read ongoing coverage of budget cuts online.

2

The man behind WKU's season tickets

Trey Turner is known for being the man behind WKU's men's basketball season ticket design this season, but he's a lot more than that.

Turner was chasing the dream of becoming a basketball player in High School and College. He realized that this dream may simply be just a dream and decided to come back closer to home to WKU. Soon after returning, he fell ill and had to get part of his lung removed. After his illness he began to pursue art.

He posted his illustrations on social media and gained the attention of WKU basketball.

3

End of an era for men's basketball program

Saturday night's game against Old Dominion University marked the end of an era for the WKU men's basketball program.

The 88-66 thrashing of the Monarchs was the final game in Diddle Arena for senior forward Justin Johnson and graduate transfers Dwight Coleby and Darius Thompson.

Although their time at WKU was short-lived, the excitement Coleby and Thompson have brought to the Hill will not be forgotten anytime soon.

4

FBI investigation should be NCAA tipping point

The college basketball world has once again been turned upside down with another major development in the FBI's investigation into widespread violations of the NCAA's amateurism rules.

The NCAA, which is supposed to have its own investigators to handle issues like this, has been completely blind to the absurd amount of violations that schools have committed right under the organization's nose.

5

Editorial: The aftermath of the Ransdell Empire

In a budget restructuring plan recently issued by President Timothy Caboni, specifications were laid out on how the current administration is going to address a \$15 million budget deficit. These cuts are a necessary evil brought about by former President Gary Ransdell's administration and the reckless spending he was allowed to undertake with little to no oversight from the Board of Regents. Caboni made the right decision in actually addressing the budget crisis.