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WKU’s Sarah Gorham (10) wins a header from North Texas’ Elle Marie Defrain (16) Oct. 12 in Bowling Green.
Joseph Barkoff/HERALD

State representative candidates Patti Minter and Ben Lawson debate on issues facing Bowling Green community at Downing Student Union auditorium on Tuesday. Fahad Alotaibi/HERALD

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State legislative candidates discuss pension, higher ed and attack ads in forum and debate
WKU got a chance to see democracy in action Tuesday night when candidates spoke at a forum and debate Tuesday at Downing Student Union, sponsored by the Bowling Green Daily News and the WKU Department of Political Science.
Kentucky Senate candidate Jeanie Smith (D) answered questions from the moderators during the forum. Her opponent and incumbent candidate Mike Wilson (R) was invited but was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.
Following Smith’s forum, Kentucky House of Representative candidates Patti Minter (D) and Ben Lawson (R) answered questions from the moderators.

WKU alumni celebrate 50th wedding anniversary
As they walked toward Diddle Arena early on a Saturday morning, hand in hand, Mary Lou and Chuck Dobelstein were all smiles.
The family’s journey started at Diddle Arena, where the couple first met in archery class in the summer of 1968. Mary Lou and Chuck showed everyone exactly where the class was, noting multiple differences between WKU then and now.
“It was so different back then,” Mary Lou said. “After all, we were shooting arrows inside back then!”

Whyte, Farris in their final stretch as teammates
The five years redshirt seniors DeAndre Farris and Masai Whyte spent on the Hill together was nowhere near the start of their time as longtime teammates.
The two defensive standouts starred together at Martha Layne Collins High School, where they won a state championship in 2013 after overcoming a blowout loss in the state title game the year before.
The two players both described their relationship, going back to high school and Shelby County Middle School before that, as being family rather than friends.

Vigil honors victims and survivors of domestic violence
First Christian Church held its annual domestic violence vigil on Tuesday night, a candlelit event in which the names of Kentucky victims were read aloud and a survivor of domestic violence shared her story. “Domestic violence is like this country’s dirty little secret,” Whitmire said. “Everyone knows it is happening, but until it directly affects you or someone you love, it isn’t talked about.”

SGA votes to create scholarship for first-generation students
Student Government Association passed a bill calling for the creation of a scholarship for first-generation college students at the Tuesday meeting.
The bill, which was authored by Campus Improvements Chair Matt Barr, called for the creation of a recurring $2,000 scholarship, which will be given once per academic year to applicable students, according to the bill’s description.