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House Bill 306 passed with a 51-40 vote on March 16 and outlines the budget and funding for the judicial branch for fiscal years 2016 through 2017, according to the bill, which contains the judicial branch budget for fiscal year 2014 through 2016, the total judicial branch budget for 2014-2015 was $369.9 million. The total judicial branch budget for 2015-2016 was $370.1 million.

House Bill 306 lists the total judicial branch budget for 2016-2017 as $388.2 million and for 2017-2018 as $384.9 million.

This means we’re facing a $76.3 million shortfall for the biennium on top of the 9% overall budget reduction. The court system has endured since 2008,” Chief Justice of Kentucky John Minton, Jr., said in a press release.

Minton also said that because personnel costs make up a significant portion of the budget, “the shortfall will have a significant impact on our non-elected employees.”

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This project consisted of Ford and William Mikama, a leader for the Ken-
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ies, investigating water sources and 
evaluating them at every level.

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right time, just part of the study waas 
the area. Ford said. "This is one exam- 
ple of how different systems can work 
out in one area but not in others.

In addition to her water project, Ford 
also turned to the Office of Scholar De- 
velopment to help prepare for her ap- 
plication process.

"I had to be in the office a few times 
before to get help with my study 
abroad scholarships, and they really 
helped me out," Ford said.

The office helps students with every- 
things from scholarship opportunities, 
sources, and interview skills for appli- 
lications.

"I didn't know what to expect from 
the interview portion of the Rotary scholar- 
ship because it's always the most nerve-wracking experi- 
ence of my life," Ford said about the 
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At 10 years old, Pascual Garcia Martinez became one with mezcal. Through the helping hands of his father, Garcia Martinez, now 61 and of Santa Ana, sleeps right by the maguey plant. “I’m fortunate to be doing what I love and live from it... it’s something not many people here in Mexico are able to do,” Garcia Martinez said.

“The recent uptick in popularity far outside of the small pueblos where it is widely produced in Mexico’s second-southernmost state of Oaxaca has put a strain on more than just the plant’s population. Romulo Cruz has perfected the process of making mezcal, or “oven-cooked agave” in Nahuatl, over his 53 years of making the drink. When the 67-year-old man learned how to craft the drink at 14 with his grandpa in his hometown of Santa Ana de Miahuatlán, maguey plants were available on a first-come, first-served basis. Now, Cruz and the three other mezcal producers in Santa Ana have to pay 100 pesos, or $5.71, for each maguey they claim from private growers, but it is worth the price.

The income Cruz receives from making mezcal has sheltered his family, expanded his operation and secured his future. On average, 15 plants amounts to 300 liters, or over $1,360 USD when brought to market. The recent uptick in popularity of the drink across the United States is to blame for the ironical government data on mezcal, sales grew by nearly 48 percent over a three-year period and exports jumped 79 percent from 650,000 liters in 2011 to over 1.15 million in 2014, a mind-boggling jump for a drink that possesses little national or international recognition.”

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Black Men at Western group returns to WKU

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After a four-year hiatus, Black Men at Western is returning to WKU’s campus; a new plan for re-establishing the organization was concluded in 2012. President of the organization, Cameron Curvin, a sophomore from Brentwood, Tennessee, said the group had ended four years ago because it had not been able to function properly.

This time around, BMW has already completed several meetings and set up both short-term and long-term plans.

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The organization’s goals that we are trying to achieve our goals, our main goal is to help minority males navigate through college and become college graduates,” Curvin said. BMW has completed several meetings and is working on both short-term and long-term plans.

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With the two leaders in place, the organization plans to continue moving forward in its efforts to establish themselves more on the campus, grow as an organization and reach its full potential.

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If you’re looking for the key to success, look no further than the participants of the Miss Omega Pageant, it’s confidence. This spring the Gamma Pi chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity is hosting its 12th annual Miss Omega Pageant. The pageant was created at WKU in 2007 to embrace, uplift and give confidence to all-figured women.

Chapter president and pageant dad Curvin said the pageant is all about giving girl-power to women on WKU’s campus, and giving girls to do something they can be proud of. “We want to build them up to feel like they can do anything they put their mind to,” Carmichael said.

The group plans to hold an event discussing real-life situations that might affect WKU students on campus and offering strategies students can use to cope with them in a positive way. Also in the works is an event planned to relieve stress during finals week.

BMW has been working on getting a consistent number of men to join the organization and has made sure to inform potential members of the race doesn’t determine whether or not someone can join, according to Curvin.

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Wetu’s National Society of Collegiate Scholars will host its sixth scholars on campus Friday for its second annual March to College event.

Students from Natcher College of Health Sciences at Western Kentucky University will begin in the morning to listen to President Gary Ransdell speak before touring campus.

The Natcher Elementary students will also have an opportunity to hear from Western students and ask questions about the road to college and what it’s like being a student at WKU.

Bowling Green junior and NSCS member Kaylynn Jones said the society focuses on sixth graders because that is the age most students begin to think about their futures.

“They start thinking about what they want to do when they grow up and what they want to study,” Jones said. “Having WKU students be a part of this process enhances their academic experience.”

According to NSCS’s website, the organization’s members are “deeply committed to scholarship, leadership and service as a result, we are impacting the careers and local communities every day.”

Jones serves as WKU’s coordinator of Planning to Achieve Collegiate Excellence, a program in NSCS that sends tutors to Natcher Elementary every Wednesday afternoon. Jones said NSCS members serve as mentors as well as tutors.

“We seek to enhance students’ success in school both academically and socially,” Jones said.

Jones explained when students go to tutoring sessions, they are getting both academic assistance and an opportunity to interact with someone older who wants to help build a relationship.

WKU’s chapter president Luke Headley, a senior from Grand Rapids, Michigan, said he has seen changes in the kids’ interactions with him and with their peers since the PACE tutoring program began two years ago.

“It is a joy to just see when you walk in how they actually are doing work with you,” Headley said.

Frankfort junior Mina Chatman said the key to forwarding to interacting with the kids is making them know college is an attainable possibility.

“I went to an underprivileged school, so there weren’t a lot of people who really even thought college to be the next step,” Chatman said.

Although there are over 800 NSCS members at WKU, Headley said the society does not have much member engagement.

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Henderson, according to her website, has been invited to speak at a variety of venues, including Taylor University, Paul Quinn University, the University of Arizona and the South-West Black Student Leadership Conference at Texas A&M University.

Brandon said her office’s goal is to increase male participation and have a diverse crowd.

“Some of the contestants for next year might be here, so indeed … show them what to do and what it looks like,” Taylor said.

Since the current Miss Omega Pageant is less than three weeks away, Carmichael reflected on how the show affects contestants as well as himself.

“My favorite part is watching the girls grow throughout the pageant. Yesterday was four weeks in right now, and on day one, we had girls who did not feel as comfortable with themselves,” Carmichael said. “Now they are in here flourishing and confident. There is no limit. It’s hard to have someone come to a society that’s not benefiting them right away.”

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BY JOHN REECER

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BY SAM PORTER
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The WKU women’s basketball team found itself in an unfamiliar situation when it hosted the University of Tennessee-Martin, Tuesday. The Lady Toppers must have taken some notes, because they won the match 64-57 to face St. Louis after UT Martin victory.

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The one run on the game was a home run by Clayton Smithson to tie the game. However, after Alex Robles singled through the left side to bring home freshmen, and cruised to a 16-2 victory. It was the first midweek loss of the year for the Hilltoppers.

The WKU football team got a fresh start to the upcoming season as Head Coach Jeff Brohm and the Hilltoppers took the field Monday to begin their first practice, signifying the start of spring football.

Day one of practice featured competitive action from the Toppers, who have been out of action since the team’s victory over the University of South Florida in the Miami Beach Bowl on Dec. 23, 2015.

“I thought the first day went pretty good,” Brohm said. “I think we’ve got guys that want to do well, want to be good players, and want to find a way to help this team win.”

Despite losing quarterback Brandon Doughty, WKU has 11 other quarterbacks vying for last year’s Conference USA championship. This includes 11 different offensive players, five of whom are from WKU’s starting offensive line.

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While a large focus has been placed on replacing star quarterback Doughty, the Toppers must also counteract the loss of kicker Garrett Schmittman. He holds the record at WKU for most points scored in a single season. His 236 extra points were the second-most points scored in a single season.

Karen Brown said she was proud of her group coming out of the locker room, and felt the momentum was the things we needed to fight and do whatever was necessary to get things going. She almost had another four-point lead, but the Governors quickly went back to work in the top of the fourth.

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Hudzina also had a hit earlier in the game in the second inning, extending his hitting streak to 25 games. However, the Governors quickly made things ugly for the Toppers in the bottom of the eighth inning. Smithson hit a line drive in left field to bring him home his teammate Imani Wilks to extend the lead to 6-2.

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