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Faculty discusses proposed budget, raises concerns

By LEXI BROWNING
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Marshall’s budget office said the urge to pursue a multi-year plan instead of the traditional year- by-year budget was prompted after a series of budget cuts and year-to-year budgets had not been as successful as anticipated.

"We’ve been working with the deans and different budget unit lead- ers. It’s been a very different process in the past," Cartmill said. "With the former system, col- leges could place equipment and operational requests and be funded by the incremental budget. The repercussions of uni- form budget cuts can be seen across the campus, which experiences budget decreases ranging between 6 and 9 percent each year, Heuton said. "It goes to everyone 3 percent, the [students] will have to cut, you may lose 1 percent, but your cost has gone up 4 percent and the earth doesn’t work," Heuton said.

The proposed budget will only feed updates to areas and departments that have not had access to revenue resources.

Heuton said an entreprene- ural approach to finance, while admirably, would not be new to the day-to-day operation. "We’re trying to look at things more comprehensively so we can make better de- cisions in how we’re doing things," Heuton said. "Cash flow is important. If you under- stand what the timing is, you understand how to run your business." Heuton said departments were asked to hold off on purchasing certain equipment and to justify the worth of the projects set aside. Simplifying tuition form the current system and the college population is also a primary concern.

"We know it’s challenging for students from a financial assistance to come to college," Heuton said. "One See BUDGET | page 5

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Marshall University’s Kappa Alpha Fraternity presented its first date auction Wednesday to raise money for the fraternity and its philanthropy.
A song cued each man in after the master of ceremonies introduced his best traits. The fraternity raised $811 after auctioning off each date for 24 hours of spent with the men. The highest bid of the night went to Dalton Jones who was worth $331 to the holder. Jones said he felt honored to be worth that much money. "It feels excellent of course, to go for this much money," Jones said. "No practice went into this for me it was all spur of the moment.”
Student Body President Duncan Raupham gave the audience a chair dance after taking off his sports coat to win the ladies. He was bought for $60. Member of RA Ronald Bowen said this auction was for more than just a date.

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‘Clybourne Park’ premieres Wednesday

By KAITLYN CLAY
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Marshall University’s School of Music and Theatre presented Bruce Norris’s play “Clybourne Park” Wednesday at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

The play follows a couple, Bev and Russ, as they mourn the loss of their son. They live in an all white neighborhood and their move, the neighbors fear, will bring in an epidemic of African American community members. "Clybourne Park" follows the historical context of the '50s focusing mainly in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

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By JILL SHEMANSKI
THE PARTHENON
The Marshall University softball team extended its conference record to 10-6 after it defeated Northern Kentucky University Wednesday in both games of a double header.

The Herd outscored NKU in the first game 9-2, while the second game ended with a score of 6-3.

Sophomore Jordan Dixon earned both wins on the mound for the Herd today while striking out 15 batters in game one.

Dixon said her teammates give her the confidence she needs to perform in the circle.

“We all work together to bring the confidence of the team together,” Dixon said. “It’s not just one person, it’s everyone as a team.”

The team had 29 total hits and 11 stolen bases in the two games combined.

“The Herd has surpassed its single season record for stolen bases with 141 total,” Dixon said. “It showed today.”

Sophomore Morgan Zerkle said it was fun to watch the freshmen show off their skills.

“It was great to get to watch our freshmen step up and see how well they’ve done as well,” Zerkle said.

The team will take its final road trip of the regular season as they take on UTEP at 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Balancing athletics and academics

By ADAM POLSKY
THE PARTHENON
The Marshall University softball team will face C-USA teams in a tournament for the conference title.

Finals begin May 4, the day after the Thundering Herd wraps up its final regular season series against University of Alabama-Birmingham and just three days before the conference tournament.

Depending on what happens around the rest of C-USA, the Herd could be a just a few wins away from clinching a tournament berth.

Head coach Shonda Stanton finds planning and preparation to be key in this hectic homestretch of the season.

“It’s all about preparation,” Stanton said. “It’s kind of like today, what we did was, we gave them off yesterday and they had all day to get things done. We (also) gave them study hall last night. Then today, we were supposed to practice, but we brought them in and they were studying and doing some things.

“Study hall is an opportunity for players to get together and finish all of their academic work with their coaches standing by to ensure they stay focused.

Freshman infielder Elicia D’Orazio said it is important to have someone pushing them to get their work done.

“I think study hall helps a lot,” D’Orazio said. “Coach Bell is my academic adviser and she’s always on me making sure my grades are good and I have my work done. (It is about) doing it ahead of time and not the night before.”

Sophomore outfielder Morgan Zerkle explained why there is even more pressure on the team to be ready for finals this year.

“(We are) traveling and going to UTEP this weekend and then conference,” Zerkle said. “We’ll have to have our extra early for conference so we’re going to have to take finals early. It’s just really important, and I think good that we’re spending a lot of time on studying.

Marshall will travel for a three game series against UTEP this weekend before five home games to round out the regular season.

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Operation Jade Helm raises concerns of government intrusion on civil liberties

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The Special Operations Command Central, also known as SOCCENT, will be conducting a large-scale special operation across all branches of the military this summer, according to Lt. Col. Mark Lastoria, the director of operations for SOCCENT.

Lastoria said that while he could not draw maps of the exercise area, it would involve all branches of the military, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. The operation will involve soldiers from all over the country, with personnel from units in all states.

The operation is one of the largest military exercises that will take place this summer, and it is expected to last several weeks. The purpose of the exercise is to train and test the readiness of the military, as well as to assess the effectiveness of various tactics and strategies.

The operation will be conducted in a secret location in central Texas, which is within close proximity to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Lastoria said that the location of the operation is being kept secret to prevent any possible leaks or security breaches.

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Protesters take to Baltimore streets after man’s death

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By JULIET LINDERMAN

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

TOP RIGHT: Marchers chant near the Baltimore Police Department’s Western District police station during a march for Freddie Gray, Wednesday in Baltimore.

TOP LEFT: Two men are detained by Baltimore police after they climbed over the barricades guarding the department’s Western District police station during a march for Freddie Gray, Wednesday in Baltimore.

BOTTOM: Marchers raise their fists in front of Baltimore police guarding the department’s Western District police station during a march for Freddie Gray, Wednesday in Baltimore.

A balance sheet of the 2016-17 budget presented Tuesday shows 50 full-time equivalent positions eliminated, a $20 million reduction in spending and a $10 million increase in income.

"We’re not going to cut our way to prosperity," Heuton said. "We know we can’t continue to cut. But tightening is not going to solve our problems... We’re trying to do the right thing."
Q: What is the biggest difference between America and India?
A: The education over here is a lot different than in India. In our country, it's more of a theory kind of thing whereas in the states it's more practical learning. (...) Computer science in India is a good thing, but having good qualifications like practical experience in the United States can give me good opportunities back in my country.

Q: How and why did you choose to come to Marshall?
A: I chose the eastern side of the United States. (...) I felt like this would be a good [school] to go to. The computer science [major] is newly established, but the professor told me about Computer Science and I was given admission to information systems. Later on, I know the benefit of computer science, but the first reason was less number of Indians, which is why I chose Marshall University. At all the others universities in all the other states, there are more Indians, whereas at Marshall there are very few. I wanted to learn the culture of the U.S. If I’m with the people of India, I would not know the culture of America. (...) It would be the same Indian culture that was in India. I thought it would be interesting if I could learn some foreign culture and diversity and that would be easier with less number of Indians.

Q: What are your plans after graduation?
A: Right now, do a job and have a good experience, and practical knowledge in the subject and field. After that, go back to India and do a Ph.D or something like that. Having practical knowledge and then getting back to the Ph.D I think works sometimes. I think that having a good experience of working practically on the product or something and then getting back to the Ph.D will help me.

Q: What are your plans after graduation?
A: Right now, international calling. We have some international calling apps and Skype. Frequently I'll call them and they'll call me.

Q: What are some hobbies you enjoy?
A: Vinay and I play volleyball along with the Indian team. We play intramural sports. I play basketball and even cricket.