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A last day Q & A with Gary White

By REBECCA TURNBULL
THE PARTHENON

Interim President Gary White took time during his last day in office Friday, Jan. 15, to discuss his initial goals, his present he-
tals, and his future outlook for Marshall University.

White was appointed to the interim presidency on Dec. 29, 2014, by the Marshall Univer-
sity Board of Governors after former president, Dr. Stephen Kopp, died suddenly of an
apparent heart attack on Dec. 17, 2014.

White said he looked back on his presidency as an op-
portunity to protect Kopp’s legacy and keep Marshall mov-
ing forward.

Q: What was on your mind as you assumed the interim presidency?
A: On January the fifth, I left my home in Logan and drove to Huntington for my first offi-
cially recognized as president of the university. It was a very so-
thing thought to think of how 47 years prior I left Logan com-
ing to Huntington as a student for the first time at Marshall University. And now, those 47
years later, coming to Mar-
shall University as its interim
president was a very sobering
thought to think of how that
situation I always consider the
issues that they are concerned about.

Q: Were you hoping to con-
Solidify Dr. Kopp’s legacy
work on some goals of your
own?
A: The short answer is both. Dr. Kopp was a very dear friend of mine and he 1 talked
frequently. I was very much in-
volved in his vision for Marshall University and wanted to see

President Jerry Gilbert speaks of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event Monday.

By SAGE SHEARER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s Office of Intercollegiate Affairs and the Huntington-Cabell Branch of the NAACP hosted a stu-
dent march and celebration ceremony Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Marshallese communications director Bryce Chambers said citizens
engagement will be a vital part of moving the city forward.

As part of the semi-site
round, city representatives will attend the America’s Best Communities
network every Tuesday at 5 p.m. and Marshall President, Jerry Gilbert marched alongside the
group. The march was
Gilbert’s first as the official
president.

The observance and cele-
tration took place at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center and featured several
speakers, prayers, and performances.

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Dichards and public
relations major.

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Huntington

seminalist for
America’s Best
Cities; next steps
underway

By CLARA MATHROID
THE PARTHENON

Plans are underway for the city of Huntington’s next steps in the America’s Best Commo-
nity competition after being named a top 15 semi-
finalist Wednesday, Jan. 13 at
the Pullman Plaza Hotel.

The competition, held by
The Weather Channel, seeks
the city still has a lot of work
ahead.

The competition, held by
The Weather Channel, seeks
the top three communities.

The top three communities
will be announced in April
2017 and will win $1 mil-
lon, $2 million and $1 million
respectively.

Updates on Huntington’s
progress in the competition can
be found by following @ABCom
and @HuntingtonCity
on Twitter.

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contacted at maynard294@marshall.edu.
Q&A with President White continued from pg. 1 that vision continues. But also, once you occupy the responsibility as interim president, there are issues and opportunities that come up that had not here before presented themselves, and so you have to manage those issues and opportunities and develop them as your own initiatives. But the primary object would be to Marshall moving forward and to protect the legacy left by Dr. King.

Q: What was the most difficult part of taking over as interim president of Marshall?

A: There’s a very steep learning curve, but I had some advantage, having been a member of the Board of Governors and a member of the Board of the Marshall Foundation for a number of years. Probably the single most challenging portion of the day—day one and as I leave now—has been the schedule. The demands on the time of the president of the university is probably the biggest surprise, really, of my presidency. Every day it just has to be back-to-back. It’s a meeting, it’s a phone call, it’s a trip to Charleston. And these are all equally important things to do and you feel a sense of obligation, you know, to give attention to all these matters. And it’s almost—well, it is almost humanly impossible.

Q: What do you think is the biggest surprise as president of the university is probably the biggest surprise, frankly, as I walked into the office for the first day and has been until I will leave this evening. And, frankly, one of creating an atmosphere for the best possible environment for your students and, frankly, the entire huntington community. I’m going to miss that when I leave but I’m happy to be leaving it in a good state.

Q: What legacy do you hope to leave behind?

A: I would hope that the legacy of my term as interim president is one of leadership and mentorship and, finally, one of creating an atmosphere for the best possible environment for your students and the community. I’m going to miss that when I leave but I’m happy to be leaving it in a good state.

Q: What do you believe Dr. Gilbert should keep in mind as he assumes the duties and responsibilities of the presidency?

A: If I had one or two things, I would have told him about assuming the duties and responsibilities of the presidency. The first thing I would have told him about is on one hand, involving himself as much as possible in the transition process at Marshall. Near-term, I will remain involved in working on special assignment from Dr. Gilbert. I will not be an employee; I’ll be a consultant. I’m going to be very much involved in the day-to-day process of running Marshall University. For the long term, perhaps once he was appointed President Gilbert is completed, if the governor at the time would ask me to serve as a member of the Board of the Governor, yes, I would consider it.

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A: I think the presidency itself, the opportunities that it gives you to interact with students, with parents, with faculty, with staff, with the community, with the political community, it’s everyone that you interact with in the course of your duties in the presidency.

Q: What will you miss most about your position at Marshall University?

A: Every time that I have left an organization for a different assignment or opportunity, what I miss most are the people, because that’s what’s really the most important. Of course, the fact of the matter is, what really makes the institution is the people, those in it associated with Marshall University and, frankly, the entire huntington community. I’m going to miss that when I leave but I’m happy to be leaving it in a good state.

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Women’s basketball team rolls over Rice Owls with 29-point victory

Track and field team earns multiple top-30 finishes in Invitational

The Marshall University track and field team earned several top-30 individual finishes Saturday at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington, Kentucky.

Junior Matt Renge led the way for the Herd in the 60-meter hurdles. Renge earned a spot in the finals with a time of 8.75 seconds.

Junior Rhonda Paulus finished 13th in the 600-meter run, posting a time of 2:01.79.4.

The top finisher for the Herd in the 200-meter dash was sophomore Naja Greer, who finished with a 25.38 time place of 25.20.

Marshall also had strong performances in field events. Freshman Hudson Clark emerged as the top Herd finisher in the weight throw with a 17.11-meter toss for 17th place. Freshman Zach Reiver bested 24th in the long jump (2.10 meters).

The Marshall track and field team also entered several other events in the two-day Hokie Invitational, hosted by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia.

The Marshall University track and field team topped the Herd scores in the shot put (12.43 meters) and the 800-meter run, posting a time of 2:17.84.

Senior Asia Bange led the way for the Herd in the weight throw as the top Herd finisher in the event.

Along with the different training approaches, the team plans to work the score sheet in an effort to be at its strongest when it counts.

Morgan said the team plans on taking a different approach to its typical training routine.

The team is required to perform a 45-second game-day cheer followed by a 24-second routine.

Marshall cheerleaders to compete in national competition

Cheer and dance teams across the country will compete in the event, which will air on CBS Sports Network.

The competition team, which consists of senior cheerleader Ashley Ashley, will compete at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington, Kentucky.

Get better,” junior cheerleader Ashley Ashley, from Cocoa Beach, Florida April 6-10 for the NCA Championship.

It will compete in the National Cheerleading Championship.

The Marshall cheer team will continue its game day support for the university’s sports teams while training for the upcoming competition.

The College Cheer & Dance Championship will air on CBS Sports Network.

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Marshall University redshirt sophomore guard Taylor Porter dribbles the ball up-court Saturday in the team’s win against Rice University at the Cam Henderson Center.

The Marshall bench played a key role in the victory as it outscored Rice’s bench 39-9 and helped lift the Herd to a 42-24 halftime lead after the team-outscored Rice 20-7 in the second quarter.

Scott said the team’s victory had more to do with its intensity than anything else.

“We were energy,” Scott said. “I think our energy has to be there if we’re going to keep winning. We know plenty of talent. We just have to keep up that energy.”

Head coach Matt Daniel said after losing three of the last four games, it was nice to see his team playing with a renewed amount of energy.

“When our energy is there, we are dangerous,” Daniel said.

Marshall’s next match is at Texas-Dallas Saturday, 9-5-0) in its victory against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 6 p.m. Thursday at the Cam Henderson Center.
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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

WHERE WILL YOU BE WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS ON CAMPUS? PROBABLY ON TWITTER.

By NANCY PETERON

Many people today question the prominence of Martin Luther King Jr. in today’s society. King’s ideas can still be seen growing and changing in today’s society.

Here are four of Martin Luther King Jr.’s prominent ideas about civil rights, equality, and life in the United States that are still important today.

1. “The American Dream”
   “For in a real sense, America is essentially a dream, a dream as yet unfilled. It is a dream of land where men of all races, all nationalities and all creeds can live together as brothers.”

2. The Constitution of the United States of America

3. “A Look to the Future”
   “In order to look to the future, it is often necessary to get a clear picture of the past. In order to know where we are going, we must first see from where we have come.”

4. “A Statement by Dr. King”
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The Parthenon is a young country, but it has an extensive and complicated history. This history is vitally important in understanding where the nation is headed in the future. King is an important piece of the history of African Americanism in the U.S. The study of his life, work, and speeches is key in understanding the obstacles minorities had to overcome to get where they are today.

“A Statement by Dr. King”
   “It must be remembered that genuine peace is not the absence of tension, but the presence of justice.”

The incidents in Ferguson, Missouri after the shooting of Michael Brown showed just how important the presence of justice is to people in the U.S.

King fought for justice for African Americans during segregation. The fight for justice is still ongoing today especially with the spreading use of social media allowing news to travel faster than ever.

“Address at Conclusion of Re-igniting Love”
   “There has been some progress, but even the most casual observer must admit that we are far from the Promised Land in the area of equal opportunity. Job equality is not only a race issue but it has an enormous attention to the difference between men and women. California passed a pay equity line in October 2015 in an effort to close the gender gap in the workplace.

Elected officials in some states are still working toward equal pay and opportunity for all people.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day happens on January 18th of every year. It’s a chance to remember and honor the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The U.S. is a young country, but it has an extensive and complicated history. This history is vitally important in understanding where the nation is headed in the future. King is an important piece of the history of African Americanism in the U.S. The study of his life, work, and speeches is key in understanding the obstacles minorities had to overcome to get where they are today. The Parthenon is a young country, but it has an extensive and complicated history. This history is vitally important in understanding where the nation is headed in the future. King is an important piece of the history of African Americanism in the U.S. The study of his life, work, and speeches is key in understanding the obstacles minorities had to overcome to get where they are today. The Parthenon is a young country, but it has an extensive and complicated history. This history is vitally important in understanding where the nation is headed in the future. King is an important piece of the history of African Americanism in the U.S. The study of his life, work, and speeches is key in understanding the obstacles minorities had to overcome to get where they are today.
ICYMI: States of the Union and State

By NANCY PEYTON

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin will be giving his sixth and final State of the State address Wednesday, Governor Earl Ray Tomblin introduced a series of reforms regarding education, employment and methods to combat substance abuse during his remainder of his time in office. He said, "The changes of our time with..."  

By LEZI BROWNING

One of Obama's key points of his final term was "We are, what we stand for, and..."  

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Tomblin hopes to preserve culture, introduces initiatives

22 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the reception area which is on dis...
**Remembering the starman**

*By Lukas Hagley*  
THE PARTHENON

“Look up here, I’m in Heaven,” a familiar voice cried over radio stations. “I’ve got scars that can’t be seen.” David Bowie’s final single and music video, “Lazarus,” is the tragically reflective ballad left behind in the wake of his sudden death Jan. 10. After an 18-month, secret battle with an unspecified cancer, the legendary musician, artist and actor passed away in New York City. Bowie’s final album, “Blackstar,” was released just days before his death, cumulating years of work that “wasn’t made to sell things, it was just a part of his act. The idea of creating an evening of it, arranged for any need of popularity or sales. Coming from a die-hard fan since Bowie’s 1983 album ‘Let’s Dance,’ Hardiman performs his annual tribute to the artist’s music and maintained a steady acting career, of his act. You can see over the course of his career, staying in one area of music (or art, for that matter) for too long. Bowie’s limitless ambition and ability to creatively manipulate every aspect of his music’s production inspire artists to this day.

Artists including Madonna, Marilyn Manson, Kanye West, Lady Gaga and others have all acknowledged a debt to Bowie’s trailblazing career and shifting personas. Bowie’s influence is apparent not only in the realm of entertainment, but also in the lives of local fans.

To the theatre star and musician, Ryan Hardiman, said he felt a huge loss at the artist’s passing. “I can’t bring myself to speak of him in the past tense, because through his work and influence he achieves immortality in the hearts of so many. He was simply his. A die-hard fan since Bowie’s 1983 album ‘Let’s Dance,’ Hardiman performs his annual career, ‘Moongate Daybreak: The Bowie Songbook,’ each New Year’s Eve with pianist, Mark Scarpelli. ‘We share a respect and love for Bowie’s music and maintained a steady acting career, singer Alex John performs Saturday, January 16, at the V Club.”

**Sly Roosevelt, Scroungehound take the stage**

**By Lukas Hagley**  
THE PARTHENON

The three bands delivered a powerhouse show before a full crowd Saturday, Jan. 16 at Huntington’s V-Club.

“Scroungehound, a “gypsy rock” group played the first set of the night, surprising the audience for an intense follow up from bands Sly Roosevelt and Ford Theatre Reunion.

To close the opening act, Scroungehound featured a new song titled “Want.”

“[Gauge Smith of Scroungehound] reminded me of Jim Morrison,” said local resident Angela Davis during the performance. Sarah McDaniel, lead singer of the second act, Sly Roosevelt, said that they had been performing at the V-Club for approximately two years after gaining local attention in the Huntington music scene.

“Probably since 2010, we’ve done maybe twenty or thirty shows a year,” McDaniel said. Several in attendance claimed that the band had picked up a “harder” more punk sound.

Shawns Harro. McDaniel’s wife, said this transition could be due to the recent departure of keyboardist Alexander Durand. “I want people to be immersed with us in it.” McDaniel said. “I don’t want it to be us as you versus us, I want it to be us as one thing, you know? I don’t know.”

Sly Roosevelt also debuted a new song, “Starts as War Particle,” near the end of their set Saturday night.

“I just told them in a text ‘I wanna do that song in the last set,’ McDaniel said. “We literally probably played that two times in the last week. We haven’t really like hammered it that hard.”

McDaniel said that the next big steps for the band would be performing in the next week or two as they hit the studio to record some of their material for a new release entitled “Kitties.”

Notable amongst the attendees of the club was a distinct presence of 80s-era fashion, brought about by the image of the final performance, Ford Theatre Reunion. “Ford Theatre Reunion is my favorite through and through,” said Angie Clark, in two-tone pants. “They’re pretty eclectic.”

Coming up at the end of the week, the V-Club will play host to another round of performances. Bands Sly Roosevelt, Friendly Fire and Shena will be featured, as well as Noise from Charleston, West Virginia. The performances will take the stage at 10 p.m. Friday, January 22 at the V-Club.

Admission will be $5 per entry. Ryan Fischer can be contacted at fisher@marshalleagle.com.