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CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

After narrowly escaping North Texas on Saturday, the Marshall men’s basketball team claimed the sixth seed in this year’s Conference USA tournament in Birmingham, Alabama, where they will face the Florida Atlantic Owls in the opening round.

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Sen. Manchin introduces Clean Start, LifeBOAT Act

By KYLEE HURLEY

Sen. Joe Manchin has recently sponsored multiple bills with the same purpose of helping recovering addicts have a new start.

According to Manchin’s website, The Clean Start Act and the LifeBOAT Act are the names of the bills that have been sponsored by Manchin and recently introduced in the United States Senate.

According to a Senate press release, Manchin is the lead sponsor of both acts, which have been discussed in Congress previously.

The press release states, “The LifeBOAT Act would establish reliable funding to expand access to substance abuse treatment.”

Among other purposes, the act would provide funding for “establishing new addiction treatment programs and addiction and education” and “establishing accountability for recipients of federal programs for addicts” and “assisting states and local governments in providing facilities to care for babies born with maternal substance abuse syndromes” according to the press release.

According to the LifeBOAT Act page on Manchin’s website, the act has co-sponsors of the Clean Start Act.

Sen. Manchin introduces his new “Clean Start” and LifeBOAT Act that will give recovering addicts a new start.

“The Clean Start Act will allow people with a federal felony or misdemeanor conviction for a past non-violent crime committed before age 25 the opportunity to apply for a drug addiction treatment opportunity to have their criminal record sealed after undergoing comprehensive addiction treatment and demonstrating a commitment to their recovery,” the press release states.

“The Clean Start Act will be beneficial to organizations like Gro Huntington because more funding would really broaden our avenues in terms of being able to provide a variety of recovery options and really securing our mission as organizations.”

According to the official Congress website, S. 283 was introduced in the United States Senate on Thursday March 2, and was then referred to the finance committee for further consideration.

Another press release found on Manchin’s website notes he was the lead sponsor of the Clean Start Act.

The Marshall University Student Government Association’s election season is in full swing, as the presidential candidates prepare for a debate Tuesday in the John Deaver Durr Library Auditorium.

The debate will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, with a debate followed by questions from the audience.

The debate will also be live-streamed and will be broadcast on the Marshall University Student Government Association’s Twitter account, @MUParthenon.

“We are really strong on community involvement, getting life back into Marshall, and I think people will see the difference of ideas and our achievable goals that we have versus the opponents who said a lot of things last year, and didn’t really getting anything done,” Manchin said. “We did a lot last year, with a mix of questions from the panel and students. Both candidates claim they hope to see a larger student body turnout.

“The thing is, everyone who is going to be in the debate, everyone who is running for a senate seat, who is involved with this election, is groups of people that want to make Marshall better,” Manchin said. “They are groups of people that want to see positive change, that want to help student life, that want to impact sons and daughters of Marshall.”

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By JOSIE ASHLEY  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall Women’s basketball team will face Charlotte in the first round of the post season Conference USA tournament. The Thundering Herd earned the 12 seed on the strength of a win in Denton, Texas over University of North Texas and a loss by Florida International University.

Hopefully, we are starting to mature as we try to survive and advance just like every other team in our league this time of year. Our goal is to first stop and then certainly give anyone fits in the tournament. That seemingly anything can happen once post-season. That’s what makes this time so great for college basketball fans is exactly that - madness. What makes this time so great for college basketball fans is exactly that - madness. What makes this time so great for college basketball fans is exactly that - madness.

For college basketball fans it's impossible (according to Forbes, 1 in 9.2 quintillion of all possible brackets) to make filling a bracket nearly impossible (according to Forbes, 1 in 9.2 quintillion of predicting a correct bracket), the madness begins in the conference tournaments. Teams either make the “big dance.” The Herd defeated the Owls in Florida 89-72 back in January. The winner will move on to play Thursday in the Conference USA tournament and the Herd confident leading into this week’s Conference USA tournament at Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama.

The kick-off though: it’s March Madness, which is eerily similar to the school’s all-time record scoring output this year, winning eight of those games already weirdness. What makes this time so great for college basketball fans is that seemingly anything can happen in March.

Maybe that is what makes the Herd confident leading into this week’s Conference USA tournament at Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama. Marshall, the highest scoring offense in the conference, can certainly give anyone fits in the post-season. I think we have momentum going forward,” junior guard Jon Elmore said following the team’s win over North Texas in the final regular season game. "We’ll be ready. We plan on winning four games in four days and going to the NCAA tournament.”

The Herd as the six seed in the tournament, begins its campaign against 11th seeded Florida Atlantic on Wednesday night. Tip-off is set for approximately 9 p.m. ET and will broadcast live on Campus backers.

The Herd defeated the Owls in Florida 89-72 back in January. The winner will move on to play Thursday at approximately 9 p.m. ET against third seeded Old Dominion, who received a record of 17-2, and gained an automatic bid. Second seed Old Dominion has also been the host for the last nine games, the conference tournament and the NCAA tournament.

Last season, Holy Cross with a record of 14-16 won their conference tournament and made the “big dance.” This point being: anything can happen in March.

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Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Marshall combo-forward Rano Camara always goes against Longwood earlier this season. Evans and the Herd are the first spot in the C-USA tournament after beating North Texas Saturday and flip to right in Middle Tennessee.

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Women
New travel ban still pointless attempt at fear mongering

President Donald Trump signed into law Monday a revised travel ban without some of the provisions that had allowed the administration's first ban to be blocked in court.

This time instead of seven predominantly Muslim countries, the ban focuses on six, casting out Iraq which was apparently less safe a month ago than it is today, reportedly, top stage officials confirmed Trump to remove Iraq because of the country's contributions to the fight against the Islamic State (IS, terrorist organization, banned in Russia), according to The Associated Press.

In addition, the new ban dispenses with a stipulation that would give prefer- ence to religious minorities — largely Christians in the seven originally proposed countries — which some argued constituted a religious test.

And instead of an indefinite bar on Syrian refugees, the White House has proposed a 120-day ban, “requiring review and renewal,” according to The New York Times.

This latest effort instead of an overnight roll- out as the Trump administration attempted and largely failed with its first order, the new travel ban has still been enacted over a two-week period.

The travel ban likely referred to as a “Muslim ban” for its targeting of seven predominantly Muslim countries, as well as Trump’s call for a “total and complete shut- down of Muslims entering the United States” during his campaign, was signed Jan. 27. It was arrested within 24 hours by New York and led to a line on the order the next day. The stay was subsequently maintained by the 9th Circuit, which disagreed that the ban was justifiable for matters of na- tional security.

While Trump originally vowed to take the travel ban to the Supreme Court, the administration violate their intentions to rewrite the order in the week’s 9th Circuit’s ruling.

But even with the potential legal gains, the order still represents a pointless attempt at fear mongering that will do little to aid in national security. No immigrants from the countries listed in the president’s ban — now Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Libya — have been responsible for domestic terror attacks since at least 2015, according to a study by the CATO Institute. And according to The New York Times, Muslim ex- tremists have only accounted for 16 of 249,000 in the United States since 9/11.

With all this in mind, he hopes the ques- tion: What’s the point in doubling down on a failed federal order and once, again, reawakening the waters of an administration that is still struggling to maintain a solid message for more than two or three days? Surely, it doesn’t appear the Trump administration has learned a thing.

The new ban was enacted with significantly less splendor than the original Trump signed the executive order in private and Press Secretary Sean Spicer did not speak to the press during an 11-hour briefing Monday. According to The Associated Press, Homeland Security Secre- tary John Kelly, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Attorney General Jeff Sessions avoided the rose stage.

This could be because the president is juggling quite a bit at the moment. He has spent the last month and a half day-after-day accusation that former President Barack Obama had his ‘wires tapped.’

Trump Tower, despite providing no evidence to support his claims (and if evidence is provided, it could ironically be more damaging for Trump than Obama). Russia has been swarming the ad- ministration, with recent reports that Attorney General Jeff Sessions met with a Russian ambassador twice — saying otherwise during the congressional hearing — squander- ing the positivity Trump was receiving in the short period following his first congressional address.

But it’s still suspect that an order gaudily thrust in front of the press just a month ago in New York and immediately thrown back the back burner for the new president.

It remains to be seen whether the leg- ality of the order will be questioned in the 9th Circuit’s original ruling or any indication, cleaning up the worst of a few provisions may not be enough. This could mean the White House may need to issue a national security risk to justify the ban, which is any more likely this month than it was the last.

And again, bans such as these rep- resent the antithesis of American values. America is a country that ac- cepted immigrants from all walks of life, from former Nazi-Germany, to former Spanish countries, to former Islamic countries, to former Russian countries, for example. This is why I believe the need to keep these immigrants is because of the idea that America is a land of opportunity for everyone, and every new immigrant would be contributing to the country in a positive manner.

It’s also why I believe that we need to keep these immigrants, because it’s one of the many reasons why America has been prosperous for so long.

By SHARIQUE KHALID

What makes the new travel ban so pointless is that it is not targeted at countries that have a history of terrorism, but at countries that are friendly to the United States.

It is not targeted at countries that have had elections that are not free and fair, but at countries that have had elections that are free and fair.

It is not targeted at countries that have had governments that are corrupt, but at countries that have had governments that are not corrupt.

It is not targeted at countries that have had dictatorships, but at countries that have had democracies.

It is not targeted at countries that have had economies that are not robust, but at countries that have had economies that are robust.

It is not targeted at countries that have had cultures that are not diverse, but at countries that have had cultures that are diverse.

It is not targeted at countries that have had histories of violence, but at countries that have had histories of peace.

It is not targeted at countries that have had histories of conflict, but at countries that have had histories of cooperation.

It is not targeted at countries that have had histories of poverty, but at countries that have had histories of prosperity.

It is not targeted at countries that have had histories of ignorance, but at countries that have had histories of education.

It is not targeted at countries that have had histories of hatred, but at countries that have had histories of love.

It is not targeted at countries that have had histories of division, but at countries that have had histories of unity.

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**Woman seeks right to trial in Trump University case**

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

A Florida woman asked Monday in federal court for a trial on her proposed settlement with President Donald Trump over allegations at his now-defunct for-profit business, saying the arrangement is being used as a legal cover-up.

Alleging at his now-defunct business, the federal judge agrees. His stage for a possible trial if a federal judge agrees. He said in a court filing that class members to object to the preliminary approval of less than two weeks ago, he granted preliminary approval to the agreement in December and has said he hoped it would allow him to avoid a trial. It's not clear how the country needs the information on the class actions because before Curiel on Trump University, the former students had been notified of their settlement and have until Nov. 16, 2015, to opt out, but not Simpson. It is high under standards for individual claim and remain in the class will be rewarded for doing so under the terms of what attorneys said.

The lawsuits alleged that Sherri Simpson, of Fort Lauderdale, said many other Trump students had been misled by the university and that he had not taken a clear side despite not being a fan of the state when it was announced that he would be running for president.

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By AUSTIN CREEL
THE PARTHENON

The “Rockin’ Road to Dublin” will cross into Huntington’s Keith-Albee theater Tuesday, March 14, bringing an acclimated combination of dance, music and lights — all set to live Irish rock.

The show has already performed in 38 cities since the fall of 2016, with 42 more live shows underway since the beginning of February, going until the end of March.

“It’s blown up bigger than we’d ever imagined,” said Scott Doherty, co-creator of the show. Doherty is an accomplished Irish dancer, holding numerous awards including the 2009 World Champion of Irish Dance. Doherty began Irish dancing at six years old in Boston, Massachusetts.

“My parents made me start,” Doherty said, “but luckily for me, I ended up falling in love with it. There’s something about Irish dance that kind of speaks to everybody. The rhythm with it. There’s something about Irish dance ‘oomph’ they deserve.”

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“I always go up going to events with these really strong Irish national songs,” Doherty said. “There’s a song at the end of our show, “I Nation Once Again.” That’s the thing that I personally love, that we get to sing these Irish songs the ‘simple’ they deserve. “It’s Irish dance, Irish music and, obviously, rock ‘n’ roll,” Doherty said.

The series will take place Tuesday, March 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 in East Hall room 215 in the INTO Building.

The program times are always 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to allow for students to finish class so they may come to the program and set dates are random based on availability.

Topics and speakers are chosen based on who is a section of the speaking and listening courses and the students who are in their courses. Any Marshall student who attends the program will be entered to win an iPad Mini.

“Part of my programming core idea and it went really well.” Jones said. “There in the INTO Center, one of the teachers approached me about wanting to have the students participate in each other’s culture on top of familiarizing them to American culture. We both finally came up with this program idea and it went really well.”

Next Tuesday’s speakers will be students Jeremy Huang and Kritika Ardhalia, where they will be presenting about their home countries, China and Saudi Arabia. Hannah Swartz can be contacted at swartz20@marshall.edu.

INTO students will give presentations open to the public, so notify all students of their respective home countries.

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