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Budget bill completes legislation, sent to Gov.
Justice for consideration

By KYLIE WORLEY

The West Virginia Legislature’s session has finally ended, as the House of Delegates and the Senate adjourned Senate Session 22-12 vote. According to the release, the bill would also include General Revenue funding of at least $4.1 billion, according to the release. The West Virginia Legislature website shows the official roll call of the bill, noting its passage in the Senate with a 22-12 vote.

According to the release, Armstead en- couraged Justice to sign the budget as he notes the tax increase justice puts on properties were not supported by the majority in the House.

Prior to the passage of HB 188, House leaders held a press conference and said that the “compromise legislation that will pass both chambers up to the governor to review it.” According to Armstead’s press releases, the “compromise legislation that will pass both chambers will be passed up to the governor to review it.” According to Armstead’s press releases, the “compromise legislation that will pass both chambers will be passed up to the governor to review it.”

The budget bill has since been sent to the governor’s desk for consideration.

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Baker aims to replicate success at Huntington

By Luke Creasy
FOR THE PARTHENON

Newly hired Marshall wide receivers coach Dallas Baker has been around football nearly his entire life. After winning a National Championship with the University of Florida in 2007 and a Super Bowl two years later with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Baker has finally fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming a Football Bowl Subdivision receivers coach. That dream had everything to do with family.

“My uncle is Wally Chaudler, a legend at Florida, so I grew up around football. I remember when he worked at UF [and] being on the sideline,” Baker said. “Also growing up a Gator fan. My cousin was a part of the first national championship team as a walk-on. I was always around it and always saw how the coaches were about it, so that was my goal.”

Baker felt a ton of experience with the program and specifically to a depleted receiving group after seniors Josh Knight and Justin Hunt graduated and juniors Michael Clark and Deon-Tay McManus were declared for the upcoming 2017 National Football League Draft.

Baker said that even in the early stages, he is emphasizing the concept of turning struggle into success.

“My first few years at Florida me struggling,” Baker said. “We had talent, it wasn’t the coaches, it was me, and us. We had too many egos. We were bringing off what the past Gators had done but we hadn’t done anything, but we had egos as if we had done something. We didn’t really hang together.”

Family has always been a huge part of Baker’s life, even outside football, and he said he wants to incorporate that atmosphere inside the locker room. One of the first things he did as a coach was not zero in on the X’s and O’s, but was to try to unite the position group.

“Family is a big deal in our room and that’s what we consistently talk about,” Baker said. “Once you care about the guy next to you, it’s hard to beat you.”

With just two weeks of spring football practice in the books, there is still plenty of work to do, but Baker is ready for the challenge of leading the Thundering Herd wide receivers.

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When Bertram Sanders proposed two higher-education for college students, it was one of his plans you could most likely put to the side. "That would be nice but,..." or simply view as a pipedream.

The most common may come to fruition in New York State. New York has a very unique state education system where there are 64 campuses across the state that fall under SUNY (State University of New York) umbrella. That’s not including the CUNY (City University of New York). One of the newest budget proposals for SUNY is $100,000 in annual income. That will change next year for families making less than $123,000. New York is the first state to expand college and education system like this.

One of the key Scholars is what this plan is all about. State wide has been included into the SUNY for incoming freshmen. This only applies to students who are residents of New York and attend for an INTO Marshall scholarship. The state has also proposed an $8 billion budget for electronic books to lower costs for students.

"What high school students was 75 years ago is what college is today," Goennen said. "Education is key in the coming years. But when you weigh the pros this could be huge for the state economy and could also pay off for the state of New York in the next years.

When looking at the Engineer Scholarships you’ll see a big jump in revenue and a small group reaping the benefits. And sure, one could argue how many people can actually afford to live in New York (one of the top five most expensive states to live in) and make less than $123,000, paying that this plan is good for families of New York.

But what comes from this is retention. The idea of keeping students and having them go to school in New York will keep them from leaving when they graduate high school, which West Vir...in West Virginia.

Justice has repeated his frustration with that this will only help the lower-class students who are residents of New York and at making less than $125,000, implying that this plan is only helping the state residents of New York. And keep in mind, this will keep students in New York and working. New York also use an alarming amount of students leave the state this past year and this can be a way of combating that in the future.

The problem it would solve in West Virginia would be the lack of students attending college and graduating. West Virginia comes in 5th in the country for the highest percentages according to the U.S. Department of Education and much of this is due to cost of tuition and students being unable to afford all four years.

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Alabama governor resigns, pleads guilty to misdemeanors

By KIM CHANDLER and ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE
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Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley resigned Monday rather than face impeachment proceedings over an affair with a top aide, becoming the second U.S. governor to resign this year. The state House of Representatives had voted to impeach Bentley over the scandal.

In court, Bentley appeared somber and said he felt “terrible” for letting people down, but also defended himself as a “mild-mannered” man who was not involved in the state investigation.

He also apologized to his family, friends and constituents and said he would cooperate fully with the investigation.

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Jerry Gilbert, a Mississippi native and a Mississippi State University alumnus, is not just an administrator and an academic pioneer, he is also an advocate for students and a trend of Marshall University.

Gilbert came from very humble beginnings. Growing up in Jackson, Mississippi, he described his childhood as being "very small." He described how he and his family would spend all day outside during the summertime, only to break for lunch and dinner: "I had a lot of friends, and we did a lot of outdoor activities," Gilbert said. "I just had a tremendous experience, I had a very loving family and always felt very secure."

Gilbert grew up in the era of Jim Crow, where state and local laws enforced racial segregation in the Southeastern United States. "There was a lack of knowledge of the culture and what it was like to be a person other than your own race because of the separation from the Jim Crow laws of the time," Gilbert said.

After the Jim Crow laws were repealed and integration was enforced, Gilbert said many of the myths about people of other races that were created by the political structure in the South were proven to be untrue. "It was a tremendous eye-opening experience for many of us to learn that there were no real differences between people based on race," Gilbert said. "I will always be indebted to the military camp.

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Gilbert continued his high school career by focusing on his science classes. During a visit home one weekend, Gilbert’s brother, a chemical engineering student at Mississippi State University, told him the university was going to offer a new program called biological engineering. With this new option in mind, Gilbert continued his high school career by focusing on his science classes.

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This was the first time Gilbert had visited West Virginia, a state he knew little about prior to his visit. "It was an exciting time to be a biomedical engineer, and in fact, back then you were a little bit more of a pioneer and had some really interesting experiences." Gilbert graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biological engineering from Mississippi State University in 1977. Gilbert then went on to earn a doctorate in biomedical engineering from Duke University.

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