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President Gilbert introduces goals for future of Marshall

By REBECCA TURNBULL
THE PARTHENON

President Jerry Gilbert introduced several of his goals Wednesday morning for growing Marshall University into a “strong, vibrant” university that ranks among the best institutions in the country.

Gilbert said it is important Marshall gain national prominence in order to increase university funding and to increase the value of those who have earned degrees from Marshall.

“I do think that we are an underdog as a university in the public arena,” Gilbert said. “I think that we probably can easily achieve greater recognition and greater awareness of who we are and the quality that we represent.”

Gilbert said he plans to pursue the national prominence by developing a new marketing plan for Marshall that will emphasize programs and activities offered at the university.

“My goal is really to tell the story about what is great about Marshall University and I think there are a lot of stories to tell,” Gilbert said.

Gilbert said this marketing plan would help the university to manage recent state budget cuts by increasing additional revenue from private fundraising and student enrollment.

Gilbert also said he would like to see the university grow to about 15,000 students or beyond due to his staff’s marketing measures, which will also lead to more facility job opportunities offered at Marshall.

Gilbert said helping to provide a first-rate education to students and a quality career to faculty and staff members is one of the main reasons he decided to pursue the presidency of Marshall.

“I like the challenges and rewards of administration and really the rewards of administration are facilitating the success of others,” Gilbert said. “I got a great deal of satisfaction out of really helping others achieve their goals.”

Gilbert said he hopes to be as open to students as his schedule allows in order to receive feedback and input from them on issues he should focus on addressing.

Students and other members of the campus community have already begun to give President Gilbert a lot of good feedback since his first week, said Ginny Painter, senior vice president for communications and marketing at Marshall University.

“I’m hearing as far as that he’s really on point with what he’s doing,” Painter said. “He’s coming in with a very clear vision and working to get people to coalesce around that vision.”

Painter said Gilbert will continue to ease into his position as president in the next few weeks as he works on prioritizing his schedule and further developing his goals for the future of the university.

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As the record-breaking winter Wednesday, City of Huntington officials prepared to keep the roads clear.

Communications director, Bryan Chambers said the city has seven trucks, seven spreaders and six plows for snow removal.

“We’re watching the forecast very closely and if the snow models pan out the way they’re currently set, we’re looking at about 825 tons of salt,” Chambers said. “I know we’ve already used some and we’ve had four trucks out today.”

Chambers said the city has learned from last winter’s storms in how to stop snow from piling up on the curbs.

“When we plow the middle of the road and create a temporary barrier between the lanes,” Chambers said. “And when we can you to it, we will bring in heavy equipment and take it to a central location where it can melt.”

Chambers said although the city has been taking precautions, the predicted snowfall could exhaust their resources.

“We’re watching the forecast very closely and if the snow models that we’re seeing today pan out where we may get 10-12 inches of snow that will stretch us too our limit,” Chambers said.

If this happens, Huntington will rely on their partnership with the West Virginia Division of Highway and the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Charleston to receive a Winter Storm Watch for the area.

These 191 miles of roadway the city maintains.

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Duncan Waugaman, these ties have helped him represent the opinion of the members of the legislature. Though Kopp’s death was a surprise to the late 2014 was a surprise to the workplace, but also we have a shared interest in him during his tenures. As a former president of the coal alliance and the SGA are focused on introducing Waugaman to the Women’s Center. The “I Can Say Yes” writing, he represented. According to Waugaman, those workshops have helped develop his own role during his two-year presidency. "We're the smartest man in every room he walked into. His ability to synthesize them down into a campaign" will take place Jan. 21 from 12 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the roundabout. By Alyssa Turner can be contacted at turner206@marshall.edu. "We’re going to be able to work with him and as an ally to him," Waugaman said. "He’s coming in and he doesn’t really know a lot of people, so we’re going to be there to present a helping hand."
Men’s basketball attempts to build on record win streak on the road at Charlotte

By CHRISTIAN HISMAN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University men’s basketball team will take on the University of North Carolina at Charlotte away from home Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Herd is on a five-game win streak entering the contest. Conversely, Charlotte has only one win in conference play through five games and has a 4-12 overall record.

This will be the team’s third straight game on the road with a fourth coming at Old Dominion University Saturday to conclude the road trip.

The five-game win streak to open Conference USA competition is the best start the men’s program has ever had as a member of the conference.

Sophomore forward Terrence Thompson said the historic winning streak has been satisfying, a sentiment shared by guard C.J. Burks.

“This feels good because we didn’t start off as good as we knew we can play,” Burks said. “But we have clicked on the offensive end and have been doing all the little things we defend as the season went on.”

The team’s offense has been producing well, with the whole game streak as it has scored at least 90 points in each of its five victories.

Burks said the team is shooting better, moving the ball well and playing with more energy than during its non-conference schedule.

The redshirt freshman guard said another key to the offensive output has been the unselfishness of everyone on the team regarding shot selection as well as each player knocking down their open shots when provided the opportunity.

Burks said the winning streak has fueled the confidence of the entire team giving them the belief they can compete with whichever opponent it is set to face.

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Reading into Thursday’s matchup, multiple players said if the team can maintain its tempo and push the ball they could come away with the 90-plus point games and possibly record a conference win.

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Marshall softball has four players named to preseason all-conference team

By CHRISTIAN HISMAN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall softball program received several accolades Wednesday when the Conference USA office released its preseason projections for the upcoming season.

The Herd was picked to finish second in the conference standings behind only Florida Atlantic University in the preseason poll.

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There are 12 players on the preseason all-conference team, the most of any team in the conference.

Senior outfielder Kaylyn Groves, junior outfielder Morgan Zeble, junior pitcher Jordan Dean and sophomore infielder Ellicia D’Utri were the Herd players selected to the team, which is voted by the conference coaches.

“Having four players identified shows the caliber of student-athletes we have in our program,” Marshall head coach Rhonda Stanton said.

The four players selected have exemplified the achievement Stanton speaks of as each turned in stellar performances last season.

Zeble played at a historic level last season, breaking multiple single-season program records on route to being selected for the 2016 Women’s National Elite team.

Dean was named Conference USA Freshman of the Year for her efforts last season, while Groves became the first player in school history to record two seasons of 70 or more hits.

Dean’s numbers last season ranked amongst the nation’s statistical leaders as she was the first pitcher in the country to reach 30 wins, and her 308 strikeouts were good for eighth nationally. Dixon also tied the school record for most wins in a season with 33.

Despite the preseason recognition from the conference’s coaches, Stanton said the awards are secondary to the actual start of the season.

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Women’s basketball attempts to even conference record

The Marshall University women’s basketball team will face off against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Cam Henderson Center. Marshall is 2-3 in the conference and 12-7 overall, while Charlotte is 2-3 in conference play and 15-7 overall.

Marshall’s most recent contest was a home matchup against Rice University, which the Herd won 81-52 to secure its largest margin of victory in conference play as a member of Conference USA.

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Marshall Women’s Basketball Team Leaders Points - 16.9 PPG: Leah Scott G/F, Sr.
Rebounds - 6.3 RPG: Leah Scott G/F, Sr.
Assists - 3.8 APG: Norrisha Victrum G, Sr.
Blocks - 1.3 BPG: Chelsey Romero F, Jr.

Freshman forward Shyana Gore also said the team’s energy and effort were essential to the victory, but also said the team executed the game plan well.

Housing into the game against Charlotte, Porter said she hopes the team can duplicate its offensive execution from its game against Rice.

Porter also said the team must maintain its energy level, especially in transition defense, where the coaching staff has emphasized getting back to control the speed and quickness of Charlotte.

Gore said rebounding and the players’ adherence to the coach’s game plan will be other crucial components in the contest.

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1. Florida Atlantic
2. Marshall
3. UAB
4. UTSA
5. FIU
6. Louisiana Tech
7. Charlotte
8. WKU
9. Rice
10. North Texas
11. MTSU
12. Southern Miss
STATE EDITORIAL

The Charleston Gazette-Mail on publicly owned water

In the aftermath of the Great Water Crisis of 2014 here in West Virginia, some area residents have began calling for a government takeover of the corporate-owned West Virginia American Water system. The group, Advocates for a Safe Water System, is leading an effort for “a ratepayer-led campaign for public takeover of the Kanawha Valley’s water system,” the Gazette-Mail’s Rain Ward reported in September 2015.

The group cited what it said was West Virginia American Water’s driver of monopolization and the need for a locally owned water system.”

Part of the campaign will be to examine public water systems in other communities and to sort out the best mechanism for a public takeover of the system in the valley, the group’s leader, Cathy Kunkel, told Ward.

One community to research is Flint, Michigan. In Flint, the city operates a water plant and the water delivery lines to 100,000 residents.

 Flint’s water officials decided to change the source of their water in an effort to save money — $19 million over eight years — from Lake Huron water that is treated by the city of Detroit, to the nearby Flint River.

“Water is an absolute vital service that must everyone takes for granted,” then Flint Mayor Dayne Walling said during a valve turning ceremony in April 2014. “It’s a historic moment for the city of Flint to return to the roots and use our own river as our drinking source.”

Later he added: “The water quality is much better.”

Within a couple of weeks, residents began to complain about the smell of children and infants. Not Flinstone is in crisis due to poor planning and multiple bad decisions by city officials. This is not to say that every municipal-owned water system can’t operate smoothly and safely — as publicly owned systems locally in Cedar Kitties, Parsons County and St. Albans show.

But it’s a false premise to believe that government-owned water system would necessarily provide any cleaner, safer, cheaper or better than a privately operated system.

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