Kirk Schulz takes over WSU’s helm

New president outlines priorities, tweaks, a focus on transparency

By Shannon Quin

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The top two priorities, Schulz said Monday, are getting the athletic department back in the black and procuring needed funding to move successfully forward with the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.

Since President Floyd’s death in June 2016, Provost Dan Bernardo has served as interim president.

Schulz said he has more questions about the athletic department than anything else at this time and will be meeting twice monthly with WSU Athletic Director Bill Moe to determine how to close the financial gap — and create an overlap — in the department.

“It’s really to sit down and talk about what’s the future direction of WSU athletics. How can we make sure we’re providing facilities to compete in the Pac-12? But we’re also really going to make sure those revenues are there to support that,” Schulz said. “We’ve got to spend a couple of months to work on that.”

While there is no magical solution evident at this time, Schulz said he plans to unveil a plan this fall.

“It’s not a sustainable situation to have a $13 million gap every year and I think people are asking what’s the solution going to be,” he said. “There’s no easy snap of the fingers and by next year it’s all taken care of. What we want to do over a multiple-year term is close that gap to the point that revenues are equal to expenses at Washington State athletics.”

“ Lots of that will be through prioritization. If you just look at the dollars raised by some of the other campus in the Pac-12, they do a really great job,” Schulz said. “We’ll be working with WSU supporters and alumni and corporations to help us move that support for that.”

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Fulfilling a promise to her sister

Pullman woman starts bone marrow registry drives at WSU to help cancer patients

By Anthony Kupers

Around the time Tacoma woman Donna King found out she didn’t have very long to live, the cancer patient made a request to her sister.

She wanted more people to know about national bone marrow registries, so they can learn how to help patients with blood cancers like multiple myeloma, the type King battled.

Her sister, Debra Pastore, delivered on that request and may have helped save three lives.

Pastore, a faculty member in the Washington State University College of Education, started Be the Match on Campus, a student-driven organization aimed at raising awareness about the benefits of donating bone marrow to cancer patients. It also helps students get on the national bone marrow registry led by the national organization, Be the Match.

Pastore got started on creating the campus chapter in 2016, the same year her sister died. Shortly after King’s passing, Pastore saw an article in The Daily Evergreen explaining the purpose of Be the Match. She immediately recognized it as a sign.

“I thought, there it is,” she said. She called a national representative for advice on how to get a chapter started at WSU.

Debra Pastore, left, is seen in a family photo with her sister, Donna King, in 1990. King died in 2013 from multiple myeloma.

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