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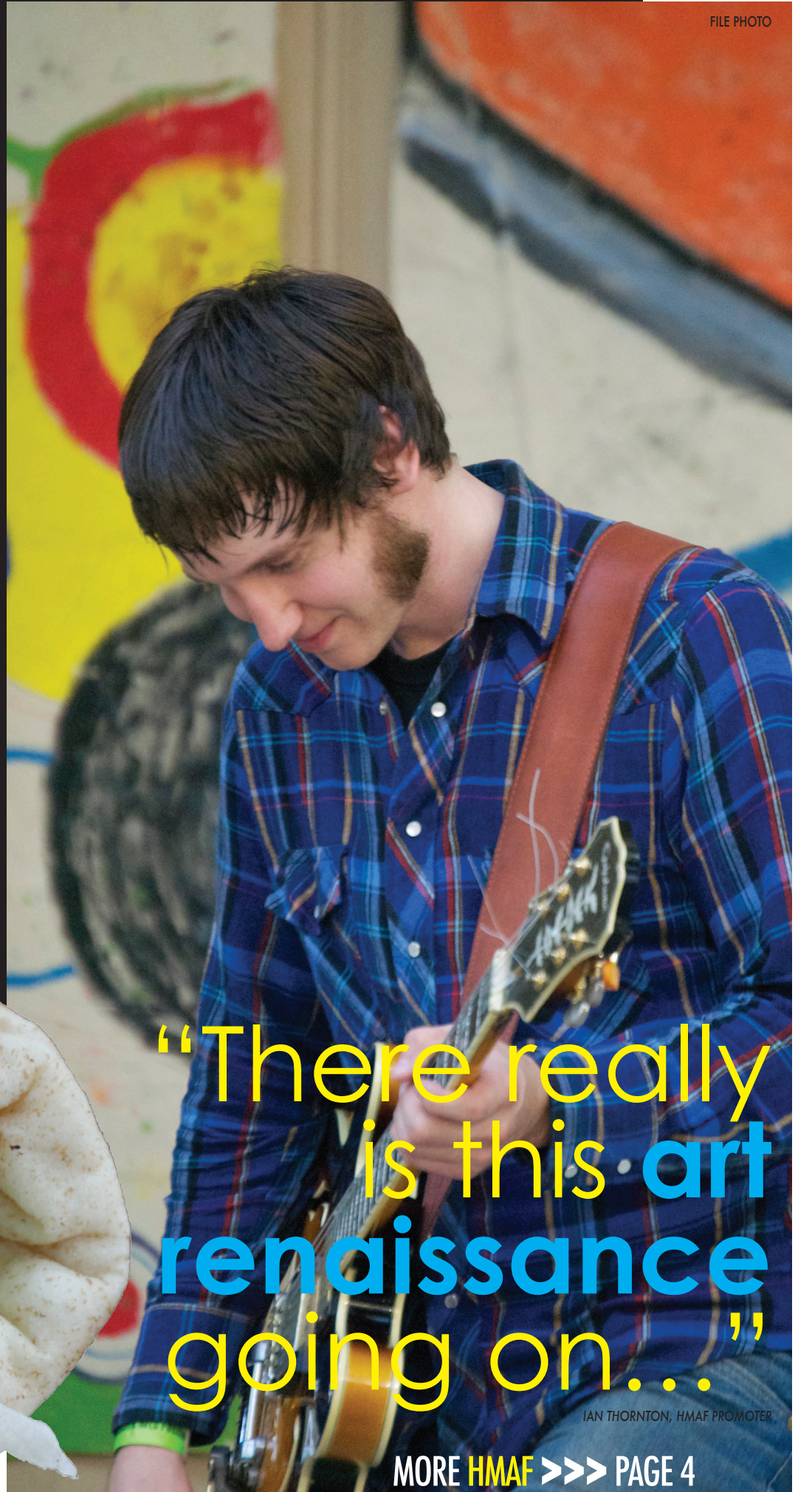
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"This event is an opportunity to open people's eyes and for the community to come together for our loved ones."

SARAH DYKE, DAUGHTER OF A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR

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"There really is this art renaissance going on..."

IAN THORNTON, HMAF PROMOTER

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Faculty senate aims to tackle student loan debt issue

By **TAYLOR STUCK**
MANAGING EDITOR

Marshall University is looking for ways to help its students pay for college, even though its student loan default rate is 15.6 percent, said Provost Gayle Ormiston Thursday in the Faculty Senate meeting.

Psychology professor Pamela Mulder, who was concerned for incoming freshman, raised the question.

“Student loan default rates among freshman are so high the state is going to hold back some of the funds for the 2015 students, therefore students and families are going to be forced to use the Marshall payment plan or credit,” Mulder said. “I’m just wondering what the university is going to do to reach out to these families and help them cope?”

Ormiston said the university just learned about the rates.

“Kathy Bialk, who is the director of student

financial aid, is writing an appeal to submit the US Department of Education saying that some students may not have been serviced properly,” Ormiston said. “Then if we can get the percentage below 15 percent we will be able to disperse funding to students 10 days in advance at the beginning of the semester. That will help students purchase books and things like that. We are being proactive in that regard.”

Ormiston said they have not yet gotten to the point in the discussion about payment plans for students if they cannot receive their loans.

Faculty Senate chair Larry Stickler said it is estimated that the default on student loans will be the next financial crisis, so the university needs to be proactive on the issue.

Nationwide, defaults on student loans declined in 2013, but they are still far above prerecession levels, according to a New York

Times article. The national average of defaults at for-profit schools is 19.1 percent.

Schools face loss of federal funding if their default rates reach above 30 percent, but under new standards implemented this year, more schools face the possibility of losing eligibility for grant and loan programs.

According to a New York Times student loan calculator, the expected debt for a student at Marshall University is \$26,727. The monthly payment would be \$279.06, totally \$33,487 after interest. It would take 10 years to pay this off.

West Virginia Advisory Council of Faculty representative Beth Campbell also announced at the meeting the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission is anticipating more funding cuts from the state.

“What both (HEPC) chancellors told us (ACF) at our annual retreat this year is

there isn’t much stomach for across the board cuts this year, but there could be pressure for program cuts,” Campbell said. “I don’t know where that is now, that could change, but that is what we were told at the retreat.”

Campbell said the legislature is also interested in access to college, degree retention, credit transfer, performance-based funding and workforce development. Campbell said the ACF and the HEPC would be looking out for that legislation.

The senate approved a resolution to approve and support the ACF’s Unity Agenda, which focuses solely on opposing funding cuts to higher education and investment in higher education.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will take place Oct. 23 in the room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.

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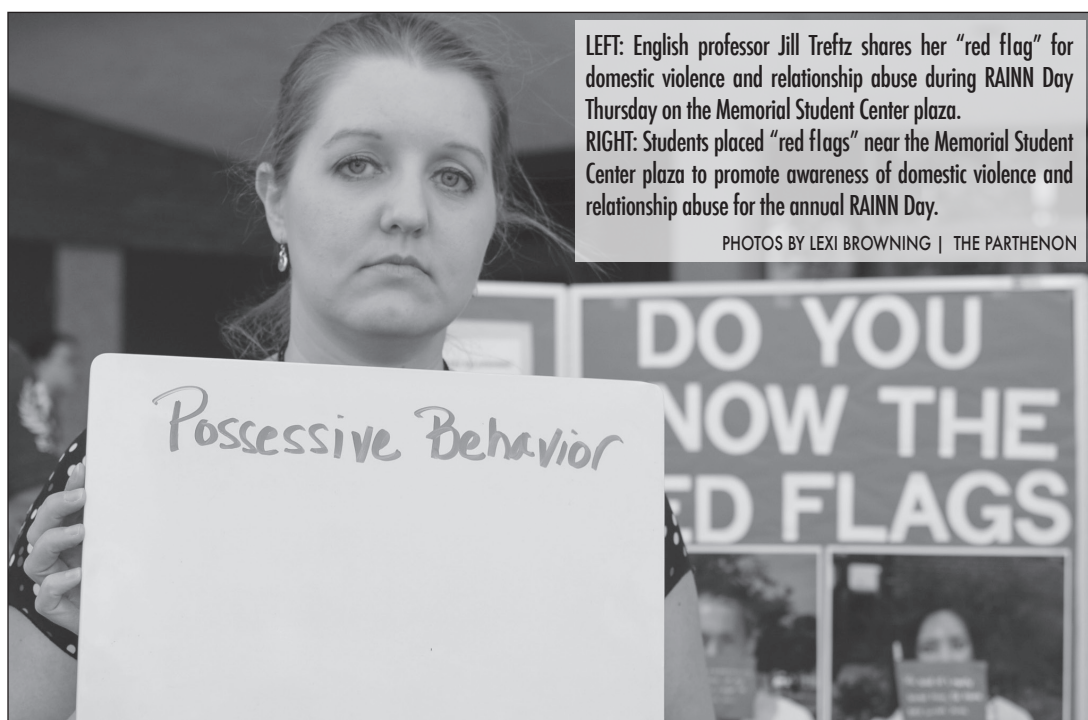
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LEFT: English professor Jill Trefitz shares her “red flag” for domestic violence and relationship abuse during RAINN Day Thursday on the Memorial Student Center plaza.
RIGHT: Students placed “red flags” near the Memorial Student Center plaza to promote awareness of domestic violence and relationship abuse for the annual RAINN Day.
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Branches Domestic Violence Shelter representatives Shannon Petree and Alyssa Sthay speak to students about domestic violence and relationship abuse Thursday.



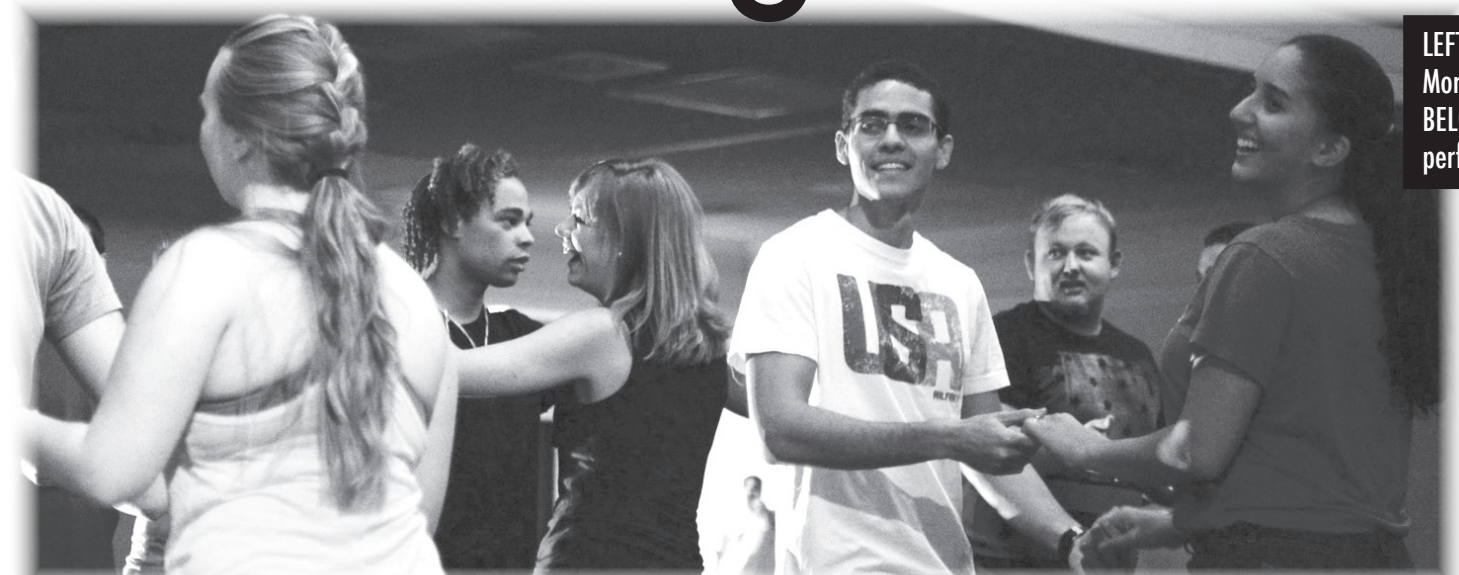
Brandon Wear volunteers to serve ice cream and beverages during RAINN Day Thursday on the Memorial Student Center plaza.



RAINN | DAY

The Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network’s annual day of action to raise awareness and educate students about sexual violence on college campuses

Salsa Magic turns up the heat



LEFT: Students attend Salsa Magic for Hispanic Heritage Month in the Don Morris Room Thursday.
BELOW: Dancers Lee “El Gringuito” and Kat “La Gata” were the featured performers at the CAB event.
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By **ZACH WRIGHT**
THE PARTHENON

Students danced the night away at Salsa Magic, a Campus Activities Board event that featured salsa dancing for beginners and a salsa bar.

CAB invited two professional dancers, Lee “El Gringuito” and Kat “La Gata”, to help show the students how to dance.

Kat repeatedly told the crowd to relax, have fun and let loose.

“People take dancing too seriously, and sometimes just have to let it go,” Kat said. “You just have to go your own thing, and don’t worry about what other people think.”

Freshman math major

Thomas Canterbury followed her advice, and had fun meeting people and dancing.

“I wanted to learn how to salsa dance, and this provided a good opportunity,” Canterbury said. “I had a great time learning how to dance and met some new people.”

Junior art education major Cory McAtee compared this CAB event to others and raved about the salsa bar.

“I’ve been to a few CAB events, and I had tons of fun trying to dance,” McAtee said.

Sophomore nursing major Jerry Haycraft said he enjoyed the night of dancing, and said he’d go to other dance events.

“I’ve done salsa dance before, and it’s an enjoyable

activity,” Haycraft said. “If CAB held more dancing events or something like this again I’d definitely go.”

CAB representative Jack Moore helped organize the event and watched the students from a safe distance.

“I’ve never really danced before, but I’m glad they got something fun like this for the students to do,” Moore said. “I’m not going to dance, but watching everybody else has been tons of fun.”

The professional dancers taught a dance routine that the audience performed. The event provided an opportunity for students to meet with and dance with other students and the professional dancers.

The dance instructors gave out prizes to students who tried the hardest or performed the best.

A salsa bar was provided for the students during breaks between dance routines. The salsa bar had several different kinds of salsas and chips, and also provided punch and other refreshments.

CAB’s goal for all of their events is to provide activities for students to have a good time and learn in friendly manner. Salsa Magic provided students with a fun activity to break the monotony of the college schedule.

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Bye week offers Holliday time to reflect

By SHANNON STOWERS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University football team is a third of the way through the season and during a week off, head coach Doc Holliday has had time to reflect on where his team is and where it needs to go.

Holliday said the team's first bye week comes at an important time—not too early and not too late—as the Herd rest, recover and prepare for conference play.

"I think after four weeks, we got a couple guys banged up that could help us to get ready for the next four week

stretch, which is good," Holliday said.

The Herd will play another four games before having its second bye week of the season. In the next stretch, Holliday said he'd like to see his team cut down on penalties. The Herd got hit with 20 penalties for 188 yards Saturday against the Akron Zips, the latter of which set a new school record.

"We got to get this penalty thing squared away a little bit," Holliday said. "We got way too many penalties."

Despite the penalties, Holliday liked how the team stayed focused when penalties put it in a tough situation.

Through four games, senior

quarterback Rakeem Cato has totaled 1,163 yards and 14 total touchdowns compared to 1,077 and 12 total touchdowns last season.

For an offense averaging 597 yards and 46 points a game, the quarterback-play is critical. Holliday heaped praise on the senior for his decision making this season.

"A lot of times, you don't see what that kid does out there on that field," Holliday said. "He's got to make a decision on just about every play. He's been tremendous on making the right decisions."

Going forward, Holliday said he believes this year's team can win in a

variety of ways compared to years past.

"Now I feel that we can win in a lot of different areas, whether it be with the ball in the running backs hands, or Cato's hands, or the inside slot receivers or the outside guys," Holliday said. "So, it's making it more difficult on defenses to defend us and we just got to try to work to continue to get better in all three of those areas."

The Herd will try to get better in practice this weekend before opening up conference play Oct. 4 at Old Dominion University.

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Herd hockey ready to begin season

By SHALEE ROGNEY
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's ice hockey team kicks off the season Saturday against West Virginia University at the South Charleston Memorial Ice Rink.

The hockey team is a non-profit organization. They raise the money needed to fund the team by player dues and an entry fee at the games, as well as other fundraisers.

In 2005, the Huntington's Tri-State Ice Arena closed and Herd hockey suffered a real loss, but the program re-started in 2011 with the help of Evan Hazelett.

Marshall's ice hockey team is a part of the American Collegiate Hockey Association, where they play as a Division II team. The university does not sponsor the hockey team, but they still sport Marshall's name on their jerseys.

Hazelett said the team is a great chance to play competitive hockey beyond high school.

"For high schoolers that don't have the chance to play at the NCAA level, a very high quality hockey level," Hazelett said, "it gives them the chance to be a hockey player at a little bit of a lower level."

Hazelett is now the president of the Thundering Herd men's hockey club. He played throughout his undergrad career at Marshall University.

Those who are interested in joining the club must have 2.0 GPA and some skating experience. Players are also responsible for their own equipment.

"Anyone can still play," said Hazelett. "We have different players from different skill levels, so we encourage you to come if you are interested to play."

This year's team is comprised of 22 players that come from all around the east coast.

The team will start the season with a rivalry game that typically draws a big crowd.

"We usually have an average crowd of, I would say, 300 people at the games," Hazelett said. "But at the WVU game, with the rivalry and it all being in one state, there will probably be 1000 people at the game."

The Herd takes on the Mountaineers 3 p.m. Saturday.

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COLUMN: Herd not to blame for weak schedule

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Captains Chris Jasperse (60), Corey Tindal (10), Neville Hewitt (6) and Rakeem Cato (12) walk to midfield for the coin toss wAkron Saturday.

By JAMES COLLIER
WMUL-FM SPORTS DIRECTOR

Marshall University football is 4-0 for the first time since 1999 after running through its competition in non-conference play. However, Marshall still has yet to receive much credit for many of the team's accomplishments through the first third of the season.

Marshall is the only team in Football Bowl Subdivision to score more than 40 points in each of its first four games. Only Oregon was able to challenge Marshall in this category, but fell two points shy in its 38-31 win over Washington State Saturday night.

The Herd is ranked sixth nationally and leads the Group of Five schools with a 29.3-point scoring margin.

Marshall's defense has yet to surrender a touchdown in the first half this season while outscoring its opponents 103-6.

But none of this really matters because the Herd's strength of schedule is the fourth weakest of the 128 FBS schools according to Phil Steele's 2014 College Football Strength of Schedule Rankings.

At least this is how many of the "experts" view the Herd.

The concept I do not understand is that Marshall is nationally ranked in many categories—something many said was a must for the Herd to overcome its weak schedule—but has yet to earn the respect it deserves.

After all, Marshall hand-picked this weak schedule right?

Not so fast, Actually the Herd should not be in a bye week, but rather finalizing game preparation for its upcoming opponent at Joan C. Edwards Stadium this Saturday. In case you have forgotten who the opponent was, allow me to refresh your memory.

It was the Louisville Cardinals—the 3-1 Louisville Cardinals of the ACC, which is a member of the "Power Five" conferences.

After Louisville bolted from the AAC to join the ACC, the Cardinals had to shuffle its schedule to accommodate its new conference opponents. Plus, they picked up a game with Notre Dame in South Bend at the end of the season.

So who gets left standing on the outside looking in? Certainly not a Power Five conference team? And who would tell Norte Dame no? Louisville certainly would

not turn down a trip to South Bend to come to Huntington.

Therefore, it's the Herd left out of the conversation in a season that a game versus a Power Five team could have majorly helped Marshall's strength of schedule.

But for all the naysayers that disagree, I give you the numbers.

Louisville's pre-season strength of schedule was 68th while Florida International's was 90th and before you ask why is FIU relevant to this conversation, I will explain. FIU played host to Louisville in Miami last week in a game that the Cardinals won 34-3. FIU also lost to Pitt 42-25 earlier this season.

So how does a FIU team that played FCS opponents in back-to-back weeks—one of which it lost to in Bethune-Cookman 14-12—have a strength of schedule that is 36 spots tougher than Marshall's? FIU and Marshall play six common opponents during conference play with their non-commons not majorly swaying the final number. Scrambling to find a home game to replace the Louisville void, Marshall added FCS Rhode Island to eliminate having to play seven roads games rather than six.

With some simple addition, I have Marshall playing a non-conference schedule comprised of three FBS teams and one FCS team compared to FIU's two and two respectively.

Maybe I am missing something, but a game with Power Five team sure seems that it would have pushed the Herd forward several spots in the preseason poll, not to mention how much a win over Louisville could have helped Marshall's position in the national polls.

So why did Louisville pull the plug with Marshall? Why not FIU? The games were separated by only a week on the schedule, but there is more than one reason why Louisville did not try to ditch FIU. Why would Louisville go to Miami to play in a stadium that may draw a crowd of 10,000 if FIU sells dollar holler seats for the game?

Two reasons: an easy win and recruitment.

FIU was a guaranteed win for Louisville which is a must under the new football playoff system. Power 5 teams have everything to lose and nothing to gain by playing a Group of 5 team,

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FILE PHOTO

Marshall hockey prepares for season opener against West Virginia University.

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Huntington Music and Arts Festival brings the community, local music and the arts together again Saturday



FILE PHOTOS

Local bands perform during the 2013 Huntington Music and Arts Festival at Ritter Park Amphitheater.

By EMILY RICE
THE PARTHENON

The fifth annual Huntington Music and Arts Festival, an event celebrating the musical and artistic talent of the tri-state, will occur Saturday at the Ritter Park Amphitheater. Festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The event will feature 21 musical artists and 25 visual artists. Tickets are currently on sale for \$17, with discount tickets available to students for \$10. Student tickets can be purchased at the Memorial Student Center, room 2W31, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will be \$20 at the gates.

There will also be a free pre-festival party at 7 p.m. Friday at Heritage Station, featuring musical entertainment by David and Valerie Mayfield, The Carpenter Ants, 1937 Flood and Coyotes in Boxes.

The idea for the festival came to Ian Thornton, organizer and promoter of the event, while working as a promoter at Shamrock's.

"I just kind of realized what great talent we have here in Huntington with all the different bands," Thornton said. "What I wanted to do was create a music festival that would expose Huntington to the great talent that we have in the music and visual arts scene, and what better way to do it than to create a family friendly music festival?"

Thornton said he sees an artistic reawakening occurring in Huntington, and he hopes the festival has contributed to it.

"There really is this art renaissance going on," Thornton said. "It's really nice to see because so many people are downtrodden on Huntington and focusing on the negative. But really, there is a great community of people who are gathering together and trying to make something positive. I would like to think that the festival is contributing to that."

While providing entertainment and exposure to the arts, the festival also supports art and music programs at local schools.

"We call it the HMAS impact program, in which we donate two micro grants to local schools," Thornton said. "We are trying to do what we can to give back to the community and make sure the arts stay alive in these local schools, especially some of these schools that don't have the necessary funding."

Thornton said the event will include a variety of genres and styles that should appeal to people of all ages and tastes. The festival will also include two headliners, which is a change in the lineup of previous years.

"This year we have two headliners," Thornton said. "We are pulling in David Mayfield Parade and Red Wanting Blue. These are bigger names, and we're really excited to have them on the bill this year."

Patrick Stanley, one of the artists performing at the festival, said events like this benefit not only the audience, but the community as well.

"The festival helps local musicians get an audience," Stanley said. "It helps local artists and vendors reach a market that they might not have reached otherwise. It helps businesses who sponsor the festival get their names out there, and it helps the community by providing a full day of entertainment for an incredible price."

Stanley also said this event, as well as the arts, brings the tri-state together.

"Communities have always gathered around the arts, be it visual, music or performance," Stanley said. "So, having an event that provides a synergy of those arts is very important."

In addition to discounted ticket rates for students, the festival will also provide free shuttle transportation between the festival and Marshall University's campus. The shuttles will start at 11:30 a.m. and return on the hour throughout the day.

"This is something great that students should take advantage of," Thornton said. "I think this is a great opportunity to help students venture out and take part in something community based."

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Marching Thunder to march on Heinz Field



Marching Thunder drum majors Jodi Bapst, Christina Stradwick and Rebekah Ricks prepare to take the field before the game against Rhode Island Sept. 6 in Joan C. Edward's Stadium.

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By PAULINA SHEPHERD
THE PARTHENON

The Marching Thunder was invited to perform Sunday at Heinz Field in the Pittsburgh Steelers' halftime show of the game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Though this isn't the first time the Marching Thunder has played at an NFL game, it will be the first time Adam Dalton, director of athletic bands, takes the team to the stadium.

"We've played at the Steelers' game two or three times now over the course of several years," Dalton said. "The previous director, Steve Barnett, originated the connection between us and the Steelers."

Despite this not being the first time the Marching Thunder has performed, many members are still excited to see what the performance will bring them. Christina Stradwick, senior double major in math and music performance, has been a member of the Marching Thunder for the past four years and said she is excited to play on the field.

"I'm very excited because I'm a huge Steelers fan," Stradwick said. "My family, except for my dad, are all fans, so when I saw that there was a possibility of a trip, I was super excited. Then the day that he announced we were going, I freaked out and yelled 'Steeler Nation.'"

The Marching Thunder and its director have known about the opportunity for about a month, which allowed them to prepare for their time on the field.

"We have eight minutes total that we get on the field for the half time performance," Dalton said. "So we're taking the half time show that we've done here for our football games and made sure that it fit within the eight minutes."

The entire band will leave Saturday to go to Pittsburgh to see the payoff of their work.

"Best case scenario is that we go up there and the band has the best performance so far of the season and of course, the Steelers blow the Buccaneers out of the water," Stradwick said.

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iPandemonium New iPhone 6 and 6 Plus's features leave some customers wanting

By ANTHONY DAVIS
THE PARTHENON

iPhone junkies all over the world are in a frenzy over some undesirable features of the tech giant's latest advent.

Whether it is the bendable aluminum alloy frame of the new iPhone 6 and the bigger iPhone 6 Plus or users have been using #bendgate to describe the malleable phone phenomenon.

The iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus feature larger screens and are designed to be even thinner than older models, and while Apple did produce the devices, Brian Morgan, chair of Marshall University's Integrated Science and Technology department, said that it is not only Apple's fault but also the fault of the consumers.

"People always want larger screens, and companies are blurring the lines between what is a phone and what is a computer," Morgan said. "Companies like Samsung and Apple are trying to make their screens bigger but people also want thinner phones."

Morgan said this is not a new occurrence, and models of the iPhone 5 are also quite bendable. Morgan advises that while the front and back

pockets of pants are convenient places to keep a phone, they may not be the best place, especially if the pants are tight.

Lewis Hilsenteger, host of a popular consumer technology YouTube show called Unbox Therapy, demonstrated the phenomenon after hearing reports that the new gadget was bending in people's pockets. He was able to bend the phone considerably with his hands revealing a warped but still operational device.

"It looks like bending will be a possibility on the iPhone 6 Plus," Hilsenteger said. "It's not necessarily the piece of information that new owners want to receive. It's probably not going to be the most durable, but look at how big it is. This is a huge piece of aluminum and we all know aluminum is incredibly malleable."

Apple had another mishap this week when it launched the update iOS 8.0.1. According to Albert Simon, consultant senior of Information Technology at Marshall, the update was intended to fully activate the Health app on the new iOS, but instead it did a lot more and caused many phones to do a lot less than they were programmed to do. It disabled

cell service as well as a security function that reads your fingerprint.

"My iPhone 6 updated automatically, and I didn't notice it until it had already begun the update process," Simon said. "Once the update was on the phone, I had no service. I knew that I would have to restore the phone which can be a frustrating process."

While Apple has instructed users to restore their phones, Morgan said this should have never happened.

"Shame on Apple. How could they let that out to the mainstream?" Morgan said. "You're telling me that test after test after test there were no issues concerning service and security? Two different interfaces were affected, the security system is broken, and so is the phone function, and being able to call should be the main function of a phone, because it's a phone."

Apple said the company is working on a viable update that will fully activate the Health application while still allowing the user to use the touch ID security function and allow the user to access cell service.

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Annual Greek Festival kicks off Friday



Dancers demonstrate traditional Greek dancing Sept. 30, 2013.

FILE PHOTO

By BRYAN BOZEMAN
THE PARTHENON

This weekend, the 32nd Annual Greek Festival will offer fun and food for all at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Huntington.

The event will have Greek music, dancing and a variety of food. There will also be a variety of shops selling pastries and souvenirs.

Church member Katena Karnes said the congregation has been preparing for the event for several months and is excited for the community to come and enjoy the food and culture.

"We have been preparing for the festival since at least June," Karnes said. "We have chicken and lamb dinners with Greek style potatoes,

green beans and many other Greek style dishes. We also have ice cream shops, gyro shops and pastry shops with baklava outside."

Karnes nephew, Sotero Svingos, said the entire congregation pitches in during the festival to create a multifaceted cultural event for the community.

"Its all hands on deck during the festival," Svingos said. "We have at least 4,000 people come during the festival, and we are all very busy."

While attendees enjoy the food from the festival, they will be able to watch the members of St. George share their culture through music and dance. There will also be several church tours led by Father Mark Elliot over the

course of the event.

"Father Mark will be giving two to three tours a day, and there will be three dances each day," Svingos said. "We also have two musicians playing Greek music the whole day."

Karnes said she loves having people from the community attend the festival.

"My favorite part of the event is having everyone over, and seeing everyone enjoy the food," Karnes said.

The festival is open 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday.

St. George Greek Orthodox Church is located at 701 11th Ave. The event has no entry fee and is open to the public.

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Greek pita pizzas at the Greek Festival Sept. 30, 2013.

FILE PHOTO



Traditional gyro at the Greek Festival Sept. 30, 2013.

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making Louisville's decision to drop Marshall simple.

Not to mention that Marshall defeated Louisville 17-13 in 2011 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in a game that saw Rakeem Cato and Teddy Bridgewater running the offense for their teams. Cato is a Heisman Trophy candidate of one of the most prolific offenses in the nation while Bridgewater is taking snaps for the Minnesota Vikings.

Another contributing factor to keep FIU, recruitment: of the 91 players on Louisville's roster, 28 (15.4 percent) hail from the state of Florida, with 14 from Miami.

No one player on the Cardinals roster hails from West Virginia.

Seems like a win-win for the Cardinals. Unfortunately for Marshall, it

is a victim of the system controlled by the Power Five conferences. Suddenly an invitation for Marshall men's basketball to play at the YUM! Center in November seems like a bad parting gift after picking the wrong box on a game show.

The price certainly was not right for the Herd no matter how you slice it.

Just remember as you kick back to watch some college football this weekend, the Joan should be jumping with the roar of the crowd and chants of "We Are...Marshall" echoing throughout Huntington.

So the next time someone challenges Marshall's weak schedule, feel free to drop them a reminder that its Power Five opponent in Louisville decided to fly south for an easy win.

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A Weekend of 5ks

PATH to the Cure Returns

By TAYLOR WATTS
THE PARTHENON

The goal each year of the Path to the Cure 5K is to turn empathy into action. This year's event will occur Sunday in front of the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Festivities are set to begin at 1 p.m. with the race kicking off at 3 p.m.

P2C was built on a foundation of service and compassion for our community. The collaborative intention is to raise money and keep it local. Eighty percent of the funds go to the Pink Ribbon Fund at St. Mary's Hospital while the other 20 percent is placed in the St. Ambrose fund for local health.

P2C serves as a celebration of women and community. Sarah Dyke, daughter of breast cancer survivor Wanda Dyke, expressed her love and appreciation of this community event.

"Path to the Cure is something close to my heart," Dyke said. "I'm thankful for events like this to raise awareness and funds for something that takes away too many lives. This event is an opportunity to open people's eyes and for the community to come

together for our loved ones."

Those involved with the event have emphasized that P2C is more than just a 5K. There are several events throughout the day, including a block party with a performance from local band City Heat.

P2C is a community event that couldn't be successful without volunteer support. Taylor Lundey, Volunteer Coordinator for the event, said several Marshall student organizations are getting involved this year.

"It is so great to see a wide variety of age groups getting involved for the cause. It makes the event even more special," Lundey said.

The actual race goes down 5th Avenue and Lundey is encouraging people not participating to come cheer the runners on.

"A lot of our participants are survivors, and cheering them on is a huge part of our event," Lundey said. "Kids in the local schools have made posters that will be used for cheering sections, and anyone is welcome to come cheer them on."

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Marshall University ROTC helps sponsor Syringomyelia and Chiari Malformation 5K

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Marshall University ROTC will sponsor a 5K run/walk Saturday to benefit the foundation for American Syringomyelia and Chiari Alliance Project. The event will begin 8 a.m. at Ritter Park.

The foundation was designed to raise awareness of Syringomyelia, a chronic spinal cord disorder in which damage is caused when fluid enters the interior of the spinal cord, and Chiari Malformations, a hereditary disorder classified as an abnormality in the lower part of the brain.

ROTC cadets will assist the Huntington Police department during the 5K as road guards and with other safety precautions. Cadet James Oliver said he appreciates the privilege to represent Marshall ROTC.

"Anytime you get to represent the Army or ROTC in anything you do, it's a great sense of fulfillment," Oliver said. "Not everyone gets that opportunity."

The 5K is not just a Marshall event. The intention is to bring

the Huntington community together. ROTC Cadet Cole Johnson said helping sponsor the 5K is about showing support in the community.

"I'm helping because it's for a good cause, and it can show that ROTC supports our community," Johnson said.

More importantly, the cadets involved want to help raise awareness for the lesser known disorders the 5K benefits. Oliver said helping raising awareness should be enough to get someone involved.

"Anytime you can do something to raise awareness for a disorder such as this, that should be enough for you to help," Oliver said.

The event will start at the shelter in Ritter Park. The course goes west through the park crossing Fifth Street, 11th Avenue, Seventh Avenue, Memorial Boulevard and end back at the shelter. Registration is \$25.

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