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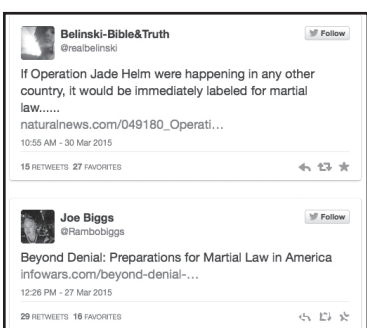
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HERD GOES GREEN



By SOFIE WACHTMEISTER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University celebrated its 45th annual Earth Day Wednesday at the Memorial Student Center.

Members of the community participated in the indoor and outdoor Earth Day activities despite the rainy morning.

"Earth Day raises awareness of the need to protect the Earth's natural resources for future generations," said Margie Phillips, manager of the Marshall Sustainability Department. "This year we celebrate the 45th year of Earth Day, which was created by Sen. Gaylord Nelson to help people become mindful of the importance of keeping our planet healthy and clean."

The event featured approximately 40 groups and organizations, which educated students, faculty and members of the public about sustainable living, eating and activities.

Staff members from Healthy Life Market in Barboursville had a booth dedicated to empowering passers by to make healthy choices through organic, natural and environmentally friendly products.

"We're mainly promoting our products," staff member Travis Lemon said. "We've got sustainable fish oils, some

brands that use organic practices for growing and we're talking about a lot of our non GMO food products. And of course we have lots of samples to give out."

Lemon said the turnout was impressive despite the weather.

Graduate student Adam Jarvis has not missed an Earth Day throughout his undergraduate and graduate career.

"It's one of my favorite events that happens on campus," Jarvis said. "I love the drum ensemble, and I got to try tofu for the first time. The atmosphere is great because people get really into it."

The Unitarian Fellowship of Huntington Drum Circle encouraged people to pick up an instrument and join the circle. The group also demonstrated fire spinning and smudging.

Another popular attraction was Larry Cartmill's collection of snakes.

Cartmill is a retired herpetologist who brings his snakes to Earth Day every year. "People seem to really love them," Cartmill said. "Even though I'm retired, I still like talking to people about my passion. Earth Day is always a fun one to attend."

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Lambda Society tie-dyes for pride

By CAITLIN FOWLKES
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Lambda Society gave the community the opportunity to tie-dye t-shirts Tuesday as part of Pride Week.

Participants brought their own shirts and tie-dyed them for \$3 or bought a shirt for \$5.

Luminary bags were sold for \$1 symbolic of those lost for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered rights.

There is a luminary ceremony 9 p.m. Thursday at the Memorial Student Center in remembrance of anyone who has been bullied or suffered for LGBT rights.

Raffle tickets are on sale the rest of the week for \$1.

Prizes include two tickets to FEST

and a Bob Evan's gift basket.

Half of the funds raised will go to the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter.

Jada Williams, member of the Lambda Society, said this year has had a better outcome than previous years.

The members of the society helping with the event collectively agreed people are becoming more involved with the society and the events on campus.

"Most people won't come to our events because they don't want to be outed yet," Williams said. "Most people don't want

to be outed before they are ready to be outed, and the worst places to be outed is school."

The Lambda Society meets 7 p.m. Mondays in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

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ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Faculty discusses proposed budget, raises concerns

By LEXI BROWNING
THE PARTHENON

Members of Marshall University's faculty convened at the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre Wednesday to offer input on the proposed new budget model and tuition fee schedule.

The new model is anticipated to eliminate lab and course fees and increase administrative efficiency to implement a multi-year plan instead of the traditional year-to-year budget.

Mary Ellen Heuton, chief financial officer, said the urge to pursue a more centralized structure was prompted after a series of budget cuts and year-to-year budgets had not been as successful as anticipated.

"We've been working with the budget work group and constituent representatives across campus in sharing information and getting feedback," Heuton said. "We've been working with the deans and different budget unit leaders. It's been a very different process in the past."

With the former system, colleges could place equipment and operational requests and be funded by the incremental budget.

The repercussions of uniform budget drops can be seen by the university libraries, which experiences budget increases ranging between 6 and 9 percent each year, Heuton said.

"If we give everyone 3 percent, the [libraries] will have to cut because you can take 3 percent, but your cost has gone up 6 percent and the math doesn't work," Heuton said.

The proposed budget will fuel facility updates to areas and departments that have not had access to revenue resources.

Heuton said an entrepreneurial approach to finance, while admired, should not have to drive day-to-day operation.

"We're trying to look at things more comprehensively so we can make better decisions in how we're doing things," Heuton said. "Cash flow is important. If we understand what the timing is, we can shift some things around."

Heuton said departments may be asked to hold off on purchasing certain equipment until sufficient funding is set aside. Simplifying tuition fee structure for the student population is also a primary concern.

"We know it's challenging for students from a financial aid perspective to come to college," Heuton said. "One

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ALPHA KAPPA RAISES FUNDS WITH FIRST DATE AUCTION

By **KAITLYN CLAY**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Kappa Alpha Fraternity presented its first date auction Wednesday to raise money for the fraternity and its philanthropy.

A song cued each man in after the master of ceremonies introduced his best traits.

The fraternity raised \$811

after auctioning off each date for 24 hours of spent with the men.

The highest bid of the night went to Dalton Jones who was worth \$101 to the bidder.

Jones said he felt honored to be worth that much money.

"It feels excellent of course, to go for this much money," Jones said. "No practice went

into this for me it was all spur of the moment."

Student Body President Duncan Waugaman gave the audience a chair dance after taking off his sports coat to woo the ladies. He was bought for \$60.

Member of KA Ronald Bowen said this auction was for more than just a date.

"The money will be split between the chapter and our philanthropy, the Muscular Distrophy Association," Bowen said. "We needed to raise some money for our national dues and thought this would be a good way to raise a decent amount of money."

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Society of Black Scholars honors distinguished students



PHOTOS BY ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

The Society of Black Scholars awarded the Carter G. Woodson Distinguished student award to several students Wednesday.

ABOVE LEFT: Darius Booker, left, sophomore public relations and healthcare major, Maurice Cooley, Associate Vice President of Intercultural Affairs, and Jaylene Berrien, senior marketing major, attend the Society of Black Scholars award ceremony Wednesday. ABOVE: Maurice Cooley speaks to other attendees of the Society of Black Scholars award ceremony Wednesday. LEFT: Jonathan Austin, grad student, Jamecia James, athletic training and psychology major, and Derek L. Robinson, grad student, hold awards recieved at the Society of Black Scholars award ceremony.

'Clybourne Park' premieres Wednesday

By **KAITLYN CLAY**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's School of Music and Theatre presented Bruce Norris's play "Clybourne Park" Wednesday at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

The play follows a couple, Bev and Russ, as they mourn the loss of their son. They live in an all white neighborhood and their move, the neighbors fear, will bring in an epidemic of African American community members.

"Clybourne Park" follows the historical context of the '50s focusing mainly in the Chicago, Illinois, area.

Ray Arnold, a Huntington resident, said he could not wait to see the play because the Marshall students never let him down.

"I've only heard great reviews of this play," Arnold said. "These kids here at Marshall always show me a good time, and they sure are good at what they do. Every time I see something they put on, I'm never disappointed."

Each actor plays two characters throughout the play. The actors change characters after Act I.

Rynn Weaver, a Marshall student, said it is hard not to come out and support the hard work the students put into the play.

"I have met a few people in the theatre department, and they are all so great you cant not want to come out and see what they have been working on," Weaver said. "I know my hopes for it won't be let down."

Clybourne Park will continue running every night until Saturday.

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Seminar discusses women's sexuality



Students attended Lambda's Safe Sex Workshop to learn about methods of protection from STIs and pregnancy and ways for both hetero and same sex partners to be safe.

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Rebecca Myslenski looks for the ball against Northern Kentucky University Wednesday at Dot Hicks Field.

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Herd softball dominates in double header

By JILL SHEMANSKI
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University softball team extended its conference record to 10-6 after it defeated Northern Kentucky University Wednesday in both games of a double header.

The Herd outscored NKU in the first game 9-2, while the second game ended with a score of 6-3.

Sophomore Jordan Dixon earned both wins on the mound for the Herd today while striking out 15 batters in game one.

Dixon said her teammates give her the confidence she needs to perform in the circle.

"We all work together to bring the confidence of the team together," Dixon said. "It's not just one person, it's everyone as a team."

The team had 29 total hits and 11 stolen bases in the two games combined.

The Herd has surpassed its single season record for stolen bases with 141 total.

"We put in a lot of really good work during the week and focused on our hitting a lot," Dixon said. "It showed today."

Junior Shaelynn Braxton said it was fun to watch the freshmen show off their skills.

"It was great to get to watch our freshmen step up and see how well they've done as well," Braxton said.

The team will take its final road trip of the regular season as they take on UTEP at 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Emileigh Cooper goes to bat against Northern Kentucky University Wednesday at Dot Hicks Field

Jordan Dixon throws a pitch against Northern Kentucky University Wednesday at Dot Hicks Field.



Balancing athletics and academics



By ADAM POLSKY
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University softball team will face CoUSA teams in a tournament for the conference title.

Finals begin May 4, the day after the Thundering Herd wraps up its final regular season series against University of Alabama-Birmingham and just three days before the conference tournament.

Depending on what happens around the rest of C-USA, the Herd could be a just a few wins away from clinching tournament berth.

Head coach Shonda Stanton finds planning and preparation to be key in this hectic homestretch of the season. "It's all about preparation," Stanton said. "It's kind of

like today, what we did was, we gave them off yesterday and they had all day to get things done. We (also) gave them study hall last night. Then today, we were supposed to practice, but we brought them in and they were studying and doing some things."

Study hall is an opportunity for players to get together and finish all of their academic work with their coaches standing by to ensure they stay focused.

Freshman infielder Elicia D'Orazio said it is important to have someone pushing them to get their work done.

"I think study hall helps a lot," D'Orazio said. "Coach Bell is my academic adviser and she's always on me making sure my grades are good and I have my work done. (It is about) doing it ahead of time and not the

night before."

Sophomore outfielder Morgan Zerkle explained why there is even more pressure on the team to be ready for finals this year.

"(We are) traveling and going to UTEP this weekend and then conference," Zerkle said. "We'll have to leave early for conference so we're going to have to take finals early. It's just really important, and I think good that we're spending a lot of time on studying."

Marshall will travel for a three game series against UTEP this weekend before five home games to round out the regular season.

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A revolution of my pits

By **JOCELYN GIBSON**
MANAGING EDITOR

Of all the things I have made a conscious effort to change in my life, the evolution (or more accurately revolution) of my armpits has been the most profound.

When I first decided I needed to do something about my environmental impact and the application of chemicals to my body — conventional deodorant was the first thing to go.

Various sources (including the Huffington Post, The Washington Post and The National Cancer Institute) have reported on the possible dangers of deodorant use, but I can neither confirm nor deny their findings.

Obviously, science is not my strong suit, but "go natural where you can" has kind of become my general philosophy and giving up conventional deodorant was an easy way for me to accomplish that.

So, in case you were wondering, I have gone nearly a year without using conventional

deodorant. However, it wasn't a straightforward transition. I use a combination of baking soda, cornstarch and coconut oil. The first batch I made had too much baking soda and really irritated my underarms (however, I was still shaving then...we'll get to that in a minute). I liked a lot of things about it, though.

First of all, I am a pretty sweaty human being, and I noticed I seemed not to sweat as much. I have read (but again, science) that conventional deodorant clogs sweat glands resulting in your body trying to produce more sweat, and mine is a common experience among people who have transitioned.

I also liked the lack of a scent. I am not into perfumes or overpowering smells of any kind, so that was always a drawback of conventional deodorant for me.

The second time around I reduced the amount of baking soda and found a ratio of

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EDITORIAL

Operation Jade Helm raises concerns of government intrusion on civil liberties

This summer, all branches of the U.S. military are launching a vast Special Operations exercise across six states called Jade Helm 15. The size and scope of this mission is vast, utilizing eight states (Texas, Utah, New Mexico, California, Arizona, Mississippi, Louisiana and Nevada) as a training ground for a month-long covert operations exercise. In a statement to The Washington Post, Army Lt. Col. Mark Lastoria explained the nature and purpose of the operation.

"The nature of warfare is always changing and U.S. Army Special Operations Command's mission is to make certain the Army's various Special Operations Forces are trained, equipped and organized to successfully conduct worldwide special operations in support of our nation's interests," Lastoria said. "Training exercise Jade Helm is going to assist our Special Operations Soldiers and leadership in refining the skills needed against an ever changing foreign threat."

The operation will involve implementation of covert military cells in civilian areas and the movement of tanks and other military forms of

transport in proximity to those areas.

However, the military asserts that the majority of the operation will occur in remote areas.

This recent announcement has raised alarm across the Internet, particularly social media. Not surprisingly, conspiracy theories have emerged, essentially claiming that the U.S. is rehearsing for the enactment of martial law across the nation—a belief partially stemmed from the creation of The National Defense Authorization Act, which allows the detainment of U.S. citizens for an indefinite period on the mere suspicion of involvement with terrorist activities. Unlike the well-known Patriot Act, the NDAA was enacted in relative secret.

The sudden closures of Walmart stores in Florida, California, Texas and Oklahoma, an incident in which more than 2,000 employees were given six hours notice of the six-month shutdown, only furthered this conspiracy. The reason cited for the closures was plumbing problems, except that city officials in these areas have purportedly claimed that no permit requests have been filed

in relation to the issues.

One video circulating the Internet shows a woman entering one of these Walmarts, in which the pharmacy has remained open. In the video, police cruisers guard all exits and entrances and the store's windows are blacked out. Inside, empty shelf units form a wall around the pharmacy section, completely obstructing the view of the rest of the store. After a few moments, somebody forces her to cease recording and tells her to leave.

This sparked rumors across social media sites that the stores are being used as command hubs or Federal Emergency Management Agency camps for the upcoming enactment of martial law, and the underground passages beneath these stores will allow the military to move undetected around portions of the country.

Two terms strongly associated with Jade Helm is unconventional warfare and guerilla warfare; based on these terms, and the forms of warfare to which they are usually associated, theorists claim Jade Helm is not practice for a foreign invasion, but rather the declaration of war on the

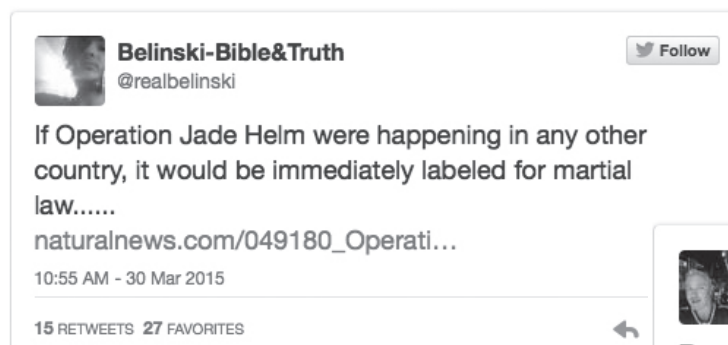
citizens of the United States.

The question is, how far will the government go to restrict our civil liberties, and at what point do anti-terrorism laws supersede those liberties. In other words, how far is too far?

Conspiracy theorists tend to be persistently Orwellian in their beliefs, but just because they follow a very black-and-white anti-government mentality does not mean that some of their concerns are not legitimate.

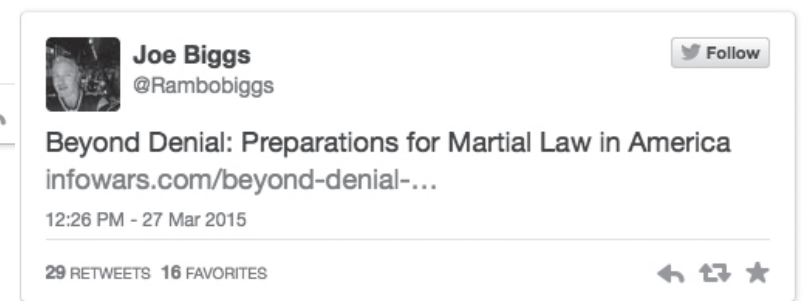
The actions of our government must be monitored. One of the purposes of journalism is precisely that—to be a watchdog on the government. But this should not be a job strictly for journalists. Everyone must keep an eye on the actions of our government. Even though the purpose of democracy is to maintain a civilized society, it also is a system that gives one group of people power over another group—and power corrupts; it is a like a toxin that poisons the despotic mind.

While the government is basically here to help us, we should keep a close eye on those in charge to ensure they enact only the liberties to which we appointed them.



Citizens take to Twitter to express their dismay over Operation Jade Helm scheduled to take place this summer through September.

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By **AMANDA GIBSON**
COLUMNIST

If you have been to the Starbucks in the Memorial Student Center lately, you may have seen the new and inexpensive, reusable cups for sale. Starbucks is one of the many companies that is dedicated to reducing their waste, and these companies are starting an important conversation.

Think about it, every time you go to a coffee shop, a fast food restaurant or the grocery store, you are creating more waste in the environment. Every time you take a bag of trash out of your dorm, you are contributing to the trash piling up on our planet.

When you put into perspective how many things you throw away every day, then think about billions of people doing the same thing, it starts to add up.

Recycling is a big factor in reducing waste build up on our planet's surface and in our atmosphere. And recycling doesn't have to be a burden.

I know it is easy to just throw all of your trash away in one load, but there are plenty of options that will help you make it easier to recycle. The easiest way to

remember to recycle is to put another trashcan in your room and designate it for only paper or plastic. You can designate it for both, but you will have to remember to separate it later.

My favorite way to remember to recycle is to use one of my laundry baskets. My roommate and I use one of my laundry baskets to put our empty plastic bottles in, that way when I go to do laundry, I have to remember to take out our recyclables.

It is a simple way to force myself into doing something good for the environment. And since I have been on a recycling kick lately, I started using it for paper, too.

If you want to take your recycling a step further, start using cloth shopping bags instead of plastic ones. And if you do use the plastic bags, keep them to use as trash bags.

Invest in a reusable water bottle and mug, so you can refill them, and buy some silverware, bowls, plates, and cups for your dorm or apartment, instead of using plastic or paper products. By washing dishes, you reduce waste, and you may even save money.

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COLUMN

5 LESSONS OF COLLEGE

By **BRI SHELTON**
COLUMNIST

It's official. My freshman year is almost over.

There's so much I can say about my first full year at Marshall. College is definitely something that changed me for the better and helped me become more of an adult in just eight short months. While I know this is only my first year and more wisdom will soon follow, there is so much that I learned quickly that I want to share. Below are the five biggest lessons I learned during my time at Marshall thus far.

1. That pretty much everyone doesn't know what he or she wants to do when they "grow up."

We all might be adults, but none of us really know what we want to do beyond graduation. And that's OK.

2. The petty high school drama really never ends.

We all looked forward to walking out of high school and getting away from all the drama. While college is definitely better in terms of immaturity, there are still

the select few that act like children.

3. Independence

They warned us that college would be the first real time we would be on our own. That our grades were ultimately on our shoulders and that everything was our decision from here on out. None of us really realized how much independence college entailed.

4. How to handle money.

Back before arriving on campus, none of us has much experience with handling cash. As college students, however, we learned to save our quarters for parking meters and laundry machines. We also learned to save cash to eat on and have the occasional fun with.

5. To always go to free events, especially if they involve free food.

We all learned fast that free events are always something to go to. As college students, these events are catered to us and to help us save money in a time in our lives when money is scarce. And if free food is involved, it's a guarantee people will show up.

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Protesters take to Baltimore streets after man's death



TOP RIGHT: Marchers chant near the Baltimore police department's Western District police station during a march for Freddie Gray, Wednesday in Baltimore.

TOP LEFT: Two marchers are detained by Baltimore police after they climbed over the barricades guarding the department's Western District police station during a march for Freddie Gray, Wednesday in Baltimore.

BOTTOM: Marchers raise their fists in front of Baltimore police guarding the department's Western District police station during a march for Freddie Gray, Wednesday in Baltimore. AP PHOTOS | ALEX BRANDON

By JULIET LINDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amid tears and cries for justice, demonstrators poured into the streets of Baltimore carrying signs emblazoned with the name of a man who died from a spinal injury he suffered while in police custody. Tuesday's demonstration marked the beginning of a week of protests and rallies planned across the city.

The Justice Department said earlier in the day that it has opened a civil rights investigation into the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who suffered a fatal spinal-cord injury under mysterious circumstances after he was handcuffed and put in the back of a police van.

At the site of Gray's arrest, more than a thousand demonstrators gathered to remember Gray, who friends and relatives say was kind, funny and generous, and call for police reform.

"I want this to be a sign to the Baltimore Police Department that this is not an act of surrender," said Pastor Jamal Bryant of the Empowerment Temple, one of the rally's organizers, as he called on those in the crowd to raise their hands. "It's a sign

of strength, of one unity and one commitment that we will not rest until we get justice for Freddie Gray.

"The world is watching," Bryant said. "The world is watching, and the world needs to see that black Baltimore is unified."

Gray was taken into custody April 12 after police "made eye contact" with him and another man in an area known for drug activity, police said, and both men started running. Gray was handcuffed and put in a transport van. At some point during his roughly 30-minute ride, the van was stopped and Gray's legs were shackled when an officer felt he was becoming "irate," police said.

Police Commissioner Anthony Batts said Gray asked for an inhaler and then several times asked for medical care. He was eventually rushed to a hospital.

Gray died Sunday — a week after his arrest — of what police described as "a significant spinal injury."

Exactly how he was injured and what happened in the van is still not known.

Demonstrators called for answers, accountability and a change to how

they say people in inner-city Baltimore are treated by officers patrolling the neighborhood.

Pricilla Jackson carried a sign reading, "Convict Freddie's killers," that listed the names of the six officers suspended with pay while local and federal authorities investigate the death. Jackson, who is black, said she wants Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake to know that she and others have been brutalized by police.

"They're hurting us when they throw us to the ground and kick us and punch us," said Jackson, 53.

As night began to fall, the crowd gathered outside of the Western District station house and held candles in front of banners that read, "Black Lives Matter, Stop Police Terror."

"How many of you have a Freddie Gray in your family?" shouted one demonstrator at a line of police officers outside of the station. "How many of you have lost a child, a brother?"

Another demonstration is planned for Wednesday evening at the site of Gray's arrest, and on Thursday protesters are expected to gather outside City Hall.

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of the other goals is to find a way to make [rates] simpler for students."

Heuton said the new budget would eliminate course and lab fees for students but still require a college or program fee depending on each college's unique structure.

Dallas Brozik of the Division of Finance and Economics expressed concerns over transparency and budget availability for faculty.

"If we try something entrepreneurial and all the money goes back into Old Main and disappears into the black hole with a promise of 'we will do the right things with it, we will encumber ourselves in the future,' we've heard that song before," Brozik said.

Brozik said the proposed system will involve massive amounts of micromanagement on behalf of the dean's staff, and neither time nor staffing will be easy.

Heuton said she would

ensure the new system would replace previous dysfunction to improve communication and operation.

"I understand that [faculty] must make a lot of faith in what we're trying to do, and I know that's scary," Heuton said. "I know what's happened in the past, and I know there used to be an equipment fund and then it went away, so we want to document all of this and explain what we're trying to do."

Heuton said the uniform budget cuts would no longer be the first route taken for preserving funds.

"We're not going to cut our way to prosperity," Heuton said. "We know we can't continue to cut. Belt-tightening is not going to solve our problems... We're trying to do the right thing."

Heuton was unavailable to comment on additional specifics of proposed tuition changes.

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Corrections

A preview article about the upcoming Holi Festival in the April 22 edition of The Parthenon stated the event will take place May 15. The actual date of the event is at 5 p.m. May 1. Intercultural Affairs is also a collaborator with INTO Marshall University, Student Government Association,

Housing and Residence Life and Coca-Cola.

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baking soda to cornstarch that worked for my sensitive skin, and I added tea tree oil. I initially added the tea tree oil because of its anti-bacterial properties in the hopes I would be able to make larger batches of deodorant that would last longer, but I found I did enjoy the subtle scent just a couple of drops added.

So about the shaving...I don't. This was the other radial undertaking of my armpits. It's like I had always known shaving was just an advertising ploy, but it took me way longer to figure out that I didn't have to do it just because it was expected of me.

I always hated it and always knew it was stupid, but for some reason it never occurred to me to just stop, and once it did, my life was changed.

I gave up worrying what other people think because they don't have to live my life.

If my underarms bother them that much, they don't have to be part of my life either.

I only wish people would understand and accept that they are valid choices. So far comments have ranged from the misconception that I was being cheap and didn't want to buy deodorant (not true, but the cost efficiency is a perk) and hairy armpits are "disgusting." Why, though? Why is something that occurs naturally on my body disgusting? People who feel that way may need to re-evaluate no matter their stance on shaving. You can shave and not think people who don't are disgusting. Nothing that occurs naturally should be seen as disgusting.

All in all, I am proud of my radical, hairy, natural pits because they have become a visible outward symbol of the conscious lifestyle changes I have made for my own happiness.

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RECYCLE

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The whole point of recycling is to make something reusable. So why not take your recyclables and make cool crafts out of them, too? There are tons of ideas on Pinterest on what to do with empty bottles, egg cartons, magazines, etc.

Making something useful out of something that you could have just thrown away is kind of satisfying. One really neat idea I saw was a desk organizer made out of toilet paper rolls and a shoebox.

By simply gluing these items together and covering

them in decorative paper, or maybe an old roll of gift-wrapping paper, you can make yourself an extremely cheap and personalized desk organizer. You can get crafty, make something useful, and still reuse a part of the environment at the same time.

Recycling isn't that hard and it doesn't take that much time. Readjusting your routine to recycle can be a change, but it can be satisfying, it might even be fun, and you will also be helping to give back to our planet.

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Jagan Pagala is an Indian Marshall University INTO student who has lived in America for nine months.

Pagala is currently studying computer science and is enjoying the more hands on approach the major offers in America.

His favorite experience so far has been the independence that America offers in contrast to India.

In his free time Pagala enjoys playing volleyball and participating in other intramural sports. After graduating, he plans to gain further practical knowledge in his major and possibly pursue a Ph.D in his home country.

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Q: What is the biggest difference between America and India?

A: The education over here is a lot different than in [India]. In our country, it's more of a theory kind of thing whereas in the states it's more practical learning. (...) Computer science in India is a good thing, but having good qualifications like practical experience in the United States can give me good opportunities back in my country.

Q: How and why did you choose to come to Marshall?

A: I chose the eastern side of the United States. (...) I felt like this would be a good [school] to go to. The computer science [major] is newly established, but the professor told me about Computer Science and I was given admission to information systems.

Later on, I knew the benefits of computer science, but the first reason was less number of Indians, which is why I chose Marshall University.

At all the others universities in all the other states, there are more Indians, whereas at Marshall there are very few. I wanted to learn the culture of the U.S. If I'm with the people of India, I would not know the culture of America. (...) It would be the same Indian culture that was in India.

I thought it would be interesting if I could learn some foreign culture and diversity and that would be easier with less number of Indians.

Q: What are your plans after graduation?

A: Right now, do a job and have a good experience, and practical knowledge in the subject and field. After that, go back to India and do a Ph.D or something like that.

Having practical knowledge and then getting back to the Ph.D I think works sometimes.

I think that having a good experience of working practically on the product or something and then getting back to the Ph.D will help me.

Q: How do you keep in touch with your family?

A: Right now, international calling. We have some international calling apps and Skype. Frequently I'll call them and they'll call me.

Q: What do you think your favorite experience in America has been?

A: So far it's been the freedom up here, which you will not get in India.

There are a lot of restrictions over there and there's a little bit more freedom over here and we can be independent. (...)

In India, it's a different culture. Here I have to wake up every morning, make my own breakfast, make my own lunch, dinner, support myself, earn some money.

This is a new experience for me. It's a big difference. In India some things are different like always depending on parent's income. Here it's like 'I need to earn something. I need to do it myself.'

Q: What are some activities or hobbies you enjoy?

A: Vinay and I play volleyball along with the Indian team. We play intramural sports. I play basketball and even cricket.



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