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MU student elected to national position

Nathan O’Kane named president of student engineering society

By KATIE WISE

The engineering program at Marshall University is steadily gaining esteem and recognition in the engineering community both at home and abroad. The groundbreaking for the new applied engineering complex has generated excitement and support for the engineering community, one Marshall student has gained recognition for Marshall’s quickly advancing engineering program.

Senior engineering major, Nathan O’Kane, was recently elected the national president of the National Student Council for the Society of American Military Engineers, or S.A.M.E. O’Kane was chosen for the position out of roughly 100 student candidates from 45 S.A.M.E chapters across the nation.

O’Kane said he was excited for the position for personal fulfillment, rather than career or monetary advancement.

“it really just gave me real benefit from doing this, I am not paid for it and I am not looking for any recognition,” O’Kane said. “It is on honor more than something I am going to benefit from. S.A.M.E and engineering here at Marshall has given me a huge amount of satisfaction and fulfillment as far as education and personal fulfillment. My idea is to give back to student chapters across the nation so they are getting everything they can out of the program. S.A.M.E is the premier professional military engineering association in the United States that encompasses architecture, engineering, construction, electrical and electrical and entities as well as public and private sector engineers and related professionals. The association aims to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security and aids in the preparation for natural and man-made disasters.

Voting on the presidential role of S.A.M.E National Student Council gave O’Kane the opportunity to represent Marshall University in the S.A.M.E conference in St. Louis over the weekend.

The conference allowed engineering students from across the United States to discuss goals and objectives of the S.A.M.E organization student chapters and heavily focused on developing future engineers through outreach and monitoring.

“it speaks volumes about the reputation of students and engineering programs at Marshall University,” Matt Ray, Marshall’s assistant professor of engineering said.

O’Kane has true passion for the engineering field and stresses its significance in everyday life.

“I do want to start to think about how everything we do today was done by engineers, or house or apartment you live in, the car you drive on the car”

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U.S. agency: No help for restructuring student loans

By RIKES SCROPH

MCALLUM NEWS (WTC)

WASHINGTON — College students who took out private student loans and then lost their jobs are telling the government they’re getting a runaround from lenders as they struggle to pay them back.

The report was released today, the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau documents found that student borrowers, like homeowners with troubled mortgages, are upset about how hard it can be to get help with their payments, and how long it can take for lenders to fix their own errors.

“Student loan borrowers stories of borrowers with their servicers with an unaccountable response to problems uncovered in the mortgage servicing business,” said Root Chute, the bureau’s sub-deputy director for student loans.

The report was based on nearly 2,000 complaints to his office from borrowers who were trying to inquire about problems that borrowers were having with the private student loan market.

The consumer protection agency, established under a Wall Street regulation law, worked with the Department of Education on the project.

The federal government took over the student loan business under President Barack Obama. The administration said doing so saved billions of dollars in middleman costs. Unlike federal student loans, private loans don’t have a system of income-based repayment.

Outstanding student loan debt is more than $1 trillion. Private loans do not have as many borrowers as that billion of that total, the report said. About $50 billion of those loans are in default.

The report was not an attempt to measure how common the problems were, but rather, a “naming and early warning” of further concerns that could surface in the future.

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Romney makes campaign stop in Ohio

The Partihenon

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Romney made a stop Saturday afternoon at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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While many voters, such as Bellsesser have already decided who they want to vote for, many in Scioto County have not. Bryan Davis, communications co-chair for the Scioto County Republican Party, said his county is highly important in the 2012 presidential race due to a overwhelming number of undecided voters.

“There are 40,000 independents in this county alone,” Davis said. “This area is very important in this race.”

Southern Ohio is a key battleground in the race. In September, Vice-President Joe Biden made a campaign stop in Portsmouth, Ohio with President Obama, and First Lady Michelle, which will make a stop in Lima.

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Secretary of State Clinton takes responsibility for deadly attack in Libya

By PAUL BECHTER

TREBIA WASHINGTON (WCT)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates are stepping into the fray in the growing debate over how to respond to deadly attacks in Benghazi.

U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans were killed Sept. 11 when dozens of heavily armed men drove up in a convoy and attacked and killed him and three other Americans.

Secretary State Department officers who served in Libya this year told Turner, Marshall’s chief of staff, “We have already decided who we want to vote for. Bryan Davis, communications co-chair for the Scioto County Republican Party, said his county is highly important in the 2012 presidential race due to a overwhelming number of undecided voters.

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All sides optimistic for Tuesday debate

By BISHOP NASH

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With the presidential election less than a week away, President Obama and Mitt Romney must daily strive for the attention and affection of the American electorate. Can this man do with greater confidence in this debate than in previous presidential debates, and offer something new to top voters that’s not just the same old stuff?

For Barack Obama, this is a chance to redeem. The famously articulate president appears often manhandled by Romney during the previous debate Oct. 3 in Denver. Obama, who appears as a weak incumbent for a second consecutive presidential run, must improve his game to diffuse Romney in the crucial Midwest.

For Romney, the former health care chief of Massachusetts is on the need to bolster his more forceful performance and offer voters something new to top voters that’s not just the same old stuff.

As much as Tuesday’s debate means for the Obama campaign, it may mean even more for the Romney camp.

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Obama, Romney to face off in town hall debate

BY SEAN DANCEL THE PARTHENON
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BY MARCUS CONSTANTIN

A promoter representing the Life in Color paint party said Monday the Huntington’s paint party event, scheduled for this weekend at Big Sandy Superstore Arena, has been cancelled.

Amy Barnes, promoter for Primal Smoke of Columbus, Ohio, said she announced the cancellation Monday afternoon after her company received a call from Life in Color, the Key to Life in Color, the festival’s organizer, sent out a notice to all attendees asking for their ticket to be refunded.

“We apologize for the inconvenience. There will not be a rescheduled date.”

April Horney, marketing and sales manager for the arena, said Dayglow has cancelled a few cities from its tour.

“Dayglow organizers cancel Life in Color tour confirmed in Big Sandy Superstore Arena box office. Ticketholders are being refunded,” the news release tickets can be refunded. Hordubay said due to a lack of expected ticket a rescheduled date.”

If you haven’t already done so through the VAMC, veterans and their dependents can make the most use of the services available to them. Through the VAMC, veterans and their dependents can have a unified voice in campaigns operations.

Second debate a toss-up

BY KERRY ORR

WASHINGTON — The public will have to wait another month to see whether a second debate will be held in the 2014 presidential campaign after a deal to hold one next month fell through. With a handshake and their signatures, British Prime Minister David Cameron and Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond sealed a deal Monday on a referendum that could see Scotland break off from Britain.

Salmond had lobbied for a referendum that would allow the Scottish government to expand its powers and allow the Scottish parliament to determine the country’s relations with Europe. But with a handshake and their signatures, British Prime Minister David Cameron and Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond sealed a deal Monday on a referendum that could see Scotland break off from Britain.

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Ravens’ Ray Lewis out for the season with triceps tear

Charleston to play West Virginia (40 years) in Henderson Center at home and traveling to playing Southern on Nov. 23 and Marquette on Nov. 27.

Breaking down Herd women’s basketball schedule

Herdzone

Slotback Kitts, a junior from Flemingsburg, Ky., has 10 catches for 207 yards and seven touchdowns this season, which is sixth nationally and fifth in the conference. Against Big Ten power Purdue, Kitts found four yards for 42 yards, which included touchdowns.

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By LAURA LONG
LIFE! STAFF 

It’s safe to say that North Korea’s notorious propaganda machine cannot help itself when it comes to the original “Gangnam Style” video, which parodies the riches and fame of South Korean celebrities. On their website featuring an image of South Korean presidential candidate Park Geun-hye doing Psy’s signature horse dance — the regime prohibits ordinary North Koreans from having access to the Internet — the North Korean authorities had no reason to justify their decision.

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MARSHALL DAILY REPORTER

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Malala Yousafzai awakens in her hospital bed, surrounded by family and friends. The 15-year-old Pakistani girl who spoke out against the Taliban for promoting Western culture, its spokesmen saying Malala was a "fierce infidel," was shot in the head by the Taliban and badly injured.

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Housing and Residence Life announces employment opportunities for students

By EVAN FOWLER
THE PARTHENON

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is promoting that being a resident adviser is "all that and a bag of chips," as the department announces resident adviser selections for the spring 2013 semester.

HRL offers students employment and experience opportunities with resident adviser selections in October and interviews in early November.

"We want every type of person to apply," Tiffany Hughes, resident director of Twin Towers East, said. "We don’t want ‘cookie-cutter’ resident advisers. Not every applicant can be the same because not every resident is the same."

Hughes said she thinks being unique is an important quality she will be looking for in the interview process. She also said there is not a specific standard in regards to what type of people they are looking for in regards to personality and hopes they will have a large turnout of applicants for the interviews.

Tiffany Eggleston, assistant director for the Department of Housing and Residence Life, said she has a large turnout of applicants for the position.

"I think that people don’t realize how much of a family role life actually is," Eggleston said. "This gain a lot of support from the staff who really do become your brothers and sisters."

Eggleston said all the professional staff is available to work with advisers one-on-one as well as help them prepare for a successful future in their field of study once they leave the position.

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Eggleston said being a resident adviser could also provide students with a lot of transferrable skills and assets which will follow them into any job field they intend to pursue after graduation.

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Compensation for the position includes housing fee waiver, a monthly stipend and meal plan package in addition to other benefits. Applications, requirements and the full compensation for the positions can be found online under the Housing and Residence Life section of Marshall’s website. Applications are due to the Department of Housing and Residence Life by Oct. 25. The HRL department is located at the back of Hold- ery Hall and interviews will be conducted on Nov. 5 and 6.

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"Shout out your favorite color."

"Shout out words you normally wouldn’t hear on the radio."

That is how an improv show generally starts, where input from the audience carries the entire show.

Actor and comedian Wayne Brady performed at the City Center for the Arts and Sciences in Charleston on Saturday. Providing an audience of about 1,500 with a night full of laughter and improvised acting.

Improvising something I’ve always had an interest in, but have never had a particular talent for. However, during a recent Sunday night’s performance I got the opportunity to go on stage and show off my acting abilities (or lack thereof) with Brady.

I’m not going to lie, improv theater is something that send me completely out of my element. While I have an interest in it, I would probably never actually participate in it with a group of strangers.

Being up on stage in front of more than 1,000 people was definitely an experience. Once I was chosen to go on stage I decided it was all or nothing, and making a fool of myself wasn’t even a concern anymore.

No matter what for any of the other lucky few to get pulled up on stage did, Brady has a quick tongue and was only bumped once on how to approach the comment or actions made by an audience member.

After the performance, I was surprised by my friend’s parents with V.I.P. passes to go backstage to meet Mr. Brady. My two friends I accompanied to the show are in an improv troupe at their school in N.C., and meeting Brady meant more to them than it did me, but it was still a wonderful experience.

He was a very humble guy, happy to spend time with a few lucky fans after his performance. As he walked backstage, he promptly recognized me and complimenting saying “Hey! I know you!” which to me said he actually cares and notices his fans. He even assured me that he wasn’t just out to sound off on me (thought, even if my friends made fun of me the whole way home). I was apprehensive to see how Brady would act off stage, and I was honestly surprised at how genuine he was. He wished my friends and I well as we left the backstage area, and it was a topic of discussion for the rest of the night. Wayne Brady definitely not only left an impression on me, someone who has little to no acting or improv experience, but also those in attendance who also love the art of performance.

Comedy shows are always a good time, and improv shows are even better. I highly recommend going to one soon. Even if you’re not a fan of improv, it’s sure to be an experience that will not be forgotten.

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