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Students attend lecture, ‘Interaction between the Media and Feminine Stereotypes’

“We wanted to encourage people to speak more openly about suicide—a topic often avoided. “Someone who is considering suicide needs someone who will listen to them,” said Sam Hickman, NASW WV Executive Director and Marshall University alum. “The quality of human interaction in our society has suffered. I encourage everyone to just take a few seconds, a few moments, to make a connection.”

The panelists included a representative for the Veteran Administration Medical Center in Huntington, Donna Stump; Barri Faucett, M.A. of the Aspen Program, which is part of the council of West Virginia Suicide Prevention; Sharen King, Ph.D. of the Marshall University Social work Department; Ken Firestone, Crimic Services at Pretore Center; Jean Stinson, licensed professional counselor of Transitions Interfaith Counseling Center; and Debbie Cashwell of Messages for Hope.

Each panelist spoke to a group considered to be high risk for suicide, including veterans, adolescents, and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community. There were also panelists to speak to those affected by the loss of someone who committed suicide.

Participants of the event were asked to give a $20 donation, which went to Messages for Hope, a nonprofit organization started by Debbie Cashwell, who lost her daughter to suicide.

The purpose of the panel discussion was to raise awareness of the issues involving gender and society.

Panelists discuss suicide prevention, awareness

I don’t care about the numbers. Everyone is somebody’s someone. If it’s your mom or dad, child or grandchild, you don’t care about that, I’m 30,000.”

Barri Faucett

CIGARETTE PACKAGING

FDA blocked from requiring graphic warnings on labels

WASHINGTON—A federal judge has blocked the government’s attempt to require tobacco companies to begin placing images of diseased lungs and cadavers on cigarette packages, saying the health warnings violated the First Amendment rights of the cigarette companies.

U.S. District Judge Rich- ard Leon, in a 29-page ruling Monday, granted the preliminary injunction because he believed there was a “substantial likelihood” the cigarette companies would ultimately prevail on the merits of their position that these mandatory graphic images unconstitutionally compelled speech.

He also said that the images went beyond dis- cussing “purely factual and uncontroversial infor- mation” and instead intruded on advocacy.

The Food and Drug Administration, au- thorized by Congress with its 2009 Tobacco Control Act, intended the images to “effectively at getting the attention of young people” and thus should be a per- manent way to inform the public.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D- Calif., expressed confidence that the FDA ultimately would win “on the merits of the case.”

But Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, who has sued tobacco com- panies over what he says are inadequate warnings, agreed with the judge.

“You can’t force a company to carry the govern- ment’s opinion on an issue,” Wheaton said.

“These images are clearly not limited to a statement of fact, which is designed to evoke an emotional response.”

BY ALIZA VAUGHN

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Cruelty to animals, in particular, has traditionally been regulated by the states, going back nearly 400 years to the Massachusetts Bay Colony.  

BY SCOTT BALLENCIN, HUMANE SOCIETY ATTORNEY

A man reported a chicken, shirt and pants stolen from the Henderson Center between 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 31. The owner returned to the store. The suspect was arrested and charged with larceny. The value of the items is approximately $110.

Many Republicans shrug off Herman Cain allegations, polls show

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BY MICHAEL MEMOLI

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In a nationally televised news conference, Pennsylvania State University Athletic Director Linda Little said she did not have the league’s East division, the Big Ten, which will include Missouri’s Missouri Athletic Conference—MLC.

“Last year rivalry with Kansas, it also leaves behind a 119-year tradition here at Missouri. So let me say it is a special tradition here is a 78-year-old assistant coach, and Missouri will become the school he has been head coach at Missouri, keeping his own tradition.

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Economic downturn increases alcoholism

BY BRUCE SUN
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As the Great Recession enters its third year, the economic downturn is known to be having an impact on health. A new study of 34,120 people found an increase in the percentage of people reporting heavy drinking, with 35% of people saying they have consumed more alcohol than usual in the past year. The study showed that people are more likely to drink heavily when they are unemployed, with 40% of unemployed people reporting heavy drinking. The study also found that people who are unemployed and have a history of alcohol use are more likely to develop alcohol dependence. The study suggests that the economic downturn is causing an increase in heavy drinking, and that this increase may be a sign of the impact of the recession on mental health. However, more research is needed to understand the relationship between the economic downturn and heavy drinking.
The "L" Lab was founded in 1999 as the first auditory oral deaf program in West Virginia and celebrated its fifth birthday with an open house Friday morning. "We invited mostly professionals to the open house to try and spread the word about our program and get more referrals," said Jeff Cottrell, director of The Luke Lee Listening, Language and Learning Lab. "Mostly we get our children from referrals from audiologists."

The open house consisted of staff, children who attend Luke Lee, the children’s parents, professionals from the area and some volunteers from Delta Zeta sorority. Delta Zeta members volunteered in shifts throughout the four-hour open house because the university’s philanthropy is speech and hearing. "I was already involved with the center," said Natasha Scott, senior communication disorders major. "I’ve observed individual sessions. I used to be in nursing homes, but this is another aspect. I like the little kids.”

Haley McIntyre, senior president of Delta Zeta and nursing major, said volunteering for Luke Lee was a unique experience. “Even though my major is nursing, audiology still falls in the medical field and is a different and unique aspect,” McIntyre said. Delta Zeta donated items such as: Cups, napkins and utensils to the open house, as well as a guest book and the members’ aide setting up the food tables. The “L” lab accepts children from birth to six years old.

There are two programs — the “parent-infant” program, which consists of one-on-one sessions with the babies, and the classroom setting, which is designed to help children when they reach toddler status. "Our main goal is to prepare the children for mainstream schooling,” said Johanna Gunach, assistant classroom teacher. “I feel passionately about it because it’s the only one in the area.”

The school has a maximum of six students in the classroom at one time. However, it can have more enrolled if some only attend part-time. A typical day in the classroom might seem like a day at an average pre-school to an outsider. However, every action that takes place has an intentional purpose. “Our techniques involve a lot of repetition and listening,” Cottrell said. "A lot of it is just narrating what we are doing and asking the children questions. We want to make sure they are using their voices.”

Another aspect to teaching the children is one-on-one sessions with a speech therapist. This service is provided by Jennifer Baker. “I pull the children out of the classroom for speech and language therapy,” Baker said. "I provide auditory training and teach the children sounds. For example, I may stress the idea of distinguishing the words ‘crows’ and ‘clones’ from each other.”

Other things Baker said she pays close attention to is if the children’s devices are working properly. “We also perform device checking in individual sessions,” Baker said. "If we notice a child isn’t

ABOVE: Members of Delta Zeta volunteer at The Luke Lee Listening, Language and Learning Lab during an open house. The members’ aide setting up the food tables.

PHOTO BY ELISHA DOTSON

RIGHT: Ella and Rylee interact daily with teachers of the “L” lab to prepare for mainstream schooling. The lab is open every Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. through 12 p.m.

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