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Food for Thought hosts dinner for Honors College students

BY BRITTANEE BARTON
THE PARTHENON

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Sophomore Honors College students gathered in the Memorial Student Center on Friday for a formal dinner and discussion.

More than 100 students participated in the Food For Thought Dinner, part of the curriculum for each section of honors second year seminar, or HON-200.

Mary Todd, dean of the Honors College, said the goal is to bring students together.

“We really wanted to get students to meet people they haven’t met before, but with whom they share something in common: their membership in the Honors College,” Todd said.

“We also wanted them to share something interesting about having good, common, civil academic conversations together over a meal.”

Seated around yellow tables from all six sections mixed together, the students discussed specialized topics.

“We didn’t talk about the essays much, but rather the broader, more abstract ideas in them,” Nowlin said. “That’s something valuable and enjoyable.”

Following a table conversation, Prevention Gayle Ormiston, who was also one of the facilitators, spoke briefly about the importance of sharing ideas in an intelligent community.

Nowlin said he appreciated the opportunity the dinner provided to talk about these topics with a variety of people.

“At the end of the dinner, I went and talked to Ormiston about the first essay and the author’s complete misreading of Nietzsche,” Nowlin said. “It’s nice just to be able to approach Dr. Ormiston and Dr. Todd and just talk about something you don’t normally get to talk about.”

Nowlin said he is also supportive of the Honors College repeating a similar dinner.

“With any inaugural function it’s a learning process,” Nowlin said. “I’m sure it’ll be refined. I think 45 minutes wasn’t very much to discuss something like this, but going forward, it’s something fun and good to experience.”

The next HON-200 function is a sophomore conversation featuring speaker Jessica Jackson on March 12.

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New forest-management plan weakens wildlife protection

By REBEKKA SCHOF
WILDCARD NEWSPAPERS (WCT)

WASHINGTON—Back in the 1980s, when conservation advocates were trying to stop logging in older, growth forests in the Pacific Northwest, they relied on a 1982 regulation that required the National Forest Service to protect wildlife such as the spotted owl and its nest. They won, and a new Northwest forest plan in 1990 greatly reduced logging in the region’s old-growth forests on federal land.

Now the national planning rule that governs individual national forest plans is about to change, for the first time since the 1982 era. Scientists and environmentalists say many of the changes are improvements, but they object to a key change in the way the plan would protect wildlife.

That part of the plan always has been controversial. The timber industry opposes it. Conservationists say it was vital to wildlife protection for old-growth forests. Now some forest managers and advocates say the Forest Service plan’s change on this point would punch a hole through key protections.

The plan, which covers all areas of forest, including timber harvesting, grazing, recreation and wilderness, will be duplicated and posted around Marshall’s campus during the Fall 2012 semester. Submissions will be accepted at the Stuff-It! Maintenance building or can be emailed to Bailey.

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The Marshall women's basketball team entered a 1-point first-half deficit, but was unable to complete the comeback as the Herd fell 50-45 to the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Sunday.

The Blazers dominated the first 16 minutes of the game, jumping out to a 2-0 lead before the Thundering Herd began to chip away. Marshall ended the half on a 13-0 run to tighten the gap, needing the teams into the locker room down by just four.

The Herd continued to battle in the second half, taking just its second lead of the game at the 12:48 mark on a Lavonda Elliott layup. The two teams would exchange baskets over the next several minutes before UAB took the lead for good with seven minutes to play.

Second half comeback falls short

The Blazers led by as many as seven in the final minutes as the Herd bided the contest to as close as two. UAB landed three free throws in the final seconds to seal the victory.

Senior guard Bresha Hamilton led the way for the Herd with 10 points and six rebounds. Marshall was able to out-rebound UAB 39-37, but 19 Herd turnovers turned into 22 points for the Blazers.

The loss drops the Herd to 6-17 overall and 3-12 in Conference USA. Marshall now moves onto the Conference USA Championships Feb. 15 through Feb. 18 in Houston, Texas. Marshall will be looking for its showing ever at the championships after completing their most successful season ever apart of C-US.

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The Marshall swimming and diving team of Heather Moore, Kim Recinella, Frankie Hilbert, Arlie Rykosky and Lauren Hurd captured the 800-yard freestyle relay with a best time of 7:49.33.

The Herd also received the following individual event victories: Gregory in the 200-yard freestyle (2:04.06) and Moore in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:37.86.

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After stating they would cease its financial funding to Planned Parenthood earlier last week, the Susan G. Komen Foundation reversed its decision Friday. This re-decision came after a wave of criticism from many supporters of Planned Parenthood. At the center of the criticism was the thought that Komen cut its funding to Planned Parenthood due to it offering women abortions. Immediately following the decision to cut funding, Planned Parenthood received many donations. If these donations were totaled up, they would nearly equal the funding that the Komen Foundation gave annually. The most notable one came from the mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg, who gave Planned Parenthood $250,000. To witness the support Planned Parenthood garnered is, amazing.

When the Komen Foundation announced it would restore its funding to Planned Parenthood, they seemed very conscious that their decision was one made with far too much thought. Still insisting they originally did not cut funding because of Planned Parenthood offering abortions, the company admitted its fault. The initial decision was based upon the fact that the Komen Foundation could not give money to an organization that was under investigation. As it turns out, Planned Parenthood was being investigated, but not for criminal activity. The investigation is somewhat frivolous and could not hold enough water to keep the Komen Foundation from stepping in with its original decision.

Our original desire was to fulfill our fiduciary duty to our donors by not funding grant applications made by organizations under investigation. A statement released from Komen stated, “We will amend the criteria to make clear that disqualifying investigations must be criminal and conclusive in nature and not political. That is what is right and fair.”

It is great that the Komen Foundation will restore its funding but the decision could have been made and further thought out in a less hasty manner. How is it that one can be convinced they are violating their own policies by dealing with a company under investigation? Regardless, Planned Parenthood will continue to offer services important to women and their health, and that is what is right and fair.

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BY RANDY JARUD ORFEL [JC]

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“I loved him when he wore part of Hootie and the Blowfish,” Napier said. “I’m and the band isn’t still together, but I think he is doing great as a country music artist.”

The show opened with band Thievery Corporation. The group is considered country music’s biggest success of 2011. Thompson Square performed five songs, ending with their hit single, “Are You Gonna Kiss Me Or Not.”

Feature performer, Darius Rucker then entertained the crowd with a 13-song set list. When Rucker came on stage, the audience named Hootie, Rucker’s nickname in the band, Hootie and the Blowfish. Rucker received the most crowded participation during his rendition of “Family Tradition” by Hank Williams, Jr.

“I just want to say thank you for coming out on this tour,” Rucker said. “Lady Antebellum took to the stage amid screams and cheers from fans.

Hillary Scott, lead vocals, came on stage wearing a sequined bustier with a black jacket, jiggly pants, her hand and a balloon being blown up. Some members of the crowd participated in a musical collaboration with Lady Antebellum.

The screams from the audience were loudest during the collaboration of the groups.

For the show encore, the group returned to the stage to perform their hit song, “Need You Now.”

“The show was just fantastic,” said Alicia Stevenson, 38, of Huntington. “I loved everything about it. I’m so happy Lady A sang Need You Now. At the end, it was Fabulous. I can’t wait for the groups to come back to Huntington again. I would see them in a heartbeat.”

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At the front of the room, Cabell Huntington Children’s Hospital handed out 192 posters called “The Period of Purple Crying” to inform people about shaken baby syndrome. They also displayed their Brain Music System, which they use for music therapy for children in the hospital. The Brain Music System can pick out individual instruments from songs to help children learn about instruments or play soothing noises such as rain or the ocean.

Candi Armstrong, clinical coordinator of Pediatrics at Cabell Huntington Children’s Hospital, demonstrated how the Brain Music System uses focused lights to power the system.

“The most important thing for children in the hospital is psycho-social interaction,” Armstrong said. “Music therapy takes a terrible experience and turns it into a happy memory.”

Volunteers from the community, and Marshall University also came out to provide fun and entertainment for the children, including face painting, story reading, balloons, prizes and singing and dancing. Marshall University’s Early Childhood Education Club read the classic children’s book “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” and made cupcakes to contribute to their show “Sing and Read to Children.”

Tatiana Young, freshman elementary education major from Williamson, W.Va., sat at the reading station waiting for kids to come and listen to her book.

“I love children,” Young said. “I want to be a preschool teacher because I think it’s important for young children to learn and grow.”

At the end of the event, children and parents wanted to receive giveaways and prizes announced by event emcee Angie Fletcher from 95.7’s “The Morning Mix.”

Stacey Marrell, mother and participant of Super Saturday, waited as her 3-year-old daughter received a temporary tattoo on her hand and a balloon as they left for the day.

“This is just a great event” Marrell said. “She really enjoys the balance on activity and crafts. We will absolutely do this back next year.”

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New Orleans vibe comes to Huntington

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Huntington became New Orleans for one night when the Dirty Dozen Brass Band jumped on the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse at Marshall University on Saturday.

The DDBB was the finale of Marshall’s 43rd Annual Jazz Festival and Deb Sambol, event coordinator for United Way of River Cities’ Success by Six program.

Sambol said the group originally started out playing funeral precession music, and as they went to the cemetery they would play slow and serious, but coming back from the funeral, everything was joyful and upbeat, and DDBB have taken that to the next level.

“Jazz is America’s classical music, and jazz was born in New Orleans from a mixture of cultures,” Bingham said.

You have classical music, African music, and French Creole music that’s a part of it, and it all sort of came together in New Orleans in the early part of the 20th century.”

The audience clapped as Efrem Towns, trumpet player for the DDBB, started playing each instrument at once in the middle of a song.

Towns said the group always has so much fun here. “We are from the back woods, too, y’all, and we just love coming here,” Towns said.

The DDBB attracted people from all over the state of West Virginia. Sharon Gordon, of Charleston, said she loves them and would not have missed their show for the world.

“I have been listening to this group since they first came out, and when I heard they were coming here, I knew I had to make sure I came to see them,” Gordon said.

The DDBB bring all over the country, and Lewis and Towns said they hope they can come back to Huntington very soon.

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