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New Degree Qualification Profile accreditation program introduced at Marshall

By JESSICA PATTERSON 10PM 14MAR13

Marshall University is finding new ways to measure what makes its degree programs unique.

The university was selected to participate in a 20-member group through the Higher Learning Commission in 2011.

Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association for Commissions on Accreditation and Single State Education, the body that accredits regionally accredited institutions, is testing the Degree Qualification Profile as a new way to discover if students are achieving learning objectives.

“Right now we offer our academic programming according to standards and guidelines, and accreditation is the quality assurance for that,” Ormiston said. “But we wanted to go beyond that.”

The Degree Qualification Profile is an accreditation program based on a set of learning outcomes created around the common body of knowledge — a set of standards — that students need to master in their degree. These areas include interpersonal and leadership skills, critical thinking, specialized learning and civic engagement.

Ormiston said the university has modified course syllabi to include learning outcomes so all students will be able to show if they achieved them.

“I think this is the reality of what education is,” Ormiston said. “If I think we are very lucky to be able to participate in this,” Ormiston said. “Kopp said there’s been progress in advancing the learning outcomes.

“The process we’ve made, I think we’ve been out on the frontier,” Kopp said. “We’ve had tremendous participation with all the academic units.”

Ormiston said Marshall was selected for the accreditation program to create a research project through a two-day meeting, an agenda, which interviewed students about the Degree Qualification Profile.

“Anyone that a university can receive national recognition for its programming, if it’s being beneficial to the university,” Ormiston said. “It’s very helpful to us that the Marshall name is out there.”

Kopp said the fulfillment of the outcomes will help students pursue their future. 

“These outcomes will mean fulfills their needs, and allows them to think more critically, meet the expectations of employers, and to possibly, achieve that bottom of the graduation list. In contrast to that and say that if a student is not able to demonstrate that, we can say that the student is not demonstrating proficiency,” Kopp said. “You can say to the bottom 10 percent of the students they need to go back and work on it, and to say that we are proficient.”

Kopp said he thinks every institution should ask themselves what a degree from their programs means. He said that a lot of student who are enrolled, but not enrolled, he won’t say. He worried the Degree Qualifications Profile to make sure students are out of all programs.

“It doesn’t matter if you finish the top category or the bottom of the graduation list,” Kopp said. “If they are not able to demonstrate your time toward completing your degree — that is representative of what a Marshall education is.”

Representatives from Marshall’s College of Science, School of Pharmacy, and College of Engineering, and members of its group have the opportunity to participate in the university’s progress.

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 MU Thirsting Word now 3-time state champion

By JORDON BEAN 10PM 14MAR13

The Marshall University Thirsting Word and debate team is now three-time former state champion and is past quarter of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Championship.

The tournament took place on the campus of West Virginia University at regular tournament in 43 of the 45 individuals that team members were entered in and won first place in every individual event, second in ten of the events and third in eight events.

The team dominated the rest of the state in the competition, and rounding out the top four were WVU Parkersburg, Alderson Broaddus and Fairmont State.

Victoria Ledford, a junior honors major from Brent, WV, was the overall individual champion.

“This tournament was so much fun for our team,” Ledford said. “It feels good to be the best in the state. I was really pleased with my second place in persuasion because the top two in each state qualify for the International Ostrorhyncal Association Tournament this April. Overall, the tournament was a confidence boost before nationals.”

The Thirsting Word will complete next in the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament in March and the National tournament in April, which will be hosted by Marshall University.

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Through with Chew Week kicks off, brings awareness to the effects of smokeless tobacco

By SHALE BLAIR 10PM 14MAR13

Through With Chew Week was last week and was pay on Marshall University Student Government’s annual event.

Through With Chew Week is a week dedicated to raising awareness of the negative effects associated with smokeless tobacco. J.R. Shepard, graduate student in exercise science, said he had been chewing tobacco for about three years.

“I first started to chew about three years ago to help me cope with stress,” Shepard said.

According to The National Cancer Institute, smokeless tobacco is a cause of mouth cancer. The NCI offers a free smoking quit line, 1-800-QUIT-NOW. To help spread the word about the negative effects of smokeless tobacco.

Jordie Sooo Hoo, a member of a national Through With Chew team, said smokeless tobacco is a harmful replacement for cigarettes.

“Smokeless tobacco can make you addicted quicker because it contains more nicotine than cigarettes,” Sooo Hoo said.

Jason Sooo Hoo, a member of a national Through With Chew team, said smokeless tobacco could lead to many other problems.

“Using smokeless tobacco could lead to many types of cancers and problems,” Sooo Hoo said.

I'm going to help you quit chewing because I do not want to live like you do,” Sooo Hoo said.

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Through with Chew Week because I noticed the importance of informing my peers of the bad effects of smokeless tobacco and what it could do to you,” Sooo Hoo said. “It has truly been a life changing experience and I enjoy spreading the word of how much smokeless tobacco hurts you.”

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Sandra Kopp, the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, said that nearly 60 percent of the budget reductions would come from higher education institutions, in the residence halls and in academic programs.

"The challenge we have, as far as I can see it, is if we can’t change, we have to raise tuition," Kopp said. "If we can’t change, this is a real problem."

Kopp said that they are planning to reduce their budget with consultations with their public, because that is the responsible thing to do.

"If we had the money, we would go out and hire new teachers and buy new books to do that thing," Loether said. "But our hard work has paid off, and we are looking forward to every year."
Baseball falls to Charlotte, Remains at .500 record

By CAITIE SMITH

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The Thundering Herd’s senior Jazmine Johnson, sophomore Ashley Gue and junior Katelyn Bedwell accounted for seven of the team’s nine RBIs in a sweep of UNCG last weekend. "The offense has been hitting well with runners in scoring position,” said Coach Amanda Williams. "We also didn’t make any errors this past weekend which is very big for us. We’re excited about those two things.”.."...

Tied for first in the West Division of Conference USA, the Thundering Herd enters this weekend’s games with the in-state rival Charlotte 2-3 and Marshall 2-2. "Charlotte is a good team,” Williams said. "It feels like we’ve been on the road a lot this season so we’re excited to be back on the home court.”

By MATTHEW BARROWS

49er’s appear close to dealing Alex Smith

By CAITIE SMITH

The Thundering Herd’s senior third baseman hit a two-run single to win the bottom of the third inning, giving Marshall a 2-0 lead over North Carolina State. "It was a great way to start the road trip,” said Marshall Coach Amanda Williams. "The offense has been hitting well with runners in scoring position,” said Coach Amanda Williams. "We also didn’t make any errors this past weekend which is very big for us. We’re excited about those two things.”

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Rice 11 3 6 3 21 6 9

SMU 3 9 13 14

TULANE 6 6 18 9

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Dating violence, a college problem

By JOSCELYN GIBSON

Though it is nearing or, end February holds an important dual-role of being not only the month to celebrate healthy relationships but also the month to bring awareness to the dangers of dating violence. Dating violence is any behavior that should concern college women. It is how they keep the victims from leaving them. The best action we can take is to know the signs of emotional and verbal violence, often referred to as “date-rape drugs.” Students in college are at a high risk of such drugs. Students in college are also at a high risk of dating violence, often referred to as “date-rape drugs.”

Other forms of dating violence often begin as controlling behavior such as name-calling and mockery, but that can soon escalate into more serious physical violence.

The best action we can take is to keep ourselves safe from dating abuse so that we may recognize the warning signs of abuse in our relationships or in our friends’ relationships.

The National Center for Victims of Sexual Assault reports that one in three teenagers has experienced violence in a dating relationship. This violence needs to be acknowledged because teens are less likely to talk about the problem or report it to an authority.

To one tragic incident, Sept. 10, 2011 at South East High School in Los Angeles, 17-year-old high school senior Godinez Diego was killed by his ex-girlfriend, 18-year-old stunning Laye, during their lunch break on school campus. Another reason why it is important to address this issue is to offer the perfect opportunity for college students to learn how emotional and verbal dating situations found in college are the same as those found in a controlling high school relationship.

Women in college should also be aware of the prevalence of drug-facilitated sexual assault, often referred to as “date-rape drugs.” Students in college are particularly susceptible to this type of assault because it is at ten times as frequently found with college students present.

Other forms of dating violence that should concern college women include relationship rape, which involves forced abortions and refusals to use birth control. Stalking is another form of emotional or verbal violence, often referred to as “date-rape drugs.” Students in college are at a high risk of such drugs. Students in college are also at a high risk of dating violence, often referred to as “date-rape drugs.”

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It's worth noting that anyone who has had an abortion is at a higher risk of dating violence, often referred to as “date-rape drugs.” Students in college are at a high risk of such drugs. Students in college are also at a high risk of dating violence, often referred to as “date-rape drugs.”

One partner secretly becomes the one who either is in control and wields most of the power. “I can’t go anywhere without her knowing where I am and what I am doing,” he says. “She gets antsy if I spend too much time away from home and gets worthy, passive, aggressors, she means.”

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**Syrian opposition won't boycott London meeting**

Syrian opposition members meet today in London and will decide whether to boycott a meeting in Rome on March 18 aimed at creating an opposition line to President Bashar Assad.

"If you've got the key to the trap door, you can't just stand there and say 'I'm going to boycott,'" Syrian opposition leader Ahmad Prem Habbash told CNN. 

Habbash, who said the talks would be "open-ended," said some opposition groups might boycott the meetings.

"We are looking at all our options," he said. "But we won't go to a meeting that's going to be held in a government-controlled area."
By HAYLEE ROBERTS

Career Services plans proper etiquette opportunity for students

Many students worry about presenting themselves in a job interview, but few worry about other important elements of presentation, such as manners.

The Marshall University Career Services department is giving students the opportunity to learn proper etiquette manners Wednesday with the Spring Etiquette Dinner.

The dinner is a part of Career Services’ professional development programs that are designed to give juniors and seniors valuable knowledge for interviews and their first job opportunities.

Denise Hogsett, director of Career Services, said students are often given a second interview after an initial interview because they did not approach the interview correctly.

“The dinner is an opportunity to help and teach students proper etiquette and to have a chance to improve their interview skills,” Hogsett said.

Students are expected to attend the dinner.

“Students should work on their resume and cover letter but also work on their interview skills,” Hogsett said.

Hogsett said she plans to have about 50 or 60 registered before the Tuesday deadline.

There are already 45 students registered to attend the etiquette dinner.

Hogsett said she hopes they take away the fact that the university cares about their future.

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Hogsett said she also hopes to teach students how to act professionally during this type of scenario.

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“Overall, this just gives them an opportunity and a lunch or dinner interview. The dinner will be in Room BE5 in the McMillan Student Center and will start at 5:30 p.m.

By CODI MOHR

Birke Art Gallery to feature ceramics

Professional artists will present and display their work in ceramics and mixed media at a joint exhibition at Marshall University’s Birke Art Gallery starting Tuesday.

The exhibition, entitled “Connection: Formation through Disconnect,” features the works of David Johnson and Casey McDonough.

Johnson, currently a professor of ceramics at Buffalo State College in Buffalo, N.Y., has been featured in exhibitions in California, Minnesota, Kentucky and other states across the country.

McDonough, who holds a degree in marine biology and art from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., is known for the numerous lectures he has given at national institutions including Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., Hunter College in New York, and the 45th Annual Conference of the National Council for Education for the Ceramic Arts in Tampa, Fla.

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The presentation will also feature a site-specific ceramic installation created by McDonough and Marshall art students during the previous week.

The artists utilize the two-dimensional elements of their work to supplement three-dimensional installations of mixed media, Frederick Bartolovic, assistant professor of ceramics at Marshall, said.

“The work of these ceramists is uniquely accessible to people interested in all different media,” Bartolovic said in a press release.

The exhibition opens Tuesday with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and McDonough will lead a discussion of art, education and experiences.

A closing discussion by Johnson will take place on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. following a reception at 5:30 p.m.

The Birke Art Gallery is located on the first floor of Smith Hall and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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