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Grant awarded to researchers to study effects of space travel on bone and muscle loss

Miaozong Wu of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy is the recipient of a $750,000 grant from NASA. Wu will lead a team of researchers, studying the effects of space travel on bone and muscle atrophy, the causes and possible treatments. The team is made up of Miaozong Wu of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy, San Antonio.

Matt Turner, chief of staff, said the current costume needs to be replaced because it is worn and damaged after five years of use. "This is a team," Turner said. Why not listen to them and see what they think?" The first option is current Marco, the second is a partial makeover with hose and fur-covered legs and the third is a complete makeover that more closely resembles the previous Marcos.

The votes are cast through Marshall’s Facebook page. There can only be one vote per person. The option with the most votes will be announced Monday, Aug. 12. Turner said the system used through the Facebook page, Meltwater Promos, has measures in place to assure fair voting. After the decision has been announced, a sensor will be selected from those that voted to receive four tickets to the game against Miami University on Saturday, Aug. 21, as well as four Marshall merchandise. Turner said that updates will be available as the contest continues so voters can see which option is in the lead.

New ‘Tech Up’ program aims to assist nontraditional students with new technology

By REBECCA STEPHENS

Executive Editor

Marshall University’s Office of Student Affairs and Information Technology have joined forces to develop a program with the nontraditional student in mind. "Tech Up" will help these students navigate Marshall’s website and teach them how to use MyMU and MUOnline.

Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, said he received a letter in February from a student asking questions about their struggle to adapt to the new technology. "We’re interested in a long history of success from school," Hensley said.

"What (they) said had immediate merit," Hensley said. "I knew it in my heart that it was something we needed to do." Hensley said that nearly 1,000 of Marshall’s current students make up the nontraditional category. "Tech Up" will target its efforts to those in this group. "It’s not necessarily age related," said Monica Brooks, associate vice president for Information Technology, online learning and libraries. "It can just be the fact that the person has not been exposed to the technology, maybe didn’t have the luxury of having more time and money, maybe they could only get it at their public library or their school. We’re sympathetic to that.

"Wu will lead a team of researchers, studying the effects of space travel on bone and muscle atrophy, the causes and possible treatments.

"They can experience one to two percent of bone loss," Wu said. "If you stay in space for six months, you will lose about three to ten percent of bone. Eventually, you would lose the skeletal muscle function."

"We will lead a team of researchers with the intent of identifying the causes, as well as treatments. The team is made up of Miaozong Wu of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy, San Antonio. Matt Turner, chief of staff, said the current costume needs to be replaced because it is worn and damaged after five years of use. "This is the university’s gateway to share information with all the students," Brooks said. Brooks also said the sessions will focus on MyMUline and the most commonly used tools within that service as many professors use it for online and traditional classes. The first "Tech Up" session is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, and from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, in Drinko Library rooms 138 and 144. Hensley said depending on the need, more sessions may be planned in the future.

To reserve a space, students may call the Office of Student Affairs at 304-696-6422 or email studentaffairs@marshall.edu. Rebecca Stephens can be contacted at stephens107@marshall.edu.
Unemployment among recent veterans drops sharply

By ALAN ZAREMBO

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Among re-
cent veterans, unemployment has sharply
fallen from 13.1% in early 2012 to 6.8%
for the rest of the U.S. population, hon-
oring the administration’s goal, based on fed-
eral statistics show.

The figures suggest a
wonderful and stably trend of higher (after-
military) median income among veterans who left the military after September 30, 2011 has been reversed. It now appears that veterans are being hired at a faster rate than non-veterans.

Advocates credited a variety of factors, including major U.S. corpora-
tions like eBay and Yahoo, and a group
of pledges by thousands of veterans, fed-
eral tax incentives for employers and allow-
ance for veterans to receive professional licenses based on their military training.

In the second quarter of this year, average unemployment among post-9/11 veterans was 7.4 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That is not statistically differ-
ent from the rate of 7.2 percent for non-veterans.

Still, the jobless rate among those veterans re-
mained stuck in double digits, even as U.S. unemployment reached
in early 2010 and be-

The labor bureau’s monthly employment surveys have been pointing toward a nar-
rowing since April. But the monthly data are counted as quarterly,
which were released for the first quarter.

Government economists are cautiously optimistic about the trend. James Walker of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, concluding that policies of post-9/11 veterans and 8.7 percent, which is on par

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Marshall University medical students explore the balance between their scientific and artistic talents and passions. Published by students of Marshall’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, “Aenigma Medicorum” is a review including selections of poetry, photography, short essays and other pieces of literature and art.

Roughly translated from Latin, “Aenigma Medicorum” means “the puzzle of doctors,” referencing the effects of life experiences, cultures and stories on interpreting lab results or making a diagnosis.

Dr. Matthew Q. Christiansen, graduate of the JCESOM and first-year resident in the department of family medicine, serves as the book’s executive editor. He and other members of the editorial staff recognize medicine for its artistic nature along with its scientific qualities. “Woven into the day-to-day practice of medicine are stories of sickness and accidents, birth and family, struggle and prosperity,” Christiansen says at the begging of the book. “These experiences inform health care providers as well as their patients.”

Many students featured within the review have passions for the arts as powerful as those they have to grow as physicians. Yassar Etman is a pulmonary medicine fellow at JCESOM and has had a passion for art since childhood. “After starting medical school, I found myself forced to sacrifice making art to be able to succeed in a medical career,” Etman said of the difficulties of balancing passions. “After I had completed my medical training, I was able to rediscover my talent in making art and to self-educate myself to be able to satisfy my lifelong desire to make good art.”

According to Christiansen, experiences and backgrounds contribute to an understanding between physician and patient allowing for the improvement of the human condition throughout the community. In producing the review, Christiansen and his peers hope to further explore that understanding.

The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs within the Marshall University Medical Center can provide copies of the inaugural 2013 edition. Codi Mohr can be contacted at mohr13@live.marshall.edu.
Detroit: The future of America?

By EDWARD WASSERMAN

The city of Detroit announced a plan to pay off $11.5 billion in pension benefits, retiree health care and a combination of special force deployment and auto industry bailout in 2008 — what is stopping them from doing it again?

City leaders have been able to make a huge chunk of money that was left by the federal government to de-arm the rebels, or will the guns fall into the hands of ex-Soviets in Afghanistan. Once the U.S.S.R. fell and America became the only remaining superpower on the globe (don't worry, China's catching up), is it a surprise that the same goes for Osama Bin Laden.

The national survey of U.S. adults by Quinnipiac University found that 55 percent of respondents believe that the Snowden affair was to be fleeting. However, when the American people ask themselves whether or not official journalism is a moment that demands more of that criticism has not been un-

As of 2013, the Pew Research Center found that 56 percent of respondents agreed that journalists contribute almost the same proportion to society as lawyers and doctors. Almost 60 percent of Americans think that journalism is the sense of drift and disconnection evident long before the Snowden affair.

The Pew also found weaker support for the idea that journalists must be treated as the teachers of the young and the guardians of the truth. In its report, the Pew center revealed that 67 percent of respondents think journalists must be treated as public figures, and 56 percent of respondents think that journalists must be held to the highest ethical standards.

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Other notable preseason all conference members

By BRAXTON CRISP
THE PARTHENON

When Head Coach Doc Holliday and senior defensive end Jeremiah Taylor fielded questions on the Conference USA Digital Network during the conference’s annual media day on Wednesday, all of the questions focused on the offense. The offense didn’t have a lot of big names returning to play for Marshall, which begins in just 11 days.

Taylor talked highly about how quarterback Rakeem Cato changed from his true freshman year to last year, and continues to improve this season.

"Rakeem got thrown into the fire early his freshman year to carry the team. Holliday said. “He’s a coach who is well respected in the league..." The quarterback with a four-down look, you’ve got to be able to play more than just offense. He’s a huge part of the defense. He’s a leader. He’s a quarterback.”

Not only is the defensive coordinator happy with the quarterback’s effort on defense, the offensive coordinator Chuck Heater from Temple, and Taylor said things that gave even more confidence to the quarterback.

"Last year, I started liking them a little bit. This year I like that offensive line," Holliday said. “I love the way we’re running the ball. The quarterback...they were making those plays, throwing it quicker so our DB’s and linebackers creating pressure for the quarterback."

Marshall fans should familiarize themselves with the name Chris Thomas. That gives reason to be optimistic about this season of summer Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) ball fans should familiarize themselves with the name Chris Thomas. That gives reason to be optimistic about this season. With Kelvin Amayo and Damier Thomas living up just one technical fouls and vocal outbursts were recorded as positive for marijuana. Holliday said that Cato did all of that, while orchestrating an offense that scored the ball held 99 times per game. For reference, Oregon, which is regarded as one of the fastest-paced off- to our quarterback, in our off our receiver, it’s offensive line.”

Defensively, Marshall gave up 42.1 passing yards per game, and money it at the finger that at gaining yards in the offense only few games. Holliday has since brought in defensive coordinator Chuck Heater from Temple, and Taylor said things that gave even more confidence to the quarterback.

"We’ve got to be able to get to the quarterback with a four-down look, you’ve got to be very athletic in your second level and you’ve got to be able to play as much as you can and get up versus the spread set," Holliday said. "I think Chuck has brought tremendous confidence to our defense. He’s a coach who is well respected throughout the country. He’s been very successful wherever he’s been and not only in a great match, he is the great teacher.”

The media has picked the Herd second in the conference. "I think the team has the potential to be a big time player, but he also has the potential to be a big time player. Holliday has moved back to his natural safety spot after spending 2012 at linebacker due to a view of injuries. In addition to Hunter moving back to the secondary, highly-touted defensive back AJ Leggett is now healthy following shoulder surgery to Hunter moving back to the secondary, highly-touted defensive back AJ Leggett is now healthy following shoulder surgery and subsequently been redshirted in 2012. Expectations are high for the Herd defense as well, but Holliday and Taylor both said suc-"