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By JUSTIN DEPAMPHILIS

The new interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts is taking over at a difficult time, but Robert Bookwalter sees opportunity in the challenges facing the college.

Bookwalter became interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts in June of this year. He retains his role as associate vice president and dean of graduate studies.

Bookwalter said he hopes to make the college "more student-focused," and that he will work to "recruit top-notch students to majors in the college and help them navigate their path towards timely graduation.

"One of my goals is to recruit top-notch students to majors in the college and help them navigate their path towards timely graduation," Bookwalter said. "Another goal is to ensure that all of our majors in the college have high quality faculty and support to provide an excellent education for students who are progressing through the college."
Power of the Purse approved for Girls on the Run council

By KATY LEMIS THE PARTHENON
Power of the Purse, a local women’s leadership organization, gained approval Tuesday to start a local council for Girls on the Run, a program geared toward uniting young girls.

This self-sustaining program connects girls with mentors who teach life lessons to children on the verge of entering elementary school training for a 5K race.

On Friday, Alpha Theta Omega sorority members who have chosen to experience exactly what it feels like to be homeless.

This is the fifth year ATO has participated in this event. The main goal is to raise money and awareness for the homeless in Huntington and to give back to the community. Jackie Stoner, the president of ATO, said: “What we do to raise money is pandeke, just like the homeless do in the city to see what it’s like to be homeless.” Stoner said “We have learned how hard it is to be anonymous because once you ask for money, especially, several people will walk by you and not even make eye contact.”

The event is a coat-up walk to bring in more money to purchase shoes, food, and other essentials for the community and raise awareness of how homeless people actually live. “That would change my calculus. That would change my equation,” Stoner said.

The Color Run people did a great job tailoring it to our bodies. It was a great idea because there were a lot of good people have a lot of fun, but they were also helping Power of the Purse,” said Katy Lemis, who contacted at lewis405@marshall.edu.

Kyle Adkins, the assistant director of student initiatives, is working on First Year Experience, a program that will be offered to the incoming freshman class.

“A roommates are required to live in the same apartment or dormitory, and must agree to participate in the event to not only help others, but our students are privileged to be a part of a campus community,” Adkins said. “It really helps them to learn how to get along with their roommates.”

Along with the events at First Year Experience, students can earn more than study and friendship skills. Students who appear at the program can win door prizes toward decorating their rooms. The grand prize is a brand new television.

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Fres[hman swimmers aiming for improved conference play

By KARETH TIMKE

After one of the most successful swimmi- ngs seasons in Marshall history, the swimming and diving team has high hopes to perform well in the upcoming season. Head Coach Tim Timke, who joined the Herd last May, is back on deck this season to lead the program.

"I feel in need with the school, the main team and all the traditions as soon as I got here," Mary said. "The workouts are a lot harder and different than the ones with my team back home, but like them a lot and they're helping me grow a lot as an athlete." Mary, a multiple first-team all- 
district honoree in Texas, said she has her goals set high for the upcoming season.

Megan Wolans, Williamsburg, Va., who finished third in the state while diving at James Carter High School, said high stan- dards are a fundamental structure of the team.

"Our main goal is to improve our place on the courses last year, the Herd's with 14 returning swimmers and seven new faces.

"Distance never stops training," senior Adam Frohnapfel said. "Each meet has excellent competition and quality runners," Small said. "These meets toughen us up going into Conference USA championships the first Sat- urday in November."

"The quantity has gone up; the quality I'm not sure," Small said. "The new competition they will use the quantity has gone up going into Conference USA championships the first Sat- urday in November.

"They're happy they're the same," Mary said. "Every meet has excellent com- petition and quality runners," Small said. "These meets toughen us up for conferences. The id- eom will not be as big which gives us a confidence boost going into conference."
US budget crisis should factor in Syria

By ROBIN ABCARIAN

An automatic gratuity is not a tip

Chicago Tribune (H/T)

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**France will not attack Syria if US does not**

**By MATTHEW SCHROEDER**

**McClatchy Foreign Staff (MCT)**

French leaders welcomed Wednesday that failing to respond to the alleged use of chemical weapons by the Syrian government would send a dangerous signal to the dictator of the world.

But French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault also said that his country would not launch a retaliatory strike on Syria if the United States decided not to.

“France will not act without U.S. support,” he said at a meeting of the European Union where a U.S.-led, British-led Parliament rejected British participation in any military action.

“Just hours before the French discussion of a response began, Russian President Vladimir Putin told a French newspaper that Russia is considering the use of chemical weapons, seemingly to stop the door for possible Russian action in a crisis, telling a television interviewer that ‘it is proven the government was behind the attack, there will be a reaction.’”

But he added that such a proof would have to come from the United Nations inspection team that visited the site of the gas attack, whose samples collected there and from victims in the hospital are being studied in laboratories around Europe, including one in Germany. The samples are expected to be analyzed by midweek.

The analysis, however, will determine only whether chemical weapons were used and, if so, which kind. Determining who was behind the attack would then fall to the United Nations Security Council.

Putin said that if such proof were provided, the Security Council would have to decide who would be legitimated.

“But once we have a decision from the United Nations, we could respond by any means necessary,” he said.

In France, lawmakers turned from vacation early to discuss the Syria crisis. Ayrault’s arguments to the French Senate Wednesday that failing to respond to the use of chemical weapons in Syria would send a dangerous signal to the dictator of the world.

Some justice, notably Justice Grades Yag, did express concern that the federal immigration restrictions might intrude on the courts’ control over lawyer licensing. But for the most part, they appeared more focused on language in the law that permits legal immigrants to become attorneys.

If Congress wants to give state supreme court lawyers the power to judge whether an immigrant lawyer has committed ethics violations, the labor market for immigrants is being transformed, the justices said.

In California, the Supreme Court is in the process of deciding whether the state’s high court is considering the case of Sergio Garcia, a Chico, Calif., man of seeking citizenship.

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Baby vipers lack rattle, but venom still toxic

By PETER HADEN

In the shade of a bean stalk growing the front yard of a suburban Phoenix home, Jeffrey Hill faces two coils: one a garden hose, the other a Western diamondback rattlesnake measuring barely a foot long.

Still, a baby, the snake hasn't developed the rattle needed to signal in alarm, something that can result in unexpected sur- prises.

“You get them in places you wouldn't expect to find a rattlesnake: in swimming pools, up porches,” said Hill, field agent for Rattle snake Solutions. “People reaching down to find a rattlesnake in their yard think ‘You get them in places you wouldn't expect to find a rattlesnake’ and have just as much enzyme as an adult,” he said. “It would all be more likely than adults to bite.

Not only are baby snakes silent, they can be more likely than adults to bite.

“With baby snakes you can get more bites,” said Nate Deason, serpent curator at the Phoenix Herpetology Laboratory.

Deason suggested thinking about it from the snakes’ point of view: Coming into contact with a human being looks like a giant, said Nate Deason, serpent curator at the Phoenix Herpetology Laboratory.

“Imagining how a human looks to a snake that is only 8 or 9 inches long — it's very active in late summer as they prepare for the winter,” said Peter Haden.

But venom still toxic

Dr. Frank Lotito, toxicologist at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, said doctors must draw blood to learn whether a snakebite was a bite or venomous than adults is flat wrong.

“We had it happen here. A guy was at home in bed, then came in to the hospital and said, ‘I don’t know what is going on. My hand is swelling,’” Lotito said. “We identified it as a milk snake. We recognized it as a potential rattlesnake bite. Someone went home and found a rattlesnake under his bed.”

Last Saturday in the Tucson area alone, we had eight bites in 36 hours. That’s a lot of bites,” Lotito said.

“All rattlesnakes — babies and adults — are very active in late summer as they prepare for the winter.”