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By EMILY RICE

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With Election Day just over a month away, National Voter Registration Day aims to motivate voters.

As part of these efforts, Marshall University Student Government Association, in partnership with the Campus Activities Board, will present Registration Sensation, a non-partisan event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday. The event’s purpose is to educate students on the voting process, and give them the opportunity to register to vote in the upcoming election.

Cailtin Grimes, chief of staff for the SGA’s executive branch, said the event is important because many college students don’t tend to vote.

“College-aged voters are the largest untapped voter audience,” Grimes said. “It is a huge deal, because they kind of live in a bubble, and all the issues kind of make their way into campus and people may not understand them or forget to register to vote because college life can happen like that.”

Grimes said that it is important for college-aged voters to not only get involved now, but also in future elections.

“Getting involved now will make them better prepared voters — and more well-rounded voters — when it comes to more important elections like the 2016 presidential campaign,” Grimes said.

While Registration Sensation will not be able to register non-West Virginia residents, Grimes said they will have information about receiving absentee ballots and registering in surrounding states.

“I feel like there is a disconnect from leaving home, and becoming an adult, where college kids forget that they can do this now,” Grimes said. “They should do it, and it is in their power to have a voice in the next round of leaders that kind of make decisions for us.”

The month of September is National Voters Registration month. Local and national lawmakers are asking every individual to vote in the upcoming election, especially young people.

“Twenty percent of 20-year-olds turn out for elections, and 80 percent of 80-year-olds turn out for elections,” Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said in a conference call. “The stakes are enormously high for students with respect to the difference between the two parties.”

Natalie Tennant, West Virginia Secretary of State, asked voters to honor those who have served in the military to protect our right to vote.

“Brave men and women have fought and even died to protect our right to go to the polls and cast our ballots because voting is the cornerstone of our democracy,” Tennant said in a press release. “My dad served in the Korean War, and my husband served in Afghanistan. And I believe we owe it to everyone who has served to exercise the rights they fought to protect and make our voices heard.”

National efforts are being made as well to make sure America’s voters get to the polls.

“The DNC’s voter expansion project has created iwillvote.com to provide every voter the information they need to get to the polls in November,” said Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Democratic National Committee Chair in a conference call. “With even more aggressive action, fighting restrictive voter laws in state capitals across the country will ensure that every voter, regardless of party, gets a chance to make their voice heard based on Nov. 4.”

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LOCAL MEN SUIT UP IN THEIR HIGH HEELS IN SUPPORT OF DRESS FOR SUCCESS RIVER CITIES

Local men like auto salesman Chris Miller and Cabell County Sheriff T.W. McComas dash 50 yards in the Stiletto Stroll to support Dress for Success River Cities Saturday in Ritter Park.
Library spreads awareness of Constitution Day

By ANTHONY DAVIS

The James E. Morrow Library and the Department of Government Documents came together to create a display in the John Dewey Drinko Library to celebrate the adoption and signing of the U.S. Constitution.

The display is located on the third floor of Drinko Library and features an array of materials celebrating the observance of Constitution Day, including a replica of the U.S. Constitution. Some other materials featured in the display case include copies of the Bill of Rights, sheet music inspired by the Constitutional Convention and books that can be checked out from Drinko Library, such as “Constitution 3.0: Freedom and Technology-Change.”

Majed Khader, director of the Morrow Library, explained how vital a role MU Libraries play in supporting citizens to contribute to awareness of the Constitution. Some other materials available in their library that may be used to fulfill class requirements and research projects.

“Morrow Library and the Department of Government Documents, said Bell, library associate in Government Documents, said government archives require college students to contribute to awareness of the Constitution by viewing events and providing material on the subject to students.

When Senator Bird added the omnibus spending bill of 2004, Bell said, “It stipulated that educational institutions were to contribute to awareness of the Constitution Day and Constitution Week. The display was organized and created by Paris Weidt and Chris Hodge of Drinko Library, Dudley House of the Graduate College and Crystal Steward of Information Technology.

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White House starts new public awareness drive to prevent sexual attacks on campus

By RENEE SCROOF

MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU [WDC]

President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden on Friday launched a new public awareness campaign at campuses across America to prevent sexual assaults.

Called “It’s on Us,” the new campaign will try to get students and others on college and university campuses to play a part in trying to stop sexual violence before it happens. A new public service announcement aired for the first time on Friday.

Advocates say many rapes are not reported, and that on college campuses the assaults most often occur during women’s first two years at college by someone they know.

The new campaign will have strong focus on engaging college-age men to take part in bystander intervention and raise awareness of the problem on campuses.

RAINN, an anti-sexual assault helpline, is one of the groups and companies that make up a partnership with the White House on the campaign.

“One of the most effective ways to prevent rape is to mobilize men and women on campus to join together in stopping perpetrators before they can commit a crime,” Scott Berkowitz, president and founder of RAINN, said in a statement. “RAINN has joined the ‘It’s On Us’ campaign as a partner to help bring attention to the important role that students play in keeping their friends safe and preventing rape on campus. We also need students to make sure that if a friend is sexually assaulted, students know how to support him or her and ensure they have access to the help they deserve through the National Sexual Assault Hotline and local resources.”

Other partners include the NCAA, Electronic Arts, a video gaming company that will carry the message on its games; and Viacom, which will use it on MTV, VH1, BET and CMT.

The new public awareness campaign is the latest in a series of steps the White House has been taking recently to reduce campus sexual violence. In 2011, the administration gave guidance and who contend the college hearing process was unfair. The Occidental College campus, which was never investigated, is not offenses to sexual assault. The document will be posted on the website NotAlone.gov.
By SCOTT BOLGER

The Marshall University Thundering Herd rugby team played Xavier University Saturday in a hard fought match, which ended in a tie.

In the first 40 minutes, Marshall jumped out to a 17-5 lead, utilizing its swift passing and breakaway speed. Thundering Herd head coach Justin Apgar was pleased with the team’s performance in the first half.

“We ran away with the first half and dominated on offense and defense,” Apgar said.

The second half was a different story. After a quick opening score from the Herd, Xavier used its stamina to grind back into the game.

“They made a second-half comeback,” Apgar said, “but their offense was advancing, but they were stronger in fitness. We have to be fit.”

Though the finest rugby players at Marshall surrendered 17 unanswered points, the abilities of the Herd were undeniably evident during the 80-minute battle.

Apgar applauded the naturally-gifted athletes.

“We’ve got unbelievable athleticism and talent, and our guys are making leaps and bounds fundamentally,” Apgar said. “We did everything together, but they were fitter than us. We were better today.”

Post-game, Marshall University senior and 5th-year veteran Darian Smith chimed in on the tie and what the team needs to do to come out on top next week against Cedarville University.

“We need to work on chemistry and out-muscling,” Smith said. “We played with too much athleticism. Our back-line positioning needs to get staggered, and get deeper. We need to learn how to ruck. Ruck, ruck, ruck.”

Due to the season’s structure, Marshall will try to improve the score against Xavier in their favor later in the year, but the date has yet to be set.

Coach Apgar will take a more grueling approach to this week’s preparation.

“These guys are going to run until they puke,” Apgar said.

Marshall takes on Cedarville University Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. on the 29th street field in Huntington.

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Community explores Visual Arts Center

Community members observe prints in the printmaking room of the Visual Arts Center Friday.

Donald Van Horn, dean of the College of Arts and Media, speaks before the unveiling of the fiberglass buffalo Friday. Brianna Jarvis, right, won a contest and was granted the privilege of painting and naming “Nexus,” the fiberglass bison.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams helps Brianna Jarvis unveil her creation, “Nexus,” at Pullman Square Friday.

INTRODUCING NEXUS

“Nexus” sits at Pullman Square and represents each of the disciplines within the School of Art and Design. Nexus was designed and painted by Brianna Jarvis, sophomore graphic design student.

A child makes his own piece of art at the Visual Arts Center open house Friday.

Zach Hylton, senior printmaking major, demonstrates printmaking at the Visual Arts Center open house Friday.