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Step Show brings tradition to Marshall

Two sororities and three fraternities competed in the step show for a grand prize of $1,000. Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta sorority were represented by the University of Kentucky. Alpha Phi Phi fraternity was represeneted by James Madison University. Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was represented by West Virginia State University. Alpha Xi Delta sorority was represented by Marshall University.

Shalonne Trigg, a spectator at the show, explained what the step show meant to her.

"I was born in Marshall, W.Va. I have many good memories from my college days, but seeing these girls together was moving. The step show is a great way to show off our culture and bring people together. It's a time to celebrate and have fun with our friends.

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to an injury. Losing two starting receivers would be a problem
a brotherhood, I think everything else will take care of itself.”
brothers, they’re hurting right now, they need us,’ and we had
an unbreakable bond within the team.
Hunter, who wore McKelvey’s No. 31 for the game.
knee injury, was represented on the field by linebacker D.J.
Gary Thompson), players on both sides of the ball stepped
walked out of Joan C. Edwards Stadium with a 49-24 win on
noon Saturday.
versity after losing to the Blue Raiders on the last play of the
before it could exact revenge on Middle Tennessee State Uni
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have a great facility to be able to host this, so we’re super happy.”
technical Institute, West Virginia Wesleyan and Marshall University.
participated: West Virginia University, Alderson-Broadus, Davis
hosted the West Virginia State Games Oct. 10-11 at the Fitch
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her budding career by having career highlights on all three days.

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Bradshaw returns for Herd homecoming

BY AURDEA MORSEY THE PARTHENON
Former Marshall University football player and two-time Super Bowl champion Ahmad Bradshaw returned to Huntington Saturday for the Thundering Herd homecoming game.

Bradshaw is in his eighth NFL season as a second running back for the Indianapolis Colts. After his three-season career at Marshall, the New York Giants drafted him in 2007 during the seventh round. While he was at Marshall, Bradshaw became the 10th player to gain 4,000 all-purpose yards in a career and the eighth player to gain over 1,000 yards rushing in a single season. Butting our of college, Bradshaw had the best season of his career, leading the league in rushing and yardage.

Bradshaw said it was great to be back in Huntington for the game.

Bradshaw’s return for the Herd’s Homecoming game is no surprise. Bradshaw is among the top 10 all-time rushers in Marshall history, with 3,084 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns. He also set the school record for rushing yards in a single game with 246 yards in 2007.

Bradshaw said he was excited to be back in Huntington and to see his old teammates and coaches.

Bradshaw also commended Marshall on its successful season so far.

“Love these guys; they’re something special,” Bradshaw said. “They’re fighting hard and doing a great job.”

Bradshaw also talked about his time at Marshall and how it helped him get to where he is today.

“It’s great to be back in Huntington and to see all the familiar faces. It’s always special to come back to Marshall and support the Thundering Herd.”
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MU Rec Center gives kids a night out

By BRIANNA PAXTON

The Marshall Recreation Center offers a few options for kids attending Kids’ Night Out, a program series at the Marshall Rec Center on Friday. The Rec center hosts Kids’ Night Out multiple times every year for children ages 4-12.

“We have a date night, we’re going to dinner,” parent Rosalynn Quinones said. “I told my husband he’s in charge of what were going to do for dinner.”

The Rec center hosts Kids’ Night Out, a program series at the Marshall Rec Center on Friday.

ABOVE: Ion Anderson runs Friday during Kids’ Night Out.
LEFT: Youssof Mitiek, 8, runs Friday during Kids’ Night Out.
RIGHT: Omar Mitiek, 10, runs Friday during Kids’ Night Out.
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“I really like the hoop stuff, but there is also a nice facility.” said Israel Dabbs, one of the children attending Kids’ Night Out, and he really enjoys the sports activities. “I really like the hoop stuff, basketball and kickball.” Dabbs said. “I have a lot of fun here. A couple of my friends are coming too.”

The kids picked which activities to participate in, and were provided games and jerseys for dinner.

“We have a date night, we’re going to dinner,” parent Reem Elbash said. “I want to enjoy myself, to enjoy themselves, and it gives me time to enjoy myself.”

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“I really look forward to it.”

“They’re here all the time, they are fun too,” parent Amber Quinones said. “They come to play and swim, and it’s nice to expose them to the Rec center too. It’s a nice facility.”

“They love to have dinner, we love to have our free time” parent Rosalynn Quinones said. “It’s a change of what we’re going to do tonight.”

“The Marshall Rec gave parents an opportunity to have a night out on the town while their kids engage in movies, swimming, basketball, varia-

DEGREE WORKS

The Student Resource Center offers a workshop focused on Degree Works for students who need help navigating the site.

Lyons explained what Degree Works is, and how it can help students of all ages and class levels.

“Degree Works is a life-changing experience, but few American students take advantage of the program. The purpose of the fair is to find out what and where to go, how affordable it is and how to use its features,” Lyons explained. “This can be daunting at first for students, but some common gripes about the program can be easily solved.

“Degree Works can be confusing sometimes, but taking your time with it and not getting frustrated goes a long way,” Lyons said. “Sometimes specific classes don’t show up on them, but for the most part, the credit hours and class requirements are normally up to date. Despite the small glitches, the application is definitely a helpful tool that students can only benefit from learning.”

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Study Abroad Fair coming Tuesday

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The Student Resource Center is hosting a Study Abroad Fair Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center to encourage students to consider studying abroad. Study abroad is a life-changing experience, but few American students take advantage of the program.

“Study abroad has something to fit everyone’s needs. The fair will give students the opportunity to travel and meet people from all over the world. Attendees will also be able to meet other students who have already studied abroad.”

As fair attendees, students will also find out how to use their financial aid and to figure out where they can study according to their major.

Faculty and staff members will also be able to meet other students who have already studied abroad.

For more information, the Study Abroad office is located in Old Main, room 321. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (11/26/2013 - times@marshall.edu)
In 1960, Marshall University was on the fast track to the top. The responsibilities of Miss Marshall are to represent the university at various events around the state. Miss Marshall, along with Mr. Marshall, are the ambassadors of Marshall University. In the past, Homecoming court was made up of representatives from every class, except seniors. Originally, only the senior representatives were in a race for the crown of Miss Marshall. Now, anyone can win the crown.

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Past Miss Marshall winners were announced a few days before the Homecoming festivities so they could prepare for the parade, Homecoming game and the Homecoming dance. Presently, the Miss Marshall candidates are left clueless as to who will receive the crown until half time of the Homecoming game. In the past, the highlight of Homecoming was the festivities involved before and after the football game. In 1969, the Herd was on a 27-game losing streak, so the game was more than disappointing when they lost to Bowling Green University.

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In the Nov. 11, 1998, issue of The Parthenon, White said she wanted to inspire future students who wish to become Miss Marshall. “I want to succeed in my classes as well as my activities,” White said. “I hope this will make me a well-rounded person. I want to be a role model and work with students so they may want to work to be Miss Marshall.”

Former Miss Marshall 1999, Meredith J. Erwin, came from Bufalo High School and had a hard adjustment when she entered Marshall. She was a football trainer during the previous school year, where she witnessed how the athletes were idolized. After winning Miss Marshall, Erwin was eager for an opportunity to be a role model.

“All last year [as a football trainer] I watched people look up to athletes,” Erwin said in the Nov. 2, 1999 issue of The Parthenon. “Now I have the chance to be a role model. I don’t want to be in the spotlight, but it’s great to know people may want to hear what you have to say and I will be able to represent a school that has been so good to me.”

Morgan Wright, sponsored by Alpha Xi Delta was crowned Miss Marshall Saturday during the Homecoming game. Wright said she feels extremely honored that she was picked above the rest. She plans on representing Marshall in the best of her ability. “I feel extremely blessed,” Wright said. “I know a lot of people had a passion to be Miss Marshall, so I am so grateful that I received this opportunity. It means so much to me, and I’m going to give it 110 percent of my heart.”

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"I'd say our biggest thing is that we are going to other wise be making sure that we are attacking and never letting up when we get big leads like this and not allowing the other team back up," said Braxton.

"Over the next couple months, we'll be focusing on every pitch, every spot, and every swing, making sure it's fully aggres sive and that we really go out for some people. They didn't shy away from the challenges we gave them. We had people who never came the aide and they just said okay, I'll move the aide. We had a senior (Katy Kramer) who had never swam the 200 butterfly, threw down and scored some points for the team." Marshall will travel to Asheville on Oct. 25, to face UNC Asheville and Gardner Wachel. Scott Bolger can be con tacted at bolger@marshall. edu.

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that form the National Pan-Mor- lest Council. As an alumni, the event was not entertaining, it was a reason of The Divine Nine, said Jones. "It was also well attended by the Marshall and Huntington community." said his favorite perfor mance was the Kappas, not only because it was his fraternity brothers, but also because in theme, steps and energy was so impressive.

Stuirah Cox, an Alpha Kappa Alpha who stepped in the shoe, spoke about what it took to make the step show successful. "The process of getting ready for the step show was a bit stressful, but well worth it," Cox said. "We had to practice, prac tice, and practice and perfect the performance. It took hard work and dedication." Cox said this was an amazing experience for her and if she could do it again, she would. Desmyelle Murray can be con tacted murray91@mar shall.edu.

HOMECOMING 2014

Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp waves to the crowd Saturday during the 2014 Homecoming parade.

Students carry the Homecoming banner that was hung in the Memorial Student Center Saturday during the Homecoming parade.

Marshall University College Republicans club shows some school spirit Saturday during the Homecoming parade.

Marshall University cheerleaders and Hurrs throw candy to the crowd Saturday during the Homecoming parade.

Alpha Phi Omegas students on their float during the Homecoming parade Saturday.