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Valsalva's Venous Valves are one of the main causes of the seriousness of a secondary cardiovascular disease.
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~DUNCAN WAUGAMAN, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

By Hannah Satre

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Each year, the Student Government Association allocates $25,000 to fund student organizations, and this year, all the money has been used in less than half a semester. Last year, $10,000 was given to student organizations who applied for SGA funding, but this year, there was an overwhelming amount of applications. Fifty out of 65 student organizations have been funded so far this year.

Before Christmas break, the executive staff of SGA will assess its budget to help fund the remaining student groups. Duncan Waugaman, Marshall University student body president, said it is amazing that so many groups have applied for funding this year. “In past years, the allocated funds we have for student organizations have not all been used,” Waugaman said. “Helping out as many groups as possible is our goal, and we are going to try and do just that. Hopefully, we can find excess money to help the remaining 15 groups that applied as well.”

A lot of groups funded by SGA use the money to help with fundraisers they have for their organization. Jordan Harris, president of Delta Chi fraternity, said with the help of SGA, they were able to have a successful spaghetti dinner fundraiser for The V Foundation. “The money we received from SGA helped us buy all the supplies we needed for our spaghetti dinner,” Harris said. “We were able to give all the money raised through ticket sales, totaling around $1,000, straight to The V Foundation for cancer research.”

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LEFT: Kari Newman, from Huntington, is the artist of Bead Unique and produces beaded jewelry at Heritage Village. BELOW: Tim Hayes, from Huntington, is a tour guide at Heritage Farms. THE PARTHENON

above: Kyra Newman, 10, from Huntington, holds a rabbit at Heritage Village. The farm features a petting zoo, where visitors can interact with animals. RIGHT: Drake Grizzell, from Ashland, draws out a piece of bronze from an old horseshoe to make a letter.

FARM OPENS

HERITAGE
TO SHOW
UP TO HISTORY

By Emily Rice

The Parthenon

Heritage Farms hosted a Way Back Weekend event Saturday, allowing the public a glimpse into history. Audi Perry, executive director of Heritage Farms, said the event is an opportunity for people to learn more about their heritage than they would in a classroom.

“We like to help people experience the past in a hands-on, visual way,” Perry said. “We want to help them understand that they come from such a hard-working, ingenious people and you can definitely see that on display when people are showing artifacts from 100 years ago.”

This is the farm’s overarching goal, to allow people to experience history, but this weekend in particular allowed the public to explore in a different way. “Way Back Weekend is an opportunity to let the public come in and see all of our exhibits without having to pay where a tour guide,” said Tim Hayes, animal hand at Heritage Farms. “They can use not only the past and the present, but get an idea of how we can better help the future.”

The farm also features a petting zoo, where people can interact with animals that were commonplace to their ancestors. “It is a recording experience to have the public come in and see all my animals. They love them,” Hayes said. “It brings people in and spent time getting to interact with and teach animals that they normally would not get to teach in a recording.”

Jeff Madachy, of Columbus, Ohio, also thought the experience rewarding. “It is good to see a lot of the history in the area and how things used to be run,” Madachy said. “Just to see how far we have come with technology. With the way things are going nowadays, we are going to lose a lot of this fine craftsmanship, but it is very interesting to see the progress.”

Karen Vlezquez of Dresden, Ohio, said the artisans crafts were particularly interesting to her. “It is wonderful to see the evolution of the tools and the different artisan crafts that they have going on,” Vlezquez said. “Jeanine Detole, of Lake Winn, Ohio, said she made made a day trip of the heritage.”

“My husband and I like to take this kind of stuff and we thought it would be a good day trip with the grandchildren,” Detole said. “To bring her out and experience some of the stuff that we grew up with and our grandparents grew up with.”

They Harvey tour guide at Heritage Farms, it is difficult to understand where we are now without understanding our past. “We are here to preserve the past and educate about the past; to preserve the past for our future generations,” Harvey said. “If you do not know where you have been, you do not know where you are going, and you cannot appreciate where we are as mankind.”

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By SCOTT BOLGER
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Inside Marshall University’s Fitch Natatorium Saturday, the Thundering Herd swim team faced one Big East and one Southeastern Conference opponent in Xavier University and Vanderbilt University. Marshall defeated Xavier by a large margin with 212 points to its 82, but fell to Vanderbilt 150-143.

So far this season, Marshall has a 2-2 record in standard meets.

One noticeable segment of a typical swim team missing for the Thundering Herd this season is diving. Despite not having a diving team, which gave Marshall a bit of a bolstering on the score cards.

"Overall, I’m pretty happy with how everyone did today," said Marshall’s head swimming coach Bill Tramel. "They (Xavier and Vanderbilt) don’t sponsor diving, so we scored 32 points today to their zero. That’s what gets it close, but you know what, they don’t have diving, they don’t dive. We do. We support diving and will take the points."

Showing the biggest improvement in the one-meter diving portion of the tournament was sophomore Herd member Rachel Sleichter, who improved her personal best distance from the board.

"What we’re trying to do right now is teach fundamentals," Tramel said. "I should really say refine our fundamentals, most of them did it, but you have to make sure you do it easily will have the most success, so what we’re trying to do is teach fundamentals, and athletes that can find a way to cut through the water more and sustained a two-plus yard lead over every other non-Vanderbilt’s Brenda Cha in the 12th stretch of the first Heat, Gregory increased her lead by three-yard increments, with Vanderbilt’s Brenda Cha in the 12th stretch of the first Heat, Gregory increased her lead by three-yard increments, with your arms as fast as you can and kick as fast as you can. You have to find the most hydrodynamic way to get through the water."

The Commodores of Vanderbilt enjoyed 10 first place finishes in all 16 events, and now have six-straight wins over the Thundering Herd. Despite the continuing defeats to one of the SEC’s best swimming programs, Tramel was appreciative of his team’s effort and tenacity.

"The meet was great," Tramel said. "We certainly bounced back from our meet last week. Unfortunately through the meet, we had a little hiccup, stumbled and went to sleep. Today, they kept their feet on the gas the whole time and did a fantastic job across the board for our whole team. We had four lifetime bests today and we’re going to rewrite our depth chart today, so we certainly did a fantastic job."

Marshall has six meets along with one invitational left before the Conference USA tournament, and will travel to Dayton, Ohio, next week to take on Wright State and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. With a lengthy schedule ahead of them, the development of fundamentals will be a key component in the coaching process for the remainder of the season.

"What we’re trying to do right now is teach fundamentals," Tramel said. "I should really say refine our fundamentals, technique and mechanics. Swimming is not just dive in and move your arms as fast as you can and kick as fast as you can. You have to find the most hydrodynamic way to get through the water."

The athletes that can find a way to cut through the water more easily will have the most success, so what we’re trying to do is technically get better with each event."

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For many West Virginians, it feels like it is against the world. “Where are you from?” “West Virginia.” “Oh! I have a family near Richmond.” “Well, I heard that the state of west Virginia.”

That’s when our state gets national attention. Even if you just go to school here, it’s nice to hear people talking about Marshall, especially once we went the AP Top 25 Poll.

When West Virginia University entered the top 25 that was just more good attention for our state. It’s what brought ESPN GameDay to the state, and that is why Babineau Cave was asked to go to Morgantown to be on the set. The rest of the cast lump us together. It makes sense. The two biggest schools in the state aren’t ranked. Why wouldn’t they ask Cave to come in for an interview? “About (n) man, the way, for representing Marshall so well.”

But what did ESPN bring to West Virginia? More animosity between the two schools. But it was announced Cave would be interviewed, many Mountain fan were outraged, and some even feared the worst. What happens if they lose? Or if something bad at something bad happens? Interview was moved inside the GameDay tent.

Then there were the signs. In Bleacher Report’s Top 10 “College GameDay” Sign list, two targeted Marshall players. One was ranked about a week ago: “8-0 and Marshall still sucks,” and “Marshall was ranked after a weak season.” Why not put that out there ahead of a team you insist you can beat? It’s just bullying — making fun of “little brothers” — to make you feel better about yourself. Rivalries should be fun. Does this even have a point anymore?

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Guyandotte goes back to Civil War era for 25th year

By AMBER PAYNE

The oldest section of Huntington, the town of Guyandotte, went back in time to the mid-19th century this weekend for the 25th annual Guyandotte Civil War Days.

In 1861, the Union-controlled town of Guyandotte was raided by Confederate troops, whose surprise attack resulted in a Confederate victory. The victory was short-lived, however, and a contingent of Union troops took back the town the next day. The two-day battle culminated with the burning of nearly the whole town as retaliation for the large number of citizens who aided the Confederacy’s initial attack.

Rob McCrary, a Civil War re-enactor, said he loves coming to Guyandotte for this battle.

“I have done this for 28 years,” McCrary said. “I have done about everything: civilian, infantry, artillery and so on. I like traveling and seeing new towns and getting their history. It is just a very interesting history. I have been here at least five times before. I love that they are trying to portray what actually happened here.”

People like McCrary have committed their lives and careers to battle re-enactments. Al Stone portrays General Robert E. Lee in the event, and has announced this year will be his last. He re-enacts in more than 20 events a year and has portrayed the general in more than 25 movies. Re-enacting has been a hobby of his for 20 years.

“IT’s time to retire my impression and enjoy the twilight years with my wife and family,” Stone said in a recent interview with blogger Keith Harris. “I think it is time to take a less active role in the area of re-enactments and living history programs.”

Laura Kinsley, from Huntington, said she is disappointed to hear of Stone’s retirement.

“It is a shame that he is retiring,” Kinsley said. “He looks just like him [General Lee] and he is great at what he does.”

Kinsley brought her children along this year so they could learn the history behind the battle.

“It’s our fourth time here,” Kinsley said. “We absolutely love it. We brought our kids with us this year because they are doing a social studies project on the Civil War.”

Historian Jack Childers, from Huntington, has been coming to Civil War Days for 25 years.

“I just like getting the feeling of what it was like being at a battle for what you thought was right,” Childers said. “They try to re-enact and show you the conditions they were in. The battle was at night, in reality. A lot of them [Union soldiers] tried to hide between or underneath buildings. A lot of the families told the Confederates where they were hiding, which left a lot of bitterness in the town.”

Aside from the battles and scenarios, the event also included a historical lecture series, a lecture for children, tours of the historical Madie Carroll house and several merchants.

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Several re-enactors portray townspeople during the merchant scenario Saturday at Guyandotte Civil War Days.