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Suites Hotel. Capito is the first female senator to represent West Virginia.

By RICK BARBERO

TAKES PIES TO THE FACE FOR A CAUSE

President Shane Bias, president of Sigma Tau Gamma, said the fraternity will continue to support the Special Olympics with events throughout the year.

"We give all the money this semester to raise money for our philanthropy," Bias said. "We're a fraternity so we want to have a successful event today and we hope to continue that trend with future events."

She said the event made $1000 for the Special Olympics, and hopes for continued success with their philanthropy-focused events.

"We hope the future events will be as successful as this one, and the last one, which made over $500," Bias said.

Several members of Sigma Tau Gamma took part in philanthropic activity as well. Collins, an exercise science major, said the event was one of many that the fraternity will do to support the Special Olympics.

"We’re going to do Bucket Ball games," Collins said. "This will be another event for our philanthropy, the Special Olympics."

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The Republican congressman John Rahall of West Virginia, who has represented the 3rd Congressional District since 1976, lost his seat Tuesday to Democrat Evan Jenkins.

Jenkins, a 2-term state senator, switched from Demo- crat to Republican in July 2013 to face Rahall.

“West Virginia is one of the few places where the people have the opportunity to rise up and elect their leaders,” Jenkins said. “I’m honored by the results so far. I’ve got to get to work.”

Rahall was first elected in 1976. His popularity in general elections has declined since then, with 71 percent of the vote in 2002. "Because this election is ending, it does not mean that my service will end tonight," Rahall said. "One chapter ends and another begins. And no matter what is in that new chapter, I will continue to fight for West Virginia way of life."
**COLUMN: New rankings leave Marshall in the dark**

By JAMES COLLIER

WvuXU SPORTS DIRECTOR

The latest College Football Rankings have been released and with them come an array of conversations. The teams within the top 10 all have stated their cases with the play on the field, the lower level of the rankings (20-25) have the consistency of water and alfalfa.

Should the playoffs play today, the four teams in would be Mississippi State, Florida State, Auburn and Oregon, with Alabama on the outside looking in.

What is so clearly overlooked is in a system that has the appearance of transparency it is no system at all. The system became even more cloudy when the committee of 12 failed to place a member of a Group of Five school in the rankings, leaving many with more questions than when the system began.

New to the rankings this week is Georgia Tech at No. 24 and Wisconsin at No. 25, with East Carolina and Louisville falling out after losses to Temple and No. 2 Florida State, respectively.

With the additions of GT and Wisconsin leaves 8-0 Marshall and 4-1 Colorado State on the outside looking in. But the biggest loss is there is not a window to look through for the G5 schools, and the committee does not plan on telling anyone whose teams stand until one makes enough of a case to get inside the top 25.

So we wait, possibly until December, when the conference champions have been crowned, before we find out who is truly in the driver’s seat for the College Football Access Bowl that is awarded to the top ranked G5 school.

Is it Marshall leading the way, since the Herd is ranked in both the Associated Coaches Poll and the AP Top 25, or has Colorado State taken control of the race to join in with the “Big Boys” of college football this Year’s Off.

Perhaps we should flip a coin. At least there’s a 50 percent chance of getting a true answer by that method, and I’m not sure we will ever get to that point with the system as it operates.

So we wait while the words “transparency” and “equality” are issued around like a dog’s favorite chew toy in reference to college Football Playoff Rankings.

I don’t know how well the G5 schools and fans can catch, but I seriously doubt they will just sit and wait to have a bone tossed their way.

But who really knows? After all, the 65 really is irrelevant in the discussion and cannot use inside to let the committee know they are scratching at the door, try- ing to get in, so they can run with the big dogs.

Unfortunately, all the G5 schools and fans can do is sit and wait and hope to have their way to sometime throughout this sea- son, or perhaps just wait until the purging gift is handed out, aka, the “Golden Ticket” to the College Football Access Bowl.

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**COLUMN: Life as an AP Top 25 voter**

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Two locations, two computers, a cell phone and a full collec- tion of NCAA football games over a duration of 12 hours. That was how I spent Saturday in hopes of trying to gauge a day in the life of an AP Top 25 voter.

What a start to the afternoon session. Temple knocks off No. 17 Utah, No. 23 East Carolina and Temple started my afternoon session as the Rams are a part of the College Access Bowl discussion.

The Big 12 was well represented by TCU and WVU which an- swered some of the questions I had regarding the quality of both teams. TCU needed five turnovers while amassing a game set- ting field goal as time expired to get past the Mountaineers, but this was a must win for any chance of staying atop the teams in the nation. WVU needed to hold on and played through the adversity and nearly pulled off the upset. Florida’s upset of Geor- gia is a devastating loss for the Bulldogs, but when looking at the entire body of work, how important is Todd Gurley in the offense.

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So, the next time you look at a poll and ask how someone can vote for the home team, just because...

Much like a midnight infomercial catch phrase, “But wait, maybe you can vote for the home team!”

Collier’s Top 25

2. Florida State 15. LSU 22. Michigan State
8. Ole Miss 21. Michigan State
10. Kansas State 23. Utah

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Required voting probably not the best option

Militaries of Americans headed to the polls Tuesday to cast their votes in the midterm elections. CNN predictions claim only 46 percent of the voting-age population, however, will have turned out this year, which brings up the question of how to increase the number of people who vote. For Australians and members of some other democracies, mandatory voting was the answer. But would requiring citizens to vote truly make the United States better?

Advocates for such an option wishing to eliminate campaigns focusing all almost entirely on core supporters, as citizens with less influence or emotional connection to a platform prefer compromise to conflict. Candidates could focus more on reaching the broadest possible audience and serious legislative work. It also may eliminate the issue of excessive campaign spending and the ability of greater wealth to have more influence. In such a system, citizens would be required to present themselves at a polling place and either cast their votes or choose to spoil the ballot. But such a concept, in reality, only stands a chance of adoption if the government permits it to be voted on.

According to Gretchen Hilleke and Bonnie Meguid, associate political science professors at the University of Rochester, conservatives were the first to champion mandatory voting in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. At the time, liberals maintained an unspoken ability to mobilize voters, therefore the right countered with proposed compulsory voting to bring out more constituents.

Generally, a mandatory voting law is impractical, and it would be nearly impossible to impose such a law. It could not be regulated efficiently, and it could not be adequately enforced. Instead, voting should be made easier for constituents to participate. Same-day registration, more opportunities for re- vote voters and making Election Day an official holiday would all accommodate our realistic needs as voters.

The question should not be how to force people to vote, the question should be how to convince people to care about voting. Describing the democratic process as a duty or shining constituents into it does not work, efficiently, apparently, so the next step should be to find out how to make people want to make a difference.


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Cirrus cited for hair-hanging stunt that injured 9

By MICHELLE R. SMITH

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus cited akey rigging component in a hair-hanging stunt, causing a fall that seriously injured eight acrobats, federal workplace safety regulators said Tuesday.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which regulates safety standards for the circus industry, said it was citing the company's top priority, and it is making the necessary changes.

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most of the women were severely injured. Some were unable to walk as of June, and they have collectively gone through dozens of surgeries. Several of the women hired a lawyer and at that time said they were planning to sue the company. The lawyer did not immediately return a request for comment on Thursday.

One of the women, Samantha Jenkins, was seriously injured in the circus, but the others are and are being covered by workers’ compensation insurance, Payne said.

The circus has not return to the circus. Payne said for the worker on the ground it was flat or what it will look like.

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come back and do it again. They're working on the new show and asking if they can fight or park a vehicle. We should encourage them to do things...

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that stepped forward to push her name and cause across the state of West Virginia. "Our democracy is richer for intelligence, it stands

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for fearlessness. That's why grandma wore that pin. She wore it because these are the attributes she held in the highest regard. So regardless of who you voted for today, all West Virginians should be proud of sending a senator to Washington that is like the roadrunner," Capito said. Capito ran on a campaign focused on gaining a faster growing economy, better jobs, strong middle class, and...
Meet an INTO Marshall Student

Paula Riveros

By JARED CASTO

Paula Riveros is a Columbian INTO student majoring in International Affairs. Riveros was attracted to Marshall because of the small size of Huntington in comparison to other university cities. Currently, Riveros is volunteering at the local Ronald McDonald House and eventually wants to get involved with local politics that will give her more knowledge for her major. So far, her favorite experience in America has been attending the Ultra Music Festival in Miami, Florida with her friends. Although adapting to American culture and life as a student has been difficult for her, she believes the great people she has met and the INTO Marshall program have made America and Marshall University feel like home.

How long have you lived in America?

I've been here for nine months.

How do you think you have adapted to life in America?

It's been really hard. Everything is different from my home country. But the people here are really friendly and they help me a lot. The INTO program helps me with every issue I have… The only stuff I'm really still wondering about is the food.

How and why did you choose to come to Marshall University?

There was an agency I was looking at for studying English in the U.S. When I went there they showed me a lot of universities in America and I was like “No, I don’t want big cities.” Then they showed me Marshall. They were like, “There’s no Spanish-speaking people there. There’s really just you and a few others.” And I said, “That’s perfect. Because I don’t want to speak Spanish at all.”

What are your plans after you graduate?

After my undergrad, I think to start my graduate. And I’d like to do an internship. My plans are to stay maybe here—probably not in Huntington, but in the U.S. Just not in my country, at least.

How do you keep in touch with your family?

I don’t really talk with my family that much. Just once per week or once every two weeks. It’s not like my friends, who keep in touch every day. And I’m like “What’s wrong with me? I should be doing that!” I really miss my family and sometimes I want to be there, but I feel like if I talk with them everyday it will make it harder.

What are some activities or hobbies you like to do?

I was looking actually for something related to volleyball… But it’s really hard. First, if I want to join any team out of the university, I don’t have a car. So it’s not like “take the bus” and the bus is here every fifteen minutes. It’s every hour. And I can’t take a taxi everyday because it’s going to be expensive. So I really like to do kind of different activities. I was about to start, but I don’t have a way to get there. But I’m going to have a way soon and I’ll have fun. I also would like to go and see something related with politics here.

Is there anything else that you want people to know?

I really like this [INTO Marshall] program. I have friends who are doing the same. They just go to another country and study English. It’s ok, you know. But INTO and this program, they’re different. They’re doing everything to make you feel at home… They make activities and just try to make you feel really safe. And I really like that and I’m sure that if it wasn’t for that, I probably would not be here. I would probably not be here, but do different places… They’re doing small things that make people really like this. I’m here right now, actually, just because: I can feel like someone is there. It’s not only with the program, it’s with the people here at the university.