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Rec Center offers Kids’ Night Out

By MEREDITH SPIGHT

The Rec is giving parents an opportunity to drop off their kids for the night Friday at Kids’ Night Out from 5-9 p.m. Kids ages 4-12 can enjoy activities such as swimming, rock wall climbing, basketball and a pizza party.

Kids’ Night Out is usually done on the first Friday of every month, but in honor of Valentine’s Day, the Rec Center has decided to have the event a week later than usual.

Nicole Math, director of marketing and memberships, said the event is beneficial to kids and their parents.

“It’s a nice little break for parents, but it’s also a good way to keep the kids active and interested,” Math said. The cost for members is $15 and $10 for every additional child.

For parents who have babysitters, Math said this might seem like a bargain.

“The price is really good,” Math said. “I would pay a babysitter a lot more to come to my house than to just drop them off here.”

Math said the staff that puts on Kids’ Night Out does it for free.

The Rec Center does not have the event during the summer or in January.

Muth said it does not have the event during those times because it is too close to New Year’s and participation is low.

Math said most of the kids who come are in camp during the summer and do similar activities. She said the kids in the past seemed to like swimming the best out of the other activities.

“She turns on the vortex and the kids float around in circles,” Math said. “They love it and we have some blow up boats that we put out.”

The Rec Center is open during normal hours during Kids’ Night Out.

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MU website advises students on campus emergency procedures

By TYLER FERRIS

Marshall University students have access to in-depth instructions on Marshall’s website when it comes to emergency situations.

James Terry, director of public safety at Marshall, said students and faculty stay informed on campus procedures.

“The real challenge there is, what is the situation, what is the message and what do we need to have folks do,” Carter said. “This is something where there were lessons learned from Virginia Tech and other schools that have had this happen. They weren’t criticized as much for lack of an emergency notification system, as how much log time was it between when you knew there was an issue and the guidance that was given.”

Carter said once the information is submitted, text messages generally make it to MU Alert subscribers in two minutes or less, followed by emails and phone calls respectively.

There are different emergency procedures listed on Marshall’s website.

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MUS’ S.P.A.C.E. to build payloads for NASA

By WILLIAM IZZO

Formally the MU Rocketry Club, the Marshall University Student Partnership for the Advancement of Commercial Exploration is working on spacecraft and building payloads to be included on rockets or weather balloons.

The club used to focus more on building and launching model rockets that varied in size and shape but have since entered a partnership with NASA to build satellites.

These satellites, or payloads, read various types of atmospheric data.

“The data is then sent back to the West Virginia Space Grant Consortium, which helps fund the group,” Club President Tyler Bonnett said everyone is welcome to join.

“You don’t need any actual rocket, or payload building experience,” Bonnett said. “You just need to be kind of person that’s interested, but anyone with an interest can join,” Bonnett said. “You don’t need any actual experience, what matters is the message and what do we need.”

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Career Services offers on-campus interviews from local businesses

By MATTHEW EPSILON

Marshall University Career Services is giving students in need of a job the opportunity to have on-campus interviews for different companies.

Debby Stoler, assistant director of development and outreach at NSU Career Services, said IBM, CVS Pharmacy and Target interviews are scheduled this semester.

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By JILL SHEMANSKI

The Marshall University baseball team will kick off their season against Northern Kentucky University this weekend.

"I fondly refer to myself as a 'gym rat,'" Holmes said. "I just want to be successful as a team.

Former Herd tennis coach plays for nationally ranked team

By KASEY MADDEN

Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs of Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been a part of the Herd for years. Even though Holmes did not play tennis for the Herd, she was a graduate student and assistant coach for the women's team in 1975.

"That was a wonderful experience, I have great fondness and appreciation for Dr. Dorothy Hicks who was a graduate student and assistant coach for the women's team in 1975.

Since her graduate assistant days in 1975, Holmes credits Hicks for setting a foundation for her career. In 1976, she started working for the medical school in 1976 and she frequently goes to the Rec Center for work.

Holmes said she still plays tennis a minimum of three times a week and she frequently goes to the Rec Center for work. She feels blessed that she has had this opportunity.

Through her time at Marshall and the tennis court, Holmes said she has learned many lessons about teamwork, priorities and hard work.

"Whether it's you're going to work in the kitchen and make an apple pie or you're going to start a company or you're going to work for someone, you've got to work hard, you've got to take your talents and make them as good as they can be," Holmes said.

Holmes said working out is important for people to take care of themselves physically and mentally.

"I would want to leave everybody with something, it is how important it is to take care of your self because you can't be the best at what you are able to do without taking care of yourself," Holmes said.

This fall will mark the 40th consecutive year Holmes has worked at Marshall. Holmes said she did not think when she started at Marshall, she would still call Huntington home four decades later.

"I could take back all this knowledge and put it in my head had then, I am sure different decisions might have been made but it's been a good ride," Holmes said.

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By TAYLOR STUCK
FOR THE PARTHENON

While the rest of the country was cheering Feb. 5, I was grumpily working at my computer screen.

Sports Illustrated had announced it would be running an ad featuring “plus-sized” model Ashley Graham in its annual swimsuit issue. Graham, a beautiful dark-haired woman with an all-around gorgeous body, will certainly be recognized as an example of her size. It is an online retailer with the tagline “You’ve Got It. Flaunt It.”

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I'm grumbling because I'm supposed to stand up and cheer that the magazine is featuring average women, which we label as “plus-sized.” Graham is a size 14. Lowery is a size 12. The average American woman is a size 14. It is nice to open a magazine and find a beautiful woman whose body-type is similar to mine? Why? Of course Beth Graham and Lowery are great examples of body types for me to strive for in my journey for healthiness. They have full breasts, hips that don’t fall off and stomachs.

My issue is their label. I’ve always found fail in plus-sized, mainly because I myself would be labeled as such, if I were a model.

As a young girl watching “America’s Next Top Model,” I knew I would never reach the beauty standards to be a model. I am about 5’11”, tall enough, even to be on the short girl team of AMPM. I also realize I was never going to be of the right size. I accepted that and crossed “model” off my list of future careers.

The label of plus-sized, however, still haunted me. I’m confident in my appearance today, but it still sticks in the back of my mind.

“You are not normal.,” a part of my mind screams.

While the labels actually modify these flaws slip into the lines of everyday women. It is confusing for women when they see average women breaking onto the scene. Both women are quoted by news sources saying they want all women to be comfortable in their bodies. So, these women become champions for the average women. They are average women who are classified as not normal.

Let that sink in, because it is confusing. The average, or a normal woman, is not normal. So, why’s that I am not celebrating. I’m happy for the two beautiful women, both of whom make great role models for all women. But I will continue to grumble until the day they considered women without the preceding adjectives attaching their nouns.

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Virginia Senate, physicians say 22-week abortion ban is impossible

The Virginia Senate on Wednesday passed a bill banning abortions after the 22nd week of pregnancy, despite doctors saying that’s still too early to calculate a probable gestational age for a fetus before an abortion may be performed. This requires doctors to answer yes or no to the question: “Do you believe that the legal steps just because you’re pregnant make them or anybody else any less of a human being?”

On Wednesday, one of those doctors, Dr. Stephen Hicks, 46, described himself as a “pro-tot-ering” atheist. He was obsessed with the abortion-campaign movie “Painful Truth,” and showed “no compassion at all” for other people. His current wife, Karen Hicks, said he “championed the rights of others” and said the killings “had nothing to do with religion or the victims’ faith.”

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Arkbar Htut is a freshman INTO MU student from Burma who is working towards his undergraduate degree in the College of Business. Although he admits adapting to American culture was a struggle at first, he believes that he is gradually finding his way. Htut has enjoyed the technology offered in America and is particularly fond of Amazon, a company that does not have a presence in Burma. Currently, he is trying to relearn the guitar after having quit during high school. After graduating, Htut plans to return to Burma, where he will find a job through his networking skills or start his own business.

Q: How long have you been here since August?
A: I have been here since August, so about five and a half months.

Q: How do you think that you have adapted to America?
A: For the first month, it was quite a big struggle because everything is very different from what I am from. But as my first semester progressed, I adapted way better; making friends, and trying to learn how it is in America. So even simple things like food or how I have to wake up very early in the morning...but afterwards, I got adapted very well. Since I’m the only Burmese student in this school, I couldn’t find other people who I have things in common with. I mean, I didn’t necessarily need to find things in common. The first friends that I made were American people. So it was very good for my social life.

Q: What has been the biggest difference between America and Burma?
A: It’s a big difference, because in America everything is about being independent as a student and as a human being. At my home, it’s more of an interdependent society, which means that everyone is watching over each other. But here, you have to do your own thing, get up on time, and study. It’s a big freedom for me, but at the same time you have to be very careful with how you use that freedom.

Q: What do you like about your favorite experience so far in America?
A: There’s a lot, but the best thing I’ve experienced so far is, in West Virginia, the people are very friendly and welcoming. You can make friends easily and everybody has their own unique thing. For example, I want to play guitar and hang out with musicians. I could do that. And if I just want to have fun but I could find friends who want to relax at the end of the week. And the technology of course. In my country, if you want to get a nursery, there’s no good service such as Amazon. So here, if I want something, it’s easy process. And traveling. I’ve only been to Washington D.C., and some parts around Huntington.

Q: Has there been any social activity you’ve been involved in?
A: I used to play guitar in high school, but then I stopped playing. But right now I’m trying to learn how to play again. And during my first semester, I was in the Kendo club. At first I thought I could handle all that pressure, but then my grades weren’t very satisfactory, so I had to let the Kendo club go.

Q: How do you keep in touch with your family?
A: I’m fortunate because my uncle is the ambassador of my country for the United States. In my country, an uncle is like a father. I’m able to talk to him almost everyday by calling him. And with my parents back in my country, I usually use Viber or Skype to talk with them.

Q: Do you have any ideas for a business you would like to create one day?
A: One thing, I’m thinking about is to have a car dealership with a mechanic because I’ve been in close contact with cars and I know how the business is.

Q: Do you have any interests you would like students at Marshall to know about you?
A: I’m interested in Kendo and I used to practice it in high school. But then I stopped playing. But right now I’m trying to learn how to play again.