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STUDENTS UNITE TO TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Speakers, rally, candlelight vigil aim to break the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault

By TAYLOR POLING

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President hosts open house featuring INTO MU program

By ASHLEY SOODSY

The Office of the University President hosted Marshall University INTO MU employees Wednesday for the President’s Open House Reception. Interim President Gary White hosts an open house every first Wednesday of the month during the school year. Each month sponsors a specific organization on campus.

White said the initiative for the open house was to get to know students and staff better and also to let people talk about things they have done or problems they are having.

“I think it’s a problem that we don’t know about,” Muellerleile said. “I want to give recognition to something we don’t know about.”

The reception is open to anyone and all discussions with White and his staff or student government associates.

The featured organization for each month also has several key people to speak to. “We have a lot of members of the faculty and also to let people talk about what they have done or problems they are having.”

White said the event has not been decided.

“Rape culture is reflected in every part of our lives, wherever there is sexism that we all give assistance.”

Representatives from Branches Domestic Violence Shelter and CONTACT Rape Crisis Center were there to provide help and assistance.

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By ROB ENGLE THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Psychology Clinic will offer students free, quick and anonymous depression screenings Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Harris Hall Room 449 in participation with National Depression Screening Day Oct. 8.

This marks the 25th year the organization Screening for Mental Health has encouraged a variety of colleges and universities to offer mental health screenings to students, who will determine if patients exhibit depressive symptoms and suggest individualized next steps.

Assistant Professor of psychology Brittany Canady said depression is not an illness that should be taken lightly.

“Depression is a disease that affects many, many, many people,” Canady said. “It’s something that we need to know about and we need to be aware of this and give people opportunities to come in and see us before they’re doing and help direct them toward treatment, if treatment is needed.”

Anyone who attends the clinic will be given a short questionnaire to evaluate their symptoms. Though definitive diagnoses cannot be made, the whistleblower will be able to direct patients to a variety of local follow-up options, including Marshall’s Counseling Center and free therapy services.

Canady said despite the stigma, depression is nothing to be ashamed of and encourages anyone who thinks they are experiencing depressive symptoms to attend the clinic.

“It’s true that depression is highly stigma- tized, as are other mental disorders,” Canady said. “The idea to keep in mind is that it’s so common. It’s one of those disorders that is truly hidden, but it is ever-present in our society. There are many people who you would never expect are dealing with depression, who have found ways to reach out and get help that has made a significant difference in their lives. It can be uncomfortable to reach out, but it can be worth it in the long run.”

Clinical psychologist doctoral candidate Shelby McAfee noted the clinic may be particularly vital to those who are unsure about their symptoms.

“I think coming here could be especially use- ful for people who are kind of ambivalent about whether or not depressed and what that means, and can help them figure it out,” McAfee said.

McGraw along with clinical psychology doctoral candidate Emmy Bush will be one of the two or three counselors available at the screen- ing. Bush said that treatment plans for those who may be experiencing depression will be personalized and collaborative.

“Depression can manifest itself in a lot of different ways, so, first, we want to talk about what depression means to that specific person, because it can mean a lot of things to a lot of different people,” Bush said. “We will work together in some with a plan to target how that is affecting and talk about the connections between thoughts, feelings and behaviors and how that affects their social life and relation- ships, among other things.”

Director of Programs at Screening for Men- tal Health Michelle Holomb said this event is more important now than ever as depression is on the rise among college students nationwide.

“Generally, 15 percent of college students say depression has affected their academic perfor- mance, which is up from just 11 percent in 2009,” Holomb said. “A very broad mental health screening can really help people in the long run who used to get into long-term treatment.”

Those unable to attend can take a general screening online at helpyourselfhelplines.org or locate the nearest in-person clinic to discuss their symptoms.

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Swimming and diving team opens season in fifth annual W.Va. State Games

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Unless you follow basketball closely, chances are you are not too familiar with the career of Spencer Marbury.

Marbury, a native New Yorker who left the league in 2009, now plays for the Beijing Ducks in the Chinese Basketball Association where he re-vitalized his basketball career, leading his team to three league championships in the last four seasons.

His accolades aside — not that he had many to remember during his NBA playing days which were spread across five teams in 13 seasons — the former fourth-overall draft pick from Brooklyn, New York is probably most known for his extremely affordable sneakers, which sold for $15 a pair to be exact.

Partnering with Shoes & Bar’s, Marbury’s first release his “Starbury” shoe line in 2006, but the venture ended in 2009 as the retail company was forced to file for bankruptcy.

Earlier this week, Marbury announced he plans to re-release his sneaker line, which was quite successful while it lasted.

Marbury took to Twitter on Sunday to not only make the announcement but to point out the success involving the king of basketball and basketball sneakers, Michael Jordan.

Marbury, discussing Jordan for the violence that has ensued over his highly sought-after, expensive sneakers, calling the six-time NBA champion “greedy.” The former New York Knick also noted the struggles some parents face in regarding their children with a pair of Nike Air Jordans and the fact that the masses have gotten “caught up in the greatness” of the heralded NBA player.

To the surprise of absolutely no one, Jordan has yet to publicly respond. And he probably should.

Everyone knows Jordan has never been one to spout out on social issues, political issues or anything, really. Mike has made it clear that his agenda is to make money, which he obviously does very well.

Prime example: after being asked to publicly endorse an African-american senator in 1992, Jordan declined the North Carolina democrat’s offer, reportedly telling the lawmaker “Race is not a factor.”

That infers quite probably defines Mike outside of basketball almost as much as hitting clutch shots and scoring triples, the defining trait for who he is within it.

But I get it. Yes, it is unfair to expect an athlete to be anything more than an athlete. However, after making hundreds of millions of dollars with his customers being inner-city kids, you would think Mike may have something to publically say about the violence being provoked over his created sneakers.

A pair of Nike Air Jordans is considered an expensive target in certain neighborhoods across the country. I can remember my elementary school teacher telling the class not to wear Air Jordans if you walk home because you were basically asking to get robbed.

In December, a 16-year-old Ohio boy was shot and killed after attempting to steal a pair of limited edition Air Jordans. Unfortunately, this type of violence happens often over a pair of Mike Air Jordans.

Greed Mike ask Nike to drop the outrageous prices of his sneakers, which costs around $50 in your average small factory in China? Who knows? Maybe.

Either way, Mike’s lack of concern for this issue is rather disturbing.

By selling his sneakers for $15 — regardless of the $15 price, Air Jordans cost — Marbury is attempting to make something out of nothing.

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On obesity and disease in West Virginia

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The collection bro-bow tie that comforted and inspired writer Jack Kerouac in going on the road. "Kerouac Retrived," an exhibit in his hometown Thursday, is a look at Kerouac's work and the ideas and items that inspired him. Though Kerouac died in 1969, his influence endures.

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