Child poverty program, absence policy and campus trees discussed at SGA meeting

By JARED CASTRO
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A representative for the West Virginia Healthy Kids and Families Coalition spoke to the Student Government Association Tuesday about bringing “Our Children, Our Future,” a campaign to end childhood poverty to Marshall University.

The representative, Katie Wright, said the campaign uses policy work, advocacy work, grassroots organizing and education to address the poverty epidemic. Wright asked the senate to consider opening a student chapter at Marshall and said that doing so could open up internship and scholarship opportunities for students involved.

“There’s one at WVU, there’s one at West Virginia State, one at Wesleyan and one at Concord,” Wright said. “So the new part is, I see like ‘Why aren’t we at Marshall? That doesn’t make sense.’

“President pre-tempores Alix O’Donnell presented a resolution that would reverse the excused absence policy to excuse students with children whose school has been cancelled or delayed. O’Donnell said this resolution stemmed from a student facing this issue during the January snowstorm.

“She was looking for an excused absence and she was denied because the excused absence policy does not cover cancellations of a child’s school,” O’Donnell said.

According to O’Donnell, the resolution is a recommendation to the budget and academic policy committee to look into revising the excused absence policy to include individuals who may experience this problem.

A resolution presented by Sen. Ethan Higginbotham to replace the gingko trees in front of the science building with trees that were approved. According to Higginbotham, the trees are observed by students and faculty in the science building due to their rangy-like odor.

Additionally, Higginbotham said the current trees present a biodiversity concern for insects, birds and squirrels. “It doesn’t really hurt the squirrels, but it’s not ideal for their diet,” Higginbotham said. “There’s only one species of insect that can live in these trees and birds will not see a habitat in these trees, so that’s also a concern.”

Alex O’Donnell spoke on the behalf of vice president Isabelle Rogner, reading a message from her to the senate. In the message, Rogner offered an update on the bus system project, which said she and Veterans and Diversity Affairs liaison, Keith Schemel, have been offered 15 minutes to present the bus system proposal to the senate vice president and university president.

The scholarship gift will boost efforts to end child poverty to Marshall University.

Tuesay at SGA’s meeting. RIGHT: Katie Wright speaks to SGA about bringing “Our Children, Our Future” in campus, to end child poverty. ABOVE: Student Body President Duncan Mgoongoo speaks to the Student Government Association Tuesday at SGA’s meeting.

Joan C. Edwards Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine receive $100,000 gift

By LOGAN PARKELO
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards Schools of Medicine and the Marshall University School of Pharmacy received a $100,000 donation from Jerry and Margaret Hodge of Amarillo, Texas. Jerry Hodge is the founder of Major National Pharmacy Services Corporation.

Both deans of the respective schools advanced the gift on February 1, 2016. “We are so pleased we can help offset some of the expenses for students and we are so pleased. We can help offset some of the expenses for students and marginal and I can say, ‘We are Marshall.’” Jerry Hodge said.

Both programs will equally split the funding to create scholarship endowments. This is the largest private gift to date for the nearly four-year-old pharmacy school.

“Mr. Hodge’s commitment to the pharmacy profession in the United States is truly noteworthy and his support for Marshall’s program is very much appreciated,” said school of medicine dean, Joseph J. Shayya, M.D.

The scholarship gift will boost efforts to reduce the debt many students incur during medical school. In addition to his pharmacy career, Jerry Hodge has served two terms as mayor of Amarillo and as a city councilman. Jerry Hodge has also served as president of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, vice chair of the Texas Department of Corrections and chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

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INTO Conversation partners receive first semester challenge

By SON NGUYEN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University INTO program sent out their first challenge to the participants of the Conversation Partner program on Tuesday.

The Conversation Partner program is a culture-themed program hosted by the INTO program since 2013. Participants will be matched up into pairs based on their interests. A common pair will usually consist of one domestic student and one international student.

According to Marshall INTO student engagement coordinator, Kenneth Jones, the number of registered pairs is roughly 170.

Once a month, Jones will send out a “Challenge” for partners to work with each other. Some of the challenges in the past included geocaching, watching basketball games and making friendship cards.

Jones said the theme for the February challenge is “friend.” A pair of conversation partners will get out and eat at a restaurant one of them has never been to before. After that, participants can fill out a question form about their experience and send it to Jones, who will randomly pick two participants and give away two $25 gift cards.

Marshall senior and INTO member for three years, Trista Donahoe said she thinks the Conversation Partner program is one of the best ways Marshall has to offer.

“It has definitely been one of my favorite experiences,” Donahoe said. “I think sometimes students from the US stick in groups with other students from the US and getting a conversation partner is one of the best ways to start a friendship with an international student. It is a lot of fun, and it also helps to develop cultural fluency as you learn about your conversation partner’s country and culture.”

Students who are interested in the Conversation Partner program can sign up by filling out and submitting a form at the INTO front desk.

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Sustainability department to complete Green Trail

By AMANDA GIBSON

There is a new step for students filling the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and University of Kentucky students heard about C.S. Lewis and his ideas on theology during Campus Ministry Commission's devotion on Monday.

The FSA ID replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN, which was used to sign the FAFSA and on other tasks on the Federal Student Aid site in May of last year. The new FSA ID is supposed to make the process easier, according to the Federal Student Aid website.

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New year, new FAFSA login credentials

The Green Trail will function to help students feel more connected to the services that initiate being taken all around campus and serve as a reminder of being environmentally conscious. Baldwin said it is difficult for the sustainability department to make significant changes on a college campus because some students do not pay attention to the efforts being made.

Baldwin added that as there are, there always truth in the recycling contain- ers. Baldwin said, “People don’t stop and read.”

On the “Green Trail” page on Marshall’s website, students can see a list of each task included in recycling bins and the green houses. These sites already exist on campus, but Baldwin said he purpose of the trail is to provide information about the sites and a walkable path. The trail on will be an ongoing project and will expand as students help expand as they expand environmentally friendly efforts on campus.

The Marshall University Green Trail, breaks starts March 23 and will be ongoing until May 22, according to officials. Students can sign up to volunteer to receive a walking guide that will cover the trail.

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The Lion, the Witch and the Mythology: UKcertke lecture connects C.S. Lewis to Christianity

By NANCY PETRON

LRC provides resources for students

By KATLYN FITZPATRICK

The Marshall University Green Trail, a project by the sustainability department, will be complete by the fall semester.

Rev. Rob Laukoter, pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Cove area, said this week that the Trail will be finished by the fall.

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By CHRISTIAN HISMAN

Marshall University’s men’s basketball player Ryan Taylor is now in his third season with the Herd.

The junior is having career numbers in points per game, assists per game and shooting percentage from the field. This season could be the most successful of Taylor’s three seasons with Marshall as the Herd sits in second place in Conference USA standings (7-2).

“Taylor said he also worked on conditioning and getting into better shape for the season,” Taylor said.

The team was playing together often and early in the season. The Herd has won 11 of its last 15 games.

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“Taylor has become a better and more vocal leader since starting at Marshall,” Loop said. “His talent was always there, but his leadership is really starting to show this season.”

After starting off losing its first six games of the season, the Herd has won 11 of its last 15 games.

Marshall’s next game is on the road against the University of Texas at El Paso 9 p.m. Thursday at the Don Haskins Center.

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Taylor thriving in increased leadership role for the Herd

Up next for the Herd

Thursday:

Women’s basketball
UETP 6 p.m.
Huntington, WV

Men’s basketball
UETP 9 p.m.
El Paso, Texas

Friday:

Women’s tennis
Morehead State 10 a.m.
Huntington, WV

Women’s tennis
Radford 5 p.m.
Huntington, WV

Women’s swimming
Marshall Invitational 5 p.m.
Huntington, WV

Women’s Track
Akron Invitational
All Day
Akron, Ohio

Duhon rejoins Marshall’s coaching staff after serving suspension

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University assistant coach Chris DuHon returned to men’s basketball practice Tuesday after completing a two-month suspension for a violation of department rules and policies.

A statement from the athletic department said there will be no other comment on the situation.

DuHon was arrested Nov. 30 on a charge of aggravated DUI.

According to a criminal complaint filed by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department, two deputies responding to a call of a man down in the Cedar Hills subdivision in Eleanor, West Virginia, found a vehicle in the roadway stopped with the engine running and the driver asleep.

The two officers woke the man, who was identified as DuHon, and noted he had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath, according to the complaint. The officers reported he failed three field sobriety tests. A breath test indicated intoxication, and DuHon was arrested.

He was transported to the Putnam County Courthouse to await processing, where he took another breath test, indicating a blood-alcohol level of 0.202, well above the 0.08 level to be considered impaired while driving.

DuHon joined Dan D’Antoni’s coaching staff in 2014, shortly after D’Antoni accepted the head coaching position at Marshall.

In the pair’s first season together, the two led the Herd to an 11-21 record, including a stretch where the team lost 15 of 16 games.

DuHon played nine seasons in the NCAA and won an NCAA championship with Duke University as the starting point guard in 2001.

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Editorial

Cultural appropriation or appreciation?

Recent controversy regarding the latest Coldplay and Beyoncé collaboration in “Hymn for the Weekend” sparked interest out after the single debuted Sunday.

Recorded before the group’s joint-Superbowl performance with Queen Bey, claims of cultural appropriation surfaced immediately after Beyoncé entered the scene sporting traditional head-dress and a sari.

The music video, filmed in India, has been accused of highlighting only a portion of Indian culture, which perpetuates inaccurate stereotypes of never-ending street dancing, Holla celebrations and virulent cityscapes.

Twitter user Atiya Hassan shared her disappointment on social media following the release: “So upset by Coldplay using my culture as a prop for their music video. India isn’t just street kids and ethnic women,” Hassan tweeted, hashtagging #HymnForTheWeekend.

The opinions expressed in the columns and letters do not necessarily represent the views of The Parthenon staff.

Please send emails or letters to parthenon@marshall.edu. Please keep in mind, letters are to be safe and remember that this isn’t the only day that you’re expected to gorge on chocolate and other treats. Pick up a couple bags of grapes.

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Iowa caucus coverage a hit for news networks

By Logan Parkell

The Associated Press

A New Law comes into effect this week punishing violence against women and sexual harassment, in a victory for feminist groups that had fought for years for the legislation.

The law, effective from Monday, had been blocked by the Senate for eight months among politicians who view it as interference in family affairs.

If a woman is mutilated, or the violence occurs in a domestic context, penalties for acts of domestic violence and domestic attacks against women in recent years.

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If a woman is murdered, or the violence causes loss of consciousness or a limb, or any sort of permanent damage, the attacker can face life imprisonment.

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