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WE ARE... FINISHED

Take a look back at some of the major news from the 2016-2017 school year.

< Sept. 10
The Green Machine was unveiled on campus. The bus comes from a partnership with TTA.

Sept. 23 >
Jerome Gilbert was invested as president of Marshall University.

< Oct. 13
Red Dawson returned to Huntington to act as grand marshal for the homecoming parade.

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< Nov. 8
Donald J. Trump defeated Hillary Clinton to be elected as president of the United States.

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Nov. 13 >
Members of the Marshall community participated in the Women’s March in Charleston.

< Jan. 26
Officials from the city of Huntington announced 24 employees from the police and fire departments would be cut to address the city’s budget shortfall.

< Feb. 27
Naloxone training began on campus to certify members of the Marshall community.

March 10 >
Herd men’s basketball made its first Conference USA championship game since 2012.

March 16 >
Matt Jarvis and Emily Kinner were re-elected for a second term as student body president and vice president.

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NEED A LIFT? HITCH A RIDE ON THE GREEN MACHINE!
A MARSHALL UNIVERSITY & TTA PARTNERSHIP!

Running Six Days a Week!
Standard Daytime Service:
20 - minute loop along 3rd, 4th and 5th Avenues between 7:30am & 5:00pm.
Stops at Pullman Square (Visual Arts Center, Huntington’s Kitchen), Keith Albee & More!

Evening service:
30 - minute loop, route extended to include 6th Avenue Kroger from 5:00pm to 11:30pm.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
LATE NIGHT
Friday: 7:30pm-3am
Saturday: 3pm-3am
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U.W.R.C. Director discusses non-profits with MU students

By AMANDA GIBSON

United Way of the River Cities executive director, Laura Gilliam, is passionate about nonprofits, a field in which she has spent most of her career. Before Gilliam joined the United Way team a little over a decade ago, she worked in insurance and multiple states until she and her husband settled in Huntington. Gilliam said she moved from insurance agency to agency because she felt she hadn’t found her fit yet, then she had the opportunity to help develop a nonprofit called Faith In Action.

Gilliam said this is where she felt like she was making a difference in her community, which is what she felt she was missing while working in insurance.

“We would encourage you to do, regardless of whether in United Way or something else, find what your passion is and connect it with whatever way you can,” Gilliam said. “There’s a lot of things that we communities need help with and you all have talents and you have a voice and you have passion and so just figure out how to fit your time and your passion in that connect with it.”

Gilliam gave this advice to Marshall University’s Reporter Public Affairs class March 7 while discussing with the student journalists common misconceptions about nonprofits, along with what the mission of United Way of the River Cities is.

“It bothers me that people think that nonprofits are these little churches and just kind of have their own set of rules,” Gilliam said, “and just sort of go on and don’t need to pay much attention to best practices or don’t need somebody to lead it or be in a finance position who understands good bookkeeping and accounting, and finances. And that’s just not the case.”

United Way of the River Cities is an organization that acts as a liaison between individual donors and businesses to fundraise for health and human service organizations and programs throughout the Huntington metropolitan and surrounding area. United Way of the River Cities distributes those raised funds each year based on need and how the programs fit into the four critical issues of United Way of the River Cities serves Cabell, Mason, Lincoln and Wayne counties in West Virginia, along with Lawrence County, Ohio.

One of the areas of focus is education, according to a breakdown of United Way of the River Cities’ initiatives funded provided by Gilliam, United Way of the River Cities provides funding to four education programs and each of them receive over $10,000. “I would say that education is probably one of the things that see contested the most and it’s because it’s foundational to everything else,” Gilliam said. “First of all, you know that if you don’t have a child’s literacy level, if they’re not reading at grade level by the time they’re going into fourth grade, they’re at risk for not graduating and not graduating.”

Gilliam said the transition of students from elementary to middle school is challenging and must be successful and united. United Way of the River Cities has focused on the area of education and ’It’s such a foundation of everything else. In fact, when you talk about issues that are in some of these other areas, you will see it circle back to education very frequently,” Gilliam said.

United Way of the River Cities executive director, Laura Gilliam, addresses students at the Campus Christian Center.

By HEATHER BARKER

Petit Larceny

April 12, MUPD received a call from a resident stating a bike from the bike rack outside Fountain Street residence hall was being stolen by an unknown male. The suspect cut the lock from the rack and rode off south towards 7-Eleven. Officer located the unknown male and followed him to search Smith Avenue. When the officers caught up with the suspect, he got off the bike and stated the officers could have the bike and run towards CSU, where officers lost the suspect when he jumped between the train cars. Officers were able to retrieve the bike.

Petit Larceny

Between April 19 and 21, a Schwinn bike was stolen from the bike rack at Third and Berry Hall after the chain was cut.

Underage Drinking Sting

MUPD in conjunction with Huntington Police Department and Cabell County Sheriff’s Department conducted a “high risk and undercover” sting on campus and surrounding areas April 20. Two citations were issued for possession of marijuana and open container violation. One citation was issued for underage drinking. One citation was issued for possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Destruction of Property

April 21 at 4:28 p.m., a victim reported an unknown person had broken his passenger side mirror of her 2012 Honda Accord while it was parked in the Maple Avenue parking lot.

No suspects.

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Mary Zulauf in a mid distance event at High School. The track and field team participate in the 123rd annual Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This is an exciting week for all our kids, especially our runners,” head coach Jeff Johnson, Asia Bange and Hope Butler, who finished sixth in the triple jump and Heidi Hei- derrow in the high jump at Marshall. Montes has been Alexis Montes. The gradu- ate student currently sits at the top of Conference USA in the javelin throw with her mark of 164 feet, 2 inches (50.03 meters). That throw was also good enough to break the Marshall school record in the javelin throw in her first com- petition for the Stoops. Montes is scheduled to compete in the javelin throw championship Thursday at 6:45 p.m. “It’s no honor to me that I will be in competition along- side these athletes,” Montes said. “I’m excited and looking forward to represent Marshall at this prestigious race.” The meet begins Thursday with Marshall’s first scheduled competitors being sophomore Sarah Reiser and freshman To- nie Derrow in the high jump at 10 a.m. The next race all day Thursday through Saturday, with Marshall’s competitors competing throughout the three days. Patrick O’Leary can be contacted at oleyar7@mar- shall.edu.

Student athletes sprint through Dead Week

By PATRICK O’LEARY

THE PARTHENON

The most stressful time of the year is upon Marshall Uni- versity. That is between spring break and finals week. For most students, it is already an incredibly tough time. For stu- dent-athletes, add in games, season, practices and training and the time is only tougher. The weekend in between spring break and finals week has competition for three differ- ent sports teams at Marshall, in fact the only three teams still in season. The base- ball team travels to Norfolk, Virginia for a three-game series with Old Dominion. The softball team will be in Murfreesboro, Tennessee for a series against Middle Ten- nessee. The track team will compete in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. "April and May are the heart of the track season," junior track runner Samantha Graf said. "This time of year is extremely crowded because we were not only focus on pre- forming well. We have to keep in shape in order to prevent injuries, which requires extra- time in the training room. It’s also important that we are eat- ing right and sleeping enough, which is not ideal for a student leaving school for a while." The three teams still in season are baseball, softball and softball each occurring in mid to late May. Patrick O’Leary can be contacted at oleyar7@mar- shall.edu.

Track and Field partakes in prestigious Penn Relays

By PATRICK O’LEARY

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The Marshall University track and field team pre- pares for no ordinary meet this weekend, which began Thursday. The team will send athletes to the oldest and largest track and field meet in the United States for the 123rd annual Penn Relays at Franklin Field in Philadel- phy, Pennsylvania. "This is an exciting week for all our kids, especially our runners," head coach Jeff Johnson said. "This is like the Super Bowl of track and field."

The team is also scheduled to send 11 individual qualifiers, including sophomores Elma Marchand and Reanna Clark who are headed to compete in multiple events. Marchand is scheduled to compete in both the shot put and discus, Clark in the shot put and hammer- throw. One of the top competitors this season for the Stoops is senior Abigail Estrada. The gradu- ate student currently sits at the top of Conference USA in the javelin throw with her mark of 164 feet, 2 inches (50.03 meters). That throw was also good enough to break the Marshall school record in the javelin throw in her first com- petition for the Stoops. Montes is scheduled to compete in the javelin throw championship Thursday at 6:45 p.m. “It’s no honor to me that I will be in competition along- side these athletes,” Montes said. “I’m excited and looking forward to represent Marshall at this prestigious race.” The meet begins Thursday with Marshall’s first scheduled competitors being sophomores Sarah Reiser and freshman To- nie Derrow in the high jump at 10 a.m. The next race all day Thursday through Saturday, with Marshall’s competitors competing throughout the three days. Patrick O’Leary can be contacted at oleyar7@mar-shall.edu.
Michael Brown

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I cannot believe I finished my last class of undergrad and graduated in the fall of ’17. I am over the moon and so proud of myself and my family. I have come a long way and I am so excited to begin my next chapter of my life. I have known for a while that I want to pursue a career in journalism. The Parthenon, Marshall University’s student newspaper, is published weekly when classes are in session. It is my favorite part of college and I have enjoyed being involved with it. I have grown personally and professionally and I am so grateful for my experiences in this wonderful place. I am going to miss my friends and the staff so much. I have learned so much from all of you and I am so excited to see where we all go from here.

Wednesday’s Innovating for Impact Design for Inclusion Innovation Challenge showcased the negativity and hopelessness West Virginia is so used to hearing about their state, choosing instead to put the positive potential of the Mountain State and its residents on a pedestal for the world to see. The innovating for Impact challenge, sponsored by In- soft and held in the Ian C. Edwards Playhouse, featured groups of Marshall students in a “Shark Tank”-style competition, going head to head to see which groups had developed the best solutions to some of the state’s biggest problems, including substance abuse education and new technologies for the state.

The panel of judges was a star-studded affair, featuring actress and philanthropist Jennifer Garner, NSF supervisor and alumnus Brad Pennington and Bill edit Marshall University, I would’ve laughed and said “no way.” I never had any intentions on being a writer. Did I like to write? Sure, I liked to write, but I didn’t think I’d make a career out of it — that, is until I was offered an internship at the school paper. I went to the first day with a notebook full of story ideas and that’s when I realized I loved writing more than anything else. The job was exciting and I felt like a professional, you get to meet and talk to people who are doing cool things and write their stories. I want to tell every story, including the one about people who travel the world, people who opened up local businesses, people whoerved illnesses.

Writing gives me an opportunity to give voices to those who may not be recognized as often or as thoroughly as they should. I am so grateful for my experiences in this wonderful place. I have learned so much from all of you and I am so excited to see where we all go from here.

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Senior Column

Giving voices to the voices through writing

By Karima Neghmouche

If you would have told me that my post-graduation plans were moving to Kentucky to start a media company that publishes fitness magazines while getting my master’s from West Virginia University, I would’ve laughed and said “no way.”

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Senior Column
Justice makes announcements concerning higher education

By ALEES LEACH
The Parthenon

The West Virginia State University and the Marshall University announced a new agreement that would allow students to take classes at both institutions.

The agreement, which was signed on Monday by WVU President Gordon Gee and Marshall President Jerry Gilbert, will allow students to take classes at both institutions without having to pay additional tuition.

"This is a significant step forward for higher education in West Virginia," said Gee. "We are committed to making higher education more accessible and affordable for all West Virginians."
Isaac Cosby was sitting with a friend one day when he came to a realization. He realized that while he had a lot of shoes he never wore anymore, there were many people in the world forced to go barefoot, despite their living conditions and extreme need for shoes. “People in certain parts of the world don’t have shoes at all, they just basically go barefoot,” Cosby said. “We noticed we had a lot and other people didn’t have any.”

Cosby started off small-scale in August 2016, collecting unused shoes from friends, cleaning them, and attempting to reach out to people who needed them. He and his friends, in cooperation with his church, expanded their efforts by reaching out to the community through local drives and social media. Cosby decided to make his organization official and, thus, Free Your Footwear was started.

Free Your Footwear is a charity organization centrally located in South Charleston and is a branch of Bridge Ministries, Inc. The organization’s goal is to cooperate with local, domestic, and international organizations to collect lightly used and new footwear to distribute to in-need families and individuals around the world. Cosby says he aims to extend his help as far as possible and to as many in-need people as possible.

To help extend his reach to college campuses, Free Your Footwear linked up with the Marshall University Hackers for Charity to collect shoes at the Memorial Student Center Jan. 3.

MU Hackers for Charity is a branch of Hackers for Charity International, created by former professional hacker turned philanthropist Johnny Long. They aim to put the advanced computer and technological skills of its members to good use, raising money to assist Hackers for Charity International as well as people in the Huntington community.

Though they had a table set up in the lobby, Cosby decided to go a step further, communicating and engaging himself with passing students. He handed out cards and started conversations with people to give them a sense of what his charity organization is all about.

As well as helping others by providing shoes, Cosby and his organization also offer up guidance, mentoring, and opportunities for younger people to get involved with helping others in need. Young boys from Bridge Ministries often help Cosby clean and package the shoes donated to Free Your Footwear. Cosby says he is proud of the work his organization has been able to accomplish so far and has no plans of slowing down his efforts any time soon as he continues to build connections with local and national organizations and provide shoes to those who need his assistance.

“Free Your Footwear has helped provide shoes for children who live on the streets of Medellín, Colombia,” said Michael Perrow, project coordinator and communications liaison at Open Arms Foundation. “We have provided shoes for refugees who are young girls ages 7-15 in Medellín that have escaped the armed conflict in the country’s interior.”

Cosby said he hopes to return to Marshall University in the future. Ryan Murphy can be contacted at murphy263@marshall.edu.