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Marshall Board of Governors facing federal lawsuit

By SARAH INGRAM

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Marshall’s Board of Governors is now facing a federal lawsuit from a former Marshall student who claims the university did not uphold Title IX standards when it allowed a student who attacked her to remain on campus. Filed Jan. 31, the lawsuit details how the student claims she was raped, harassed and discriminated against because of her gender.

Marshall spokespersons have yet to make a formal statement addressing the allegations.

The Marshall student was attacked in her dorm Feb. 1, 2016 by another student. After running out to crowd friends and going to the hospital, the student filed a formal complaint with Marshall University Police Department and the director of student conduct. She also decided to take the case to criminal court.

The victim claimed that her attacker was permitted to remain on campus during his investigation. She also claims that despite having an order of protection against the attacker, there were no precautions made to ensure the two remained separated.

After the director of student conduct determined that the student in question should be expelled, he appealed the decision. This appeal meant going in front of a student conduct panel. The attacker repeatedly rescheduled the dates of this meeting and was allowed to stay on campus during the process despite the victim reporting she felt threatened by her attacker’s presence.

According to the victim, the student conduct panel had many inconsistencies. These issues included not providing counsel to the victim.

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victim, not recording the procedure, not allowing the victim to hear the panel’s decision or explanation of why the attacker could remain on campus and more.

Shortly after the decision to allow the accused student to stay on campus, Marshall University’s Interim Dean Carla Lapelle recommended to President Jerry Gilbert the student be suspended until his criminal case was decided.

The accuser appealed the school’s decision, but he was ultimately denied in August 2017. He was suspended from Marshall’s campus but was informed he was permitted to take online classes through his remaining semester.

After pleading guilty to misdemeanor battery Jan. 11, 2017, the attacker appealed the school’s decision in his punishment. The school then decided to reinstate the him in March of 2017 even though he had violated the school’s code of conduct. The school claimed the reasons behind this decision were because the attacker needed courses that were only offered on campus, and the victim was no longer a student.

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Parthenon reporters will be following the case as it develops.
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Marshall Rec Center Celebrates 9 Years

By KYRA BISCARNER

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Marshall’s Rec Center is proudly celebrating its ninth year. Monday afternoon, the rec center had a raffle all day to celebrate not only their members but for any non-members, it’s a way to release some stress, and give them a way to release what we’re doing here,” Whittemore said.

Each year, the rec center has a bunch of brand new classes and facilities. Associate Director Michele Muth said they need new ways to interest those that stress, and we want to be there for that, and give them something to come to get away from the gym.”

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Soul Food Feast at www.marshallparthenon.com. Full details on events during Black History Month can be found at www.marshall.edu/blackhistorymonth.

Former State Senator Marie Redd laughs with diners at the Annual Soul Food Feast Sunday in the Don Morris Room at the Memorial University’s Interim Dean Carla Lapelle.

You can find other photos from the Carter G. Woodson Soul Food Feast at www.marshallparthenon.com. Full details on events during Black History Month can be found at www.marshall.edu/blackhistorymonth.
MU Film Club will present ‘Green Globe’

By AMANDA LAROC

The MU Film Club will present ‘Green Globe’ at 7 p.m. April 21 on Commons’ Field for all Marshall University student majors, but the event is open to all.

‘Green Globe’ is a docudrama based on the 2014 Charleston, West Virginia, city fire, and it will be longer than 25 minutes singular or combined.

The club is now taking short film and music submissions, with any entry up to two films, but their submissions cannot be involved with the creation, production or performance of the film they submit and can contain up to two films, but their submissions cannot be involved with the creation, production or performance of the film they submit and can contain more for the entertainment side.

Night to Shine event to offer people special needs a prom night experience

By GUNNY BLAKE

The Night to Shine event will be hosting a prom for people with special needs this Friday. The event is designed to make sure those with special needs will be able to enjoy a prom experience from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Night to Shine at the Church at the Depot.

Night to Shine, a prom night experience for people with special needs, is sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. At the Depot is one of over 350 churches participating in Night to Shine from around the world coming together to put on the prom for 50,000 guests, according to the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Night to Shine is described by the founder as a “Lambeth Quadrilateral” prom night experience, centered on God’s love, for people with special needs across the United States.

The event is a complimentary experience and comes at no cost to the child or family.

At Church at the Depot, Night to Shine is then paired with a “family” for the evening. Matt Davis, chief guest and children’s program pastor, explains, including hair and makeup, shoe shining, a crown/tiara and each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

“Guys are usually dancing up a little bit more as Friday approaches,” Davis said. “You can see the excitement grow up in those that participate each year as it grows.

‘Night to Shine’ is one of the original group members had graduated. He contacted the advisor, Walter Squire, and asked to join.

“I came here fall 2016, and I've always liked filmmaking, the current members are included, we're not film minors, we're not video production majors, but most of our members still are involved with the creation, production or performance of the film they submit and can contain up to two films, but their submissions cannot be involved with the creation, production or performance of the film they submit and can contain up to two films, but their submissions cannot be involved with the creation, production or performance of the film they submit and can contain more for the entertainment side.

Then, upon entering the building, each guest gets a personal introduction while they are being driven to the event. They receive a personal introduction while they are being driven to the event.

“We anticipate the number of guests going up a little bit more as Friday approaches,” Davis said. “In addition to the number of participants growing, we believe the heart of our event has grown as well. More guests and their families have come, and many from all over our area come together to share love, express dignity and give value to each guest and their families.”

Children in need of a prom night experience can be contacted at larch113@marshall.edu.
By LIKE CREEST

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Marshall Territory softball celebrated its 25th year as a program at its 7th Annual Diamond Club Banquet Friday, while also introducing new players and staff.

Those in attendance were introduced to 10 newcomers to the team, nine freshmen and one transfer, as well as a new coaching staff under former head coach Shane Cline, now in her new position at Indiana University after 18 years with the Thundering Herd.

Marshall senior infielder Eliza Utzmann said that change has been a part of her athletic career, and this upcoming season is no different.

"Personally, change is always something I've had to go through," Utzmann said. "I went to four different high schools, so I get that change every year. It's really cool to be at a university that has 16 or eight different personalities. We had three coaches (last year) and five coaches this year. They have totally different teaching methods, so it's definitely benefiting us."

First-year head coach Jon Stroh brought in a softball legend as the event’s keynote speaker, three-time reigning National Pro Fastpitch Most Valuable Player Kelly Kretschman.

Kretschman is one of the most decorated athletes to ever play the game. She guided Team USA Softball to an Olympic gold medal in the 2004 games in Athens, Greece, followed by Olympic silver in the 2008 Beijing games, among a handful of other career accolades in the 15 years in the MPW.

She spoke to both the team and the community while addressing the turnover the program has experienced in the offseason.

"She's a really inspirational person, someone that we can look up to," Utzmann said. "I'm hoping that our athletes can pick up on some of that wisdom, because I think they put a lot of pressure on themselves to be great in four years, but the game is hard. It takes a long time to get good at it, so hopefully they can relax a little bit and see her progression throughout the years. We're thankful to have her here."

The offseason is complete for Marshall softball as it opens the 25th season Thursday at the Auburn Plainsman Invitational.

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By COURTNEY ANDREWS

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Southern Miss women's basketball was no too much for Marshall women's basketball Sunday in the Golden Eagles' season opener. The Thundering Herd, 70-61.

The Herd contained the Miners to 34.5 percent shooting from the field and 28.6 percent from behind the arc. Marshall shot 42.4 percent (25-for-59) from the field and 16.7 percent (10-for-35) from behind the arc.

"We had a lot more energy tonight," head coach Dan D'Antoni said. "We didn't execute really well or shoot well, but we had the energy to be a winner. We lacked that the other night. The kids listened to my complaint about the last game and improved. It's a good road win."

With the loss, the Miners dropped to 7-15 overall (1-8 C-USA) while the Golden Eagles improved to 13-9 (5-4 C-USA).

Golden Eagles' redshirt so- nater guard Jazmin Taylor scored a double-double with 15 points and 15 rebounds. She also recorded a team-high five assists and three blocks in the Southern Miss victory. Five other players had double-digits for the Golden Eagles. Southern Miss guard Roque Lopuah and freshmen guard Ali Kennedy each scored 12 points each, while sophomore forward Alana Mays and freshman guard Aaliyah Edwards each had 10 points.

Junior guard Staples Gore led the Herd on offense with 16 points, while graduate student forward Taliaque Hamilton and freshmen forward Taylor Factor upped their numbers to 15 points and nine rebounds. Hamilton had a career-high six assists and 12 rebounds.

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Marshall led for most of the game and never gave up the first. The Thundering Herd outscored the Miners 39-22 in the first half to bring the game within three, and later made it a two-point game when Gilyard hit a three, but the Thundering Herd held strong.

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The offseason is complete for Marshall softball as it officially goes on hold. The Herd is set to host a jersey retirement for 25th season Tuesday at the Auburn Plainsman's Banquet.

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Head coach Dan D'Antoni has his squad setting in at the fourth for place in Conference USA through the first 13 league games, D'Antoni guided the Thundering Herd to its first-ever win ever UTEP in El Paso, Texas Saturday.

Marshall's 2018 softball team was for a photo with the 2018 Marshall Women's Basketball Team. Player Kelly Kretschman of the Herd's annual Diamond Club Banquet Saturday evening. Marshall went 12-4 in 2017, was the Conference USA regular season title and ended the NCAA tournament.

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The Market is a symbol of Huntington progress

By JUNE RICHARDSON
FOR THE PARTHENON

Rhyme and reason sat in the wooden chair, legs crossed, chin resting in hand. She gazed out the window of the small, stuffy coffee shop, watching the winding stream of cars making their ways along the paved road, the people hurrying across the streets, entering and exiting shops and businesses. Her coffee in the mug before her had long gone cold, and the book she’d brought remained unopened.

It occurred to Blythe that everyone she saw had a destination. They were hurrying to. Every impatient driver, every well-dressed man and woman, hunched over in hand, shopper and client. They all had a place to be.

She cast her gaze about the small and warm café, taking note of the busy bartenders and hard-working students, the enameled couple in the far back corner and the quiet old man reading his paper, who continued to soil his graying mustache with each sip of coffee. It seemed to Blythe that wherever she lay her eyes, she saw business, preoccupation, purpose. But where did all of this come from? Surely there was a source, something that propelled the people around her forward. Yes, obligation is a given, Blythe thought to herself. But why should one feel obligated to follow a path only visible from one’s own mind? A word appeared from her mind’s periphery.

Strings.

The cars, the pedestrians, the shoppers and business people, the students, the lovers and the man-touched man who clearly wished for a straw. They were all pulled by things invisible to the obvious eye, but clearly felt by all those they affected. Blythe’s inability to control the actions of others in her life caused her to take comfort in the freedom of her own decisions, her own path. And yet, she realized if she felt the pull of these strings. She knew the computations, the responsibility, the explanations that at first glance appeared so clear, but upon further inspection disintegrate into nothing. They leave in their wake a heavy question that demands an elusive answer: why?

Yes, Blythe thought. The strings felt like in her life. But, she wondered, to her parents, to her friends—would they feel like break them?

The sound of a distant bell tower awoke Blythe from her reverie. She glanced at her wristwatch and discerned to herself, what would it feel like to break them?

This is the first chapter of a fictional story written under the name June Richardson.
The Education Department is seeking to delay an Obama-era rule meant to counter racial disparities in special education, an official said Monday.

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Government seeks delay of Obama rule on race in special ed

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said his office will oversee the implementation of nearly 300 recommendations by federal officials to help the San Francisco police department make reforms.

At least 15 law enforcement agencies nationwide had been receiving nonbinding federal advice on how to handle technical aspects of practices involving use of force, racial bias, re-

Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS.

Instead, the department announced the program would focus on tackling issues such as violent crime and gangs to more closely reflect the Trump administration's law-and- order agenda.

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