Marshall ROTC student selected to travel to Peru

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Kyle Frazier is traveling to Peru this summer as part of the ROTC’s Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency program. Frazier, a junior criminal justice major and three-year ROTC member, was selected for the summer program because he met the requirements of the Order of Merit List test which included satisfactory GPA and physical fitness scores as well as a sufficient knowledge of foreign languages.

The nationwide CULP program sends ROTC cadets to about 20 countries each summer, and the countries are randomly selected for each cadet. The goal of the program is to encourage cultural awareness and the ability to speak and learn foreign languages as well as become more educated about another country and its military.

Frazier is among 42 students selected for Peru, for like 28 days. He comes back around August 11. I’m excited to go there but not excited for all the paperwork I have to fill out. Right now, I haven’t actually been told that much; it’s still pretty early in the process. It’s pretty much going to be working hard in hand with their military, I assume it’s their army. What exactly it’ll be doing there I’m supposed.

As well as the learning opportunities and the ability to gain military experience, Frazier said he is most looking forward to visiting Machu Picchu, and he wants to take a selfie with a llama.

There are various other summer programs offered to ROTC members including the Cadet Troop Leader Training experience where cadets can shadow lieutenants anywhere in the world. Sophomore cadets can also participate in a summer camp which helps them transition and prepare for the senior ROTC program.

For students considering joining the ROTC, Frazier said he has some advice to offer.

“Give it a shot, there’s no obligation, so you can always do it as a freshmen class.” Frazier said. “It does take a little time every now and then, but it’s worth it. We do some fun things. There are basketball games we go to, we work football games, you get to meet a lot of new people you wouldn’t think you could, and it’s good for connecting.”

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The GBBC is a four-day event, spanning from Friday through Monday. Students are encouraged to observe and report their findings for at least 15-minutes on one or more of the four days, or as long as they wish. Participants of the project can report their findings to BirdLife International. The project helps give scientists and bird lovers alike a real-time look at where birds are located all over the world. According to The Great Backyard Bird Count’s website, more than 100,000 people of all ages typically participate in the event. The count will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday in front of the Ritter Building at Ritter Park.

Dingess’s lecture is at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Room 316 of the Science Building. Posters can be found at http://www.marshall.edu/centerforconservation/.

By MICHAELA CRITTENDEN

De-stress Yourself will be at 6 p.m. every Monday from Feb. 12 to Feb. 26. "College is a big step, and we want to be sure that our students have a support network when they need it," Totaro said. "The purpose of De-stress Yourself is to offer people a healthy way to release stress and just have fun."

"De-stress Yourself is another way for students to be involved in the community that’s not through just the bars or bars and clubs," Totaro said. "It’s an opportunity for them to give back to the community and to enjoy themselves as well.

The students running the destress groups in more than just the on-campus groups. "We’re going to be teaching people out there and can help them build relationships," Byrner said. He hopes to one day work for Amazon full-time. Currently, he works at the HTS Service Center and experience what it is like to be on the ground floor at Amazon," York said. "The means by which we learn the most is failure," York said. "When the class comes to an end and the students had to present their final projects to an estimated 20 amazon employees, there was no more than 160,000 people of all ages typically participate in the event, so we’re working with hands and legs to support the project.

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The West Virginia Legislature is currently circulating a bill that will force public universities in the state to allow concealed carry on campus with a permit. This would include allowing weapons in campus buildings and at sporting events. However, there are some exceptions where universities are allowed to regulate concealed carry.

The House Education Committee passed the bill, and it is now under consideration by the House Judiciary Committee. Del. Jim Butler, R-Mason and lead sponsor of House Bill 1649, otherwise known as the “Campus Self-Defense Act,” suggests the bill would level the playing field, providing self-defense on the main campuses.

Every public two-year college in the state is opposed to the bill. Some of the major concerns universities have voiced are the potential risks of sport-event safety and campus police department budgets. "I don't want gun-toting students on our campus," said House Judiciary Committee Chair Rep. Tony Jenkins.

Marshall University is a part of that list, with the faculty-senior, campus police department, and the university president. Jerry Gilbert opposing the bill.

"If I thought that allowing all individuals to bring guns on our campus would increase safety I would be in favor of it," Gil- bert says to members of the W.V. House Judiciary Committee. "I firmly believe that guns on campus will decrease the level of safety and put people at more risk of accidental or purposeful injury due to fire- arms."

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CHAPTER 2: Snickerdoodles

By JUNE RICHARDSON

The Partisan

As Blythe opened the heavy wooden door, the familiar ting-a- ling of the bell overhead greeted her. She entered Gerda’s Bak- ery with an air of anticipation and bustle floating about her. The sweet scent of warm bread and fresh-bread nose met her as she walked her bag behind the coun- ter and grabbed her faded apron from its hook.

At first Blythe found her late arrival would upset Gerda, her employer who had an impressive supply of German curses ready at her disposal. But after a moment without an app- reciation, she took her position behind the counter and began to take note of what displayed goods were raised slightly as he looked down at his hands and saw that his mustached man from the cafe still standing there, threatening to take the plunge, and Blythe with them.

"Oh, wonderful! I’ll take two please.”

He handed her a few crinkled bills as she placed the paper bag on the freed stack of newspapers to place on the shelf by the register, but the twine seemed to be trip-wired.

"Here’s the order, miss!" Blythe looked up to see the mustached man from the cafe standing before her life experiences were crammed tightly as he looked over the glasses at her but down at her hands and nose that she had been trying to free a stack of twine-bound newspapers to place on the shelf by the register, but the twine seemed to be trip-wired.

"Here. The man took the stack of papers, pulled out a pocket knife, and cut the twine in one sudden movement. It fell to the floor forgotten, use- les, forgotten.

"Thank you. What can I do for you?"

Finally having her full atten- tion again, he said, "You were wondering, do you all have any of those cin- niger sugar cookies?" As he passed, a memory flashed at Blythe’s mind. "You know, the white ones with the little spice roundels?"

"Do you mean sugar cookies?" Blythe asked with a fuzzy eyebrow.

"A snickerwhata?" The furry eyebrows met in puzzlement.

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Concludes winter tour at Keith-Albee

By Rachael Cook

Yonder Mountain String Band performed the last show of its winter tour Saturday night at the Keith-Albee.

Southern Belles performed as Yonder Mountain String Band’s opening act. Southern Belles performed hit songs like “On the Run” and “Take a Chance on Me.”

The band has been together since 1998 and they call Colorado home.

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"If this is your first time here, men, and you’re with your lady, she’s going to be spending the whole night thinking about Jake Joliff," Kaufmann said during the performance.

Kaufmann also played a game with the audience called “Guess Which Member is Pregnant” as a way of announcing to the crowd that fellow member Allie Kral was expecting soon.

The band closed the set with its song “Land Roll.”

People of all ages joined one another in the aisles of the Keith-Albee to dance along with the band.

Yonder Mountain String Band performed the cover of Osbourne’s hit song “Crazy Train” with its own version of a song called “Land Roll.”

"If you get a lot of local people’s things here in my store, as well as stuff that I buy at the market, so that makes it fun, too, because there are items that people have actually made here in Huntington," Davis said.

Currently, The Market looks more like an empty warehouse than a popular downtown venue, but most of the aforementioned businesses will be opening within the coming year, and construction of most of the businesses is already underway.

Right now, most of The Market is covered in dust, sheets and halfway finished building projects, Davis said the dust is the biggest problem she’s faced as a business owner there.

“I’ve always been crazy,” Davis said. “I don’t mind it, though. The Market will bring a fresh perspective on business in the downtown area, and Davis said she’s excited to be a part of that. There are also plans to build a seating area outside of The Market, where customers can go and sit and enjoy their meals outside.

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