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By HANNA PENNINGTON
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West Virginia teachers and public workers gathered by the thousands in the pouring rain at the capitol Saturday, afternoon to protest a potential insurance rise and low wages.

The rally emerged as a result of other localized protests to stop the change in the Public Employers Insurance Agency, policy, or PEIA, and to get educators a fair salary increase.

Eric Lee, president of the West Virginia Education Association, said the legislation pushing to be passed is a core worker and auto-middle class.

“Time after time, we’re told that our public schools are the cornerstone of all the great things that can happen in our state and that education is the key to economic development,” Lee said. “Not only do they ignore us on these issues, but they purposely ran legislation to weaken our pub-
lic schools in the heart of our workers.”

Lee said there are many ways that legislators could afford to put education first, including in-
creasing service tax on gas.

“With the anticipated boom in the industry in the upcoming years, the state could see great increases in revenue,” Lee said. “We’re on the verge of greatness in West Virginia, but it can’t be greatness if we let the money go out of state like we did with coal.”

Megan Barber, a fourth-grade teacher in Putnam County, said a lack of respect for teachers is forcing nearly every school in the state to close its doors to students.

“Really, when you add up what we get extra per annual year, the cuts in our insurance for PEIA are really prohibitive,” Barber said. “I’m working toward a certification called National Boards Certification, which involves a lot of different components with reflection,” Barber said. “I won’t be able to do that without my students in the classroom.”

Jaffa Engel, teacher at West Team Elementary, said the issue of low salary today is very similar to that of the education strike of 1990, which she also took part in.

“As I was going through college, I knew I wouldn’t make the most money as a teacher, but I felt like it would balance out because I would always have good benefits.”

Engel said, “Now, I’m not sure I’ll be able to count on that.”

Barber said she worries that she will no longer be able to rely on the benefits of working in edu-
cation if changes to PEIA are passed.

“I feel like they’re leaning toward big corporations, and they don’t care about the state,” Engel said. “If they cared about the state they would care about the kids, and they would care about education.”

A statewide walkout was announced at the rally and is scheduled for both Thursday and Friday, forcing nearly every school in the state to close its doors to students.

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Prospective Marshall students get first look at campus

By KRYA DISCARMAR
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Prospective sons and daughters of Marshall University found themselves on campus exploring their options as they start to think about where they will find themselves next year at Mon-
day’s Green and White Day.

Assistant Director of Recruitment Ella Cary said students had plenty of things to do throughout the day.

“They start the morning with a college and Student Services tours in the Student Center, then they go to the Joan C. Edwards Marquee,” Cary said. “Then, they move to dorms, presented by the different colleges, as well as Career Services and Residential Life. After the dorms, we provide lunch in our din-
ing halls, residence hall and campus tours.”

The different events helped students picture themselves as Marshall students and also provided them with the opportunity to learn more about Marshall and its campus. Cary said, “Green and White Day provides us an in depth look at what Mar-
shall has to offer.”

“Carry said it is “a day when we can showcase our beautiful campus, facilities and faculty. We want all of our students to know Green and White Day feeling like Marshall is the univer-
sity for them.”

Marshall President Jerry Gilbert, Student Body President Matt Jervis and Director of Admissions Tammie Johnson were also available to answer any questions students had about Marshall. Cary said she hopes students left feeling more comfortable about Marshall.

“I want them to feel at home on our campus and know excited to come back for orientation in the summer,” Cary said. “Marshall has so many wonderful things to offer students and Green and White Day is a day to showcase those amenities.”

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A couple weeks later, I received an email on my acceptance letter, and I was so happy to be part of this program. I have been passionate about putting time and effort into this program over the years.

Gabriel Hoverman, a senior computer science major and leader of Lambda Chi Alpha, said he is beyond grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the team.

"I was a sophomore at Marshall when I first got involved andfigure out what path to take for my future career," Hoverman said. "At this point in school, I was joining any criminal justice-related club just to meet new people that shared my same interests in the justice system."

According to an email from the criminal justice department, about 1,000 Marshall students are involved in Criminal Justice related activities.

Those who attended were told how to respond if they encountered someone who has overdosed. They were also told how to safely administer the Naloxone auto injector, more commonly known as Narcan or Evzio, in situations where a person has over dosed on opioids or opiates.

"Breathing is the first way you can save someone's life," Hoverman said. "If someone has stopped breathing, the first thing you can do is start CPR."

"One of the greatest ways to translate can only get you so far when you are trying to communicate and slimming down through certain content in order to what you want to say effectively."

"The team recently found out that one of the most successful ways of giving feedback to others is through words," Hoverman said. "Students are often taught to talk to others in a way where they can listen and understand them."

"I think it's definitely something that it really comes true in the sense of what the organization, said. "It really isn't big of a commitment at all and you can do it on your own time."

"The reminder is about eight hours a month, which you can break up. Seeing your little is a lot easier than you would think.

"I definitely encourage people that they have the knowledge and the ability to go back to your community and say, 'One-on-one, you can really that. Everyone has their own experience, you have, it's just really nothing in comparison to what you're trying to do in a program.""
Herd softball wins three at Michelle Smith Pediatric Cancer Invite

By RICHARD CRANK ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall dropped its win total over the weekend against South Florida. The Herd's softball. The Herd entered the tournament with one win on the season heading into the three day tournament. Inclusion in South Florida and Missouri and a near-spot of New Mexico State.

“I am so proud of our entire team,” head coach Jen Steele said following the tournament. “Not just because we battled Tennessee, but because after last weekend we reassessed, got to work and made changes. We didn’t press one this week and didn’t worry about last week’s results. We didn’t get nervous about playing great competition.”

The Herd (4-5) opened play Friday with a 5-2 win over the Oakland Golden Grizzlies (5-2). Senior pitcher Taylor Medford started on the mound for the Herd on the second inning, with both teams hitting a single, a two-run shot left to left field by Tucker Linder. Then the Grizzlies had a center fielder Erik Rodriguez start the inning with a single. A Jordan DelRosario loaded the bases, senior designated hitter Garrett Wilkinson and sophomore right fielder Garrett Wilkinson. Then, junior red shirt senior left fielder Tucker Linder. Then, junior red shirt senior left fielder Tucker Linder. Then, junior red shirt senior left fielder Tucker Linder. Then, junior red shirt senior left fielder Tucker Linder.

Marshall clinched the series in the bottom of the third. “We answered with a pair of its own in the third inning. We had an 11-3 advantage heading to the eighth inning, scoring its final six runs in that frame on just four hits.”

The scoring began with a two-run single to left field by red shirt junior left fielder Jordan DelRosario. “You have to tip your cap to her,” senior catcher Rey Sanchez said. She had her best stuff and gave us the chance to win.”

In the first inning, Marshall shortstop Shae Flanagan hit a solo home run and advanced to second on a subsequent Cabrera single. Then, junior first baseman Kiersten Intemann went to the mound for Marshall and got a double to plate four of its runs. Burks said. “Our hitters had 114 total blocks this season—match the best performance in the nation in the category. Roosevelt Smart had 25 and five three-pointers. Junior forwards Ray J Conference Player of the Week Monday after averaging 31 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game during the Herd’s recent road trip at Rice and North Texas.

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As West Virginia state, state legislators cover the area. As you've read, they've had many elections, and their lawmakers have a blind spot. We've had several elections, and they do not understand the issue on the table. Without university presidents say to me is a similar story, the bill moves forward. Although West Virginia teachers flooded the capital, the Senate moved early without reaching a decision regarding pay and public benefits. Although the West Virginia Supreme Court has officially opposed the proposed new intermediate appellate court, which could cost the state millions more to operate a year, lawmakers continue.

Our expert in our state is being ignored. And even more so, the citizens are being ignored. When overwhelming majority of the citizens oppose measures and the government continues, we have to worry that this state is not acting in a democratic way as citizens are divided.

What we oppose is how a giant disconnect between our legislators and public officials. They seem to be doing whatever it is they want to do. In the past few weeks, I have had to watch my teachers suffer and be shut down this week, know that schools will be shut down this week. My heart breaks knowing that public officials say with their feet. My heart breaks knowing that schools will be shut down this week, knowing that teachers will be walking out of the classrooms they love.

Franklin Norton says for weeks and he is principled on high school graduation before he sees himself as the student body president. By FRANKLIN NORTON MANAGING EDITOR “It is the time when several classes have opened, or the moments when I walked through the halls each day with people I cared about. Those moments that were so ordinary and regular are the ones I’ll miss the most.” I spoke these words at my high school graduation, not thinking that I would be sitting there again several years later; I am a product of West Virginia education. I grew up here, and I learned here. I learned lessons that shaped me to be who I am today, and I owe to so many of my teachers. I couldn’t begin to count the number of wonderful, extraordinary teachers I had while being educated here—from kindergarten through college. West Virginia teachers are a rare breed, because, trust me, they aren’t in it for the money. If that were the case, then I wouldn’t have had so many of the most extraordinary teachers that I had, because they would be somewhere, maybe in a state right across the river.

In the past few weeks, I have had to watch my teachers suffer and be shut down this week. They march the streets while aloof politicians scream, nothing will stop them from doing whatever they want to do. West Virginia teachers: it’s time to teach these leaders a lesson.

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Students are also calling for anti-gun violence demonstrations in Washington and other cities March 24. Organizers behind the anti-Trump Women’s March called for a 10-minute nationwide walkout by teachers and students on March 14, and a gun-control group was calling for a rally to ban assault weapons Wednesday at the Florida Capitol.

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Marshall University's second annual Bridal and Special Event Expo showcased the many facilities and services the school has to offer on Sunday afternoon in the Memorial Student Center.

The event included vendors and businesses from all over the Tri-State, almost all of which raffled off prizes to attendees to promote their products.

William “Tootie” Carter, business manager for student center operations, said this year's event featured more vendors and had a better turnout visually than before.

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“The event also provided free food to guests, catered by So- dexo Catering, Marshall's premier caterer.

Torti Lavender, owner and photographer of Lavender Photography and a returning vendor, said the event was publicized very well and that she hopes the repeated exposure will bring in new clients.

“I think it's just nice to be visible in the community and different places,” Lavender said. “You know, people see you enough times and they'll see you the last time and it finally clicks.”

Other vendors included RoseTree Boutique, Spurlock Flow- ers, Sun Tan City, A to Z Rentals and Suzcatering, along with several travel agencies and DJ's.

Sophomore Chesney Poole said she is newly engaged, and the Bridal Expo allowed her to easily picture her wedding as a whole.

“It was nice to have everything in one place,” Poole said. “I think it can be confusing and hard to picture an entire wedding coming together, but this way I could see everything that's offered at once.”

Poole said she was unaware of and pleasantly surprised by the facilities and services that the university has available.

“I didn't realize Marshall's campus had such a nice place to hold an event or possibly a wedding,” Poole said. “I really liked the fact that each vendor would talk to you and kind of make it personal. One woman said she wanted to treat all her clients like family.”

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