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Marshall celebrates Women’s History Month through events, lectures

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Guest lecturer to present feminist biography of ‘The Lottery’ author

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Author and journalist Ruth Franklin will present her award-winning biography on Shirley Jackson at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in Marshall University’s Shawkey Dining Room, for the 2019 Charlotte Schmidlapp Distinguished Lecture in Women’s Studies.

Franklin’s book, titled “Beyond the Lottery: Writing the Life of Shirley Jackson,” is a feminist biography of Jackson, author of the short story “The Lottery” and the novel “The Haunting of Hill House,” which was recently adapted as a Netflix original series.

Laura Michele Diener, director of Marshall’s Women’s Studies program, said she invited Franklin to participate after reading her biography, and the lecture will focus on the struggles Jackson faced in her life.

“Franklin is going to focus on Jackson’s life and what the turbulent times she was living through; she was unconventional for her day,” Diener said. “She was a working mother during the 50s; she was earning more money than her husband. Her husband was Jewish, and they had a lot of subversive friends who were involved in different social movements. They were always viewed with suspicion by their neighbors, their own relatives and also the government. At one point they were under investigation by McCarthy. She’s also going to talk about what it means to write a feminist biography and some of her methodology.”

Diener said she hopes attendees leave the lecture with an increased interest in Jackson and an appreciation for her life and work, as well as a better understanding of what went into the creation of Franklin’s feminist biography.

This annual lecture event, part of the Women’s History Month calendar of events, is sponsored by the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, the College of Liberal Arts and the Charlotte Schmidlapp family.

“The Schmidlapp family has a number of funds throughout the U.S.,” Diener said. “In 1907, Jacob Schmidlapp was traveling with his daughter Charlotte in France, and she was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 19. So, he set aside multiple funds for different scholarships generally to do with promoting women in education. And we have one specifically for a lecture in Women’s Studies every year during Women’s History Month at Marshall.”

A display has been set up in Drinko Library to correspond with this event, as the library is partnering with the Women’s Studies program.

“We are partnering with Drinko Library, and so there is a display on the first floor of books relating both to Ruth Franklin and to Shirley Jackson,” Diener said. “There are not only copies of Ruth Franklin’s biography available at Drinko Library but also all of Shirley Jackson’s works.”

Franklin’s lecture will be free and open to the public and will be followed by questions and a reception.

“All the events for Women’s History Month, including the Schmidlapp, are open to students, faculty and community members, and they’re all geared toward that larger audience,” Diener said. “It could be a chance, at a reception, to talk with a professor from a department that you don’t take classes in, so that could be really interesting. And to meet women’s studies minors if you’re thinking of possibly doing that.”

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Thundering Word Speech and Debate Team to compete in Germany

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Members of Marshall University’s Thundering Word Speech and Debate Team will travel to Germany this weekend to compete in their first international tournament.

Five students on the Thundering Word team will be traveling to Berlin to compete in the International Forensics Association Tournament next week, said Clara Adkins, director of forensics at Marshall.

“I believe that our department, our college and the university recognizes and appreciates the performance that our team is giving, and so we received backing from everyone to seek fundraising activities to make this happen,” Adkins said.

The Thundering Word team did a letter campaign, reaching out to individuals that members and telling them of this “excellent opportunity,” Adkins said. Marshall’s Foundation Hall was also involved and reached out to Marshall donors, she said.

“There is an international tournament every year, but this is Marshall’s first,” Adkins said. “It’s very expensive, and I don’t think it was ever really pursued as an option (in the past), but we got this lovely letter that said ‘Congratulations on your team’s impressive performance this past season. As a program who’s achieved a high level of recognition in your country, we cordially invite your students to join us in Berlin.’”

Among the competitors going on the trip will be Student Body President Hunter Barclay, who has been part of the Thundering Word team for four years.

Barclay said he thinks this will be a special opportunity for the team and is grateful for the opportunity as a senior because he will get to have what he considers a memorable trip and competition experience with his teammates.

“I’m excited to do an international tournament,” Barclay said. “This is a rare opportunity for the team to be able to travel outside of the country, for some of us, some members on the team, it will be their first time going outside of the United States, and I think it’s important to be able to go outside of the country, see other competitors from throughout the globe and be able to share our messages.”

Whenever individuals travel outside of the United States, they learn about the people and cultures of the places they are visiting, Barclay said. He said members of the Thundering Word will also be able to learn from competitors who will be at the tournament from other countries.

“I think what’s important about it is that we’re going to learn communication and that communication is something that it’s needed in a globalized world,” Barclay said. “We’ve always expressed our messages in the borders of the United States, but being able to go outside of the country and share those messages with other people, we’ll be able to understand how they not only communicate verbally, where there might be differences in our languages, but see GERMANY on pg. 10
Student Body presidential candidates: rewards outweigh challenges of running for office

By MAKAYLA WHEELER
THE PARTHENON

The signs are up, and the campaigns have started. It is a head-to-head race for the title of student body president.

Jeremiah Parlock and Stephanie Rogner are campaigning against each other this month for the title.

“It’s not just a title. It’s a chance to represent over 13,000 students with diverse backgrounds and needs,” Rogner, a junior marketing major, said.

Representing the student body takes a lot of preparation, said Parlock, a junior political science major.

“Really engage with people and groups before campaigning even starts,” Parlock said.

Preparing for potential presidency also means preparing for rejection. For the candidates, that means focusing on the motivation behind running for office.

“Prepare for rejection but know that you have to persevere if you’re truly committed,” Parlock said.

The idea of losing a campaign that can cost upward of $1,000 and take months to execute is one that students said is stressful, but coming to terms with the fact that losing is a possibility is part of the process.

“I don’t see losing as unsuccessful, but rather an opportunity to go about projects in a different way,” Rogner said.

The campaign process is hard regardless of the preparation, Rogner said.

Candidates said stepping up to be the voice of the student body takes more than a campaign strategy.

“It takes compassion for the needs of students, a love for the university, and the willingness to provide extensive research and time to accomplish promised results,” Rogner said.

These are traits that Rogner said a president needs, but Parlock said a person should possess and act on these ideals regardless of that person’s role on campus.

“You are constantly contributing to students and organizations throughout your entire college experience, which is what every public servant should probably be doing anyway,” Parlock said.

Both candidates said they are excited about their platforms and proud of their chosen staff members who make campaigning easier and more enjoyable.

“It takes finding a reliable and effective team because no good president is ever alone,” Parlock said.

Rogner’s team has focused her platform on examining tuition reform, advocating for an expansion of the counseling center and its services and enhancing student engagement with alumni and the community.

Parlock’s team has focused his platform on improving student involvement in the community and instating student ID discounts at more local businesses.

The candidates said they plan to support the opposing team regardless of who wins.

For further Information on the Rogner campaign, students can email Stephanie Rogner at rogner1@marshall.edu or follow her campaign on social media @rognerwilliams2019.

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Marshall University alumni discusses Greater Huntington Walks movement

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A representative of Greater Huntington Walks discussed the origin and past and future goals of the local movement, Tuesday during a Student Government Association student senate meeting in the Memorial Student Center.

Andy Fischer, a Marshall graduate who was a member of the SGA during his time at Marshall, discussed Greater Huntington Walks at the meeting and tried to increase student involvement with the movement.

For the last 25 years, Fischer said, he has been operating a financial services business in Huntington, and last year, during a federal audit, individuals who came in asked him how the drug and crime epidemic in Huntington, West Virginia, had affected his business. He said he was taken aback by this, because his business was not involved with these things, and he did not believe any of his employees or customers were either.

“They had a fear,” Fischer said. “They came into the office after the second day and told me that they could no longer walk from my office on seventh street fourth avenue down to get lunch or dinner. They didn’t feel safe, and you know we do it every day, we never think anything of it, and yes we have people who are homeless, and yes we have some that have other problems, but you know, we don’t consider it a threat from us.”

Of these auditors, one was from New York and one was from New Jersey, Fischer said. The pair told Fischer they had some of the same problems on their streets, but what he said made the difference is that they said that they had heard so much about Huntington.

“We’re perceived, and have been perceived, outside of our own area as being the most obese city in the U.S., the overdose capital of the U.S., and when... see HUNTINGTON on pg. 10
Greek Life philanthropy tournament moves to campus for student access

Alpha Sigma Phi and Delta Zeta’s sixth annual Spike for a Cause volleyball tournament will take place March 10 at Marshall University’s Recreation Center to raise money for Starkey Hearing and Home for Our Troops.

By PAIGE LEONARD
THE PARTHENON

Preparing to raise money for charitable causes, the fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi and sorority Delta Zeta have organized their sixth annual Spike for a Cause, scheduled for Sunday, March 10 with a new location.

“I’m really excited about that because I feel like that might help more people sign up because they don’t have to commute or go anywhere,” Olivia Bias, a marketing and management major who is Delta Zeta’s vice president of philanthropy, said about the change in venue.

For the past five years, the volleyball tournament has been at Huntington High School, but this year’s Spike for a Cause will be at the Marshall Recreational Center, Bias said.

“I like (the change) because it makes it easier for students on campus who want to participate. They literally just have to walk to the Rec,” Bias said.

With a goal to beat last year’s profit of $2,000, Bias said she hopes the event’s accessibility will help the organizations raise $3,000 or $4,000 dollars.

“We would love to absolutely crush that,” Shawn Grigoraci, a finance major who is Delta Zeta’s vice president of philanthropy, said about his hopes to beat last year’s donations.

Since the proceeds are split between the two organizations, “the more money we raise, the more we can split the money down the middle,” Bias said.

“I’m trying to get 25 teams because that’s basically where the money comes from for both of our organizations and charities we are raising money for,” Bias said.

The single elimination volleyball tournament, Bias said, will support Delta Zeta’s philanthropy Starkey Hearing and Alpha Sigma Phi’s philanthropy Home for Our Troops.

Starkey Hearing is “a non-profit that gives hearing aids to those that wouldn’t get them otherwise from countries and cities around the world,” Bias said.

Grigoraci said Homes for Our Troops provides services and funding to veterans.

Not only is this a tournament that is fun, Bias said, but the tournament “can literally help build a home for someone who has done so much for the U.S.”

“It’s really beautiful that this little volleyball tournament could help someone hear,” Bias said.

The philanthropy event, which begins a noon and ends at 4 p.m., requires a minimum of six players per team and costs $10 for each player, Bias said.

“The winning team will receive a trophy or plaque,” Bias said. “If you win, it’s bragging rights, and it’s a really good way to give back to the community.”

To register a team, Bias said Delta Zeta created a Crowd Change account, which lets any one register for Spike for a Cause or donate to the philanthropies.

“It’s a great time for you and your friends to come together, and we want to donate as much money as possible,” Grigoraci said.

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Job-A-Palooza returns to Marshall

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Employers will look for students for summer and seasonal jobs and part-time internships during the Job-A-Palooza event March 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

“We have 31 employers coming to the event,” said Debby Stoler, a career counselor from Marshall’s Career Services Center.

There are many employers coming that are interested in seeking many employees for all majors, Stoler said. She said some of the employers are coming for business, marketing, education, nursing, psychology and social work, communications and engineering.

Some employers who will be attending the event are from the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, Amazon Customer Service, Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia and the Virginia Division of Rehabilitation.

The Job-A-Palooza has gotten bigger and received good feedback over the years at Marshall, Stoler said. She said it is a good chance for employers to connect more informally with students because it is not as formal as the career expo the Career Services Center does.

“The Job-A-Palooza is a great event that the Career Center hosts,” said Alex Chukwu-Noe, a senior nursing major.

Chukwu-Noe said she has received a summer internship through the Job-A-Palooza before and hopes to get another one this year.

“The event is just so nice because it feels as if you are interviewing for a job in a more relaxed, comfortable environment because Marshall is a comfortable place for me, and I have had great accomplishments here,” Chukwu-Noe said. “Knowing I am somewhere where I feel comfortable gives me confidence to really talk myself up to these employers.”

Individuals should make sure to bring their resumes to the event because many employers take resumes and might give an interview on the spot, Stoler said.

“If anything else, bringing your resume gives the employer a good contact for you and lets them see your previous work history and major and helps them get to know you better as an employee and if you are a good fit,” Stoler said.

Another tip for students going to the Job-A-Palooza is to get their elevator speech ready, Stoler said. An elevator speech is a thirty-second commercial featuring yourself, Stoler said. She said it is what to say when you are introducing yourself and talking yourself up to an employer. The Career Service Center can help students prepare for these speeches.

“It is always good to have your elevator speech ready anyway because you never know when you are going to run into a potential employer or a company you have wanted to work for,” Stoler said.

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Sorority event hopes to raise ‘stacks’ for charity

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Seeking to raise money for its philanthropy, the sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma will host the fifth annual Sigma Stacks March 15 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Sigma Sigma Sigma house.

“This is the first year that it has been in the spring semester, so we are excited to see how that’s going to go,” said Sydni Pierce, a first-year business management major who is Sigma Sigma Sigma’s foundation chair.

This all-you-can-eat pancake dinner used to be in the fall, Pierce said, but has been changed to spring to accommodate the sorority’s fall Chili Fest, another philanthropy event.

The fifth annual Sigma Stacks will be “Be Our Guest” themed, consisting of Disney-related decorations, Pierce said.

“One thing that is unique to each philanthropy chair is that they’re allowed to kind of run with the theme, as far as that goes, so this is the first year I believe that we have had a Disney theme as well,” Pierce said.

With a goal to raise more money than last year for its two charities, the Tri Sigma Foundation and the March of Dimes, members of Sigma Sigma Sigma “want to get as much money for our philanthropies as we possibly can,” Pierce said.

“Our motto is ‘Sigma Serves Children,’” Pierce said.

The March of Dimes and the Tri Sigma Foundation do just that, she said.

Pierce said the Tri Sigma Foundation “helps to provide funds to children,” and the March of Dimes “helps premature babies and their parents with the funding for hospitals.”

“I worked with the March of Dimes in high school,” Pierce said. “So, that’s really cool I get to work with this organization in college as well.”

The philanthropies also connect with Kasey Bienkowski, a Sigma Sigma Sigma member who said, as a

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Lent represents ‘season of reflection’ for Christians

**By MEREDITH O’BARA**
**THE PARTHENON**

40 days and 40 nights.

Christian students prepare for the Church season of Lent. The season, which many Christian denominations recognize and celebrate, represent the 40 days and nights Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil. The days lead up to the Easter holiday.

“Lent in its most basic definition is a season of reflection and penance,” Elijah Watson, first-year history education major, said. “We believe that Jesus was tempted by the devil for 40 straight days, so in this season we try and give up something during this season that tempts us, even if it is a good thing.”

ELIJAH WATSON

For many Christians, Lent represents different aspects of their faith. For Watson, he said it means looking at different areas of his life.

“It is about preparing ourselves and joining in Jesus’s suffering leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection.”

“We believe that Jesus was tempted by the devil for 40 straight days, so in this season we try and give up something during this season that tempts us, even if it is a good thing.”

ELIJAH WATSON

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Sigma Sigma Sigma will prepare and serve pancakes on March 15 to raise money for the Tri Sigma Foundation and the March of Dimes.
Herd softball remains undefeated at home after sweeping weekend series

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THE PARTHENON

The Marshall women’s softball team remained undefeated at Dot Hicks Field after going 4-0 against Ohio and Rider.

The Herd (14-5, 0-0 C-USA) swept all three games in its series against the Broncos (0-9, 0-0 MAAC), closing the series with a 10-2 win in five innings Sunday.

“I think our offense has been kind of up and down a little bit,” head coach Megan Smith said. “I think we today put it together and we were able to use all of our lineup to create some opportunities.”

The series finale was scoreless until Marshall scored five runs in the second inning. Senior infielder Briana Daiss hit a double and junior infielder Blakely Burch hit a triple to send junior infielder Sierra Huerta and Daiss to home plate to give the Herd an early 2-0 lead.

Following that, senior outfielder Hannah Giammarino hit a double and sent freshman outfielder Chloe Lee and Burch home. Giammarino scored on a wild pitch to boost Marshall’s lead to 5-0.

In the bottom of the third inning, sophomore infielder Armani Brown hit a single, scoring Huerta and Burch for 2 RBI. Another wild pitch sent Giammarino home for the Herd, making the lead 6-0 through three innings.

At the top of the fourth, the Broncos answered against the Herd’s defense as it scored a pair of runs. The Herd answered back to the Broncos’ defense as Burch hit a double to send senior center Hayden Ellis home. Marshall went up 9-2 at the bottom of the fourth inning.

Marshall closed out the game in five innings when sophomore infielder Aly Harrell hit a double to the outfield to send Giammarino to home plate.

Senior pitcher Abigail Tolbert’s record improved to 9-4 on the season.

“I feel like each game we are getting better,” Tolbert said. “We’re still learning. We’re trying to limit free passes. Coach (Maddie) Holub has really prepared us for conditions like we saw today. I think it showed with how we were able to still pound the zone and get ahead.”

Tolbert said that she praises Huerta and Burch for their effort on defense.

“Several times they have gotten me out of tough situations,” Tolbert said. “I know for a fact that if I shoot a ground ball that they’re going to make the play and get me out of whatever jam I’m in.”

Smith said that she was proud of Tolbert’s pitching during the game despite the weather outcome.

“Abbie Tolbert pitched extremely well in some really nasty conditions,” Smith said. “I’m proud of the way our team was mentally tough today and fought.”

“I’m just proud of our effort today,” Smith said. “It was freezing outside. It was raining, sleet, and snowing, and we were tough, and we fought through it and played good defense.”

The Herd was slated to travel to Morehead State for a doubleheader on Wednesday but poor weather and field conditions forced the games to be canceled.

Marshall continues play Friday at the Cherry Blossom Invitational in Fairfax, Virginia.

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Herd avoids Binghamton sweep with 15-inning win

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The Marshall Thundering Herd baseball team defeated the visiting Binghamton Bearcats Saturday, 4-3, in a 15-inning marathon at the Kennedy Center YMCA.

Tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the 15th, redshirt senior outfielder Tucker Linder doubled down the left field line. He advanced to third on a senior infielder Raul Cabrera single to left field. Binghamton made a pitching change following Cabrera’s single and Bearcats relief pitcher Jake Miller threw a wild pitch with his first pitch to Geordon Blanton, allowing Linder to score the winning run.

Earlier in the contest, Marshall’s junior designated hitter Zach Inskeep scored on sophomore first baseman Jaren Lovely’s first inning double. In the second inning, Binghamton scored on a senior infielder Matt Tskroff double.

The game stayed tied 1-1 until the bottom of the fourth when the Thundering Herd regained the lead. Redshirt junior Elvis Peralta doubled down the left field line, followed by Linder reaching first base on a wild pitch after a strikeout. Peralta stole third and later scored on a Cabrera sacrifice fly to right field.

Binghamton answered in the sixth when sophomore designated hitter Sam Freedman scored. Freedman reached base on a single to center field, followed by Cabrera getting walked, extending the game even further.

The score remained tied until the 12th inning when Binghamton scored. Marshall tripled to right field. Freedman was intentionally walked, followed by Meduri and Baratta getting walked and Freedman scored on the Baratta walk.

The Herd tied the game again after Lovely scored on a Cabrera walk. The inning started with a Lovely single, followed by Peralta, Linder and Cabrera getting walked, extending the game even further.

Ryan Falls was credited with the win, his first of the season, after throwing 1 2/3 shutout innings. Ryan Bryggman took the loss after loading the bases in the 15th before Miller came in and threw the game-ending wild pitch.

Marshall softball has averaged nearly six runs scored per game over the course of its first 19 games but just a fraction of that would have been necessary thanks to the pitching staff’s performance during a 4-0 homestand.

Abigail Tolbert and Kailee Williamson gave up a combined two runs (one earned) over the course of 24 innings during the four games, recording a 0.29 earned run average. Tolbert threw consecutive shutouts against Ohio and Rider and Williamson shutout Rider in the second game of the series. The four-game performance by the pitching staff lowered its season earned run average from 1.87 to 1.57.

Marshall returns to action Friday at the Cherry Blossom Invitational at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. The Thundering Herd was originally scheduled to play a doubleheader Wednesday at Morehead State but the games were canceled due to poor field conditions.
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Editorial

Raising smoking age is step in wrong direction

What in the world is going on in the West Virginia state government? As if the campus carry bill is not bad enough, representatives last week displayed Islamophobic propaganda that made national headlines. Just a few weeks before, Delegate Eric Porterfield sparked outrage when he compared the KKK to the LGBTQ community. Now, the senate has passed a bill raising the smoking age to 21.

While this sounds good in theory, it restricts our freedoms. It hurts young people. It will most likely not stop people from smoking or wanting to smoke; as characteristic of teenagers, some may be more interested in participating in an illegal activity. If caught smoking younger than 21, people can have their licenses suspended or be fined $50 for a first offence. This is another clever way for our government to get money out of residents of the state.

The bill is now headed to the House for consideration. What a wonderful juxtaposition. The senate must now vote on HB 2519, which would allow concealed carry on college campuses. We need them to kill this bill, but we also need the House to shoot down the smoking restriction bill.

Students may be allowed to carry weapons on campus, but they wouldn’t be able to smoke. Deadly weapons can be found in their backpacks no problem, but if cigarettes are also found, they will be in serious trouble. Cigarettes harm the smoker, but guns have the potential to harm many more people and much faster and more severely, too.

If our government is going to raise the smoking age, why can’t they raise the age to conceal carry, or to get drafted or to vote for representatives who hardly ever make us feel represented? If there is one thing our state government needs, it is consistency. Let’s raise or lower all the ages so they are all the same. Interesting enough, though, this bill allows military members 18 or older to smoke. If someone is below 21 and wants to smoke, they can just join the military. Problem solved.

However, there is one bright side to this bill. It considers smoking in a car with a child below age 17 a secondary offence, with fines of $25. Secondhand smoke is bad, and smoking is worse. If the bill would only solely focus on this, it may have more supporters.

Children should not be exposed to smoking, but once they turn 18, they are considered adults and should be allowed to make adult decisions, including deciding whether or not to smoke.

“This is a bad bill; this is a bad idea,” Sen. Mike Azinger said. “This whole anti-smoking movement started decades ago, and it’s smacked of Orwellianism from the beginning.”

Some may argue that though this bill is restricting freedoms, so is HB 2519. This is not so. It is legal to smoke at 18 now, but it has never been legal to conceal carry guns on campus.

We should keep it that way.
Gun regulations on campus do not restrict my rights

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LIFE EDITOR

Guns do not belong on campus. I say that as someone who is not against the concept of owning a firearm. I say that as a woman who owns a pistol and as someone who takes advantage of my right to carry a concealed firearm nearly every day.

I am no stranger to feeling uncomfortable or vulnerable in a public place. Because of this, I feel that carrying a gun in my purse is an equalizer. Although I hope to never use it, having it makes me feel more comfortable in situations where I am alone and would normally feel somewhat helpless. I shouldn’t have to feel this way, but I do, and carrying a firearm gives me confidence.

However, I don’t feel this way on my campus. I don’t feel scared or at risk when I am walking from class to class; I don’t feel I need a gun within arm’s reach as I’m studying in the library or in the Student Center.

I especially do not feel endangered when I see Marshall University police officers patrolling the campus 24/7. Huntington’s police presence is also extremely evident on Marshall’s campus. The city employs nearly 100 police officers, which is statistically above average for our population.

I already feel protected on Marshall’s campus. I’m sure I would feel the same way at West Virginia University or any other institution in the state. My tuition and tax dollars pay for my protection at school. I do not need protection from my fellow students and professors when there are those monsters; my room was more of a cave than it was a silent. There wasn’t a moment that I didn’t feel paralyzed in fear. My closet door wide open, a dark void of nothingness across from me. I analyzed the door, waiting for something to happen. Nothing did. With relief, I closed my closet.

Going back to my bed should have been the easy part, if there wasn’t someone laying in it in the middle of the night. My eyes were squeezed so tightly shut my head creak of a door makes itself known, slow but eerie, crawling in my ears. I remember, my closet. It’s always my closet.

My eyes were squeezed so tightly shut my head started to ache, but the creak continued, as if my closet were swaying ever so slowly but consistently. My body stiffened like a rock, so tense in fear of what would be staring back at my fearful stature. I suppose I could take a peek, a tiny peek with one eye just barely open. Then maybe I could grow some courage to move. Just...one eye.

With one eye, there it was, everything that my anticipation had built up, everything that kept me frozen in fear. My closet door wide open, a dark void of nothingness across from me. I analyzed the door, waiting for something to happen. Nothing did. With relief, I could move and wandered over to shut my closet door.

Going back to my bed should have been the easy part, if there wasn’t someone laying in it in my absence.

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Marshall partners with SUU to explore opportunities in aviation

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THE PARTHENON

Aviation can take people almost anywhere, and it has taken Marshall University all the way to Southern Utah University.

The two universities are making a joint effort to explore the possibilities of creating a program that would offer a bachelor’s degree in aviation based in Marshall’s South Charleston campus.

Marshall President Jerry Gilbert recently made the trip to the southwest region to explore the facilities offered at SUU. This trip also resulted in the signing of a memorandum of agreement between the two institutions to build a program while utilizing each other’s assets.

In an SUU online news release, Michael Mower, executive director of SUU aviation, said, “Not only is it the first time two universities have partnered together on these types of flight programs, but the ability for us to expand the program and service the industry needs for helicopter, airplane and maintenance will be multiplied. Our industry partners are very excited about what this means for the training world and aviation industry as a whole.”

The memorandum of agreement signed by Gilbert and SUU President Scott L. Wyatt details pilot program ideas for Marshall’s Huntington and Charleston campuses, utilizing the West Virginia airports, Yeager Airport and Huntington Tri-State Airport.

Also outlined in the agreement is reaching a goal of “1,100,000 pilots and 1,200,000 maintenance workers over the next 18 years,” as well as an estimated two million cabin crew members, according to the SUU news release.

Marshall Provost Jaime Taylor said he is excited for the potential this program has at Marshall University, and he thinks Marshall is the best way to introduce this new industry to the state.

“If you’re going to move an industry into the state of West Virginia, it has to be led by higher education,” Taylor said. “The higher ed basically has to develop the work force to then basically attract the industry. Marshall is a leader in West Virginia. If we’re going to attract an industry to the state of West Virginia, Marshall is the one that’s going to have to take the lead on that.”

The potential for an aerospace program at Marshall has been talked about for some time now. Local business developers, like the Huntington Area Development Council (HADC) and the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI), have been pushing the development of this industry for the Huntington tri-state area and Marshall for months. Now, the possibility of growth for this industry is seeing traction.

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whatever,” Watson said. “It can be anything, but the whole purpose is to remind ourselves how dependent we are on these things so we can make more of an effort to be dependent on Jesus.”

Actions can also be added to celebrate the season. This year Sonnenberg said she hopes to add daily prayer to increase her faith.

“This year I’m hoping to grow in my faith through daily prayer and reflection,” Sonnenberg said. “It is so easy to get caught up in the stress of college and push God and my relationship with Him to the side for later. I want to use Lent to re-center Him as my priority.”

For Watson, he plans to renew his faith life and invest more into it.

“In this season of Lent, I hope to be more mindful of how much we can really relate to Jesus,” Watson said. “Our religion is unique in the fact that our God really was humiliated, tempted, rejected and eventually killed. He understands all the struggles we go through because He’s been through it himself. So, in this season, I want to lean more on Jesus and remember that I can go to Him with my problems because He went through it first.”

As Christians prepare to celebrate the season, Sonnenberg said this time of the year gives everyone a chance to grow in their faith.

“Lent is my favorite part of the liturgical year,” Sonnenberg said. “It is the time to reflect on how our actions have brought us further from or closer to God.”

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people don’t know who we are, that is who they perceive all of us are, and it’s wrong,” Fischer said.

Some perceptions people have can create negativity toward Huntington and adversely affect business, employees and students in the area, Fischer said.

Fischer said he and others decided to work to take back the streets of Huntington with Greater Huntington Walks, a movement that seeks “to create a more active culture in the Tri-State and spark healthy competitions among family members, friends and coworkers,” according to City of Huntington’s website.

The movement began last year with a goal of getting individuals in Huntington to walk a collective 238,900 miles, the distance that would be required to “walk to the moon,” Fischer said. He said enough people signed up and participated that Huntington was able to “walk to the moon” in about 43 days and to walk back in about 40 days, and the movement has been able to get people involved in other ways as well.

This year, the movement’s goals is to walk five million miles, and Fischer said he was at the student senate meeting to get Marshall involved in the movement.

“What I want is Huntington, West Virginia to be recognized as a healthy city,” Fischer said. “I want Huntington, West Virginia to be in the top 10 of the most-healthy cities, not just in West Virginia, in the United States. And I know it’s not going to happen tomorrow, but if we continue to do this, and continue to broaden our circle, we can change that image, that perception, and we can be a healthy, vibrant and energetic city that people and business want to come to.”

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an elementary education major, she wants to help out as many children as she possibly can.

“Sigma’s donations help provide funding to build play atriums in hospitals, and a lot of girls in the chapter were born premature, so it’s nice to give back,” Bienkowski said.

Not only can attendants receive all-you-can-eat pancakes, “which is awesome for you,” Pierce said, but “you know your money is going for a good cause.”

Despite how much time and effort the philanthropy event has required, Pierce said she is “super excited.”

Tickets for Sigma Stacks cost $5, and Sigma Sigma Sigma members will begin promoting the event soon to help sell tickets, Pierce said.

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nonverbally, which is a mass development of any communication.”

In addition to competing, the Thundering Word team will also have the opportunity to go sightseeing during the trip, Adkins said. She said she believes it is a privilege for the team to be able to explore this other culture and history, and a lot of people will never get the opportunity to travel abroad unless it is through school.

For several members of the Thundering Word, Germany is a top pick of countries to visit, Adkins said. Team members are “ecstatic” to be going to Germany for the tournament, she said, and she thinks it is an interesting country where there is a lot of history to be learned.

Adkins said she hopes this will not be the Thundering Word team’s last experience going to the international tournament, and the team will be able to continue attending it in the future. She said she feels really good going into the competition, with the team coming off of a “huge win” at the state tournament and thinks that energy and positive feeling will help the team in the international tournament.

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Marshall Clay Club sells bowls to benefit Facing Hunger Food Bank

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Although thousands of people in Huntington suffer from hunger, a fundraiser is relieving some of that hunger by filling empty bowls and empty stomachs. The Empty Bowls fundraiser will be April 12 at Huntington’s First Presbyterian Church, and Marshall University’s Clay Club will participate by selling their handmade bowls for $15, which will come with a free soup lunch in a separate bowl. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Facing Hunger Food Bank.

The Clay Club is also getting ready for their next sale, which features original work from the members of the club. These art sales give the artists a chance to show off their work while also earning a little bit of money, said Kevin Trautwein, vice president of the club. They will be set up in the Memorial Student Center from April 23-25, followed by a sale day downtown at the Visual Arts Center. Sixty percent of the profits from this sale will go directly to the artist who created each piece, while the remaining 40 percent will go toward general club expenses, Trautwein said.

“(The club) is a collaborative group of students who meet weekly to learn about clay,” Trautwein said.

Most of their meetings are open-studio work times, with the exception of three mandatory meetings for all club members to discuss important items on the agenda.

Any students interested in joining the club do not need to have prior clay or sculpting experience, just a willingness to learn about clay and the process of creation, Trautwein said. The dues for being a part of the club are $15, which pays for a club shirt and any cost of materials used to create.

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