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By PHUONG ANH DO
THE PARTHENON

Hundreds of students joined the eighth annual Unity Walk to kick off the homecoming week activities Monday afternoon. The event celebrated the diversity of Marshall University’s student body with a walk around the campus perimeter.

“So, this is about a family reunion, we call it unity,” Associate Vice President of Intercultural Affairs, Maurice R. Cooley, said. “I want you to know that even when you graduate in your degree or your advanced degree, and many of you will travel off to places around the country or around the world, you must always know every day that you do have your own family, not your biological DNA roots, but you are all part of the Marshall University family.”

Starting at the Recreation Center, groups representing various clubs and student organizations on campus began walking through campus, then they split in two directions, merging back together in front of the Old Main building to walk toward the Memorial Student Center.

Cooley said when he first joined the university staff he found that although the students and faculty really enjoyed being a part of the Marshall family, they never truly came together.

“This event is designed to support being a part of the family,” Cooley said. “The concept is pretty simple; we all come in one place, we meet, walk and talk with each other and celebrate together. But more importantly, we want to make sure that our students at the university fully understand the importance of being a part of the extended family that is Marshall.”

The event also announced the winners of the homecoming banner competition; first place went to the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

Kylie Johnson, a Marshall student and CAB member, said thanks to the event, all its students now belong to one big family.

“This event is awesome,” Johnson said. “Students come out and support each other no matter what organizations they are from, no matter what ethnicity. And like they say, we are one family.”

According to Cooley, the Unity Walk also helps support international students.

“We respect your home of origin, it doesn’t matter what country are you from, what race or ethnicity, or your religion,” Cooley said. “We are all here in one place and we are all equal in this place.”

Esha Patel, a health informatics major at Marshall originally from India, said she was glad that the university has activities that show support for international students.

“The event helps you feel that you are not from the outside,” Patel said. “Everyone showed up and presented as one family. They don’t think of us as the outsiders.”

Homecoming court was also announced at the Unity Walk and Mr. and Ms. Marshall will be announced at the homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 26.

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— Kylie Johnson
Drag queens and bingo bring community together

By SARAH ROWE
THE PARThENON

The Women’s March West Virginia, The Peddler, Huntington Pride and Branches Domestic Violence Shelter collaborated on a few commonalities—drag queens and bingo.

“There has to be solidarity in a movement, you have to involve the community in order to make a difference,” Ally Layman, director of Drag Me to Bingo and co-founder of Huntington Pride, said. “Domestic abuse is not a fun topic, so we wanted to get people involved in something that’s enjoyable and that can make a difference, even if the proceeds only help a few people.”

Drag Me to Bingo, presented by Women’s March West Virginia and cohosted by Huntington Pride, allowed attendees to play 15 games of Bingo at the Peddler. “We want Huntington Pride to represent love and acceptance, and the bringing the community together plays a major role in that,” Layman said.

The Women’s March West Virginia is a non-profit, social justice organization in West Virginia. The proceeds from Drag Me to Bingo will be split between the organizations, with the majority benefiting Branches Domestic Violence Shelter. The shelter offers support and protection for those dealing with domestic abuse.

“Get a room full of drinks, food, drag queens and bingo, and you have a party; it doesn’t feel like community service,” Layman said. “Drag queens light up the room, they get people excited to be there.”

According to Futures Without Violence, one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in her life.

“A lot of domestic abuse victims are female, and I feel like drag queens as a group try to empower women and change people’s perspective on what can be entertaining,” Todd Gray, a drag queen that performed at the event, said. “It’s beyond just dressing up as a woman, it’s about self-expression and truly accepting all parts of yourself. I love to perform, why not do it for a really good cause?”

Megan Hetzer, the owner of The Peddler, said she welcomed Drag Me to Bingo to help support a good cause.

“Giving back feels good regardless, being able to provide a place to do so is even more important,” Hetzer said. “The Peddler is usually a place for people to come and enjoy themselves, why not extend our hours for one day to really make something good come out of it?”

Drag Me to Bingo offered prizes to the winners at the end, and the event sold out.

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In Their Shoes honors Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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THE PARThENON

Students had the opportunity to participate in an interactive simulation that follows the story of someone struggling with a domestic violence situation in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Marshall’s Women’s and Gender Center partnered with Branches Domestic Violence Shelter to bring the “In Their Shoes” event to Marshall’s campus and allowed students to put themselves in someone else’s shoes, according to Claire Snyder, program coordinator of the Women’s and Gender Center.

“The main goal is for students to build empathy and learn a little bit about what individuals experiencing domestic violence or abuse might go through,” Snyder said. “And hopefully, we can motivate student to be engaged in their communities and get involved with supporting victims and survivors.”

During the simulation, students followed choose-your-own-path cards which guided them through hypothetical interactions with different resources female victims of domestic violence may use. Students such as sophomore biology major Aria Searles took part in the simulation and said she found the event eye-opening and informative.

“I kind of freaked out when I was reading the scenario I had and I got really sad,” Searles said. “I just realized that people deal with this all of the time and they want to get help, but it isn’t always that simple. Sometimes people aren’t willing to help, or there are certain rules and guidelines that they have to follow that prevents them from getting the help they need.”

After the simulation, students were able to grab a bite to eat and participate in an advocate-led debriefing session to discuss any thoughts or ideas that came up while doing the simulation. The debriefing session was used to help students process everything they had just learned, according to Sara Blevins, director of development at Branches Domestic Violence Shelter.

“We don’t want to leave someone hanging, so we do a debrief with an actual advocate that has worked with victims,” Blevins said. “That gives students a new perspective to the things they experienced in the activity.”

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter created the simulation, and this is the second year the Women’s and Gender Center has partnered with them to put on this event. Blevins said she believes reaching college students is important because it is a significant time in someone’s life, and their voice is needed.

“By putting on this event with Marshall and the Women’s and Gender Center, we have the opportunity to reach students around the time where they are making decisions about the causes that they are going to stand for, and figuring out who they are,” Blevins said.

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter serves five counties and is the first domestic violence shelter in West Virginia to open a second location. They now have one shelter in Cabell County and another in Putnam County. Last year, Branches served roughly 155 people in the shelter, but that is only part of the services that they offer, according to Blevins.

Branches offers a 24/7 hotline that is completely confidential. Everything Branches does is free of charge, and they are open to all.

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Mid-Ohio Valley Center celebrates 25th anniversary

By BRITTANY HIVELY
THE PARTHENON
Students, faculty and community members celebrated the Mid-Ohio Valley Center’s 25th anniversary Monday afternoon, highlighting the impacts the center has had on students and the community.

“MOVC means a lot to me. They gave me a second chance and have been there repeatedly for me,” Hannah McCormick, a senior social work student, said. “They have seen me cry, but they have also pushed me to succeed. It isn’t just a school to me, it’s like a second home and the people there are like family.”

The MOVC is a branch of Marshall University located in Point Pleasant. The campus offers a variety of core classes, as well as other specialized programs.

“The fact that it’s been here 25 years is fantastic and shows a long commitment to this region and a long commitment to serving Mason County and West Virginia,” Marshall President Jerry Gilbert said.

The creation of the satellite campus does not have an origin other than Homer Preece, director of MOVC, who had a dream. The MOVC was created with a need for higher education in the area.

“When I was talking with Dr. Spears, I said, ‘One day, if I work really hard and we grow, can I have my own building?’ Preece said. “And Keith was the type of guy who would promise you anything to get you to work harder, but he did not understand my competitiveness. I had a vision in my head.”

Keith Spears was formerly the vice president of institutional advancement and communication while working at Marshall from 1997-2007. The first class taught through the MOVC was taught at Wahama High school with 11 students. There were roughly 245 students when talks of the building started. Once the building opened, there were approximately 400 students enrolled. The campus currently serves between 800 and 900 students, according to Preece. It took roughly six years from the first class taught to the opening of the MOVC building and opportunities, said Preece.

“In the beginning, we had a lot of part-time people. Adults. Probably at that time, it was 95% adults versus 18-year-olds because they never had the opportunity to go to college,” Preece said. “Huntington was just too far away because they had family responsibilities, they had jobs. And most of our classes were in the evening and now we have kind of reversed.”

While the numbers of nontraditional students to traditional students have reversed since the opening, Preece said they have room for everyone.

“We’re here for them. We’ve got the RBA program, we have some nontraditional people going into the nursing program, into the social work program,” Preece said. “I’m here to provide opportunities for students whether they know it yet or not.”

The MOVC campus property was donated by Pleasant Valley Hospital. The building was expanded to add labs for the growing nursing program in 2013, Preece said.

“This campus, much like our campus in South Charleston, gives students a chance to get the college experience without going to a large college setting like the Huntington campus,” Gilbert said. “So, it’s a nice transition for those students who might not be sure about going away and spending their first year or two in a large campus. It’s a great transitional facility.”

Preece also said he was happy with the amount of people that have utilized the MOVC. “I’m just amazed of the number of people that have gone through these doors,” Preece said. “And I’m just so happy for this tri-county area and that we’re here for them.”

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Pizza and Professors event to encourage personal connections

By GLENNDA SIMS
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Pizza, professors and potential opportunities for students interested in English courses will all be available during the English department’s Pizza and Professors event, set to take place Oct. 28 in Corbly Hall 306.

The event allows students to see what the department has to offer and lets the professors get acquainted with the students.

Sabrina Jones, an English adviser and professor, compared the relationships to those of a family: “I’m excited because I see students who I haven’t seen in a while,” Jones said. “It’s kind of like a family reunion, and you get to make new family.”

Pizza and Professors is designed for students interested in taking any English course, such as writing intensive, critical thinking and film studies courses. The event will be an informal, informative event, and students can arrive at any time and stay for as long as they want.

Not only can students benefit from the event, but Jones said professors can benefit as well. Professors can get introduced to courses and new ideas from other professors for their own courses.

Additionally, once the professors learn the students well enough, they make suggestions for what courses students should take.

Professors will also be there to answer any questions about courses students may have. The event is planned by the Undergraduate Programs Committee (UPC), which consists of English advisers and one faculty member from each strand of the English department.

—Sabrina Jones

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Students to travel to Atlanta, Ga. for Vision Conference

By PHUONG ANH DO
THE PARTHENON

New Year’s is an opportunity to spend time with family, but for students who are thousands of miles from home, this time of the year can be lonesome if they cannot decide on plans for New Year’s Eve.

A conference providing international and American students the opportunity to celebrate the new year together has been organized by Bridges International. The conference will be a chance for students to experience personal growth, global community and spiritual conversations in an environment designed specifically for them, Monica Schulte, the president of Bridges International at Marshall University said.

“The Vision Conference is organized in a different location every year. Last year, it was in Colorado, and this year it’s in Atlanta, Georgia,” Schulte said. “It’s over New Year’s; they usually have a big New Year’s party at the end of it. It’s where international and American students can come and personally grow community and get involved in spiritual conversations.”

The Vision Conference will be a five-day conference from Dec. 28, 2019 to Jan. 1, 2020. The event has different sections for students to enjoy such as “personal growth,” when speakers talk with attendees, and “community night,” when students can meet and interact with other students from around the world. Another section in the conference will be the New Year’s Eve talent show and party when people from more than 60 different countries will celebrate together.

Alongside all conference events, a large part of the Vision Conference experience is within tracks where they can meet other friends that share common culture, stories or even common language, Schulte said.

“There are different tracks like Chinese Track, South Asian Track, Children of Abraham Track, one for the Middle East and then in general for international students,” Schulte said.

The trip has received positive responses from students in the past, and the organization has scholarships to support students who want to join the Vision Conference.

“We had about five Americans and five international students signed up to us,” Schulte said. “It can be a little bit pricy, so we have the scholarship for students to make sure anyone wants to go there can come, and we make it happen.”

Harshit Verma, a student who is originally from India and recently graduated from Marshall, said the trip was fun and that he met a lot of new friends during the conference.

“I decided to join the trip to explore the new places like Denver in Colorado and to seek more information like views of different people on the belief of God,” Verma said. “Over there, I came across people from China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Egypt, Australia and New Zealand. We had a lot of activities like getting in a group discussion about the Bible, dancing, playing card games and ice skating.”

Schulte said the trip to Colorado was one of the most incredible experiences in her life.

“All different cultures were there. They shared about their culture, and we got to share about ours. The speakers were incredible,” Schulte said. “We went hiking (and) saw the mountain. This year we’ll go explore Atlanta, which is the big city so it should be fun.”

To sign up to attend the conference, students can visit visionconf.com. A four-person room currently costs $275 but will increase to $325 on Nov. 16 and $375 on Dec. 7. A two-person room currently costs $425 but will increase to $475 on Nov. 16 and $525 on Dec. 7.

Information regarding Bridges International and its upcoming events can be found on their Facebook page or by contacting the organization at (513)-673-5059.

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Students, MUPD officers to talk over taco lunch

By ROBERT CASTILLO
THE PARTHENON

The Student Conduct Office and Marshall University’s Police Department are inviting students to join them from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28 on the Memorial Student Center Plaza for “Let’s Taco Bout It With MUPD.”

“We invite all students to come out and meet the officers and ask us questions,” MUPD Chief Jim Terry said. “It’ll just be us; officers from the current shift will be there. Come out and get a taco.”

Terry said this is a good opportunity to come out and have a relaxed moment with the officers.

“It’s a time to interact with the officers in a casual environment where they can ask questions and get answers from the staff,” Terry said.

Terry explained that two-way communication is important for relationships between MUPD officers and the students.

“Anytime there’s communication that goes both ways, it’s good so we can get a better understanding,” Terry said. “Depending on the question you ask, you can get a better understanding of what the officer is there for. Our mission is to keep them safe and they’ll get to know the officers. Anytime you have an opportunity to interact with the students is a good time.”

There will be no specific topic for the conversations, and Terry said students are encouraged to have their own discussions.

“It’s whatever the students want to talk about; there’s no agenda,” Terry said.

—Jim Terry
Men’s soccer continues success, moves to No. 15 ranking

By TAYLOR HUDDLESTON
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Following Marshall University's men's soccer two wins against Loyola Marymount (4-1) and San Diego State (5-1) in California, Marshall redshirt senior goalkeeper Paulo Pita earned Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week and redshirt freshman forward Milo Yosef received Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week.

"Paulo is a good representative of the whole defense," Head Coach Chris Grassie said. "He did a really great job over the last three matches. He didn’t have a ton to do, but he had some important saves to make, and I think that was a function of the defense in front of him, but he had a couple big saves to make in both games and it kept us ticking."

Grassie praised Yosef for his performance over the last few matches.

"Milo, when he’s in matches, he can be unplayable. He can be unstoppable," Grassie said. "It’s kind of like feeding the lions, just keep feeding him and feeding him and he will get one."

Yosef tallied two goals each in the matches, totaling his goals to 10 on the season.

"It was a nice trip, a good trip," Yosef said. "We were quite successful. I am happy that I was successful scoring four goals in two games. It’s a nice feeling."

Pita totaled five saves during the West Coast trip, accumulating 39 on the season.

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Marshall University Football set to face Western Kentucky for homecoming

By BRIGHAM WARF
THE PARTHENON

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"It is like a shark with blood in the water," Knox said when asked about his success against FAU. "A lot of people just think it is about speed training, but weight training transitions to the field too."

However, similarly to Old Dominion, Western Kentucky is among the top rush defenses in the nation at 22nd. WKU has only allowed 772-yards and seven rush touchdowns through seven games with opponents only averaging 110.3.

On the contrary, Western Kentucky faced the Charlotte 49ers last week where senior quarterback Ty Storey threw for a season high 283-yards for two touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, WKU only allowed 86 rushing yards and shut out the 49ers in the second half, going on to win the game 30-14.

Despite Storey’s performance against Charlotte, the Hilltoppers should have its hands full up front on offense. The Herd defense will look to be a major problem against WKU offensive game plan as they have been causing havoc of late accounting for 15 total sacks on the quarterback in the last two games.

The winner of the matchup will take control of the C-USA east division at the number one spot, but redshirt sophomore quarterback Isaiah Green stressed the importance of not looking at the game in that perspective.

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Wright State enters the contest with a 6-5-1 (2-3-0 Horizon League) record. The Raiders are coming off a win against Detroit Mercy with a final score of 3-1.

"I believe we’re getting into a rhythm right now,” junior midfielder Pedro Dalabella said. “This time of the season, I think every time we play together, we’re playing a little bit better. I think if we keep this winning mentality, this hungry spirit we are, we will keep these wins going.”

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Herd men and women’s XC team finish at top of Evansville Invitational

By BRIGHAM WARF

Marshall University’s cross country men and women’s team found success at the Evansville Invitational in Indiana with men placing first overall and women finishing second.

“Our main goal coming into the race was to pack up really well in the front,” Assistant Coach Caleb Bowen said. “The men ended up getting five in the top ten and that was our goal coming in. It was the same on the girls side, our top four were really strong.”

The men’s squad accounted for five runners in the top ten while senior Alex Minor led the way for the Herd finishing second with a time of 25:21.2. Following Minor in back-to-back fashion were freshman Evan White (25:27.6) and redshirt senior Daniel Green (25:43.6).

“The conditions were perfect for us,” White said. “Alex Minor and I ran together the whole way so we were just pacing ourselves the whole way.”

Charleston native, freshman Jacob Birurakis placed eighth with a final time of 26:03.0 and junior Joel Krznaric finished out Marshall’s runners in ninth completing the race in 26:04.9.

The Herd also had freshman Paul Sepulveda place 18th (26:30.3), junior Coy Smith finish 21st (26:46.8) and senior Hunter Deem finish at 23rd (26:52.6). Marshall finished the invitational with 26 points to capture first while Morehead State came in second with 68.

The success carried over into the women’s side of the race too with the Thundering Herd finishing with two top nine runners and a score of 67 to claim second behind Morehead State University’s score of 36. Freshman Sydney Smith set the pace for Marshall finishing the course in 18:57.3 and placing fourth overall.

The Thundering Herd additionally had freshman Julia Muller come in ninth (19:11.9), freshman Abby Herring finished 11th (19:15.4), sophomore Alexandra Evans complete at 15th (19:36.0) and senior Audreana Lewis placed 28th (20:54.7).

“You can not really ask for a much better course,” Smith said. “It was really smooth, completely flat and all grass.”

Even though some of the top runners were held out of the race, with Marshall’s top three finishers in this course being freshmen, the future looks promising.

“It is nice to have good group to train and run with,” Muller said. “Since we are all young the future definitely looks good.”

The squads will look to use the meet as a confidence booster for the Conference USA Championships on Saturday Nov. 2 at Western Kentucky University.

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By BRIGHAM WARF

Athlete of the week: Brenden Knox

Position: Running back
Class: Redshirt sophomore
Height: 6’0
Weight: 220 lbs.
Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

ABOUT BRENDEN KNOX:
vs. Florida Atlantic University, W 36-31
Rushing: 23 ATT, 220 YDS, 2 TD, 43 Long
Receiving: 2 REC, 6 YDS, 4 Long

Marshall University’s redshirt sophomore running back Brenden Knox is named this week’s athlete of the week after helping secure the Herd’s big win over Florida Atlantic University with a final score of 36-31. Knox was named C-USA Offensive Player of the Week having 23 rushing attempts for a total of 220 yards, along with scoring two touchdowns. On the receiving end, he had two receptions for six yards. Knox scored the winning touchdown.
Ten-year-old Salia Woodbury, whose parents are in recovery, with "Sesame Street" character Karli.

It seems there is a constant conversation surrounding the opioid epidemic and adults with substance use disorder, but how often do we think of the children affected by these issues? Thanks to Sesame Workshop, a nonprofit education organization from Sesame Street, and the Sesame Street in Communities initiative, the conversation about parental addiction can get a little bit easier.

Karli, one of the newest Muppets featured on the classic children's show, was introduced earlier this year as being in foster care. Now, in a new series of videos, it is revealed that Karli's birth mother is recovering from substance use disorder. In one segment, she's talking with Elmo about her mom's "grown up problem." Elmo reassures Karli that it isn't her fault and that she should not feel responsible.

What a great and impactful moment that is for kids. In its 50-year history, Sesame Street has never shied away from issues that affect children, and they always offer teachable moments. This is no different.

In another video dip, Karli introduces Salia, a girl whose real parents are in recovery.

“My new friend Salia is a very special friend, her mom and dad had the same problem as my mom — addiction. When my mom was having a hard time, I had lots of feelings. I felt like I was the only one, but now I've met other kids like Salia, and we can talk about it together,” Karli said in the segment.

The real-world example of Salia can further help children understand substance use and recovery. They can know that they're not alone.

“In the United States, there are 5.7 million children under age 11, or one in eight children, living in households with a parent who has a substance abuse disorder—a number that doesn’t include the countless children not living with a parent due to separation or divorce, incarceration, or death as a result of their addiction,” according to a news release from Sesame Workshop.

“We’re doing a lot to help those dealing with substance use disorder, there are many programs, especially in Huntington, that assist those on the road to recovery and ensure that recovery is long-term and effective. But now we need to focus on how we can help children, which may be something that has been overlooked before. Thanks to Sesame Street, that conversation can finally happen.

“(W)hat she does, and the resources do, is provide information on helping children understand that they’re not alone, that there's support for them, that it’s also not their fault and more importantly that they can talk about this issue and have someone explain it to them that's child appropriate,” Jeanete Betancourt, a senior vice president of US Social Impact for Sesame Workshop, said in a release.

Sesame Workshop segments featuring Karli, as well as Salia, discussing substance use and foster care can be found online.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s national helpline is 1-800-662-HELP.

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COLUMN: Greek Life is not defined by stereotypes

By SARAH INGRAM
COPY EDITOR

As a sophomore journalism student, I was given the task of covering Greek Life for The Parthenon. I didn’t realize this assignment would change how I viewed Greek Life, even though I had no idea where to start.

In movies, fraternities and sororities are often depicted as simple-minded party animals. Marshall’s Greek Life often falls victim to these same stereotypes, but I think it’s important for the community to understand the good things Greek Life does, too.

Recently, Marshall University’s Delta Zeta sorority was issued a cease and desist order after facing allegations of illegal drug use and hazing. Last semester, the fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha, or Pike, lost its house and is no longer affiliated with Marshall, with rumors circling the dissociation was hazing related as well.

While I do not condone drug use or hazing in any way, and I am glad that Marshall and the national organizations are taking these accusations seriously, I do not want people to forget that not all Greek Life is bad. And as someone who is not part of a Greek organization but stays up-to-date with what the different organizations do, I know that they bring a lot of good to the community.

Did you know that each fraternity and sorority has at least one, if not more than one, philanthropy event that they do each year? The Office of Student Affairs keeps records of how much money is raised during these charity events, and Greek Life collects thousands of dollars for local and national organizations every year. And it’s not all for one organization; some sororities raise money for the Starkey Hearing Foundation or for local domestic violence abuse victim centers, while some fraternities help the Wounded Warrior Project or donate toys to children who have suffered natural disasters. There’s a wide variety of organizations receiving help, and that’s just at Marshall.

Rayshawn Eastman, an assistant dean of students for development currently residing over Greek Life, informed me that Greek Life has the same, if not higher, GPAs than non-Greek students. To say that these organizations don’t care about their schooling would be an ignorant statement, especially because some Greek organizations have required study hours where they have to be with so many other members in order to hold each other accountable.

And a common phrase I hear is that Greeks pay for their friends, but that’s not true. Dues go to organizations so that they can pay for other things, just like tons of other clubs on Marshall’s campus have dues. I know it may seem pricier, but not every organization on campus has a house, or events they have to fund themselves or have national conventions they are expected to attend to better themselves.

So yes, there are issues. Hazing should not be taken lightly, and same goes for drug use. But those Greek organizations do not represent all Greek Life.

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Movie Review: ‘Gemini Man’

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Henry Brogan (Will Smith) is the ultimate warrior, widely known to be the best assassin in the business. As his veteran-like status continues, Brogan looks to the future, hoping to have a peaceful existence. After completing a mission, Gemini (a resourceful organization) sets a plan in motion. Their leader has made a clone of Brogan, and in time, this duplicate is sent on a deadly mission. Eventually, Brogan finds himself face to face with his done, and from there, a battle ensues.

You can have the best film maker and cast in the world, but if the script is lacking you’re in trouble. Such is the case with “Gemini Man,” a film full of tremendous artists. Ang Lee, an acclaimed director, is behind the camera, testing the waters of de-aging technology. The younger version of Smith is brought to life through the use of motion capture and computer generated imagery. In all honesty, the effects are inconsistent. When the character is seen in broad daylight, the results are poor. However, when the character is in the dark, the results are solid. At times, it’s almost as if a younger version of Smith has returned from the past.

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"If you look at the standings too much, that eventually becomes a distraction," Green said. "It is more so becoming one and zero every week and that's the message we go by and how we practice."

The Thundering Herd takes on the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers at 2:30 p.m. EST Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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After the match, the Herd will travel south to Boca Raton, Florida to face the Florida Atlantic University Owls for its fifth conference match of the season. Then, the team will make the trip to Rochester, Michigan to play the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies before returning back home to Huntington for senior day against No. 20 Kentucky.

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Pizza and Professors takes place each year, and changes have been made to improve the events. Professors also plan workshops throughout the year, such as teaching students how to write resumes and apply to graduate school.

Pizza and Professors typically has roughly 30 attendees, but Jones said anyone is welcome to attend to get free pizza and candy and learn about what the English department has to offer.

The event is open to English majors and non-English majors alike, she said.

Jones said the event allows students to introduce their friends to professors they recommend and to build future relationships.

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**HOMECOMING EVENTS**

- Office Decorating Contest—all week—prizes awarded Friday, Oct. 25 on the Plaza.
- Homecoming Parade—Thursday, Oct. 24—6:30 p.m. (4th Ave and 10th St., east up Hal Greer and then 5th Ave)
- Pep Rally and Bonfire—Thursday, Oct. 24—7:30 p.m. at Harless Field
- Picnic on the Plaza—Friday, Oct. 25—11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Homecoming Pride Gala—Friday, Oct. 25—7 p.m.-11:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room
- Homecoming 5k—Saturday, Oct. 26—8 a.m.
- Marshall Family Tailgate—Saturday, Oct. 26—11 a.m. at Harless Field
- Game is Saturday, Oct. 26 @ 2:30 p.m.
By SARAH INGRAM
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The Marshall Artists Series is pitching a curveball this week as it welcomes Johnny Bench, Baseball Hall of Famer and former Cincinnati Reds player, to give an inspirational speech to Marshall University students and the Huntington community at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Keith Albee.

Though the series typically includes events aimed more toward Broadway plays and musicals, Director of Marketing Angela Jones said this event will appeal to a different audience than usual.

“We’re definitely expecting a different audience,” Jones said. “We are testing out something new because if we always have the same kinds of events then people come to expect the same things. I definitely expect to have more people that maybe have never gone to the Marshall Artists Series before.”

Bench’s lecture is based on the “Vowels of Success,” where he will run attendees through the bases of being successful in life. Jones said the event is expected to be inspiring and fun.

“I listened to a radio interview he did, and he (Bench) said it was going to be an evening of ‘motivation and laughs’,” Jones said.

The Marshall Artists Series also teamed up with Marshall’s Athletic Department in order to organize the event. Chuck McGill, the assistant athletic director for fan/donor engagement and communications, said he thought partnering with the Marshall Artists Series was a good idea because the Huntington community loves baseball.

“This city has a strong passion for baseball, and a large portion of the baseball fans in this area follow the Cincinnati Reds,” McGill said. “Johnny Bench will have a broad appeal. He’s one of the greatest players in Major League Baseball history, and people from multiple generations remember him.”

McGill also spoke of how the department is working toward getting a new baseball stadium for Marshall’s team, so the collaboration with the Marshall Artists Series was a good opportunity for both departments.

“We’re raising funds to build a new baseball stadium that will serve Marshall University and the community, and that made Johnny Bench mutually beneficial to the Marshall Artists Series and Marshall Athletics,” McGill said.

Bench will be participating in in Marshall’s Homecoming Parade Thursday before his lecture at the Keith Albee. Alongside Bench will be former Marshall baseball players Jeffery Montgomery and Rick Reed.

Jones said she would encourage students to go to the event because full-time Marshall students can get free tickets and part-time students can get tickets at half price. She explained that when students graduate, they will have to pay for events, so they should take advantage of free tickets while they can.

“What a lot of people don’t understand is we have tickets on hold for every event for students that are in a protected state that the public doesn’t have access to,” Jones said. “There’s front row tickets for almost every event that students can get. It’s good to have an experience to go to these events for free while they’re in school and can go.”

Tickets can be picked up at the Box Office from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or at the door on the day of the event.

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Organization invites students to participate in Bridge Day

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The Bridges International Marshall University group provided students the opportunity to travel to the New River Gorge Bridge and attend Bridge Day, Saturday, Oct. 19 in Fayetteville, West Virginia.

The event, which marked the 40th anniversary of Bridge Day, was similar to a one-day holiday as people from across the country and throughout the world gathered together in Fayetteville.

“This is my first time to attend Bridge Day,” Riya Patel, a student originally from India and currently attending Marshall, said. “This is a very good place. I’ve never seen so many people like this in West Virginia. I also saw people paragliding, it’s really fun. Personally, I never saw anything like that.”

Bridge Day, which is one of the traditional festivals in Fayetteville, West Virginia, takes place every third Saturday in October. It is the only day of the year where it is legal to jump off the 876-foot high bridge. For some American and international students, the event was the first time that they saw an extreme sport activity.

Marrion Kay, a Marshall student from Kenya, said the moment he saw the bridge, he saw a potential future opportunity for his country.

“I don’t think in Kenya we have such tall bridge,” Kay said. “It’s like a challenge, too. It’s a good thing that we study in the U.S., we look at these things and we go back to our home country, and maybe we will benchmark it.”

Starliner Canterbury, a member of Bridges International Marshall University organization, said the goal of the trip is to help students, especially international students, experience the spirit of the Mountain State.

“We just want international students to have the spirit,” Canterbury said. “Because most of the students here, they come to Marshall, they just go from INTO to their houses and do homework, and they don’t have any means of transportation, so basically just stay in Huntington. The trip helps them expand their view, to see how wild and wonderful West Virginia is.”

The trip included a free dinner provided by community and church members for the international students, according to Canterbury.

“After a long day of walking, we have dinner together and gather around a bonfire,” Canterbury said. “We have Myra, Meredith, along with the church, they provided us dinner for over 30 people.”

Patel said she used the opportunity to try new foods.

“I don’t have any American friends, I do have my classmates, but I’ve never been to any native friends’ houses.” Patel said. “This is my first time to have dinner at an American family. I’m excited to spend some time with them. I can try some local foods, too.”

Students looking for more information on the Bridges International Marshall University organization and its upcoming events may follow the organization’s Facebook page.

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