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UNIVERSITY GROWTH

Kopp’s vision includes increasing diversity, degree programs

O’Keefe’s research nationally acclaimed

BY TIFFANY SUGAREK

One professor’s research on prehistoric creatures is gaining attention much farther than in the Marshall community. Professor Frank O’Keefe, associate professor of biology, recently gained national attention when his paper about the possibility of live dinosaur birth was published in the academic journal “Science.”

It had been believed that all dinosaurs lay eggs, but fossils discovered showing a pliosaur fetus are challenging that belief.

The paper received coverage from places like the BBC, Yahoo! and the Korea Times. The Bonner family originally discovered the fossils in 1987, but O’Keefe wasn’t brought on until last year to take the lead on the scientific portion of the paper.

“[The] discovery was at the time of discovery that there was something special about the fossil, but without the time-intensive (and expensive) process of cleaning and mounting the bones, scientific study could not occur,” O’Keefe said.

“Science” is a weekly journal that publishes papers and other scientific research, and it has a lengthy peer-review process.

“We sent the manuscript to another journal first, got rejected, and then sent it to “Science” in March,” O’Keefe said. “I learned it was accepted about a month later.”

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In tradition celebrating John Marshall’s birthday, local media, Kopp compete for championship title

QUOITS: A game in which competitors toss or pitch heavy metal rings at short stakes driven into the ground.

BY JOHN GIBB

Marshall University stude- nts gathered at Barth- field Wednesday to send off local members of the me- dia battle it out for the title of an old Revolutionary War game.

The quoits tournament is an annual event on campus. According to former board member of the United States Quoiting As- sociation Troy Fitz, quoits is a game in which heavy metal rings are tossed un- derhanded, or pitched, at short metal stakes driven into the ground.

The quoits game is scored similar to that of horseshoes but the quoit is scored similar to that of our country by settlers.”

“[The] game was brought to our country by the Chief Justice John Mar-shall shall carries on the tradition of Chief Justice John Mar-shall, it is always good to see the younger generation getting interested in this game that was brought to our country by settlers.”

Fitz used to score as three points, a quoit that lands on the stake is scored as one point, the closest quoit to the stake is scored as one point, according to Frey. Kopp said there is a trick to winning.

“The trick is to throw it top side up, because in this is what scores the points.”

WVAK Television Anchor Tim Irvi represented his station with partner Keith Marshman, sportscaster for WSAZ, and said Kopp won once.

“I always have tough competition…Dr. Kopp has always made it his mission to do this, but my preference was to throw it like a Frisbee,” Kopp said. “The trick is to throw it top side up, because this is what scores the points.”

The WVAK team has only lost once to WCHS News Channel 8 and Irvi said when he won his first tournament, “The easiest way of scoring was so good that I came back every year since.”

“Irvi said he heard from a good source that Kopp was playing best and for the past week has been nursing a leg injury.”

“If Kopp wins this year, it would be an heroic ef- fort, and he would be like Byron Leftwich being car- ried down the field by his lineman.”

Leftwich was quarterback for Marshall University from 2000 until 2002. University Chief of Staff Matt Turner paired up with the Paul Williams, chief of staff for the Student Government Association, and said “underestimated the importance of practice.”

Turner said he has not found a single technique that works even though Kopp says otherwise.

“Rekenor Cato, starting quarterback for Marshall’s football team, made an appearance at the tournament in which he was able to throw a few quoits.”

In the end there could only be one winner, and the trophy went to the dominating cham- pions at WSAZ.

Turner said there was a good turnout, but he would like to see more students take this on.

The quoits tournament is an annual event on campus. John Gibb can be con- tacted at gibb@marshall.edu.
By: David Johnson

The Signet... the Marshellian.

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“We don’t want to be the kind of band that requires a lot of massive, corporate dollars to keep us running and promoted.”

-Damian Kulash, OK, Go

From the river to campus, Schooner’s opens new location near Marshall

Luke Bryan headlines

By Tyrell Carlton

Diners no longer need to have a boat to try the food at Schooner’s.
The riverboat restaurant, Schooner’s, has recently opened up a new location next to the Joan C. Edwards stadium, offering Marshall students deep discounts with a variety of food that fits with the collection of restaurants in the area. Schooner’s Stadium Front Grill, located on 2000 3rd Ave., is a recent addition to the multitude of restaurants in the area, competing with Fat Patty’s and Giovanni’s, creating a trifecta of tri-area options for Marshall students.

“This Schooner’s, in particular, opened Aug. 15,” said Terry Toliver, manager of the restaurant.

Schooner’s offers a 10 percent discount for Marshall students and has happy hour from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and a late night happy hour from 10 p.m. to 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday, Toliver said.

The restaurant features a full bar and large indoor area for seating, with a gaming machine and several flat screen TVs throughout the establishment. The food they serve here is “fine dining and more bar-type food.”

“We’ve also created a smaller outdoor seating area, we have Wi-Fi, and the DirecTV up the football package, of people,” Veals said.

“We’re getting used to the whole football game thing and the whole flood of people,” Veals said.

The restaurant picked up fifteen 32-inch TVs, four 50-inch TVs and the DirecTV NFL package for the sports fans in the area.

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Columnist suggests Ferris Bueller offers lesson on positivity

By Courtney Moon

“How could I possibly be expected to handle school on a day like this?”

The first question given to the audience in the 1986 film, Ferris Bueller’s Day Off, is one that many students, no matter what age, tend to ask themselves every once in a while.

Reaching the end of his junior year, Ferris Bueller (Matthew Broderick) decides the monotony of school has gone on for long enough, and it’s time for something exciting. He recruits his uptight best friend, Cameron Frye (Alan Ruck), and fun-loving girlfriend, Sloan Peterson (Mia Sara), to join him on his day of adventure by all skipping school and traveling to the city. Throughout the course of the day the group strays a reservation, goes to a baseball game, partici- pates in a parade, and causes serious embarrassment to their principal all as to avoid getting caught.

Unfortunately, there is no remedy to fix the 175 miles that somehow get put on Cameron’s father’s most prized possession, a 1981 Ferrari 250 GT California; the car that the group borrows for the day in order to get away with skipping school, after deciding to take a stand against his father, Cam- eron accidentally causes the car to get totaled.

Still attempting to avoid getting caught by his par- ents, Ferris starts an epic journey on foot back to his house before anyone else can arrive. All the while, his sister Jessie (Jennifer Grey) is on a mission to have their mom and dad finally realize what Ferris is truly up to. Once the moment is perfect, how- ever, she decides to take the advice given to her by a criminal at the police sta- tion and help her brother instead.

We watch throughout the film as characters trans- form their way of thinking into more of a carefree mindset. Yes, Ferris worries about what the future will bring between him and his friends, Cameron worries if he will ever be able to rise against those who continually push him down, and Jessie worries that she won’t ever be able to step out from behind her brother’s shadow, but maybe that just goes to show that we all need a day off every once in a while. We need time to relax and not fret about the things going wrong in our life, but rather take in what is going right. After all, “life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

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Pay your $9.99 admission price at Troubadour Entertainment Center at the Waterfront or online at Marshall.edu/Troubadour today!"
The dawning technology age is claiming another victim—the United States Postal Service. According to The New York Post, the U.S. Postal Service is so deeply in debt that it could be forced to request a government bailout worth $3.5 billion in retiree benefit payment. But don’t let the Postal Service’s biggest problem—overall lack of mail—is. In the article entitled Postal Blues, The New York Post explains that the amount of mail has decreased 25 percent in the last four years, and Americans are sending stamped mail only half as much as much as they did in 2000. But are those statistics really that much of a surprise? With over 200 million Americans using e-mail for everything from staying in touch with their friends to paying their bills, regular mail has fallen to the wayside. Why would American’s pay 50 cents for a stamp when Yahoo is free?

United States Postal Service faces possible end

BY BISHOP NASH
THE PARTHENON

As my high school graduation approached, all I would begin to hear were words of “getting out of West Virginia.”

It didn’t make a difference if we were brushed for college, outlining or taking nothing path.

Finding some way out of here seemed to be some mark of success in a person’s life.

Not mine. Never. To me and people like me, carrying a life out of the land and community I’ve been born into is more rewarding than running to another part of the country.

But you know what? It’s too late to be starting and still staying here when there are still professional jobs.

Let’s look at good ole Huntington for example. Since I took my first breath at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in 1981, the Jewel City has lost 11 percent of its population. As for the whole of West Virginia, population has dropped more than 3 percent over the name 30 years of time.

In Huntington and the Mountain States at large—hard of a place to live?

For me, it’s the only place to live. But as I grow older, it becomes more and more apparent that intangible like loving a community are not enough to keep a man staying.

West Virginia has so much to offer as an individual and families alike. The quality of life around trees, deer and friendly neighborhoods are beyond fantastic, but it just doesn’t put bread on the table.

People aren’t leaving West Virginia because it sucks, they’re leaving because the job market’s growth is strained in the shade of the million trees.

Don’t want to leave. I mean, I really don’t want to leave. One of my greatest fears for the future is that my home state can’t come up with anything of substance and keep me here.

I feel like a child begging, “I don’t wanna go. Please! Let me stay!”

But there may not be enough to go around when I graduate, no matter how qual I find it because while at Marshall.

They talk about revi-talizing Huntington and West Virginia. It has to start by attracting professional jobs, not just patching up the wounds of old and soul.

If you build it, they and we will come.

Don’t let the youth slip away.

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IN MEDICAL SCHOOL, one of the first barriers we are taught when learn- ing to interview patients is how to be an active listener. We are taught different ways of asking open-ended questions, how to ask sensitive ques-tions in a kind and respectful manner, how to handle the topic of quitting with patients addicted to alcohol, drugs or smoke.

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One situation which still frustrates me, and which an amount of classroom teaching could have prepared me for, is discussing smoking cessation with women who are pregnant.

Cigarette smoking has been a hot topic in the recent news, recently because of the changes the Food and Drug Administration plans to make to the warning labels on cigarette boxes. The new warning, scheduled to appear on boxes as soon as Sep- tember 2012, use graphic images of a person with cancer, another having a stroke or heart attack and even a person who has passed away from the long term effects of smoking, to help prevent you from buying the boxes of harm. The United King-dom uses a similar tactic for helping you avoid cigarettes. Their cigarette company labels are dwarfed in size by large warnings, reminding shoppers that “Smoking kills,” or that “Smoking while pregnant harms your baby.”

Smoking also puts mother and baby at risk of complications in other ways, such as increasing the risk of a placental abruption — where the placenta pulls away from the uterine wall, preventing the baby from getting enough oxygen and also putting the mother at risk for major blood loss — and even increas-ing the risk of having a stillbirth.

The risk for children born to mothers and families who smoke continues as they grow. The new FDA warning labels show that babies are at an increasing risk of sudden in- fant death Syndrome. In addition to that, a study recently published in the journal Pediatrics showed that 1/5 of all children in America live in homes with a smoker, and about 30 percent of those children, between the ages of 3 and 11 years old, have detect- able levels of the chemical cotinine, a breakdown product of nicotine, in their blood.

This brings me back to the idea of sitting in a room with a patient who is pregnant and smoking, or is already a mother who smokes. I do not think patients who smoke under- stand that the decision to continue smoking is no more than that it is a deci-sion they have made for their children as well, children who are too young to even know what a cigarette does. I do not know how effective the new FDA labels will be, but I do know that edu-cating parents about the far reaching effects of their decisions is a step in the right direction.

By RaDha TELLERI
CAVALIER DAILY, U. VIRGINIA VIA UWMAG

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Panama Disease threatens future of the common banana

BY NICHOLAS ST. FLEUR

Cornell Daily Sun/Corinell U. Staff

Bananas are America’s favorite fresh fruit. Every year, Americans eat more than 200 million bananas, and the fruit’s importance, that project be caused by a fungus infecting the roots of the banana plant, eventually moving into the vacuolar system and basically plugging it up so that the plant can’t get sufficient water and minerals,” said Dr. Alice Churchill, Cornell University professor of plant pathology and microbiology. “This causes the leaves to wilt and turn yellow, resulting in reduced photosynthesis and eventual death of the plant,” she said. Churchill’s own research is with a similar fungus causing disease, unlike Panama disease.

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“By the end of the first year of the disease, there was a strain of the Panama disease affecting the Race One, had basically wiped out the Grade St. Michel cultivar, which was the commercial banana grown at that time in Central America,” she said. The Great Michel was the dessert banana that grandparents and parents ate, she said; it was apparently more resistant to the disease than the Cavendish variety that is eaten now. The Cavendish, she said, is a genetically identical strain that can be transmitted from plantation to plantation through contact with infected leaf sheaths, mucorales around infected areas in South Asia and Australia, was one of the most destructive banana diseases ever known. (The first case of Panama disease was reported in 1915.) Since then, the disease has spread to the Americas, Europe, Africa, South Asia and Australia, and threatens to spread to the Americas. Four hundred years ago, the Cavendish was introduced to the Americas, where it had become the dominant variety in the Western Hemisphere. However, the Cavendish is vulnerable to Panama disease, which was first discovered in Panama in 1954. Since then, the disease has spread to the Americas, Europe, Africa, South Asia and Australia, and threatens to spread to the Americas. The disease is caused by a fungus, Panamaria oxysporum, that infects the roots of the banana plant, causing the leaves to wilt and turn yellow, resulting in reduced photosynthesis and eventual death of the plant. Churchill’s own research is with a similar fungus causing disease, unlike Panama disease.

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**Cato plays quoids**

During a game of quoids at Backlund Field Wednesday, Robbie Cato stepped up to try his hand at the game. Cato is the Hill’s true freshman starting quarterback.

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“We are continuing that dedication to expand facility resources for the benefit of our students.”

Efforts in the past six years include: Construction of the Recreation Center, First-Year Residence Halls and the Engineering Building. “I think that President Kopp and the administration have done an excellent job in taking the proper steps to fulfill their strategic vision,” said Ray Harrell, Jr., student body president. “In addition to the many new degree programs approved by the board of governors, the $100 million in capital projects in progress to upgrade classroom and student facilities, the additions to the engineering center and the new parking garage, show a commitment to that vision.” The university has seen the largest freshmen classes in its history throughout the past two years, and the overall student population has also grown. The university is optimistic to see continued growth of the student population within the next 10 years. Kopp said he expects an undergraduate enrollment of 15,000 students and total enrollment to be near 20,000 students.

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