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Pathways Project continues with presentation

BY BRITTANIE BARTON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is working toward university accreditation in 2015 through a new program, Higher Learning Commission Open Pathways.

Several university officials attended a conference in Chicago on March 29 and 30 to share the programs Marshall has made thus far.

The first step in this re-accreditation process is referred to as the quality initiative. Marshall is working to restructure courses to better align with the capstone experience.

The interest is for students to see the interrelation in a class sequence. Marshall is placed in a cohort with 20 schools and seven of the 30 presented their version of the quality initiative at this conference the previous year.

Each school developed their own project for the quality initiative task, which ended June 2013. Mary Todd, dean of the Honors College, presented for Marshall and said there was a wide variety of quality initiatives among schools.

“We’re testing the degree profile in 25 different ways, which is the nice thing about this,” Todd said. “They didn’t tell us how to do it. They said this is what it’s going to be called your first quality initiative.”

For example, Miami University used focus groups, while Marshall chose to examine class syllabi to reflect desired learning outcomes.

To date, 35 of the 92 programs at Marshall have participated, submitting 350 courses.

President-Elect Ormiston said there are long-term implications of the restructuring of course objectives.

“We have to be able to link our course descriptions to the learning outcomes,” Ormiston said. “When a student looks at a plan of study, they can hyperlink to specific courses and the master syllabi for those courses. Then, they will find essential elements and learning outcomes of a course.”

Attendees of the conference included Todd, Ormiston, President Stephen Kopp, director of academic assessment, Mary Beth Reynolds and Dean of the Graduate College Donna Spindel.

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June Harless Center receives new grant

BY HILARY FREEMAN
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The June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development has received a grant to assist several West Virginia counties in students to science.

The Improving Teacher Quality State Grant, for $35,232 was given to the June Harless Center to assist implementing the use of full option science systems for students in the classroom.

“Teachers will be provided training through the summer and school year,” Holly Moore, chief of professional development for the June Harless Center, said in a press release.

“They kits will be purchased for their classrooms and they will be implementing their kits. The activities of (FOSS) are organized into kits that allows the learner to explore different science subjects.

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Autism Awareness

Marshall University takes a break from kelly green

BY ASHLEY FOSTER
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Marshall University has changed the lights that shine on the John Marshall statues, as well as the three signs along 16th Street in support of Autism Awareness month.

As people drive by the university at night they will notice Marshall’s lights now shine kelly green instead of white this month. April is the official Autism Awareness month and many Marshall students have stepped forward to support the cause.

Ray Harrell, student body president, said after getting the lights approved by the Marshall University President’s office, he personally put up the lights along with the help of the girls of Alpha Xi Delta.

“It is important for everyone to be aware of how prevalent autism is in the world,” Harrell said. “Marshall is one of the keystones in our community, and if Marshall is aware of the effects of autism, then others will share.”

Jasmine Hairston, political science major from La Plata, Md., takes a break from class to read and relax on Buskirk Field.
SGA proposes new program

The Marshall Student Government Association proposed a new senate apprenticeship program that will allow freshmen to familiarize themselves with the student senate.

At the SGA meeting Tuesday, the student senate decided to disband the freshman council, which was a separate branch of the SGA specifically for freshmen. The student senate decided the involvement and the inability of the council to do its job was taking too much of the time of the beginning of the semester.

The plan can replace the freshman council because of its inefficiency and present us in its place a program that will properly educate first semester freshmen to become more knowledgeable senators ready to join the student senate.

Elkia Hassan, sophomore international economics major from Huntington, said he looks forward to the new program.

As a former member of the freshman council, I believe this will be highly beneficial not only to the stu- dents senate, but the freshmen as well,” Hassan said. “It will give them a more hands-on opportunity to learn how the SGA and student senate operate so when they have the option to join the SGA, they understand the process in a more clear manner.”

Freshmen interested in the SGA will have the option to apply online at the SGA website for at large seats in tax time and will follow the same process any other student interested would follow.

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The Career Services staff will continue to serve as a liaison to the job market for Marshall University students and students.

While the information session has been registered for a forum for students to inquire about prospective employers and Career Services graduate assistants have been trained to accommodate the growing number of students, Career Services has worked with Amazon.com representatives to set up an information ses- sion about the company’s upcoming management opportunities.

According to Debby Stoler, assistant direc- tor of development and marketing for Career Ser- vices, Amazon.com has entry-level management positions, which need to be filled by recent or soon to be graduates.

In order to have stu- dents, faculty and staff have their taxes prepared by IRS- trained-and-certified volunteer students. With the advancements in technology, using IRS- approved software, the VITA program is available to offer E-Filing and W-2s, IRS tuition for ms, and any tax docu- ments, IRS-2011 or unemployment to help students, faculty and staff to have their taxes prepared by IRS- trained-and-certified student volunteers. With the advancement in technology, using IRS- approved software.

The VITA program is open to all students, faculty, staff and community members with less than $50,000 in household income for 2011.

The April 17 deadline for taxes is approaching, so for students and staff, be sure to fill out their taxes as soon as possible.

Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, Beta Alpha Psi will be hosting The VITA program, which will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Students now able to receive tax return guidance on campus

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Holmes finds home at ‘mike’ linebacker

BY JARROD CLAY
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The Thundering Herd men’s golf team got out of the gate slow in its spring season, but with just two tournaments remaining, the team has started to find its groove on the golf course.

The 2012 season started off rough for the Herd, as it finished last in its first two outings of the season. Marshall was the last of 17 teams in its debut in the Woodforest Intercollegiate Tournament and was the last of 23 at the Pinehurst Intercollegiate.

“We had a pretty decent fall season,” said Marshall head golf coach Joe Frongone. “We were definitely on the plus side in the fall and then our first two tournaments this spring we had really poor performances. We finished dead last at Ribine Head and at Pinehurst which is something we never want to do.”

Despite the woeful start to the season the Herd has started to build some momentum in its last two outings.

“The last two tournaments we’ve played at Furman we tied for 11th out of 23 teams,” Frongone said. “It was a very strong field there so we were pleased with that. Down in Florida over spring break in Florida Atlantic’s tournament we had it really going in one round and we were tenth under through 12 holes and fourth after 17.”

In the average person on the street, it may seem as if the team has started to find its golfing groove on the golf course.

“The player he was if it wasn’t for the player he was if it wasn’t for the reality,” Feaganes said. “I think if we can go one and three and play respectable it will certainly add the confidence level going into the conference championship.”

Rippon said. “Tyson was a very special bond there be between them.”

As a senior Miller only has two tournaments remaining as a collegiate athlete and said he looks to take full advantage, both at Ohio State and at the C-USA Scenic City Invitational.

“Tyson is a Marshall guy,” Rippon said. “Tyson was the guy that helped build this lineb

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Recent story on U.S. training terrorists in Nev. is shameful

It has been revealed that under the Bush administration the United States helped train a terrorist group that has been linked to the deaths of Americans and Iranian nuclear scientists. This was revealed after investigative reporter and Pulitzer Prize winner Seymour Hersh filed a story a blog for “The New Yorker” linking the U.S. to the terrorist group. McK. Authorities of the MEK were revealed in Nevada and have been used as “surrogates” for Iran in the U.S., according to Hersh.

But the MEK was linked to the killings of several Iranian nuclear scientists that sparked public outrage by Iran and some in the U.S. The U.S. claimed it had nothing to do with the murders in Iran, however, since the story has emerged it has been proven that the U.S. helped train the individuals in the group to carry out the killings of the scientists. This presents quite the paradox for the U.S.: We fight terrorism abroad in the name of freedom, yet seemingly support those on the opposite side of the spectrum. This is not just an innocent occurrence during the Bush Administration, which stripped citizens of basic civil liberties with the Patriot Act, is unexpected, but not surprising. MEK has been on the state department’s list of terrorist organizations for the last 15 years. There is an overlap here. While the MEK was on the state department’s list, they were being trained secretly in a Nevada base in 2004 and early 2005. Hersh said the U.S. tried to “encourage” insurrection abroad in Iran by groups like MEK to further its interference regarding the Iranian regime. The MEK has also been linked to using explosives that were carried by the MEK, most notably in the case of the Iranian nuclear scientist. “It’s not an accident that those explosives can be traced to the Navy Seals,” Hersh said in an interview on “Democratic Now!”. The training of MEK stopped under the Obama administration. However, in any dominated by corporate media affairs of stories that reveal wrong doings of large businesses and the U.S. government, this story re-emerged on the front page of the New York Times.

While I rejoice in the Bush administration going out of office, I also cannot help but be unsure of the future. Overall, this is an important story that should be researched further and brought to light for the American public.

BY ELLE KOS

The other day, I entered Target with no specific goal in mind other than to purchase something. Except for we all know that’s impossible, because Target knows people are going to wander in their store — people expecting to take a break from the stuffy atmosphere of their own home, maybe bump into a friend or two and return home empty-handed. Target’s goal is to make sure those people shop and discover items at the checkout. We have a handful of unnecessaries visible and real, frustratingly dump them into our basket and tumbling the cart back to the sales frustrated.

All that being said, I would like to take a quick look at the things we buy, or don’t buy, at Target. One of the things I've noticed is that the Target logo is never far from my sight. It is usually on a sign, a bag, or even on a shirt. The logo is everywhere, from the signboards at the checkout to the advertisements on the television. It is a constant reminder of the power of Target.

Think about it. I went into Target and bought a little glass jar of cinnamon. I then went to the checkout and discovered that the jar was a little cheaper, but still a good deal. I then continued on my way and bought a pair of black boots. The price was not cheap, but I knew that I would love them. I then continued on my way and bought a pair of blue jeans. The price was a little high, but I knew that I would wear them a lot.

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BY KELSEY THOMAS

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Consumerism is a disease for many

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WASHINGTON — The general election campaign began in earnest Tuesday with Mitt Romney vs. Ron Paul. Both men officially began Tuesday afternoon.

Campaigns of the two, while they were both less influential -- notably, they didn't have the "big money" that their rivals had. But in states where they were less influential -- notably, Ohio, Michigan, Florida and Wisconsin -- he lost. He could never broaden his appeal to the more mainstream voters whom Romney was able to attract. Nor was he able to counter Romney's ad blitz about his record. Paul's surrogates supported Santorum, but made sure the negative ads were restricted to state lawmakers. Paul did well in other states, but the result was a series of brutal debate performances. There would have been no Santorum without Gingrich's Cain, followed by allegations of sexual harassment and marital infidelity, and Gingrich, who led briefly in most polls. Santorum's message of unapologetic conservatism -- and the loss of record of activism against abortion and other social issuesDear conservative leaders, made him a serious contender.

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"We're doing the same thing that Obama spoke Tuesday, which was about rising from the ashes, that Obama spoke Tuesday morning is his campaign's final effort to get rid of those who were against our policies," Moore said.

"It's no surprise that Mitt Romney finally is able to grip down his opponents against an avalanche of negative ads. But neither are his special interest alliances up to the task," the press conference's chief, Kerala Bhattacharjee, the attorney for the Federal Reserve Consumer Credit Counseling Association, said the union achieved its major goal of protecting the Identify 37 percent, voters thought that Obama better understands the economic problems that people in the country are having.

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GUIDE TO 25755

BY CHRISTINA CARRION

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Marshall student to run Boston Marathon

Ricky Campbell, junior math-matics major from St. Albans, W.Va., will run in the Boston Marathon on April 16.

“Why run in the Boston Marathon?” Campbell asked. “I just want to be able to say hey, I’ve done it and I’m only 21.” Not many people my age can say that.”

The Boston Marathon will be his fifth marathon. Campbell said he was encouraged by fellow runners during a Cincinnati marathon to enter the Boston Marathon.

“You can go anywhere and run,” Campbell said. “It’s not a team thing, it’s just individual.”

A family support group will travel with Campbell and said they hope to go sightseeing after the race.

Campbell said he finds motivation in the stories of obese individuals becoming active and eventually running in a 5K. He said he believes students should take the initiative to become more active.

“If anyone can make that lifestyle change, then I think college students should be able to do it,” Campbell said. “I don’t see a lot of college students doing anything, and it’s kind of upsetting.”

“Running makes you feel good,” Campbell said and advocates there are many benefits to running. It battles obesity and reduces high blood pressure and cholesterol.

Running alleviates his stress from school, Campbell said. “I can focus better after my 6 a.m. run rather than if I don’t do it,” Campbell said. Not only does Campbell run 5Ks, he also creates them. After a hunting accident killed his wrestling teammate, Campbell created a 5K in his honor. The race raises money for college scholarships that will be awarded to three seniors of the graduating class at Saint Albans High School.

This year will be the fifth annual Nick Caldwell 5K Run. The event has already raised $7,000 in scholarships over the last five years.

Campbell is said he glad that the amount of people running 5Ks have increased significantly. As the secretary of the Huntington Road Runners, Campbell said he hopes more college students will join the group and promote running and healthy living in Huntington.

Campbell said running will be his lifelong hobby. “I’m going to be that old guy that’s jogging as slow as he can, but still finishing,” Campbell said of his determination. Campbell said his goal is to always live an active lifestyle, and he has hit the ground running for a good start.

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Marshall University Park and Recreation Organization for Students is organizing a campus-wide Earth Day celebration April 18. Across campus, there will be activities promoting environmental awareness through information booths, as well as games with prizes. The Earth Day events span a variety of topics on everything from local wildlife presentations to how to plant trees.

EARTH DAY 2012

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TOP 10 SINGERS WITH ONLY ONE TOP SINGLE

1. Baha Men
2. Afro-Man
3. Los Del Rio
4. Vanilla Ice
5. Deborah Morgan
6. Blu Cantrell
7. Mr. President
8. Natalie Imbruglia
9. Lauryn Hill
10. Carl Douglas

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