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American Military Engineers host fourth annual conference

BY ZACHARY MORRIS
THE PARTHENON
Over the past year, Ray Harrell, Jr., student body president, and Paul William, Chief of Staff, have been looking at bringing an organizational management software to campus that will give student groups an online interface with which to communicate. The program will allow organizations to have their own facing website and an internal method of communicating with their members, as well as other members from other groups. Harrell said he hopes to have the technology committed to Facebook as well.

Harrell said he hopes to integrate the software into an already existing program at Marshall such as MyML. This will allow the students to use the login information they already have.

The software will have a complete list of campus organizations, as well as contact information for each one. Students will be able to check the facing page of each organization to find out their meeting time, their location and general information about how to get involved.

Students will also have the option to view a calendar that has a complete list of campus events as well as a separate calendar that has events they want to see from organizations they're interested in.

“Software will allow groups to see where they're meeting and information on how to join so students won't have to visit them until they see a flyer to get interested.”

There are several companies that offer the available technology for programs like this that the Marshall Student Government Association and Student Activities are looking at such as OrgSync, Golle, and Symplicity.

“With one single software that’s easy to use that is intuitive will provide a centralized location for programs like this to be located and how to get involved,” Harrell said.

Harrell said the addition of a program such as this would solve a variety of issues among groups. Members will have the opportunity to opt into a new messaging system to stay more connected as well as find out how to join other groups on campus.

Harrell said part of the integration of this program would be incorporating it into the UNI 100 program for incoming freshmen. They will be shown how to access the program, how to log in and how to effectively use the system.

Along with the addition of this program, student groups will be required to show that they are using the program as part of their requirements in order to be re-recognized as a student group every year.

Harrell said he hopes to have the software selected by the end of this semester and the implementation of it by orientation for new students.

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Digital Learning Day encourages technological learning

BY HILARY FREEMAN
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The Alliance for Excellence in Education will be hosting Digital Learning Day on Wednesday with assemblies and a workshop with Lea Gabor, director, former West Virginia Governor.

The celebration of digital learning is about integrated technology to help the children of the nation adapt to ever-rising standards of technological literacy.

“It is hard to imagine modern life without the computer or the internet in our daily lives, yet education remains laser-focused on preparing students for the post-secondary power of technology in the classroom,” Wise said in a press release from the Alliance.

More than 26 students and 70,000 students have pledged to be a part of Digital Learning Day, which encourages specialization on how many of the students are actually learning and to look at this as an opportunity to improve the system.

The campaign encourages students to visit their local media center to look at this one thing one can improve learning through technology on Digital Learning Day on an online basis, writing or using mobile devices in class.

Wisome Khander, IT Lads assistant professor at Marshall University, said that digital innovation and education is vital to the advancement of students and needed to have this form complete the FAFSA,” Bialk said.

Emmy Louens, sophomore pre-health professions major, tried to ignore the letters, but her mother said they were going to need this form
BY KAYLA MARCUM

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BY TRAVIS EASTER

As if pursuing a higher education isn’t challenging enough, some students must juggle multiple responsibilities just to be able to remain in college. Marshall University’s Honors College graduate and psychology graduate student, Kayky Webb, has worked three jobs at one time and maintained a B average.

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Coleman dismissed from men’s basketball team

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After dropping its third game in a row, the Marshall men’s basketball team has suffered another loss, as head coach Tom Her- rion announced that Justin Coleman has been dismissed from the program.

Coleman, a 6’9” forward, redshirted from Richmond, Va., appeared in 17 games for the Herd this season and averaged 1.5 points and 1.3 rebounds per game.

In his announcement of Coleman’s dismissal, Her- rion stated that he had been dismissed “due to conduct detrimental to the program and not uphold- ing its standards and expectations.”

This news comes a night after Marshall fell to 6-2 in conference play by losing to the University of Alabama- Birmingham, in which Coleman did not see any playing time in the second half, after playing just six minutes in the first.

Coleman originally committed to the Univer- sity of Louisville, ranked in the top 10 overall and top 5 in the country at his position of the class of 2013 according to Rivals.com, before transferring to Marshall.

This is not the first time Coleman has seen punish- ment while a member of the Marshall program.

After a road loss to Beth- mont, Herrion announced Coleman would be sus- pended indefinitely, and the sophomore missed the following two games.

Friday, Oct. 11, 2012, Herrion announced Coleman had started the previous five games and had his best performances against High Point when he recorded a basketball points and minutes, with 16 points and 26 respectively.

The dismissal of Coleman, who averaged 15.6 minutes per game, leaves the Herd one man short at the guard position.

Although Marshall has plenty of guards on its roster, the Herd has struggled to put together a second unit, so its last outing against UAB when the team scored a sea- son-low 49 points.

Marshall will take the court in its first game since the dismissal of Cole- man, which will be an overtime loss to Hofstra and the fourfold against the Governors.

The Herd will look to im- provise an overhauled unit against a very athletic and talented Tiger team which split its opening three- game series.

Marshall releases 2012 football schedule

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Entering the 2013 cam- paign the Marshall football team had one of the most dif- ficult schedules in the nation, but surprised many when it won the Herd O’Hare’s Bowl 6, Pittsburgh, to finish out the season at 7-6.

That 2013 schedule saw the Herd facing off against seven teams who made bowl games, including two teams which played in the BCS Bowl games: West Virginia and Virginia Tech.

The Marshall football team released its schedule for the 2013 season Thursday, and the Herd seems to be facing a daunting task similar to the 2013 schedule.

Marshall will kick off the season on Sept. 1 at the “Friends of Coal Bowl” against instant rivals West Virginia.

The Thundering Herd will host six games at Joan C. Edwards Stadium including two early non-conference games against Western Car-olina and Ohio in the “Battle for the Bell” on Sept. 13.

Marshall will then hit the road for its first Conference USA game of the season on Sept. 22, when the team travels to the state of Texas to take on Rice.

The following weekend, the Herd will step out of conference play to face-off against Big Ten foe Purdue.

Throughout the season, Marshall will have four con-ference games in the Joan beginning with Tulsa visiting Huntington to take on defending CUSA cham- pions SMU.

The 2012 schedule sees Marshall playing six teams who made bowl appearances in 2011, with Tulsa being the only C-USA team on the schedule.

A schedule also features three opponents that finished in the top 25 teams ranked in the USA Today Top 25 poll.

On Nov. 10, Marshall will travel to4 to take on the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and will conclude its regular season on the road on Nov. 24 against East Carolina.

In a statement released by the Marshall Athletics De- partment, head coach Doc Holliday said, “It’s a little bit of everything, but it’s something that will be great for the program for us to get to host six games.

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Editorial

Obama’s support for fracking is one made without thought

President Barack Obama, during his State of the Union address, made a questionable endorsement for a push in energy consumption. One of the main points the president says he will create jobs and make the United States less dependent on foreign energy is to expand and spur the natural gas extraction process known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. While this is still a hot-button issue on many state levels the president is going to give you the go-ahead to proceed on to go around it if it is left unat. After his rejection of the Keystone XL Pipeline, enforcing a policy such as fracking, which has the process to contaminate water supplies, is a contradiction.

Within the last year, fracking has made itself the new environmental issue. The process of fracking involves cracking the shale of the earth with a pressurized burst of a chemical mixture to extract natural gas that is found below the earth’s surface. In December, the first proven case that this process can contaminate water supplies was discovered in Wyoming by the Environmental Protection Agency. While there are many other cases being investigated. Since the EPA conducted an initial study on fracking in 2009 that stated the process was not likely to contaminate water supplies, they have since begun a new study after many of the theories in the 2004 report were dispelled. So, while the EPA is leaning towards heavily regulating, or possibly eliminating fracking, President Obama is attempting to expedite the process. It seems there is a lapse in communication between the two.

Although the president said he would ensure “safe” drilling methods before committing fully to this process, there are still high risks involved. He also mentioned that other sources would be sought, but he placed a heavy emphasis on natural gas and fracking. Supposedly, there’s a 100 years’ worth of natural gas below the surface in the U.S., a good portion being found in West Virginia, this scenario is not a possibility that is currently struggling economically, but one must consider the risks involved in going forward with fracking. This process is built on safety and still has the capability to endanger citizens that are within a certain radius of a fracking site. People are left with no one to hire, and the costs that come with doing a job correctly, or makes them unprofessional.

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The other part of the lab consisted of the juniors learning how to call for fire from the lab. Gottsfield said it is used to keep out of direct contact from enemies. "It's a really big sell in the military." A call for fire must include information such as a description of what is being fired at, what it's doing, and where it is, Cottrell said.

During the real-life lab, the squads also practiced hand and arm signals, first aid and how to react to enemy contact. Rebecca Stephens can be contacted at marshall.edu.

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The Cincinnati Reds were at the Huntington Mall on Thursday for the 2012 Reds Caravan Tour. The event was sponsored by WVXU AM and Clear Channel Radio. NKU Radio streamed the event online and a live podcast were sent to various radio stations.

Brandon Phillips, all-star second baseman, and Tucker Barnhart, top minor league prospect, attended the meet and greet with assistant general manager Bob Miller; alumni Lee May; broadcast- ers Chris Welsh and Marcy Bevennam; and team mascots Gapper and Mr. Red.

Josefina Logan, 34, also of Point Pleasant, W.Va., said this was not the first time she had met members of the team.

“My family and I go to Cin- cinnati about 10 to 15 times a year to see their games,” Logan said. “For our daughter’s 15th birthday, we took her and eight friends to watch a Reds game, but that was when she was 12, and now she is 15.”

Logan’s husband, Billy Logan, 36, also of Point Pleasant, W.Va., said they have autographs from various team members, but not from Phillips.

“We have mostly met Brandon Phillips,” Billy Logan said. “The big thing is to give the fans a chance to meet some of their favorite players and staff who have been a part of the organization for years,” Joe Wehr said.

“It is a good opportunity for families to come out and spend some quality time together. This is a real good thing they are doing on here with the Reds Caravan.”

David Mullin, 31, of Huntington, W.Va., said he is looking forward to what the team will have to offer this year with the addition of utility infielder Wilson Valdez from the Phillies, and veteran utility player, Willy Thorne.

“We was a good pickup,” Mullin said. “They will help out a lot, especially with the batting. You have to have good utility players. A good bench definitely helps.”

Chris Long, 25, of Huntington, W.Va., said it was a good event to acquire Valdez and Thorne.

“We’re going to help out, and it will add to the other players they have been getting during the whole offseason,” Long said.

“Utility players have helped us in the past. They have really given us a boost in the past.”

During the meet and greet, a question and answer session began, and curious fans were al- lowed to pose questions to team members and staff. Questions ranged from how the team thinks they would do this year, to what is Phillips’ favorite video-game.

“My favorite Nintendo game is Tecmo Super Bowl,” Phillips said. “Right now my favorite PlayStation game is God of War and my favorite old school arcade game is Pac Man.”

Bob Milles, Reds assistant general manager, said he is hopeful with the outcome the team will have this year.

“This is the year I think that the Reds are going to take it.”

Milles said. “From what I see, this is the year that the Reds have a legitimate shot to go to playoffs and do some good in the World Series.”

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KAYLA MARCUM
THE PARTHENON

Wednesday was a special night for Jefferson Avenue Church of God as the youth group hosted noted altar artist Jason Queen.

Matt Hutchinson, associate youth pastor and worship leader, said the church was honored to have Queen worship with them.

“He’s been on stage with some popular Christian bands,” Hutchinson said. “It’s exciting to have him here.”

Queen is a graduate of Marshall University with a degree from the art program.

Queen has been inter- ested in art his entire life, but just recently started a career doing art at the altar during worship services.

“I’ve been doing art since I was young,” Queen said. “I started doing altar art about three years ago.”

Queen said he was inspired after seeing a man do altar art at a Casting Crowns concert.

“I did it at the church I was going to at the time,” Queen said. “God gave it to me and I took it off.”

Since then, Queen has worked with many well-known Christian music artists, such as Sanctus Real, Brian “Head” Welch and Rebecca St. James.

“I do a lot of youth concerts,” Queen said. “But I recently did a painting for Woodlands Retirement home. I did a Christmas painting for about 13 elderly people and it was so cool! They were so sweet.”

Queen does his work with musical accompaniment. At this particular service he joined local worship band, The Parthenon.

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