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Uncovering the Forensic Science Center

BY ALLOYN WARNER

The Forensic Science Center is a building many students forget about since it is on the main Marshall campus. But it is an important part of the university, it is how Steve Beckelhimer, the University Forensic Science Center director, said it was a good social studies field.

"It's hard to get into the academic side of the Forensic Science Center," said Travis Bailey, a Marshall University Forensic Science Center lab technician.

The forensic programs not only aide Marshall students with their education, but it also helps the Huntington Police Department solve crimes.

"Forensics help them solve a lot of cases," said Bailey. "It's hard to get into the academic side of the Forensic Science Center."

In addition to the academic side, the forensic programs have also helped many West Virginia State Police in a couple projects, including DNA testing and digital forensics investigation. Officers and detectives can complete these tasks at the center.

"In DNA testing, the center assists police with DNA samples in cases that are under investigation," said Bailey. "The Forensic Science Center goes to the scene to collect evidence to help solve cases."

"We have to not only have the equipment that is state of the art, but it has to be maintained," said Bailey. "It is not only hard but expensive as well."

The Forensic Science Center has students from all over the country, but only authors are not allowed in the crime labs. Only authors have access to the public that involves coal and its complexity.

"(The Coal Project) was to see how the history, science, math, art and music all came together to cultivate this culture," Beckelhimer said.

Hills与中国大学建立了一所新的国际教育合作中心

中国教育部长陈宝生与美国密苏里州立大学校长R. David Wilkins于2018年4月24日签署了合作协议，决定在密苏里州立大学建立一个新的国际教育合作中心。该中心将涵盖四个领域：语言、文化、经济和科技。

根据协议，中国学生可以在密苏里州立大学进行一年或两年的国际学习。期间，他们将有机会与美国学生和其他国际学生一起学习和交流。该中心还计划为密苏里州立大学的教师和学生提供机会，让他们了解中国的文化和历史。

该中心的成立是中美两国在教育领域合作的一部分。近年来，中美两国在教育领域的合作越来越密切。中国已经成为美国大学的重要生源国，而美国则是中国留学的热门目的地。

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Rec Center celebrates third anniversary with contests, giveaways

BY Zachary Morris

The Marshall University Recreation Center celebrates its third anniversary Monday. Members of the Marshall and Huntington community were invited to celebrate with contests and giveaways. Students could enter to win a prize by following the Rec Center on Twitter or Facebook and sharing likes.

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“I thought this went really well,” Muth said. “A lot of the giveaways were taken advantage of and the number of entries was really good.”

Students were given the opportunity on social media to request a prize to enter. “A couple of times we tried this, but it never came in and it was never a success,” Carey said. “But if it was posted on social media, people were excited to get it.”

The SGA decided the celebration would be Feb. 22-24, and “if it really worked for any interested students to attend an interest meeting and obtain information about running for a position in the SGA. Interested students have the option to run for a position in SGA, college or the president/vice president candidate position.”

BY REBECCA STEPHENS

The Marshall University Student Government Association meets this week to determine the filing day for the spring elections cycle.

The application process began Dec. 9 and students have until noon through 4 p.m. on the Friday before the SGA elections to file. “We will have a double meeting that day,” Carey said. “One student who won a for a position in the SGA. Interested students have the option to run for a position in SGA, college or the president/vice president candidate position.”

“We are absolutely looking forward to elections,” said Adam Friedly, Student President pro tem. “It’s a great chance for students to get involved, whether or not they are currently involved in SGA, and it puts our name out there for anyone who wants to get involved.”

During the interest meeting, students are given a hard copy of the election rules as well as any of their questions answered. As soon as the meeting in week, the campaign period will start and continue for two weeks until the SGA elections on March 6 and 7.

“Sometimes a buzz around campus,” said Kelly Kutzavich, student body vice president. “Suddenly, people know who you are, and they’re paying attention to you. For myself, it challenged my perseverance, how much I wanted to do it and my mental endurance.”

Every day, we were using all forms of social media and talking to everyone about what we wanted to do, she said.

“I thought this was something I’d never be able to accomplish.”

During the campaign process, students can look forward to the results of the elections are released. Positions will provide students an opportunity to ask questions to candidates through various forums and an open forum. “My favorite part of the election is just the experi- ence,” Friedly said. “It is a learning process and it gives you the opportunity to step out and see if you can work in an environment that really provides a great place for students to step up and bring about the changes on campus you would like to see.”

At the end of the voting period, a meeting is conducted with all of the students running for a position where the results of the elections are officially taken place and the new officers. “W e’re trying to pick up on new ideas and get everyone involved,” Carey said. “W e’re trying to pick up on new ideas and get everyone involved.”

BY Andrew Frobel

Three years ago, the College Goal Sunday fell on the same weekend as Financial Aid Awareness week. The financial aid staff is promoting the College Goal Sunday by hosting the Financial Aid Awareness Week this weekend. Angela Holley, state-wide coordinator of West Virginia College Goal Sunday said the event offers help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). She said College Goal Sunday workshops will be November, which will take place at Marshall College Foundation’s website at cfwv.co. com. Anyone who plans on attending college and current college students should complete a FAFSA. Parents can attend the event to learn more or to complete the FAFSA on behalf of their student. “The deadline for fi- nancial aid for the West Virginia grant is April 15th,” Bialk said. “If any stu- dents miss this deadline, they will have to go through another way to pay for college.”

Pre-registration is en- couraged and can be completed on the College Foundation of West Vir ginia’s website at cfwv. com. Students can register online and be eligible to receive Marshall’s Office of Financial Aid said an Apple iPod would be given away to the first 19 participants at each of the 19 locations. Andrew Frobel can be contacted at frobel@mar- shall.edu.
Thundering Herd hopes to take season series from Knights

BY ADAM ROGERS

The Thundering Herd is looking to sweep the season series from the Knights after a 65-64 win on Huntington earlier this season.

At the start of the 2012 portion of the schedule, Marshall lost just three times.

The Thundering Herd has now lost five of its last six, but senior guard Da- mer Pitts and Shaquille Johnson said the season isn’t over just yet. “We lost a few games lately, but we’ve been play- ing really hard, and we’ve been practicing, really well,” Pitts said. “I just feel like we’ve got to get in the pieces together, and I think we’ll make a great run toward the end of the year. I don’t see any teams remaining on our schedule that can flat out beat us, and I feel like we’re going to be in every game from here on out.”

“I still think we have four or five games left, with seven games remaining,” Johnson said. “It’s a big stretch to be here, and these games can make or break the rest of our season.”

Four of the Herd’s last five losses have come on the road and head coach Tom Herrion said playing on the road presents chal- lenges all in itself. “Once we get home we’ll have played the most road games in conference this year,” Herrion said. “We knew the schedule a long time ago so we’ve got to embrace it, and embrace the challenges. We’re not going to change it for us we come down the home stretch.”

Marshall has won five of the last six against UCF, including the win earlier this season, but Johnson said the Hazel has no extra edge coming into Wednesday night’s contest. “It’s just another game,” Johnson said. “A game we need to win tonight, to get back on track. We want to come into their stands and let everybody know we’re still capable of being in the NCAA tournament.”

Herrion said the Thun- dering Herd has not been put down yet. “They’re aware of that and know we can’t let it get away from the team to get back on track,” Herrion said. “We haven’t played our best basketball, clearly that’s our goal,” Her- rion said. “We want to be playing our best basketball down the stretch at some point during the latter part in conference play, heading into the confer- ence tournament.”

Marshall might find it difficult to play its best basketball in Orlando, Fla., however, with the team’s leading scorer’s playing status questionable.

DeAndre Kane’s father, Cubbie Kane, died early Tuesday morning in his hometown of Pittsburgh. According to a release from the Department of Athletics, “thad arrange- ments are still being made at this time. Therefore, Renel’s playing status for Marshall’s game at UCF Wednesday is uncertain.”

“Our thoughts and prayers are with DeAn- de and his family during this difficult and trying time,” Herrion said in the release. “We will keep the support of our program as well as the entire Marshall family.”

Tip-off between the Knights and the Thundering Herd is Wednesday at 7 p.m. inside the UCF Arena. Adam Rogers can be contacted at ar112@m.marlhu.edu.
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Appeals court strikes down Calif. ban on gay marriage

BY HOWARD MINTZ
SAN JOSE MERcury NEWS (AP)

San Francisco – A federal appeals court on Tuesday struck down Proposition 8, finding that California’s ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional because it denies a fundamental right to couples of the equal right to wed.

With a decision that pushes the gay marriage issue a step closer to the U.S. Supreme Court, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld former San Francisco Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker, who invalidated Proposition 8 in 2010 after conducting an unprecedented trial.

“Proposition 8 serves no purpose, and has no effect, other than to lessen the stature and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California, and to officially reclassify their relationships and families as inferior to those of opposite-sex couples,” Judge Stephen Reinhardt wrote, joined by Judge Michael Daly Hawkins. Judge N. Randy Smith dissented.

Proposition 8 backers can now ask the 9th Circuit to rehear the case as a three-judge panel, or proceed to rehear the case with an 11-judge panel, or proceed to rehear the case with an 11-judge panel, or proceed to rehear the case with an 11-judge panel, or proceed to rehear the case with an 11-judge panel.

The appeals court also rejected arguments that Walker’s ruling should be scrapped because he did not disclose he was in a long-term same-sex relationship while he was handling the case. Smith joined in part of the dissent.

As a result of the continued legal challenges, same-sex marriages are not expected to resume in California any time soon, with further appeals likely to stretch at least into next year, to the physical plant. In the ruling, Reinhardt, considered one of the nation’s most liberal judges, relied heavily on the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1965 decision striking down a Colorado law that stripped gays and lesbians of protections against discrimination.

In 1965, the high court declared the 1965 law unconstitutional because it violated the equal protection rights, said it would abide by the Supreme Court’s decision. In 1965, the high court declared the 1965 law unconstitutional because it violated the equal protection rights.

Gay marriage advocates cheered the ruling, California Attorney General Kamala Harris, who refused to defend the law in the 9th Circuit, called the decision a “victory for fairness.”

And California Gov. Jerry Brown, who also has refused to defend Proposition 8, issued a statement saying the ruling is “a powerful affirmation of the right of same-sex couples to marry.”

The appeals court ruling marks another setback for gay marriage opponents, who passed Proposition 8 in 2008 by a 52 to 48 percent margin.

“No court should presume to redefine marriage,” said Brian Raum, senior counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund. “We are not surprised that this Hollywood-orchestrated attack on marriage — tried in San Francisco — turned out this way. But we are confident that the expression of the will of the American people in favor of marriage will be upheld in the Supreme Court.”

Proposition 8 restored California’s gay marriage ban, trampling a state Supreme Court ruling earlier in 2008 that had invalidated California’s prior laws forbidding same-sex couples. Backed by gay rights advocates and the city of San Francisco, two gay couples sued to overturn Proposition 8 in 2008, openly describing the case as an opportunity to face the U.S. Supreme Court to take on the gay marriage issue.

Katie Perry and Sandy Stier, a Berkeley couple, signed on to the lawsuit, which was crafted by two of the nation’s top lawyers, David Boies and former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson.

The legal challenge has not affected the roughly 10,000 couples who married in the window of time before voters restored the gay marriage ban, creating a two-tiered system of relationships for gay and lesbian couples in California. Gay rights advocates argued that the circumstances underscored the legal weaknesses in out-of-state same-sex marriages, but Proposition 8 supporters disagreed, saying the state’s strong domestic partner protections are sufficient.

Lawyers for same-sex couples relied primarily on the argument that Proposition 8 violates federal equal protection rights, saying the law has no social or legal basis other than a discriminatory intent against gays and lesbians.

Proposition 8’s supporters argued that voters had an interest in preserving the traditional definition of marriage and its importance in procreation. The 9th Circuit heard arguments in the case in December 2010, but put off a decision to let the California Supreme Court decide whether Proposition 8 supporters have a legal right to defend the law when the state’s top elected officials refuse to do so.

The state Supreme Court ruled last year that Proposition 8 backers do have that right, overturning the case to the 9th Circuit. In Tuesday’s ruling, the 9th Circuit said it would abide by the state court’s decision.

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Are we there yet?

BY TRAVIS EASTER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is offering its students the opportunity to see the world.

The study abroad office at Marshall offers many programs to help students travel and study all over the world. Marshall prepares between 130 and 200 students to go abroad each year.

This semester, there are 26 Marshall students studying abroad, in Thailand, New Zealand, England and many other countries.

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Marshall has agreements with universities in many countries around the world to offer students more opportunities to study abroad. The courses students can take at these universities can be counted as transfer credits towards graduation, allowing students to still work towards their academic schedule easily, said Cody Collins, senior psychology and political science major studying in Bangkok, Thailand. “You just have to look for the right university and the courses.”

Students do not need to know the local language in order to study abroad. The program offers trips to many locations where English is spoken. In locations where English is not spoken, most of the classes offered are taught in English.

For students who do not want to spend a semester, or even a year away, from home, Marshall offers faculty-led programs. Marshall professors lead small groups of students to another country for a few weeks over the summer to study a topic relevant to the country. In the past, groups have traveled to France, Ireland, Sweden and several other countries.

“I suggest everyone look into making study abroad a priority in their academic career,” Tipton said. “Whether they go abroad for a week, a semester or a year, they will have experiences and gain knowledge that they will not be able to find any other way.”

Marshall also offers an exchange program that allows students to “trade” places with a student from another university. This program often requires students to go abroad for a week, a semester or a year away, for their travel cost and a reasonable deposit.

The study abroad office offers students in the program grants and financial aid to help them integrate into a new society, sometimes with norms very different from their own.

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To be eligible for study abroad, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75, be in good academic standing and have completed their sophomore level. It is recommended that a student plan to travel in either their sophomore or junior year, so that their academic schedule offers more flexibility. Students interested in study abroad can begin their journey by setting up an advising session with Ryan Warner, the study abroad advisor in Old Main Room 312.

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