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Marshall opts for alternative to reaccreditation

BY BRITTANIE BARTON
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Gone next semester, students might see changes in course syllabi and department definitions. The learning and program goals will be altered due to a university implementation of the Higher Learning Commission Pathways model.

The Higher Learning Commission is an organization that accredits degree-granting, post-secondary institutions. The Punjab Pathway is a way for Marshall University to move forward in accreditation.

Mary Beth Reynolds, director in the Office of Assessment, said a new accreditation process is inevitable.

“The accreditation process we have used in the past called PEAK (Program Evaluation and Accreditation Quality) is being dissolved in 2013,” Reynolds said. “We are in a new reaccreditation in 2013. Pathways seemed a logical alternative for us.”

The steering committee, composed of Reynolds, Provost Gayle Ormiston, President Rebeccie Durr, Doherty College Dean Justine Hues and College Dean Joe Tod, said they are excited about the opportunity.

“We were invited to participate,” Reynolds said. “Specifically, Marshall was included in the 15 percent of institutions that had strong records of academic success to be invited to do so, and we’ve in some process of this.”

The goal of Pathways is for each college on campus to map learning outcomes necessary to their degrees. They then work to ensure those outcomes are being tested in other classes and situations before they are applied to a final assessment, such as a capstone project or culminating experiences.

Departments are currently designing a curriculum in which course objectives mirror the intended program outcomes. Reynolds and Ormiston suggested faculty that each college begin this process with a small group of students.

“Select three to five courses that are core classes which are students are exposed to to kinds of inquiry that would contribute to the right thinking,” Ormiston said.

These classes are regarded as essential and core courses needed to be successful in a certain major and the faculty are in charge of determining why objectives covered in these classes are important.

Breaking a sweat

The Marshall Recreation Center sees a rise in attendance the first few weeks after the new year due to resolutions. Abe Korama, personal trainer, exercise physiologist for PEIA Weight Management and fitness instructor, said he encourages everyone to keep reaching for their goals:

“I’m in two to three weeks, you’re not going the see the results that everyone would like to see, but just keep going and stay motivated and dedicated to what you want to do.”

Lewis College of Business receives reaccreditation

BY FRANCIS LAZELL
THE PARTHENON

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business reaccredited the Lewis College of Business accounting and business program after careful review of faculty, curriculum requirements, and assessment of students.

Chong Kim, dean of Marshall’s Lewis College of Business, said there are three types of accrediting organizations, but an AACSB accreditation is the most valued.

“The reaccreditation is great for students because they receive valuable business education,” Kim said.

“The Fortune 500 companies and recruiters want well-educated professionals.”

AACSB International is the longest standing accreditation organization, and requires universities to meet 21 standards for the business accreditation and an extra 15 standards for the accounting accreditation.

There are only two accredited schools of business in West Virginia, and 643 worldwide. Of those, only 173 fulfilled the extra standards needed to acquire the accounting accreditation.

Andrew Shihab, associate dean of Marshall’s Lewis College of Business, said, “For us, it’s just a high honor.

“The number of schools being added to the AACSB list domestically are relatively few and far between.”

Shihab said, “For general AACSB, most of their growth is internationally. Accounting is one area that can grow domestically, but it is very difficult to achieve.”

The Marshall University LCLOB is part of the 35 schools of business and accounting accredited by AACSB International this year.

The AACSB International requires that 30 percent of professors at the school be academically qualified.

Black Sheep Burrito & Brews offers Wi-Fi, coffee, brunch, music

BY CRYSTAL MYERS
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Since opening in late August, Black Sheep Burrito and Brews continues to expand — making the restaurant more than a local spot for dinner.

The restaurant, located on the corner of Third Ave. and Haver Boulevard, installed free public Wi-Fi on Thursday, has recently added in-house coffee to their menu and are consistently bringing in artists for entertainment.

Even with the new additions, executive chef Jeremiah Brown said the restaurant’s warm, rustic feel is its best quality.

“I think it’s developed into something more of a cottage than just your run-of-the-mill burrito shack,” Brown said. “It’s definitely developed some sort of warmth to it.”

In addition to the ever 14 taps on the menu, the menu includes both French press and regular drip coffee. The restaurant is also now offering brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekends. Brown said it something they have wanted to do since opening.

“We put these ideas on the back burner because we wanted to focus on the bar menu and tacos and other menu items,” Brown said.

“Now we’re starting to venture out into other realms.”

Both the brunch and regular menus offer customers options with bold, unique flavors.

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Financial aid awards prove to not differ on semester-to-semester basis

BY ANDREW FROBEL

Marshall University’s director of Student Financial Services, said rates typically do not differ from semester to semester. “Depending on what the student chooses to do, the semester’s charges could be the same as what their major requires,” Ray said. “But the financial aid we offered students for the previous semester is applicable to both their academic and personal lives.”

Robert Collier, assistant professor in the School of Social Work, said financial aid awards prove to not differ on semester-to-semester basis. “We use a standard tuition and rate to develop a cost of attendance budget — to see how much it is going to cost a student,” Ray said.

Since courses a student takes, college costs and the amount of financial aid they receive vary each year from the previous semester, the amount students receive back from the financial aid they receive each year from financial aid varies. “The OASIS Plan at Marshall is an online access to student installment service. The installment service is an exclusive payment plan for student residence and tuition costs,” Collier said. “OASIS Plan helps with his tuition payments. It’s a part of my OASIS Plan.”

Robert Collier said when students rely on financial aid to take online courses, financial aid doesn’t change. “Aside from the extra fees they enacted,” Collier said. “The OASIS Plan has a cut-off amount of money that I receive back each year from financial aid in college.”

As a college student, sexuality studies minor Hafsa Elhamdani said a major part of the Islamic faith incorporates charity. Elhamdani said Islam is a religion that believes in helping the poor and giving to the less fortunate. “As a Muslim, I believe that the future of the Muslim community in this country is being built on the bases of charity and giving to the poor,” Elhamdani said. “I think the Muslim community is being built on the bases of charity and giving to the poor.”

Elhamdani said the religion of Islam is something that I was happy to hear about when we learned how to have an active role in the youth community. “Elhamdani said. “It’s in our religion to go to those people who really need it.”

Marshall University police were notified the Newcomer Center during the Marching Thunder Band room was broken into at around 2:10 a.m. Feb. 24. Three windows were broken, however no visible items were missing during the hours of 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

The OASIS Plan at Marshall is an online access to student installment service. The installment service is an exclusive payment plan for student residence and tuition costs. “OASIS Plan gives students the ability to pay for their tuition and fees,” Collier said. “One of the three payment plans covers my enrollment fees, and since I receive financial aid, the other two payment plans cover my dorm room and board fees. By making the three separate payments for my housing, OASIS makes it a lot easier on my family, my money going. The bills aren’t as large as I thought they would be, which makes this a little more convenient for my financial plan.”

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PERSONAL PROBLEMS

Marshall University’s Muslim Student Association partnered with the Muslim Association of Huntington to host an event to feed the homeless.

The event started an idea in the women’s youth group of MSA and gave into an inspiration people acted upon, Elhamdani said. “It just came out of my heart,” Elhamdani said. “Nilesh Khadikar, Saucean Fish- man and Halo Gilchrist from Marshall University were in charge of gathering donations for the event and making food preparations. “Food, and get the resources help us to do our community?” stated Shabir Elhamdani, president of the MSA and global office of the Muslim Association of Huntington, Marshall and MSA officials. “Elhamdani and fellow Muslim students and faculty volunteered.” Shabir said. “I’m very happy to hear about what we learned to have an active role in the youth community.” Elhamdani said. “And it’s inspiring me in a sense that even though, I’m not part of the science major, I felt really proud that our community was willing to contribute to the needs of Huntington community. It made me feel like I wanted to do something to help the community.”

Elhamdani said the event was successful. “Elhamdani said. “It’s our job as ambassadors— I would say to our religion—to show people who really need it what we really consist of.”

MFA desires to perform this outreach, because they feel it is feeding the homeless or Habitat for Humanity. MSA organizes an awareness week every year in April so people can understand the religion of Islam. It will also be open on campus for questions about the Islam and Sharia or governing laws.

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Back in the Saddle
Herd hoops look to rebound against Golden Eagles

BY JOHNN ROACH
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The Marshall men’s basketball team will travel to Huntington, W.Va., to take on the Southern Miss Golden Eagles Saturday, Jan. 16. This game will mark the 12th meeting of the two teams, with Marshall leading the all-time series six games to five.

Southern Miss has won five of the last six meetings and is undaunted at home against the Herd.

The Herd had a trip off to the West Virginia Classic, which included a 69-57 loss to the Mountaineers, its instate opponent University of Evansville. Last time out, the Herd’s Vanessa Jules tied her own school record for most receptions in a game C-USA losing streak. While Brown was off the court in 1993, his time between West Virginia and Massachusetts.

BY WILL VANCE
THE PARTHENON

Senior guard Donnie Pitts driven toward own Wednesday’s loss 79-62 to WCU. The Herd is looking to rebound from the loss in its return to Conference USA play.

Taking away a top-15 opponent with a high RPI, said Marshall Coach Tom Herd. Some of these outstanding performances, the Herd could not defeat the Mountaineers. WVU outscored the Herd 48-23 in the first half, which resulted in the Herd losing by 37-27.

It’s the first time it has happened all year so we were not used to being outplayed on the boards like we were earlier this season.

“We got to do what I always do, and fight for every rebound,” Thomas said. Despite these outstanding performances, the Herd could not defeat the Mountaineers. WVU outscored the Herd 48-23 in the first half, which resulted in the Herd losing by 37-27.

This is not typical of the Herd, who average 42.0 rebounds per game, while allowing 32.6.

“Our first former player on we so know we are going to a tough team,” Herd said.

The game looks to be a true battle of the boards. The team that can pull down the most rebounds has a good shot at winning this important conference meeting.

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Rejection of Keystone XL Pipeline, step in the right direction for US

President Obama’s denial to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline project this week marked a positive change in the way the country is heading and how it chooses to pursue energy resources and job creation. Even if President Obama’s decision is a temporary one, it still postpones a project that could provide significant benefits, but long-term consequences.

The first phase of the pipeline would stretch from Canada to the Gulf Coast, crossing 1,835 miles and carrying 435,000 barrels of oil daily. Oil would be gathered in Canada and transported to the Gulf Coast where it would go through a refinery process and then, ideally, used domestically.

The idea is that the pipeline would reduce America’s foreign oil dependency and create jobs dynamically. Not mentioned however, is the Canadian farms it would desolate, the water supplies it could readily contaminate in the Midwestern and the fact that a large portion of the oil produced and carried by the pipeline would be sold on an international market, rather than domestically.

Although there is a 60-day period in which the plans for the pipeline are reviewed by the sponsor of the project, TransCanada, there is little chance of this coming to fruition. There has been stark opposition to this by Republicans, both in Congress and on the campaign trail, about this being a missed opportunity at thousands of potential jobs for Americans. Yes, this pipeline would create jobs, but at what cost?

The pipeline would further exacerbate our dependence on fossil fuels and result in more greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere. There is a safer choice that after building a near 2,000-mile pipeline, somewhere along the line, a malfunction would occur and oil split. The risk involved is extremely high, with only marginal benefits. Remember when we thought that offshore drilling was an efficient way to get oil?

It is time this country severed its ties to industries that do more harm than good. Our previous endeavors into oil have led to wars and melting ice caps. There should be investment made in renewable energy, not crude oil that will lead to more greenhouse gases and expedite the coming reality of global warming. President Obama has made a step in the right direction by rejecting the Keystone XL Pipeline. This country has the ability to come to and sustain itself on renewable energy. Never the ties to the old and instead invest in new, environmentally damaging ways of producing energy.
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WASHINGTON—The delving of long-sought legislation that would allow the entertainment industry to go after Internet piracy is a resulting sign for the entertainment industry whose intellectual property, according to technology companies armed with the brute-force process to hunt for, can be claimed by anyone at any time. The Senate this week is expected to pass a bill that would allow Hollywood to sue in federal court. "We're not about all this just about this bill; this was about a lot of things happen in this town," said Mike Mark, president of the Motion Picture Association of America. Both Hollywood and Internet companies want to halt foreign piracy, but they disagree over how to do so.

Hollywood wants strong federal powers, including the ability to block offshore websites that pirate movies, music and other copyrighted works from companies, which fear that overseas enforcement could cease legitimate websites, want the government to choke off money from the U.S. that supports them. The widespread upsurge in online piracy has led to an anti-piracy law, which has pushed against the federal government and U.S. companies to take action that, at least in the past, has not been effective as a result of international laws that will take time to deal with.

Tech industry protectors have been characterizing this week’s developments as a populist victory over old-school, insider-the-Beltway Hollywood lobbyists. Not just about this bill; this was about a lot of things happen in this town," said Mike Mark, president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

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The bipartisan effort to make a procedural vote to address the controversial provision was met with one of the AACSB International, which accredits all of college business students.

The process of reaccreditation involved review of the student, faculty, administrators, and committees. The AACSB International originally accredited in 1997, and conducts reviews every five years or so.

The LCOC is sponsoring a gala in April to celebrate the reaccreditation of the college.

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**The Marshall Recre tion Center prepares for outdoor pursuits**

**BY TRAVIS EASTER**

The Marshall Recre tion Center is ready to take in the wild and wonderful outdoors this semester. The rec. center has planned seven trips over the course of the semester, beginning in February and ending in April. To kick off the outdoor pursuits, the rec. center will head to Snowshoe Mountain for a weekend on the slopes. Feb. 5-7. Assistant director of the recreation center, Phil Syd- ney, said this will be one of the most exciting trips of the semester.

“We did a Snowshoe trip last year,” Snyder said. “The year before that, we did Canaan. All of our ski trips have been successful. The only one we’ve had to cancel has been due to the weather.”

Snyder said the weather should not be an issue this year because Snowshoe has rec- eived a lot of snow recently and expects to have its slopes in good condition.

The trip costs $13.50 for members of the recre- ation center and $120 dollars for non-members. The fee includes lodging, lift tickets, and transportation and activities. Additionally, the rec. center will host a canal trip Feb. 5-13 from 8am through 5pm. The cost is $35 for members and $45 for non-members. The price includes lodging, food, transporta- tion and activities.

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**BY SHAUN ARBIBSTON**

A Marshall University education major will spend this semester working in a tech- nology intensive tradition-classroom. Deek Fry works as an intern for TurningTechnol- ogies, a company that produces a variety of in- class response systems made for integration into classroom and lecture settings. His job is to trouble- shoot problems and work as a link between the company and Marshall.

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