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The fight for equality rallies on

By ERYN ROBINSON
THE MARATHON

The United States Supreme Court heard the issues surrounding Proposition 8 and same-sex marriage on Tuesday. In 2008 and 2012, voters approved Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage in California. After passing the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals from the ban to be unconstitutional.

Raymond Blevins, multicultural affairs graduate assistant in the LGBTO and reach office said he feels Proposition 8 was the result of fear mongering.

"The Supreme Court should definitely rule it unconstitutional," Blevins said. "I do not know if they will, but that is my hope."

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By ASHLEY HERRALD

The Marshall University Young Democrats, in partnership with Fairness W.Va., will host the seventh annual Marshall University Health Fairness West Virginia on March 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Stewart Student Center to educate students about why it is important to vote. The event is open to the public.

“We want to go out in the community and spread the word of what our colleagues are doing,” said Katie Wright, senior history major and president of the Young Democrats on Marshall’s campus. “We want to have the students hear it from their peers, not just us.”

According to the American Cancer Society, there will be over 102,000 new cases of colon cancer in the United States for the year 2015. An estimated 11,600 West Virginians with colorectal cancer will lose their lives to colorectal cancer in 2013, with only one in five cancers diagnosed at colorectal cancer in 2013. The event is free of charge and light refreshments will be served during the event. Light refreshments will be served during the event.

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Caitlin Kinter-Munday can be contacted at kmunday@marshall.edu.
Blair is sending a message that "our team is a winner," not only say what I did out there but also what we did as a team. "It was just an adrenaline rush at first," Blair said. "It was a long time since I've thrown in front of a crowd like that. Once I settled down and got into my groove, it was game over for WVU."}

The Herd continue their stretch of games this weekend against Radford with a doubleheader set for Saturday and a single game on Sunday. "I don't believe the hype that comes with my name does anything for me or my team," Blair said. "Whether I'm a draft guy or a freshman, I know my team needs me to go out there and pitch well. The team needs me to give them a chance to win."}

Junior Josh King entered the game to relieve Blair. "There was no pressure coming in after Aaron King said," King said. "He did a great job. I just wanted to go in and do my best to make sure we win the game at the end of the night." During the game, King picked up the win by striking out three batters and matching his career highs of six strikeouts. "It was just an adrenaline rush at first," King said. "It was a long time since I've thrown in front of a crowd like that." Once I settled down and got into my groove, it was game over for WVU.

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Supreme Court: End bans on gay marriage now

By KUYLER MCCOMAS

COLUMNIST

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Marshall Headband Club President Haylee Roberts

“I think this is a really inspi- ring thing for the girls, but also for other parents who may have kids that are struggling with cancer or have lost a child. For any headband that anyone wants to buy, one is going to a girl child help fund childhood cancer research.”

"Headbands are a continuous source of income during the year. We will sell them in the spring for St. Baldrick’s Founda- tion to fund childhood cancer research.”

From the Headbands of Hope website, Eilerts said progress cannot be done without research: “Research cannot be done without funding and funding cannot be done with- out awareness.”

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"In the season has been going great," Veal said. "We've got a young, good team and by the time Easter rolls around, hopefully we'll be in the 3-0 game situation. We are all just having fun playing ball and we'd like to get to better.”

The senior pitcher Veal referred to features news on Southern Miss and OCE only the second time in school history such a feat was accomplished. Caitie Smith can be con- tacted at smith1650@marshall.edu

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By JOSEPHINE MENDEZ

Facebook will host the Sarasvati Trio in Thursday’s “Happy Hour” concert in the School of Music and Theater’s Monroe Hall.

The Sarasvati Trio features Cellist Susan Bestul and violinist Margaret Cooper (right). Piano player Christine Kefferstan is a member of the Sarasvati Trio.

The Sarasvati Trio will perform a piece by Joseph Hayden followed by a contemporary piece by Jennifer Higdon, which was written in 2003. They will end the concert with “Piano Trio No. 4 Dumky” by Antonin Dvorak. This piece has six movements and is 30 minutes in length.

“I am really looking forward to this concert,” Vauth said. “I think it doesn’t make sense. Why charge someone if you’re company is making enough money as it is.” Proffitt said, “Generally, I don’t message people I don’t know, but it’s ridiculous that they would charge for that. It will make you think what they will come up with next to charge people for.”

Proffitt said she was really messages people whom she is not a friend with, but in certain cases she needs to.

“I actually did just today because I didn’t have Facebook decided to start charging people for.”

The concert is free and open to the public and will last approximately one hour with a short intermission after the second piece.

“I am especially interested in the piece by Higdon because I have never heard it before. This concert should be great for everyone regardless of their major.”

The Sarasvati Trio was formed in 2005 in Morgantown, W.Va. Since then, they have performed for local, regional and international audiences including the 2010 Pittsburgh Steinway Society Concert Series, 2007 International Conference for Music Teachers National Association-Canadian Federation of Music Teachers and several others.

The trio named themselves after Sarasvati, the Hindu goddess of music, painting, sculpture, dance and writing. She is also credited with presenting the gift of writing to mankind so that her songs could be preserved.

The concert is free and open to the public and will last approximately one hour with a short intermission after the second piece.

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