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White delivers State of the University Address in Washington, D.C.

By JOCELYN GIBSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Hard work means hearty eating—something new business owner Nicholas Taylor aims to accommodate with his pop-up restaurant and catering service Fair to Middlin’. “There’s definitely a desire for street food. There’s a need for street food,” Taylor said. “When we’re doing with Fair to Middlin’ is providing an experience completely unexpected. You wouldn’t expect to go up to a food cart on Fourth Avenue in the middle of the night and find fine dining but that’s what we want to do.”

Fair to Middlin’ will serve customers Tuesday from noon to 6 p.m. during Go Skate Day presented by Harris Riverfront Skate Park.

Back in Huntington Taylor found work as a chef, but said in an already full kitchen, didn’t feel like he was doing enough to make it worth staying there. He wanted to do his own thing and friends argued it was a good idea to do it in Huntington. “Fair to Middlin’ was born,” Taylor said. “It’s the business in homage to Taylor’s grandfather who owned Gladwell Pharmacy in Huntington for about 50 years. According to Taylor, his grandfather was dedicated to the community and a hard worker means hearty eating—something about the cuisine, too. "Fair to Middlin’ is for the younger crowd to really step it up with their local businesses. It allows a lot of people to be around and enjoy something about the cuisine, too."

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“Middlin’ just means right in the middle, but I feel like my food is better than that,” Taylor said. “But we are a food cart, so it’s nothing fancy by any means, but it brings an Appalachian feel to it.”

The food is described as a “fresh take on Appalachian cuisine but Taylor doesn’t want to pigeonhole what the possibilities for Appalachian cuisine could be. Some of the most popular items from Fair to Middlin’ are its specialty tacos and a variation on chicken and waffles. “There’s not really Appalachian cuisine, but I am hoping my menus are what becomes Appalachian cuisine,” Taylor said. “I will be sourcing everything locally. Specifically, all of my produce will come from the farmer’s market. I am hoping to build a relationship with local farmers and get local, local ones.”

Taylor said he hopes Fair to Middlin’ will be the start of a food revolution in Huntington and lead to other pop-up businesses. “I do believe that food can change and make it better,” he said. “I believe that this is a true food revolution. It’s bringing food to unsavory locales and providing it in a way that is almost like you stepped into an alternative universe. There’s a lot to do in this city if we make it happen. We have a lot going on and this can get better than I think for the younger crowd to really step up with their local businesses.”

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By BRITANIE MORGAN
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The search for Marshall University’s 37th president is in full swing, but after sifting through the nearly 150 applicants to 60 semifinalists, Board of Governors Chairman Michael G. Sellards said they have decided to continue the search.

“Each candidate brought desirable attributes to the table and we were pleased with the overall quality,” Sellards said. “In the final analysis, we decided to keep the search process open.”

Caring for the memory of Dr. Stephen H. Cogdill, a top priority for the search committee, the board is pleased with Interim President Gary G. White’s commitment to the university.

“We are grateful to Mr. White for his continued commitment to Marshall University,” Sellards said. “It is doing a tremendous job of leading the institution through this transition and we are pleased he has agreed to stay with us as we continue to search for a permanent leader.”

Interim President White said he understands the circumstances that provided him with this opportunity are not the most desirable but he is still honored to be serving Marshall University.

“I’m honored because of very fortunate circumstances,” White said. “I wish we were here for another reason, but we are where we are.”

White said he is adjusting to the new position and enjoying himself. “It’s not exactly what I thought I’d be doing at this stage in my life, but it’s enjoyable.”

White said the scholarship is a little more hectic that I’m used to, but that’s okay.”

As far as the search process goes, White is ready to serve as long as he is needed but when the time comes he will support whoever the committee chooses.

“The search process will continue and we will find the right person to lead Marshall University,” White said. “When we find the right person I will step aside and provide all the support I can to whoever that candidate may be.”

The board is determined to find the perfect fit for Marshall regardless of the amount of time it takes to do so. The committee is not actively searching for new applicants for the president position. It has instead been set for the new recruitment and on campus interviews. The committee is prepared for the process to continue through the fall semester and hopes to have a new president join the university next year.

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Five steps for improving Marshall University

By BRITANIE MORGAN

The fifth element of the plan is to establish a mechanism to measure how well the university is doing in these four areas. Each of those goals will be an objective measure. The university wants to have very clear and very objective criteria that will set.

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HERD ALUMNA RECEIVES POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

By MALCOLM WALTON

SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University volleyball alumna Sammie Bane received a Conference USA postgraduate scholarship last week.

Bane, who graduated in May with a 3.96 GPA as a double major in exercise science and psychology, was one of 14 recipients of the Jim Castaneda Postgraduate Scholarship.

This is the seventh year the award has been named for Castaneda, who served Rice University for 46 years as an educator, coach and Faculty Athletics Representative before he passed away in November 2008.

The $4,000 scholarship is awarded annually to C-USA student-athlete graduates selected by the C-USA Faculty Athletics Representatives and approved by the Board of Directors. The recipients of the award have to be enrolled in postgraduate studies.

Bane, a Brownstone, Indiana native, was accepted into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Indiana University.

Bane said the scholarship means a great deal to her and she considers it a blessing.

“I have three years of school left, so this will be a huge help in paying for my tuition,” Bane said. “It’s an honor to be one of the 14 chosen out of the entire conference because I know there are a lot of exceptional student-athletes in Conference USA.”

While a member of the Herd’s volleyball team, Bane said she learned valuable life lessons that she plans to utilize in her professional career.

“Being a member of the volleyball team has taught me so much,” Bane said. “For instance, how to manage my time, cooperate with others to achieve a common goal and how to effectively lead a group of individuals, all of which will benefit me moving forward.”

Marshall volleyball head coach Mitch Jacobs said in a news release that Bane’s excellence in the classroom shows what a student-athlete can accomplish when they hold themselves to the highest standards.

During her time at Marshall, Bane also served as president of Marshall’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and received the Conference USA Spirit of Service Award in December 2014.

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Tickets Office offers program for season ticket purchasers

By MALCOLM WALTON

SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University’s athletic ticket office will host its annual "Choose Your Seat" program Friday, June 26 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

Ticket office representatives will be on hand to assist those interested in purchasing season tickets for the 2015 football season.

“Season ticket sales are going well, but we are always hungry to sell more as the expectations for our nationally recognized program continues to rise,” said Marshall’s Associate Athletics Director Aaron Goebbel in a news release.

Fans will have the opportunity to select the seats of their choice at the event while also meeting some of the Herd’s players.

Marshall’s Director of Ticketing Ryan Crisp said several members of the football team will stop by the event to sign autographs and take pictures with fans.

“We’ll have a handful of players there,” Crisp said. “It’ll be great for Herd football fans to see first-hand that not only does the university appreciate them showing their support, but the players really appreciate the support as well.”

There will also be door prizes, schedule posters, raffles, and special ticket offers during the event.

Crisp said those who show up will have the opportunity to try out the seats they are interested in purchasing.

“Sometimes you have to just sit, get comfortable and get a feel for the seat,” Crisp said. “If that’s the seat you want to be in throughout the season, you want to be sure you feel comfortable in it. And we’d like to give the fans the opportunity to do so.”

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Decriminalization next step in recovery for Huntington state

By ALEXANDER D’ONNELL
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Caitlyn Jenner is a transgender woman, known for her work in the entertainment industry, particularly as the former reality television star and Olympic athlete Bruce Jenner. She came out as transgender in 2015 and has since become a prominent figure in the LGBTQ+ community, advocating for gender equality and representation.

Caitlyn’s story has captured the attention of millions, not only because of her personal journey, but also because of the impact she has had on societal perceptions and policies around gender identity and expression.

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Rails and Ales sold out for Craft Beer Week

By SHALEE ROGNEY

This summer Huntington is bringing a new ‘hop’ to the typical summer festival scene. Tickets for the third annual Rails and Ales craft beer show is sold out for a third year in a row. The Rails and Ales festival will start August 15 and will be at Harris Riverfront Park. This festival is one of the few taking place during the inaugural West Virginia Craft Beer Week. Governor Tomblin is hoping to boost tourism with the passing of the Senate Bill 273 that allows local breweries to distribute growlers, or specialty bottles, across the state. The bill always allows local breweries to hold tasters and samples in restaurants and at festivals. The Better Beer Coalition organizes the Rails and Ales Festival. The mission behind the festival is to promote and create a culture that makes beer accessible to the public and other breweries. The location of the festival has moved to Harris Riverfront Park to accommodate for the large crowd. This venue can hold up to 3,000 people. With the past sell outs of the Rails and Ales festival, there was an additional 3,000 tickets put up for sale. The festival features live music, local food and craft beers from around the United States and international beers. There will be more than 100 breweries at the Ales and Rails Festival. Some of the breweries include: Country Boy, Duvel, Greenbrier Valley, Guinness, Mexican and Blackwater Brewing. Local restaurants such as Black Sheep Burrito & Brews, The Bodega, Chickpeas and other local favorites will provide food for the event. The festival starts August 15 at noon. For the VIP ticket holders, and the general admission gates will open at 1 p.m. All ticket holders must be 21 and older. Shalee Rogney can be reached at rogney@marshall.edu.

West Virginia State Legislature passes Craft Beer bill

By SHALEE ROGNEY

West Virginia is home to eleven breweries that are expected to expand after Earl Ray Tomblin signed Senate Bill 273. Senate Bill 273 will allow for local breweries to sell growlers, or specialty bottles, at more locations throughout the state. As stated by the West Virginia State Legislature, Senate Bill 273 will permit local brewers to conduct growler sales for off premises consumption from their brewery premises. This means the state allowing licensing and operational requirements for local breweries to grow. This bill will not only make it easier for local breweries to distribute their beer across the state, but will also allow for more breweries to open with less expensive fees. When opening up a local brewery, owners face a hefty fee of $2,500 for a resident brewers license, plus a $1,000 fee to operate a brewpub. SB 273 will give local breweries the chance to grow by allowing tasters and samples of their beer statewide and creating more opportunities to open other breweries. According to WV Public Broadcasting, since 2011 the number of local breweries has increased from 5 to 11, and with SB 273 passing the numbers of local breweries are expected to increase. “West Virginia is one of the smallest states for craft brewing—right around 8,000 barrels a year is what West Virginia is doing, which is up from about 5,000 the year before,” said Paul Gatza of the Boulder, Colorado-based Brewers Association, a trade organization that promotes the craft brewing industry across the country, as reported by WV Public Broadcasting. According to Brewers Association, in 2012 West Virginia craft breweries made $118.2 million and produce 7,923 barrels of beer per year. Governor Tomblin has proclaimed a statewide craft beer week starting August 15 and running until August 22. There will be several craft beer festivals across the state. These festivals include the sold out Rails and Ales in Huntington, the Mountaineer Brewfest in Wheeling, and the Brew Skies Festival at Timberline in Davis. Shalee Rogney can be contacted at rogney@marshall.edu.

Tips for drinking safely

Know your limit
Eat first
Stay hydrated
Monitor drink at all times
Travel in pairs
Assign a designated driver
Sip drink, never chug
Space out drinks
Never mix alcohol