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By ASHLEY SODOSKY
THE PARTHENON
Over 100 people were in attendance at Wednesday’s open literary speaking event as part of the A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series.
A crowd of students, faculty, and Huntington residents gathered in the Marshall University Foundation Hall Wednesday to listen to guest speakers Raja Hashch and Rachael Peckham. The event is part of a national literary event to support local food banks since Sept. is National Hunger Action Month.

The event brought in a surprisingly large amount of canned goods, said Joe Vance, operations manager of the Marshall University bookstore, who said he has seen many food drives happen on campus. “This is one of the larger turn outs,” Vance said. “The response is outstanding.”

Rachael Peckham, associate professor of English, was the first speaker of the night, reading seven of her personal prose pieces. Peckham, a Midwestern native, holds a PhD in creative writing from Ohio University and specializes in creative nonfiction. The poems focused on personal tragedies that happened in her life. Peckham was the opening speaker for Hassch and said she was excited to be opening for her.

“Toni Morrison is like opening for the Beatles,” Peckham said. “That’s modest.” Hassch was born and raised in Egypt and moved to the United States when she was 23 and is now a resident of Charleston, West Virginia. She is a Marshall alumna with an MA in creative writing. Hassch read 2 sections of her debut novel, in the Language of Miracle (Yale, 2015). The New York Times has said that the novel is “exciting and beautifully crafted.”

This wasn’t the first of many literary events for many attendees including, sophomore public relations and broadcast journalism major Rebecca Turnbull.

“The event was Turnbull’s fourth writers lecture who said her attendance to the events is to keep the art of writing in her life after changing her major from English, like her parents who are both English teachers. “Although I came for Rachel, I really liked the other speaker,” Turnbull said of Peckham and Hassch. Turnbull and friends each brought a number of canned goods to the event for donation to Facing Hunger Foodbank.

“Facing Hunger Food bank serves 17 counties in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. This event helps with the feeding of local community members across those areas,” the A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series has other events throughout the school year.

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By MATTHEW PRANDONI
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Safety–Beyond Compliance a conference that promotes a safe culture in local and regional business is coming to campus Thursday.

The Marshall University Division of Applied Science and Technology’s Safety Technology program and the Safety Technology Advisory Board are hosting the conference.

The keynote speaker is senior advisor for Organizational and Safety Culture for Los Alamos National Laboratory Robert Cocklin. He will begin his speech at 12:15 p.m.

There are lines and regulations in the workplace, but according to professor and chair of the Division of Applied Science and Technology Tony B. Szwilski it is not enough.

“We should look beyond and see what additional work is needed to make sure there are no accidents,” said Szwilski.

Under the OSHA, employers must be able to provide a safe working environment. “It’s up the management of the companies and institutions to make sure that the workers are aware of what their properties are, what potential risks are by using those chemicals,” Szwilski said.

Many companies have some sort of safety regulations established at the workplace. An oil company would have a safety protocol to make sure there are no oil leaks much like how a restaurant wants to make everything is clean for the customers.

“The most important thing in the workplace is to make sure that their employees have a safe and healthy work environment,” Graduate Assistant for the Safety Department, Matt Thompson said.

“Safety is very important in every industry. Every industry should have a safety department.”

Graduate Safety student, Hasnain Khan said, “The employees are not made aware of some of the dangers. You can have employees who have been there for a long time and they do not know what precautions so nothing bad happens.”

The audience is mostly going to be made up of Marshall students, professors, and health/safety professionals.

The event will be held in Foundation Hall, at 519 John Marshall Drive and goes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration can be found online and the fee is $95.

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New York Times bestselling author meets readers at local Christian bookstore

**By ABI BLACK | THE PARTHENON**

Women from around the Tri-state area lined up outside LifeWay Christian Store in Barboursville Wednesday morning to meet bestselling author Beverly Lewis.

Lewis writes Christian Fiction based on the lives of the Amish community. Her writing stems from her years growing up across from the Amish, as well as her grandmother’s Mennonite heritage.

“I have Amish in my blood,” Lewis said. Lewis has written over 70 books. Most familiar titles are part of her Harvest of Lancaster County Series, three of which were made into motion titles are part of her Heritage of Lancaster series, her book, “The Shunning,” is loosely based on the old Mennonites or Amish communities. Her grandmother married a preacher and had nine children, Lewis’s mother being the eighth.

“Every single one of them was in some sort of ministerial capacity,” Lewis said. “Preachers, deacons wives, evangelists and missionaries to the Africa.”

Lewis said she believes God would not have used her grandmother like she did if she had stayed in the structure of the Mennonite community. She said it began as a book just for her family, but after her husband’s illness, re-action, she urged her to try and have it published.

“My grandmother was so courageous to follow her heart and marry the man that she loved instead of the man her father and the Bishop thought would be better,” Lewis said. She described her grandmother as spunky, free-thinking and one who did not fit the mold of the old Mennonite or Amish community. Her grandmother married a preacher and had nine children, Lewis’s mother being the eighth.

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The organization has had booths set up at Huntington events, such as Thank-A-Donor Day. According to Lewis, the organization has had booths set up at Huntington events, such as Thank-A-Donor Day. According to Lewis, “As a community service based organization, that is our main focus. As students of Marshall University, we are very proud of our campus and our community and we want to do everything that we can to help out those in need and create more positives than negatives in Huntington. We also plan on having some fun while making these changes.”

The organization has had booths set up at RecFest and in other areas at events on campus.

“Student Ambassadors are those of us who want to see our community around Marshall University, as well as the city of Huntington, succeed,” Adams said.

“We want to give back to the community that has provided us with a home away from home during our time in college, as well as help those around us who are in need.

Student Ambassadors also volunteer and work to ensure that all of the events planned by the Marshall University Alumni Association are successful. We are so graciously the founders of our great organization.”

Future events have not been scheduled, due to the focus on new members, but some of the events that have been planned are for action throughout the year. The group has had booths set up in various places, such as the animal shelter and volunteered to help carve pumpkins for Kenova’s Pumpkin Patch, Adams said.

“We do many other activities as well, such as: making coloring books for the children’s wing of the Cabell-Huntington Hospital, making blankets for those in need and volunteering to help out with Marshall University Alumni events, such as Thank-As-Donor Day. We also take part in many social events as a group. In the past, we have had dundie, game nights, boating trips, costume trips to local game to see plays and wont to the corn mazes in Willow. I’m sure that this year’s social events as a group will be just as fun as our can really get the full benefit of MUSA.”

Meetings for MUSA are held Mondays at 9 p.m. in the Radio Media Room.

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**By JOHN COLE GLOVER**

Workers in Huntington may soon have to pay $2 extra per user fee on top of the proposed ordinance passed by city council.

The fee would only affect people who work within Huntington city limits, surrounding areas.

The fee would raise from $3 to $5 per week, and would be estimated $3 million to the city’s budget which would be used for police protection and the upkeep of city roads.

“The reason was due to the whole ‘sustainability’ thing” said Bryan Chambers, director of communications for the mayor’s office.

The money could only be used to hire more police officers, purchase more equipment and repair the crumbling city roads, according to the ordinance.

The ordinance will be presented to the finance committee Monday, where amendments or changes may be made if needed before being voted on by city council.

The finance committee will then decide if the ordinance is approved or extended to pass in the council no later than Sept. 26.

“If the money can only go to road upkeep and police can use, then I have no problem with it,” said local resident Cynthia Pulk.

“The slight increase is worth it in my opinion,” said local resident Elizabeth Strong.

The public will also be allowed to comment on the ordinance at Thursday’s meeting.

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**By ANDY CALIPRI**

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Some residents believe that instead of charging work - ers more, the city should be made to pay for additional city streets, while others believe the issue is not as critical as the issues with the city’s budget.

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**By BYRNE BLACK | THE PARTHENON**

“Take an additional view of the students and meet them at the end of the course. They also discussed campus involvement and how to get involved on the campus.”

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Before the 2013-2014 season, Marshall University's women's basketball team welcomed a new member, Leah Scott. She had transferred from Central Michigan University and was excited to contribute to the team. The team was led by head coach Matt Daniel, who had a clear vision for the program.

Daniel's motto, "Team first wins," emphasized the importance of teamwork and unity. Scott quickly适应了 this new environment, and her leadership skills were recognized early on. She was named to the All-Conference USA Second Team, proving her value to the team.

In her senior year at Marshall, Scott played a crucial role in the team's success. She averaged 11.7 points per game and made free throws, contributing to double-digit scoring in many games. Her performance on the court was matched by her efforts off it. Scott was known for her community involvement, organizing events that positively impacted the lives of many.

With the additon of eight freshmen to the team, Scott believed it was important to acclimatize the new members to college basketball. She shared, "It's so much different from high school. I want them to feel like I was a good leader, a good player and a good people person." Scott's leadership was essential for the team, as she aimed to "Wish I could've played with Leah, you know, a good teammate. And I just want to leave positive feelings once I leave Marshall." Scott wanted to ensure that everyone was comfortable and felt part of the team.

With the addition of new players, the team was preparing to be one of the best in Conference USA. Scott expressed her desire to leave Marshall with positive memories, saying, "I want them to feel like I was a good leader, a good player and a good people person." Scott's wish was to "Wish I could've played with Leah, you know, a good teammate. And I just want to leave positive feelings once I leave Marshall." Scott believed that everyone should feel like they were part of something important.

As the team begins approaching the start of the new season, Scott said, "I think we will probably be a little shaky trying to get our feet underneath us." The team's game plan was to push each other and make it a little harder for other teams to adapt to what they were doing. "I want them to feel like I was a good leader, a good player and a good people person." Scott's leadership was key to the team's success, and her contributions were highly valued.

With the team adding eight freshmen to the program this offseason, a number of new players will have to adopt Daniel's motto and the culture he has created. Scott said she has already envisioned how the team can utilize its collection of young players to achieve success. "I think the team can utilize its collection of young players to achieve success." She envisioned ways to make their first game as a team memorable and impactful.

With the team relying on the new freshmen to contribute to the team's game plan, Scott said getting them comfortable and acclimated to a higher level of competition is a top priority. Scott emphasized the importance of teamwork, saying, "I think we will probably be a little shaky trying to get our feet underneath us. But I'm really just about us pushing each other and making sure that everybody is comfortable and gets the whole coach Daniel's motto of 'let's go, let's move, let's move the ball' and he just really wants us to go out there and play hard." Scott's emphasis on teamwork and pushing each other was key to the team's success.

With the tip-off to the season still about two months away, Scott believed the team will be settled in and ready to go. She was excited to see how the team could utilize its collection of young players to achieve success. Scott said she has already envisioned how the team can make the most of its young talent.

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Ahmed Mohamed probably didn’t expect the reaction he got this morning. He packed his homemade clock in his school bag at home. After the sixth grader from Texas was arrested from his school because his teacher mistook it for a homemade bomb, social media erupted with anger for the way the school handled the situation.

Even President Obama participated in the outcry, tweeting “Cool clock, Ahmed. Want to bring it to the White House? We should inspire more kids like you to love science. It’s what made America great.”

Malcolm Walton, 14, a Texas supporter, was at a new conference at his house. Mohamed was arrested after his teacher thought he had a homemade bomb as well, and was now being put in a holding cell.

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As a woman in power, if you are treated like a seagull, not like a seagull, but like a frigate bird, that’s what Gilman intended to do. This argument goes the other way around, too. If I am in a position of leadership and authority despite my gender, I shouldn’t be called a bitch for asking others to respect my authority. Those women who are in powerful positions who fall short of my expectations have a pink slip as well. They are not being rewarded for being women, if not women?

Women need to be on the side of women who are being the best people. We are socialized to deal with the way we are socialized to deal with women, if not women?”

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I love this essay and everything it stands for. Although this column is called “The Book Nook,” I will say one thing about feminism or the advancement of women it would be that we have to be our own role model. When she is going to fight for women, if not women?

The way we are socialized to deal with women and men is that they don’t deserve our respect. Then when they demand respect, they are being disrespectful.

As women who want to empower women, we have to first respect and acknowledge the authority of women in power and then work with powerful women to become the best we can be.

I think Tina Fey outlined this point best in her book “Bimini.”

She is a woman; she is a role model, and she is in every single conversation about issues that need to be addressed.

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Men’s hair parlor opens in downtown Huntington

By ROB ENGLE
THE PARTHENON

Huntington hair stylist Brian Shaffer’s dream has come to fruition with his new shop The Razor and Shear, a hair parlor that offers not just fresh cuts but also fraternity.

“I always had the idea for a place where guys could come and hang out, do guy talk and feel comfortable and relaxed,” Shaffer said.

Clients at the parlor can help themselves to a coffee or, if 21, a beer. Clients can flip through a Hot Rod Magazine or Playboy or kick back and listen to anything from Dean Martin to Alice Cooper.

Shaffer, who has been cutting hair for nine years, opened The Razor and Shear last month with the goal of creating an atmosphere that welcomed guys from all walks of life.

“I always wanted a place where businessmen could talk to punks and jocks could talk to nerds,” Shaffer said. “I’ve seen guys covered in tattoos talking to businessmen just like they were old friends. It’s crazy how it brings people together who would never talk to each other on the street, but here they have a common bond.”

Echoing the variety of clientele that the shop draws in, Shaffer and his one employee, Jacob, specialize in variety of different hairstyles.

“Whatever is trendy, whatever is happening now, we do. Anything from the side-parts and Pomps, to undercuts and Mohawks,” Shaffer said. Currently, Shaffer is up to his neck in appointments, taking on about 16 customers per day, four to five of which he said are new clients. Cory Harshbarger, who has been a loyal customer of Shaffer for more than a year, said he understands why business is booming.

"Brian does really cool, timeless cuts, that are not going to go out of style. He hooks you up with a hot towel, lather and all that, it’s just unreal,” Harshbarger said. “You step in here and it’s like stepping back into the days of old. It’s a great atmosphere, great conversation. I don’t know anywhere else where you can get something like this.”

“The Razor and Shear is a Mecca,” Harshbarger said. “It’s a place guys have got to come.”

In addition to haircuts, The Razor and Shear offers a number of events that are scheduled for this fall, including a record exchange day and a beard grooming class.

Shaffer also plans on instructing a class where he teaches guys how to style their hair at home.

“I’ll talk to them about the way their hair grows, how much product to use, how to hold the blow-dryer and brush,” Shaffer said. “I’m not even going to touch the hair, just provide direction.”

Though his next step is to bring on more stylists, Shaffer said he loves where his business is at right now.

“If you enjoy what you’re doing, then it’s not a job,” Shaffer said. “I don’t have a job; I just get paid for doing what I like to do.”

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