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Community service fraternity raises money with Out of the Closet Ball



ABOVE: Trinity Alexis performs Monday at the Out of the Closet Ball in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

RIGHT: Christopher Monsell, senior public health major and organizer of the event, also performs.

Alpha Phi Omega Eta Upsilon, a charity fraternity, presented Out of the Closet Ball Monday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. The event was a drag show to raise money for the Born This Way Foundation. Tickets were \$5. The fraternity also had open auditions at the beginning of the month for anyone who wanted to perform in the show.

COLOR MY COLLEGE

5K KICKS OFF HOMECOMING WEEK SUNDAY

By CADI DUPLAGA THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Campus Activities Board and Religious Studies Association kicked off homecoming week with a Color My College 5K race.

The 5K began at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Approximately 250 runners and walkers participated.

The 5K shared some similarities to the now famous Color Run however the run featured only green and white colors to show school spirit.

Leading up to the race was a Zumba pump-up event. Guest Disk Jockey Nick Scott played music throughout the event.

Attendees could win prizes from various contests held after the run.

Sarah Dyke, CAB graduate assistant, said she was pleased with the day.

"Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves throughout the day," Dyke said. "Each participant had non-stop fun from the time Zumba started until we concluded with prizes and contests."

Laikyn Nelson, sophomore health care management major, said she enjoyed running in the race.

"Getting the Marshall colors sprayed on us at the end was really fun," Nelson said.

"It made it better than just running. We got free packets of color to throw in the air to get more color on us and that was really cool."

Marshall cheerleaders cheered on the runners before the race and were there to greet them at the end as well.

The runners were sprayed with green and white colors as they crossed the finish line.

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Marshall offers self-defense course targeted for women

By SAMANTHA GODBY
THE PARTHENON

The start of new eight-week courses at Marshall University's Recreation Center started Oct. 13- 14 and brought a new group of students who were ready to learn self-defense techniques.

Marshall University Police Department partnered with the Rape, Aggression, Defense program, or RAD, to provide students with self-defense courses.

"After eight weeks, they (the students) are different. They are changed," said Scott Ballot, MUPD Officer and State Director for R.A.D. systems. "Once they are finished with the program they realize that 'Wow I never realized I could do that; I actually am okay. I can protect myself if I need to.'"

Self-defense classes begin as any other, in the classroom. The first two weeks of classes will teach students what self-defense is; this includes risk avoidance, risk reduction and awareness of surroundings. The first portion also explains various types of weapons students can use, from elbows and knees to pepper spray.

"When I first started this class, I felt so intimidated by just being in Huntington, and after taking this course, I felt empowered," said Makala Caldwell, sophomore biology student. "I can walk down the street and not be afraid."

According to Ballot, students experience an intense range of emotions during the eight weeks.

The final portion of the class allows students to practice what they learned, by simulating

one, two or even three "attackers."

"It was really hard knowing I was going to put myself in a situation that would make me uncomfortable," said Samantha Colbert, senior secondary education student.

During the simulation, anywhere from one to three trained officers clad in protective gear act as attackers. Students then use their training to fight their way out of the situation and through the door.

"It showed me I'm not as weak as I thought I was, and I'm not as helpless as women think they are," Colbert said.

Students' grades are based on attendance, however, after the eight weeks are over, the women write a reactionary paper. The paper should express all the emotions felt during the class and whatever inner change takes place throughout the course. Ballot then reads the papers and tries to determine the effectiveness of the course.

"You see different students over the years and you know that this was a small part of their college experience, but they tell us this was the best class at Marshall and it literally changed the way they carry themselves," Ballot said.

The self-defense classes are offered during the first and second eight weeks every semester at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Ballot also offers a more experienced version of the class for students who want to learn more about self-defense during the spring.

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Dress for Success' 5K Power Walk/Run and Stiletto Stroll

By TAYLOR POLING
THE PARTHENON

Dress for Success River Cities held the third Annual Power Walk, 5K Run and Stiletto Stroll Saturday morning at Ritter Park.

The Power Walk and 5K Run began at 8 a.m. in near freezing temperatures. The 41 participants either walked or ran the 3.1 miles within the span of an hour. Conner Flynn, 18, of Proctorville, Ohio was the first to finish with a time of 18 minutes and 52 seconds. Flynn received the Overall Male Award. Petra Choutka, 37, of Chesapeake, Ohio finished sixth overall with a time of 20 minutes and 54 seconds and received the Overall Female Award.

Once the Power Walk and 5K Run were complete and participants were given time to relax and rehydrate, the Stiletto Stroll began. Kicking off at 9:30 a.m., the Stiletto Stroll required male volunteers to wear a pair of women's heels and race 50 yards. Participants of the Stiletto Stroll included Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, Huntington Fire Chief Carl Eastham, Marshall University's SGA President Duncan Waugaman and many more locals.

"I don't know how women do it. I had them on for five minutes and my feet are killing me," Williams said.

Before the Stiletto Stroll began, many participants took pictures in their heels while holding a sign provided by Dress for Success volunteers and staff that read "#RealMenWearHeels."

The event was put forth to support Dress for Success' mission statement. According to

Dress for Success board member Tomi Weber the organization provides clothing and other skills to women who are trying to break into the work force or trying to get back into the work force where women may feel they are at a disadvantage.

Weber said the confidence women show after being fitted at the organization is one of the many reasons why she agreed to be a part of Dress for Success.

The non-profit organization accepts clients only upon referral from other agencies, such as Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, the City Mission and Career Services at Marshall University.

Women are fitted with appropriate work attire, assisted in creating a resume and rehearsed in the interviewing process.

Alpha Sigma Phi community service director Kyle Rheude participated in the 5K Run, finishing in 10th place.

"I personally really wanted to run," Rheude said. "I felt like this was a cause that really helps out the community."

Rheude and other Alpha Sigma Phi members volunteered at the event. "Our fraternity loves to partake in community service and give back to the community so when this opportunity was brought up to us we really wanted to help volunteer and help out," Rheude said.

Dress for Success accepts volunteers at all levels. Information about volunteering can be found on the Dress for Success River Cities website.

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TOP: Huntington Mayor Steve Williams poses for pictures holding a sign that says "#RealMenWearHeels."
RIGHT: Walkers line up to race 50 yards in stilettos.
LEFT: Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity members pose for a picture with Huntington Mayor Steve Williams

Halloween Bowl-A-Thon helps raise money for Developmental Therapy Center

By MACKENZIE KYLE
THE PARTHENON

In July 2014, the Morris building in Huntington suffered from a fire that destroyed several businesses, including local favorites like Backyard Pizza. Residents who need a helping hand were disappointed after learning the fire also destroyed the Developmental Therapy Center.

Huntington's DTC provides occupational, physical and speech therapy for adults and children. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit was reduced to setting up a temporary clinic for its clients following the fire. The center purchased the Ronk Building on Seventh Avenue last October and has since been working to have the building ready to open for business.

"We hope to be in it by December or January," said Leslie Comer-Porter, director at Developmental Therapy Center.

To help raise the funds for the new business, DTC partnered with St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Huntington to host a Halloween themed Bowl-A-Thon at Strike Zone Saturday.

"All the St. Joseph kids come out with the special needs kids and help them bowl," Comer-Porter said.

Proceeds from the Bowl-A-Thon were split between DTC and St. Joseph High School.

Students and clients were split into teams of four to six. Participants dressed up in Halloween costumes and enjoyed Halloween treats.

"It's a good charity event and it's fun," said Hunter Adams, St. Joseph sophomore. "And I like to bowl."

The DTC hopes to have a fully equipped gym in its new facility, complete with a ball pit, climbing wall and a scooter board ramp that can all be used for therapy.

"The money we raise, we're going to use it to buy therapy equipment," Comer-Porter said.

This was the second year for the Bowl-A-Thon; both organizations hope to continue the Bowl-A-Thon in the future.

"It was fun," Adams said. "It's fun to be a motivator and a good supporter."

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Newest iPhone update has users angry due to phone bills rising with extra charges

By SAMANTHA GODBY
THE PARTHENON

Apple's latest iPhone software update, IOS 9, provides users with access to new features; however, it also caused some user phone bills to go up.

The Wi-Fi Assist feature came standard with the update. According to Apple, the feature was designed to switch to data usage when Internet signal is weak.

"That sounds good; it sounds like IOS is trying to make your Internet speed better," said Nick Alexander,

senior computer science major. "The problem is, however, that most cellular carriers these days have data caps so you have a set amount of data you can use per month and if you go over that you can be charged excessive fees."

College comes with a large range of fees, from tuition, to food, to parking. Some students find little comfort in what seem to be good intentions on the company's part.

"So I recently updated my phone to the new update and I really don't like it because I don't get good Wi-Fi at St.

Mary's and it always cuts off my Wi-Fi. Now I'm being charged 40 extra dollars a month to use data," said Haley Fortuna, second year nursing student.

Students can find peace of mind and wallet by learning how to turn off the feature. Accessing the iPhone's settings, clicking the cellular icon, scrolling down to the bottom and clicking the Wi-Fi Assist button will disable the feature.

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SPORTS

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Herd wins fifth straight game with career day from Foster



Marshall University senior receiver Deon-Tay McManus catches a pass Oct. 3 against Old Dominion University at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

SHANNON STOWERS | THE PARTHENON

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University football player Hyleck Foster was named the team's starting slot receiver at the start of the season, but after a few weeks, Foster lost his starting spot to redshirt senior Deandre Reaves.

However, the sophomore receiver maintained his duties as the team's punt returner until he struggled against Norfolk State University in the third game of the season.

After three weeks of being on the sideline, Foster remerged as a playmaker Saturday in the team's 33-17 victory over Florida Atlantic University.

Foster, who played running back in high school, returned to the position and rushed for 122 yards on 17 carries against the Owls, including a 66-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Freshman quarterback Chase Litton said he was impressed with Foster's ability to make plays even when nothing appeared to be available.

"There were a lot of plays that weren't open and he made them open," Litton said. "He had a couple quick triggers of cutting back, but the other times he cut back, he made plays from them. I just like his vision. He's very talented at that position."

Foster was not the only member of the Herd gaining yards on the ground Saturday as the team compiled 326 rushing yards.

Running backs Devon Johnson, Remi Watson and Keion Davis each had over 50 yards rushing with the trio totaling 208 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 25 attempts.

While the coaching staff utilized the skill sets

of multiple backs, one component of Marshall's ground attack remained consistent — the offensive line.

"We just went out and did our job and did it right," junior center Michael Selby said. "We were really physical and we just got after it the whole game from snap one to the last snap of the game. We were able to control the line of scrimmage which was really good."

Despite being without All-Conference selection right tackle Clint Van Horn for the second consecutive week, the Herd offensive line consistently opened up lanes for Herd runners.

"They were opening up holes anybody could run through," sophomore tight end Ryan Yurachek said. "Anytime you run for 300 yards, you can't say enough about how well the offensive played, no matter how good the running backs are you got back there."

Running lanes came early and often as Johnson burst through the B-gap for a 75-yard touchdown run on the game's second play from scrimmage after senior left guard Sebastian Johansson and sophomore left tackle Sandley Jean-Felix paved an opening for Johnson.

Johnson finished the day with 83 yards and a touchdown on three carries.

After a Florida Atlantic field goal and a safety by Marshall redshirt freshman defensive tackle Nyquan Harris, running back Remi Watson received a trio of effective blocks from the pulling combination of Selby and sophomore guard Cody Collins, while wide receiver Deon-Tay McManus also chipped in a nice downfield block.

Watson scored a touchdown from a yard out a

few plays later to extend the lead to 16-3 at the beginning of the second quarter.

A mistake from quarterback Chase Litton with just under 5 minutes remaining in the second quarter resulted in a 95-yard interception return touchdown for the Owls, cutting the lead to 16-10.

"I can't make those mistakes," Litton said. "I just came to the sideline mad at myself, not really mad at throwing the interception, but really mad at we needed those seven points, we needed those three points."

Litton responded on the following drive, completing all four of his passes for 51 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown pass to Davonte Allen down the sideline, giving Marshall a 23-10 advantage at halftime.

Litton finished the day 17-28 for 174 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

After a series of punts to begin the second half, Foster's 66-yard run touchdown run extended Marshall's lead to 30-10. The play developed much in the same manner as Watson's 38-yarder in the first quarter with Selby and Johansson pulling as wide receiver Justin Hunt made a down block inside.

Florida Atlantic managed a touchdown in late in the third quarter to make it a 30-17 game, but the Herd controlled the ball for 13:02 in the fourth quarter with a pair of lengthy drives, one of which resulted in a field goal.

Marshall will return to Joan C. Edwards Stadium for 3:30 Saturday for its homecoming game against the University of North Texas.

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Men's golf finishes first day of tourney in sixth place

THE PARTHENON

While Marshall University's men's golf team finished sixth after the first day of the Mountaineer Intercollegiate tournament, junior Clark Robinson leads the field in individuals.

Robinson, who shot a 3-under par 69 for the Herd, converted five birdies during the first round and has a one shot lead over three other players.

"Clark played a great round today," head coach Matt Grobe said in a press release. "He hit the ball well and made some really nice putts."

Despite poor play from some of the team, the Herd sits in the top half of the 14-team tournament with one round remaining.

"It was a really tough golf course today," Grobe said. "The team battled hard, and we're looking forward to tomorrow."

Penn State University, the 11th ranked team in the country, leads in the team competition after shooting a 6-over total score of 294.

The final round will begin Tuesday with a shotgun start scheduled for 9 a.m.

Men's rugby defeats ECU, finishes season on high note



Members of Marshall University's rugby team pose for a team photo.

By **SCOTT BOLGER**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's men's rugby team defeated Eastern Kentucky University Saturday 56-7 in its final game of the season.

The Herd finished the season with a 4-2 record, going 2-0 against the Pirates and outscoring Eastern Kentucky 90-19 in the two games.

Marshall head coach Justin Apgar said his team's dominant victory was due to its impressive rucking against a physical Eastern Kentucky team that added bigger bodies since the teams' first matchup.

"We worked really hard on our weaknesses this past week," Apgar said. "We made sure we were prepared because they're always physical, intense and very aggressive. We made sure that we were ready for it by working all week on tackling and running in support. It proved to suit us very well today because our rucks were good."

At the half, Marshall led the Pirates 32-7. Despite a 25-point differential, Apgar said the Herd does not allow big leads to take hold of players' minds going into the second half.

"We stress a 0-0 score at half because it's always important for them to strive to do better," Apgar said. "It's always about self-improvement and identifying little things we can do to make the bigger picture prettier. We don't get complacent."

Apgar said his halftime speech to his team included tidbits on how not to divert from the game plan. In the second half, the Herd outscored the pirates 24-0 and held possession for 70 of the 80 minutes.

"A win like this is really important," Apgar said. "We have to carry this momentum through the offseason, spring and make sure that we actually build and grow. It's critical to end on a high note as far as momentum and recruiting go. It also motivates these guys to continue to train, improve conditioning and learn more rugby in the offseason."

The Herd missed out on a spot in the playoffs after losing to Xavier University Oct. 3.

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By **IMANI SPRADLEY**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's women's soccer team defeated Florida International University Sunday 1-0 at the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex in a win the team dedicated to a young man suffering from a number of physical ailments.

The game was a special dedication to celebrate the life of Christian Walroth, a 24-year-old friend of the program who was born with spina bifida, hydrocephalus, Arnold-Chiari malformation, severe scoliosis, as well as other ailments, which left him paralyzed from the waist down.

Marshall head coach Kevin Long named Walroth an honorary team captain for its game against the Florida Atlantic due to the inspiration and impact Walroth has had on the team, as well as others who have come in contact with him.

"Knowing that it was Christian's big day here, we knew we needed to do something special for him," senior Kelly Culicerto said. "First half, we didn't do so well, so we knew we needed to come harder in

the second half."

While both teams were without a goal in the first half, Culicerto became Marshall women's soccer's all-time leader in game-winning goals when she scored in the second half. The goal was the ninth game-winning goal of Culicerto's career.

The win gives the Herd an 11-3-3 record, including a 4-2-2 record in Conference USA play. Marshall's 11 wins are the most since earning a program record of 12 in 2009.

The Marshall back line held on for the final half hour of the match, giving goalkeeper Lizzie Kish her seventh blank sheet of the season. Kish holds the school record with 19 shutouts for her career.

As a team, the Herd outshot its opponent for the seventh consecutive match with an 18-8 advantage. Marshall also had the edge in corner kicks, 6-4.

Marshall's final C-USA road trip will be to Bowling Green, Kentucky to face Western Kentucky University 7 p.m. Friday.

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Women's soccer team beats FIU, dedicates win to young man



Marshall University senior Kelly Culicerto goes after the ball last season.

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EDITORIAL

People of color in film are not bad for society

Star Wars has been a cultural phenomenon since the first film, “Star Wars” (later changed to “Episode IV: A New Hope), hit theaters in 1977. Whether audiences are drawn in by the expansive sci-fi universe or the promise of Jedi versus Sith action, people shell out lots of money for movie tickets as well as Star Wars merchandise.

Nerds of the world collectively rejoiced as a new trailer for “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” premiered during Monday Night Football. All was well in the world of the geeks as old

cast members Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher joined new on-screen heroes Daisy Ridley, Oscar Isaac and John Boyega.

Director J.J. Abrams has recently been praised on including Boyega, an African American, as one of the leads of the blockbuster franchise. Although wildly famous, Star Wars has seen some scrutiny; many of the people of color characters are very short lived or just not included at all.

Most of the responses to Boyega’s casting and that of other POC characters have

been positive, but Monday fans took to Twitter to attack the film.

The hashtag #BoycottStarWarsVII generated a multitude of tweets; some criticizing the film’s racially diverse cast and others criticizing those who used the hashtag seriously.

All joke tweets aside, racial diversity in film should be celebrated. Actors, producers, directors and movie companies in general have come a very long way from their atrocious use of blackface and stereotypes. Actually including people of color in film is a milestone. In a world

where a lot of adaptations and even original pieces of work suffer from a ridiculous amount of whitewashing, it’s hard to find movies that celebrate these people instead of turning them into a mockery. Star Wars fans should rejoice that something people used to scrutinize the series for isn’t a problem any longer. Bigoted fans need to drop the idea that all characters must be white. Support film makers who continue to cast talented, non-white actors, because they’re showing solidarity in casting these men and women to begin with.



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COLUMN

A NEW VIEW: Journalists are not vultures

By NANCY PEYTON
THE PARTHENON

In class today, we read an article asking whether or not journalists should be compared to vultures.

The main issue discussed in the article was the fact that journalists were tweeting to people who were on scene at a school shooting asking for interviews.

This led to major backlash across the Internet. Many individuals did not agree with the way these journalists handled the situation.

Social media has been a blessing and a curse for journalists. It’s now easier than ever to get in contact with sources for stories.

This way of contacting people for interviews after tragedy has been going on forever, but because of social media, these exchanges can now be seen publicly.

The public expects journalists to seek the truth and report it, but they don’t want to know just how we seek it.

In this situation, I personally do not feel the journalists did anything ethically wrong. We’re tasked with minimizing harm and I feel they asked for interviews in the best way they could while still getting information for the public.

Calling journalists and news media “vultures” is incredibly unfair. Reporting on tragedies is a difficult task, but someone has to do it.

It’s hard to knock on the door of a family who has just been through the worst experience of their lives to ask them about said situation, but these interviews can shine a lot of light onto situations happening every day in this country.

Journalists have to figure out how to stay on the right side of the ethical line. In this instance, the reporters did just that.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We Need to Learn and Work Together to Prepare for and Solve Climate Change

By TOM RODD
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In 2011, former West Virginia United States Senator Robert C. Byrd said, “To deny the mounting science of climate change is to stick our heads in the sand.”

A year later, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said, “To those who say climate risk is a far off problem, I can tell you that I have hunted the same woods my entire life and climate change is happening now—I see it in the summer droughts that kill the trees, the warm winter nights when flowers bloom in January, the snows that fall less frequently and melt more quickly.”

Senator Byrd and President Trumka were right—and just recently, the Pope himself has joined the world leaders echoing their remarks.

Yes, human-caused global warming and climate change

are real, and their dangerous impacts are growing every year. And understanding and preparing for these changes and impacts is everyone’s business.

A 2015 report from scientists at Climate Central says that by 2050 (or before), people in the Charleston, West Virginia area could experience more than 168 heat-related “danger days” per year, with especially damaging effect on children, the elderly, and low-income people. And it’s not just about the heat—warmer air means increased flooding and more extreme weather like the derecho that hit West Virginia in June 2012.

Global warming and climate change are also putting the ecology and economy of West Virginia’s high mountains “on the chopping block.” For example, a new report from Penn State scientists forecasts

the end of the region’s snow sports industry within 40 years. Saying “adios” to skiing and snowboarding is bad for people who live and work in the Highlands and for the many thousands who vacation there.

But there’s good news, too, on the climate change front.

Expert scientists, engineers, and policy makers around the world and here at home are working on climate change preparedness and solutions. You can meet and talk with more than a dozen of these experts at a public conference at Blackwater Falls State Park in Davis, WV on Saturday October 17, sponsored by Friends of Blackwater. Scholarships are available for students and teachers.

Here is some of the important information that will be highlighted at the Saturday program:

Researchers at West Virginia University are helping to develop techniques for capturing CO2 from energy production, and designing energy efficiency systems for industry that reduce emissions. Communities and churches are installing renewable energy sources. Local government and floodplain managers are preparing buildings, roads, bridges, and culverts for increased loads. Wildlife managers are working to preserve species like our native brook trout and “Ginny” the West Virginia flying squirrel.

We can come together and learn about the science, policies, and programs that we need to build a safer future. Please join us at Blackwater Falls on October 17.

Tom Rodd is a retired attorney who lives in Preston County, WV.

Black United Students offer experience of live poetry at Black Koffee

By MICHAEL BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students came out for live music and poetry Friday when the Black United Students hosted Black Koffee open mic night for the second year in a row. This year, the organization had a bigger crowd and more student involvement. The night was full of poetry, singing, rapping and a live band.

"I enjoyed being able to witness everyone be so creative in expressing themselves," said Yaris Mason, senior psychology major and co-host of the event. "Even though most people are nervous to share how they feel its really nice to see people sort of put their nerves to the side and express themselves in such a beautiful way."

Many of the same faces from last year returned to participate and share their work again this year. The event also saw many new faces.

Deborah Pope, senior chemistry major, shared poetry for the first time at the event.

"I decided to share a poem I wrote because I had shared a poem that I wrote on social media and someone asked me to share it at Black Koffee and I said 'yes,'" Pope said. "It was a really positive environment. No one was acting foolish."

"I really enjoyed the live band this year," said Jordan Burns, junior accounting major. "I came last year and I really enjoyed myself, I love to immerse myself in such a creative atmosphere."

Students shared poetry and songs about many different things with topics ranging from love, culture and relationships.

"What brought me back out again was the energy; it's an energy and passion you don't get to see anywhere else," said Khulud Khudur, graduate student and returning poet. "It's a passion to express who you are and exploring our minds. So I greatly appreciate the opportunity to share my passion as well as witness other people share theirs."

Black United Students hopes to make Black Koffee a monthly event with growth each time.

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Black Koffee, sponsored by Black United Students, featured live music throughout the event along with poetry readings and other musical performances Friday in Marco's Room in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

Oscar Pistorius released from prison, put under house arrest

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Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympic runner who fatally shot his girlfriend in 2013, was released from prison and placed under house arrest on Monday night, a South African official said.

"Oscar Pistorius was placed under correctional supervision tonight," Manelisi Wolela, a spokesman for South Africa's correctional services department, said in a cellphone text message sent to journalists.

Wolela cited officials at Kgosi Mampuru II Correctional Centre, a prison in the South African capital of Pretoria where Pistorius had served nearly a year of his five-year sentence for manslaughter.

The correctional services department had originally said Pistorius would be released from the Pretoria jail on Tuesday in line with a decision by a parole board at the prison.

"The handling of the actual placement is an operational matter of the local management, and how they handle it is their prerogative that is carried out in the best interest of all parties concerned, the victims, the offender and the Department of Correction Services," Wolela said in a second text message.

The murder trial of Pistorius generated intense international interest, and the surprising decision to release Pistorius a day early, and at night, appeared to have avoided the logistical challenges and spectacle associated with a large gathering of TV crews and other journalists hoping to catch a glimpse of Pistorius on the way out of prison.

While out on bail during his trial, the 28-year-old Pistorius had stayed at his uncle's mansion in an upmarket suburb of Pretoria. However, an Associated Press journalist outside the house said no one had gone in or out of the main entrance of the house on Monday night.

Under South African law, an offender sentenced to five years or less in jail can be released after serving one-sixth of the term — in Pistorius' case 10 months.

Pistorius was acquitted of murder last year for the Valentine's Day shooting death of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, but prosecutors have appealed the trial verdict of culpable homicide, or manslaughter, and will seek a murder conviction again at South Africa's Supreme Court on Nov. 3.

If Pistorius is convicted of murder by a panel of five judges at the appeal, he faces going back to prison for 15 years, the minimum sentence for murder in South Africa, which no longer has the death penalty.

Pistorius has maintained he thought Steenkamp was an intruder in his Pretoria home and killed her by mistake. Prosecutors said he shot her intentionally during an argument after she had fled to a bathroom stall.

While under house arrest, Pistorius will have to live under certain conditions until his sentence ends on Oct. 20, 2019. Pistorius will have to continue receiving psychotherapy and cannot handle any firearms, the corrections department previously said.

Wolela, the correctional services department spokesman, had not ruled out ultimately allowing Pistorius to return to training. He also said Pistorius would not be required to wear an electronic tagging device.

Pistorius, known as "Blade Runner" for his carbon-fiber running blades, gained worldwide fame when he ran against able-bodied athletes at the 2012 London Olympics, the first amputee runner to compete at the games.

Marshall University shows love for Japanese Culture

By MICHAEL BROWN
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Marshall University hosted a Japan Day Friday in the Memorial Student Center. Japan Day brought faces from both the university and the community to the event.

"We are here to celebrate Japan Day. We have been doing this since 2012," Zelideth Rivas Assistant Professor of Japanese and Japanese program director said. "This is a lot bigger than what we started doing. We wanted to share Japanese culture with Marshall and with the community. I hope everyone is able to take just one cultural nuance."

During Japan Day, there were events for everyone including Matcha Tea tasting, origami, calligraphy, coloring, Yukata photo booth, speeches and live music.

"I am in a Japanese anime class and I just came out today because I am intrigued by the culture. said Tyler Grimm, sophomore engineering major. "I think everything going on here is pretty cool."

"As a club we don't want to just focus on Japanese culture. We want to introduce Japanese culture to American culture and the other way around," Ayumi Tanaka, graduate student and president of the Japan club said. "I just want everyone to enjoy themselves."

The Department of Modern Language, Sado Club, Japan Club, Kendo Club and Japan Outreach Club sponsored Japan Day.

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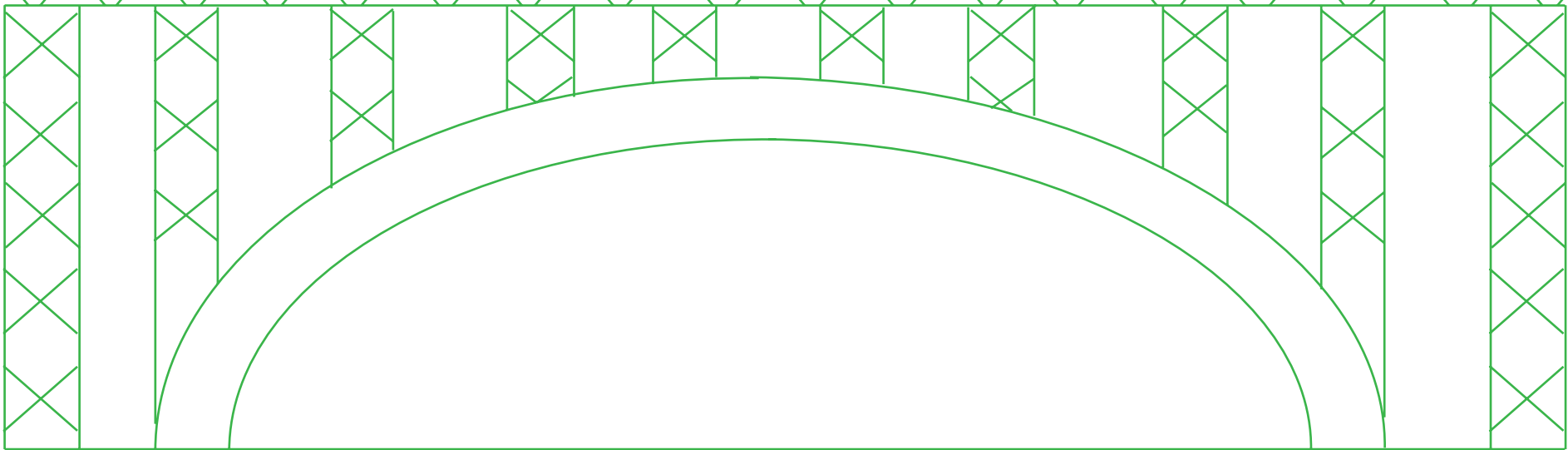
Students participate in various activities at Japan Day Friday.



A live band performed at Japan Day in the Memorial Student Center Friday. The department of Modern Language, Sado Club, Japan Club, Kendo Club and Japan Outreach Club sponsored the event.

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Falling with style at 36th Annual Bridge Day



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A base jumper pumps himself up for the 876-foot plunge at Bridge Day Saturday.

By **ROB ENGLE**
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More than 200 base jumpers took the 876-foot fall into the cold New River on Saturday at the 36th Annual Bridge Day celebration in Fayetteville, West Virginia.

Spectators flooded into Fayetteville to watch the jumpers' death-defying leaps from the world's second-largest steel arch-span bridge.

One of the most common questions buzzing around the crowd was what a person has to do to actually jump at Bridge Day. Though some adrenaline-loving spectators may have felt the urge to put on a parachute and take the plunge themselves, a lot of training is required up front. Jumpers need to have completed at least 100 base jumps or skydives to qualify.

One daredevil Jordan Brantley, who has been jumping at the event for three years, said these strict qualifications are necessary to prepare for a leap into the gorge.

"It's a tight spot down in the gorge," Brantley said. "You want to be able to do the hundred sky dives to have canopy skills and be prepared to step off. There's also a first-jump

training course that teaches you how to do that properly."

Despite the extensive preparation, Brantley said the rush of the fall is always worth it.

"It's a thrill. Stepping off the ramp and watching the bridge pass your back is unlike anything else," Brantley said. "But that crack when the parachute opens is the best part. It's overhead you in no time and you feel a lot better."

Though hundreds of people jump on Bridge Day every year, the event was originally founded for members of the Fayetteville community to simply enjoy the immense piece of architecture right in their backyard.

"The locals like it as a day to just walk across the bridge. That's really what started Bridge Day, the local community wanted a day that they could walk across the bridge, and get a certificate," Many Wriston, travel specialist for Fayette County said.

The celebration is also an opportunity for vendors across the state to market to new customers. Angela Sundstrum, marketing communications manager for Adventures on the Gorge, a tourism and recreation business in Fayetteville, said Bridge

Day is an event that markets itself to a worldwide crowd.

"It's a great way for us to introduce ourselves to a different audience," Sundstrum said. "There are so many people from all over the country and even the world. It's a great way to introduce Adventures on the Gorge and West Virginia to new people."

Those who couldn't trek to West Virginia for Bridge Day could experience the celebration a different way — through Snapchat. This year's event was featured nationally on the app, which included a geotag visitors could use to contribute to a collective Snap Story.

To prepare for the influx of ten-of-thousands of spectators every year, Wriston said the Bridge Day commission works year-round to plan a safe and enjoyable day.

"A lot of people don't know that Bridge Day is in our state constitution," Wriston said. "The commission has been put together federal, state, county and city entities as well as the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. We will start on Monday, 364 days in advance, for to plan the next year."

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Spectators crowd the eastbound section of U.S. 19 carried by the New River Gorge Bridge as B.A.S.E. jumpers prepare to make the 876- foot leap Saturday, in Fayetteville, West Virginia.