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COMMUNITY SERVICE FRATERNITY RAISES MONEY WITH OUT OF THE CLOSET BALL

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 3 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.

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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HOMECOMING WEEK SCHEDULE

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RIGHT: Christopher Wassell,校外公共健康主任，是活动的组织者，也参加了活动。

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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 Blackrock Pizza. Residents who needed a helping hand were discouraged 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 reorganized to set up a temporary clinic for its clients following the fire. The center purchased the Book Building on Seventh Avenue last October and has since been working to have the building ready to open.

“We hope to be in it by December or January,” said Leslie Coomer-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 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.

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Dress for Success’ 51st Power Walk/Run and Stiletto Stroll

By TAYLOR POLING | THE PARTHENON

Silk Run and Stiletto Stroll on the campus of Marshall University Saturday morning at Ritter Park.

The annual Power Walk, 5K Run and Stiletto Stroll — 50 yards in stilettos.

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 Gilbreth, senior secondary education student.

During the simulation,Brinbury and three or four, 10 to 14 participants in the class dress 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,” Gilbreth said.

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Women’s soccer team beats FLU, dedicates win to young man

By IMANI SPRADLEY  THE PARTHENON

Marshall University women’s soccer team defeated Florida International University Sunday 5-2 at the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex in a game that was sponsored by the WSAVQ of the university.

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 obesity, as well as other ailments, which left him paralyzed from the waist down.

“Since that was Christi- an’s big day here, we knew we wanted to do something special for him,” senior Kelly Collins said. “First half, we didn’t do so well, so we knew we needed to come in better in the second half.”

While both teams were without a goal in the first half, Collins turned into the second half, as she scored in the 48th minute.

The win gives the Herd the 11-3-3 record, including a 4-2-2 record in Conference USA play. Marshall is now one of the most scoring teams in the nation, with 12 goals scored.

The Marshall back line held firm for the first half hour of the match, giving goalkeeper Lainie Koch her seventh shutout of the season.

The Herd’s 14-2-2 record in Conference USA play has a one shot lead over three other individuals.

"It’s always about self-improvement and identifying little things we can do to make the bigger picture pret- ty," Apgar said. "It’s always about self-improvement and identifying little things we can do to make the bigger picture pretty."
People of color in film are not bad for society

By TOM RODD

In 2011, former West Virginia United States Senator Robert C. Byrd said, “To deny that climate change is a serious problem is quite simply an act of malice.” He had just spoken at the UN Conference on Climate Change about the science, economics and impacts of climate change. He said, “With the passing of the 2015 Paris Agreement, the nation of humanity is no longer able to ignore the reality of climate change.”

Climate change is not just a reality for the future—it is a reality for humanity now.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states climate change is changing local weather patterns, increasing the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. These events include heat waves, droughts, floods, storms, and hurricanes. These events are becoming more frequent and severe, which impacts human health, agriculture, and the economy.

In the United States, climate change is causing increased flooding and erosion, crop failures, and decreased crop yields. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States experienced its third-warmest year on record in 2020, with an average temperature of 58.9 degrees Fahrenheit. This is the second warmest year on record, after 2019, which was the warmest year on record.

Despite the overwhelming evidence of climate change, some people still deny its existence. However, the scientific consensus is that climate change is real and it is caused by human activities, primarily the burning of fossil fuels.

As a society, we have a responsibility to address climate change and protect our planet. This includes reducing our carbon footprint, investing in renewable energy, and taking action to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The need to address climate change is urgent. We cannot afford to wait any longer. Let’s work together to create a sustainable future for generations to come.
By MICHAEL BROWN

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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 the planning the next year.”

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