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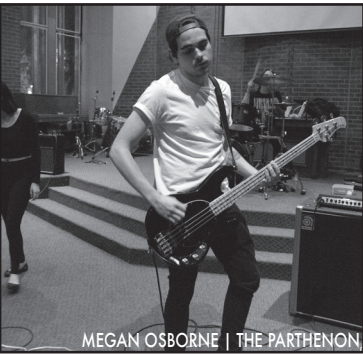
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MU Indian Student Association brings first India Day to campus



TOP: Students in attendance at the event were adorned with a Bindi, the sacred red symbol Indians wear on the head for spiritual reasons.
BOTTOM LEFT: Decorations symbolic of Indian culture are displayed on tables at the event.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Students were able to get acquainted with Indian style of dress and accessories.

By MICHAEL BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Indian Student Association hosted its first India Day Tuesday on the Memorial Student Center plaza.
India is a vast South Asian country with extreme diversity. Besides Hindi, which is, the dominant language spoken in India, there are over 10 other languages spoken, over 30 different festivals and many different religions.
The presence of Indian students at Marshall has double,

if not tripled, within the past year. The students from the organization hosted India Day to share their culture with Americans as well as other International Students.
"We want to make our country and culture known to people of many different backgrounds and cultures," said Gouthami Kothakapu, graduate student and member of the Indian Student Association. "This way they see our culture to be prosperous. We have a lot to share from our different languages,

festivals, gods and religions."
"I came today because I wanted to see the unique tradition of India and their different culture," said Matthew White, senior physical therapy major. "Its something that I am not used to." "Everyone is unique in his or her own way and respectfully this culture seems pretty amazing. Its nice to see people come out and open their eyes and see the newness and the brightness

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-Gouthami Kothakapu, member of the Indian Student Association

Huntington allocates user fee money for police, roads

By JOHN COLE GLOVER
THE PARTHENON

Huntington's updated user fee is expected to add \$2.2 million to the city budget this year and \$3 million in the following years.
The money will go to street upkeep and the hiring of more police officers.
The city's fall paving program, which allocated some funding from the user fee, has come to a close following several repairs.
Areas likely to have hill slides or areas that have already experienced slides will also see improvements as a result of the user fee, as well as certain bridges.
The 8th Street Bridge near Ritter Park is an

example of a structure likely to be repaired next year.
The hillside and bridge update plan is part of Huntington's capital improvement project, which cost the city about \$1 million.
Bryan Chambers, director of communications for the mayor's office, said before any money is moved, it must be approved by city council.
"We want to provide transparency to the public," Chambers said.
Chambers said the community was told up front what the money was to be used for and said that transparency is what the city is aiming for.
City council members will talk to their constituents in their respective districts to find out which roads they feel need the most improvements. Traffic

will also be considered before a decision is made.
The city user fee was somewhat controversial when it was first introduced to the community and some citizens were unhappy with the decision.
"Once they start seeing progress, they will see the value of it," Chambers said. "We have to have additional income to provide infrastructure and hire additional officers."
The city is hoping the investments can attract more businesses to the area, provide more jobs and a better environment for the people who live here.
The updated infrastructure is part of Mayor Steve Williams' revitalization of Huntington.
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Epilepsy awareness at Marshall Medical Center

By MATTHEW PRANDONI
THE PARTHENON

Epilepsy is a condition that affects millions of Americans and, as a part of Epilepsy Awareness Month, the Marshall University Medical Center held a symposium to inform the public about epilepsy.

The symposium was held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday at the Medical Center.

To be diagnosed with epilepsy, a person must have two or more seizures with an unknown cause.

“It can really affect your lifestyle,” said Erik Stephens, clinical coordinator of neurophysiology at Cabell Huntington Hospital. “A lot of people with epilepsy with seizures that are not controlled are unable to drive. Some people are embarrassed and live a life that is secluded.”

“There is something called SUDEP which is sudden unexplained death in epilepsy. It is an unfortunate event that we see every now and then,” Stephens said. “You shouldn’t take

a bath if you have epilepsy. We have had patients who had took a bath and drowned from having a seizure.

Epilepsy does not have one exact cause. They can be inherited as well, meaning genetic forms of epilepsy,” said Dr. Samrina Hanif. Epilepsy can also be caused from birth defects.

There are two types of seizures. Focal seizures are in one part of the brain and a person may feel a tingle in part of their body while having this type of seizure. Generalized seizures involve the entire brain. In a generalized seizure, a person may fall down and their entire body will shake.

Many treatments can be done to help a person who suffers from seizures. Such treatments include medications and surgery. What treatment is best is subjective, as it depends on a person’s situation.

Paws for Compassion trains dogs to be able to detect seizures. The group’s seizure assistance dogs are trained to sense when a seizure is about to happen in a person.

Anyone can get a dog. Usually, a patient will initiate and they will contact the company themselves, but it pays for the lifespan of the dog,” said Jessica Harrah, senior medical sales specialist for Eisai. The dogs have their own ways of signaling a person is about to have a seizure. Some will bark, others may whimper and others may put their paw on the person who is having a seizure.

Some epilepsy patients made artwork in a competition for the program and many of the pieces had an epilepsy theme. Some included purple ribbons, which represent the epilepsy awareness movement.

Currently there is no cure for epilepsy, there are just measures to prevent seizures and brain damage from happening.

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Veteran’s Day concert

By CHANTIL FOSTER
THE PARTHENON

The Jazz I Combo ensemble is preparing to play a Veteran’s Day concert 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Smith Music Recital Hall on Marshall University’s campus.

Professor and director of Jazz Studies Martin Saunders served for a collective amount of nine years in the military and said he is ready for students to take the stage.

“There will be probably several different ways of veteran’s being honored, but I think it’s a good way for us to pay tribute to especially the older veterans in our community and I think it’s good for our music students to play music from the time period and for them to learn somewhat of an appreciation for what these people did for us,” Saunders said.

The ensemble players will perform songs from the late

1920s to the late 1940s, which Saunders said covers the World War I and World War II time periods.

The concert is open to the public. Saunders said he wants to encourage people to come out for the performance.

“It’s a free concert,” Saunders said. “We are asking very politely for donations if people feel so inclined, just to help continue to boost our own programs here at Marshall, but certainly there’s not a requirement for that.”

Saunders said everyone is planning to have a relaxed and good time.

“You know, the old saying of freedom isn’t free, there’s a lot of truth to that,” Saunders said. “A lot of people have made a lot of sacrifices to make sure that we can do what we do with freedom today.”

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Intro to Islam: The Teaching of Jesus Christ and Muhammad

By MICHAEL BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Students of the Muslim Student Association continued the weeklong events series Tuesday with “Intro to Islam: The teaching of Jesus Christ and Muhammad.”

The association brought in scholars to discuss the topics and to better help people understand the Muslim faith from a scholarly view.

Sheikh Semah Asal and Sheikh Mostafa Rawash, the scholars who came to Marshall, told people in attendance Islam is a way of life. Asal and Rawash said a Muslim is a Muslim all the time and in every aspect of life.

“I simply came out tonight because I wanted to learn a little bit more,” said Jessica Thompson, management major. “I’ve gained some friends who are Muslim and some of my family members are a little uncomfortable with it, being here from West Virginia,”

“There is so much of a stigma and a negative view that I think being educated just a little will go a long way in helping one be

more open minded,” Thompson said.

“The purpose of today’s event was just to increase awareness of the Muslim students on campus and what we believe in,” said Deena Dahshan, biology pre-med major and secretary of the Muslim Student Association. “So many people are ignorant in what we believe in, or they get their knowledge from the media which isn’t always a reliable source. That’s why we brought the scholars to speak today. We wanted people to be able to have their questions answered by someone who is scholarly and have studied this at a higher level. People are less critical of a religion that they understand.”

The Muslim Student Association welcomes all to ask any questions they may have and want people to continue to attend their events the rest of the week. Association members said people are always welcome at their mosque on 20th Street, where they have Friday prayers.

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that different cultures is able to provide to them.”

During the event, there was a chance for people in attendance to try on traditional Indian clothes, sample foods and have a chance to have their American name translated into an Indian Language. If in attendance, people were also given the chance to be given a Bindi, which is the sacred red symbol Indians wear on the head for spiritual reasons.

“I was personally invited today by my conversation partner that I met through the INTO program. We have been teaching each other about our different cultures,” said Isabella McMillion, chemistry major. “I’m really looking forward to being able to taste the Indian food today.”

Representatives from the Indian Student Association hope to bring people from different cultures to get involved with their association, giving them the chance to share cultures and traditions.

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MICHAEL BROWN | THE PARTHENON

Many students crowded the Memorial Student Center plaza Tuesday to celebrate India Day with the Indian Student Association. This was the first India Day that has been celebrated on Marshall’s campus.

Herd4Christ clothing giveaway

By KABZ JAMES
THE PARTHENON

Less fortunate members of the Huntington community were able to benefit from the Herd4Christ Clothing Giveaway Saturday morning at the 26th Street Church Of Christ.

Members of the congregation donated clothing. Students from the campus ministry then came in the night before and sorted things out for community members to choose from.

Chris Robert, campus minister of the church, said he is glad to help people in this way.

“We love it,” Roberts said. “It’s just a part of what it means to be a Christian. For us, it’s about letting our light shine and trying to be like Christ, who was all about helping people and that’s what we’re all about.”

Sophomore Joshua Dehaven assisted with working the event and said it is a pleasure for him to help out the community.

“I think it’s great thing that we can do,” Dehaven said. “It feels really good to see how much this really helps people.”

Roberts said he appreciates the help of college students from the campus ministry and said he thinks volunteering is important, even in college.

“Just because you’re in college doesn’t mean you can’t work toward helping other folks in the community, folks your own age, older folks; it doesn’t matter,” Roberts said. “We just want to be able to help people and show them what Christianity is all about.”

Roberts said we could all learn from giving back and said he thinks life is really all about paying it forward.

“We’re all going to be in places where we’re going to need help or assistance. So we should help others as we have the opportunity. It’s just a way of showing love,” Roberts said.

The 26th Street Church of Christ also had a community dinner to further benefit others Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m.

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Student Government Association transporataion survery available online

By CADI DUPLAGA
THE PARTHENON

The Student Government Association Marshall University Student Transportation Survey is available for students in the Memorial Student Center.

SGA has a table in the MSC this week that started Monday and will conclude Thursday. The survey is available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Different SGA senators will monitor the table and help students with any questions they have while taking the survey.

As of Monday morning, approximately 550 students had taken the survey. SGA has a goal set for 700 students to take the survey.

The survey’s purpose is to provide more information on what students would want out of a bus system, so SGA members can implement as much of what the students want as they can.

SGA senator Barkley Castro said other SGA members have been encouraging students walking on the plaza to come in and take the survey.

As a way to encourage students to take the survey, a winner will be drawn for a \$50 giftcard for the Marshall University Bookstore. In order for students to be in the drawing for the gift card, they need to answer “yes” for the last question and insert their Marshall email address.

The deadline for the survey is Thursday and the winner of the gift card to the bookstore will be drawn Monday.

Senior chemistry major Miranda Kimble said the survey was easy to take and said she feels SGA will receive useful feedback from it.

“The bus system is something I believe the university needs not only to help students get around Huntington, but also to protect their safety,” Kimble said. “I stopped by the Student Center between classes today and completed the survey in about five minutes. I think it is important for students to take the survey and to take is seriously so SGA can provide a bus system that fits the desires of what we (the students) would like to see on campus.”

The results for the survey are not anonymous, however, students’ information will not be released and will be used only by the members of SGA.

The survey is available to all Marshall students on the SGA Twitter account.

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Corrections

In an article about the River Valley Child Development Children’s Art Auction published Tuesday, the amount for the most money the event has ever raised was incorrectly stated as \$800. The actual amount should have been \$8,000.

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Men’s soccer vying for upset in conference tournament

By MALCOLM WALTON
SPORTS EDITOR

No. 7 Marshall University (7-8-1, 2-5-1) faces No. 2 University of North Carolina at Charlotte (10-5-2, 6-1-1) Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the Conference USA Men’s Soccer Championship.

The Herd ended the regular season with a 3-0-1 record over its last four games.

Despite securing the final spot of the tournament with help from a loss by the University of Alabama at Birmingham, redshirt junior Trevor Starcher said the team is confident heading into the tournament.

“We’ve probably been playing our best soccer at the end of the year,” Starcher said. “We just had a great practice, and we’re real excited to be in the tournament. I think we’re going to put in a good showing.”

Thomas Oliver, Marshall assistant coach, said the team looks at it as if the conference season was a set of preseason games and its match against Charlotte is the opening game of the season.

“It’s a one-game season, and then we’ll move on to the next game after that if we are fortunate enough to make it,” Oliver said. “But we definitely want to draw some lessons, good and not so good, from the last few weeks and put together our performance. So, it’s a definitely a one-game season for us now.”

Marshall lost to Charlotte earlier this season, 3-1. Senior Matt Freeman scored the Herd’s only goal of the game on a penalty kick with 10 seconds remaining.



Senior defender Matt Freeman attempts to gain possession in a match last season.

PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

Oliver said the 49ers stifled the team from doing what it wanted early in the game, and the Herd was unable to recover.

“We kind of had to play catch up for the rest of the game,” Oliver said. “We took a red card at one point, which really deflated us, and we had to play down for quite a bit of the game as well. And then we even had one decent look that could have made it 1-1 at that point. And then at 2-0, I think the game was a wrap. So, we want to

make sure we get off to a good start this time around. And we want to make sure we play a complete 90 (minutes). If we play a complete 90, we’re tough to beat. We just have to make sure we do that with a solid performance. But now, it’s do or die. So, either we do or we go home.”

Wednesday’s match is set for 7 p.m. at Transamerica Field in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Herd football sticking to business during emotional week

By BRADLEY HELTZEL
THE PARTHENON

In the lead up to the Marshall University football team’s sure-to-be emotional outing Saturday against Florida International University, the team is attempting to manage those emotions with a business-like approach coming off a triple-overtime loss to Middle Tennessee State University last weekend.

Marshall head coach Doc Holliday said his team has embraced the onset of emotion bound to occur Saturday, but also maintained the game is crucial to the team’s goal of achieving a second-consecutive conference championship.

“I think that all takes care of itself,” Holliday said. “Our kids have done a pretty good job balancing emotions. It’s also a big game because our goals and dreams are still out there. We have to take care of business this week and find a way to win this game, which is going to be an extremely tough game for us because FIU has done a great job.”

Holliday said he is expecting FIU to present a formidable challenge to the Herd, citing the team’s sense of urgency and its coaching acumen.

“(FIU head coach) Ron Turner has done a tremendous job with that team,” Holliday said, “and they’re playing for bowl eligibility, so we know that we’re going to get their best shot like we do everybody else, and it’s a big game because of that.”

The contest Saturday looms large in the conference standings as the Herd sit one game back from the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers with two games to play,

including a head-to-head matchup with the Hilltoppers in the final week of the season Nov. 27.

As a result of the future head-to-head matchup the Herd still it controls its own destiny in terms of reaching the conference championship game, a message senior wide receiver said was reiterated after last weekend’s loss.

“We still control our destiny,” Reaves said. “The team meeting on Sunday, that’s when Doc really explained we still have a chance; it’s not over for us, we just got to keep taking care of business.”

Holliday said the tough triple-overtime loss has generated bitterness throughout the locker room due to the players’ competitiveness and passion for the game; a quality he said thinks will reflect in the players’ work ethic as the season winds down.

“What you saw in that locker room after the game, what I saw was a really good thing,” Holliday said. “If I see a bunch of guys with smiles on their faces, I’m pissed off because they don’t care. These kids care. It’s important to them that they get back and get to work because the only way you’re going to get that feeling out of your stomach is to go back to work and find a way for

that to never happen again.”

“We know how we felt in the locker room and we know how we still feel now,” true freshman quarterback Chase Litton said. “This team wants to be conference champions; you can tell by after the game in that locker room just the crickets, just the ache in the stomach. But as soon as we got on that plane, we knew that we have to bounce back. Doc said it perfectly, he said ‘we’re not going to let this loss beat us twice.’”

Saturday’s game kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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Wide receivers Justin Hunt and Davonte Allen celebrate in a game earlier this season.

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Q & A WITH MARSHALL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MIKE HAMRICK

By TRACE JOHNSON
THE PARTHENON

Mike Hamrick was named Marshall University’s athletics director on July 20, 2009 and since returning to his alma mater, he has re-energized Marshall athletics and the Huntington community. His efforts have raised Marshall University’s athletic program to a level not seen before. In Hamrick’s six-plus years as Marshall’s AD, the athletic program’s facility growth and enhancement has totaled more than \$42 million.

Hamrick is a native of Clendenin, West Virginia and graduated from Marshall University in 1980 with a bachelor’s degree in education after playing football for the Herd from 1976-1979. Hamrick was previously the AD at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, East Carolina University and University of Arkansas-Little Rock as well as the assistant AD at Illinois State University and the University of Kansas.

- Q: What is your idea of perfect happiness?
A: Being able to get up every morning and look in the mirror and feel comfortable with myself.
- Q: What is your greatest fear?
A: Not being successful.
- Q: What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?
A: I’m not very patient.
- Q: What is the trait you most deplore in others?
A: Disrespect.
- Q: What is your greatest extravagance?
A: Spending time with my family.
- Q: What is your favorite journey?
A: My career.
- Q: What do you consider the most overrated virtue?
A: I can’t answer that one because I don’t know.
- Q: What do you dislike most about your appearance?
A: I’m too fat.
- Q: Which living person do you most despise?
A: I don’t despise anybody.
- Q: Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
A: Don’t screw it up.
- Q: What is your greatest regret?
A: I have no regrets. I don’t live my life regretting anything.
- Q: What or who is the greatest love of your life?
A: My wife.
- Q: When and where were you happiest?
A: When I was a student-athlete at Marshall University.
- Q: Which talent would you most like to have?
A: Integrity.
- Q: What is your current state of mind?
A: Very positive.
- Q: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
A: Probably be a little more patient with people and maybe show a little more compassion to people.
- Q: What do you consider your greatest achievement?
A: Raising a family.
- Q: What is your most treasured possession?
A: The way I care for people.
- Q: What is your favorite occupation?
A: What I do right now. The director of athletics at my university.
- Q: What is your most marked characteristic?
A: Aggressiveness.
- Q: What do you most value in your friends?
A: Trust.
- Q: Who is your favorite hero of fiction?
A: Mighty Mouse.
- Q: Who are your heroes in real life?
A: My dad.
- Q: What is it that you most dislike?
A: Hypocritical people.
- Q: If you could choose what to come back as, what would it be?
A: I would never do anything different in my life than what I’ve done to date.
- Q: How would you like to die?
A: Happy and around family.
- Q: What is your motto?
A: Work hard, respect others and be the best you can be and do it with integrity.
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EDITORIAL

“War” on Christmas is melodramatic, downplaying real tragedy



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A barista reaches for a red paper cup as more, with cardboard liners already attached, line the top of an espresso machine at a Starbucks coffee shop in the Pike Place Market, Tuesday in Seattle. It’s as red as Santa’s suit, a poinsettia blossom or a loud Christmas sweater. Yet Starbucks’ minimalist new holiday coffee cup has set off complaints that the chain is making war on Christmas.

Think about the term “war.” What kind of images does that conjure up? Bullets flying, shrapnel, people dying and destroyed countries. A red cup or a person saying “happy holidays” is not going to cause that sort of damage.

Some Americans celebrate Christmas, some Hanukkah, Ramadan or Kwanzaa and acknowledging these and other holidays celebrated in the month of December is not equivalent to raging a war on anything.

While it seems pretty obvious, Starbucks didn’t intend its

new cup design to be an affront to the Christian holiday of Christmas since the cup design has never been Christ-specific since it rolled out in 1997.

Calling the creative decision a war on Christmas is taking it to the extreme and making a mockery of the tragedy that really is war.

Holiday cups should be the last thing people are worried about when we have 101 problems in America that could use our attention.

Solutions that have been posed for Christians to fight back against Starbucks include

boycotting the coffee shop and asking the barista to write “Merry Christmas” on the cup instead of a name (they’re even using #MerryChristmasStarbucks to spread the word).

Here are a few alternate solutions for those upset by the cup to consider; If you plan to boycott Starbucks and you’re usually a loyal customer, start brewing your coffee and home and take the money you will be saving and donate it or use it to purchase gifts for one of the many organizations that provides Christmas gifts to underprivileged children in

your area or, with Veteran’s Day being timely, donate it to an organization dedicated to helping homeless veterans.

If you aren’t planning to boycott Starbucks altogether, use your energy for the greater good and, instead of asking the barista to acknowledge your religious affiliation, bring your own reusable cup to help the environment and get a discount.

A good way to get through the holiday season without creating any imaginary wars is to focus your energy on the things that actually deserve it.

STATE EDITORIALS

The Journal of Martinsburg on children in need:

THE JOURNAL

As other woes mount in West Virginia - jobs lost, severance taxes down, statewide budget cut, drugs flooding our state at a crippling rate - many of our youngest Mountaineers are suffering. West Virginia Children’s Advocacy Centers are providing services at an alarmingly increasing rate.

During fiscal year 2014-15, the number of children served by the centers increased by a disturbing 14.6 percent, from 2,874 in 2013-14 to 3,294 in 2014-15. These children are victims of physical and sexual abuse, neglect, mistreatment or witnesses of violent crimes. WVCAN reports 75 percent of the children served were under the age of 13.

Looking past the single-year increase, however, it should be noted the trend has been steady for several years. In 2010-11, the number of children served was 2,026; in 2008-09, it was 1,806.

Also worrisome is that the number of alleged offenders under the age of 18 has risen sharply, too. In 2010-11, the number of alleged offenders under 18 was 327; in 2014-15, that figure was 539.

Perhaps part of the increase in the number of children served through WVCAN should be attributed to better awareness and reporting. Cooperation with law enforcement, schools, doctors and other mandated reporters is essential.

But there is no denying our already-vulnerable kids are in trouble, and their situations are getting worse. The report issued by WVCAN this week does not speculate on the reasons for the increase. Almost beyond doubt, the drug abuse epidemic has something to do with it.

Clearly, more needs to be known about why the number of children who need help is increasing - and what can be done about it.

The Intelligencer of Wheeling on the state’s rainy day fund:

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West Virginians are lucky to have a “rainy day” fund to cushion the state budget during rough periods - such as now. It will be difficult enough to avoid depleting the account without opening the floodgates to local requests for money from it.

Last spring, a huge mudslide tore away part of a runway at Yeager Airport in Charleston. Several properties down the hill from the facility were damaged heavily.

Yeager officials want to start repairing the airport as quickly as possible. To do that, they are asking state officials to give them as much as \$35 million from the rainy day fund.

That might seem like a drop in the bucket from an account that contains about \$850 million. But it is a substantial amount of cash by itself - and worrisome, too, for the precedent providing it would establish.

Officials set up the rainy day system years ago to provide fiscal insurance for the state budget. It was never envisioned as a source of funding for local projects such as that at Yeager.

Certainly, the Charleston airport project is an important one. And no doubt, Yeager officials already have pointed out their facility serves the state capital.

But in every corner of the state, local officials can point to expensive projects that are of critical importance to many West Virginians, too. If Yeager gets rainy day money, why not them?

West Virginia legislators intended the rainy day fund as a safeguard for state government - not a piggy bank for local officials to tap when they need cash. At the rate state finances are going, the \$850 million may be drawn down soon enough without changing that policy.

Free show at Campus Christian Center demonstrates need for more venues



Sly Roosevelt performs at the Camus Christian Center Tuesday. Other local bands Embracer and A Story Told joined Sly Roosevelt in welcoming PINE from Canada and Dead Leaves of Cleveland to the area.

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While Dead Leaves and PINE have never been to Huntington, the free show at the Campus Christian Center Tuesday featuring those bands, as well as local acts Embracer, A Story Told and Sly Roosevelt was a first-time experience for everyone involved.

That is, except for Embracer, who played the venue back in 2011 before Dylan Costinteen was a part of the band.

Dead Leaves of Cleveland, Ohio had been in touch with Embracer for booking shows and Huntington happened to fall in the route of the Dead Leaves and PINE tour. Because of family ties in West Virginia, Dead Leaves bassist Alex Tucker contacted Costinteen for a show date.

“Obviously I was going to give them a show,” Costinteen said. “There’s not really anywhere in Charleston, especially on a Tuesday, that would be that great of a turnout, the scene’s not that great right now, not that great of a turnout. I figured Huntington would be a better bet, being that it’s during the school year and if we could have it as close to campus as possible, especially on a Tuesday it would be the easiest way to get as many people out as we could.”

Dead Leaves and PINE are on tour promoting their 7” split released Nov. 6 through Take This to Heart Records and will continue travel through the eastern United States into Canada.

Darlene Deschamps, singer for PINE, said playing at the Campus Christian Center exceeded expectations for a free show in the area.

“It was great, there’s actually a lot more people here than I expected,” Deschamps said. “And the setup is professional.”

PINE has enjoyed its stateside tour so far, coming into Huntington straight from Nashville with Dead Leaves, which band members said they enjoyed exploring.

“We’re playing the tourist role as well as being a touring band,” said Will Lapine, bassist for PINE.

For Dead Leaves, the CCC was just another venue.

“This isn’t surprising,” Tucker of Dead Leaves, said. “We play pretty much anything, any space that will have us.”

While that’s true for Dead Leaves, Huntington band Sly Roosevelt said the show was a contrast to what they’re used to.

“We’re used to playing in dive bars a lot of the time and we’ve played a few other venues like it,” said Sly Roosevelt guitarist, Jyoshua Cade Sanders. “We actually played the Southgate Revival House this weekend, so it also is a church venue. So we’re kind of used to the structures, they’re

really good for sound. But we’ve not done a lot of this and it’s really great. There’s a lot of people here today that I’ve not seen before and that’s very refreshing because it lets us know that this is actually a good networking opportunity, like we’re getting to expose ourselves to new music and also get to play with bands we’ve never played before.”

Sean McDaniel, Sly Roosevelt frontman, also saw the atypical venue and time slot as an opportunity to expand the band’s audience.

“People can’t get into venues if they’re not 21 or if they don’t like the bar scene,” McDaniel said. “So this is on campus, this is refreshing for us. It’s early, so people are out and about, so that’s weird for us because we’re usually playing at 11 or 12 at night. This is interesting.”

“As far as the scene here goes, I think it was a great turnout,” Costinteen said. “Other places with healthier music scenes this would be an average to not so good turnout, but for our area this is really great.”

Costinteen said he noticed a significant decline in the West Virginia music scene after the Brickhouse, an all-ages music venue in St. Albans, closed in 2010. With the lack of venues, especially all-ages ones, in the area that aren’t bars, the scene suffered tremendously.

“Once that went down, there was no place for bands to play,” Costinteen said. “A lot of local bands ended up breaking up and the few that stayed were bands that ended up starting to tour a lot because they were dedicated to music and really wanted to pursue it. So, that left there not being any shows here and people found other stuff to do and kind of forgot about music being a thing at all. Nobody cared about opening a venue and then finally when something like the Car-tref [Cross Lanes] for instance opened up, nobody really cares anymore because they’ve all found other things to do instead.”

While the music scene in the area is on a clear upswing, there is still a lot of work to do especially concerning venues.

“It’s really just a matter of like continuously trying to get a show together whenever you can and get as many people there as you can,” Costinteen said. “Eventually people will start realizing that it’s cool again and people will come out, but I think it’s basically persistence. But it’s kind of hard where there’s not many music venues, especially all-ages venues, because bars don’t really seem to be conducive to people who actually want to play music actually for a career, rather than just play music for fun. At a bar it’s more about drinking and being with your friends than going to a show and watching music, versus like this is an all-ages show. There’s no alcohol at all, literally the only reason people are here is for the music.”

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Darlene Deschamps, singer of PINE performs wiht her band at the Campus Christian Center Tuesday. PINE of Ottawa, Ontario and Dead Leaves of Cleveland stopped by Huntington on their tour promoting their 7” split, released Nov. 6.

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