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Water main break causes campus issues

By DARIUS BOOKER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University was hit with a disruption in its day-to-day operations Tuesday for the third time in two weeks.

The university took precautionary actions closing down the Memorial Student Center and the Student Recreation Center due to the water main break along Third Avenue.

The estimated restoration time was scheduled for 2 p.m. However, later that evening, University Communications sent out another notification, not to confirm water was restored, but to let students, faculty and staff know there was now a water boil advisory affecting the university.

Laura Jordan, external affairs manager for West Virginia American Water, said the company issued a water boil advisory and that the advisory is still, for 19,000 American Water customers in the floor section around Fifth Avenue.

Due to the boil water advisory, the Department of Housing and Residence Life notified on-campus students of the advisory and that clean boiled water would be provided at the front desks of residence halls.

After the initial alert concerning the water boil advisory, Student Government Association Councils business in its March 2 meeting.

SGA topics include internal improvements and election

South African musician offers SGA topics include internal improvements and election

By AMANDA GIBSON
THE PARTHENON

Countdown to commencement offers graduation preparations shortcut

Construction to Commencement gave seniors the opportunity to purchase their graduation attire Tuesday in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

Countdown to Commencement is an event for graduating seniors where vendors may buy merchandise such as their cap and gown and graduation announcements, as well as visit multiple Marshall University offices before their commencement ceremony in May.

Some of the university offices at the event included the registrar’s office, the financial aid office, Career Services, and the marshal’s office. The Marshall University Bookstore was at the event as well, along with Jones, Grottinges and Framing bureau.

Senior Sarah Barone, who is earning a Regents degree with an emphasis in Hospitality management education, said she thought Countdown to Commencement would be beneficial and said she came to the event to get information about graduation.

Senior Heath Brown and sports management and marketing major also attended Countdown to Commencement to make sure everything is in line for his graduation, like his course requirements and financial aid.

“Just want to make sure that I’m good to go,” Brown said. “I put a lot of work to get in graduation, so I want to make sure everything is in line.”

Coordination of Student Activities Lew Tabor said Countdown to Commencement is beneficial for students because it gives them the ability to touch base with university offices and other entities.

Tabor said the event gives students a centralized location where they can get everything for graduation taken care of in about an hour.

He said along with getting their cap and gown and grabbing some refreshments, the event also allows students to enjoy the last few memories of Marshall University before graduating.

“Yeah, I think it’s a big help for the students,” Tabor said.

Pergason said she hopes as many graduates as possible take advantage of the Countdown to Commencement event and said she hopes they believe the feedback from those who participate.

“The university encourages students to stop in, take the time if they are graduating to visit Countdown to Commencement, and be fully prepared for graduation and going out into the real world in the next couple weeks.” Tabor said.

Countdown to Commencement will also be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Sue Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

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By JARED CASTO
THE PARTHENON

The senate was asked to consider potential areas of improvement within the organization and discussed the ongoing election at Tuesday’s Student Government Association meeting.

Senator Sophia Mills reviewed advice after the address the criticism SGA has received in the two student body debates. Mills said SGA should be more focused on recruiting members who are dedicated to showing up to meetings and benefiting the organization.

“I looked at the GroupMe and there are like 60 people that are supposed to be here,” Mills said. “Then I look at the room and there are like 25. I just think that, if they’re not pulling their weight, then definitely shouldn’t be allowed to be here.”

Treasurer Matt Jarvis relayed a humorous anecdote about his experience with the Students for Re- production Justice’s bake sale. Jarvis then encouraged senators to get to know on-campus organizations and the constituents from their respective colleges.

“I know it’s funny, but those are your student associates,” Jarvis said. “Those are your constituents. I talk to them. See what they’re needing. See how we can help them see how we can implement those in SGA.”

President pro tem Alex O’Donnell did not have a message from vice president Isabelle Begner this week.

However, O’Donnell spoke on Begner’s behalf with regards to the referendum on this year’s election ballot that could establish a bus system at Marshall as soon as next fall.

“I pretty sure that, when the main message is that, if you have not voted for Referendum 1, also known as the bus system proposal, please do so and vote yes,” O’Donnell said.

According to Darius Booker, the referendum will need at least 60 percent of the vote to be passed. O’Donnell said those in the senate should encourage anyone who hasn’t voted to vote.

“If you know of anyone who hasn’t voted, please encourage them to do so,” O’Donnell said. “Not just for president and senators, but also just for the system because that is actual policy that we can implement.”

During O’Donnell’s executive address, he recommended all freshmen and senior students take the National Survey of Student Engagement. O’Donnell said the survey is used for both assessment and quality assurance and is a way to influence major decisions within the administration.

The senate passed funding bills for Phi Tau and Alpha Phi Omega. The senate also moved funding bills for Women’s Lacrosse and Marshall University Young Democrats to the finance committee.

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**EOC gains grant-writing experience**

By:* **EYRA WAGNER**

The Educational Opportunity Center had a lunch meeting Tuesday with a grant writer and representatives from Adult Basic Education to gain knowledge for their upcoming grant proposal.

EOC director Nick Bedway said it is a federal TRIO program, a program for low-income students on campus that assists students who are low-income and first generation college applicants to receive financial aid and pass a high school diploma equivalency test.

“We serve 3,000 adults in Lincoln, Mason and Wayne counties to complete an educational degree,” Bedway said. Bedway said although EOC is not exclusively related to Marshall, many of its participants end up attending the university.

Bedway said EOC is in its fifth year of a five-year grant, it has no supply to fund it since its inception.

Director of Marshall’s Heart of Appalachia Talent Search program Angela Holley said Bedway is working as an independent consultant to secure the EOC grant.

TRIO is also one of Marshall’s TRIO programs. Holley said TRIO provides academic support to middle and high school students and has connect-ed 70 seniors in the Marshall state to students in Bates often have questions.

Holley and Bedway con-sisted of several people working in Working Basic Educa-tion to guide immortal and strong partnerships that will help there reach a successful conclu-sion.

EOC is also looking for people who show an interest in taking a high school equivalency test but do not put through.

Holley said it is one thing to collect data, but they need to offer additional options.

“West Virginia is member one in the nation of people who are trying to achieve a high school equivalency test and some of their best documents are featured in the Drinko Library Women’s History Month display.

The Drinko Library display is located in the glass display case on the third floor.

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Marshall libraries feature Woman’s History Month displays

By: **AMY GIBBON**

Marshall’s Drinko and Morrow Libraries are celebrating Women’s History Month with their displays honoring women in history.

The Drinko Library and Morrow Library are displaying documents featuring women who have impacted Marshall University.

The Morrow Library Government Documents Department has no display located on that floor and it is.connected to the district level of the competition.

By: **LUKE HAGLEY**

March is a special month in the Psychology community as Self-Harm Awareness Month follows Marshall’s campus.

For the members of Psi Chi, the Psychology honorary, the group is working hard for students to feel comfortable addressing the issue and learning about it.

Psi Chi set up a table in the Memorial Student Cen-ter to raise awareness on self-harm and providing educational cards for students, such as Tips for friends or Triggers has a phone number or hotline contact information attached to it.

"March is Self-Harm Awareness Month and we’re trying to get the word out that there is help for people who need it," said Chelsea Vauter, Marshall Psi Chi chapter president and sophomore psychology major. "We have pamphlets for the Psychology Clinic (In Harris Hall) and friends to help Marshall students."

The Psychology Clinic consists mainly of counseling psychologists in the psychology depart-ment. Appointments can be made in Room 335-A. In addition to the Clinic in Harris Hall, there are also residential and nonresidential counselors are stationed in Pritchard Hall for student use. Psi Chi recom-mended asking for an appointment with either clinic to receive help for depressive symptoms, anxiety and self-harm.

"Talking to people about it, especially friends and family, can help a lot," Wilcox said. "Depression and self-harm are conditions that anybody can be affected by, even celebrities."

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Marshall softball team sweeps Toledo in doubleheader

By CHRISTIAN HISMAN

The Marshall University softball team swept Toledo, 8-3, Tuesday in a doubleheader at Dot Hicks Field to continue its unbeaten streak. Marshall has won eight out of its last nine games.

In the first game, Marshall went on to break the score first, we've got the game.”

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Meal plan changes raise questions

By MICHAEL BROWN
ALUMNI CREATIVE DIRECTOR

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enjoys giving his opinion. There are some of them that I would love to know.

How long would you date someone without a sense of direction towards commitment or marriage?

Well, I’m glad, as I don’t have time to keep playing with those people. I want to get married one day and all that beautiful stuff. I’ve been more than three months and you’ve been seeing a person for me to have been any sign of anything,
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waste my time. Marriage is another story; it is an extremely serious commit-
ment and something that one shouldn’t rush into. Do it when you’re ready.

What do you think about religion and science?

Personally, I’m religious. So I believe in God and the Bible. I believe that God is good, loving, and caring. He loves us all and He created us. I am also not judging those who don’t and the people who don’t love God and the Bible. I believe that God is out there and I believe that God is watching over us. Personally, I believe that God is watching over us and He will truly feel complete when I find that I have help another person with my story and just being myself.

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Chamber choir to perform in Spain over break

By LEAH COOK

The Marshall University Chamber Choir will begin its Spring break tour early, breaking across Spain from March 16 to 27.

This ensemble of 20 students, directed by David Castleberry, associate dean of the College of Arts and Media, director of chamber music will arrive in Granada, Spain Thursday and depart Friday, March 27. The ensemble will depart Friday with the University of Granada Choir.

Castleberry, who led the choir on a tour through France in 2012, said the ensemble is designed to expose students to history and culture.

For some excited singers this will be their first time out of the country.

“I think it’s an undertaken adventure,” senior Gabriel Gray said. “I’ve never been abroad. I had a friend that went on the France tour and hoped I’d get a similar opportunity and here it is.”

During this trip, the ensemble will perform in Jerez, Seville and Toledo Cathedral. They will also perform in Madrid on Good Friday. The tour will not be all work and no play. The students will have time to explore as well. A few students will participate in scheduled visits to the tombs of Ferdinand and Isabella in Granada, Spain, the Prado Art Museum and the “Puerta del Sol” in Madrid.

“This during this trip, students will return early to explore different cultures,” Castleberry said. “They will also see the things we share with that culture and that is, for me, maybe the most important thing.”

While other Marshall Choral groups may be at a spring break hotpot, the chamber choir will experience Spanish cuisine, Flamenco dancing and exequias in Spain.

“Tours aren’t all fun and games, but if I can think of, with no luck,” Brown said. “We called the hometown scene that I can’t stay away.”

Chris Thompson sits outside the V-Club on March 10 after a show with the University of Virginia’s scene as he tours with Set My Friends on Fire, but will be swept away from West Virginia’s scene as he tours with a Lie.”

Thompson said Time and Distance most recently released a music video for a new song “Something More” and “Ode to the Sun.” Thompson said Time and Distance will take a brief break, but when it comes to the hometown scene he could “stay away.”

Chris Thompson sits outside the V-Club on March 10 after a show with Chris Thompson just returned from touring along a dangerous stretch of the Ohio River.

The bridge, which connects Mason County with Putnam County, Ohio (opened in 2009) but had its lights turned off in February 2015 because of cracked lenses and cost concerns.

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“We talked to several manufacturers, and they said they only make it work for two or three miles with graph- ite,” Brown said. “We called out of state to every place we could think of, with no luck. But it turned out our solution was about a hour down the road. Warren Slagel, a guy who has been here 25-years, thought it might be worth a shot to call Blenko Glass in West Virginia to use the glass made with graphite.”

Blenko Glass helps bring iconic lights back to Mason bridge

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