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By REBECCA TURNBULL
The Parthenon

While his classmates at Wheeling Park High School had their eyes on computer screens and homework, Derek Zelkowski had his eyes on the world. News from events going on in different countries and the history surrounding those events captured him throughout his education, prompting him to pursue a career in foreign affairs.

“A lot of that news, unfortunately, is about suffering and oppression,” Zelkowski said. “I’ve always wanted to get involved in that and make a difference.”

Now a freshman international affairs major at Marshall University, Zelkowski became the secretary of the Marshall chapter of Amnesty International to get more involved in helping people of other countries.

Zelkowski said he found his first personal project for Marshall’s Amnesty International group when he attended a workshop Jan. 28 where Syrian refugees shared their experiences with students and faculty.

“When most issues, you read about them in textbooks or on the news, and you’re kind of detached from it,” Zelkowski said. “Of course you care about it, but there’s that, ‘This is happening thousands of miles away,’ aspect to it. But when you hear people actually talk about it, who have gone through the problem and that you’re seeing that carnage and that violence, it does move you to want to improve their situation.”

Zelkowski immediately asked the presenters what he and his fellow students could do to help solve the refugee crisis. Zelkowski said the refugees told him he could help by writing letters to congressman and legislators urging them to provide Syrian refugees with better opportunities to enter the country and the state of West Virginia.

Marshall’s Amnesty International group composed letters with student volunteers on Wednesday in Smith Hall room 529 to send to legislators in the state and national government in hopes of encouraging the United States’ participation in accepting Syrian refugees in need of refuge.

Your president of Marshall’s Amnesty International chapter Jade Williams said the organization decided to take on the campaign due to the government’s lack of progress in dealing with the Syrian refugee crisis that has been taking place nearly five years now.

“The issue in Syria is getting worse on our part, because we aren’t necessarily taking steps towards accepting refugees as they come in. So we really want there to be a way for them to find refuge, just when everything they have is in shambles,” Williams said.

Senior political science major Abdul Musharief said he attended the letter-writing campaign to improve the terrible conditions in Syria that he knows all too well as a son of Libyan natives.

“It’s similar to what happened in Libya, how we had a war and people were dying,” Musharief said. “I’ve seen the same thing that I felt, seeing people who have lived in that area, how life is there and how people are fed up living under dictatorship.”

Musharief said he hopes Amnesty International’s campaigns will encourage others to care more about what is going on in the world and work to solve international issues.

“It’s kind of ridiculous, because it could easily be resolved,” Musharief said. “It’s just there’s no effort. That’s why nothing has been happening lately.”

President of Marshall’s Amnesty International chapter Tori May said more students need to step up to deal with global issues and write to legislators for the sake of those who can’t speak for themselves.

“A lot of times, we will feel sorry for ourselves because we have a homework assignment or something,” May said. “But with these cases, there are people who don’t have homes. It’s people’s lives at stake. You might think writing one letter doesn’t make a difference, but we’ve seen in the past our letter-writing campaigns that it does!”

May said those involved with Marshall’s chapter have been able to contribute to many Amnesty International issues facing the nation and international community.

Most recently, May said about 10,000 letters were written by different Amnesty International groups to the government demanding reform for protracted refugee situations.

May’s group also wrote letters for Amnesty International’s “My Body My Rights” campaign at the letter-writing event Wednesday.

Marshall’s Amnesty International chapter will host a panel on sexual reproduction rights for the “My Body My Rights” campaign at 6:30 p.m. April 12 in room 2w22 of the Memorial Student Center. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

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Career Services prep students for Career Expo

By ARANDA GISBON THE PARTHENON

Career Services helped students polish their resumes Tuesday and Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center to prepare for the Career Expo event next week.

The Career Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the lower level of the Don Morris Center in the Memorial Student Center.

The biannual event gives students a chance to meet with over 90 employers ranging from Amazon, Fasto Bread and the Robert C. Byrd Institute to the Appalachia School of Law, the Lexington Division of Police and the volunteer organization, Peace Corps.

By CHEYENNE DEBOLT THE PARTHENON

The Lewis College of Business and Career Services sponsored last month’s Mocktail Event to help students understand the importance of networking.

Several members of the professional community attended the event along with about 40 students.

“Networking is critical to getting your career off the ground,” said sophomore business major and event organizer Courtlyn Tyson.

Tyson said the goal for the Mocktail Event was to at least have 50 students registered to vote. “I hope to get as many registered voters, especially among the African American race because a lot of African America’s don’t take the time to register or think about voting,” Tyson said. “We’re out here representing the Latino for African American students to make them feel more welcome to come and register to vote.”

Terri Thompson from the Career and academic planning center of Business professionalism spoke to the students Wednesday about the importance of networking.

“Networking is important that young voters get to participate in the upcoming election because his generation is the future of this country,” Thompson said. “I just like to see students take advantage of resources like that,” Daugherty said. “They’re easy and they’re free, so it just helps them get internships or jobs.”

Thompson started the Mocktail Event as part of The Lewis College of Business professionalism certificate as part of the options students had to choose to receive a profession certificate in a casual setting.

“Sometimes people would use the excuse that they didn’t know how to register, so if it’s right there it’s convenient,” Thompson said.

Tyson said he thinks students should participate in the voting even if they do not have resources or partners to vote with their organization.

“I hope to get a lot of registered voters and students may use JobTrax for career planning, students may use JobTrax to have an updated resume to bring to the Career Expo or students may use JobTrax for their resume development. Students may also print up to 10 copies of their resumes for free on professional resume paper.”

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Marshall baseball team leaders

Hitting

Hitters

Tommee Lane-33
Batting avg.-Lane- .337
RBIs- Lane-21
Home runs- Lane-7
Runs- Corey Bird-18
Stolen Bases- Bird-12
Pitching

Wins- Patrick Murphy-3
ERA- Caleb Ross-1.08
Strikeouts- JD Hammer-29
Saves- Burris Warner-6

Marshall University baseball crushed 13-0 on the road by Morehead State

Bethany Fain and Trevor Snyder led the Eagles as he pitched six innings, allowing four hits and striking out six on Marshall batter.

Marshall baseball has just one tournament remaining in its season, and it will be the final tune up before the C-USA Championship.

“Pinehurst was the second tournament this year that we really didn’t play well there,” Logodich said. “If we keep striking the ball the way we have and we are able to make some putts, I think we can win it no doubt,” Logodich said.

Referring again to the upcoming tournament, Grobe said it’s critical the team oversees their own play. “We still need to improve our offense with second baseman DJ Shapiro out,” Grobe said. “If we can all fire on the same cylinder, we have and we are able to make some putts,” Grobe said. “If we keep striking the ball the way we have and we are able to make some putts, I think we can win it no doubt,” Logodich said.

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Jim Justice can no longer view West Virginia as a permanent vacation spot

As the gubernatorial race picks up, West Virginians around the state are bracing for changes to the Republican nominee, Bill Cole, or one of the three Democratic candidates. Whether or not this is a change, Democratic candidate Jim Justice was recently endorsed by the West Virginia Laborers’ District Council, according to a statement released Monday.

Gary Tillis, business manager of the council, expressed the organization’s support for Justice’s status.

"Jim has a record of creating good paying jobs and finding new opportunities to pay people to work," Tillis said. "We can promote our state like no other, and gets that our hard-working people can pay their bills.

While the statement rings true that Justice is number one in fundraising jobs, TEDX statement was not inclusive to the jobs created by Justice. The billionaire businessman is notorious for generating jobs that yield personal revenue. While the Greenbrier is fully stocked with employees opportunities and continuous new ventures, what has Justice done for the rest of the state?

While Justice has proven a perfect face for press talks at the Greenbrier Classic and the NFL training camp, his resume should not include Governor of our state.

A brighter future for the state of West Virginia should include a governor who understands that.

However, the rest of West Virginia isn’t on a permanent vacation, and we need a governor who understands that.
Performances and educational opportunities also went hand in hand. "So in this tradition of jazz, it would be a while now," Davis said. "In a way, this is an educational program to encourage people for the future."

"The piece I am doing that I have been working on these six years, where he earned his degree, features percussion has a very impressive range through themes ranging from Latin and Native American style to other established and up-and-coming jazz musicians. Davis went on to say that, in the past, anyone who had worked on the project of Pavlof is that when it really shows me the potential power of the volcano."

"That really shows me the potential power of the volcano and the power of its music and the fact that it has reached every country on the planet," Ferguson said. "It is the voice of so many of those facing challenges around the world. Last year's performance brought in more than 2.8 billion people.

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Art auction benefits multiple sclerosis

Bobbie Egan said in an email. "One of the most active volcanoes, erupting, sending a plume of volcanic ash into the air Sunday."

Researchers observed in- tensive, incandescent jets of ash from Pavlof Volcano, but they weren't going much higher than the summit, said U.S. Geological Survey geologist Chris Wygant, who is part of the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

"It's really neat because you don't usually have this range for the tulas for it's so exciting to play," Davis said. "I love a lot of thanks to my family, friends and professors here, especially Dr. Palton," Davis said. "Their support han- dilated its." Davis' recital is open to the public and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall. Lunch can be contacted at leon201@marshall.edu.

Andra Day and Anthony Hamilton perform for President Barack Obama, first lady, Michelle Obama, and his wife, Michelle, planned a host a Blanchard concert Aug. 25 featuring Avery Franklin, Al Jarreau, Sting, Herbie Hancock and many other established and up-and-coming musical artists. The show is to be televised by ABC the following day, on April 29. The city is also known for its thriving international jazz scene.

The Associated Press by telephone Thursday evening at Black Sheep Burritos and Brew, a bar and grill located in the U.N. Federal Multiple Sclerosis Society Virginia-West Virginia chapter.

"The MS Walk is April 9 and 10 in Huntington and Charleston and our de- partment has its own Walk Team," Krantz said. "To take money for the National MS Society through our Walk Team, we decided to host an auction as a department. We have all types of items, photography re- gistered for several years, where he earned his degree, features percussion has a very impressive range through themes ranging from Latin and Native American style to other established and up-and-coming jazz musicians. Davis went on to say that, in the past, anyone who had worked on the project of Pavlof is that when it really shows me the potential power of the volcano."

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