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After Marshall student participation in a nationwide Donald Trump campaign to tag universities with pro-Trump slogans in chalk Monday, students took it upon themselves to respond to the results of the chalk Tuesday. Some responded to the campus efforts to remove the chalk, while others wrote support for other presidential candidates.

INTERFAITH DISCUSSION ANSWERS FORGIVENESS QUESTIONS

By LYDIA WAYBRIGHT

Representatives of Islam, Judaism and Christianity formed a panel discussion Tuesday as a part of Islam Awareness Week.

Dr. Ahmed Nusair, Rabbi Jennifer Elgin and Pastor David Kephart answered the question: How do we find forgiveness from a holy God?

Each speaker had 15 minutes to answer the discussion questions, then asked each other questions. The floor was then opened for audience questions.

Kephart said it is important for students to know how to have honest and respectful conversations about religion. “I hope that they learn they can have these type of conversations with each other in a very respectful and genuine way, and they can feel open and honest with one another and have these conversations, not as a debate or as something like that but something that needs to take place,” Kephart said.

Elgin spoke first about seeking forgiveness from a holy God. Englington said ancient Jews used animal sacrifices to atone for their sins, but since the second temple was destroyed, no more animal sacrifices have taken place because they could only be done there.

Kephart said there are three ways to approach God, which are prayer, study and good deeds. “It’s only because he lived the life that we couldn’t and he died the death that we desire,” Kephart said.

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Interfaith discussion answers forgiveness questions
Cultural bake sale celebrates Islam Awareness Week

By CLARA MAYNARD

Marshall University students were able to celebrate diversity and learn more about Islam at the MSA cultural bake sale on Tuesday.

The sale was held in the Memorial Student Center. Graduate student Makak Khader helps vend culturally themed goods to students at the Muslim Student Association bake sale Tuesday outside the Memorial Student Center.

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Marshall head coach Shonda Stanton cheers on senior Kaelynn Greene during a game last season against Wright State University at Dot Hicks Field.

**Herd looks to get back on track against Raiders**

Marshall falls to WVU in extra innings, 5-4

By BRITTANIE FOWLER | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s baseball team (13-22) fell to in-state rival West Virginia University (25-11), 5-4, Tuesday in extra innings at Appalachian Power Park.

The Herd scored its first run in the first inning of the game off a wild pitch, which gave Marshall the 1-0 lead over the Mountaineers.

In the top of the ninth inning, West Virginia scored its first run of the game off a triple that scored a runner at second base.

Marshall responded quickly in the bottom of the sixth by adding two more runs to the board to put the Herd ahead, 5-1.

However, the Mountaineers fought back in the top of the eighth with a two-run double to tie it and another run off an error to put West Virginia up 4-5.

Marshall responded again in the bottom of the eighth to tie the score up at four from a single up the middle by junior Tyler Ratliff that scored senior Aaron Bozel from second base. However, the Herd lost the game in extra innings after an error by the left fielder allowed a Mountaineer runner to score and gave West Virginia the lead, 5-4.

Despite the loss, Marshall sophomore Jack Shapiro went 5-2 innings with zero hits, zero runs and nine strikeouts.

Shapiro had a career-high nine strikeouts in the game.

Marshall head coach Jeff Waggoner said he thought Shapiro pitched really well for the team.

“It all starts with your freshmen that did great,” Waggoner said. “We did a great job pitching and giving us an opportunity to win. We had every opportunity to win and we just didn’t get the job done.”

Senior JD Hamner said while the team is upset about the loss, it needs to continue to look forward.

“It was good to see Josh compete today,” Hamner said. “He did his job and gave us a chance to win. We need to come out this weekend and take the series against UAB.”

Marshall’s next game is on the road against the University of Texas at San Antonio 7 p.m. Friday at Roadrunner Field for a three-game Conference USA series.

The Herd is 5-4 this season against conference opponents.

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**Women’s golf team finishes sixth in 11th annual Hoyas Invitational**

The Marshall University golf team finished sixth Tuesday in the 11th annual Hoyas Invitational in Beallsville, Maryland.

Pimlico University won the 10-team tournament by 13 strokes at 939. Georgetown University, finished second at 952. Freshman Jose Cardo won the best-finish of her Marshall career, shooting a 9-3 for 82 and fifth place in the tournament.

Marshall head coach Tiffany Prats said she was proud of the freshwoman’s performance.

“I’m happy that Josey got her first top-10 finish,” Prats said in a news release. “Today, the conditions were really tough, being cold and windy on a course that didn’t allow for many low scores. She hit the ball well this week and also hit good shots around the green. Prats and despite Walz’s individual performance, she feels her team needs to make adjustments before the Conference USA Championship, which begins April 13-15 in Fort Myers, Florida.

“Tiffany Prats said: "As a team, we have some work that has to be done before conference," Prats said. "Those girls have the game. I just need them to understand and want to work.""

For the team to have to work on eliminating its big numbers.

“Every team makes bogeys,” Prats said. “But that team doesn’t make double bogeys. As I look at states, that is where we have to improve. If we make a mistake we have to be willing to make bogey and not try to make something. We have to be willing to take our losses. That is where we make big numbers. Over the next week, we will be working on taking what the course gives us.”

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**EDITORIAL**

Campus chalkings blur the line of free speech and hate speech

What began as a nationwide trend of labeling Trump-supporting messages in chalk throughout college campuses, has spilled into a debate over free or hate speech at Marshall University's campus.

On Monday, the student director of the Trump campaign posted a photo of a pro-Trump holding on the side of a Huntington student's rental house—complete with a Marshall flag—and a brief praise for the student's support. In chalk, the message read, "Trump 2016 #BuildThatWall," in reference to Donald Trump's desire to construct a physical barrier between the United States and Mexico to prevent illegal immigration.

President Jerry Gilbert responded to the situation immediately and immediately Physical Plant employees were tasked with erasing the writing from the walls and pouring water on the sidewalk to remove the chalk. Nonetheless, however, could not wash away the aftermath left behind by the situation.

By Monday, Gilbert issued a statement acknowledging the political messages and such student's free speech protections granted by First Amendment, but warned that any graffiti that is anonymous will not be tolerated. "At Marshall, we welcome and embrace all members of our university and local community, regardless of their national origins, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, veteran status or disabilities," Gilbert said. "We love the diversity around our university and it is an open campus."

On Tuesday morning, the words, "Is it in your safe space?" were written along the perimeter of Jenkins Hall in chalk. Students quickly took to social media to express their discomfort. "This is near the red flags set out for sexual assault awareness month, symbols for people who need safe spaces, especially on college campuses," said another. "That's all Part. For the record. Yes, I'm in my safe space, jake." "Is a school with a thriving political debate and with political messages and such student's free speech protections granted by First Amendment, but warns that any graffiti that is anonymous will not be tolerated. "At Marshall, we welcome and embrace all members of our university and local community, regardless of their national origins, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, veteran status or disabilities," Gilbert said. "We love the diversity around our university and it is an open campus."

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**COLUMN**

XOXO, Michael Brown

By MICHAEL BROWN

ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

The readers submitted some questions about life, love and everything in-between. I answered them as honestly as I knew possible. I'm here to keep it real with you when no one else is and everything in-between. I answered them as honestly as I knew possible.

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**WHERE WILL YOU BE WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS ON CAMPUS? PROBABLY ON TWITTER.**

By MALCOLM WALTON

ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

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