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Speech ball serves up first amendment lesson

By CHEYENNE DEBOLT

Members of Marshall University’s chapter of Turning Point USA provided markers for students to share their thoughts Wednesday. Students involved in the organization had a large beach ball in Buckskin Field and were asking students to express their opinions by writing on the ball. Around 100 students participated.

Turning Point USA is a non-partisan political organization that informs students about politics, so they can make their own political decisions. Over 1,000 colleges have chapters of Turning Point USA. Marshall’s chapter was started this year by sophomore Janicee White.

White, along with the members in this chapter reported students were being censored after events that happened earlier in the week.

“We have a basic right to freedom of speech to say or write what we want when we want,” White said.

White said he thinks students should be able to express their opinion as they wish. Chapter member Tory Lanman was at the event to get people to participate.

“With everything that is going on on our campus, we feel like everyone should be able to say what they want without being censored,” Lanman said.

“So we did the Free Speech Ball. Students were encouraged to write what they wanted on the ball and were not asked to filter their thoughts or opinions. Some students wrote about politics, while others wrote religious or inspirational quotes. Some people simply wrote their names. White said a lot of students used this opportunity to vent about the current political race.

“This is a great opportunity for the students who have received the hate,” White said. “There hasn’t been one candidate receiving anticipated amount of support.”

Eastern region director for Turning Point USA, Heaths Heath attended the event and said she was pleased with the turnout.

Heath said she was proud of students in the chapter for organizing the event.

“It’s the student’s future; it’s up to the young people,” Heath said. “Whatever others want to make, it’s their future.

Heath and students involved with Turning Point USA agree it is important for students to understand what the issues are and how they can be involved and make a difference. Heath said students have expressed to her never party represents their views.

“I think the previous generation of electron have sold our future out from underneath us,” Heath said. “I’m so upset about it that’s why I got involved with Turning Point USA.”

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TYING INTO THE TRUTH ABOUT ISLAM

By REBECCA TURNBULL

Marcia Student Association member and Marshall graduate student Waled Al-Qawasmi dons a “USA” hat as he steps into the colored American Flag背景下 on Buckskin Field in celebration of “Hijab day” for Islam Awareness Week.

no one could do nothing but wait; it was a ticking bomb.

“I got really scared,” Al-Qawasmi said. “We were expecting backlash.”

However, Al-Qawasmi and her sister were taken shock by the response.

“We want you guys to know that there is a lot of people that are proud to share this country with you,” the man said, diminishing the girls’ fears. “You guys are just as American as I am.”

As president of the Muslim Student Association at Marshall University, Al-Qawasmi and other NSA members encouraged Marshall students to try on hijabs Wednesday to help educate others on the true purpose of the hijab and the majority of Islam followers not to equate such ideas.

Al-Qawasmi also said students should participate in events like “Hijab day” and other Islam Awareness Week events to not only better understand Islam’s culture, but also to become better informed citizens for their participation in upcoming presidential elections in the United States.

“If you hear all of their negative rhetoric and extreme things that a lot of the candidates are saying and the supporters of the candidates too,” Al-Qawasmi said. “Having this event this week shows people that we’re not the people that the media portrays us as.

MSA member and junior biochemistry major Ben- kim Mohammed said people should strive to get out of their comfort zones and understand the commonalities between themselves and those of different cultures and religions.

Regardless of if we are different, there are a lot of similarities that we share,” Mohammed said. “It’s very good for people to be exposed to legitimate Muslims instead of what we see on TV and portrayed in the media, because we’re pretty much just like everybody else, a lot of us are good people out here, it’s not just the ones that we hear from.”

Provenience athletic training major Carolines Donnell tried on a hijab for the first time at “Hijab day” and said the experience opened her eyes to how much she has in common with Muslims beyond the clothes they choose to wear.

“They are real people. That’s the best way to put it,” Donnell said. “It’s nice to be able to get to understand them more than just what we see in the news, because the news isn’t really positive.”

Donnell and others also participated in the tie-dying party that followed “Hijab day” where students were able to dye their own shirts and scarves with members of NSA.

Al-Qawasmi said working with other students to tie-dye garments gave them the opportunity to put their understandings into practice and share a fun, colorful moment with Muslim students who are like them.

The final event for Islam Awareness Week was “Polic- tics and Popcorns” 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in The Memorial Student Center lobby. Students may attend the event to discuss Islam- epoches and the current election while enjoying provided popcorn.

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Students write their thoughts about free speech on a giant beach ball Wednesday at Buckskin Field.

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“I think for our mission on campus of helping create globally minded students, this is great step in that direction...” - Shaleena Ross

By CHEYENNE DEBOLT

The LCOB will generate a list of key strengths and weaknesses. "We put together an analysis of like to share that with them and stakeholders offer information to help guide us. In the process, we've come up with our strengths and weaknesses. But we'd kind of get a whole lot of events done this semester, so this is a great step in that direction..." - Lankton said.

The conference is intended only to assure there is an administration of the specific vidus from each group. Lankton said the agenda is tentative, but there are the things they are hoping to cover, one of those things being a dashboard for the COB. "We're for sure going to be looking at our dashboard," Lankton said. A dashboard is a set of measures and targets that you want to achieve, and companies have been using them for quite a while and universities are just starting to use them. It is a way to get hard numbers to understand how you are performing.

The organizers hope the stakeholders offer information on the college's strengths and weaknesses. "We got together an analysis as part of our strategic planning processes, and now we come up with our strengths and weaknesses, but we kind of like to share that with them, and then look at them, if there's any additional things that in that aspect we haven't looked at yet," Lankton said.

The LCOB will generate a report on the outcomes of the conference for the participants. "Cheyenne DeBolt can be contacted at debolt2@marshall.edu."
McManus envisions breakout season in 2016

By DANIELLE WRIGHT

Marshall University sophomore wide receiver Deon-Tay McManus is expected to be one of the team’s Marshall’s top receiving option as he looks to rebound from a subpar 2015 season.

McManus totaled 36 receptions for 334 yards and one touchdown this season in what was a disappointing year after the superb impression he made with Marshall fans his freshman year when he recorded 26 receptions for 422 yards and six touchdowns, includ in the game-winning score in Marshall Conference USA Championship victory.

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Marshall University senior pitcher Jordan Dixon throws a pitch in a game last season. Dixon’s 33 wins last season tied the program single-season record for wins in a season with 33 and tied the second most strikeouts in a single season in Marshall history with 308.

Dixon has encountered a lot of success in her sophomore last season, Dixon earned All-Conference USA Second Team and was named to the NFCA All-Conference USA Second Team and the conference’s all-tournament team. As a sophomore last season, Dixon earned All-Conference USA Second Team and was named to the NFCA All-Rookie Third Team.

Dixon is also closing in on becoming the all time strikeout leader at Marshall despite having another season of eligibility remaining after this season. Dixon currently all time in strikeouts and still look to break that record in the near future.

"It is definitely exciting because I’m up there with some of the top pitchers in Marshall’s history,” Dixon said. “And I look forward to breaking even more records.”

Dixon said she is still trying to improve even after all her success last year when she tied the program record for wins in a season with 33 and posted the second most strikeouts in a single season in Marshall history with 308.

“I have been developing new pitches and working with pitching coach (Chanda) Bell a lot in the offsea son,” Dixon said.

Dixon will look to continue to build on her career accolades 1 p.m. Saturday when Marshall takes on the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at Dot Hicks Field.

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McManus said with senior wide receivers Christian Huarte and DeVonte Allen graduating, he is now in line to lead the team, a task he said he is up for.

McManus is accustomed to high expectations as com mentators have compared the Marshall talent to NFL wide re ceiver Anquan Boldin.

"He just goes out there and shows what he can do, and people see something great in me, and see that I have potential,” McManus said. "I use it as motivation to push and drive myself.”

While McManus has garnered attention on the field he has also gotten Marshall fans involved off of it with his many hashtags on his social media accounts such as #NoPressure and #DontBlink.

His most recent hashtag that invites his fans to support him is #Whypay.

"#Whypay means this is the breakout year,” McManus said. "The year I’ve been waiting on since I’ve gotten to Marshall, the year I give Marshall a show they will never forget.”

McManus said although improvement starts with the work he puts in on his own, he realizes the support and motivation he receives from Marshall fans.

"I just want to become better and also build chemistry with Uche Comto so we can be on the same page going into camp,” McManus said.

The Baltimore, Maryland native said he believes this spring season is the perfect time to step up and lead his team in the right direction.

Jordan Dixon career stats

Games- 133
Starts- 106
Wins- 69
Shutouts- 12
Complete games- 68
Innings- 692.1
Strikeouts- 727

Marshall softball upcoming schedule

4/9 vs. Charlotte (1 p.m.)
vs. Charlotte (3 p.m.)
4/10 vs. Charlotte (12 p.m.)
4/12 @ Liberty (4 p.m.)
@ Liberty (6 p.m.)
4/16 @ FAU (4 p.m.)
@ FAU (6 p.m.)
4/17 @ FAU (1 p.m.)
4/23 vs. MTSU (1 p.m.)
vs. MTSU (3 p.m.)
4/24 vs. MTSU (12 p.m.)
Six years and one day after 29 miners lost their lives in the Upper Big Branch mine explosion, former Massey CEO Don Blankenship left the courtroom with the maximum sentence of one year in prison, one year of supervised release, and the maximum $250,000 fine.

Family members of the miners see this as a mere comparison to the 29 years of their loved ones lost due to negligent mine safety practices.

Following the explosion, investigators found Massey Energy at fault for failing to maintain the ventilation system in the mine, which led to an accumulation of methane.

Blankenship was originally on trial for three felony charges that, if he had been sentenced for them, could have resulted in a 30-year prison sentence. However, Blankenship’s defense was mounted, leading to the official charge of a single misdemeanor for which he was given maximum charges.

A misdemeanor charge for millions of dollars in property and equipment damage and the loss of 29 lives due to dishonesty and negligence does not add up.

What's worse is that Blankenship plans to appeal, meaning he will likely not serve one day behind bars.

This whole incident is the result of corporate greed. The coal mining industry is the only thing keeping many parts of the state afloat, but not without cutting corners wherever companies can to save money and put more into the pockets of their owners and CEOs.

Coal mining, a form of leveraged production practice in West Virginia and West Virginia can’t thrive without coal. The countries that don’t appear to give a damn about the planet’s atmosphere. Or, two, use the body politic of the White House to get those countries to change too.

Alone, the United States and a few other countries with a conscience won’t be enough to make a meaningful difference in the demand for gas and oil. Blankenship receives sentence that turned to restrictions on natural gas because some environmentalists believe it’s not as clean as other potential sources.

Here’s the reality: the United States has afinite amount of coal, oil, and natural gas. The United States needs to become energy independent. One is to put Obama’s energy initiatives back on track and/or play the role of Asia and the Pacific to capture such resources as coal, oil and natural gas.

Alone, the size of Montana, needed more natural resources to continue to fuel the rapid growth it saw in the 1930s. So it began gobbling up countries and eventually turn it into the one place that could guarantee it such resources almost in perpetuity: The Soviet Union.

Japan, not just as a citadel of science, was almost totally devoid of energy resources, and thus expanded throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific to capture such resources as oil and rubber. So here we are in the 21st century, and the United States is playing by one set of rules, and the rest of the world has another set.

The next president of the United States really has only two choices.

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For years, we’ve heard that the United States needs to become energy independent. And now, with the strength of the Marcellus and Utica gas formations, the United States is closer than ever to reaching that goal.

Historians and policymakers have said for decades that the U.S.—and the world—would be in better shape if we didn’t have to deal with Middle East oil reserves.

The development of natural gas, along with its sister product, oil, and other energy sources including coal could put the U.S. in a position where it controls the energy marketplace.

But that only happens if our own leaders get out of the way and allow it to happen. The Obama administration’s flawed logic of marginalizing coal before other power sources has dampened the economy, especially in West Virginia and other coal-producing states.

Don’t get us wrong. We believe that Blankenship is one of our own. However, Blankenship is one of our own. He's been someone that we are able to tout as a West Virginia success story. Instead of being able to tout you, we are here. Judge bride Berger said to Blankenship during court proceedings as he was making注明出处 2022 @MUParthenon

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Where will you be when something happens on campus? Probably on Twitter.

Get your voice heard. Want the chance to give your fellow students valuable advice? Is there any topic you love to talk about, but you know your friends’ eyes glazed over when you talk about it? Whether it’s music, politics or Marshall University, The Parthenon is looking for regular columnists for its opinions page.

Columns should be between 300-500 words, well-written and researched. Columns will be edited for grammar, libelous statements, available space or format.

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Jazz Combo showcases unique ensemble

US Marine Corps dog named Luca who saved lives wins prize

Remains: student capstones reflect on individuality

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The Marine Corps dog that sniffed out explosives and protected thousands of troops has been honored with a prize for animal service during 14 years of military conflict.

Lucca, a 12-year-old German shepherd, won the Dickin Medal, the animal equivalent of the Victoria Cross, a decoration for bravery. The title is the first U.S. Marine Corps dog to receive the honor.

"They didn't do it for fame," said Jonathon Cuff, Adam O'Neal and Beau Clayton, trombonists. "I made a clay book that folds in on itself, sized to fit in your hair from his mother for super personal pieces and they're going to be great. Nathan is also doing a performance piece and he is using oil drums as his percussion.

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