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MOVING UP

Shapiro named new School of Medicine dean

BY MOLLY URIAN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine announced the filling of the dean position Tuesday.

Joseph Shapiro, current associate dean for business development and chair of the department of medicine at the University of Toledo College of Medicine in Toledo, Ohio, has accepted the position of dean of the Marshall Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Shapiro has more than 30 years of clinical and teaching experience and will be the fifth dean for the school. He maintains the patents on 14 medical inventions and authored more than 100 research articles.

Effective July 1st, Shapiro will replace interim dean, Dr. Robert C. Nerhood.

Shapiro said the first step for the school will be to get through the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the nation's primary accrediting



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Marshall University's President Stephen J. Kopp (LEFT) announced Tuesday that Dr. Joseph Shapiro will be the new dean of the School of Medicine effective as of July 1. Shapiro (MIDDLE) received his coat from former dean Robert Nerhood (RIGHT) in front of students and faculty.

entity for medical education programs.

"We really have to get this probation tag off," Shapiro said. "Then, as we get past that opportunity, I think we can hopefully begin to implicate more research into the lives of our faculty and hopefully reap some of the benefits of the

moral research active environment in the form of start-up companies and other things that will help the area."

Nerhood said Shapiro brings considerable experience in an area where the school needs practice.

"He has had an opportunity to function in every facet in which a medical school

functions: clinical care, research, education both at the medical student and graduate education level," Nerhood said. "He has been very successful and is really just a nice guy."

Marshall University president, Stephen J. Kopp, said

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Dennison promoted to associate VP of Academic Affairs

BY ZACHARY MORRIS
THE PARTHENON

Corley Dennison, the dean of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall University, will begin his new position as the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at University on July 1.

Frances Hensley, the current associate VP of Academic Affairs, is retiring and said she is ready for a less hectic life.

"I have three grandchildren in Lexington, and I want to spend more time with them," Hensley said. "I have made many lifelong friends, I will miss all of this but I'm happy that I have so many great memories of Marshall."

According to Hensley, her position entails

overseeing many of the student success efforts, curriculum changes, First Year Seminar, working with the associate deans, Career Services, the Student Support Services, the University College and many other committees across the university.

Hensley said she had one piece of advice for Dennison.

"I think it's very important to strive to be fair and consistent," Hensley said. "In addition, you have to keep everything in perspective."

Dennison said he has always enjoyed working with students.

"My favorite part has been working with students," Dennison said. "I have always enjoyed working with them and seeing

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FILE PHOTO

Corley Dennison speaks at WMUL 88.1 FM's 50th anniversary. Dennison will take his new position July 1.

Supply drive to aid Logan flood victims

BY ZACHARY MORRIS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Office of Community Engagement is partnering with the Student Government Association to offer a supply drive to aide the flood victims of Logan County.

The drive will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Memorial Student Center. According to a press release from Marshall University, several different items are being asked for.

Items needed include brooms, mops, shovels, paper towels, bleach, bottled water, antibacterial soap, laundry detergent, rubber gloves, work gloves, dishwashing detergent, buckets, hand sanitizer, disinfectants and any other household items.

"These are just three-to-five-dollar items that students may have lying around their residence hall room or their house," said Ray Harrell, Jr., student body president. "A little bit will go a long way."

The press release continued to say "One suggestion on how to donate is to fill a laundry basket with supplies and drop it off at the front entrance of the Memorial Student Center Wednesday and Thursday, March 28 and 29. Enterprise Rent-A-Car has generously donated a truck to transport the supplies. A representative from Marshall University will deliver the supplies to Logan County on Friday, March 30."

"Help us show how much Marshall and the Huntington community care about and support our neighboring counties," said Elizabeth Sheets, coordinator of the Office of Community Engagement, in the press release.

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MU Alert keeps students and faculty safe

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THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University alert system is a safe and effective way to send out alert notifications involving numerous situations on and around campus.

The MU alert system began after the Virginia Tech incident that claimed the lives of 32 individuals back in 2007. The purpose of having the system is to be able to distribute immediate warnings to both students and faculty who are subscribed

to receive the notifications.

With technology evolving on a daily basis it has become easier to send out alert notifications.

"15 to 20 years ago we didn't have texting to get these messages out there quick," said James Terry, Marshall University chief of police. "It started with landline phones, then emails, then finally text messaging."

You can receive notifications through both your personal email and Marshall email, phone calls made to your cell phones

and home phones and finally by receiving a text message.

The alert system is used for weather delays, building closings, power outages and more. Sending alert notifications out is determined case by case. Terry said if a robbery occurred and the suspect was caught right away, an alert wouldn't be sent out. However if there were an active shooter on campus, an alert would definitely be sent out.

If a crime occurs off campus but is fairly close, and depending on its location

to campus, there will be an alert notification sent out because of the certain geographical area that is covered by the system.

It is a joint effort when attempting to send out the alert notification to students and faculty, not only are campus police important, but also the communication department, President Kopp, and IT security officers, and others.

"The individuals who are actually trained to send out the alerts work in the communication department of the university," said John

Cutler, chief information security officer. "They have to keep the alerts short, but at the same time also very clear so people will understand them."

There are approximately 11,500 people registered to receive this alert notifications. The number not only grows but shrinks each year.

"As entering freshman subscribe to receive these notifications, the total goes up, while other students graduate either in the fall or spring terms and the total lowers," Cutler said.

In order for anyone to sign up for these alert notifications, log onto myMU page and click on the "MU Alert" icon that appears in the right corner. There, students and faculty will place their information in a safe database form that is then digitally stored with others.

One thing students should remember is to unsubscribe from the system once they graduate or leave the university.

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Honors class to help students register to vote today

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Students who are not registered to vote can seek assistance from Professor Mary Todd's Honors 200 Leaders in Ethic and Civic Engagement class.

The class will be waiting Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center to help anyone interested register to vote.

The procedure requires a student to fill out a form with his or her information, the class mails them in and the student receives his or her voter registration card two to

three weeks later in the mail and is eligible to vote in the upcoming election.

"I suggested to my class that we do voter registration because it's an election year and it's on people's minds, and college students should be registered to vote," Todd said.

Although Professor Todd suggested the idea, she told the class she would not be the one to organize it so the students came together and organized how they would tackle the project in a very short amount of time.

Todd said after an in-class meeting, the students decided they would meet with

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> LARISSA NEWSOME

their peers in the student center in front of Smith Hall and in front of the Recreation Center.

"They're all taking shifts with clipboards and voter registration forms to see if they can register Marshall students who haven't already registered, whether they're

from West Virginia or other states," Todd said.

Sophomore Larissa Newsome said the class chose this project because it's something in which all college students can get involved.

"We really wanted something that would apply to

everyone across the board and that would have a big effect on the community," Newsome said. "This is something really important for kids our age to get into. It's really important to have our voice heard now for decisions that will affect us for the rest of our lives."

Freshman biomedical sciences major, Adam Daniels, registered to vote Wednesday in the student center. He said the procedure was easy, and he is excited about the upcoming election.

"I'm very eager to vote," Daniels said.

Todd's class will be registering students to vote for

the last time this month today. The students will be prepared with clipboards and registration forms again the first week of April.

Todd said she encouraged all those who have not yet registered to do so soon because it is an honor to be able to vote for political leaders.

"It's the highest privilege of a citizen of this country to be able to vote," Todd said.

Students can register to vote in the student center of Smith Hall and in front of the Rec Center.

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'Lunch and Learn' lecture focuses on green cleaning

BY SHANE ARRINGTON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Sustainability Department presented the latest of its year-long Lunch and Learn Sustainability Lecture Series on March 22, at Foundation Hall.

Green cleaning is a grassroots revolution designed to help business and individuals to chuck harmful chemicals as far away as possible and move toward using cleaning supplies less harmful to the environment and themselves.

This isn't accomplished over night, however, said Doug Chapman, vice-president of development for Aetna Building Maintenance. While green cleaning, as a movement, has progressed in leaps and bounds in the last 10 years, it's still a growing, forever changing movement that needs to be constantly monitored to stay ahead of the game.

"Sustainable green cleaning is a system of cleaning that promotes healthy surroundings for workers, students and building visitors and is also less detrimental to the environment," Chapman said. "It's this idea that really started the green cleaning movement. When it first started, a lot of people thought 'Is this something that's going to be here today and gone tomorrow?' - well it started in the 1990s and it's here to stay."

While Chapman did make sure to provide information for individuals and families cleaning their homes, the main focus of this lecture was larger-scale commercial cleaning. After describing the history of green cleaning, he moved onto emphasizing that progressing to complete green cleaning wouldn't be easy, but it's worth it in the end.

"There is a tremendous, complex system in making a facility green," Chapman said. "One of the things people seem to over look, but one of the most important steps, is training your staff."

Staff training is one of the key things Chapman covered. He said green cleaning can involve many multi-step processes and advanced equipment that if

not properly trained on can cause more difficulties than benefits.

"Green cleaning will be more expensive upfront," Chapman said. "The supplies and equipment pay for themselves however with improved productivity - but to get the most improved productivity it's up to companies to ensure their staff knows how to use the equipment."

Area businesses made up the majority of the 30 audience, interested in learning more on how to make their facilities green, but there were also Marshall students who took time out of their Spring Break to come on campus to learn ways to clean their homes.

Graphic Design major Andy Burgess and his wife Jenny, a Japanese major, attended the lecture in hopes of adding some knowledge to their green repertoire.

"Green energy is something that is new and something that we don't really know a lot about in the area," Andy said. "Other than on campus I'm not really aware of what our options are as far as recycling and using sustainable energy and other green options."

The Burgess duo said they found out about the lecture after stumbling across it on Marshall's website over their holiday. They said they were happy to learn about it and already plan to attend next month's lecture.

Playing off each other, Jenny began saying how they already use some green cleaning supplies in their home but hope to expand on that in time - which is just what Andy remembered hearing is a good thing.

"We're still working into using more green cleaning supplies," Andy said. "(Chapman) had talked about how it's something you have to slowly implement because it's such a new thing for our culture. It's definitely something we want to move toward."

"We still have some of the old chemicals right now," Jenny said. "Once we run out, we'll replace them with greener products. Other things we've done is stop buying cases of water

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WAR ON OBAMACARE



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Demonstrators for and against the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act march and chant outside the U.S. Supreme Court Building on Tuesday in Washington, DC. The Supreme Court digs deep into health care this morning, as the justices consider the most important challenge to the law: compelling individuals to buy insurance or pay a fine.

Supreme Court health care arguments center on mandate

BY MICHAEL DOYLE AND
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WASHINGTON - A clearly divided Supreme Court cast serious doubts on the Obama administration's signature health care law Tuesday, emboldening the Republicans who now are eagerly campaigning to kill it.

In a historic clash that foreshadows a close election-year decision, justices revealed sharp splits about whether Congress went too far in mandating that U.S. residents buy health insurance or pay a penalty. But while the justices appear as divided as the country itself, skepticism dominated during the unusually long oral arguments.

"The federal government is not supposed to be a government that has all powers," Justice Antonin Scalia said. "It's supposed to be a government of limited powers. ... If the government can do this, what else can it not do?"

Scalia sounded unbelievably dubious about the health care law, as did his conservative colleague Justice Samuel Alito and, to a somewhat lesser extent, Chief Justice John Roberts.

In a potentially sobering sign for the Obama

administration, even the justice most commonly considered to be a swing vote made pointed observations about the insurance-buying mandate.

"When you are changing the relationship of the individual to the government in this ... unique away, do you not have a heavy burden of justification to show authorization under the Constitution?" Justice Anthony Kennedy pressed the administration's chief lawyer, Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr.

Verrilli stressed throughout his hour at the lectern that the 40 million uninsured Americans posed what he called "an economic problem" that Congress is empowered to fix. He found some sympathy from at least a few justices, though they did not appear to be a majority of the nine-member court.

"People are getting cost-free health care, and the only way to avoid that is to get them to pay sooner rather than later, pay up front," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said.

Justice Elena Kagan, Verrilli's predecessor as solicitor general, added that "the effect of all these uninsured people is to raise everybody's premiums," while Justice Stephen Breyer noted that "there is a

national problem that involves money, cost (and) insurance."

The two-hour argument Tuesday morning was the second of three days devoted to challenges of the Obama administration's health care law. By several measures, it also was the most important day.

Legally, the individual mandate that Florida and 25 other states are challenging is at the heart of the 2,700-page law that passed in 2010. The mandate's fate will shape future Congresses' ability to invoke the constitutional authority to tax or regulate commerce.

The individual mandate still sparks the most visceral response from opponents of the health care law. Republicans insist that they'll repeal the law, while tea party activists rallied outside the court Tuesday to show again the motivated muscle that helped the Republican Party reclaim control of the House of Representatives in 2010.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires that taxpayers obtain a minimum level of health coverage by 2014. With some exceptions, those who don't must pay annual fees that start at \$95 in 2015 and rise to \$695 by 2016. Alternatively, the fee may be set as a percentage of household income.

New library research product now available

BY REBECCA STEPHENS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University libraries are part of a test group for a new research product, Credo Literati, developed by Credo Reference.

Credo Reference is an online source that, for the past couple of years, has offered Marshall access to electronic versions of more than 500 full-text reference sources, said Christine Lewis, acquisitions librarian.

Lewis said toward the beginning of last semester, Marshall's libraries were asked by the people of Credo Reference to participate in a test group for Credo Literati, which became available for use at the beginning of this semester.

One of the services offered to Marshall by Credo Literati is serving as a platform that supports and links to all of Marshall's other online databases, said Steve Tipler, web services librarian.

"It's going to change our library instruction a little bit because we'll be able to use this as the place to start, and you can do a basic search of everything," Tipler said.

Credo Literati also allows for students to practice information literacy in the way they research and how to use their sources effectively and ethically, Lewis said.

"I like to say this is Marshall's version of Wikipedia, but it's better because it's credible sources," Lewis said.

Other features of Credo Literati include videos on topics such as how to use online databases, how to cite sources and the importance of digital media, Tipler said.

Tipler also said Marshall is able to create its own videos for its Credo Literati page.

Lewis said that Marshall works regularly with the people of Credo Reference to provide feedback on Credo Literati.

"We're really proud that we can have online meetings with the representatives from Credo now, and give them feedback."

Visitors are also able to give feedback directly from the Literati page, Lewis said.

"People can give whatever feedback they want, which is pretty neat," Lewis said.

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FAR FROM HOME



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Freshman Korn Simsiriwong tees off for the Thundering Herd women's golf team. Simsiriwong, native of Thailand, came to Marshall through Starkville, Miss.

Thailand native takes route from Mississippi to Marshall

BY ANDREW FROBEL
THE PARTHENON

Korn ‘Gone’ Simsiriwong is a freshman biological sciences major from Nara-thiwat, Thailand. Important factors about Simsiriwong are her extracurricular activity and where she comes from.

Simsiriwong is a member of Marshall University’s women’s golf team. Originally born in Thailand, she moved to Starkville, Miss. at an adolescent age.

“It was my dream to play division one golf since I was very young,” Simsiriwong said. “Even though I am only a freshman, and it’s only been a little over a semester, I have gained so much from just experiences here at Marshall University.”

Her parents wanted their daughters to grow up in the United States in order to live a much better life. Simsiriwong said she wouldn’t be anything without her families support.

It was definitely tough for Simsiriwong to go through high school without her parents being there for her.

“My sister did a great job though,” Simisiriwong said. “I was disciplined. She would ground me when she needed to at my parents’ request. I admire her so much for all that she had sacrificed for me.”

Mississippi is where she

grew up for six years of her life with her sisters while her parents stayed back home in Thailand.

“My sister basically raised me while we lived in Mississippi,” Simisiriwong said. “We are so close, and I am so thankful for her.”

Simsiriwong said her sister taught and showed her so much as she grew up her. She learned English in Mississippi, which makes her southern accent hard to miss.

“I learned most of my English in Mississippi, and that is where I developed my southern drawn accent,” Simsiriwong said.

At the age of eight years old was the first time she had picked up a golf club. Since then she has been through 30 different swing coaches and numerous sets of clubs.

In an international tournament in Florida as a high school athlete is where Simsiriwong really began to attract a lot of attention from college scouts.

Schools such as Mississippi State, Saint Leo University, Eastern Tennessee State and many division two schools were interested in Simsiriwong’s golf game.

Simsiriwongs said making her decision on where she wanted to play collegiate golf was simple after meeting with her head coach, Meredith Knight Rowsey.

“I would not trade to play golf or go to school anywhere

else,” Simisiriwong said. “I love my coach, my teammates and most of all I love Marshall.”

The connection Simsiriwong has made with her teammates is a strong bond that she said is needed with the distance from her and her family.

Simsiriwong said Marshall has definitely grown on her and still continues to grow on her.

“I came to Marshall because I was impressed with it from my first official visit last year,” Simisiriwong said. “It’s not just the golf part that impressed me about the university. I was also impressed with the academics in the school.”

Simsiriwong said coming to Huntington was quite a change for her considering the weather, the people, the location and the type of grass they play on.

In Mississippi, they played golf on Bermuda grass. In West Virginia they play on Kentucky Bluegrass.

“The grass here has a bend in it,” Simsiriwong said.

Simsiriwong said one of the benefits of playing division I golf is the competition.

“I always want to get better at golf,” Simisiriwong said. “Therefore, competition is very important for the game.”

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Herd stays hot over spring break

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

For the girls of the Marshall softball team spring break was anything but a break.

The Thundering Herd played nine games in a seven-day stretch including a six game road trip to start off the spring break week.

The Herd started its road swing in Memphis, Tenn., sweeping Conference USA foe Memphis, Tenn. in three shutout games by scores of 1-0, 1-0 and 6-0.

Marshall remained in the Volunteer State to take on Lipscomb and Belmont. The Herd split a pair of games with Lipscomb before capping off the trip with an 11-7 victory of the Bruins of Belmont.

“It was a great road swing,” said Marshall head coach Shonda Stanton. “To be able to take five out of six on the road is huge. A lot of different people got involved, and a lot of different people stepped up.”

The Herd then returned home for a three-game

series against the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Game one remained close, but the Blazers were able to outlast Marshall, handing the Herd a 3-2 loss.

“We weren’t able to play to our strengths because we didn’t hit or even draw any walks,” Stanton said. “Our plate discipline was extremely poor. We didn’t have any quality at-bats.”

Game two was not so close. UAB dominated Marshall in the most lopsided game of the series taking the game in five innings 8-0.

“For us, that was one of the catchers in the league that we felt we were able to run on, and defensively they are a team that makes mistakes,” Stanton said. “When you can’t put the ball in play and you have two hits in one game and four hits in another game you aren’t going to be able to play to your strengths,” Stanton said.

In the final game of the

series, Marshall fell behind 3-0 in the first inning before rallying to tie the game at three in the bottom of the fourth. The game then turned into a pitchers duel until the top of the seventh when UAB’s Kristen McGrath hit her second homerun of the game giving the Blazers their final lead of the game at 4-3.

The sweep drops Marshall to 5-4 in C-USA play and marks the first time this season the Herd has been swept in a series.

“It was just a combination of us not being able to play to our strength really hurt, and if we’re going to compete in Conference USA, we have to put up more runs,” Stanton said. “That’s been a problem for us all year. We know what our offensive numbers need to be. We just haven’t got the job done.”

After the brief home stand with UAB, the Herd will return to the road as it will head to El Paso, Texas for a three game series with the UTEP Miners.

“We just played nine games in seven days so that was a lot so I know some of our girls were a little bit fatigued,” Stanton said. “It’s nice to get a little time off to prepare for UTEP.”

Gameplay between the Herd and Miners gets underway at 4 p.m. Friday.

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Junior pitcher Andi Williamson delivers a pitch during Marshall’s 4-3 loss to UAB on Sunday. Williamson has taken the mound in 24 games this season amassing a 12-8 record to go with a team-leading 1.88 ERA. Williamson has pitched two complete games and recorded 139 strikeouts.



COLUMN

Spring practice begins for Herd

BY JAKE SNYDER
SPORTS EDITOR

Spring has sprung.

How do I know that, you ask?

No, it’s not the glorious warm weather we’ve been enjoying. Hell, that’s been here all winter.

It’s not the sinus allergies leaving me sounding like Kermit holding his nose, either. Nor is it the nagging feeling of post-spring break sluggishness.

So how do I know?

It’s simple — Marshall Spring football practice began Tuesday. And it couldn’t have come at a better time. My March Madness bracket has fallen apart at the seams — the strike-shortened NBA season has already become too long and split-squad spring training Major League Baseball games are no fun to watch.

But football — well, football is timeless. The Thundering Herd could step onto the gridiron all 12 months of the year, and I think I’d watch. And with a top two Conference USA recruiting class waiting in the wings, there’s much to be excited about.

And yet — something is still troubling my little slice of paradise.

It couldn’t be the storylines of the spring, could it? Just look at all the great ones:

- The quarterback controversy: While the job seems to be sophomore Rakeem Cato’s to lose — he did garner nine starts last season — he might find competition in redshirt freshman Blake Frohnappfel. Frohnappfel has better size and arm strength than Cato, and — hypothetically, as he has never played at the collegiate lever — should have much better presence in the pocket.

- The new coaches: Cornerbacks coach Lytrel Pollard, guards and tackles coach Geep Wade and defensive line coach J.C. Price will all step onto the field for the first time on Coach Doc Holliday’s staff. How will these coaches mesh with the other members of the staff or, more importantly, the players?

- The freshmen: How will the 12 new members of the Thundering Herd family adapt to the college

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Who will win the NCAA basketball championship ?

- University of Kentucky Wildcats
- University of Louisville Cardinals
- The Ohio State University Buckeyes
- Kansas University Jayhawks

EDITORIAL

Recent deaths in house fire should incite change amongst officials, landlords

This past weekend one of the worst house fires in the history of Charleston took the lives of nine individuals, seven of which were under the age of eight. The house, a rental property located on Arlington Avenue in Charleston, caught fire early Saturday morning around 3:25 a.m. The two smoke detectors in the house did not go off. They remained silent as the house caught fire killing seven on site, and hospitalizing a young boy that would later be taken off life support at a Charleston hospital.

Though many never consider the likelihood of such events happening, they happen often, unfortunately. It is hard to say whether a smoke detector would have saved the family. However, it is possible it would have abated some of the tragedy that occurred.

Under West Virginia state law, landlords are responsible for installing and maintaining fire detectors on rental property. Charleston has recently created an inspection agency for all of the city's 10,000 rental properties, half of which are registered and subject to inspection. The program is only one year old. Roughly 50 rental houses

are inspected each week. The house that caught fire was pulled at random for inspection, but was not inspected due to a resident adult not being present when the inspector made the visit.

According to a Center for Disease Control fact sheet, every 169 minutes, someone dies in a house fire. Eighty-five percent of those deaths occur in homes. In 2010, fire stations responded to 384,000 home fires in the United States, where 2,640 people were killed. Ideally, if the inspection of the Charleston home would have occurred, the two smoke detectors would have been activated and sounded when the house caught fire. This, unfortunately, was not the case and served as another item working against the residents residing in the home.

Houses such as this one that are in direct violation of city and state laws should be more closely scrutinized by officials. They can lead to tragedy and scar the lives of those left behind to mourn their lost loved ones. Steps should be taken first by property owners and then by inspectors to ensure that these tragedies run a very low likelihood of occurring again.

POLITICAL CARTOON



COLUMN

Shooter in Trayvon Martin case should be charged with murder

“Stand Your Ground” law should be repealed

BY HENRY CULVYHOUSE
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My spring break blissful state of mind was cruelly interrupted by news of a gunshot in Sanford, Fla. In a gated, pleasant suburban community outside of Orlando, 28-year-old community watch volunteer, George Zimmerman, shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in the chest. Martin, the news tells me, was walking from a friend's house to purchase a bag of Skittles, when Zimmerman spotted him, thought him suspicious and called 911. After the operator told Zimmerman to stay back and wait for the authorities to arrive to investigate, Zimmerman pursued Martin, a scuffle of sorts ensued and Martin was shot to death.

Of course, anyone who's been following this case will note I left out a fundamental detail: Zimmerman is white-Hispanic, Martin is black. I'm not here to weigh in on the race factor of this case.

Frankly, it's not my place, I'll let liberal and conservative blowhards hammer that one out. However, I do want to comment on is why George Zimmerman has not been charged as of this writing.

Zimmerman claimed self-defense under Florida's 2005 “Stand Your Ground”

carry a concealed weapon and decide to shop at my neighborhood Kroger with my gun in my holster. I drive into a parking lot and just as I find a space, a motorcyclist whips into it. I get out of my car and begin to argue with the motorcyclist.

have run away. I stood my ground.

The current out cry over Martin's death is understandable but also frightening. Rather than seeing the fault in Florida's law, everyone from the president to students are calling for the legal lynching of Zimmerman. Just because the public finds a suspect's crime morally repugnant does not mean the public's opinion should replace the rule of law.

We have laws in democracies so the majority cannot trample over the rights of individuals. I do not agree with Zimmerman's actions: However, I believe the rule of law should be applied to him just as it would any other citizen. If you, as I do, think Zimmerman should be charged with murder, then we should not join the mob, but rather, attempt to reverse “Stand Your Ground Laws.”

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law. According to the Orlando Sentinel, the “Stand Your Ground” law “enables people who perceive a threat to use deadly force without trying to retreat from a confrontation.” This contrasts with most states' self-defense laws, which state if one can exit a confrontation, then self-defense, cannot be used as a legal defense.

Let's say I legally own a gun, possess a permit to

We raise our voices; shake our fists and the situation gets out of hand, so I decide to blow his head off. In our fair state of West Virginia, I would be charged with murder because at any time, I could have left the dispute. I could have hopped into my car and drove away. In Florida, I would be exonerated because I perceived a threat and protected myself, even though I could

GREEK WEEK

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Members of the Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternities participate in a soccer game as part of Marshall University Greek Week at the Marshall University Recreation Center Turf Field on Tuesday.



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he expects Shapiro to bring strong leadership to the medical school.

“He is a very astute businessman,” Kopp said. “From a financial point of view, he is going to be very cognizant

to the finances of the medical school. From a developmental point of view — in terms of new program development — he is very skilled and accomplished.”

Kopp believes Shapiro will inspire other people to think bigger about what they are doing.

“He has taken faculty and

his past colleagues and mentored them to be successful clinicians as well as researchers,” Kopp said. “He is one of those people who is a tireless person in terms of his energy level and is very committed to the development of people. He brings this in a special way, and in my opinion he is brilliant and a rare

commodity. He brings a passion to the medical school and I think this will be contagious.”

Brent Kidd, third year medical student, said he is excited to hear more research will be brought into the school.

“The medical school has been lacking research and Dr. Shapiro has great experience in that,” Kidd said. “He

will be a positive asset in regards to research and also the changes he plans to make in terms of student-centered. He discussed having dinners with the students on a regular basis to hear concerns from the students about what we want to see change.

“It is nice to have someone that will be receptive to the

changes our student body would like to see,” Kidd said. “Dr. Nerhood has been very receptive, but since he is our interim dean it is exciting to know we will get this from a permanent dean as well.”

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their creativity. Being able to help them complete their degrees has always been very rewarding for me.”

Dennison also said he had one piece of advice for the next dean of the SOJMC.

“We have a hardworking staff in the school of journalism and to continue to let them be creative,” Dennison said. “We also have an excellent reputation for teaching and to just provide them the means to continue doing what they’re doing.”

Gayle Ormiston, the

senior vice president for Academic Affairs, said he looks forward to the transition.

“I look forward to making sure that we continue the good work that Frances Hensley has started and that Dr. Dennison will come in to the office and

have an understanding of what that means.”

Once Dennison leaves the SOJMC, an interim dean will be named and a national search for a new dean will start.

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Tipler said another feature of Credo Literati is its ability to allow visitors to sign in and save their searches.

“That’s kind of handy with respect to keeping organized,” Tipler said.

Tipler also said Credo Literati is great for Marshall because it does what other products do for bigger universities, but at a lower cost.

Credo Literati can be accessed directly from the Marshall libraries webpage.

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with sensory distractors, their mind’s ability to wander completely turned off.

“Giving your full attention to your perceptual experience

actually equalized people, as though it cut off mind wandering at the pass,” said Daniel Levinson, one of the study’s researchers, in the article.

Dr. Michael Hasselmo, a Boston U. psychology professor, said the study seemed

valid but not strong because of how difficult it is collect that type of data.

“Just looking at their data it seems that they had effects that were significant but not really strong because there was a broad level of data

intuitive level,” Hasselmo said. “We hear stories about people like Einstein daydreaming in class, and maybe high IQ is related to this. But this is just anecdotal: No one has really looked into this specific case.”

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one good reusable bottle.”

During his lecture Chapman mentioned culture is a primary factor in the green cleaning movement. He mentioned how other countries were years ahead of the United States and how it comes down to a

basic culture ideal. The more people who get into the movement, people such as Andy and Jenny, who realize the impact non-green chemicals and practices have on themselves and the environment, will help get the country on the greener, safer path.

Hosting this lecture series not only helps those who attend, but also Marshall as a

whole said Margie Phillips, Marshall’s sustainability director.

“One of our purposes is to educate about sustainability,” Phillips said. “To be able to partner with Aetna and bring sustainable education — not just to the university population but also into the city of Huntington and the Tri-State area — is a great

opportunity.”

The next lunch and learn event will take place in late April. It will be entitled “Sustainability 101,” by DesignGroup out of Columbus, Ohio.

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level. Will anyone be able to make an immediate difference?

Wait a second. Let me stop right there. Something about these sound oh-so familiar.

And why is that?

Another simple question — I know because it’s all happened before. Yes, these are the exact same storylines that graced the covers of last year’s spring practice.

If I were a betting man, I’d say they have been the same a time or two before.

And you know what, none of them mean a damn thing. Last spring, quarterbacks A.J. Graham and Eddie Sullivan battled it out for the opening game job. Neither of them got it. Coaches — especially line coaches — switch teams seemingly every year. They are professionals. They will fit in fine. As for the freshmen, well most of them can’t even show up until the summer session begins.

The best part of spring practice comes in the form of the fights. Meaningless or not, the players are competitors. When you don’t get

to take that frustration out on an opposing team each week, the fellas on the opposite side of the ball have to do the trick.

The worst part is the blue jerseys. For those of you not familiar with the spring practice sessions, blue jerseys are given to the players who are able to practice but must avoid all contact. In other words, they are untouchable.

There is nothing fun about watching a receiver hung out to dry only to see the strong safety pull off and play two-hand touch. Trust me when I say there are a LOT of blue

jerseys. Last year, it was nothing to see 15 players — often starters — donning the cobalt cover up.

By the way, every spring practice is open to the public. I do recommending taking a trip to the Joan to check out a practice or two. But take it for what it is: Nothing more than a glorified training exercise. It’s not until Sept. 1 — when the Herd steps on the field against West Virginia — that the real questions get answered.

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DO THE ROBOT

‘Arts and Bots’ program launches in Early Education STEM Center

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At the Early Education STEM Center at Marshall University, pre-K students have a new robotic friend name “Sarah.”

Sarah is the beginning of a project called “Arts and Bots” by the June Harless Center of the College of Education at Marshall to encourage learning in math, science, robotics and engineering through creating robots with everyday items.

“The teachers, with the kids, get to design robots out of familiar arts and crafts materials,” said Terabeth Brumfield, coordinator of Arts and Bots. “The kids decorate the robots and have all kinds of fun with it.”

In the past couple of months, the Arts and Bots program has been piloted at three local schools in hopes of expanding to many more, Brumfield said.

“They have been piloted at Huntington High, Ceredo Elementary and South Point High School — plus, it has been used at our Early Education STEM Center,” Brumfield said. “We are trying to get it off the ground and getting the bugs worked out. This summer, we will hold a bigger training session with more teachers and more schools.”

During the summer, the training for more teachers and pre-service teachers will allow them to build their own robots and see how the Arts and Bots program works and what

their classes will be doing once Arts and Bots is in their classrooms.

Arts and Bots is a brainchild of the CREATE Lab of the Community Robotics, Education and Technology Empowerment Lab at Carnegie Mellon with whom the June

Harless Center is one of only five satellite partners.

Arts and Bots and the partnership with the CREATE Lab is made possible through a grant from the Ben-edum Foundation.

In the past, the CRE-ATE Lab has offered West Virginia Schools the GigaPan — a camera that can take hundreds of pictures to create one large coherent picture to allow students from one side of the globe to see a picture of life on the other.

The June Harless Center will be hosting camps in the summer for

elementary age students to work one-on-one with these new Art Bots.

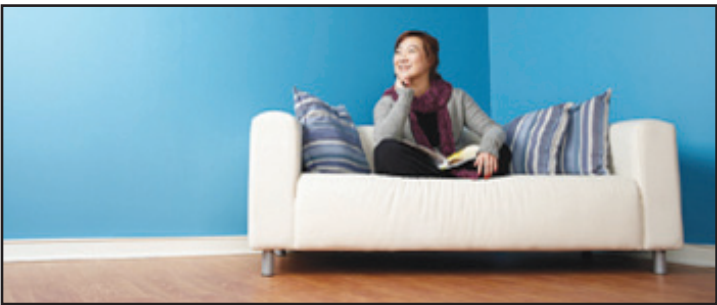
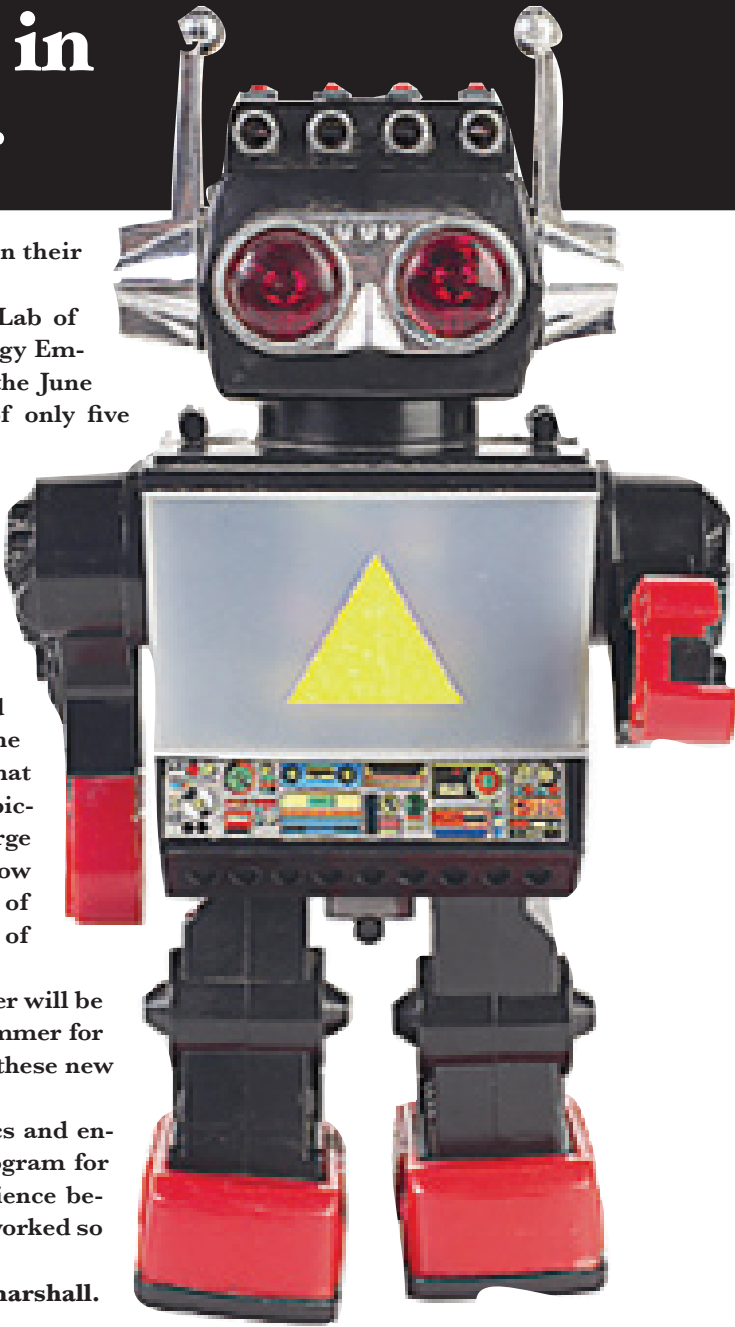
“The goal is for students to learn about robotics and engineers,” Brumfield said. “It was started as a program for middle school girls to keep them interested in science because that’s usually when they lose interest, but it worked so well, they said why not let everybody use it.”

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DAYDREAMING

good for health, study finds

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Daydreaming while doing simple tasks, such as planning a doctor’s appointment or tomorrow’s outfit on the way to class, might be an indicator of a better working memory, according to a recent study in “Psychological Science.”

The study showed while doing low-load tasks that do not take up a person’s full attention, people who daydream or think about other things while doing the task had a higher working memory capacity – memory that holds temporary information – than those whose minds did not drift off to other things.

Jonathan Smallwood from the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Science, one of the study’s researchers, said in a University of Wisconsin-Madison News article that while the brain is in idle, it tends to think about pressing matters.

“What this study seems to suggest is when circumstances for the task aren’t very difficult, people who have additional working memory resources deploy them to think about things other than what they’re doing,” Smallwood said. “Their brains are trying to allocate resources to the most pressing problems.”

To conduct the experiment, researchers asked volunteers to perform one of two simple tasks. They pressed a button in response to the appearance of a certain letter on a screen or tapped a button in time with their breathing.

While doing these tasks, the researchers periodically asked the volunteers if they were fully focused on what they were doing or if their minds were wandering to other things.

To measure the participants’ working memory capacity, the researchers asked the volunteers to recall letters that they were asked to memorize before the tests and complete a series of easy math problems.

“We intentionally use tasks that will never use all of their attention,” Smallwood said, “and then we ask, ‘How do people use their idle resources?’”

Researchers found that individuals with higher working memory resources reported more task-unrelated thoughts. When they gave the volunteers a task but filled them

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