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Filing for mayor, deadline looms

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The deadline for filing to run for mayor of Huntington is drawing near, and the political landscape is widening.

According to Barbara Nelson, city clerk, the deadline for submitting paperwork for candidacy is the end of this month.

"As long as something is postmarked by January 31," said Nelson.

Kim Wolfe, mayor of Huntington, is being challenged for Republican nomination of the mayor's office by Dale Anderson, a known Tea Party activist.

Jasper Black, pastor and husband of WSAZ-TV anchor Carrie Cline, filed for nomination on the Democrat ticket Tuesday. Carl Eastham, former Huntington firefighter, said he would also seek election.

Mark Bates, city councilman, said there's some speculation about members of Huntington City Council who will file.

"Jim Insko has contemplated it, and Steve Williams has contemplated," Bates said.

Bates, who is seeking re-election to represent District 6 Council Seat, said he speculates some candidates are holding out to test the political landscape for the mayor's office.

"There are folks holding out to see if someone files for a council seat," Bates said.

Huntington is facing a \$4 million deficit, and multiple departments are facing staffing and resource problems. Bates said the next mayor would need to have tough skin.

"It's someone who needs to be up to the task of problem solving," Bates said. "You have to do what's right in your heart and not cave in."

As city council is tasked with balancing the multi-million dollar budget by February, Bates said the city's financial problems have been tabled for too long.

"The proverbial can has been kicked down the road," Bates said.

As budget woes set the campaign scene for the 2012 city election, Bates said smooth and safe streets is a driving force behind citizens' concern.

"Public safety issues and infrastructure issues will play out," Bates said. "People want their streets fairly smooth, and if their house is on fire, someone comes, or if someone is breaking into their home, a policeman comes."

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UAB upsets HERD

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TOP: Junior forward Robert Goff fights with several UAB players for possession of the ball. Goff had nine rebounds in the Herd's 56-49 loss.

RIGHT: Herd fans argue a questionable call during the second half of Wednesday's game. The Herd racked up 20 fouls, including five by leading scorer DeAndre Kane and four by Nigel Spikes.



Student Health smokes out tobacco use

BY MOLLY URIAN
THE PARTHENON

While some individuals are continuing to create New Year's resolutions, Marshall University's Student Health Program is in an effort to make smoking cessation an option for campus.

According to the West

Virginia Division of Tobacco Prevention's website, tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death in the United States. The website also states that smoking harms nearly every organ of the body, causing many diseases and affecting overall health.

The Student Health program will be offering

smoking cessation classes beginning in February. The classes will be available to students by contacting Student Health offices.

Amy Saunders, coordinator of the Student Health Education Program, said after doing research, the majority of data proves over the past three years, students do want a smoke-free

campus.

"We continue to do research on this topic," Saunders said. "For example, on Assessment Day in April we will conduct online surveys and look closely at those results. Our results in the past have indicated the majority of students are tobacco-free on campus."

The Student Health

Education Program has also formed a committee to look at smoke-free campuses and tobacco prevention. The committee is currently working with not only Marshall's campus, but the Tri-State region as well. The program is interested in helping Huntington High

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Obama stresses economy, consensus in State of the Union



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U.S. President Barack Obama gives the State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress on Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

BY HILARY FREEMAN
THE PARTHENON

In the United States, the faith in the leaders of the nation are at record lows — with an approval rating of 15 percent for Congress and 45 percent for President Barack Obama.

Regardless of how disappointed the people are, at 9 p.m. Tuesday, the President stood behind a podium in front of a deeply divided congress to present the 2012 State of the Union address.

President Obama addressed the issue of the economy within the first few moments of his speech.

"I want to lay out a blueprint for an economy that's built to last — an economy built on American manufacturing, American energy, skills for American workers, and a renewal of American values," President Obama said in the State of the Union address. "My message is



Higher education can't be a luxury — it's an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford."

> President Obama

simple. It's time to stop rewarding businesses that ship jobs overseas and start rewarding companies that create jobs right here in America."

President Obama said he would like to end partisanship.

"What is at stake is not democratic values or republican values," President Obama said in his State of the Union address. "We need to end the notion that the two parties must be locked in a perpetual campaign of mutual destruction. "That politics is about clinging to rigid ideologies instead of building

consensus around common sense ideas."

Obama continued to address other pressing issues, such as education and the cost of higher education.

Obama said he wants to give states the power to reward good teachers, encourage every state to establish laws to not allow high school students to drop out until the age of 18, decrease student loan interest rates and increase federal work study programs.

"Let me put colleges and universities on notice: If you can't stop tuition from going

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New course part of required curriculum for Honors College

BY BRITTANEE BARTON
THE PARTHENON

Spring semester marks the debut of second-year seminar, a new course for honors students. The current Honors College sophomore class is the first group required to take HON-200, a course that is becoming a staple in the honors curriculum.

Mary Todd, Honors College Dean and one of six HON-200 instructors, said the course is based in leadership, ethics and civic engagement.

"It's a unique course to the Marshall Honors College that we felt was important to introduce leadership

development, some discussion of ethics and some discussion of being good citizens to the second year sophomore students in the Honors College," Todd said.

Though the semester is still young and the class is new to students, Sarah Powell, Spanish education major from Martinsburg, W.Va., had a favorable first impression of the course.

"It's going to be more worthwhile than I expected," Powell said. "I didn't really know what it was going to be about going in, but I think the civic engagement is good to encourage us to become good members of society."

Civic engagement is a facet

of this course that the instructors saw as necessary.

"Civic engagement is broadly defined to mean some experience outside your normal campus experience," Todd said. "The whole point in having some sort of community service is to capitalize on a real trend nationally to encourage college students to think beyond the campus boundaries and to look at learning as a way of giving back."

Powell views the all-honors attendance as another benefit of the class.

"I think it definitely provides an opportunity for growth," Powell said. "Being around peers who are also

as dedicated and hard working allows for a little more deep thinking. It's definitely a good place to feed off of each other and think outside the box."

Todd said responding to changing standards served as the inspiration for the HON-200 creators.

"People look to honors students and think that they're natural leaders, but in fact people aren't born leaders," Todd said. "Leadership needs to be developed. That idea of leadership education has been a fairly recent trend in higher education."

"The ethics piece is another national trend that during an undergraduate

experience, they should have some exposure to ethics," Todd said. "It's a real collage of some of the key trends that are going on in higher education. Trying to bring that into a one semester experience will be our biggest challenge."

To earn an honors diploma, students must take 24 hours of honors courses, some of which, including the first and second year seminar, are mandatory classes. While the courses may be closely related, there are definite differences between the two.

"The emphasis of the first year seminar for all Marshall students is on critical

thinking and on an initial exposure to the domains of learning," Todd said. "We are expecting students to use critical thinking to explore the issues in this course."

Another difference exists in the fact that all students must take first year seminar, while second year seminar is strictly an honors course. Todd said this is the case for now.

"It might be a pilot for a program the university may adopt, though it didn't do that at the time they adopted the new curriculum recently," Todd said.

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Resource Center reaches out to students

BY JOANIE BORDERS
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The Student Resource Center is making a concentrated effort to be more visible to students.

Resource specialists from the SRC will be at a table on the first floor of the Memorial Student Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday. They will provide important information about frequently asked questions by Marshall students, as well as packets from their programs.

"Table Tuesdays," as resource specialist Jessica Jordan calls them, are a way for the SRC to get where the students are and make them

aware of what the SRC has to offer.

Jordan said that she wants students to realize that the SRC really is a "one stop Shop" for any questions about Marshall that students might have, including registering for classes, advising, financial aid, clubs, activities and more.

The SRC offers cannot only help students find the answers to their questions about Marshall, but can also offer assistance in helping students obtain internships and organizations on campus that will help students further themselves in their careers.

The SRC encourages

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Faculty recital allows students to hear guitar stylings of professors

BY KEYAIRA MCCAULEY
THE PARTHENON

Monday's faculty recital gave students at Marshall University the opportunity to hear the guitar played at the Smith Recital Hall.

Guitar professor Julio Ribeiro Alves performed a number of pieces from various artists.

Alves said he described the program as being very diverse.

"I have pieces from German composer J.S. Bach, Mexican composer Manuel Ponce, Cuban composer Leo Brouwer, Italian composer D. Scarlatti and Spanish composer I. Albeniz," Alves said.

With the amount of technology in the world, Alves

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> JULIO RIBIERO ALVES,
GUITAR PROFESSOR

said he asked himself how the recital hall experience could be revived for this generation.

"Many times it seems a little bit like people are becoming less willing to just sit and experience something that might take a little longer," Alves said. "I think it's a nice experience for students to have the opportunity to enjoy music and live performances with no editing, just the real deal."

Andrea Booker, senior criminal justice major, said she thinks it is important for music to continue to be taught in schools.

"Students, especially young students, should be given the opportunity to learn to play instruments in school," Booker said. "Recitals like this expose students to this type of music and might even inspire some of them to learn to play an instrument."

The recital was described as an "old fashioned type of recital hall experience" as Alves performed by himself, with no backing instruments or singing.

Alves said there is a difference between going to movies and going to see a live play.

"People try to find formulas to be content and happy," Alves said. "I think musicians provide small bits of pleasure and happiness, and we provide opportunities to ease a little bit of the load of everyday life."

The College of Fine Arts hosts several faculty recitals throughout the semester.

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Red Cross hosts blood drive

BY JUSTON DONADIEU
THE PARTHENON

The Don Morris Room was filled Tuesday afternoon with volunteers, nurses and students eager to provide blood to those in need.

The Marshall University Red Cross Club conducted a blood drive, as they have many times since becoming a student organization in February 2011.

In less than a year, a small handful of members have succeeded in setting up drives like these up and executing them at least twice a month. Their reasons for volunteering time and service are uniquely personal.

"I got involved because my mom needed four units of blood in order to survive," said Heather Hild, sophomore early education major and vice president of the club. "If it weren't for other people giving blood, I would not have her today. She is my best friend."

She said giving blood once can save three people's lives, on average.

Hild said she became close friends with her fellow officers through Red Cross, has been involved with the organization since her freshman year

and plans to continue volunteering.

One of the issues facing the club is a need for new members, as several of the current members will be graduating in May.

Brittini Brooks, senior print journalism major and president of the club, said "People have tried to get a club started a couple of times in the past, but not enough people joined."

There are currently 15 active members, but the members hope to recruit at least five more by the year's end, according to the club's volunteer coordinator, junior elementary education major Katlyn Fitzpatrick.

To some degree, the group has succeeded in their goal to recruit new members.

"I joined the Red Cross organization because I need volunteer hours, and a man at the canteen station in a wolf shirt said that they needed members," said freshman biology major Jenna Saltgaver.

Tuesday's drive was sponsored by Alpha Sigma Pi.

The next Red Cross Club blood drive is scheduled for February 1 and 2.

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Rep. Giffords bids farewell to Congress

BY LISA MASCARO
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(MCT)

WASHINGTON—Steady in her sneakers and grasping the helpful hand of a colleague, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords walked onto the House floor as colleagues approved her border security bill on the day she retired from elected office.

Giffords made her way down the center aisle that divides Democrats from Republicans, a distinction the Arizona congresswoman had tried to blur with her moderate politics and good nature. Colleagues quickly enveloped her slight frame, offering an outstretched hand or, more often, a kiss on the cheek. In ovation, lawmakers stood.

Friends have said the three-term Democrat has never been one to tackle goals halfway. It was fitting, then, that she closed out her career on Wednesday with a legislative victory. The House unanimously passed the border security bill she had authored.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi called Giffords "the brightest star that

Congress has ever seen."

"She has brought the word dignity to new heights by her courage," Pelosi said. "Congresswoman Giffords' message of bipartisanship and civility is one that all in Washington and in the nation should honor and emulate."

The congresswoman was shot in the head a year ago after a gunman opened fire at a public event Giffords hosted for constituents outside a Tucson grocery store. Six people died and 12 others were wounded in a rampage that unsettled lawmakers and brought pleas for civility during an era of heated partisan politics.

Her last day in Congress was bittersweet, as emotional colleagues said farewell to the well-liked 41-year-old, who announced on Sunday that she would step down to focus on her recovery.

Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., the majority leader, said that "while Gabby may be leaving Washington today, I know this won't be the last we see of her."

Giffords' mother, Gloria, watched from the House gallery along with the congresswoman's

husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly. Her father watched from Tucson. The chamber was mostly full, and staff members ringed the back rows.

At one point, Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., who called Giffords "an extraordinary daughter of this House," said to her, "We have missed you."

Giffords, who had turned backward in the chair to see her colleague, replied: "And I miss you."

The legislation approved Wednesday would impose tougher penalties on those who use ultralight aircraft to smuggle narcotics. Officials believe the planes are carrying drugs into the United States across the southern border with Mexico with increased frequency. The bill, introduced this week with Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., closes a loophole that imposed lesser penalties on smugglers who use ultralights than autos or planes.

It passed unanimously 408-0, with Giffords casting her final vote.

Quick approval offered a gesture of goodwill from Giffords' colleagues. A similar bill from Giffords had drawn bipartisan

support in the last session of Congress, but died in the Senate where colleagues have pledged to give this one speedy treatment.

Giffords submitted her resignation, effective at the close of business Wednesday.

One of her best friends in Congress, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., read the letter on the floor through a tearful farewell, with Giffords at her side and surrounded by other Arizona lawmakers.

"As I have worked to regain my speech, thank you for having faith in my ability to be your voice," Giffords wrote to her colleagues and constituents. "I have given all of myself to being able to walk back onto the House floor this year to represent Arizona's 8th Congressional District. However, today I know that now is not the time."

"I will recover and will return," she concluded.

With that, Giffords climbed the steps of the House rostrum to deliver the letter to House Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, who embraced his colleague and wiped tears from his eyes.

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Herd falls to UAB, drops third straight

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Herd returned home Wednesday in hopes of breaking a two-game losing streak, but the University of Alabama proved to be too tough as the

Blazers shut down Marshall in the second and extended the Herd's losing streak to three.

UAB won the contest 56-49.

Midway through the second half, Marshall went cold from the field and

went nearly nine minutes without hitting a shot from the field. The Blazers used that stretch to go on a 14-3 run, building a ten-point lead, which proved to be too much for the Herd to overcome.

"We knew these guys were going to come in wanting revenge," said junior forward Dennis Tinnon. "We needed to come out strong, and I guess they just wanted it more than we did and played harder."

Marshall shot just 35 percent from the field and a dismal 21 percent from beyond the arc en route to scoring its lowest point total to date this season. DeAndre Kane led the way for Marshall, scoring 12 points to go along with seven assists and six boards.

"Our offense let us down mightily, and tonight was a prime example of that," said Marshall head coach Tom Herrion. "We were inept offensively. We left too many points at the foul line and couldn't make an open shot, plain and simple."

The loss is Marshall's third straight overall and its second in conference play, moving the Herd to 13-7 (4-2).

Coach Herrion said, unlike recent losses, defense was not an issue Wednesday.

"Our defense was fine, especially in the second half," Herrion said. "But you put so much pressure on your defense every time down it's hard to play against these really good teams."

The victory moves UAB



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Sophomore guard DeAndre Kane has his shot deflected during a second half shot against UAB. The Blazers took down the Thundering Herd, holding Marshall to just 35 percent from the field in the game. Kane scored a team-high 12 points, but committed two fouls down the stretch.



Around the league...

USM- 72
ECU- 60

Five players scored in double figures for the Golden Eagles, who defeated East Carolina to complete the series sweep.

SMU- 74
Tulane- 80

The Green Wave mustered up 63 points in the second half to earn a comeback victory over SMU.

UCF- 61
Tulsa- 66

The Golden Hurricane held off a late run by the Knights to pull off a key home victory over a top team in the conference.

Rice- 51
Memphis- 73

The Tigers ran away with the home contest, grabbing a 12-point advantage in the first half.

Sophomore Woods juggles basketball, parenthood

BY LAWREN HIGHTOWER
THE PARTHENON

Erica Woods, sophomore sports management and marketing major, is a key piece to the 12-6 record the Marshall University women's basketball team has posted this season.

Woods, originally from St. George's, Bermuda, has been living in the United States since 2007 and has attended Marshall since 2009.

Woods first stop was the IMG academy in Bradenton, Fla.

"I really liked IMG in Florida," Woods said. "It was a new experience, but I had a lot of fun learning at the basketball academy."

Woods played in 25 games as a true freshman in 2009, but was forced to sit out the entire 2010 season due to a pregnancy. Zion Woods, Erica's son, is 11 months old.

"He (Zion) is my number one priority," Woods said.

Woods said the year she was forced to sit out has actually made her a better student of the game.

"While I sat out that year, I attended a lot of home games, and I began to study my opponents and gained a better understanding about everything that was going on within the game from an outside perspective," Woods said. "I've also

become a better teammate. With me being a mom now, I'm more nurturing to the younger players because I have been there before. I've become a better leader."

Royce Chadwick, head coach for the Marshall women's team has also noticed the maturation and leadership of Woods.

"When it comes to Erica, I'm most impressed with her adaptability," Chadwick said, "She is extremely versatile and has played three different positions for our team. She can play inside and out and do both with tremendous effectiveness. She is a team leader and plays the game with great composure and poise. She is an outstanding leader sets the tone for her practice play as she leads by example."

Woods participated in the European Champion Games in 2009 representing the Great Britain Under 20 women's team that placed ninth in the tournament. When asked if she would like to represent her country in the 2012 London Olympics, Woods said she remained optimistic about her chances.

"My original intentions were to play, but obviously I have a son now," Woods said. "I'm really just doing the school and basketball

thing right now, trying to be a good student athlete and an even better mom, but if I had the chance to play, I would love the opportunity."

Woods was recruited as guard and played guard during her freshman year, but has now moved to a forward spot and plays in the post. She leads the team with 6.4 rebounds per game.

"I just want to do anything I can to help the team," Woods said. "They have me down there playing with the trees, but I'm a guard at heart."

Ed Geth, Marshall women's assistant coach, said he is proud of every member of the team, but he was particularly impressed with the work that Woods has done inside the post this season.

"Erica Woods has done a good job stepping in and rebounding," Geth said. "All of our converted guards have done a good job. The quickness of our post players gives us the ability to create mismatches in the post."

Erica Woods and the women's basketball team are in action this weekend. The Herd plays at 8 p.m. Thursday at Memphis and at 3 p.m. Sunday at Tulane.

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ABOVE: Erica Woods delivers a pass during Sunday's game against UCF. Woods leads the team in rebounds per game with 6.4.

LEFT: Woods also has a son who left her sitting out last season. Zion Woods is 11 months old.

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OPINION

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COLUMN

There's no such thing as a 'useless' college degree

BY MARIAH WEBB
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Last week, Yahoo Education released a story titled, "College Majors That Are Useless." I have seen many similar lists based on salary and expected job openings.

I was not particularly surprised by the majors this list named (horticulture, animal science, theater, fashion design and agriculture). However, something about this article got students on Facebook really fired up.

Perhaps it was the use of the word "useless" in the title. Useless? Surely Yahoo isn't endorsing the notion that any college degree can be useless?

It can't be denied that certain areas of expertise yield a higher pay rate than others, but to have a degree of any kind is not only recommended to the millennial generation, it also is becoming increasingly necessary.

I could easily produce a lengthy explanation as to why any of the majors Yahoo listed supply a number of tools usable in any workforce, but I won't insult your intelligence. Any reasonable individual can deduce that a degree in animal sciences could assist with everyday life in a number of ways.

No, this argument is shallow, and it does not accurately represent the message I wish to send. A diploma is a diploma, and no matter what the degree is in, the graduate will have obtained skills usable in many environments.

The offense lies not in the idea that any given degree is less practical

than another. This is simply a fact. For instance, everything about acting is impractical, but that is arguably a reason to delight in it. This brings me to my point. I believe that practicality is far less urgent than the happiness obtained from chasing your passion. In other words, do you really want to drag yourself to classes you hate in preparation for a job you will despise?

It is hard for many of us to consider placing happiness over frugality. There are times when I wonder if they are one in the same.

Money and employment have been presented as absolute top priorities our entire lives. Many of us have watched our parents put in extra hours to keep the water running, and yeah, being hungry isn't exactly an awesome sensation. Money is comfortable. Most of us are not used to being without money, and such a state would cause discomfort. You would be lying to yourself if you expect to become an instant success at anything, especially in a highly competitive field like acting.

I'm not a mystic. I don't believe in callings. I do, however, believe that everyone was born with a biological aptitude for success in a certain field. Call it what you will, but these talents help define us. They make us the beautifully distinct creatures we are. To deny yourself the chance to live passionately because "it's not practical" is tragic. Have faith in yourself. Even if you don't, believe your biology doesn't lie.

Lose yourself in what you love, and remember that no degree is useless.

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EDITORIAL

Economic fairness begins with implementing the 'Buffett Rule'

In the State of the Union address delivered Tuesday night, President Barack Obama stated he would seek to implement the "Buffett Rule" — a tax rule that would enforce a minimum 30 percent income tax on all individuals making more than \$1 million annually. In a strange, but coincidental event, the GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney finally, after much reluctance, released his tax returns to the public. One does not need to look far to see proof that the United States needs to rid itself of the current minimum tax law that gives breaks to millionaires. The fact that a man who makes \$21.7 million in a year, like Romney, can pay the same tax rate (14.7 percent) as an individual earning \$50,000 annually is proof enough that a change needs to occur.

Many conservatives have labeled this, "class warfare." It is far from such. This is about shrinking the disparity between the ultra-rich at the top of the pyramid and the destitute poor who make up the foundation of it. Since the 2008 Great Recession, the class disparity has grown at an exponential rate. The middle class is shrinking,

and the other lower economic classes are suffering even more, while individuals like Romney make nearly five times as much as the average person and pay around the same amount of taxes. How can it be that a country like the U.S. can leave behind the vast majority of its people, some call this the 99 percent, while a minute percent (1 percent) get so far ahead? To abate this a tax such as the Buffett Rule would at least be a fair start to working toward economic fairness, and eventually economic equality.

"If you are the one making under \$250,000 a year — like 98 percent of American families — then your taxes should not go up," President Obama said in his address on Tuesday. "You are the ones struggling with rising costs, stagnant wages. You are the ones who need relief." Take away tax breaks for the ultra-rich and make them pay their fair share of taxes. It is nonsensical for a middle-class factory worker to pay the same amount of taxes as a hedge fund manager. The country should not be one where presidential candidates and millionaires pay the same in taxes as their secretaries.

POLITICAL CARTOON



COLUMN

Finding what you care about can lead to a life that incites change

BY JOANIE BORDERS
THE PARTHENON

As a writer for The Parthenon, I was gathering material for a story I was writing about students making the most of their time at Marshall University. I started off the interview asking the basic questions about the event, program, times and dates. Then I found myself very much in a conversation that was tailored to myself and my experiences at Marshall, but more importantly what I was going to do when I graduated. As a senior, this invades my thoughts more often than not, as most seniors will admit to. We started talking about different internship programs, exchange programs and opportunities that were options for journalism. All of the options not only sounded like a chance of a lifetime but something that I didn't want to miss out on. That's when my interviewee

said something that really caught my attention, "College is really what shapes you into the person you want to be."

Sitting in my journalism ethics class later that day, I had another moment that knocked me off my feet. Among the many controversial topics and outlandish situations that we try to decipher in the class, we are asked questions that are intended to really make us think about our answers and decide really what we would do if faced with a similar situation. In the middle of a heated lecture about abortion clinics, the professor stopped and simply asked us, "Is there something that pisses you off?"

This was an odd question, I thought. Of course there are things that make me angry! For example, every single time I try to park at a meter on campus after 9 a.m. or when there is not a single table at Starbucks

when I need to study or how people say "Krogers" when only referring to one specific Kroger. Then, he went on to add, "other than what hinders you from getting or doing what you want." Shame was possibly the only thing I felt at that point. How self-conscious was I really that the only things I was willing to make an effort to change were things that were going to directly benefit me in the end? There are so many countless things wrong with the world: human trafficking, world hunger, poverty and violence just to name a few. When I got to campus I was mad I couldn't find a close enough parking meter.

One of the things that growing up has taught me is anger can lead to passion and passion can lead to change. People who aren't passionate don't change the world. It's the people that are willing to get right in the midst of a problem and make things happen that

change the world. Growing up in a generation that uses so much social media and sees young entrepreneurs every day, I really believe that one person can make a difference. College is a place that offers a new opportunity around every corner. In my senior year at Marshall, I am the most thankful of the things that forced me out of my comfort zone and caused me to experience new things and find things that I've fallen in love with. Marshall offers such a wide variety of opportunities and experiences that if you concentrate too much on how to find that parking meter, you'll miss out. One of the many lessons that journalism has taught me is that everyone has a voice, and voices make change. So at the end of what seemed like a normal day last week, I was left with the question: What really pisses me off, and how am I going to change it?

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Somalia raid shows extent of US reach

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MOGADISHU, Somalia—The Navy SEALs parachuted into the darkness, landing more than a mile from their objective: a small bush camp in north-central Somalia where an American aid worker and a Danish colleague were being held captive.

The commandos, several dozen in all, shed their chutes and moved quietly through the brush.

The compound had been under secret U.S. surveillance for weeks after an intelligence tip had signaled the whereabouts of the hostages, 32-year-old Ohio native Jessica Buchanan and 60-year-old Poul Thisted.

But investigators believed that Buchanan's health was failing and that she might suffer kidney failure. "We were told that she was not well and, left untreated, her condition could be life threatening," said a senior U.S. official.

About 2 a.m. Wednesday, the SEALs stormed the kidnappers' compound. In the ensuing firefight, they killed nine people and rescued the pair without injury.

The hostages and SEALs were picked up by helicopters, which flew to an airstrip at the Somali town of Galkayo, 60 miles north of the encampment. There the hostages were transferred to a U.S. military plane and flown to Djibouti.

Pentagon officials defended the decision to kill the hostage takers, arguing that they were armed and that explosives were found at the camp. The SEALs could have taken prisoners, but they were

operating under rules of engagement that permitted use of deadly force if their lives or those of the hostages were threatened.

The dramatic rescue, by SEALs from the same special operations unit that killed Osama bin Laden in his Pakistan hideout in May, reflects how much has changed about U.S. capabilities in Somalia. In 1993, the U.S. military retreated from a failed peacekeeping mission after losing 18 Americans and two Black Hawk helicopters in a fierce battle in the capital, Mogadishu.

Only after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks did the Pentagon return to Somalia and other countries in the region, deploying surveillance drone aircraft, special operations units and warships off the coast. The goal was to keep tabs on Islamist militants who have seized control of much of Somalia, and armed pirates who regularly hijack oil tankers and other ships and their crews for ransom off its coast.

An armed gang abducted Buchanan and Thisted in October in Galkayo, a bustling city of half a million people. The two were working for the Danish Refugee Council, a humanitarian aid group that helps clear minefields, aids maimed victims and assists refugees, the legacy of Somalia's years of lawlessness and civil war.

That same month, militants from the Shabab, an Islamic militant group that has carried out a violent campaign against the weak transitional government in Mogadishu, seized the Danish Refugee Council's offices and those of 15 other groups operating in

southern Somalia, halting aid efforts in many areas.

U.S. investigators concluded early on that the men who kidnapped Buchanan and Thisted were criminals trying to make money from ransom, not Shabab militants or pirates.

At first, there were promising signs that the hostages' ordeal might be short. Local clan leaders denounced the abduction, and supporters organized demonstrations demanding their freedom. FBI agents investigating the kidnapping of the U.S. citizen were cautiously optimistic.

A team of hostage negotiators based out of the FBI's New York field office advised Buchanan's family and officials from the Danish Refugee Council, who had made contact with the kidnappers via sympathetic Somali clan leaders.

But the negotiations came to nought. Then in mid-January, the FBI received intelligence that the aid workers were under guard near the village of Hiimo Gaabo, 60 miles south of Galkayo.

Thisted, who had studied anthropology and education in Denmark, had worked in East Africa for more than a decade and had managed explosives safety programs in Somalia for the nonprofit group since 2009.

Buchanan grew up in Cincinnati and first came to Africa in 2007 as a student teacher for the Rosslyn Academy, a private Christian elementary and high school in Nairobi, Kenya.

She decided to stay for two years teaching fourth grade, said Dan King, the U.S. manager for the Kenyan school.

Buchanan left the relative

safety of Nairobi and began working on land mine education programs in Somalia in May 2010.

"She could hardly talk about Africa without tears in her eyes," said Don Meyer, president of Valley Forge Christian College in Phoenixville, Pa., where Buchanan had studied early education. "This was a deep sense of calling."

She didn't speak to him about the dangers of working in Somalia.

"These kinds of people who serve in these dangerous places, it seems like they don't talk much about the danger," Meyer said.

"Their focus is on their mission. Their safety isn't in the forefront, which amazes me sometimes."

After Buchanan was kidnapped, the 1,100 students at Valley Forge came together to pray for her safety. At the request of the family and the FBI, the prayer was not broadcast live on the Internet, as is usually done. Students were instructed not to speak about her case outside school or on social media.

In Washington, the case was drawing high-level interest.

Shortly after the kidnapping, John O. Brennan, the White House deputy national security adviser, met with Denmark's justice minister, Morten Boedskov.

President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta received regular updates on the latest intelligence, officials said.

After learning of Buchanan's declining health, aides told Obama that a rescue operation might be necessary, and the president ordered planning for a rescue, Pentagon officials said.

White House plan would alter tax policy to encourage insourcing

BY ALISA PRIDDLE
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DETROIT—A number of tax proposals form the backbone of President Barack Obama's blueprint to support American manufacturing by discouraging outsourcing.

A series of six proposals are designed to change aspects of the tax code so a company deciding where to build its products will be swayed to choose the United States rather than a lower-cost country such as China, White House officials said Wednesday.

Gene B. Sperling and Jason Furman, both of the White House's National Economic Council, expanded on the president's State of the Union address in a briefing Wednesday before Obama's remarks at Conveyor Engineering & Manufacturing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The president is asking companies to think twice when deciding where to build their products, Sperling said. Instead of using past data that focused on lower labor costs in emerging countries, companies are being asked to look 10 years down the road and recognize a shift to greater productivity in the U.S.

Obama's visit to Iowa started a three-day, five-state tour that concludes Friday morning at the University of Michigan, where he will discuss retraining for workers and the need for colleges to hold down tuition costs.

The administration said the manufacturing sector added more than 300,000 jobs since December 2009, helped by companies bringing jobs back to the U.S. and making additional investments here. Manufacturing jobs are growing for the first time since the late 1990s, officials said.

The cost of implementing the tax proposals, which Obama wants Congress to act on immediately, would

be covered by closing tax loopholes that encourage shifting jobs overseas and shielding profits overseas.

The proposals include:
—Removing tax deductions for expenses related to outsourcing, such as moving expenses for shipping jobs overseas, and providing new incentives, such as a 20 percent income tax credit for the expenses of bringing them back home.

—Narrowing eligibility for current tax deductions for domestic manufacturing, and doubling the deduction for advanced manufacturing from 9 percent to 18 percent.

—Creating a new Manufacturing Communities Tax Credit to help communities that have suffered plant closure and massive layoffs. Tax incentives would help communities persuade new companies to move into shuttered facilities and refurbish them. The credit would provide \$2 billion per year in incentives for three years.

—Creating \$5 billion in temporary tax credits, predicted to drive nearly \$20 billion in domestic clean energy manufacturing. The president is proposing to extend the Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit, which goes to investments in clean energy manufacturing in the United States and was oversubscribed more than three times over.

—Reauthorizing 100 percent expensing of investment in plants and equipment at a cost of \$4 billion. This is an extension through the end of the year of a provision that allows businesses to expense the full cost of their investments in equipment. Over two years, this is predicted to provide businesses with \$50 billion in tax relief.

—Closing a loophole that allows companies to shift profits overseas to avoid taxes, a move estimated to raise \$23 billion.

CESSATION

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School received smoke detectors for their restrooms to help decrease smoking on school grounds.

Along with their work in this area, the committee is also planning to attend the Tobacco Free Day at the capital on Friday, Feb. 24.

A tobacco quit-line is also available to those who seek help to stop smoking. The West Virginia Tobacco Quit-line was established in July 2000 and, since then, has enrolled more than 50,600 individuals. Those interested in participating in individual phone coaching to cease tobacco use can call 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Participants will also receive free

nicotine replacement therapy, which includes patches and gum.

Teresa Mills, with the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, said the quit-line is free to individuals 18-34 years of age, and other age ranges depending on insurances.

"This specific population covers Marshall students and offers them an opportunity to receive free and easy access to help," Mills said.

Smoking is prohibited in any Marshall building, including dormitories. In order to light a cigarette, an individual must be more than 20 feet away from a building on campus.

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"A student will find it attractive if they are interested in Brazil or South America in general, environmental issues, natural resource management or sustainable development," Newsome said.

The trip offers a three-hour credit in economics, sustainable development and micro-finance attempts.

Additional information about these programs is available in the Global-Study Lounge located in Old Main room 321.

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students to come by their table in the Memorial Student Center with any questions they might have or to find out about their latest program.

Workshops are held by the SRC every Wednesday and Thursday on various topics including extracurricular activities and orientation for new students. The SRC is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center. Students are welcomed as walk-ins or by appointment.

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up, the funding you get from taxpayers will go down," President Obama said in his State of the Union address.

"Higher education can't be a luxury — it's an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford."

A recurring theme in the State of the Union address was the need for action by Congress by members of both parties — to write, sign and send bills.

In his speech, President Obama proposed several new tax reforms for businesses, including a tax break for remodeling the building and factories for clean energy and preventing tax breaks for companies that outsource jobs.

President Obama also

announced the formation of a legal task force to protect Americans from fraud by banks, another task force to assist Americans in mortgages crises, tearing down of red tape for construction projects and furthering the support of veterans of the U.S. military through job placement.

As a politician, President Obama's said he hopes to get re-elected. So the audience was shown some highlights of the third year of President Obama's term.

President Obama recounted the defeat of Osama Bin Laden, the assistance in the liberation of Libya and the homecoming of troops from Afghanistan.

The President also made a few references to failed endeavors by his administration, such as the Solyndra issue early this

year. Bradlee Jordan, member of the Marshall University Young Democrats, was very pleased with President Obama's speech and his past year as president.

"I am glad that we have new options on the table," Jordan said. "I think that there are a lot of initiatives that could have an impact on the country and those are just what we need. We have reached a breaking point and we need to reform things to prevent returning to the failed policies of the past."

However, Aaron Kidd, member of the Marshall University Young Republican, had a different opinion regarding President Obama's speech.

"While lofty and exuberant in their delivery, his ideas have no way of being financially possible or even responsible in some

means," Kidd said. "Unless our country can come to grips with the huge amount of debt straddling us, we are destined to follow countries in Europe who are having severe fiscal problems."

In his last words, President Obama left the nation with a truth that cannot be contested by either side of the aisle.

"This nation is great because we get each other's backs, and if we hold fast to that truth, in this moment of trial, there is no challenge too great; no mission too hard," President Obama said in his State of the Union address. "As long as we're joined in common purpose, our journey moves forward, our future is hopeful and the state of our Union will always be strong."

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RV, boat show comes to Big Sandy Arena

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The 2012 RV and Boat Show is at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena this weekend with more than 30 vendors to inform recreational enthusiasts of new products and services.

Lynn Butler, owner of Setzers World of Camping, said the expo is an annual event that has been around since 1980.

"RV dealers have been doing this show for at least 30 years," Butler said. "It used to be run by promoters but now the RV dealers are putting it together."

Jeff Scott, show coordinator, said this is a record-breaking year for vendors.

"This show will have the most vendors than any other show we've held in the past," Scott said. "Last year, we had 24 vendors, and this year we will have 31."

The vendors will preview new products and services for the 2012 recreation season.

"Kentucky Parks will be at the show this weekend to talk about some new activities they will have," Scott said. "They are going to start rappel lines, zip lines and kayaking. They will also give out more information on upcoming caving weekends."

In addition to RV and boat vendors, Mardi Gras Casino and Resort will have a booth to promote the dog races.

The expo will be 5 p.m. through 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. through 9 p.m. Saturday and noon through 5 p.m. Sunday.

Cincinnati Reds make visit to Huntington Mall

THE PARTHENON

The Cincinnati Reds are coming to the Huntington Mall for their 2012 caravan tour around the country.

The Reds will be at the center court of the mall from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Nancy Conrad, secretary at Huntington Mall marketing department, said this is not the first time the Reds have been at the mall.

"They have been here several times before during their caravan tour," Conrad said. "Generally, only four or five players come to the event, but we usually get a good turnout."

Conrad said an average of 300 to 500 guests attend these types of events.

Members of the team to attend the meet and greet include All-Star second baseman, Brandon Phillips; top minor league prospect Tucker Barnhart; assistant general manager, Bob Miller; and team mascot, Grapper.

In addition to the autograph signing, there will be a free raffle for two tickets to Opening Day 2012.

The meet and greet is sponsored by Clear Channel Radio and WVHU AM.



Neil Berg's "100 Years of Broadway" gathers some of Broadway's most popular shows and throws them into one act. The show features actual performers from well-known Broadway shows such as "The Phantom of the Opera," "Chicago," "Cats," "Les Miserables" and others.

Composer to give students crash course in Broadway



THE PARTHENON

Neil Berg's "100 Years of Broadway" will make its way to Huntington 3 p.m. Sunday at the Keith Albee Theater.

Neil Berg, composer and lyricist, is the creator and co-producer of Neil Berg's "100 Years of Broadway."

Berg said once students see the show, they are going to realize how wonderful and important Broadway is.

The show "100 Years of Broadway" will be 3 p.m. Sunday at the Keith Albee.

"This show is a great way for students who don't really know Broadway to get

a crash course," Berg said. "We play Broadway like it's a rock 'n' roll concert."

Berg is the composer and lyricist of the off-Broadway musical "The Prince and the Pauper." He is also the composer of the new Broadway musical "Grumpy Old Men."

"We've got an incredible cast," Berg said. "We have five of the biggest stars from some of the biggest shows on Broadway."

Stars that will be performing in Huntington are: Ivan Rutherford,

who played the role of Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables" on Broadway; Chuck Wagner, who starred in "Jekyll & Hyde," Carter Calvert, who starred in the Broadway musical "Cats," Sandra Joseph, who played in "The Phantom of the Opera" and has spent over 10 years straight on Broadway and Danny Zolli, who was the star of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Berg said there is a poll that shows more people are: Ivan Rutherford,

death, and that's why theater is so important.

"If you're afraid of something, college is the place to confront your fear," Berg said. "They're in college, they're supposed to be trying new things and there's no denying good talent."

Berg said students can learn a lot from Broadway and Broadway music has traced our country's history.

After the show, the cast will be in the lobby to sign autographs and answer questions.

Students offered experiences abroad

BY BRITTANEE BARTON
THE PARTHENON

Faculty members at Marshall University are offering students various study abroad opportunities which include trips to Florence, Italy, Beijing, China and Brazil this summer.

The College of Fine Arts and College of Liberal Arts are collaborating to offer a program set in Florence, Italy for three weeks this May. This is the third summer for the program, which includes the option of enrolling in the three-credit hour fine arts course, a three-credit hour English course or both.

Both classes will be taught in English by fine arts assistant professor Ian Hagarty and English professor Kateryna Schray. The program coordinators emphasize the advantages of learning in a specific environment.

"The goal is not to study just medieval literature and art, but to study medieval literature and art in the context of their setting," Schray said. "While

literature and art are in themselves valuable, their value is enriched when we can connect it to a culture's daily life. That's largely what this course is about."

Students will live in apartments and interact with the city on a daily basis.

"Assignments will send students to museums, churches, markets, restaurants, local clothing shops and even soccer matches," Schray said.

The deadline to apply is the second week of February.

"Interested students will need to act fast," Hagarty said. "Students will need to obtain a passport, fill out an application and scholarship forms and schedule a meeting with the Financial Aid Office. They will also need to register and fill out application forms on the Centers for Academic Programs Abroad website."

Ryan Warner of the Study Abroad Office is coordinating a trip to Beijing, China in June. While students will earn three credits for the course of Chinese

economic development, they will also take excursions to the Great Wall of China, Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

Finance and economics

professor Michael Newsome is planning an 11-day study tour to Brazil this May. The trip includes three days in Foz do Iguacu, three days in Curitiba and

five days in Rio de Janeiro. Newsome said this program should draw several types of students.

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Marshall University students gather on a moat bridge outside of the Forbidden City in China. Students will have the opportunity to earn class credit in Italy, China and Brazil this May.