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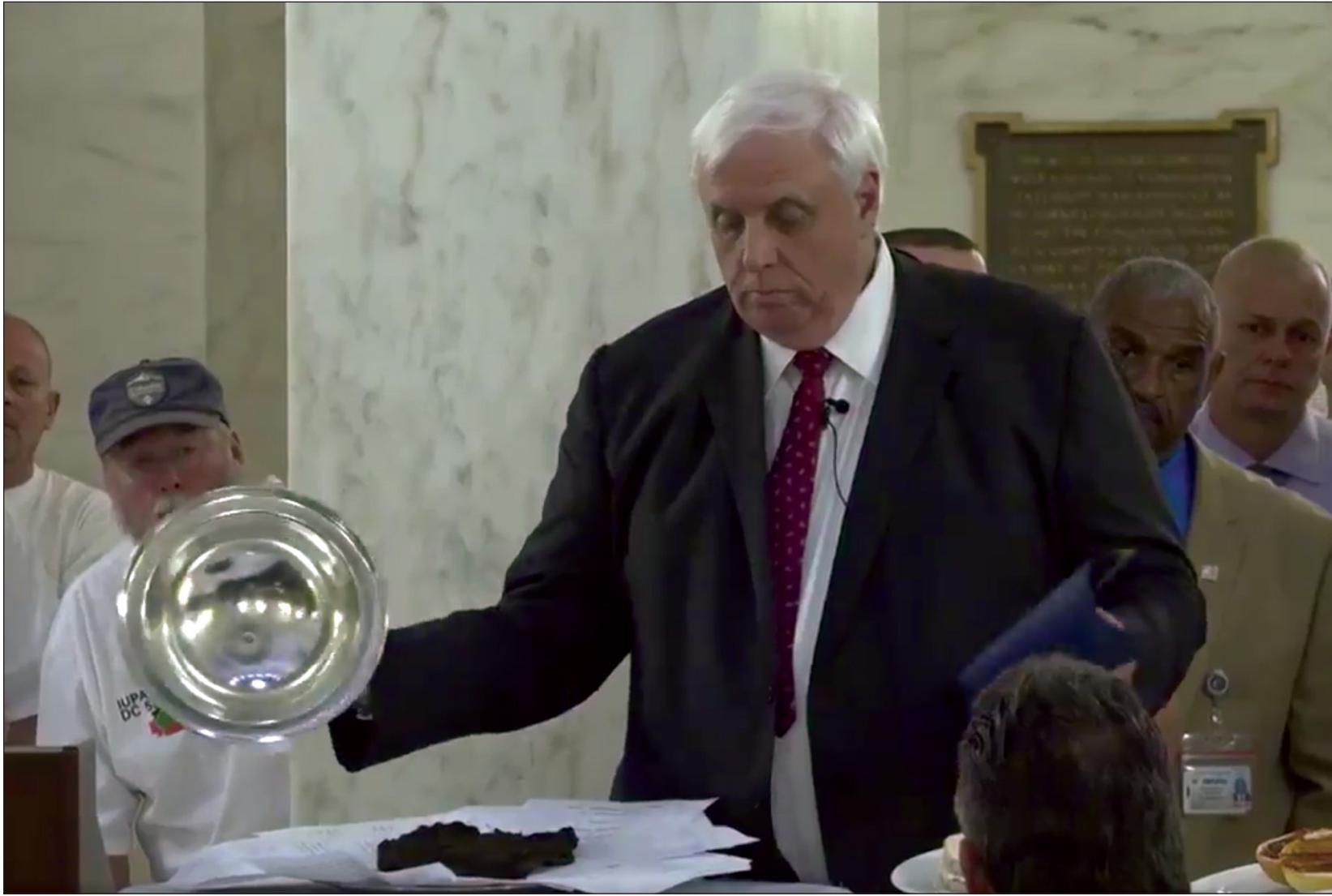
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SCREENSHOT | GOV. JIM JUSTICE'S TWITTER

Gov. Jim Justice said in an announcement Thursday that the proposed budget was a “bunch of political bull you-know-what.” He gave a visual representation of this opinion with a printed version of the budget bill vetoed Thursday.

Gov. Justice vetoes budget bill, delaying cuts to Marshall, higher ed.

By **KYLEE HURLEY**
THE PARTHENON

The West Virginia Legislature passed its budget bill, House Bill 2018, this past weekend with many of Gov. Jim Justice's original proposals not included in the bill.

One of the proposals in HB 2018 is cuts to higher education institutions around the state.

Speaker of the House Tim Armstead noted in a press release how much cuts to specific institutions around the state would be included.

“An 8-percent cut to Marshall and West Virginia universities and 4-percent cuts to all other state higher education institutions,” Armstead's release said.

According to the release, these “cuts (will) apply to the state's portion of the funding for these schools, and would translate to about a 1-2 percent reduction to their overall budgets.”

Marshall University associate professor and director of Masters in Public Administration, Marybeth Beller, weighed in on the potential budget cuts to Marshall University, but said no decisions have been solidified.

“My understanding is that the administration would look at taking small cuts from various programs rather than cutting anything specifically across the board,” Beller said.

According to a press release from Marshall's Office of University Communications, the proposed budget would include an \$8.3 million cut to Marshall University.

In a press release from Justice's website, West Virginia University President Gordon Gee and Marshall University President Jerome Gilbert voiced their disagreement with cuts to higher education prior to HB 2018 completing legislation.

In the release, Justice sided with both presidents' statements on the “devastating” cuts, as he referred to them, to higher education institutions around West Virginia.

Beller said she believed this was one of the highest cuts at one time that has ever been proposed during her 18-year tenure at Marshall University.

“Cutting higher education means that tuition is going to go up even further,” Beller said.

Beller also said the higher tuition increases from budget cuts could deter many students because of education being unaffordable.

She said the higher education cuts would affect West Virginia by leading to many West Virginians not getting a higher education, not being able to get into the job market and it would “fail to diversify our economy.”

“We lose all the way around when people are not educated to have diverse skills,” Beller said.

Gilbert released a statement following Justice's announcement that he would veto the budget bill passed last weekend.

“I'm pleased at Governor Justice's announcement today that he will veto the budget bill,” Gilbert said in the release.

“That budget would have been devastating for Marshall University and higher education in our state. Significant cuts would have forced us to consider major restructuring of our programs and academic units, and to look at the possibility of layoffs of faculty and staff, having already eliminated 16 percent of our staff and administrative positions through attrition to deal with the budget cuts over the past few years.”

Justice vetoed HB 2018 Thursday, avoiding the higher education budget cuts until a new proposal is reached.

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Investigators: Fear holding back witnesses in killings of 8



AP PHOTO | ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS

Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader, left, discusses the ongoing investigation into the unsolved killings of eight family members in southern Ohio on April 22, 2016, at a news conference attended by Attorney General Mike DeWine, whose office is leading the investigation, on Thursday, in Columbus, Ohio.

By **ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Residents of a rural southern Ohio county are holding back information on the unsolved massacre of eight family members based on fear, authorities said Thursday as the anniversary of the crime approaches.

Some are worried about retaliation by the killers. Others fear incriminating themselves

over their own criminal activity — likely involving drugs — unrelated to the slayings, investigators said during a news conference to update the public on the investigation.

“There is absolutely no doubt in my mind or in any investigator's mind that there's information that may be part truth, but not all the way true,” said Pike County Sheriff

Charles Reader.

Witnesses who come forward will be treated fairly, said Attorney General Mike DeWine, whose office is leading the investigation. The focus is on the homicide, not those individuals' crimes, he said.

On April 22, 2016, investigators found seven adults and a teenage boy from the Rhoden family shot to death

at four homes near Piketon. A newborn, another baby and a young child were unharmed.

One of the victims, Christopher Rhoden Sr., operated a commercial marijuana growing operation on his property “with the purpose of distributing the marijuana,” according to DeWine's office.

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Marshall President Jerry Gilbert and SGA President Matt Jarvis lay a wreath onto Supreme Court Justice John Marshall's grave in Richmond, VA.

Gilbert visits Richmond to pay respects to John Marshall

By ADAM STEPHENS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University President Jerry Gilbert and other university members traveled to Richmond, Virginia last weekend to visit the gravesite of Chief Justice John Marshall, the influential Supreme Court justice whom Marshall is named after.

Marshall is buried at the Shockoe Hill Cemetery alongside his wife and other family members. Gilbert and others were there to both pay their respects to Marshall as well as to clean and tidy up the area in the cemetery.

Those in attendance cleaned up the surrounding area by raking leaves and picking up sticks that had collected in the area. They were also able to clean the gravestones of Marshall and his family.

Gilbert said being in the cemetery where

such an influential figure in our nation's history is buried was moving and that he was pleased he and others were able to improve the surrounding site.

"I think that any time that you're in a cemetery you get a strong sense of history, so it was a very strong sense of connecting to the past," Gilbert said. "To be there at John Marshall's grave was an even stronger connection and to see it spruced up really made you feel good, we're doing something that his family would approve of and would think is a very good thing."

Those in attendance also laid a wreath in front of the gravesite and placed patriotic bunting on the fence surrounding Marshall's grave.

"I think it was meaningful and appropriate and that it also tied us to that site where John Marshall is at rest with

his family and it really made us feel connected," Gilbert said.

After the site and surrounding area was tidied up, there was a short ceremony honoring Marshall where the Marshall University fife and drum corps performed.

Those in attendance also participated in a tour of the cemetery, where they learned more about Marshall as well as the related grave sites nearby. During the tour, they learned that after Marshall's wife Polly died he would walk every day to visit her gravesite.

"It did make us feel like we were there paying our respects to him and recognizing him as a person," Gilbert said.

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-Marshall President Jerry Gilbert

Police Blotter

By HEATHER BARKER
THE PARTHENON

Assault by Threats

A complainant came to the MUPD station April 4 stating three females were stalking her and making physical harm and death threats on her phone. Police contacted those involved telling them to cease and desist. The case was turned over to Marshall Judicial Affairs.

Grand Larceny

A man reported on April 7 an unknown person stole his gray Genuine Blur scooter in January. The last time he saw the scooter it was parked in the student parking lot on Sixth Avenue and was under a black tarp. Tapes were reviewed, but there was no evidence, no witnesses and no suspects were identified.

Possession of

Marijuana

MUPD received a call from the on-duty resident advisor of Freshman South Residence Hall at 4:27 p.m. April 7 about a report of possession of marijuana in a resident's room. When officers arrived, the male student stated there was marijuana in the top draw of a plastic chest under his bed. He was issued an arrest citation for possession of a controlled substance

Unlawful Drinking Under 21

April 8 at 1:58 a.m., officers were called to Wellman Hall to a male who had been drinking. The suspect had used a fake ID and stated he had been drinking tequila and beer. Warrants were placed on file for drinking under 21 and possession of a fraudulent ID.

Larceny from Vehicle

Two victims reported April 11 unknown individuals stole their debit cards, drivers' licenses and wallets from an unlocked vehicle. No suspects at this time.

Petit Larceny

April 11, an individual stated her light blue, six-gear bike with aqua flowers was stolen from the bike rack outside Freshman North Residence Halls. The bike is valued at \$200.

Theft from Vehicle

April 11, MUPD received a call from a female whose passenger side window of her vehicle was busted. She stated that her purse and wallet were taken from the seat of her car. The car was parked in a parking space outside the Cam Henderson Center.

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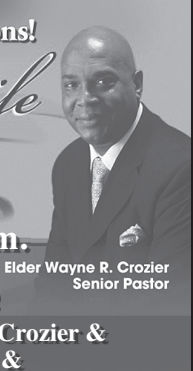
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Morgan Zerkle takes an at bat against Wright State during a double header April 5. Marshall won both games by scores of 4-2 and 9-1. Zerkle went for 5-7 while batting in 5 runs.

Herd looks for success at Virginia Challenge

By **PATRICK O'LEARY**
THE PARTHENON

After an abnormal weekend off last Friday and Saturday, the Marshall University track and field team returns to action this weekend. The team will compete Saturday in the William Walton Invitational in Harrisonburg, Virginia hosted by James Madison University.

Prior to last weekend off, the team had competed the previous three weekends to begin the outdoor portion of its season. During indoor season, the team at one point competed in six consecutive weekends.

"I think we are all pretty anxious and excited to compete this weekend after having last weekend off," distance runner Meagen Carter said. "This is a chance for us to all come together again and race after getting in some good training the past two weeks."

Two weekends ago, the team had a split squad as roughly half the team traveled to Gainesville, Florida for the Pepsi Florida Relays. The other half made the much shorter trip north to Athens, Ohio and Ohio University for the Cherry Blossom Invitational.

Although the team was split up, it was still a successful weekend. The team recorded two victories and three school records over the two meets.

The 4x800 meter relay team, shuttle hurdle relay team and distance medley relay team all broke school records. The previous school record in the shuttle hurdle relay had stood since 1998.

"A couple of those records were pretty old," head coach Jeff Small said. "It was great to get them off the books and get some new and better times."

With this weekend's meet for the Herd, the season gets down to the final few weeks of regular season competition. Next weekend, the team will travel back to Virginia for the University of Virginia Challenge in Charlottesville. The following weekend will be another split squad weekend, as some will travel to the historic Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The other part of the team will compete at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina.

Following a weekend off, the team will then compete at the Conference USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in San Antonio, Texas. That meet takes place after the school semester is over, beginning on May 11.

"We're getting into the heart of the season now," Carter said. "We have some competitive meets coming up and this weekend is getting us ready for those."

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Baseball, Softball take crucial conference trip to Florida

By **PATRICK O'LEARY**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University softball and baseball teams head to Florida for important series this weekend in Conference USA play. The softball team heads to Miami for a three-game set against Florida International. The baseball team meanwhile travels to Boca Raton for a three-game set against Florida Atlantic. Both series begin on Friday night.

The softball team (32-5,

14-1 Conference USA) has not played since last weekend's sweep over Florida Atlantic in Huntington. A midweek tilt at the University of Kentucky was rained out on Tuesday. Florida International is the second place team in the east division of Conference USA behind Marshall with a 32-10 overall record, and an 8-4 record in C-USA play.

However, FIU has lost their past two series in C-USA play, losing two out of three last

weekend at Texas-San Antonio, and two out of three in the team's previous series before that against Florida Atlantic.

The baseball team (17-15, 6-6 Conference USA) played two weekday games against perennial non-conference rivals Morehead State and Ohio, and won both. Junior infielder Tyler Ratliff hit a solo walk-off home run on Tuesday against Morehead State to defeat the Eagles 4-3. The Herd then bounced back and won again

on Wednesday, defeating the Bobcats 12-9.

Florida Atlantic (22-9-1, 9-3 C-USA) currently sits in third place in the conference standings. The team has an unconventional tie after tying Indiana early in the season 6-6 after going 11 innings. The Owls have won all four series in C-USA play that it has played in this season.

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COLUMN

MOAB bomb business as usual

By **JOSEPH ASHLEY**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The idea of war denotes something entirely different among groups; however, the question arises of what is and should be considered war in the 21st century.

"It is well that war is so terrible, or we should grow too fond of it," Robert E. Lee said at Fredericksburg as he viewed the savage battle in 1862.

This does not exactly fit with the military members, although for most of the United States, this quote fits exactly. Unfortunately, the military has become so bureaucratically entrenched with training, computer-based and daily routine, that deployment to a foreign nation is literally viewed as a relief to the tedium of a constant grind simply because it is a different kind of constant grind.

The United States authorized and deployed the largest non-nuclear bomb drop in recorded history Thursday. The target was ISIS in Afghanistan, but it is unclear whether President Donald Trump was aware of the operation until after the fact.

"Everybody knows exactly what happens, and what I do is I authorize my military," Trump said at a press conference Thursday. "We have the greatest military in the world and they've done a job as usual. We have given them total authorization, and that's what they're doing."

While it is speculative to whether Trump was aware or not, he has deferred to the judgment of Secretary of Defense James "Mad Dog" Mattis and the military leaders in place to determine the direction of U.S. forces. While

Trump has shown clear faults and a lack of military experience, this has to be one of his better decisions, although is blanket authorization giving away too much power?

Trump went on to praise the military for the success of the past eight weeks, and deemed Thursday's activities a success. The weapon used, GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb, was designed in 2002 and developed in 2003. The "MOAB," also referred to as the "Mother of All Bombs," was designed to be the most powerful non-nuclear weapon ever designed.

The focus at this point has to be does this record-breaking bomb drop actually change anything? Experience leads me to believe it does not change anything, aside from demonstrating resolve and weapons to other nations at most. The target forces of the bomb drop was ISIS, which Trump campaigned that he would fight against, and the area was a remote region of Afghanistan, which the United States has been bombing on and off for more than a decade now.

The bomb itself, 30 feet long and almost 11 tons, was dropped by the United States Air Force Special Operation Command from an MC-130. The target was a remote section of Eastern Afghanistan, the Achin district of the Nangarhar province. While this is still developing and may spiral into something more, it has almost a business as usual feel to it. That fact alone is worrying to whether war is becoming desensitized to the military and portions of the populace.

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EDITORIAL

'Mother of All Bombs' creates troubling precedent for U.S. warfare



NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS VIA AP

This May 2004 photo shows a GBU-43B, or massive ordnance air blast (MOAB) weapon, on display at the Air Force Armament Museum on Eglin Air Force Base near Valparaiso, Florida. U.S. forces in Afghanistan struck an Islamic State tunnel complex in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday with a GBU-43B, the largest non-nuclear weapon ever used in combat by the U.S. military, Pentagon officials said.

The United States dropped the "Mother of All Bombs," the country's most powerful non-nuclear bomb, in Afghanistan Thursday. The bombing targeted tunnels and caves that allowed ISIS members to move about the area freely.

The bomb, which weighs in at around 21,600 pounds according to CNBC, was developed during the Iraq War and is the first of its kind to be used in a battlefield. The original aim of the MOAB (Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb) was to act as a non-nuclear deterrent for former Iraq dictator Saddam Hussein.

While the damage caused is still unknown, it's a surprising and important tactical decision by the United States Armed Forces. A 2008 article from Elgin Air Force Base reports that, in testing, the bomb produced a mushroom cloud visible from 20 miles away, meaning the damage to the ISIS hive could be significant.

During the 2016 presidential campaigns, President Donald Trump promised to "bomb the s**t" out of ISIS. However, Trump was mum on whether or not he had authorized the use of the dramatic weapon, though he did voice his support for the attack.

"Everybody knows exactly what happens, and what I do is I authorize my military," Trump said. "We have given them total authorization and that's what they're doing."

A Pentagon official released a statement following the bombing in which Army Gen. John W. Nicholson, commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, said he did not need clearance from Trump to drop this attack.

This is the second major attack carried out by the United States in less than a week. The United States carried out an assault on a Syria airfield April 7, where the U.S. believes the Syrian government, under

President Bashar al-Assad, launched a toxic chemical attack against its own people. At the request of Trump, the United States launched 59 Tomahawk missiles at the airfield, the first U.S. attack on the Assad government following years of tension between the administration of former President Barack Obama and Assad.

Some criticized the attack for its ineffectiveness — the attack only took out about 20 percent of Syria's Air Force, according to the Pentagon — while others were more concerned with the foreign relations the attack could complicate. For instance, Russia, one of the world's largest nuclear powers, has intervened in the Syrian Civil War since 2015 and was unenthused by Trump's Syrian missile launch, with Russian President Vladimir Putin nearly cancelling a meeting with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson this week.

The attack also raised questions about Trump's use of such weapons, and if the president's reaction was out of genuine concern or political expediency. With the White House in near-constant disarray, the Syrian attack and the use of the MOAB have likely provided welcome distractions for the White House. Trump is nearing the end of his first 100 days as president, after all, so it might be the optimal time to wag the dog.

Thursday's bombing, though, carries implications far beyond a single presidency. With widespread uncertainty as to whether or not the use of the MOAB is justified or whether it sets an uncertain precedent for the United States' use of weapons in future conflicts, it will be essential to see if the use of a MOAB is an isolated case or represents the new normal for the United States when it comes to warfare.

COLUMN

Sexual assault awareness can put an end to the "rape schedule"

By **KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE**
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

You don't have someone to walk with you to your car after work, so you walk to your car at night alone, with your keys in hand, ready to press the alarm if you feel like there's danger. You get close — jump in your car, automatically lock the doors and take a deep breath. Shew, walking alone at night is scary, right?

After a long day, you go out with your friends — and a guy down the bar sends you a shot. You respectfully decline. You don't want to take the risk of getting "too drunk," and something bad happening. You go to throw a dart because it's your turn and forget to take your drink with you. It was sitting at the bar next to your friend, but what if the guy a few seats down slipped something in it? It's not worth the risk.

It's finally feeling like spring, and you put on a new sundress. You feel so good, but worried that it's a little too tight — and you may "distract" men in your class. You decide to wear a flannel over it, just to make sure it feels more appropriate.

It's the weekend and you go out with your friends. You don't drink and drive, so you take an Uber out. Living in a small

town, you can never be promised there will be an Uber available when you're ready to go home. You automatically thought to bring a purse with the things you'd need in it for the next day so you can stay with your girlfriend — because you're scared if a guy offers you a way home, he may feel invited, too.

You tell your mom you want pepper spray to carry around campus, just in case you feel scared. It's better to be safe, right?

You go to college orientation and watch as they perform a skit, showing a girl getting taken advantage of, then telling you about their new self-defense class you can take — you know, so it doesn't happen to you.

Women are taught to live by a rape schedule.

It didn't hit me until the other day — when my professor posted something on one of my sociology courses' Facebook page:

"When I was in college, a teacher once said that all women live by a 'rape schedule.' I was baffled by the term, but as she went on to explain, I got really freaked out. Because I realized I knew exactly what she was talking about. And you do too. Because of their constant fear of

rape (conscious or not), women do things throughout the day to protect themselves ..." — Jessica Valenti

We don't take those precautions because we're scared of being robbed — but because we're scared of being sexually assaulted. We, either consciously or subconsciously, do things throughout the day to protect ourselves from sexual assault.

According to RAINN, 11.2 percent of all students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence or incapacitation.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Take more time during this month to step up against sexual assault. If you have the means to donate, every donation until April 30 will be matched, giving RAINN twice the amount of funds to support their Sexual Assault Hotline. Let's use this month to talk about it and bring awareness to the situation — so we can start to live by our own schedule — not a rape schedule.

For more information on Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, or to get help or learn more about sexual violence, go to www.rainn.org.

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Students to learn about sex, gender and sexuality during "Sex Week"

By RYAN MURPHY
THE PARTHENON

Sex Week kicks off at Marshall University Monday, April 17 and will allow students to learn about and openly discuss sex, gender and sexuality.

"Sex Week started in the spring of 2016 from the idea that we should bring all the sexuality, gender studies together in one place to have this conversation," Students for Reproductive Justice president, Jada Williams, said.

Students for Reproductive Justice is hosting various events spanning the week of April 17, which includes activities such as lectures, informational entertainment activities and open discussions between students and faculty.

Sex Week's kick-off event is "Master-dating: One Woman's Musical Journey to Loving Herself," at 6 p.m. Monday. The event features writer, comedian and musician Sarah Storer telling her story of becoming an empowered woman. She will tell her story through multi-media presentations, original songs, stand-up comedy and improvisation.

Students for Reproductive Justice hopes students will be able to learn about sex, gender and sexuality in an open, inclusive and educated environment.

"For such a natural and essential



PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

Condoms, penis and vagina-shaped cookies were available at last year's "Sex Week" bake sale.

thing, folks don't think in a clear-headed way about it," Del Chrol, Marshall classical studies professor and host of "Wizards! Of Sexuality Studies," said. "The ramifications of sex and sexual expression are massive in our society, but many people don't realize it's a serious object of study. Sex Week is a chance to understand more about this essential part of the human condition in a comfortable, yet smart atmosphere."

Other Sex Week events include "Myths and Misconceptions of Contraception" at 5 p.m. and "Wizards! Of Sexuality Studies" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, "Sexual Anatomy and Diversity" at 5 p.m. and "Digital Porn" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 and "BDSM" at 5 p.m. and "Medieval Hair" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

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Lawyer: Dragged passenger lost 2 teeth and broke nose

The passenger dragged from a United flight lost two front teeth and suffered a broken nose and a concussion, his lawyer said Thursday, accusing the airline industry of having "bullied" its customers for far too long.

"Are we going to continue to be treated like cattle?" attorney Thomas Demetrio asked.

The passenger, Dr. David Dao, has been released from a hospital but will need reconstructive surgery, Demetrio said at a news conference, appearing alongside one of Dao's children. Dao was not there.

The 69-year-old physician from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, was removed by police from the United Express flight Sunday at Chicago's O'Hare Airport after refusing to give up his seat on the full plane to make room for four airline employees.

Cellphone video of him being pulled down the aisle on his back and footage of his bloody face have created a public-relations nightmare for United.

One of Dao's five children, Crystal Pepper, said the family was "horrified, shocked and sickened" by what happened. She said it was made worse by the fact that it was caught

on video.

For Dao, who came to the U.S. after fleeing Vietnam by boat in 1975 when Saigon fell, being dragged off the plane "was more horrifying and harrowing than what he experienced in leaving Vietnam," Demetrio said.

Demetrio, who indicated Dao is going to sue, said the industry has long "bullied" passengers by overbooking flights and then bumping people, and "it took something like this to get a conversation going."

"I hope he becomes a poster child for all of us. Someone's got to," the lawyer said.

Early on, United CEO Oscar Munoz added to the furor when he apologized for the incident but accused Dao of being belligerent. Later, Munoz offered a more emphatic mea culpa, saying, "No one should ever be mistreated this way."

He promised to review the airline's policies to make sure something like that never happens again, and said United will no longer use police to remove bumped passengers.

The airline also said all passengers on the flight would get a refund.

In a statement issued immediately after Thursday's news

conference, United insisted that Munoz and the airline called Dao numerous times to apologize. Munoz himself said on Wednesday that he had left a message for Dao.

But Demetrio said neither Dao nor his family had heard from United.

Demetrio said his client accepts the apology. But the attorney questioned its sincerity, suggesting United acted because it was taking a PR "beating."

The attorney was unable to say precisely how Dao was injured. Dao didn't remember exactly what occurred because of the concussion he suffered, Demetrio said.

Pepper said her father and mother had been traveling from California to Louisville, Kentucky, and had caught a connecting flight at O'Hare. After what happened, Dao "has no interest in ever seeing an airplane" and will probably be driven to Kentucky, Demetrio said.

United had selected Dao and three other passengers at random for removal from the plane after unsuccessfully offering \$800 in travel vouchers and a hotel stay to customers willing to give up their seats.

The three officers who

removed Dao have been suspended from their jobs at the Chicago Aviation Department.

At a City Council committee hearing Thursday, aldermen ripped officials from United and the department about the episode.

"There are no excuses," Alderman Michael Zalewski said.

John Slater, a United vice president, said that bumping passengers to accommodate airline employees happens infrequently, and that federal guidelines requiring rest for crew members made it necessary to get the employees on the Sunday flight to Louisville.

The Aviation Department's roughly 300 officers guard the city's two main airports but are not part of the regular Chicago police force, receive less training and cannot carry guns inside the terminals.

"To be quite frank, Chicago employees should not be doing the dirty work for the friendly skies airline," said Alderman Ed Burke, who played video of Dao being removed.

Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans told the committee that the officers had the authority to board the flight but that what happened on the plane is being investigated.

three grandchildren were killed, said it was suspicious that any assailants were able to get by his daughter's two dogs.

Three trailers and a camper where the slayings took place were seized by investigators afterward and remain in storage.

Meanwhile, the state Supreme Court is weighing lawsuits by The Columbus Dispatch and The Cincinnati Enquirer seeking the full, un-redacted autopsies of the victims.

The other victims were Christopher Rhoden Sr.'s ex-wife, 37-year-old Dana Rhoden; and their three children, 20-year-old Clarence "Frankie" Rhoden; 16-year-old Christopher Rhoden Jr.; and 19-year-old Hanna Rhoden.

Also killed were Hannah Gilley, who was Frankie Rhoden's fiancée; a cousin, 38-year-old Gary Rhoden; and Kenneth Rhoden, 44, Christopher Rhoden Sr.'s brother.

Kenneth Rhoden died of a single gunshot wound to the head. His body was the last one found by investigators.

The other victims were shot multiple times in the head and, in the case of Christopher Rhoden Sr., in his upper body and torso as well.

MU Rise UP brings Christian denominations together

By KARENANN FLOUHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

In a campus first, the different Christian denominations on campus joined together for MU Rise Up, a mid-week worship service.

The idea came from Cru student Jack Victory, a sophomore biology pre-med major, and two of his friends. The three decided to come together with Cru, BCM, Young Life and Ratio Christi, to name just a few of the organizations that planned the service. Victory said the idea was to come together as one body of Christ.

"That's our main goal, like in the Bible it tells us that we should be of one accord, of one body," Victory said. "That's not like, really evident around Marshall's campus, so we wanted to obey God's word, and that's how we felt we were doing that."

Planning for this service began in November of 2016 and the event was scheduled for Easter week.

"That's why the event was named MU Rise Up," Victory said. "We wanted to use this event to praise Christ and how he rose from the grave."

The worship service was filled with songs of praise led by a combined worship band from the different groups and testimonials. Testimonials are stories of an individual's personal walk with Christ. Different students from each ministry stepped forward to share their stories, including two video conferences of international students who accepted Christ and one of a missionary serving in

East Asia.

A short sermon was conducted by Pastor Steve Willis from First Baptist Church of Kenova.

About 400 people attended the service, including Taylor Stephenson from Inside Out who graduated from Marshall in December.

"It's such a good idea, whoever thought of it, because a lot of times we can get bogged down in the kind of denomination thing," Stephenson said. "It's important to remember we are all the body of Christ, we're all serving Jesus Christ."

Other students agreed with this thought, that the different denominations need to come together.

"I feel like I usually see a lot of pettiness between the denominations, but as it says in the Bible, we are all one in Jesus Christ," Kyle Mosley, a junior from Cru, said. "It doesn't say we are divided by our denomination, by whether we're Methodist, Baptist, Catholic or what."

Many students who attended the service expressed interest in coming to more interdenominational services on campus.

"I just hope it happens every year," Abbey Jackson, a junior from Chi Alpha, said. "It's just so awesome when everybody can come together for the same reason."

Victory said he and the leadership team hope to continue planning more Rise Up events for future semesters.

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GILBERT cont. from 2

Senior Vice President of Communications Ginny Painter said before they left the cemetery the drum corps had requested

they sing the song "Sons of Marshall," which had not been on the schedule.

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KILLING cont. from 1

Reader on Thursday pleaded for more donations to the reward fund, stuck at \$10,000 for several months, for information leading to a conviction.

The sheriff hinted that the victims' involvement in drug crime may be holding people back from donating.

"These are human beings, regardless of what they did for a living, regardless if they live in rural Pike County," said Reader, who grew emotional at times talking about the "complete devastation" of the killings.

Both DeWine and Reader said they expect an arrest someday, with DeWine saying "significant progress" has been made and the case is still his office's top priority. DeWine expressed frustration that he couldn't make public all the information investigators have gathered.

"We are going to find you. We are going to arrest you. And justice will be done," DeWine said, addressing the killers.

Despite a massive investigation, no arrests have been made and no suspects identified.

Investigators have received 883 tips to date and conducted 465 interviews, which includes people interviewed more than once.

Family members still waiting for answers say updates from investigators have dwindled. Glenna Gilley, whose 20-year-old granddaughter, Hannah Gilley, was among those killed, speculated that people with information might be afraid to come forward.

"I'm sure there's someone somewhere that knows something," she said Wednesday.

Gilley, 65, described her granddaughter as a good person and "a wonderful mother."

The three children who were spared in the slayings are in foster care and receiving visits from immediate family members, Reader said.

Last month, relatives distributed posters with photos of the victims in hopes of turning up local tips.

Reader said he believes those responsible were from the area. DeWine said the killers had to be familiar with the land around the properties as well as the properties themselves.

Leonard Manley, whose daughter and

Huntington Fire Chief makes history



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ABOVE: Jan Rader walks towards a fire engine. Rader has worked since 1994 serving the public in a variety of ways.

RIGHT: Rader stands in front of a Huntington fire engine. Rader has been a member of the Mayor's Office of Drug Control policy in the past.

By **SADIE HELMICK**
THE PARTHENON

"On this day forward, life is different," Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said.

On Wednesday, Jan Rader was announced as Chief of the Huntington Fire Department, making her the first professional woman fire chief in the state of West Virginia.

"History is being made in the City of Huntington and in the state of West Virginia," Williams said. "You can never go back behind this day again."

Serving 22 years at the fire department, Rader once had a completely different profession. Working as a gemologist in the Washington D.C. area, Rader witnessed a life-changing event.

While Rader was working on repairing a gem-stone one day, Rader witnessed a woman by-stander turn blue and fall onto the pavement. Feeling helpless, Rader called 911. When the firefighters came, a woman paramedic helped save the woman.

"I didn't even realize that being a firefighter was an option for women," Rader said.

Within the next couple of weeks after the incident, Rader took a CPR class because she felt the need to "no longer be helpless anymore."

After the class, Rader volunteered at the Fairfax County Fire Department and was certified as an EMT and a career firefighter. During this time, Huntington Fire Department was hiring and she applied and came back home.

Over her 22 years, Rader has witnessed many miracles and many heartbreaks. Last Friday on Interstate 64, a man went airborne in his vehicle off a bridge. Although he is in critical condition, he is still alive.

"There are things that happen throughout your career or things that you see and you realized that you are not in control," Rader said. "Somebody else is truly in control. We have the ability to help and maybe change the fate."

Training physically is tough for firefighters, but training mentally is tougher. With the overdose crisis in Huntington, area firefighters are often exposed to challenging scenes. At the end of the 2017 quarter, Huntington Fire Department has already had 300 more runs than they

did this time last year.

"Last year we had 1,162 overdoses that we responded to in the city limits," Rader said. "Our job has completely changed within the past five years due to the heroin epidemic."

Recalling on more difficult times, Rader does not complain.

"If I am having a bad day, somebody is having a horrific day, so I don't have a right to complain. All you can hope for is that somehow you have eased their burden a little bit," Rader said. "You have to try to keep things in perspective."

Rader never aspired to become chief of the fire department. Her goal was to make it 20 years at the department and at least make it to be captain.

"By the time I got here, people have tried to run me off this job," Rader said. "It didn't work. People try to bully you and try to tell you, you can't do something, or you shouldn't do something or you are crazy for doing something. But if you know in your heart that you really want to do something and you realize that you are capable and you are willing to put in the

swear-equity, you got to do it."

Rader said having self-respect and integrity are key and that she has no fear in failure.

"On the job, the guys would challenge me to things like who would climb the poll fastest or put on our gear faster," Rader said. "I would always do it, because the day I beat them, they will never forget it. There is no fear in failure for me, because that is what they expect."

Williams said Rader's new position is a step in the right direction for Huntington.

"A person's gender can never stand in the way of your accomplishment," Williams said. "This is a huge step for us in Huntington, a huge step for humanity and in our state. I am so proud of Jan Rader and what she represents."

Rader, a hero to many in Huntington and in the state of West Virginia, has broken a glass ceiling and will forever be known as the first professional woman fire chief in West Virginia.

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