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Candidates for mayor, Board of Education answer community’s questions

By Chelsie Schuldies

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met at Woodlands Retire-

Huntington and Cabell

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ACCIDENTS HAPPEN

A wreck involving a Sysco truck parked at fifth avenue blocks traffic Thursday. No critical injuries were reported.

By Katya Marcum

An accident Thursday in the far left lane of Fifth Av-

reneau blocked traffic around Twin Towers and 10 Street

Police on the scene said a white Buick struck a Sysco food

truck while it was parked after unloading at the ramp be-

 tween the towers.

Brian Zachery, driver of the Sysco truck, said he was in

his truck with all proper safety precautions taken when he

felt a “jolt.”

“I was in my truck ready to pull away,” Zachery said.

“I had my feet on the clutch getting ready to start it up

with my brakes on. I hadn’t turned them off yet. Then

I just felt ‘bump.’ Sometimes, if you drive a clutch, if you

try to start it and don’t have the clutch pushed in, you’ll

feel your vehicle kind of lunge. My first thought was

‘Why didn’t you push in on the clutch?’” But then when I

realized my clutch was pushed in, I looked around in the

mirror, and there he was, sitting there.”

Zachery said he has often worried about the way driv-

ers approach parked trucks on Fifth Avenue.

“People drive this left lane all the time come when I

pull my ramp out to do my deliveries, and people always

take approximately 30

parking garage is the main project

the garage during working

hours to offer assistance to

garage users.

Once the garage is opened

Vienna will also be able to

utilize the garage for a small

cost when visiting campus.

Kopp said plans for the new Biotechnology Incuba-

tor and Applied Engineering Complex, to be located on

3rd Avenue, are in the

final stages, and construc-

tion should start in early

October.

The Biotechnology Incubator and Applied Engi-

neering Complex should take approximately 30

months, with a possibility of an accelerated construc-

tion which could cut off up

to 6 months of construc-

tion time.

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Marshall is currently conducting a survey to determi...
BY CAITIE SMITH

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Natural gas: Ruining your drinking water and livelihood

A carnival will take place today on Bonkirk Field with the purpose of “educating” the student body and faculty about natural gas. BelHerd Marketing Agency, America’s Natural Gas Alliance, EdVestate and the World’s Strongest Man 2006 are responsible for this misleading event. If anyone ever does this in any other year and age still could have the audacity to say that natural gas is not only beneficial, but not harmful as well. There have been countless testimonies given by individuals whose lives have been impacted by natural gas and hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. From water faucets leaking gas to barn animals urinating blood, evidence of the harmful effects of natural gas is beaming. Despite the fact that environmentalists have pressured oil and coal companies to reveal the exact make of any of the chemicals used in the fracking and drilling process to remove natural gas, no one knows the exact ratio. The most commonly used chemicals in the fracturing liquid are crystalline silica, a carcinogen typically found in construction sand; methane, typically found in anesthetics and other vehicle liquids; isopropanol, found in cleaning agents, antiperspirants and cosmetics; and hydrotreated light distillate, found in jet fuel, just to name a few. Water makes up at least 98 percent of fracking liquid, and typically, oil and coal companies leave these chemicals in the water because they are “too expensive” to remove. What is the result? Horrifically contaminated water sources and soil that could not only completely destroy the livelihood of an agrarian community but also kill members of said community. Let us take for example the town of Dimock, Pa. In April 2009, residents of Dimock lost access to their drinking water because of contamination caused by fracking in an attempt to get to energy resources from the Marcellus Shale. In January, after a lack of an attempt to resolve the issue, the Environmental Protection Agency had to take matters into its own hands and supply water to four different homes in the town. Tests conducted by the EPA showed that the town’s water supply still contained high levels of arsenic, glycols and barium in at least eight of the town’s homes, and that the right to do so without fear of repercussions from the U.S. government.

Major League managers get suspended all the time: what’s the big deal? Should he have been suspended for his own political views? Doesn’t free speech allow him to think what he pleases? Yes and no. Nobody is going to throw Guillen in jail for just saying what he did. He’s got the right to do so without fear of repercussions from the U.S. government. But when a manager gets into trouble, Guillen is a representative of the organization. In case your Floridian democracy is a bit rusty, Miami is brimming with former Cuban exiles who fled or have family who fled Castro’s Cuba Revolution in the 1950s. To many Cubans living in Miami, Castro is the man who usurped their nation from their very own feet. The bitterness toward the Communist regime in Cuba never subsided and brought itself into the light in reaction to Guillen’s “respect” of Castro’s tracity during and since the Revolution. This move was the product of a perfect storm of events. First of all, the Marlins just completed a 8-11 season and many after openly refer - ding a hometown team of castros tenacity during the first week of the season is without a doubt. He’s supposed to act as the wise skipper guiding his team into the postseason. He doesn’t have upper management, and that contract to manage the Marlins, some of his rights flew out the window, and although the govern - ment can’t do a thing about it, the club can. Guillen is a representative of the organization. For Guillen, it cost him a five-day suspension and the embarrassment of a lifetime. For the Marlins, it put a black eye on an organization loocking to rebound with a new manager in the Ca - bana for the first time. He doesn’t have the right to say whatever we please. For Guillen, it cost him a five-day suspension and the embarrassment of a lifetime. For the Marlins, it put a black eye on an organization loocking to rebound with a new manager in the Ca - bana for the first time. He doesn’t have the right to say whatever we please. For Guillen, it cost him a five-day suspension and the embarrassment of a lifetime. For the Marlins, it put a black eye on an organization loocking to rebound with a new manager in the Ca - bana for the first time. He doesn’t have the right to say whatever we please. For Guillen, it cost him a five-day suspension and the embarrassment of a lifetime. For the Marlins, it put a black eye on an organization loocking to rebound with a new manager in the Ca - bana for the first time. He doesn’t have the right to say whatever we please.
Rice played. We played as a team. We absolutely need to make changes from what we've been doing. Absolutely cannot walk away from what we're doing. We need to make sure that Skip Holbrook continues to have the support of the team and everyone played really hard," Ballou said. The win was great for the morale of the team, and they said they could feel the atmosphere change Wednesday at practice.

"The environment was more positive and a lot more fun – like baseball should be," Leon said. "We were enjoying the game like we should every day." Leon had six hits on Tuesday and is batting .333 on the year.

Like many other Herd members, Leon doesn't let the pressure of being a freshman get to him. "I've been playing my whole life. I just go out and perform to my ability every day," Leon said. The fact that Rice is nationally ranked hasn't phased him. "They go through the daily steps we do," Leon said. "They breathe the same air, wear the same uniform as us. They're no different than us.”

MU Athletics is planning a free bus trip on Saturday to get students to Charleston to support the Herd. The bus will leave from the football stadium parking lot at 12:00 and anyone interested in signing up should go to Marshall ticket office.

"We would love to see Power Park filled," Ballou said. "Our team feeds off the energy the fans bring." Ballou has started every game this season, and leads Conference USA in stolen bases. He is Marshall's all-time triples leader. Whether or not he calls himself a leader, Ballou leads by example. With a younger squad, it helps to have a guy like Ballou to teach. "I want them to realize that if you work hard, believe in yourself and trust God, anything is possible," Ballou said. "It doesn't matter what scouts think, or anyone else for that matter."

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saw a family that was dancing, and then those next thing I knew I had five "Then I would go back, write something was funny, I'd try to do it, and I finally found a way and a way to do it." Oglespy said this was his first attempt to entertain the audience. While patrons at Black Sheep Burritos and Brews were dining, local comedians attempted to entertain during Wednesday's comedy night. "I wouldn't mind seeing a comedy night at Black Sheep because of our homemade strawberry breakfast. The event is very important to us. The event gave the sorority a chance to spread the word and meet new people. Although the event is stressful and chaotic at times, it all comes down to us having a good time with other sisters as well as members of the community," Townsend said. "I'm a chemist major, so I have had many tests and lab reports due this week, but I have stayed up late in the night just so I could help out. That is what we are here for in the first place, to help our own sisters, always." Brad Gritt, senior Alpha Xi Delta member, said the time she has spent preparing for the breakfast pleases her knowing she is serving campus and the community. "I'm really going to miss the experience next year," Lynch said. "We are doing something good because the strawberry breakfast helps us focus on our philanthropy, Autism Speaks. I am just so happy to have the opportunity to do this with my sisters." Freshman Alpha Xi Delta member Alexis Townsend said she believes selling tickets for the event gave the sorority a chance to spread the word and meet new people. "This is my third time attending the breakfast, and it's still great," Gritt said. "I think it is cool the tradition still continues. Even after 63 years, students, parents and alumni continue to come back for the event." The sorority plans to continue the tradition and conduct another strawberry breakfast next spring. Molly Urian can be contacted at urian3@marshall.edu.