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The parking garage on Sixth Avenue is set to be completed in September. The garage will double the number of parking spaces available at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium, beside the Engineering Building on Third Avenue and behind Commons on Sixth Avenue.

There will be less idle time at traffic lights. Hagley said. “I’m glad to see the new traffic system installed.”

Aside from communicating wirelessly, the new light systems would have a camera system that would sense traffic patterns. Hagley said the system would make for a safer commute, drivers would be less agitated, as seeing at a junction red light would be a thing of the past. “It’s going to make the overall commute easier,” Hagley said.

The new system would improve communication allows the city to direct traffic flow for disaster or special events from one location. The lights have been installed at major intersections downtown. Hagley said the system would improve the overall communing experience for Huntington.

“Over time, wires will be severed and broken down,” Hagley said. “The old lights had sensor wires in the pavement that were easily torn up.”

New LED streetlights to save Huntington $200K

There will be less idle time at traffic lights because the lights are going to work as a system, instead of individually.

> DAVID HAGLEY, public works director
**BY CHIEF SCHOOLS DIAN MURPHY**

In preparation for the upcoming summer season, the 2012 RV and Boat Show took anchor at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena to showcase a wide array of recreational activities.

Jeff Scott, show coordinator, said the show catered to a wide array of interests, saying, “This is a record-breaker, of course.”

“Marshall University, is in its third year of use at the show,” Dameron said. “It gave feedback as to how you’re doing year.”

Charles Dameron, owner of Campground Of America in Ashland, Ky., said vendors could do more than just camp at KOA.

“By now, we have a mini golf and cornhole available, and our site offers similar activities as the Ashland KOA site.”

“We also have banana bikes to rent and a game room,” Andrews said. “Another activity we offer is catch-and-release fishing, with the fishing license for free.”

“Campground has its own fish ring.”

In addition to the campsites and RVs, boat rental is also offered at the RV show.

“Stacey, head clerk at Cave Run Marina, said boat rentals are popular rentals.”

“We get a lot of college students to come to Cave Run,” Stacey said. “We are located in Marshall so students from the university have easy access to us. This is something college students can get to now.”

Mardi Gras Casino and Resort, located in Cross Lanes, W.Va., sponsored a booth at the show.

“I think you can make it a weekend,” Stacey said. “We are open 24 hours, it is a wonderful place for the 21 and under crowd.”

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Men’s hockey club begins second season, wins home opener

BY JOANIE BORDERS
THE PARTHENON

The men’s hockey club took home a 16-2 victory in its season home opener Sat-

day against West Liberty at the Memorial Ice Arena in South Charleston.

The hockey club, formed last year, now has 18 mem-

bers on their roster. The members range from hav-

ing played hockey since they were little to just starting to skate.

Sam Frazier, sophomore business management ma-

jor from Huntington, W.Va., and president of the club, said they encourage anyone

to play with the club.

Frazier said that joining the league will provide the

club with guaranteed sched-

uled games. Right now, the

club is lined up to play six

more games, three being at

home at the Memorial Ice

Arena in South Charleston.

Among the teams the club

played last year were West

Liberty and Eastern Ken-

tucky University.

Both Hazelett and Frazier said they have high hopes

for attendance in the future,

saying they would not generate enough interest to cover the overall cost of the

rink.

Sawyers said he disagreed

with the speculation, “We

had the Blizzard generating

close to 3 million dollars a

year, and that was without

the ice rink would not generate enough

money is set aside

which is the rink’s main concern is the rink

arenas. The game featured the top senior

curry's stellar career at Marshall

sack last year. The current Conference USA Defen-

sive Player of the Year on the radar of the NFL’s draft board.

Curry began appearing on na-

tional media websites after his

stellar performances in practice

and continued to impress on

field, and has pretty great talent that

was hard to ignore, as the leader in C-USA in forced fumbles in 2011 and sacks in 2010.

The Marshall men's hockey club takes the ice in its first home contest against West Liberty. The
club, in its second year of existence, won the first game 18-2. Sam Frazier, club president, said the
team is open to players of varying skill levels and experience. The team’s next game is slated for
10 p.m. Feb. 25 and is played at the Memorial Ice Arena in South Charleston.
Rural health, an issue in W.Va.

BY MICHAEL McATEER THE PARTHENON

Did you know that in June of 2011, President Barack Obama launched the “White House Rural Council”? Probably not. Did you know that the C. Boyd Center for Rural Health in a rural county in West Virginia, has a residence circle, it was a very nice place to live, it’s never considered before. I’m not saying that (in my mind at least), what is rural health, and how is it different from regular health? West Virginia is constructed of a largely rural state. If you drive outside the pocket of urban settings like Charleston, Huntington, or Wheeling, it becomes pretty sparse, and very rural. The rural population of Marshall University offers classes in rural health and rural health residencies. The National Rural Health Association has been an advocate for the health and medical care needs of rural people. These issues create challenges and opportunities to improve the care of these living in rural areas.

These figures underscore the need for there to be an emphasis on rural health and rural health education. Especially why Marshall University School of Medicine is home to the Rural Health Alliance. Many people have said that rural health education is needed to improve the care of people living in rural West Virginia. By those figures, nearly half of our population is rural health or living in urban areas. This means in practical terms, that we have half of our population in hard-to-reach and remote areas, an area where there are very few clinics and a hospital, pediatric care might be an hour’s drive away and more.

And this is where the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health comes into play. According to their website, they are “designed to encourage the development of new and innovative care delivery systems in rural communities.” It is more than just caring for those who are rural, but also being older and less educated, being covered by public health insurance, having higher rates of poverty, chronic diseases, suicide, despair, from unintentional injuries and motor vehicle accidents, having no or little access to transportation, and having limited economic diversity. All of these issues create challenges and opportunities to improve the care of these living in rural areas.

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POLITICAL CARTOON

The bias against liberal media

BY JOSEPH MISULONAS DiAPlOYER, WESTERN N. UNIVERSITY, VIA UPI

Many media patrons attribute novità Gingrich’s win in the South Carolina primary to his attacks on the liberal media during his recent debate performances. The day before the primary, Gingrich called John King “despicable” for asking a question about his ex-wife accusing him of being unfaithful. Based on that, it’s quite clear that Gingrich is keeping despicable behavior. But was John King despicable for asking Gingrich about this Nightline interview? Ab

Almost every news organization, whether it be the liberal New York Times or the conservative Fox News, has a bias. It’s that simple.

This is simply not true. Journalism is taught to remain objective in their reporting. Objectivity is the goal for most professional journalists. Almost every news organization, whether it be the liberal New York Times or the conservative Fox News, has a bias. It’s that simple.

Gay marriage is another example of the media’s bias. Conservatives generally oppose homosexual marriage, while liberals generally support it. The New York Times and the Washington Post may be considered liberal newspapers, but that doesn’t mean the things they report are false. The same thing goes for liberal-media scolding the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times or any other paper. But you agree with a paper’s ideological bent doesn’t mean that paper shouldn’t read the paper. People should seek knowledge as much as possible. We shouldn’t limit our scope to newspapers and news shows that reinforce our own opinions. We should try to expand our horizons and become more well-rounded and well-informed citizens. Politicians need citizens to be knowledgeable. If we want our country to be started in the right direction, we need to vote for those who are well-informed and educated about the problems that will solve our problems.

We must maintain this balance and the media don’t have to be at war. The fact is, they can both be tools in making our country less problematic.
Students in Heidi Williams' sociology class perform a flash mob to the popular song "Cupid Shuffle" on Monday in the Memorial Student Center.

The Parthenon's Guide to Campus Life at Marshall

Studies show effects of Facebook on students' GPA

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"This does not guarantee a different angle to law because the community a better chance at the standard of law," Wright said. "By giving me experience with lawmakers, I can have a richer education than one out of school." Williams said the origi- nal assignment was to take a different ap- proach and try something on a bigger scale. Mahanoy City, fresh- man criminal justice from Redding, Ca., and Andre Ross, junior physi- cals education major from Waynesboro, Va., said they were supposed to observe social norms as they performed the flash mob. "I think that one of the biggest points of the ap- proach was to realize that it is okay to be different," Ross said. Williams said the best way to learn about soci- al norms is to be immersed in the community and observe the advertisements. "The purpose of the assignment was to rec- ognize that we live in a constructed reality and don't really take things at face value and question the things that are con- sidered the standard of normal," Williams said. "I had a student try to pay with a task of gas in all coins," Williams said. "When the attendant made them roll the coins before paying they were shocked at how structured soci- ety really seemed to be. I mean, money is money, rolled or unroll." In the future, Williams said she will encourage stu- dents in her future classes to take with similar ap- proach to the assignment. Jeneice Borderez can be contacted at borderez@marshall.edu.

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Mills said the purpose is just beginning here, but has been suc- cessful in other areas. The health department's sys- tem is available to overwhelm then looks to connect students with academic help and social groups to fit their needs. "My first-year seminar teacher asked if I thought the survey was products," Johnson said. "They also asked if the class and helped you get used to campus life."

"Those students who spend more time socializing in the exclusion of academic work have poor ac-ademic outcomes," the study said. At the same time, those who post links and use Face- book to communicate useful information are more likely to be engaged with the out- side environment and in the classroom, the study said. Past State Learning Com- munity Associate, Joseph Anderson said that the im- pact on GPA could also de- pend on when the students are accessing Facebook. Those who are frequently updating their statuses are on Facebook intermittently through the day. This intermittent and fre- quent check up of social norms can interfere with the time needed to digest and absorb course material, Anderson said.

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Published in Computers in Human Behavior, the study involved 100 college students' grades and Facebook usage. These students reported spending an average of 106 minu- tes each day on Facebook. Those who spent 10 minutes or less time on Facebook were more likely to be immersed in the community and observe the advertisements. "The purpose of the assignment was to recognize that we live in a constructed reality and don't really take things at face value and question the things that are considered the standard of normal," Williams said. "I had a student try to pay with a task of gas in all coins," Williams said. "When the attendant made them roll the coins before paying they were shocked at how structured society really seemed to be. I mean, money is money, rolled or unroll." In the future, Williams said she will encourage students in her future classes to take with similar approach to the assignment. Jeneice Borderez can be contacted at borderez@marshall.edu.
LAUREN LEE IS ON A LOSING STREAK

BY JOHN GIBB
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

Marshall University alumna, Lauren Lee, is finding her inner athlete as a contestant on season 13 of NBC’s “The Biggest Loser,” which began airing earlier this month.

Lee, 26, graduated with her master’s degree in exercise science in May 2011 and weighed 240 pounds. Lee said this was because her focus in academia outweighed that of focusing on her health.

Growing up, Lee was athletic. Her involvement in sports led her to Marshall to pursue a bachelor’s degree in adult fitness and then a master’s degree in exercise science.

Even though Lee was interested in fitness and exercise, she said, “I wanted to focus on my education and that meant putting going to the gym on the backburner. I grew up dyslexic and having attention-deficit disorder so I had to study three times longer than the average student.”

Lee said she allotted little time to her health and noticed her weight was on the rise. Graduation, Lee was living at home with her parents in Poolesville, Md., and decided to tackle her weight issues by applying and receiving the opportunity of being a contestant on “The Biggest Loser.”

Lee traveled to Los Angeles, Calif., with her mother, Gail Lee, and together they were one of 10 teams to compete for the $100,000 prize. They began their journey together as the yellow team.

“I had been at school for so long and was away from my family,” Lee said. “Being with my mother on the show has definitely brought us closer together.”

After arriving on “The Biggest Loser” ranch, Lee and her mother met trainer Dolvett Quince, an individual known for his competitive nature and weight-loss transformations. Throughout her time at the ranch, Quince trained Lee and her mother in her complete high-intensity workouts and allowing her to gain adequate knowledge regarding nutrition. Lee was now part of a much larger red team, all of which were trained by Quince.

“Dolvett had us doing a wide range of workouts,” Lee said. “We did everything from yoga and hiking the mountains to workouts that left me barely moving the next morning.”

Lee said, on average, she and her fellow contestants worked out more than six hours a day, with breaks to eat meals.

Each week, Lee had to strip down to her Speedos briefs and shorts for the weekly weigh-ins. Lee said she had to deal with the publicity of something as personal as her weight issues.

“I just had to deal with it,” Lee said. “My family and friends saw how out-of-control my weight had become, and the first step in tackling this problem was to stand in front of America to show where life had gone gotten.”

However, after three weeks, Lee sat in the elimination room and was sent home by her roommates. They sent her home because they thought she had what it would to take to continue her weight-loss journey at home.

Lee is still eligible to win the at-home prize of $100,000. This prize is awarded to the contestant who loses the most percentage of weight while at home.

Lee and said she still considers herself a winner although she won’t receive the title. “I have gotten my body back, my personality,” Lee said. “The show was everything I expected and more.”

After being eliminated, Lee signed up for a half marathon because she wanted a challenge. She ended up completing the half marathon and learned a valuable lesson.

“Dolvett had me to believe in myself,” Lee said. “I have the willpower to do anything I put my mind to.”

Back at home, Lee follows a new regime in order to get the weight off before the live finals in a few months.

“I am going to the gym daily, eating healthy and trying to lose enough weight in order to win the at-home prize,” Lee said.

Lee wants to weigh 130 pounds by the May 1 finale, which will be aired live.

As a young person herself, Lee said it’s important for young people to take the weight off before the live finals in a few months.

“Getting it off now will reassure living a long, healthy life,” Lee said. “I want kids to realize, as we walked around campus everyday, that kids are common places for young adults that are currently struggling with their weight. There is no day like today.”

Lee’s number one piece of advice is to write everything down.

“Everyone needs to be accountable for what they eat,” Lee said. “Write everything down, good or bad, that goes in your body.”

To date, Lee has lost 56 pounds and hopes to run a full marathon and hang glide once she’s in shape.

The Biggest Loser is on NBC at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

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