**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

**By EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON**

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**DOCUMENTING HUNTINGTON**

**By EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON**

About three years ago, John Witek stumbled upon an old cardboard box at an estate sale that would change his and many others’ lives.

“A picker found them before I did, but I knew that this man bought things in Huntington and back to the early twentieth century. It could be that these were old,” Witek said. “I bought the box for $50 and found more than 1,000 prints and film negatives dating back to the early twentieth century.”

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**CHEL OUT**

**Stress Relief Week helps get students through exam prep**

**By ZACH WRIGHT | THE PARTHENON**

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“Each event for this semester offers something different for students with activities that can appeal to anyone,” Samantha Stalnaker, student resource specialist and outreach and board games to help the students relax.

“Stress Relief Week continues with Cards n’ Cocoa Wednesday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. ‘On Wednesday, we are having the Cards’ n’ Cocoa social,” Stalnaker said. “There will be cards, and snacks and board games to help the students relax.”

Stress Relief Week has been a success in the past, and hopes to continue that trend for this upcoming finals week.

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THE PARTHENON
Catholic Newman Center campus minister: milestones have been achieved since 2012

By AURORRA HORSLEY

“The you would have met me at 18-years-old that I would be working as a campus minister, living on a campus college and a mother of two before the age of 10, I would have laughed,” said Traci Ferguson, Marshall University’s Catholic Newman Center campus minister.

Ferguson has been running the show at the Catholic Newman Center since 2012. She graduated from Marshall and started a music career before taking over the role of campus minister.

“The best thing about being a campus minister is getting to interact all day with young people,” Ferguson said. “This particular ministry, when I was an undergrad, was a huge influence on me. It taught me everything about my faith life.”

Ferguson said her experiences at the Newman center as an undergraduate student were directly responsible for her current role as minister.

“I would have had a totally different college experience, and I don’t mean good different, if I hadn’t found the Newman Center early on at Marshall,” Ferguson said. “The Newman Center was so instrumental in keeping myself busy and helping me grow into the person that I ultimately am.”

That is why I have so much passion for being a minister.

Ben Heil, a member of the leadership team at the Newman center, said Ferguson demonstrates her passion for ministry to everyone.

“She is like a second mom to every single person who walks through the front door,” Heil said.

Kelly Dunham, another leader of the Newman Center, said she thought Ferguson was “actually, more like a big sister.”

Ferguson said her advice to anyone that is thinking about working at the Newman Center is to be yourself.

“Your whole self needs to be on call,” Ferguson said. “You can’t hide behind a facade or try to be someone who you are not. If you can spend college time into something that you love, you will find your passion.”

Ferguson said her favorite part about being a campus minister is the unpredictability at the beginning of the day.

“It has been an amazing couple of years,” Ferguson said. “I think the most exciting part about campus ministry is all in the day. You never really know what is going to happen. So many of our days develop really organically and you never know who you might meet. For me, the best part of the day to day is the communal and sacramental liturgy with really cool people.”

Ferguson said her ministry is like an adventure during which many milestones have been achieved.

“Every day is an adventure in campus ministry,” Ferguson said. “We have personally had some major milestones. We went on some big retreats and we’ve had some new Diocesan teams come into the church.”

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New Marshall Health technology allows patients to view health records online

By CECE ROSATA

Marshall Health has created a new patient portal to make it easier for patients to look at their health records online.

Follow My HealthTM, a product of Allscripts Healthcare, helps patients view, manage, transmit and download medical records of office visits, immunizations and certain test results. The portal also allows patients to request prescriptions refill and schedule appointments. Additionally, a health care team is available online 24 hours a day to assist users with health related questions and concerns. The portal is free of charge and can be used from anywhere.

Executive Director for Marshall Health Dr. Trachmann said he hopes patients will register and utilize modern technology to provide superior health care.

“To today’s world of instant information, it’s imperative that we empower patients with the technologies that translate to an improved experience and quality health care,” McCrory said.

Patients are able to access their health care information from any desktop computer, tablet, or smartphone once an account has been established through Marshall Health.

Patients can be contacted at rosata@marshall.edu.

MUPD fleet gets an upgrade

By TIM CARRICO

The Marshall University Police Department now has new equipment that will help it respond to crime faster. MUPD received three new 2014 Ford Explorers recently to replace its older police cruisers. For the past nine years, police officers have driven 2005 Chevy Impalas as their primary cruisers.

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“Now our police force has a state contract with Ford Motors Company’s fleet production system. The 500s are equipped with light bar, cage, partitions and radio equipment. Terry said the new cars will help increase call response time.”

“Since I started here, we only had one car,” Terry said. “Our police force has grown, along with the school, and the Explorers will get us to our calls quicker. What people don’t realize is that we not only patrol the main Marshall campus, but we also have to make trips to patrol places like the medical school, the new visual arts school and the pharmacy school.”

The strong new cruisers will be split between the morning and evening shifts. Terry said the officers during each shift work on a rotational system, which allows one cruiser per shift to be in operation.

“We like to be on a rotation,” Terry said. “This allows us to be more places, rather than all of the officers driving around. Some of our officers are on phone, others are on foot patrol and one officer will patrol the hospital and we’ve got all of them in all areas. When needed, our officers can and will still have more than one cruiser during the same shift, but they will have to go through the shift commander.”

The new police cars went into operation over the Thanksgiving holiday. Terry said the department will keep one of the 2005 Chevy Impalas as a backup vehicle.

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By KELLY PATE
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When Margaret McMillan called Alford Home Solutions about her flooded basement, she had no idea the gift she would receive.

Margaret McMillan, 82, was the first ever recipient of Alford Home Solutions’ community program Project Give Back 2014. Partnered with Appalachian Roofing Company, B&L Lumber Company, American Roofing Company and Travis Valley Heating and Cooling, the program donated materials and labor to fix McMillan’s aging home.

These companies were able to provide McMillan with free basement waterproofing, a new roof, new siding, a metal awning, a privacy fence, landscaping, and heating and cooling services.

McMillan has a bachelor’s degree in art and psychology and a master’s degree in communication arts from Marshall University. She has lived in numerous states and countries working in the fields of journalism and art. McMillan has been a painter for many years.

“I come from a very country background, and I felt like I needed to learn to get along in this world,” McMillan said. “I have never gotten anything in this world without working for it. My mother always told me if you want something, you must get out and earn it.”

Her decision to call Alford Home Solutions arose out of her desire to fix her damaged home. Her basement was flooded with over 4 ft. of water, and McMillan said it was worse than the “before” photo in their newspaper advertisement. When the company salesmen arrived to do the estimate, she began to share her story with them.

“I hired a neighbor’s handyman to do some work, but he wouldn’t do the estimate. He got my car started for me, took it for a test drive, and never came back. He not only stole the car, but he stole my cell phone and my television—all I ever had,” McMillan said. “I eventually had to call the police to get them out of here.”

“Tony Alford, owner of Alford Home Solutions, said after the executives heard this story, the company decided not only to give her a free estimate, but also would not charge her for anything in the process.”

Alford Home Solutions placed a call to Appalachian Roofing Company and told them about the basement waterproofing they were going to install, but needed another company to help with the roofing problems, according to a press release. Appalachian Roofing Company accepted the job, and obtained donations from B&L Lumber Company and American Roofing Company.

“When we saw all the water in the basement, we realized she had been through a lot more than we could provide for her. We paired up with the roofing guys, and they said they would put up a new roof on her house and back porch. We wish we could help more, because it’s obvious she needs much more than we can provide for her,” McMillan said.

Alford Home Solutions asked their construction employees if they would be willing to do this work for her without pay, and several agreed to volunteer on Nov. 22 and subsequent dates.

Alford Home Solutions was built on honesty, family values, faith and hard work in order to perform outstanding customer service inside and out, and decided to prove that with this year’s Project Give Back, 2014, according to a press release.

McMillan said she was also pleased to find out that because of her, Alford Home Solutions will be doing this community give back project every year.

“I just cannot be grateful enough,” McMillan said. “It just beguiles my mind that someone would do this for me. I am pleased and impressed at how hard they are working. When I was a kid, we never celebrated Christmas, so this is the best Christmas I have ever had.”

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DANGER LOOMING

State’s infrastructure needs quick attention

By JESICA ROSS

Rather than sink into the mud of the past, the community’s hard work is paying off. By now you know what a great community we are and that’s why we’re so excited to see the community continue to grow.

Our state’s infrastructure is a multi-billion dollar problem. It’s not just about roads and bridges, it’s about all the things that make up our daily lives. From schools to hospitals, from water systems to sewage, our infrastructure is failing us.

We need to act now to fix this problem. This is not a problem that can wait. It’s a problem that needs immediate attention.

We need a plan to address this issue. A plan that addresses all the different aspects of infrastructure. A plan that takes the time to understand the full extent of the problem and how it affects everyone.

This is a problem that affects us all. There are no bystanders in this battle. We are all in this together.

We need to create a plan that is realistic and achievable. A plan that we can all agree on and work towards.

We need to be willing to make sacrifices. To make changes that benefit the community as a whole.

We need to be willing to pay the cost. To make investments in our infrastructure that will provide long-term benefits.

We need to be willing to listen to each other. To hear the voices of those who are most affected by this issue.

We need to be willing to take action. To make the changes that are needed to create a better future for all.

This is a battle that we can win. But we need your help.

Thank you.

JESSICA ROSS
Sports Editor
Marshall Chemistry professor passes away, leaves behind Marshall legacy

By ANTHONY DARIS,
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Dr. Donald "Don" Babb, longtime chemistry professor at Marshall University, passed away away, leaving behind a legacy for both the chemistry department and for his students.

Babb passed away Nov. 9 at Cabell Huntington Hospital after a brief illness. According to Babb’s obituary, he began teaching chemistry at Marshall in 1972. Michael Castellani, professor and chair of Marshall Chemistry, said Babb’s profound accomplishment was his 62 years as a teacher at Marshall. “If you were to ask him what he was most proud of, he would have said his teaching,” Castellani said. “As well as the fact that his grandchildren of his first students were beginning to sign up for his classes. He had people, who not only their children but their grandchildren, took his class because of the instructor that he was. He was, in essence, a student of many respects. He was wonderful in many respects. He was also a very good model for the way that most of us do mathematics.”

According to his obituary Babb was instrumental in the effort to recalculate and to re- chart the Beta Delta chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity on the MU Campus in 1979 that has continued as an initiated member in 1980. He served as its faculty advisor/Grand Chapter Adviser for 31 years. Babb was also a recipient of the 2005-2006 Marshall University Distinguished Service Award as he served on the faculty senate for 31 years. He was also a very good model with his ability to capture people is what made him so special. It is pretty clear that he had a very good repertoire with his ability to capture people.”

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Castellani said that Babb left a strong legacy at Marshall University. “He led this department for a lot of years. Castellani said. “It’s difficult to imagine someone who cared more about this institution, its students and its faculty, more than he did. There are people who, when they leave, leave a very large hole, and when I look over at chair, one of the tasks that I was given was to fill in where he left us. I think he left the department quite strong. We’re building on it, but he will be very much missed.”

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Herd men's basketball falls to University of South Carolina

By SCOTT BOLGER
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The Thundering Herd men's basketball team (3-4) gave a spirited effort in the second half of Monday's game against the University of South Carolina (4-3), but its performance in the first half put them in a deficit too insurmountable. The final score was 77-59.

"We started slow again," said Marshall Head Coach Dan D'Atoni. "It seemed like the key was to start the motor a little early, but I think overall what I'm going to take from the game was that we played hard all the way through, especially in the second half when they could've given up, but they didn't."

With a great mixture of extending defense sets, those being the 3-2 and the 2-3, the Gamecocks were able to close in on many of the Herd’s pick-and-roll exchanges and corner-to-corner baseline passes. South Carolina blasted through screens and disabled the Herd to get any proper spacing within its offense. Causing 19 turnovers, Carolina connected on three of them and scored 17 fast break points to Marshall's four.

"We turned them over and were able to get some run outs and some opportunities in the open court," said South Carolina Head Coach Frank Martin. "I don't think we played well offensively; give Marshall credit for that. I think our defense created some 3-on-1 and 3-on-2 opportunities for us."

South Carolina jumped out to a 39-20 halftime lead where it held Marshall to just 17.2 percent shooting and forced 10 turnovers. Marshall then revaluated the lineup, placing a smaller Justin Edmonds and Milan Mijovic in the game for 17 minutes and 15 minutes, respectively. These two seemed to switch the gear of the Herd defense and play with more physicality. Marshall outscored the Gamecocks 39-38 in the second half. Because the Thundering Herd is going through a major structural transition, contests like these help bolster the probability of finding a more consistently used lineup.

"I thought the lineups," D'Atoni said. "Now, I think it's good to play like this because you find the people who can raise their game up and the ones who kind of get stuck in the middle. We made a lot of mistakes in the second half, but the overall effort was good—they continued to play and we ended up one point more than they had in the second half. It might help me to decide the six, seven, eight players that we're going to play and then give them a change to gel and see if we can get better throughout this year."

Marshall’s next opponent will be the Penn State Nittany Lions Dec. 6, a home game and an opportunity to get its record back to .500.

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