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By TYLER MORRIS
THE PARThENON
After a recent spurt of vandalism near Marshall University’s campus, residents are concerned there is not enough being done to prevent those types of incidents.

Several vehicles had their tires slashed Jan. 13 on Buffington Avenue, according to a police report.

Rachel Marshall, a Buffaloing Avenue resident and student at Marshall, said she noticed the flat tires as she arrived home from class and immediately reported them to the authorities.

“I was informed that since it was not my vehicle, they couldn’t send an officer down on anything,” Marshall said. “They had to wait until the owners of those vehicles actually called to report it.”

“I feel like it’s hard for calling since it was not my car,” Marshall said. This incident is just one example of reported and unreported crime in that block alone.

Marshall’s roommate, Jenna Burch, a nursing student at Marshall, was a victim of a car break-in during the fall semester.

“My driver side window was smashed, and they took a bunch of change out of the cup holder,” Burch said. “It happened to three other people in my parking lot prior to that, and now the same phenomenon is happening here at campus. I think preventative measures should be taken to stop it,” she said.

Rachel and I constantly worry about crime, but being here in West Virginia. Many of the residents are concerned there is not enough being done to prevent those types of incidents. They also called to report it.”

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College of Arts and Media offering new degree

By Nakia Keener | The Parthenon

The College of Arts and Media will offer a new Bachelor of Arts degree starting fall 2015 for students who are interested in the arts, but not interested in performing.

With this degree, students will take classes in music, art and cinema. It will be a liberal arts degree and will include a minor. Coordinator of Music History and Literature, Vicki Stroeher said students could also take classes that will help them with the career they want.

Classes focused in public relations or management will help the students gain knowledge in the other aspects of the careers they choose.

"It offers more potential majors and broadens our scope and allows us to work with colleges across the campus," Stroeher said. Depending on the career the student wants, administrators will determine what classes the student will take. Stroeher said students who are interested in music management will take some of the required courses for music majors such as music theory and music history to help the student learn about the music industry.

"We didn't really have a degree for students who are not interested in performance or production of arts, theater or creating art," said Stroeher. "So we think this is going to fill a niche that is missing on the campus."

Some of the careers that come out of this degree include art therapy, music management, museum coordinator and arts administration.

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Huntington residents march in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his fight for civil rights

By CaLIRT FOWLEwES | THE PARthenon

Huntington residents march in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"I hope that most of us in modern day society have come to understand and understand the importance of solidarity and how to embrace the lives of others regardless of the color of their skin, lifestyle, race or religion," Cooley said. "We must continue to celebrate the freedom that we now have."

Huntington Mayor Stephen Willliams, was also found amongst the people marching the streets of Huntington and singing hymns. The assembly was given a police escort and was followed by a trailing bus for those who could not walk the length of the march.

People stood on porches and clapped for the marchers as they passed by.

"The march was followed by a series of speeches, performances, prayers and gospel in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center at 5:30 p.m."

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Fourth Annual National Juried Exhibition presents diverse collection

By MATTHEW PRANDONI | THE PARthenon

The Visual Arts Center Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the art from the exhibition can be seen until Feb. 20.

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American Red Cross to sponsor month long campus blood drive

By ERIKA JOHNK | THE PARthenon

The American Red Cross will introduce a We Challenge U Blood Drive at universities and colleges through Feb. 28.

The drive will be at Marshall University Jan. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the One Morrow Room located in room 2W40 of the Memorial Student Center.

"This event will guarantee the American Red Cross will have an adequate supply of blood for the winter months," said Marianne Spinnaker, the external communications manager at American Red Cross located in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

"in the month of January at dormitories and the blood drive is important for the winter months."

The winners will be decided by a raffle drawing.

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“We really want to win the conference this year.”
-Kai Broomfield

Herd volleyball achieves academic honors

By KASEY MADDEN
THE PARTHENON

From the small town of Penville in southern West Virginia, Roberts Ferguson started playing tennis at Marshall University in 1974, a season she would still call Huntington home 41 years later.

Ferguson played singles and doubles tennis from fall 1974 to spring 1978.

Her highest seed achieved in singles was second her senior year and was seeded lower in doubles.

“I was a fairly strong player, but I certainly was not great,” Ferguson said.

During her tennis years, Marshall women’s athletics competed in an independent West Virginia conference, playing only against schools within the state.

“When I came here, I thought I was going to win,” Ferguson said. “I never won a right then if I was going to win or if I was going to lose, based on what I thought I was going to win.”

Ferguson’s advisor on the team was Big Ten schools like Ohio State and Penn State.

It was a combination of those who have participated in Marshall Athletics and seek to bring them together.

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While in state, 14 of the 15 varsity players earned a GPA of 3.0 or better; and six of the players achieved a 4.0 GPA during the fall semester.

Maggie Westfall, a freshman team member, was among one of the six players to earn a 4.0.

As a freshman, Ferguson said she was “very fortunate to achieve the best grades possible because freshman year is the best year for the transition out of my college experience.” Westfall said. “After accomplishing a 4.0 my freshman year, I am able to keep focusing on my studies so that I will be able to maintain this GPA for the remainder of my college career.”

Coach John Winters said, “Ferguson played with a 10-1 season in 1976. Regardless, she said she learned more from losing than winning.

“Go out and compete. Don’t make up your mind ahead of time whether you’re going to win or lose,” Ferguson said.

For those on the court or in the classroom.

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Why are you so mad about American Sniper?

By BRAYDEN YUTZ

The film was never intended to have your eyes opened to the specifics of the war.” Cooper told The Parthenon. “Yes, it’s true, it’s a strong statement, it’s a statement that’s hard to make. But if you honestly read the book and you honestly watch the film, you’ll see Kyle as a character, as a man, as a hero, and you’ll understand why the United States of America is the greatest country on Earth.”

Yes, he is faced with making decisions no human should ever have to make... An evil, it’s a position of absolutes of Americanism. It is his hate that makes him the weapon.

Regardless of its ambiguous meanings, “American Sniper” leaves the viewers with a lasting impression. It’s an American war hero. If it boosts the morale of those who served, if it重温s the memories of those who have lost loved ones of America’s hero then that’s his point. But is that not the point? The humanity and hopelessness of this film were missed. The morally ambiguous nature of the film cannot offer answers to the criticisms, but it still remains a film that will forever be associated with the name of Chris Kyle. The film is based on his autobiography by Chris Kyle.

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Humans of Huntington

What do you do for a living?
I work here, like housekeeping and stuff.

What was the happiest moment of your life?
When I got this job.

If you could give one piece of advice to a large group of people, what would it be?
Don’t give up and keep trying, that’s what I do.

What is an example of a time in your life that you haven’t given up?
I got my own job, my own place, graduated high school, and made it on my own.

By EMILY RICE

THE PARTHENON

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIVES OF THE CITY’S STRANGERS

By KELSEY LIVELY

THE PARTHENON

Brian Rymiller, head brewer for Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, visited Black Sheep Burrito & Brews Monday night to introduce their new Winter Run IPA craft beer.

GVB also showcased potential food pairings to accompany the flavors of the beer followed by a question and answer session with Rymiller.

Rymiller said the Winter Run is an American IPA that showcases the hops flavor within the beer.

Located in Lewisburg, West Virginia, the newly established craft brewery serves two flagship beers throughout West Virginia along with seasonal beers.

GVB is the 11th craft brewery in the state and has been welcomed with open arms.

“It [feedback] has been amazing,” Rymiller said. “People are super excited about local beer.”

Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company uses a mash filter system that allows the grain to be ground into flour-like substance allowing for 25 percent more efficiency from the product than a traditional system. It also uses 30-35 percent less water.

A homegrown brewery using local grain is something GVB is looking at for the future. However, the additional cost of sending the barley to the small craft malting company is keeping it from being able to use local grain.

“Our market, craft beer connoisseurs are looking for what’s next,” Rymiller said. “In order to be competitive we have to be willing to try new techniques. People are more educated about beer and they know what to look for so you can’t sell bad beer anymore.”

The process of establishing a new flavor is a loose process for Rymiller. By being a part of the brewing community up and down the east coast, he has established relationships with people in the industry.

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Tours of GVB are unavailable while the tasting center of their facility is under construction.

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By KELLY STEELE

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