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OCTAVIA
Winter storm rages against Huntington and Marshall

Committee makes rare choice to cancel classes for the day

By TYLER FERRIS
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Marshall University closed campus Monday after winter storm Octavia arrived and intensified sooner than expected.

Ginny Painter, senior vice president for communications and marketing, is part of the committee that decides what actions to take during inclement weather and also has a hand in delivering the message to the community.

Painter said committee members decided Sunday evening to have a conference call at 5:30 a.m. to decide Monday’s campus schedule.

Painter said the forecast originally said it would begin snowing at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. and intensify in the afternoon and evening, so the committee decided to keep campus on a regular schedule and reconvene at 10:30 a.m. Because Octavia arrived earlier than expected, the meeting was moved to 9 a.m. The committee canceled classes beginning at 11 a.m. and closed campus offices at 11 a.m. The notice was placed on the front page of Marshall’s website immediately.

Subscribers of the MU Alert emergency messaging system received text messages, e-mails and phone calls to notify them of the decision.

The original e-mail and text message alert was misleading. Early messages sent to subscribers claimed the university was canceling all classes beginning at 3:30 p.m. and later Jan. 21.

Painter said the individual usually responsible for sending out the message was in a car on the way to the university when it came time to send the message. The haste of the situation required Painter to send out the information herself.

When preparing the message, Painter said she updated the telephone message but did not update Communications confusion follows snow day decision

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Commutes became an issue for Marshall University students during recent storms. The snow made many students face the challenge of finishing assignments and making it to class on time. Students and faculty were in danger of being late, but some were able to make it to campus.

By ALLYSON CARR
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A public hearing discussing recent tobacco bill will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the House of Delegate Chambers at the West Virginia State Capitol. The hearing will be attended by government officials who will discuss their support or opposition to the bill.

PUBLIC HEARING ADDRESSES RECENT TOBACCO BILL

By ALLYSON CARR
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A public hearing discussing the H.B. 2208 bill will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the House of Delegate Chambers at the West Virginia State Capitol. The bill introduces new government regulations to control smoking. It will also provide the opportunity for citizens to voice their opinion and views on the proposal.

POLICE BLOTTER

All information provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

Larceny
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Austin Loop, already leading C-USA in three-pointers, put on a shooting exhibition in Saturday’s home win over Western Kentucky University. Loop canned six of his 10 three-point attempts en route to a game-high 23 points. In addition to his career-high, six three-pointers, Loop went a perfect 5-5 from the free throw line. Loop has been a lethal three-point threat all season, where he has made 69-177 three-pointers this season for a 39 percent clip. In fact, 78.4 percent of his made field goals and 83.1 percent of his total field goal attempts this season have come from behind the arc. The perimeter shooting has made Loop into a game-to-game scoring option this season as he ranks second on the team in scoring at 11.6 points per game.

Loop’s three-point shooting prowess is well documented, but his team-leading 32.3 minutes per game is a strong indication he has developed into a well-rounded and reliable, overall player. Loop is a solid defender who showcases excellent effort and disciplined technique in terms of his stance and foot movement. He has worked on becoming more comfortable working off the dribble this season, however, Loop’s true value is in the sharpshooter he’s always been known for. In head coach Dan D’Antoni’s pace and space type offense, Loop’s shooting threats defenders to stay disciplined and opens up space and driving lanes for his teammates.

“[Teams] have started shading me a little bit more and that opens up the floor for everyone else,” Loop said. “If [teams] are guarding the middle hard, then I’m getting shots and vice versa. Being a threat as a shooter is nice, but if I could add going off the dribble to my game, that makes me that much harder to guard. When you can’t just expect me to shoot a shot every time and know that I can go off the dribble, which I’m working on. I’m working on my pull-up game, but if I can just get to where I can handle the ball a little better.”

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By BLESH SHELDON

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The snow has fallen and "snowmageddon" and "snoscarmageddon" have once again greeted the Twitterverse with their abundant presence as the Midwest and Northeast hunker down in the midst of winter storms. Yes, this one is so bad she has a name. Not only has she prompted significant social media response, but, like many before her, Octavia has inspired the masses to rush to the grocery store to empty the shelves of soda and bread. Why? Why? Why? Why? I mean we don't deserve financial need that gets the rest. Does one really need to get a 20 or better on the ACT to qualify for some of these scholarships? It seems a bit ridiculation to me. The best education is found in a newspaper article.

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Train derailment sends oil tanker into river

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A train carrying more than 100 tankers of crude oil derailed in southern West Virginia on Monday, sending at least one into the Kanawha River, igniting at least 14 tanker cars and sparking a house fire, officials said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries. Nearby residents were told to evacuate as a state emergency response and environmental officials headed to the scene about 30 miles southeast of Charleston.

The state was under a winter storm warning and getting heavy snowfall at times, weighing tougher safety regulations for railment on its Twitter page. West Virginia American Water spokes-

woman Laura Jordan said the company shut down a water treatment plant, located about 3 miles from the derailment, at about 2:30 p.m. The plant serves about 2,000 customers. State health officials said another water plant downstream in the town of Cedar Grove also closed its intake. They asked customers from both water systems to conserve water.

The U.S. Transportation Department is weighing tougher safety regulations for rail shipments of crude, which can ignite and result in huge fireballs. Responding to a series of fiery train crashes, including one this spring in Lynchburg, Va., the government proposed rules in July that would phase out tens of thousands of older tank cars that carry highly flammable liquids. It’s not clear how old the tankers were on the derailed train.

The rail company acknowledged the derailment on its Twitter page.

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A five-year-old boy who died in a house fire that caught fire. His brother in law was outside at the time of the derailment and heard a loud crack below along the riverfront, then went inside his son.

By JOHN RABY

A fire burns Monday after a train derailed near Charleston, W.Va. Nearby residents were told to evacuate as a state emergency response and environmental officials headed to the scene.

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The snow is expected to taper off Tuesday with Monday’s nighttime snow accumulation reaching 1 to 3 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

Tuesday’s forecast includes a high of 24 degrees with a chance of snow showers Tuesday evening and throughout the day Wednesday.

A Hazardous Weather Outlook and Winter Storm Warning will be in effect until 5 a.m. Tuesday morning for the Huntington area, portions of South-

east Ohio and Central West Virginia.

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These rooms are usually bare, so linens are provided. Showers are available and televisions are located in the building. Meals are not provided, but the caterers will remain on their normal schedule.

These rooms are also available in case a com-
motor lives in an area away from campus that goes
Humans of Huntington

By EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIVES OF THE CITY’S STRANGERS

What do you do for a living?
I’m retired. I am a Navy veteran. I get my social security disability, I make good income, but I’m waiting on my pension to get that 100 percent from the VA. And then after that, if I get it, guess what I’m going to do then? I’m gonna travel around the country, I’m going to go to every state. Going to movies. I just came from a movie; I go to two movies every week.

What is your greatest passion in life?
What’s your favorite movie?
Rocky, well I just saw a good one yesterday too.