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Release forms slow traffic into rec center, lines long



BY ASHLEY ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

Although the new recreation center has been open for almost a week, students have been dealing with long lines to gain access to the new building.

The cause of the excessive wait is students and members have to sign an electronic release.

Dave Stewart, director of campus recreation, said the release is a standard legal document members must sign to show understanding of any risks and acknowledgment of the policies and

procedures at the recreation center. He said the release allows for the recreation center to minimize liability.

"We worked until 1 a.m. that Thursday morning in that area (the lobby) and then came back at 8 a.m. to begin processing the memberships, which include the release," Stewart said.

Besides the late construction hours, Stewart said that training the employees was impacted because of the lobby not being available for in-depth training.

He said they did some training in the Cam Henderson Center but it did not prepare them enough for the member turn out.

"Normally there is a two week turnaround in opening a facility from construction completion to opening," Stewart said. "We had seven hours."

"The students have been great about it and I appreciate that. Thank goodness the facility is so wonderful that students are understanding."

Dave Stewart
Director of campus recreation

Another setback campus recreation encountered was processing data about students and members and also receiving payment.

Stewart said that not all student

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BRIAN DALEK | THE PARTHENON
Students wait in line to sign a release Monday so they can enter the Marshall Recreation Center.



Pianist lectures on American music

BY SARAH O'CONNELL
THE PARTHENON

Renowned classical concert pianist and composer Evan Mack will lecture and perform at Marshall as part of the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professor of the Arts program to teach music students about trends in American music.

Mack, who holds a doctorate from Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, will begin his five-day long residency Thursday. "Classical music often gets a bad rap," Mack said. "The music that I am going to talk about is fresh, exciting and accessible to the audience."

Mack will perform a concert in Smith Music Hall Friday at 8 p.m. titled "Made in America." Mack will perform American

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF EVAN MACK

Evan Mack, pianist and composer, will lecture and perform at Marshall University starting Thursday.

Investigation of death continues

BY ANGELA SUNDSTROM
THE PARTHENON

Many questions are still unanswered about a student who was found dead Monday night in Towers West.

Bill Bissett, Marshall University chief of staff and senior vice president of communications, said that the family of the victim has been notified.

"We are not releasing any new information, but the investigation is continuing," Bissett said.

Both Huntington Police and MUPD were on the scene Monday evening. Huntington Police Sergeant John Williams said HPD officers were called in just to assist.

"The Marshall University Police Department is leading this case," Williams said. "Our only involvement was the crime scene technicians."

A cause of death is yet to be determined.

Marshall Police Chief Jim Terry added that it may take 6 to 8 weeks for any test results to come back.

Bissett said there is no reason for students to be concerned about safety, according to what authorities told him.

"This is still being considered an unattended death and no foul play suspected," Bissett said.

Towers West was an all female residence hall until the beginning of this academic year. The building is now co-ed by floor. The floor the victim was found on has not been released.

"At this time we ask both the public and the media to respect the family's privacy during this difficult time," Bissett said.

Counseling services are still available. Any student who would like to speak with someone can contact the Dean of Student Affairs or MUPD.

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Army, Guard recruitment exceeding goals

BY BROOKS TAYLOR
THE PARTHENON

A recent article in The New York Times said the U.S. Army is exceeding its recruiting goals for the first time in five years.

Maj. John J. Hess, recruiting and retention commander for the West Virginia National Guard, said that the Guard has met its recruiting goals for the last 13 years. "We are the No. 1 state in the country as far as in strength," Hess said. "We set our goals higher than the national average."

While the guard hasn't met its recruiting goals for the 2009 fiscal year, Hess said it was on track.

There are currently just under 7,000 guardsmen in the West Virginia National Guard and Air Guard.

While the Army and the National Guard work together they also have different recruiting goals and even compete with one another for recruits.

Staff Sgt. Brian Steinke, a U.S. Army active duty and reserve recruiter at the Huntington Mall, said his office is at about the same level as it was last year.

"For the first quarter of this year, we are about at the same level," Steinke said. "Our quarter starts in October. We are still about where we were last year, so we haven't seen an increase yet."

With economic troubles plaguing the country, Steinke said he was expecting an increase in the numbers of recruits.

"Mostly because we are a steady paycheck," Steinke said. "However, as of yet we really haven't seen an increase because West Virginia itself is not as effected as the rest of the country is."

Hess said recruiting is not typically economically driven in West Virginia. Sgt. 1st Class John Valdez, West Virginia National Guard recruiter at Marshall, said it's still too early to tell if President Barack Obama taking over

as commander in chief will have an effect on recruiting.

"I haven't noticed," Valdez said. "I think it's probably too short to look into or notice a change or trend in recruiting (since Obama took office.) I know we are doing well. What I can tell you is, I don't know if recruiting is any easier, but we have more numbers than we did before."

Steinke, who enlisted during President George H.W. Bush's administration, said he hasn't noticed a major difference during different presidencies.

"Generally every year we get a pay increase," Steinke said. "Some years more than others, but that's more on Congress than anybody. Our op tempo is a little higher now that it has been since I came in."

Since the mid 90s we have been going, going, going, but other than that I haven't really seen that much of a difference."

Valdez said he thinks the econ-

omy is a factor for students who join the guard.

"I know that anytime decisions are made in the political realm regarding education it has a direct impact on the National Guard because we pay 100 percent tuition," Valdez said. "If someone was counting on funds from a particular source and it's no longer there and they know about the National Guard they come to me and say 'Hey, I know y'all pay tuition, how do I get that?'"

Valdez said students must do what is in their best interest.

"If we talk enough times I might have an opinion on what's best for you, and it might be joining or it might not," Valdez said. "I sleep best at night when I look at my kids and I'm happy with their choice of joining or not joining. I say do what's best for you."

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Marshall ROTC members line up and shoot at targets for practice.

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EDITORIAL

State should keep Promise

The West Virginia legislature is ready to meet for the 2009 session, and one important item that will be brought up is whether or not to cap the amount of the state's Promise scholarship.

Judging from information mentioned during last week's Legislative Look Ahead there are interesting cases on both sides concerning how well the Promise scholarship actually works. Promise scholarships pay tuition and mandatory fees at any public college or the average equivalent dollar amount at a private college (\$4,752) for the school year in West Virginia to students who meet grade and test requirements. According to the Promise scholarship Web site, 9,300 students are benefiting from the scholarship this year.

Now, some members of the state legislature are thinking that the Promise is not doing what it was supposed to do in the first place — provide funding for those who cannot afford college and keep young people looking for jobs in West Virginia. Gov. Joe Manchin, who will give his State of the State Address tonight, sided with those in favor of a \$4,500 cap on the scholarship. The president of the University of Charleston also said in other news reports that he believes the Promise has become an entitlement program for the upper class. An argument can also be made that private state colleges are put at a disadvantage because they have always had a cap based on the average amount of public college tuition.

The problem with the argument for the cap comes from the Promise being too successful. There is no possible way legislators thought that they would have to fund about \$40 million a year in financial aid when the program began in 2002. Those who want to make standards more stringent forget that this will hurt lower income high school students who do not have the resources to pay for instruction on how to take standardized tests.

West Virginians should not be punished because they are meeting higher standards. In essence, if the state legislature alters how the Promise is handled, they will be breaking their promise to West Virginia students, especially the ones who need it the most.

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INSIGHTS BY AYRES | Emily Ayres

Poems for your inspiration

Here are some poems of inspiration. These are some rough times with the recession, a death on campus, political controversy and any other thing that may be hitting you. Sometimes only a poem can pull you up from the gloom. The first is written by my poetry teacher at Harford Community College in Maryland and the second is written by me. Enjoy.



Emily Ayres
COLUMNIST

If I don't write maybe the boy on the bridge will jump, the last polar bear swim endlessly, fields give up no soybeans.

If I don't write maybe all the pianos will go out of tune, that shy child stutter into silence, the osprey won't return from Brazil, tomatoes and avocados never ripen and the heartbroken teenager will run away.

If I don't write maybe the moon won't rise, the pot will boil over, fences will gash up between countries, forest fires rage.

stopping.

If I don't write maybe the salmon will not spawn, stars refuse to fall, the dead never get their last word, snows won't melt.

It's just words, just artifice. But it is also the sunrise after the hurricane, the Berlin Wall coming down, wood thrush singing for his mate, the last ear of the chocolate Easter bunny, Nelson Mandela walking out of prison, smell of your grandmother's pie, and your very last piano lesson.

If I don't write maybe the hummingbird will forever hover at the trumpet blossom, the prisoner wait and wait for a visitor, the ice cream truck circle over and over, music and bells in the distance, never

By Colleen Webster

I need it like the first sip of coffee, the last tug on my shoelace, the weight of my dog against my thigh.

Listen, all I am saying is that boy is still on the bridge dangling, waiting for something. Maybe poetry can save him.

He dips his head towards the desk like a monk in deference.

Except his eyes are filling with tears held by the curves of his cheeks swollen and red.

He recites his poem too quickly, too quietly like a prayer that is rushed.

I wish I could hold his palm in mine to pass along with a gentle touch that he is not alone.

Instead, I stay at the opposite side of the room behind my square desk legs tucked, confined. My stomach churns and my

body begs to be let go, and move to him and heal.

I am almost to the point of crying tears are making their way to the corners of my eyes where they will jump the gap to my skin and fall in streams, I wipe them away—

the window is open and I look and there are trees that are green and a sky so blue it calls out to my heart and I am lifted up to peace.

What it must have taken God to create these things that can mend a heart when the rest of the world seems all it can do is break it.

If God could take the precious time and energy to give us joy then I can stand up walk over to this boy hold his hand and share this beauty and love.

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"We want to encourage all European countries to come. It is in Europe's interest to extend a hand here and to support the peace." — French President Nicolas Sarkozy in Iraq, encouraging European leaders to re-engage with the country.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MYRIAH HISAM | THE PARTHENON

The West Virginia Tobacco Quitline has been helping people quit smoking for eight year. They have received more than 200,000 calls and more than 50,000 people have signed up for the program with its facilities in Charleston and Morgantown. To contact the Quitline you can call 1-877-966-8784.

Quitline ready to help smokers quit

BY MYRIAH HISAM
THE PARTHENON

The West Virginia Tobacco Quitline has received more than 200,000 calls and 50,000 people have signed up for the program in its eight years of operation.

Kathy Danberry, cessation program manager, said the Quitline receives \$1 million each year from the state to cover uninsured people who want to quit smoking.

According to the "West Virginia Division of Tobacco Prevention Strategic Plan: 2008-2013," tobacco use remains the No. 1 cause of preventable death and disease in West Virginia. The plan states that West Virginia ranks No. 3 in the nation with a smoking rate of 26.6 percent.

The plan predicts more than 50,000 West Virginia residents will die from tobacco use by the year 2020 if current trends continue. It also predicts that smoking alone is responsible for approximately 4,000 deaths each year in the state.

All 50 states have a Quitline, but West Virginia is one of the few that is actually based in the state it serves. The West Virginia Quitline has providers in Charleston and Morgantown, Danberry said.

"It's a big advantage to be based in the state we are serving," she said. "If need be, we can just walk down the street to help."

Lynne Goebel, Marshall University

School of Medicine professor, travels around West Virginia providing training to health care providers who work with people ready to quit smoking.

"Not every person who thinks they are ready to quit actually is," Goebel said. "It's frustrating, but our job is just to be ready and be there for the patient when they decide they are ready."

First-time callers take part in a 30 minute interview to determine their stage of quitting, Danberry said. If the caller is ready to quit in 30 days or less, he or she signs up to the program and receives four free calls as well as eight weeks of nicotine replacement therapy.

"We're a pretty big program to be run by such few people," Danberry said.

Quitline employees said their plan for 2009 is to stay in the media to encourage more people to call to get help, Danberry said.

She said the 20 counselors based at beBetter Networks, Quitline's provider, are available for the caller when they need additional support.

"The network's main goal is to help people quit smoking," Danberry said. "The success of the Quitline depends on community and professional helpers to do the biggest part of the outreach."

To contact Quitline, call 1-877-966-8784.

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COEHS under advisement Mandatory counseling attempts to keep students on track

BY KRISTEN HARKER
THE PARTHENON

The College of Education and Human Services is implementing mandatory advising for all students this year in an attempt to boost retention rates.

The new requirement is currently in its first phase and targets juniors and seniors for fall registration. Darlene Daneker, associate dean of students for the college, said she expects bumps along the road but said the change is necessary and beneficial.

"The point of this is not to inconvenience anyone, but to give the students an opportunity to get connected with the faculty and develop relationships that could save them a lot of frustration down the road," Daneker said.

Because the College of Education and Human Services serves more students than any other college on campus, Daneker said one of the primary reasons for the switch was the thought that students have not been getting the proper attention to stay on the right track toward graduation.

The official plans for the mandatory advising requirement will require juniors and

"The point of this is not to inconvenience anyone, but to give students an opportunity to get connected to the faculty and develop relationships."

Darlene Daneker

Associate Dean of students for the College of Education and Human Services

seniors to meet with their adviser in April for fall registration and freshmen and sophomores to meet in October for the following spring registration.

Daneker suggests that students make appointments to meet with their individual adviser as early as the first week of April or sooner to ensure they get a spot before their designated registration day.

Once a currently enrolled student meets with their adviser, the hold on the account

will be lifted, permitting registration. Students on probation and those coming off suspension will need to see Daneker instead of their adviser before they can register for any classes.

Michael Corrigan, assistant professor and adviser in the college, said the university he previously worked for had an advising requirement and it worked out for the best. On his side of the deal, Corrigan said it helps the adviser keep better track of the advisees and to get to know them on a more individual basis.

"I've come to find that about 50 percent of my students and advisees here are the first member of their family to go to college, and they don't have anyone else to go to for advice. For those students especially, this guidance can prove to be crucial in retention," Corrigan said.

Daneker said although students may feel resentful about the extra step in the registration process, adviser meetings may save an extra semester's work or just one class and that alone will definitely outweigh their initial frustration.

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Cold weather not main cause of colds

BY KATIE HARPER
THE PARTHENON

This week's heat wave has granted mental relief to students who associate cold weather with getting sick, but low temperatures may not be the evil culprits of their discomfort.

Elizabeth Ayers, public health educator at Cabell-Huntington Health Department, said the idea that cold weather causes illness is just a tale.

"People say going outside with wet hair will cause illness, but it's just not true," Ayers said. "It's not necessarily the cold weather. It's a virus."

Dr. Harry Tweel said winter's lower temperatures do draw a

larger number of people indoors and closer together.

"Cold temperatures have nothing to do with getting sick, but it does have something to do with the proximity of people," Tweel said. "Heat and cold are not the causes of cold and flu."

Ayers said using reliable sources to evaluate symptoms is the key to avoiding health myths.

"People will believe a lot of things based on the information that's out there," Ayers said. "CDC.gov is a great referral for people not sure about how they got sick or if they have the cold or a flu."

The unpleasant symptoms of

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Helping women dress for success

BY WHITNEY HOWELL
THE PARTHENON

Dress for Success River Cities has been changing the lives of women since 1999, and rates of successful job placement have recently increased because of more donations by the community, said boutique manager Bonnie Davis.

The Dress for Success nonprofit organization was founded in New York City in 1997 to offer services to women that boost self-confidence and help them obtain a job and keep it, said founder and executive director Sherri Smith. Dress for Success River Cities opened in 1999, and in the past two years has helped more than 3,000 women in the area in the past two years, said program coordinator Lauran Nichols.

"Our mission is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life," Nichols said.

Davis said that more clothing was donated in 2008 than any other year. A total of 3,157 dress suits were donated to the store, which were given to more than 2,000 women who obtained stable jobs and created a dependent life for themselves this past year, Davis said.

"It's surprising how generous people in the Tri-State have been with their donations, especially

with the economy the way it is, but donations are what create our success," Davis said.

Dress for Success River Cities serves clients by referral only, and women must have an interview scheduled before receiving clothing. Clients come from a continually expanding and diverse group of nonprofit and government agencies including homeless shelters, immigration services, job training programs, educational institutions and domestic violence shelters, among many other organizations, Nichols said. She also said that more than 2,750 organizations throughout the world send women to Dress for Success for professional attire and career development services.

Davis said Dress for Success River Cities not only serves Huntington, but also Charleston; Ashland, Ky; Ironton, Ohio; and Portsmouth, Ohio. Davis also said that "self-confidence and attitude are boosted" for those women who complete a program through Dress for Success.

Susan Bryant, a native of Ashland, Ky, is an advocate for Dress for Success of River Cities who swears by the organization and what it can do for career-driven women.

"I honestly thought I would never have a career after all the mess I had in my life. Dress for Success taught me that I was worth it and I could do it," Bryant said.

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BRIEFS

Tejada charged in connection with steroids scandal

WASHINGTON—All-Star short-stop Miguel Tejada has been charged with lying to Congress about an ex-teamsmate's use of steroids, the latest baseball player to get caught up in a web of cheating and juicing that has stained the sport.

Tejada is expected to plead guilty in court Wednesday. The charges against him were outlined in documents filed Tuesday in federal court in Washington.

The teammate is not identified in court documents, but he is referred to as having played with Tejada on the Oakland Athletics. Tejada won the 2002 American League Most Valuable Player award while playing for the Athletics and is a five-time All-Star. He now plays for the Houston Astros.

The documents indicate that a plea agreement has been reached with Tejada. The court papers were filed a day after superstar Alex Rodriguez acknowledged past use of performance-enhancing drugs. The New York Yankees third baseman does not face charges.

The FBI also is investigating whether Roger Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young winner, lied to Congress last year when he denied using steroids or human growth hormone.

Thundering Herd quiets Red Storm in rout



CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Marshall senior forward Markel Humphrey slams a dunk home during Tuesday's nonconference matchup versus Rio Grande. He finished with 23 points.

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD
THE PARTHENON

Coping with injuries and a limited bench, the Marshall University men's basketball team found its chemistry Tuesday night in front of a crowd of 3,973 at the Cam Henderson Center.

The Herd took a 92-59 decision over the Red Storm to extend its all-time record in their series with Rio Grande to 13-0.

Junior guard Adam Williams started and played 35 minutes for the Herd. The St. Albans, W.Va., native finished the game with a career-high 12 points and 14 rebounds.

"I couldn't be happier for myself and my teammates," Williams said. "It's a win we needed and that's a good team out there. No matter who you beat, whether it be Rio Grande or West Virginia, if you win a game, you win a game. Right now in our new season, we're 2-0."

Marshall (11-13, 3-6 C-USA) dominated in every category, shooting 57 percent from the floor, 35 percent from beyond the arc and 54 percent from the charity stripe. Rio Grande (17-10, 4-6 AMC) kept the contest close early in the first half then took over the lead at the 15:39 mark with a jumper by senior guard/forward Brandon Ivery.

The Red Storm maintained the lead with its largest advantage of eight points coming at the 10:19 mark from a 3-point shot by guard Doug Campbell. However, the Herd rallied back to tie the game twice and regained the lead with a 3-point shot by senior guard Darryl Merthie at the 5:28 mark. Marshall kept the lead for good and returned to the locker room with a 17 point advantage of 46-29 at halftime.

The second half was all Marshall, opening with a dunk by sophomore forward Tirrell Baines. The Red Storm would come no closer than 17 points and were held to 40 percent from the floor and 33.3 percent from the charity stripe in the second half.

The Herd's biggest lead was 35 with 1:21

remaining in the contest. Freshman guard Brad Cubbie was the last to score for Rio Grande as they couldn't overtake the Herd.

Senior forward Markel Humphrey said this game was an example of how much the team perseveres despite the obstacles and injuries.

"It's all about staying together and we know that injuries are a big part of the game," Humphrey said. "Like coach Jones said, we're not going to sit here and feel sorry for ourselves. We've got to keep the intensity on the court no matter how tired we are."

Humphrey and Marshall head coach Donnie Jones acknowledged the efforts Williams made to get a double-double and contribute to the Herd victory.

"He works just as hard as anybody on the team. I think Adam deserves it," Humphrey said. "For him to come out and start tonight I was happy for him. He got his first double-double and I just pray that it keeps clicking on for him throughout the rest of the season."

"He's earned his right to start," Jones said. "He took advantage of that opportunity and he's playing with confidence. He and Markel and Chris Lutz, all three of those guys are really playing with great confidence."

Rio Grande head coach Ken French said his NAIA team will benefit from the experience of playing a higher level game.

"It means a lot to our program, means a lot to our guys," French said. "It's something I hope that they'll remember forever even though we've come up on the short end of the stick both years. Even though we lost the game, there were a lot of things that we did well."

French said he would like to see the Marshall-Rio Grande series continue in the future and said Jones is taking Herd basketball in the right direction.

"Donnie Jones will get it done here, I promise."

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MU pitching staff ready to fill any role for season

BY DAVE TRAUBE
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University baseball player will throw out the first pitch of the 2009 season this month. While the player who throws the pitch has not been determined yet, the staff as a whole is ready to continue last year's late season success.

The Thundering Herd will try to build on a 30-30-1 season that ended with a magical run in the Conference USA tournament concluding in a 2-3 loss to the Houston Cougars in the championship game.

The pitching staff will look to improve on last season's team earned run average of 5.78. Pitching coach Tim Adkins said this year's crew has something in its corner that last year's squad lacked — experience.

"Most of these guys coming back have experienced winning in conference," Adkins said. "In years past, Marshall baseball didn't really have that experience. It's one thing to play, but it's another thing to get it done and win."

The staff will have the luxury of 16 different pitching arms to choose from this season. Adkins said that kind of depth gives him more room to be creative and doesn't require him to ask his pitchers to do as much as he had to in the past.

"All these guys played different roles last year in the conference tournament," Adkins said. "(Dan) Straily started two games, closed one. (Andrew) Blain starts

and closes or is a middle reliever. (Ryan) Kiel pitches in three or four games and Shane (Farrell) started an elimination game when he hadn't started in nearly a month. So now we're not gonna have to ask kids to do things that maybe really and truthfully you don't know if they're able to do."

That added depth has also added competition for playing time to the list of this year's worries for the pitchers. However, senior Andrew Blain said that rivalry among the players is not necessarily a bad thing.

"You've got 16 guys competing to get on that mound and only one can throw at a time," Blain said. "You're not only competing with each other but I think you can learn from each other. I can even learn from the new guys. I don't care if he's younger or older, you can always watch and learn from someone and use that to your advantage."

The staff also has versatility among the pitchers. At times during the season, players who have pitched out of the bullpen may be asked to start, and vice versa. Junior Ryan Kiel said it's all about the mentality the player has.

"When you come in as a reliever, you want to be unstoppable, right there," Kiel said. "As far as a starter you have a little more leeway, but what they (coaches) expect out of you is a lot more."

While some could view the team's lack of a home field on campus as an obstacle, coach Adkins said the team sees it as an opportunity.

"We didn't play a single home

game last year," Adkins said. "None of these guys know what it's like to sleep in their own beds and than go out and pitch. They don't know what it's like to have their fellow students come out and support them."

"It's a shame that the University doesn't take more pride in that. The great thing is that we are stronger for it. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger, so I think it's good we deal with what we deal with."

The team will start its season Feb. 20 when it takes part in the Wake Forest University Tournament in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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Allied Health expanding programs

BY DANIELLE JORDAN
THE PARTHENON

The Allied Health Division is expanding its programs through various state funded grants. The Allied Health Division of Marshall Community and Technical College has received five grants totaling \$922,000. The Allied Health Division is using these grants to expand its programs and create new ones within the college.

Jean Chappell, dean of the Allied Health Division, said the expansion the program can create more opportunities.

"We are able to give students options," Chappell said. "This expansion is for our students and for our community."

Among the five grants received, the Allied Health Division has been able to

create three new programs and expand two of their existing programs. Chappell said all of these grants that have been awarded to the division have been competitive grants throughout the state.

Keith Cotroneo, president of Marshall Community and Technical College, said for the Allied Health Division to receive these grants the college must do rigorous research in the job market to know if the job opportunities will be available for students coming out of these programs.

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"These grants really help us fund the new programs," Cotroneo said. "It's important to get these programs established to give these opportunities to the students."

Cotroneo said the expansion of the Allied Health programs will help the students prepare for

the occupations they want. The latest program the Allied Health Division is creating is a biotech program. This program, along with the clinical assistant program and the pharmacy technician program have been created with these grants.

A medical assistant grant was also awarded to expand the existing program and help move it online as well. Chappell said these new programs help students go on to become adequate in their fields of study.

"At Marshall Community and Technical College we are focused on the basic level of education," Chappell said. "These two-year programs will help the students be successful if they want to move on to receive a bachelor's or master's degree."

"You can go through these programs, receive the degree you want and then be able to go out and successfully get a job you want."

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PIANIST

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music including "Ballade, Op 46" by Samuel Barber, "American Berserk" by John Adams, and the more well-known "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin, as well as other music from prominent composers. This event is free and open to the public.

"Because Mack is a concert pianist and a composer, he will be able to give a double perspective about the works he has programmed when he talks with the audience," said Leslie Petteys, professor of piano at Marshall.

This will be Mack's second time performing at Marshall. Last year, he performed a concert for a capacity crowd.

"I really enjoyed the buzz in the audience," he said. "Everyone was really into it and it seemed like the audience had a thirst for knowledge."

Originally from Catskills, N.Y., Mack currently resides in Lewisburg, W.Va. He has played music for most of his life. He has been playing the piano for 21 years and began composing music when he was 13 years old. He has composed five full musicals, three of them for children's theater.

For the past two years, Mack has traveled around the world performing American piano concerts. From the U.S. to Spain and South Africa, Mack enjoys showcasing his music and teaching people about music and piano. He is currently recording on a full-length opera titled "Angel of the Amazon."

Mack has a wide range of influences. From Beethoven to Ben Folds, he says that many different types of music inspire him.

The Distinguished Professor Residencies is a program that welcomes guest artists to the music department to

lecture and perform for students.

"The program is a great opportunity to bring in guest artists or groups to interact with our students. These are groups and artists we would not have been able to bring to campus without the support of the program," Petteys said.

Mack will also participate in a lecture Thursday to talk about American music with an emphasis on music from the last 35 years. On Sunday, he will showcase his children's theater works, also giving some students the chance to perform at Smith Music Hall.

Marshall is sponsoring the Sonatina Festival for the first time Saturday in Marshall's

Jomie Jazz Center. This festival includes a wide variety of events along with a com-

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Evan Mack, pianist and composer, will be performing and lecturing at Marshall beginning Thursday.

Minorities more likely to be pulled over

BY BRIAN FARKAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHARLESTON — A study commissioned by lawmakers on alleged racial profiling by West Virginia police shows black and Hispanic motorists are more likely to be stopped and searched than whites.

Lawmakers authorized the Division of Criminal Justice study to resolve racial profiling accusations against law enforcement officials. The study presented to lawmakers Monday was based on 301,479 traffic stops recorded by police across West Virginia between April 2007 and September 2008.

"It doesn't answer the question of whether racial profiling is taking place," said Stephen Haas, director of the division's statistical analysis center. "It does answer the question of disparity of whites, blacks and Hispanics."

Although nearly 94 percent of the drivers stopped were white, the study found that blacks and Hispanics were at least 1.5 times more likely to be stopped by police. And once stopped, the study found, they were more likely to be arrested or receive a citation.

Also, blacks and Hispanics were at least twice as likely to be searched.

However, the study showed that once searched, whites were more likely to have drugs and other contraband on them than either blacks or Hispanics.

"The fact that they are being searched at higher rates than whites, but less contraband is being found, it raises questions as to what were the reasons for

the stop and search," Haas said.

Franklin Crabtree, executive director of the state's American Civil Liberties Union chapter, said researchers might not be able to say racial profiling exists, but circumstantial evidence suggests it.

"This study indicates we civil libertarians have a lot of work to do in West Virginia," he said.

The ACLU sued the city of Charleston in 2002 after city police stopped a vehicle with three black students who were participating in a leadership program at West Virginia State College.

West Virginia NAACP President Kenneth Hale said in a statement that the results aren't surprising. But Hale said it's disappointing to see "that people of color are still being disproportionately singled out to be stopped and searched when they travel on the state's roads."

The Legislature has been debating racial profiling since 2002. Lawmakers adopted the Racial Profiling Data Collection Act in 2004 and approved rules governing the study in 2006.

The study required officers to note the type of violation the vehicle was stopped for and whether the officers issued a citation, warning or took no action. They also must note the time and day of each stop, how long the stop lasted and the patrol area and county where the stop occurred.

Information was collected by city police, county sheriff's deputies and state police troopers.

Speeding was the most common reason for a traffic stop. And only 4.6 percent of all stops resulted in a search, the study found. Contraband was not found in 53.6 percent of the searches.

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LINES

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information has been provided and because of this the employees have to enter the data into the system. He also said some members, other than full-time students, need to pay their membership fees, which is delaying the process.

Michael Rose, sophomore music education major from Charleston, said the employees need to enter student information into the system, including an emergency contact. He also said to complete the release one must electronically sign the release and have a photo taken.

"It seems unbearably long for the process," Rose said.

Rose waited in line on Sunday to complete his release in order to be able to access the facility. He said he arrived at the recreation center around 2:30 p.m. and completed his release 45 minutes later.

Rose said he was lucky because others have waited in line for more than two hours.

"It is worth it once you're signed up," Rose said.

Stewart recommends coming earlier in the day because the

lines are manageable. He said he hopes that the lines will recede by the end of the week.

A mass e-mail was sent campus wide Saturday that provided information about signing the release and also stated the anticipation of long lines.

The e-mail mentioned low usage hours for students to stop by the recreation center to sign the release. These hours are Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The e-mail provided a phone number for the recreation center, (304) 696-4REC, which will allow students to call and inquire about the lines.

"I empathize with the members waiting in line to sign the release," Stewart said. "The students have been great about it and I appreciate that. Thank goodness the facility is so wonderful that students are understanding. The second time students visit the rec center they are entering immediately. We are working diligently to expedite the process but the sheer volume with many coming at the same time is problematic."

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COLDS

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a cold or flu can lead to accurate identification of an illness.

"With the flu, you'll have a good fever above 101 degrees, pain behind the ears, weakness and headache," Tweel said.

Tweel said the flu differs from the cold because it is immobilizing.

"When you're sick with the flu, you can't do anything. There's no such thing as a walking flu," Tweel said. "You should check with a physician for treatment and medicine."

In contrast to the flu, a cold does not immobilize those infected, but it does cause discomfort.

"The main thing to do is rest," Tweel said. "Tylenol or aspirin can be used to alleviate some symptoms."

Ayers said preventative mea-

sures can reduce the possibility of contracting the flu.

"Our flu vaccine lasts the whole flu season, from fall to the end of April," Ayers said. "You can get the flu year-round, but the most common time is during those months. Flu shots are free of charge to Marshall students and the general public."

Huntington area residents will not be able to blame their illnesses on low temperatures this week.

Chris Bailey, WSAZ meteorologist, said a strong cold front will follow the warm front Huntington has been enjoying.

"Wednesday we'll be back into the 60s again with the potential for some spring showers," Bailey said. "After that cold front moves in later in the week, we'll be cold again."

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ROUT

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"Donnie Jones will get it done here, I promise you. With their injuries and everything, they've kind of taken a step back this year and I've been through this at our level," French said. "They will be successful here and they'll get it done and he's doing it the right way. He's doing it with young kids and kids with character and he's building something that's going to last for a long time."

Jones said he was most impressed with the unselfish play the Herd displayed in the game.

"We made 26 assists tonight

so we really shared the ball well," Jones said. "I thought that was an important component in tonight's game."

Chemistry is what brings the team together when dealing with injuries and a smaller lineup, Jones said.

"When you build a program, you've got to keep coaching and teaching them every day," Jones said. "You've got to have talented guys, but if you've got guys who'll play together and believe in what you're doing, you'll always have a chance. I think we've just got to look for that chemistry right now. That can carry you a long way."

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A painting of President Barack Obama is displayed at Highlands Museum and Discovery Center in Ashland, Ky., -for its "Black History Celebration" exhibit for Black History Month.



Paintings of President Barack Obama, Senator Hillary Clinton and jazz singer Louis Armstrong are also displayed as part of the "Black History Celebration" exhibit at Highlands Museum and Discover Center in Ashland, Ky.

History

BY RYAN BLOOMFIELD
The Parthenon

Black History Month is a time for celebrating the achievements of African-Americans, and the Highlands Museum and Discovery Center knows just how to do it.

Throughout February the museum will be having its annual "Black History Celebration." Jennifer Criswell, office manager at the museum in Ashland, Ky., said there will be many activities going on this month.

"We have everything from new exhibits to choirs singing gospel music," Criswell said. "This is a busy month for us at the museum."

The celebration, which started Feb. 6, opened with the Jerry Johnson Art Exhibit. The exhibit has more than 28 original works created by Johnson, a native of Ashland.

"He did his first painting at the age of 13," Criswell said. "Jerry loves what he does and it shows in his work."

Johnson has continued to create art throughout his life. While living in California for many years, he worked with 150 other artists at well-known locations, such as the International Continental Hotel in San Diego. Johnson has also displayed his works in the Art Gallery in Los Angeles and in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Johnson has done works for Marshall University, and he appeared on ESPN for drawing logos of the 1970 plane crash. His drawings and logos helped him get an appearance in "We Are Marshall" as an extra.

Criswell said the inspiration for his paintings in this exhibit came from African-American leaders throughout history.

There are many other activities happening at the museum this month. The museum will be hosting a gospel night Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Choirs from four different churches in the area will sing gospel music related to black history.

The Marshall University African Drumming and Dance Ensemble will perform at the museum Feb. 26. The group specializes in traditional music and dances of West Africa. Performers of the ensemble include Marshall student and faculty musicians.

The museum is also offering activities specifically for children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The Student Discovery Workshop will be having a class called "From Spirituals to Rap." Students will hear stories and experiences of African-Americans and how their influence in America has created different music styles.

Dan Blevins, director of operations at the museum, said the workshops are educational and entertaining.

"Students can learn about historical moments in history," Blevins said. "There are activities such as painting, drawing and creating musical instruments."

The Student Discovery Workshops are available by appointment, and the Black History Celebration ends Feb. 28. The museum is located at 1620 Winchester Ave. in Ashland, Ky., and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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