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Fourth Avenue construction yields bike lane

Five-foot lane spanning from Marshall to downtown Huntington will keep bikers safe

BY ASHLEY FOSTER
THE PARTHENON

The City of Huntington will continue the reconstruction of Fourth Avenue for the rest of the week to pave the way for the new bike lane that will extend on both sides of the avenue between Marshall University and downtown Huntington. Fourth Avenue, which is currently four lanes wide, will be decreasing to three lanes to make room for a five-foot bike lane on either side of the street. This is the first time Huntington bikers will be able to safely share the road.

Charles Holley, director of development and planning for the City of Huntington, has been working toward the bike lane project for 10 years.

“I think Huntington will reap serious benefits from the construction of the bike lane, including health beneﬁts for all,” Holley said. “It will also hopefully persuade more people to bike instead of drive which will improve our air quality. Huntington has the 17th worst air quality of any city in the country. The purpose of this project is to promote health and community in Huntington.”

Holley also foresees the bike lane bringing economic beneﬁts to the area as well. “We are trying to create a connection with Marshall and downtown Huntington,” Holley said. “This will put more people on the streets and create opportunities for businesses to thrive.”

Bill Page, employee of Huntington Cycle and Sport on Fourth Avenue, said he is looking forward to the addition. “This will be the beginning of bike awareness in Huntington,” Page said. “Hopefully, more people will start cycling, which will help people to save on the cost of gas. We plan to have a big party here at the store once the bike lane is ﬁnished.”

Students and community members who wish to become more active will also beneﬁt from the bike lane.

Kathleen Clark, ﬁrst year graduate student studying science and human resource management, said she thinks the bike lane will encourage exercise in the city. “There is a huge amount of initiatives in Huntington right now,” Clark said. “This will be a good step in the right direction for people to become more active.

For students who do not have a bicycle, Marshall provides access. The Marshall Recreational Center offers free bicycle rental to students for the day.

Brent Patterson, professor of digital media in the Department of Art and Design at Marshall, is an avid cyclist along with his wife and children.

“We believe the new ﬁve-foot bike lane will create a greater demand for students to bike because the building key to progress will be for more people to get on bikes to encourage the building of more bike lanes in the future.”

Fourth Avenue construction takes place Wednesday. The City of Huntington is decreasing the number of lanes in three to make room for a bike lane on each side.

The reconstruction of Fourth Avenue will add an extra bike lane addition, which is set to be ﬁnished later next week. Ashley Foster can be contacted at foster108@marshall.edu or contacted at Myers132@marshall.edu.

Records of Marshall Academy and Marshall College Gazette uncovered

BY KRISTA KAYE TURNER
THE PARTHENON

An original compilation book from Marshall Academy and Marshall College is being transcribed and released as an eBook by Jack Dickinson, member of the Marshall Library special collection staff. The handwritten records are representative of the years 1855-1879.

Dickinson said he took on this project because this is the oldest documentation ever found in Marshall history. “The reason I wanted to take this on was because it’s a book out of this book because there are names of girl students,” Dickinson said. “No one else has ever been able to find or prove there were girls here before the Civil War.”

Dickinson found the names of seven girls and double-checked the identities with the census books on the ﬁrst ﬂoor of Mooney Library. In addition, Dickinson found the names of children from prominent Huntington families such as Holloway, Laidley and Buffalo. The compilation book begins in 1855 and continues with the debates of the Marshall Academy Constitution, bylaws and meeting minutes. The Marshall Academy consisted of high school kids. “We are trying to create a connection with Marshall and downtown Huntington,” Holley said. “This will put more people on the streets and create opportunities for businesses to thrive.”

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With an eye to every department and then coordinate that data from students about it provides each year. Thus, the Department of Housing and Residence Life are met in a safe and welcoming environment. The newest members of the program are LGBTO students at Marshall and their allies. They also learn how to understand a wide range of gender and sexual identities and sex expressions.

The largest program the LGBT office also has “standing library of books on LGBT-related topics.” There are three main groups at Marshall are LAMBDA, the Gay, Straight, Bisexual, and Allies. Bisexual also works with the Caldwell County Healthy Department to get information about sexuality and sexual health to students. The office also assists various LGBT-related groups on campus. There are three main groups at Marshall are LAMBDA, the Gay, Straight, Bisexual, and Allies, and an office facing students a different focus. The LAMBDAS Society is mainly geared toward activities, office hours, and rallies, as well as being the home of the annual LAMBDA Powwow. In addition, the LAMBDA Powwow. Of Gay, Straight, Bisexual, and Alli...
LEADING THE PACK

Senior Aaron Dobson assumes leadership role

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

From the first time he took the field for Marshall University, it was apparent that wide receiver Aaron Dobson had the potential to become a star. That potential has become a reality for the South Charleston native, who made national headlines last season when he made an unbelievable one-handed catch against East Carolina that was coined “the catch.” Dobson is now in his fifth year of eligibility, along with fellow senior wide receiver Antwan Wilkes. The two combined for 995 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2011 and are looking to use this year’s spring practice to become even better.

Aaron Dobson is a great combination on opposite sides of the ball. The senior defensive back and double team me or him (Antwan),” said Marshall senior wide receiver Aaron Dobson. “I just feel like we are going to put pressure on whoever is the quarterback really.” Dobson is a big target down field for quarterback Rakeem Cato. “I think he’s got to be one of the greatest catches,” said Dobson. “He’s been progressing,” Cato said. “It’s how I have always done, and the way I will likely do it for the rest of my life. I was born here so it feels good to come out here and play in front of fans I’ve known my whole life. I was born here and it feels nice to play in front of fans who know who I am.”

Aaron Dobson reaps in a touchdown catch during Marshall’s Sept. 10 victory over the University of Southern Mississippi. Dobson led the team in touchdowns and receiving yards during his junior season.

“Leaders set great examples above you and play the game better players, and we expect him to lead and be great. He’s a guy who is always ready to be the best player on the field, and held people responsible for what they do,” Dobson said. “When you start getting the guys around you, it makes me very comfortable.”

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SPORTS EDITOR

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While the Thatchers and Reagans of the world see this new popular discourse as a means of defending an obviously failing system, the mere existence of such a discourse betrays the finity of capitalism. Why must we tax the rich? Even if we set Marx aside and examine the current economic and political climate from a more moder- ate perspective, the reasons are clear: A deteriorating economy, abysmal levels of unemployment, overshoveling of the deficit, depleting wages, and low demand make for a cocktail of serious prob- lems that cannot be ignored any longer.

It was not three decades of harsh federal regulations that resulted in the global economic crisis, but the wholesale deregulation of risky, white collar gambling. It was not 30 years of overseeing taxes upon the wealthy that sucked dry the social and economic safety nets that provided us with credibility, but tax evasion, cuts and fraud. Nor was it the belief that the power of a corporately owned country, but the sovereign nature of organized labor. One need only brieﬂy examine the economic and political trajectory of the last three decades to come to an unwavering conclu- sion about the cause of the economic strife and politi- cal turmoil that threaten to sufﬁce us today. Needless to say — the re- duction of the McCarty witch hunts and the astronomical effort put forth to smear and slander any and all elements of the Left continue to hamper our progress in encouraging a critical dis- course about capitalism and its alternatives. Luckily, recent events have helped us to begin to overcome these barriers — from the Arab Spring to Occupy Wall Street, we ﬁnd that even our greatest detractors feel the burden of our economic crisis. As a nation, let us hope that justice is served to the individuals who have thus far evaded prosecution, despite having played major roles in the cause of the economic crisis.

GUEST COLUMN

Tax the rich, find alternatives to capitalism

BY JORDAN FANNIN

GUEST COLUMNIST

There is nothing more in- dictive of the fact that the play of humanity is a tragi- comedy than when a worker can, in one gesture, turn out their empty pockets to the International Revenue Ser- vice while declaring with all sincerity that increasing taxes on the rich is, by its very nature, the punish- ment of success. The crescendo of free market and disregard proclivities has subordinated and in its place we hear the new cry: Tax the rich! The crescendo of free market and disregard proclivities has subordinated and in its place we hear the new cry: Tax the rich! Why must we tax the rich? Even if one ever truly existed — is no more and the working class has shouldered the entire burden of our global economic crisis?

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The parties to spend time and effort in the legal system right up to the 9th Circuit, which is under the authority of the 9th Circuit court.

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The inside snitch on Quidditch

MARSHALL STUDENTS gather outside of the First-Year Residence Halls on Wednesday to enjoy a game of Quidditch, which made popular by J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series. Britanny Monroe, of South Charleston, W.Va., who wore nothing but a golden outfit, was sported throughout the game.

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Lecture series aims to improve Huntington

The “Diane and Discover” lecture series continued Wednesday with a discussion on community service and how anyone can be involved in making a change in Huntington. Byron Clercx, chairperson in the department of art and design and college of fine arts, spoke about re-designing and rebuilding downtown Huntington through community service.

“One question Clercx said he was asked early on was ‘Why bother helping other people when nothing will change?’ Clercx said he did not become involved in civic involvement with the idea that anything will be dramatically changed.

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