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Texting while driving ban passes Senate

By Shane Arrington

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Tom Bayley and Ken Waddell teach high school students to be a pedestrian by walking through a model village during a demonstration on good engineering practices and introducing them to careers in the military. Their presentation was part of the 2011 annual Engineering Career Day organized by the Huntington area and the Society of American Military Engineers and Marshall University.

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In West Virginia, it could soon be possible that texting while a streetlight could get a driver a ticket. In West Virginia, a texting while driving ban is being voted in the House of Delegates that will make testing while driving a primary offense.

Currently, texting and driving is a secondary offense meaning that the driver can only be cited for texting if they are already pulled over for another reason.

"It's hard to keep your wheels on the road when your eyes aren't," said Senator Jeff Miller, president of the Senate and a member of the bill, in a news release.

The bill states that texting includes surfing the internet, instant messaging, text messaging or any kind of text renewal but does not include looking up a phone number, acquiring information into a GPS or using a music player.

Courtney White, junior chemistry teacher at Marshall University, said it's time to make texting and driving illegal.

"It's the same amount of distraction as drinking and driving," White said. "It's fact that if you are going 60 miles per hour on the interstate and you look down at your phone for three and half seconds, you have already driven the distance of a football field, and that is horrifying."

The bill defines operating a motor vehicle as with the motor running, including while temporarily stationary by means of traffic, traffic control devices, or other mandatory requirements. Meaning, it is even at a stop sign, texting is not tolerated.

The West Virginia Senate unanimously voted in a 34-to-zero vote to ban texting while driving, and the legislation has now moved to the House of Delegates for a vote. Senator Richard Brown, Majority Whip from Wyoming County, said in a vote release that the key is to getting a code to let drivers know it is illegal.

"The important thing is getting a law on the books that says you can't text and drive," Brown said.

The writers of the bill also propose that talking on a cell phone becomes a secondary offense.

White said housing talking on a cell phone while driving, even as a secondary offense, is a little bit too far.

"Some conversations cannot wait until later," White said. "I feel like if you are not driving recklessly while talking, it is not a problem. I do not feel like it makes sense to ban talking because some things cannot wait."

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Students have opportunity to learn about financial aid

BY ANDREW FROBEL

Students in a first-year seminar class 189 and the classes Thursday learned more about financial aid, prominent scholarships and student loan debt worries.

Maria Baldwin-Hammond, associate director of the department of physics, invited students to be her FY class liston to a guest speaker.

Kathy Birtch, director of financial aid, helped the class on information to apply for different kinds of scholarships, the simplicity of borrowing money for students and recommendations about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Some offices of financial aid strive to make the FAFSA process as simple and understandable to the students. Baldwin said the main objective for the speakers is to enlighten the students on how much money will be spent throughout college and what to expect financially.

Birtch, a former secondary education major of social studies from Marshall, WV., is in the FYS 100 class.

Birtch was on two different types of financial aid. One source of aid she receives is from the West Virginia Promise Scholarship, a state-based financial aid program for West Virginia residents.

Birtch’s other source of aid comes from the unsubsidized loans. She attends Marshall University. While Birtch was not subsidised, direct student loans, he said, “I am in school.”

Birtch and his other classmates walked away with more knowledge of how much money they will need when they’re in college.

“While sitting through this presentation, I learned that I am raking up a lot of money in student loans,” Birtch said.

One of the great concepts that Birtch said she went over in her presentation was the repayment period available to students.

Birtch said she covered a lot of student financing. One of the main ideas of what Marshall is expected of students is the difference between subsidized and unsubsidized student loans.

“The financial aid office said not to work too hard and get the word out to students regarding any of their financial worries,” Birtch said.

Students in a first-year seminar (FYI) class learn about opportunities such as potential scholarships and how to deal with loan debt.

Ohio professor to speak about religion

BY SARA FRENCH

John Bergman, professor of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, will be speaking about similarities and misconceptions of different religions.

Bergman will be at Marshall to address misconceptions between Protestants and Catholics and emphasize the similarity in a lecture at 7 p.m.

In the Memorial Student Center room in Room E-5.

Trace Stanley, musically inclined liaison for campus harmony from the school’s student body, said Bergman was a Catholic pastor before converting to Catholicism, and he knows the misconceptions between Protestants and Catholics.

“I thought this would be a good way to break it in and see how different each Chieti did on the same day for all of our sins,” Stanley said.

Bergman said the main misconception about Catholics is they worship the Virgin Mary and the saints, or they think they are not limited to their sciences and can go to confession.

Stanley said she believes the portrayal of Catholics in Hollywood movies distorts the reputation of the religion.

“It doesn’t help every gangster whatever lived in every movie wasn’t Catholic and would go more down a bunch of people with mala confession or come confusion, and all in OK,” Stanley said.

Stanley said the way young people, Protestants and Catholics are doing whatever they wanted all下属.

“You can do anything you wanted to do and still go to heaven,” Stanley said. “You didn’t have to live a good life, read the Bible and be nice to people.”

Stanley said anyone can attend the lecture, and she hopes people from different religious backgrounds can establish common ground during the lecture and learn more.

Stanley said having different religious groups is good because students can find one that meets their needs, but she said she wants them to do more things together.

“I don’t believe God would want us to be divided as Christians, I don’t think that was the plan,” Stanley said. “We love that would happen, but I think his ideal for us to work toward one community.”

Lilly Daneshhakian, junior Spanish and international affairs major from Ravenclaw, WV., said she was excited Catholic as a child and she is learning about Catholicism.

Daneshhakian said her main misconception about Catholics was the idea they were all not God, and they worshipped the Virgin Mary and the saints.

Daneshhakian said she wants to learn about how Catholics and Protestants can work together to end bad knowledgeable Catholicism.

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Faculty Senate approves all recommendations

By Sarah Sylis

The seven Senate Recommendations presented to the Faculty Senate Thursday afternoon with little or no discussion. The recommendations will now go to President Stephen Kopp to be reviewed and approved.

Standing Committee chairman, Sarah Sylis, chairman appointed several revises to them and previous meetings to the Faculty Senate.

Bennett also presented a few upcoming events, such as Marshall Day at the capital Tuesday and the Spanish Student Association, scheduled for May 5th.

Only one of the Senate Recommendations SR-11-11(2) 54 EC, brought discussion that by the vote of the School of Pharmacy (SOP) and be added to The Constitution of the Marshall University Faculty under Bylaw 14 of article IX.

The discussion included whether the SOP should be added to all documents including policies.

Bennett, at the discussion, stating the SOP would be revised for the approval of the Standing Committee.

With no further action, the committee adjourned.

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Mississippi professor discusses civil rights

BY HENRY COUFFEAU

A Mississippi State University history professor described “the assault on civil rights following the Civil War” Thursday night at the Marshall University Foundation.

Stephen Midleton discussed how Congress ended civil rights to AI- American-Americans in the late 1800s and how southern states, with the aid of the Supreme Court, weakened or overturned any civil rights legislation.

“African-Americans had reached one of the lowest points in history,” Midleton said. “The 20th century, virtually two centuries existed—one white, one black.”

Midleton became interested in post-Civil War legislation in his early twen- ties, after he learned African Americans served in Congress in the 1800s.

“The African Americans who served in Congress were lawyers, educators and
Tigers atop the Conference
C-USA) record, putting the
adjustments. “They’re not just one
dimensional,” Herion said. “They have too much talent and we’re well-coached.
The biggest difference between
this team from last year in Memphis has really become a dominant club. They’re in first place
for a reason and we clearly recognize that it’s a great opportunity and a wonderful challenge, so you have to re-
tribute that.”
This will be the second
times the sides have met this season,
with the first result-
ing an 85-76 victory for the Tigers in the birthplace of
Rock and Roll.
Memphis held the lead
throughout most of the contest
before letting the lead slip
towards the end (the final
lead, 1). “We’re going to be ready
dominate Akron, striking
1.5 game.”
“Tigers vs. senior guard Damiris Bility. “This is the last game we ever
see, I feel like we should have just
take care of business.”
leading scorer contributing 6.9 points
per game and ranks second in
steals per game averaging 1.5.
“Just want to thank the fans for their support through-
out the season and the
weeks that makes us bet-
ter players.”
Herrion knows that the
organizations that make
the victims and survivors of
breast cancer. “Think Pink” is the
slogan for the event. Cabell-Hunting-
ton Hospital and St. Mary’s Hospital will be honoring
victims of breast cancer
by placing pink pieces of paper of
the back of 250 chairs.
The pieces of paper are a
tribute to the victims in West Virginia who have lost their
battle with this disease because
of breast cancer.
At halftime, there will be
a Challenge League basketball
game. The Challenge League is a basketball league for children and
disabled kids. The game is
sponsored by St. Mary’s Hospital, Cabell-
Huntington Hospital, WMUL and DMB.
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Bottled water is irrational

In the past two decades, bottled water has become a cultural phenomenon. The practice of bottled water has skyrocketed from almost nonexistent in the 1960s and 1970s into a multibillion-dollar industry today. According to the Centers for Disease Control, bottled water is the fastest growing drink choice in the United States with Americans spending billions of dollars each year on the product. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, much of the growth of this industry has exploded within just the past decade, nearly tripling the sales of bottled water in our country. As the popularity of bottled waters rise, many are beginning to question the validity and overall legitimacy of this industry. One campaign called “Ban the Bottle” seeks to end the trend of bottled water in schools, offices and public areas. Many universities have jumped on board with this campaign.

Our hundred years ago, people would have laughed at the idea of bottled water — so why is it that Americans have become fixated with a product that seems so impractical?

Who in their right mind would splurge on something that aren’t visible by a bruise or scar? This becomes even more of a ridiculous notion when you consider the extent of bottled water.

Things such as depression and anxiety can cause physical pain, yes, but the majority of the discomfort that comes with these lies deep inside the person. The hurt is more of a disregarded, unquestionable truth than anything.

My senior year of high school, I was diagnosed with both depression and anxiety. In my case, they sometimes came with panic attacks, but more often, physical pain and illness. If it wasn’t the depression keeping me from leaving my bedroom, it was the anxiety making me wonder about what each day held for me. It finally reached the point that I could barely get myself out of bed or keep food down when I did. This would cause me to have an attack. These attacks could not be set off by almost anything. Being excited about this issue or something similar, I couldn’t live that way. I had been told to “suck it up” and “not let things get to me so easily” by people, but I guess parents understand. They reassured me that people dealt with this same thing every day. I was not different.

My doctor’s visit was a complete disaster. I couldn’t even speak to him for crying out loud. I was too much of a hypochondriac and standing and told me just to take it easy. I am not sure. After I forced myself to speak to him about this, he wrote me a prescription for something different.

Now, I really hate having anxiety or depression. I believe this is not only because of my great support system of family and friends, but also because I went to a physician and was prescribed medicine. It took a bit of trial and error to find the right dose and brand to me. But I believe that the FDA has really changed as a person. I am more outgoing and I look at every day as a win instead of an attack. I am just a much happier person in general. I believe that there was something that I used to let to me.

I am not ashamed to talk about this openly. If you are dealing with this issue or something similar, I would encourage you to talk to a doctor and being put on medication. Sydney Ramon can be contacted at rame17@m.shu.edu.
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Obama scoffs at critics on gas prices, defends energy policy

by Kathryn Hennessy

Washington (AP) –

President Barack Obama tried to dispel criticism over rising gas prices on Thursday, but his Republican critics were cheering the bad economic news and asked for patience from American anxious about the nation’s energy future.

“arly in the evening I called on Congress to pass an energy bill that reduces gas prices,” Obama said.

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Despite bipolar weather in recent weeks, one thing is still for sure: Spring is just around the corner, and some students have been busy preparing. Just a few steps away from Marshall’s University’s campus, City Tan Express on Fourth Avenue has been enjoying an influx of patrons that only spring fever can bring.

Co-owner Brian Peach attributes the increase in visitors to a couple major upcoming events.

“The spring is usually the busiest time of the year because people are getting ready for spring break and proms,” Peach said.

Co-owners Brian and Alex Peach share an interest in tanning and a knack for business. The brothers have owned and operated City Tan Express since it was started in 2008 – two years before they graduated from Marshall University.

“I’ve been tanning since high school, and I noticed there weren’t any tanning salons within walking distance of Marshall,” Brian Peach said. “I have family members who have started their own businesses, and I’ve always been interested in being an entrepreneur.”

Peach said he worked at a tanning salon before and quickly began to learn the basic functions of the business – although the experience was not without its challenges.

“It was difficult, at times, to balance the salon, school and a social life, but I made the best out of the situation and learned more in the process,” Brian Peach said. “The positives definitely outweighed the negatives.”

Peach said Huntington is an interesting and complex place to run a business.

“We enjoy seeing local residents, as well as people from all over the country, who attend Marshall so we get a lot of input from people with different perspectives,” Peach said. “Essentially, it comes down to providing beautiful tans in a clean environment at an affordable price. Making customers happy and seeing them continue to allow us to earn their business is the most rewarding aspect of owning the salon.”

BY JUSTON DONADIEU
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TOP: Halley Shapero, junior communication studies major and City Tan Express employee, has been working at the tanning salon since January. She said she was drawn to the fun atmosphere and the people who work there.

BOTTOM: City Tan Express is located on Fourth Avenue and has been in operation since 2008, when two Marshall students took their interest in tanning and knack for business to the next level and opened the salon.