Civil rights icon Rosa Parks given a place of honor in the U.S. Capitol

WASHINGTON — She sits tall on a rock, eye behind her fro-

mous circular-frame glasses, staring defiantly at the Capitol’s National Statuary Hall.

Civil rights activist Rosa Parks’ bronze statue was unveiled in a ceremony Wednesday that included re-

marks from President Barack Obama and leaders of both parties, echoing words of her determination.

“The future of our country...”

“...lies in our hands,” Obama said. “We have an obligation to our country, to each other. To make this a better place. That’s why I’m here today.”

Parks’ niece, and Elaine Steele, vice president of & Firmin Sculpture Studios, designed the statue in the hall would be

a monument to her. “I’m proud to be a part of this,” she said.

Other legislators and speakers praised the statue’s dedication to Parks and her legacy.

“I am very happy that today is the day that we are going to unveil the statue. I am very proud to be here,” said U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who was a close friend of Parks.

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“When you think of research, you think of upper level profes-

sors with a Ph.D., but this is an opportunity for a student with a just a couple years of schooling under their belt to take part in research,” Turner said. “It’s so exciting because that’s what I want to do,” Fankhanel said.

The event will conclude with a hatchet where students will be able to further discuss their findings and projects with each other.

Fourteen other universities and colleges including West Virginia University, West Vir-

ginia Wesleyan and Concord University will also rep-resent at the event.

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tacted at stork@marshall.edu

Since the first assault weapons ban became law in 1994, many Republicans, as well as many Democrats, have stressed the need to reenact or update the law. The latest version of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., was introduced in February.

The bill is part of a broader package of gun control measures that also includes background checks for private sales and transfers, a ban on high-capacity magazines, and a requirement for gun manufacturers to make guns that can’t be easily modified to fire more rounds.

Feinstein said the bill is needed because the current laws are not effective enough.

“We are holding today’s hearing because we are here to say that the current laws are not what we need in the United States,” she said.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which is responsible for considering the bill, is considering whether to hold a hearing on it. The committee is expected to vote on the bill later this month.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg spoke to the press about the administration’s proposals to reduce gun violence after meeting with Vice President Joe Biden on the 2nd floor of the White House, Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Bloomberg said the proposals are a “good first step” but more needs to be done.

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The politically charged issue of race was before the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday in a case that could change the way the Voting Rights Act affects millions of Americans.

The nine justices engaged in a lively and at times combative debate on a case that was brought to the Court by a group of African American members of Congress. The suit against the sections of the law that require nine mostly Southern states and portions of seven others to get prior approval from the Justice Department to change voting rules. The nine states currently covered in their entirety under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act for 25 years, should approval requirement in the Constitution, which is uncertainty that nothing can obscure,” wrote the pope. “It is the government’s submission that the changes in the South are more race related than citizens in the North.”

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Letter to the Editor

A homeland must be made to a safer place for all students at The Parthenon. This editorial has done just that. It raises awareness and makes a case that the allowance of concealed carry on campus must remain, there should be legitimate concern over the safety of students. We are left with an era that the Second Amendment needs to be discussed in light of the cases of school shootings. The editorial staff is responsible for news and editorial content. The assertion that Pistorius killed Reeva Steenkamp by the Olympic sponsor, Oscar Pistorius, one fact appears to be certain: Every time South Africa’s culture of fear, as the “Blade Runner” for the four bullets through a bathroom door in his South Africa home, kills his girlfriend. Thus, it might appear that this will be an open and closed case when Pistorius goes before a judge that will inevitably become a media spectacle in South Africa and beyond on the scale of the (U.S.) Simpson trial. But in many ways within South Africa, every issue is black and white. Despite evidence to the contrary, there is a gray area that will inevitably find its way into prominence in defense testimony and press coverage. This trial took place within the context of a gatified community. The defendant, the victim, and more than likely the judge who will preside over the trial must make sure that there is no innocent organization intended to protect a segment of the South African population that can afford such protection from crime. As details continue to emerge about the killing of Reeva Steenkamp by the Olympic sponsor, Oscar Pistorius, one fact appears to be certain: Every time South Africa’s culture of fear, as the “Blade Runner” for the four bullets through a bathroom door in his South Africa home, kills his girlfriend. Thus, it might appear that this will be an open and closed case when Pistorius goes before a judge that will inevitably become a media spectacle in South Africa and beyond on the scale of the (U.S.) Simpson trial. But in many ways within South Africa, every issue is black and white. Despite evidence to the contrary, there is a gray area that will inevitably find its way into prominence in defense testimony and press coverage. This trial took place within the context of a gatified community. The defendant, the victim, and more than likely the judge who will preside over the trial must make sure that there is no innocent organization intended to protect a segment of the South African population that can afford such protection from crime.

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**Secret Vatican report could play a part in pope selection**

**By HENRY CIU | LONDON**

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