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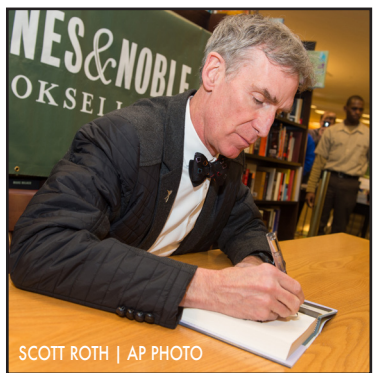
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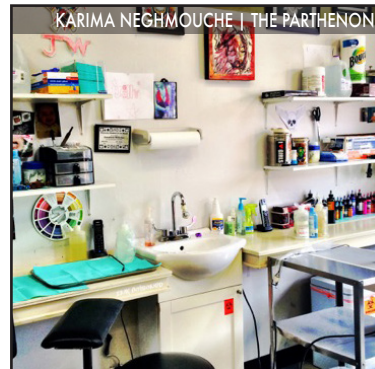
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	Thursday's Weather
Morning Pt. Cloudy & Cold	31
Afternoon Mix of sun & clouds / cool	44
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WELCOME TO TWITTER,

PRESIDENT WHITE



Marshall University Interim President joins the social network



President Gary White
@MarshallUPres



Following

Just setting up my Twitter. #myfirstTweet

By AMY NAPIER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Interim President Gary White went viral Wednesday when he and his staff launched the university's first-ever presidential Twitter account, @MarshallUPres.

White said he decided to engage in social media because he wanted to communicate more effectively with the student body.

"When I first got to campus, I looked around and realized that students weren't exactly carrying newspapers around with them anymore," White said. "Students are connected electronically now. I knew we had to do something with Twitter before I even asked the question."

White said students and faculty members should expect to see tweets about what the president is doing, working on and thinking.

"Even more importantly though, I want the students to know what Marshall is doing collectively," White said.

Students said they were intrigued to see the president utilizing social media.

"It's just neat to see someone like him who's in a powerful position doing something that us students can see on a daily basis," sophomore Mikaela Earl said. "I hope he tweets all the time."

Ginny Painter, senior vice president for communications and marketing, assisted White with the construction of the account.

"The name of the account excluded President White's name in case the future president wants to do a continuation," Painter said. "Of course, it will really just depend on their personality."

At press time, White's main focus will be on Twitter alone. However, Painter said the university's official Instagram page, @MarshallIU, may play a joint role with the president's office in the future.

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President Gary White
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Great meeting w/ Amy Napier
@MUParthenon reporter for the President's Office. Read online at:
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Jo Ann and I have been so warmly welcomed into the Marshall family. We look forward to working with each of you.
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Mexican restaurant to reopen after renovation

Rio Grande adds to revamped Fourth Avenue



By SOFIE WACHTMEISTER
THE PARTHENON

Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant at 914 Fourth Ave. Huntington is set to reopen its doors to the public Friday. The restaurant has been closed for renovations since Dec. 24, 2014.

Rio Grande Owner, Rudy Magaña, said he had wanted to renovate the restaurant for a long time.

"It was never the right time," Magaña said. "I decided to go ahead and do it when I started to see more competition come in. Everybody started fixing their places up on Fourth Avenue."

Changes have been made to the interior of the restaurant in hopes to transform the atmosphere and bring in more business.

Magaña designed the restaurant himself by combining ideas from other Mexican restaurants he has been to.

"The floor is new, new booths, an awning, the bathrooms are redone, the walls are repainted, and new lighting," Magaña said. "We built a wall to separate the

bar from the dining area, and will have a section in the back for big parties."

Loyal customer Jessica Krolewski, junior nursing major at Marshall University, was nervous that the restaurant had closed its doors for good but said she was glad to see it renovated.

"I go there for their great specials," Krolewski said. "It's a plus that their staff is really welcoming."

There will be new items added to the menu, including new dishes and drinks.

"We're doing weekly specials, a different dish every week," said Magaña. "These dishes won't be on the menu. They're something that will run for one week, and we'll change it up the next week. Premium margaritas will be added to the menu, with flavors that we haven't served before."

Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant offers student, faculty and staff discounts Wednesdays and Sundays for 50 percent off of full priced lunch and dinner items.

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ABOVE: Mario Magaña (left), Charlie Copley and Rudy Magaña (owner) sit inside of the newly renovated Rio Grande on Fourth Avenue Wednesday. PHOTOS BY ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Obama's proposals affect local community colleges

I want to work with this Congress to make sure ... student debt doesn't derail anyone's dreams.
- President Obama

By LEXI BROWNING
THE PARTHENON

President Barack Obama emphasized a previously announced plan to subsidize community college costs for eligible students during his sixth State of the Union address Tuesday.

Although his plan has received criticism from the Republican Party, the president said he has high hopes for the future of post-secondary education. Obama announced his plan Jan. 8 to make community college free for those who were willing to "earn it." Requirements include keeping grades up and graduating on time.

The president said community colleges enroll 40 percent of American college students, making it a popular choice for veterans and other non-traditional students who wish to pursue better jobs.

Obama said the opportunity would help further education of people who would otherwise be bound by financial weights.

"I want to work with this Congress to make sure Americans, already burdened with student loans, can reduce their monthly payments so that student debt doesn't derail anyone's dreams," Obama said.

The president said approximately two out of three jobs will require higher education by the end of the decade. With the addition of Vice President Joe Biden's training system, community colleges are easily connected with local businesses.

The free community college plan is expected to drastically increase the enrollment and participation within colleges across the nation, leading to a direct increase in employment with the attainment of degrees.

Dr. Keith J. Cotroneo, president of Mountwest Community and Technical College, said the movement toward free community college is an important stride for the nation and especially the state.

"In West Virginia the post-secondary participation rates are low compared to the country," Cotroneo said. "Our degree attainments are low compared to the rest of the nation, and there's a lot of opportunity for increasing post-secondary education here."

Cotroneo said it is important to acknowledge Obama's support of adult students and the high school graduate population. The average student age at MCTC is 29.

"If it does go through, it will lead to higher participation rates in post-secondary education and community college for citizens of the state," Cotroneo said. "That's a good thing. There are significant differentials between incomes for those who don't have degrees and those who do."

Cotroneo said that Obama's recognition of post-secondary education's importance is promising.

"It's a positive move," Cotroneo said. "And it's great that the president put it on the table. I was pleased to hear that he has attempted to move the country in the right direction."

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American Red Cross looks to expand membership

By ALLYSON CARR
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s American Red Cross Club is beginning the semester with a new president and with hopes of expanding membership.

Rick Allen, sophomore criminal justice and psychology major, is taking on a new responsibility as the club’s president after being involved with the club for roughly a year.

Allen said he wants more members in order to do more as a group. “I’m going to hit recruitment hard this semester,” Allen said. “With more members, there will be less of a load on the few members we do have.”

There are many aspects of the American Red Cross that the club could get involved with, such as, disaster relief, health and safety training and education.

Volunteers are critical to the club

because there are only a few members. During a blood drive, the club usually sees six to eight volunteers every hour.

Miranda Kalaskey, senior biology pre-dental major, volunteers regularly. She said she had the opportunity to get involved with her sorority, who volunteers its time to help at the blood drives.

“Volunteering makes me feel like I am helping, like I am making a difference,” Kalaskey said.

Brian Glenn, collection supervisor, said donating blood is important because it is constantly needed. One donation can save up to three lives.

“You never know when someone will need it, family member, friend, coworker,” said Glenn. “There’s always a great need to donate blood.”

The club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

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CONTACT to present awareness workshop for Valentine’s Day

By HANNAH HARMAN
THE PARTHENON

CONTACT Rape Crisis Center and the Marshall University women’s studies program are working to create a performance piece, “Valentines to my Hometown.”

The piece is compiled of works written by men and women of Marshall and the Huntington community.

Workshops will occur 6-8 p.m. Thursday at CONTACT’s offices at 520 11th Street in Huntington.

Pieces written will focus on sexuality, race, gender and other issues. All writers are invited to attend workshops regardless of gender or sexual identification.

Auditions are 6:30-8 p.m. Monday at CONTACTS offices and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the John Spotts room in the Memorial Student Center.

The directors’ goals are to reach past women’s sexuality and involve men and women of all ages.

Liz Deal, CONTACT advocate, said volunteers wanted to expand the event this year.

“This year we wanted to expand even more in the community and make it less inclusively women, less ‘vagocentric.” Deal said.

Women’s studies have put together similar events in the past like the Vagina Monologues and the Vagappalachialogues.

Women’s studies is working to expand its audience and reach past Marshall’s campus.

Kristin Lillvis, director of graduate programs, said she hopes the audience will understand their views.

“It’s really exciting opening it up to more participants,” Lillvis said. “We are really hoping the audience will get a wide sense of our community and what we think about these issues with sexuality, gender and identity.”

Chosen pieces will be performed at the B’Nai Sholom Congregation in Huntington Feb. 19 and Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 22 at 3 p.m.

Donations will go to CONTACT Rape Crisis Center.

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Huntington firefighter receives fourth DUI

By LEXI BROWNING
THE PARTHENON

A Huntington firefighter was placed on suspension without pay after being arrested Jan. 4 on suspicion of driving under the influence (DUI).

Shane Masters, who has been with the Huntington Fire Department since 2003, was arrested for the fourth time in connection with a DUI incident, according to a spokesperson from the mayor’s office.

Bryan Chambers, communications director of Huntington said the incident raises concerns for the city’s current policies on validating employees’ driver’s licenses.

“We conduct checks when someone is initially hired,” Chambers said. “And after he was arrested a few weeks ago for his fourth DUI, the most recent information we had on file was that he had an active license. It was not suspended.”

Masters was charged with his first DUI five years before his employment with the Huntington Fire Department.

In January 2013, Masters was arrested and charged with his second DUI, and his license was suspended. He was placed on administrative leave from the Fire Department for approximately two months before returning to be placed on monitored, light duty for the three months that followed.

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles’ criminal penalties for a DUI second offense typically call for

a minimum revocation period of 12 months depending on participation in the West Virginia Interlock Program, according to the Transportation Manual.

Masters was arrested and charged with his third DUI in Kenova in September 2013, where his trial was ran through the city’s municipal court. He pleaded down to reckless driving and his license was suspended again, unbeknownst to officials of Huntington and the fire department.

“We never knew about this [third] incident,” Chambers said. “What our policies state, as it relates to driving records, is that we place the onus on the employee. If there is a change in the status of their driving license, if it’s been suspended for whatever reason, they are obligated to tell us.”

Masters did not inform his employers of his license’s suspension, which violated internal policies of the city, Chambers said.

“We’re reviewing and considering if the policy is effective,” Chambers said. “At the heart of the matter, we want to prevent what has occurred.”

Masters’ court appearance took place Tuesday, where he pleaded guilty to a DUI, obstruction, and domestic violence.

He was sentenced to seven months in prison. His status with the city is still suspended without pay pending termination.

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Chief resident chosen as January’s Resident of the Month



Dr. Jodi M. Pitsenbarger, (left) receives the Resident of the Month award from program director Dr. Susan L. Flesher.

By ALLYSON CARR
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine selected January’s Resident of the Month, Dr. Jodi M. Pitsenbarger, third-year resident in pediatrics.

Pitsenbarger is presently serving as the chief resident and is the first chief to be selected in pediatrics.

Pitsenbarger said her job fits her life perfectly.

“I couldn’t imagine my life any differently,” Pitsenbarger said. “I’m the person at a dinner party where you normally like to talk to adults, but I’ll be on the floor playing with the kids.”

Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, vice dean for graduate medical education, began the Resident of the Month program to recognize how critical residents are to make the hospital a better place.

Residents are nominated by their colleagues, faculty and staff and Pitsenbarger was nominated by her peer for putting others first.

Pitsenbarger said the program has given her the chance to show others the little and big acts of kindnesses she does for people.

“This is a way for them to show you that

your work is appreciated and I think it is really unique,” Pitsenbarger said. “I think it is a really big honor.”

Dr. Susan L. Flesher, residency program director for pediatrics, said Pitsenbarger is kind and fair to the other residents.

“She goes above and beyond in assuring that she is fair to all our residents, taking into account each person’s scheduling request, and then making sure she shows no favoritism,” Flesher said. “Dr. Pitsenbarger often schedules herself to work undesirable shifts around weekends or holidays in order to fulfill as many scheduling requests as possible.”

Pitsenbarger is a Franklin, West Virginia, native and is a 2012 graduate of the School of Medicine. Her intention is to complete her residency in late June and begin in general pediatrics.

The School of Medicine presents a certificate of recognition and a designated parking spot to each resident of the month and he or she will be nominated for the Resident of the Year Award in May.

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SPORTS

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Ryan Taylor's journey to Herd basketball



Marshall forward Ryan Taylor plays against Cleveland State University Nov. 28, 2014 in the Cam Henderson Center.
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Marshall forward Ryan Taylor plays against Savannah State University Nov. 28, 2014 in the Cam Henderson Center.
RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

"I try to keep a smile on my face and be thankful for another day."

-Marshall forward Ryan Taylor

By **MALCOLM WALTON**
THE PARTHENON

Ryan Taylor moved to Kentucky before his last year of high school after being born and raised in Indianapolis—the capital of arguably the most passionate basketball state in the country.

After an impressive senior season at Western High School in Louisville, Kentucky, Taylor was invited to play in the Kentucky versus Indiana All-Star Classic. Taylor relished the opportunity to show up his home state in the annual game that garners national attention and that is what he did.

"I had like 26 points, like eight rebounds," Taylor said. "I held my own against my home state. It felt good."

Taylor, who described his childhood neighborhood as an area "where your parents wanted you in at a certain time to avoid trouble," credits his grandfather for sparking his interest in the game of basketball at an early age.

"When I was young, I would just watch him play," Taylor said. "Ever since then I wanted to play basketball."

Taylor spent the 2011-2012 season at Hargrave Military Academy as a post-graduate student on the basketball team. Taylor said his head coach at Hargrave, former Marshall University basketball standout A.W. Hamilton, had a lot to do with his decision to join the Herd.

"He told me how Marshall had a great campus," Taylor said. "Not too big, not too small, it really had a lot to do with the classroom sizes. You'll probably only have one or two classes

where there's like 50-plus students. Other than that, it's small classes, which allows you to really focus on your education."

Hamilton played for the Thundering Herd basketball team from 2002 to 2005 and was the team leader in assists, steals and minutes played all three years.

Taylor made his way to Marshall, where he received an athletic scholarship and has established himself as a star player.

Though they're 300 miles apart, Taylor and Hamilton still keep in touch.

"We talk mostly about his academics and him taking care of his body," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said he is very proud of what Taylor has accomplished thus far at Marshall, but he is not the least bit surprised.

"Ryan will go down as one of the all-time greats at Marshall," Hamilton said. "Ryan's toughness and work ethic on a daily basis is something I will never forget. He was a dream come true to coach."

Despite coming off of an impressive freshman season in which Taylor led the Herd in rebounds and finished second in scoring, the sports marketing major said his main objective is to receive a high-quality education.

Taylor said life in Huntington has been different compared to his upbringing in Indianapolis, but the slower-paced lifestyle has been beneficial to his education and his development on the court.

"There's not a lot to do, so it's easier to stay focused," Taylor said. "I usually just stay on campus."

While Taylor said he takes school and basketball very seriously, he admitted he does have a much lighter side and a funny personality few are aware of.

"I like to smile," Taylor said. "I'm just a happy dude. I try to keep a smile on my face and be thankful for another day."

On the court, however, Taylor is all business.

"What makes Ryan so special is his competitiveness and his heart," Hamilton said.

First-year Marshall assistant coach Chris Duhon said he sees something special in Taylor during his short time with the team.

"He's not the most vocal person," Duhon said. "But you can tell when he's on the floor, he has a presence. That's something you can't teach."

Duhon did not hesitate to say the team depends on Taylor's improved leadership this season.

"His ability to command a team and control a team is something that we're definitely going to need," Duhon said. "We're going to go as far as he takes us."

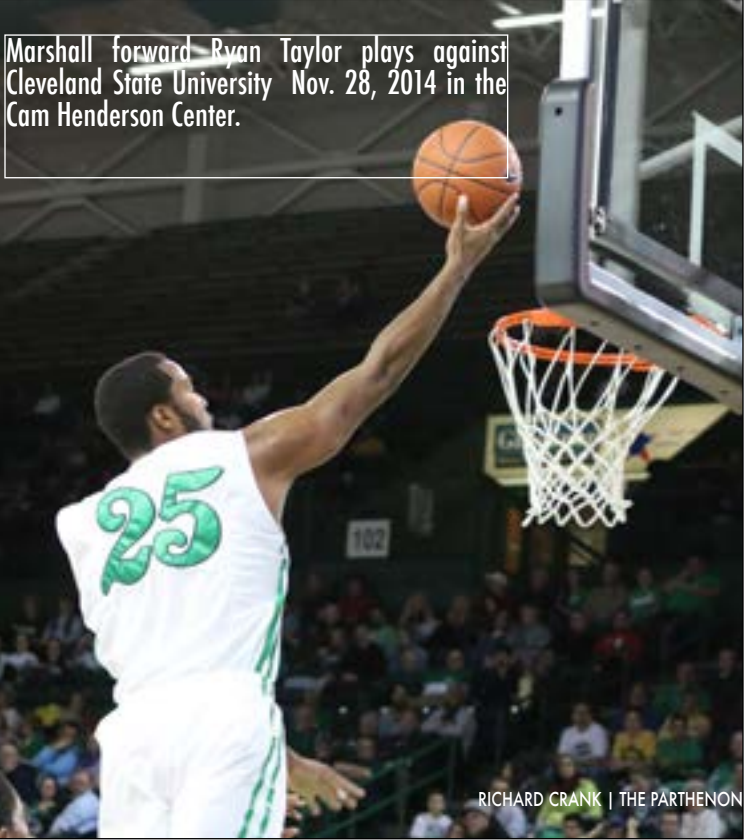
While Taylor has emerged as one of the top players in C-USA, he still speaks with pride in his voice about his performance in the Kentucky versus Indiana All-Star Classic. For some players, it may have been an opportunity to impress the college scouts who were surely in attendance that day, but for Taylor, it was an opportunity to give his home state a final goodbye before he began his new journey.

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RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Forward Ryan Taylor talks to local media on Media Day Sept. 30, 2014 at the Cam Henderson Center.



Marshall forward Ryan Taylor plays against Cleveland State University Nov. 28, 2014 in the Cam Henderson Center.

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EDITORIAL

Religion vs. Science:
It doesn't have to be a debate

Religion has been deeply ingrained in human culture as far back as history can record, and very likely earlier than that. In some parts of the world, where religious debate leads to bloodshed, men and women are willing to give their lives for their beliefs. In America, religion is thankfully not a source of bloodshed, but it is certainly prevalent enough to cause controversy.

One debate that seems to continuously pop up is whether creationism, which suggests that all life is the result of intelligent design, should be taught in schools to replace the academically cemented theory of evolution. Scientists, of course, reject this notion, while creationists

(a.k.a. Christians) fervently push their agenda at every opportunity.

The problem is that both viewpoints operate under the assumption that one belief is correct and the other is not. Although evolution seems like a logical belief, one that is based on more than 150 years of scientific study and research, it is still just a theory. Christianity is simply a collection of beliefs based on an old book written by unknown authors.

If both creationism and the theory of evolution are explained in this way, there is no reason why both cannot be taught in schools. Neither of these beliefs should be taught as anything more than

what they are. Kids should be educated that some people believe in one thing, and the reason for that belief and the rationale behind it should be presented as such.

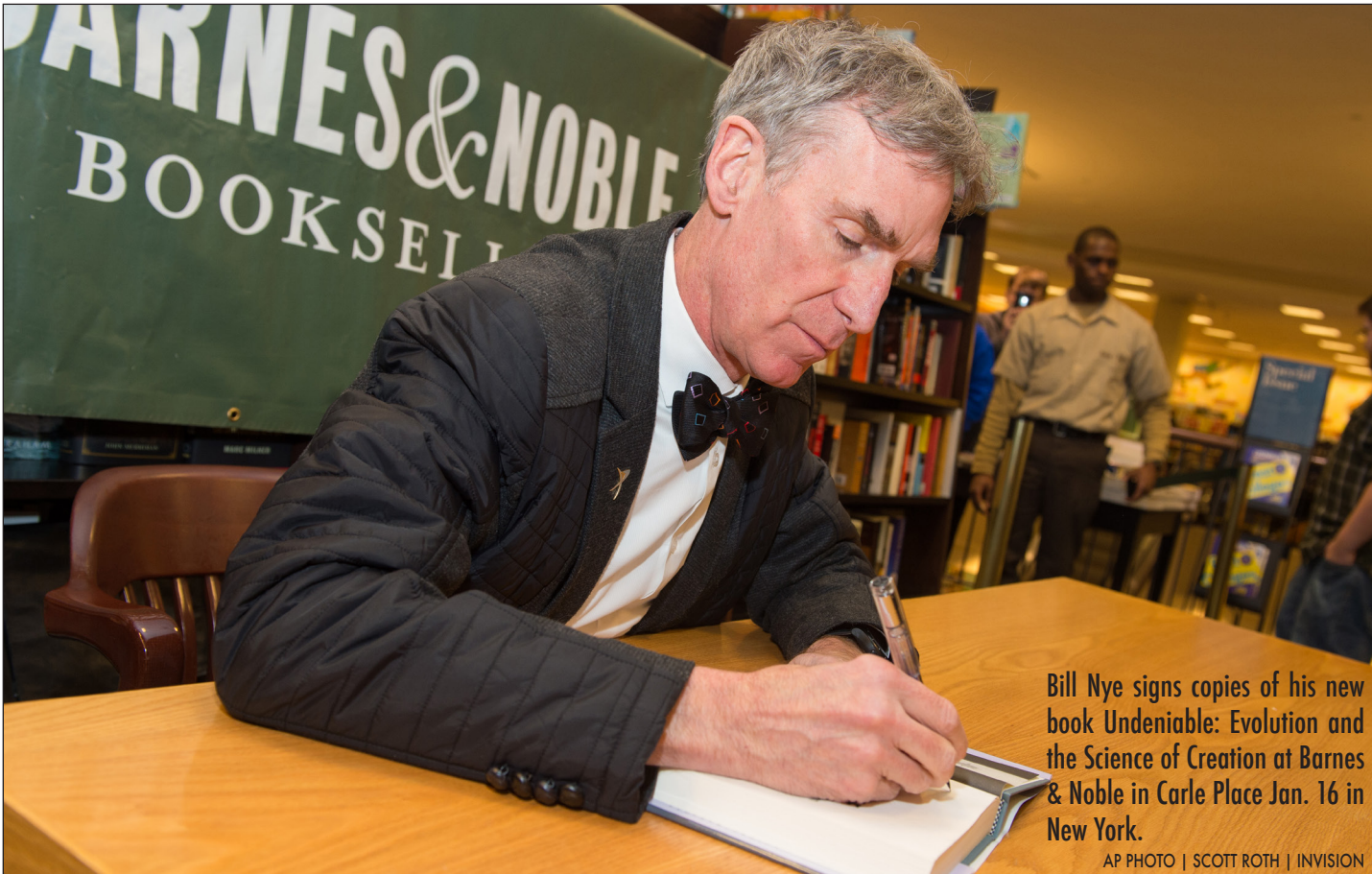
So, what happens if a child asks if God is real? The response is simple: some people believe he is. If a child asks if Jesus is the son of God, tell that child historians know there was a man named Jesus who was crucified by the Romans early in the first century, but the only document that claims him to be divine is a book written by an anonymous source.

The same can be said of evolution. If a child asks if evolution is real, the answer is that some people think so,

and here is why.

Present facts, not beliefs, and let the students decide for themselves what they believe.

Both religion and science are part of human culture and should be taught to expand a child's knowledge of the world around them. It is when the classroom becomes a church, and the blackboard an altar, that a teacher deprives a student of the gift of original thought. That is not education, it is coercion. A child's mind is very impressionable; forcing ideas into a child's head is not only unethical, it is abusive. A parent may choose to raise his or her child how they wish, but the public school system should be more responsible.



Bill Nye signs copies of his new book Undeniable: Evolution and the Science of Creation at Barnes & Noble in Carle Place Jan. 16 in New York.

AP PHOTO | SCOTT ROTH | INVISION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Honoring President Kopp through Jenkins Hall renaming

When I met President Kopp and his wife at their home in August it took me only a few minutes to realize he was serious about the education of all the students at this regional university with a growing national profile.

He was always responsive to me within hours of being contacted via email. When I met him he requested a copy of my latest bestselling book, "Unthinkable: Poems, Philosophies and Paintings" via email to which he responded the next day. When I told him that I needed his help on an issue regarding my education via email he had his staff respond immediately and resolve the issue. Many people have that same story to tell about him and I am not pretending to be special. This is why he is so loved and missed.

A story that you may not know is how Jenkins Hall being named after a racist may stop Marshall from advancing beyond the top 50 regional

universities on the U.S. News list. Let me explain, Marshall has been through many phases. It was founded as an

academy, became a teacher instructional facility, then a college and now a university. Built in the 1930's, Jenkins Hall was utilized by Marshall students to teach locals from K-12 through the 1970's and is one of the most buildings on campus. Still, a real statement was made when this free and Independent state school named that building after a racist slave holder named Confederate General Albert Gallatin Jenkins. Jenkins, who was also a politician, and his father owned dozens of slaves that walked the streets of what is now Huntington. He is buried at Spring Hill Cemetery, where he is already honored.

Today the Hall still stands as a seminal building - housing

administration, offices, and classrooms of the College of Education and Human Services, according to Marshall.edu. Again, through the short time that I knew Kopp he was all about education, which is why he helped me stay in school when times were at their

toughest. And that is why putting his name on Jenkins Hall would be an important moment in the growth of this university. Just as important as our fountain of unity at the center of this great university.

It would once again show the world that not only through the ashes of a fiery plane crash we found unity, we also spoke with one voice when we honored the heart and spirit of our fallen leader. Yes, we are and will continue to be national and global leaders both on and off a football field. We are Marshall, we are the national school Kopp has put us on track to be.

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ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

The buzz at Tat-Nice

By KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE
THE PARTHENON

Tat-Nice Tattoos is as colorful as it gets. Located in downtown Huntington, some may wonder what the “buzz” is about.

Tattooing is not a new trend, but it is very popular, especially among college students who are just discovering the freedom of making adult decisions on their own.

Jeremy Moffitt, a Tat-Nice Tattoos’ artist with more than 10 years of experience, said he loves where he works.

“The best part of tattooing is being able to take an idea and bring it to life,” Moffitt said.

Moffitt and his coworker Saka Minor said they hate when people come in with tattoos from Pinterest.

“There’s nothing wrong with popular tattoos,” Moffitt said. “But having customers come in and show you the same picture over and over again and wanting it done the exact same way, gets boring.”

Moffitt said the most popular tattoos we get are anchors, birds, feathers, the quotes “let it be,” “breathe” or “strength,” and any quotes that can be associated back to anchors.

Moffitt said regardless of how small your tattoo is or how easy it is to do, one thing is very important- finding a shop that is clean and professional.

Moffitt did not hesitate to explain why he thinks Tat-Nice Tattoos is the best shop in Huntington.

“We have some of the best and most creative artists,” Moffitt said. “I think there are other great shops in Huntington, but I know our shop has such a wide range of artists who specialize in

different things.”

Minor also agreed that Tat-Nice Tattoos is the best.

“We have Billy who specializes in traditional, Japanese, and color work, and we have Asian who specializes in traditional,” Minor said. “I specialize in realism, portraits, and black and grey tattoos, and Jeremy specializes in new school, black work, and pointillism tattoos.”

Marshall University graduate student Emaleigh Stevens said she has tattoos done by Minor.

“I have five tattoos, and three of them are done by Saka at Tat-Nice,” Stevens said. “He’s my favorite. His lines are precise, he has gorgeous script writing and he’s easy to talk to.”

Carly Nichols, a Marshall nursing student also had work done at Tat-Nice.

“It’s very clean, and it’s a little pricey, but you get what you pay for when it comes to tattoos,” Nichols said. “Having a good artist is worth the money and there is so much talent in that one shop.”

Moffitt agrees with Nichols when it comes to the quality of tattoos.

“Most of the cover-ups I do are sub quality work from shops that customers got because they’re cheap,” Moffitt said. “Good tattoos aren’t cheap, and cheap tattoos aren’t good. It’s not even so much that you’re paying for the equipment, you’re paying for the artist quality.”

Tat-Nice Tattoos is open to anyone but is usually filled with students because it is near Marshall.

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Artists' designs displayed at Tat-Nice Tattoos, located on Fourth Avenue.

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SHOTS FIRED AT "AMERICAN SNIPER"

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With its recent theatrical release, “American Sniper” has caused controversy on social media.

The Clint Eastwood directed movie stars Bradley Cooper as real life Navy SEAL, Chris Kyle, who claims the most kills in U.S. history (160 confirmed). “American Sniper” is based on the autobiography of the same name, in which Chris Kyle talks about his time serving his country.

“American Sniper’ kind of reminds me of the movie that’s showing in the third act of ‘Inglorious Basterds,” actor Seth Rogen tweeted Sunday.

The tweet caused conversation on Twitter and Facebook, and many blogs have since discussed whether the movie celebrates a hero or a killer. Marshall University students also had mixed reactions to critiques of the film.

“I don’t agree with them for the most part,” said sophomore Chelsie Cooper. “The only thing was the family was a little upset about how they made his younger brother seem weaker than him.”

Other students had not seen negative comments.

Rogen later clarified his tweets saying he was not comparing the two, but that it just reminded him of the scene.

Even though “American Sniper” was criticized, it is breaking box office records. It grossed more than \$105 million in four days making it the top-grossing film to premier in January beating out “Avatar” and “The Passion of the Christ.” The movie played in select areas starting Dec. 25, since then it has grossed nearly \$119 million.

“American Sniper” was also nominated for six Academy Awards including Best Picture, Actor in a Leading Role, Film Editing, Sound Editing, Sound Mixing and Writing (Adapted Screenplay).

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