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By AMY NAPIER | THE PARTHENON
The search for Marshall University’s next president will begin Feb. 11 at the Board of Governors meeting.

The board and interim President Gary White’s office will use a professional search firm to find potential candidates.

Professional search firms collect a database of people who are looking to discreetly advance their careers. We use search firms because typically the type of person we’re looking for is not known to be interested in leaving their university,” White said. “They keep their interest a secret until the process is far enough along that they have an opportunity. If you’re really lucky, and I think Marshall is going to be, you’ll find a firm that has a history of doing searches with the university.” White said. “They don’t have to relearn about Marshall’s culture.”

After receiving the results, Marshall’s search committee will narrow it’s options and begin the interview process.

The first face-to-face interview will occur off campus to ensure the candidate’s privacy. “Everything has to be done in confidentiality,” White said. “If you compromise this, you loose the top-tiered people.”

The applicants will be narrowed down further, and the remaining candidates will be invited for an on-campus interview.

The selection committee will make an offer to the candidate of their choice. After he or she has accepted the offer, the final name will be revealed to the public.

White said the logistics are good and the selected person can be moved in and in place for the fall semester.

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“Don’t take anything for granted, and try to live life to its fullest. Tomorrow isn’t guaranteed.”

- Austin Loop

United Way of the River Cities received $114,300 from Steel of West Virginia with support of United Steelworkers Local 37.

United Way is a non-profit organization that reaches out to the Tri-State community.

Kaytie Adkins, director of marketing at United Way, said this contribution will allow United Way to transform approximately 3,058 lives in 2015.

“We partner with our diverse and united community to help assist the greatest needs of the community,” Adkins said. “By targeting education, income, health and providing money to organizations that combat issues within those categories, and as an organization we try to do as much community impact work as possible.”

Steel of West Virginia has been a long-standing partner and supporter of United Way and it has been involved with the Tri-State community since the plant’s opening in 1982.

Steel of West Virginia is the number one company contributor to United Way of the River Cities.

“Steel of West Virginia employees value our community, and we are very thankful for them taking the time and donating” Adkins said. “They really see they are helping people within the community.”

The contribution will assist United Way in reaching its funding goal of $1.2 million for 2015.

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City Council discusses wastewater pipelines, bicycle safety

By LEDY BROWNING

Huntington City Council introduced two ordinances concerning the faulty pipelines at the Huntington Wastewater Plant during its meeting Monday at City Hall.

The wastewater pipelines, if passed, will authorize the mayor to enter contracts on behalf of Huntington Sanitary Board to replace the intakes and outfalls pipelines that process the waste in the wastewater plant.

Louis Akers, director of the Huntington Sanitary Board and the Huntington Watershed Quality Board, said with the amount of water filtering in and out of the plant daily, the pipe replacement should be a top priority for the city.

“We have two lines in 13 million gallons of water per day, and on a storm day we treat 45 gallons,” Akers said. “It all funnels into the plant, and then that goes into the influent line, which goes into the plant. It goes through a long treatment system, and then it goes into the effluent line and out into the Ohio River on out.”

Akers said the plant is having troubles with the efficient and receiving lines.

The second readings are scheduled for the next City Council meeting Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The council will vote until the third readings of the ordinances.

The council also resolved Huntington Mayor Steve Williams’ appointment of Linda Clements to the Huntington Water Quality Board, said with the amount of water filtering in and out of the plant daily, the pipe replacement should be a top priority for the city.

“She’s an outstanding lawyer in the city,” Clements said. “I think she will bring her expertise and good character to this position.”

The council also passed an ordinance amending the general bicycle safety law throughout the city.

The ordinance, article 373 of the amended ordinances of the city of Huntington, involved changes for cyclists riding on roadways.

The revisions implemented by the new state code allow cyclists to ride as close to the right-hand side as practical.

Helmets are required for cyclists 17 and younger, which is in revises the previous helmet-equipment age of 15.

Bicycles are also required to have a white headlight on the front with a red taillight on the rear along with a reflector.

This eliminates the requirement of a bell.

The council revised another ordinance concerning bicycle licensing, requiring only commercial riders to have licenses.

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Student Resource Center to present numerous events this semester

By JESSICA BURFORD

The Student Resource Center, located upstairs in the Memorial Student Center, will present numerous events and programs for students to foster personal development.

Student Resource Specialist and Special Projects Coordinator Samantha Statler said the SRC is stepping up their advertising for its Wednesday workshops.

“This semester, the Tuesday before each workshop, we are going to have a table downstairs and will be handing out names and extra info in order to increase attendance,” Statler said.

The SRC is also setting up advertising campaigns to help students figure out who their advisor is.

This is geared toward freshmen who need to become familiar with their advisors.

It will also have a time management workshop Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Joan Dзерко Drinks Library Room and then at 3:30 p.m. at the SRC.

The following week, it will have a Spring Into A Major workshop Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. at the SRC, and they are having an Amazing the Multiverse Matthew Feb. 13 at 1:30.

The SRC will end the month with a Making Your Mark On Campus workshop at 1 p.m. at the SRC.

In March, the SRC will do a two-day Spring Break Event Mar. 11 and 12.

The SRC is partnering with the Tutoring Center April 5 for the ‘It’s Too Late For Tutoring... APRIL FAILS, event’ Statler said.

The SRC will end the semester with a session Relief Week at the end of April.

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MUSTANGS

MU Women Connect to present chemical safety seminar and unreleased film screening

By HANNAH HARMAN

Marshall University Women Connect and People Concerned About Chemical Safety, a company in Charleston, are screening “Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain” at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Memorial Student Center, room BE5.

The film, commemorating the 30-year anniversary of the incident, tells the story of the world’s deadliest industrial disaster.

In 1984, a Union Carbide pesticide leak of methyl isocyanate (MIC) killed more than 10,000 people in Bhopal, India.

The film follows the story of a journalist investigating an accidental spill at the plant in Bhopal and a CEO facing falling profits, while his employees use an-analogue and outdated technology.

Maya Nye, executive director of PCACS said the disaster is everyone should be knowledgeable about because the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal was modeled after the plant in Institute, West Virginia.

“There is a particular interest in this disaster because Union Carbide is the same company we have nearby in South Charleston,” Nye said. “We still continue to make a lot of the fire-service the amount of chemicals as what was present in the accident.”

There will be a Q&A with guest speakers and health issues related to recent and prior industrial disasters will be discussed after the screening.

Laura Diener, director of women’s studies, said the disaster has caused issues in more ways than one.

“The disaster has caused ongoing issues in women’s health, medically and genetically.”

Women in India are still suffering from reproductive health issues as a result of the disaster.

Nye said looking at the last results of the disaster leads citizens to think more about the long-term affects of other disasters like the water crisis in Charleston last year.

Tickets are $5 to the public and student tickets are free through MU Student Activities.

Proceeds will support the film “Bhopal: A Prayer for Rain.”

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Police Blotter

All information provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

Unlawful Drinking

Police responded at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 16 to reports of a disturbance in the city of Freshman North residence hall. The 19-year-old, white male admitted guilt and was given a citation for underage drinking.

Ongoing Investigation

A female resident of Towers East reported an intruder in her dorm room at 6:30 a.m. Jan. 17. The incident occurred between 2 and 2:30 a.m. The reports state the resident left her door unlocked, was awakened and ran a silhouette of a man standing in her room. She said he demanded the stranger to leave and the suspect fled. MSPD is still investigating the incident.

2011

A Marshall University student was pulled over and charged with a DUI at 5 a.m. Jan. 11 after driving the wrong direction on a one-way street. The 22-year-old man turned left from 30th Street onto Fifth Avenue heading westbound. He took a left turn onto 19th Street and was pulled over by MSPD in the adjacent student parking lot.

The officer noticed the suspect smelled of alcohol and red eyes. The man was arrested after failing a field of sobriety test. At 6:16 a.m., his blood alcohol content was 0.09.

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Drugs

A Marshall University student was pulled over and charged with a MFU at 5 a.m. Jan. 15 after driving the wrong direction on a one-way street. The 22-year-old man turned left from 30th Street onto Fifth Avenue heading westbound. He took a left turn onto 19th Street and was pulled over by MSPD in the adjacent student parking lot.

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University testing MU Alert system Wednesday

The Marshall University will test the MU Alert emergency messaging system 3 p.m. Wednesday, according to a release from University Communications.

MU Alert is a free service provided by the university to give students, faculty and staff up-to-date information in emergency situations through text messages, phone calls and e-mail.

Anyone who would like to subscribe or update his or her information for the test is encouraged to do so by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Students can subscribe, log on to MyMar, click the MU Alert red triangle and complete the subscription.

Once all of the information is submitted or updated an alert should be sent by noon Wednesday.
One-on-one with Austin Loop

BY LACHEL HOUSE
THE PARTHENON

Austin Loop is a 21-year-old, 6-foot-4 redshirt sophomore guard. He is double majoring in exercise physiology and biomechanics and made the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll every season since he arrived at Marshall University in 2012.

This season, Loop, from South Webster, Ohio, earned a spot in the Herd’s starting lineup. He is currently leading the team in 3-point percentage, as well as free throw percentage.

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What have you given up on?
I don’t know of anything I’ve ever given up on.

What is your greatest strength?
I think being ambitious and working hard. With school, I am always staying on top of my classes even though I am playing basketball.

What is your greatest weakness?
Being too passive at times. I need to be more assertive.

If karma was to come back upon you, would it work in your favor or out of your favor?
I think in my favor. I always try to tell myself to do the right thing even if it will not benefit me.

What country would you like to live in?
U.S.A.

What book are you currently reading?
"Toughness" by Jay Bilas. It’s about basketball.

What is your perfect idea of happiness?
Being successful, achieving my goals, having a good career and family.

How often do you tell the ones you love that you love them?
Every time I talk to them. That is something I try to make sure I do.

What trait do you most deplore in yourself?
Not being assertive.

What is your most marked characteristic?
Being a hard worker.

Who are you living for?
My dad.

Which talent do you wish you had?
I wish I could handle the ball better.

What is your favorite TV show?
I’m going to say Family Guy.

What is your motto?
Don’t take anything for granted and try to live life to its fullest. Tomorrow isn’t guaranteed.

If you died and came back as a person, who would it be?
I would like to come back as myself.

What is your current state of mind?
Getting a win this season.

How would you like to die?
In my sleep.

Player of the week

Norris has matured on the floor. “That’s just a continuation of maturation,” Daniel said. “She doesn’t have to look over to the sidelines to decide if it’s a good look or not a good look. She can just read the play, and she knows that I trust her to do that.”

Norris has developed since her last season.

“Just being more aggressive and letting the game come to me,” Norris said. “I’m just doing what I need to do to help the team. I’m more comfortable now, so I’m taking shots that I probably wouldn’t have taken last year.”

Victrum’s energy may be her greatest contribution to the team as her activity and communication on the defensive side can lead to turnovers and poor shots that result in fast break opportunities for the Herd.

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Winter weather does not negate global warming theory

A study of West Virginia magistrates courts presents a look to the Legislature in Charleston proposed using technology and sharing information to reduce workloads, have more even caseloads, and reduce costs. Some counties would gain magistrates, gaining a magistrate for four years in counties with populations higher than 15,000 residents receive $57,500 a year. To serve as a magistrate, a person does not have to be a lawyer, although some are. The question posed in the study is whether the magistrates are being allocated to best serve the taxpaying public. The study proposed several steps to streamline the magistrates’ role, including allowing them to act outside of the courts in which they were elected. Also, the study proposes allowing magistrates to use technology, such as video-conferencing to speed up the judicial process.

The National Center for State Courts based the study on magistrates workloads and not county population. Under the current system, in the state, there are 158 magistrates in the state, with a minimum of two per county. Some counties, with higher populations and higher workloads, have as many as 10 magistrates.

Magistrates work under the administrative supervision of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. They are elected to four-year terms in county-by-county races.

Magistrates play an important role in the state’s judicial hierarchy, ruling on small claims, family matters, and other issues, yet there has been very little new thinking when it comes to government operations. The jobs our magistrate do and using technology to help is definitely a step in the right direction.

The second plan, resource-sharing with judicial circuits, would allow that. A minimum of one magistrate to be present during the conference on the petitioner’s side. Law enforcement usually isn’t involved at this stage of the proceedings in seeking a domestic violence protective order.

The third plan would allow magistrates to serve on boards, with at least one duty at all times. Each county would have at least one elected magistrate, but overall would reduce the number of magistrates to 125. Allocation of magistrates would be in line with regional rails, with the Southern Regional Judicial service having 22 magistrates to serve seven counties. Some magistrates argue that they were elected in one county, so why should they be forced to operate in another county that didn’t vote them in?

Well, we say, the law is the same, so why shouldn’t they?

At this point, we will not engage with the criticism from among the three plans presented.

Some would argue they would be better suited to operate in another county.

What we will say is this kind of new thinking when it comes to government operations is refreshing, and the idea of streamlining the work our magistrate do and using technology to help is definitely a step in the right direction.
Humans of Huntington

A Glimpse into the lives of the city’s strangers

What was the happiest moment of your life?

“Probably when my parents got divorced, just because it was better for my mom. It’s kind of a negative thing, but she’s happier now. When she first told me, we were staying at my aunt’s house, and she said, ‘well your dad and I are going to get a divorce.’ And I think she expected me to start crying, but I was just like, ‘YES!’

SAG Awards 2015: Best Dressed

- Rashida Jones
- Laverne Cox
- Emma Stone
- Adrien Brody
- Eddie Redmayne
- Matthew McConaughey

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