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Baseball player files lawsuit against Alpha Tau Omega fraternity

BY JUSTON DONADIEU
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University baseball player said he sustained injuries last year after being startled by an exploding bottle rocket and falling off a deck at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house, according to a lawsuit filed in the Cabell County Circuit Court.

Louis Helmburg III, sophomore education

major from Lexington, Ky., alleges in the suit that the incident caused him to miss baseball games for the Thundering Herd. Helmburg, a catcher, appeared in 19 games in 2011 with nine starts and recorded a .226 batting average.

The complaint claims Travis Hughes, a guest at a late-night party at the ATO house at 1429 5th Ave., in Huntington, "...decided in his drunken stupor that

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> FROM COMPLAINT FILED IN CABELL COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

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The complaint also charges that it is the fraternity's

common law duty to provide a safe deck with adequate railing, as well as better supervision of underage guests at house parties.

According to the complaint, ATO had exclusive custody and control of the deck, making the incident its responsibility.

Wynn Smiley, chief executive officer at ATO's headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., said the events are unrelated to the fraternity. Smiley said Hughes was a pledge at one point, but he was not affiliated with the fraternity at the time of the incident.

“What happened had nothing to do with the chapter,” Smiley said. “It was simply two individuals who were engaged in a silly activity, neither of whom were at the time, or are currently, members of the fraternity.”

Lee Tabor, Greek adviser and Marshall graduate student in journalism, said he was surprised by the

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AMICUS CURIAE

Lectures begin today

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A University of Virginia law professor will ask, “Does the Constitution Matter?” at 7 p.m. Friday at the Marshall University Foundation Hall.

Ushering in the spring Amicus Curiae Lecture Series, UVA law professor, Frederick Schauer, will speak about how government officials interpret and apply the constitution in their daily duties.

The Amicus Curiae Lecture Series is sponsored

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MTR activists host discussion on land degradation

BY CHRISTINA CARRION
THE PARTHENON

Larry Gibson and Chuck Nelson, mountaintop removal activists and coal-field residents, spoke to students and community members Thursday.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition invited the speakers to share their experiences with the coal industries and the mountaintop removal site in their community.

“Sometimes I feel like I've been fighting longer than I've been living,” Gibson said about his more than 30 years of activism.

Gibson's 50-acre ancestral home sits on Kayford Mountain, W.Va. the last surviving mountain in the area yet untouched by

mountaintop removal.

SEAC hosted the documentary “The Last Mountain” in February which features Kayford Mountain and Gibson. SEAC plans to visit and tour Gibson's land to “experience the mountaintop removal site ourselves” in April, said Michelle Schaller, a junior psychology major from Morgantown, W.Va.

Chuck Nelson, a former Massey Energy employee and fourth generation coal miner, spoke about the history of coalmining communities and unions. He said when the coal miners created unions, they created a “tight-knit family.”

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Mountaintop removal activists Larry Gibson and Chuck Nelson discuss the negative effects of coal in Appalachia.

Weed and Seed protects Huntington



BY ALLYSON WARNER
THE PARTHENON

The Weed and Seed program is designed to help residents of the City of Huntington by eliminating numerous crimes in the area. After three years, it has increased the safety in many of the neighborhoods.

The program began 2008 and is funded by a five-year grant given to the city from the Department of Justice.

Huntington is one of 16 cities in the country approved to participate in the program.

“The Weed and Seed program has been very successful,” said Hank Dial, Huntington police captain.

In the third year of the program, it was expanded to hold two new plans for the year, including the Re-entry program and the Drug Market Initiative.

The re-entry program is designed for past offenders entering the

community after being released. It helps them gain job training, vocational skills and employment opportunities.

The Drug Market Initiative is designed for helping the community with dealing with drug crimes. The purpose is to diminish the sale of drugs in the targeted areas of Huntington.

“The community has taken a huge role in helping themselves,” said Jennifer Williams, interim program coordinator for the Weed and Seed program and a Marshall University alumna.

A total of seven percent of Huntington's population lives in the Weed and Seed area.

With this program, the most affected neighborhoods dealing with drugs, crimes, vandalism and other crimes have seen a decrease of crime in the area.

“It has dropped the

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W. Page Pitt School of Journalism hosts annual career, internship expo

BY REBECCA STEPHENS
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The ninth annual W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications Career and Internship Expo took place Thursday in the Smith Hall Atrium.

The goal of the expo was to give journalism and mass communications students the chance to speak with local businesses and media professionals about career and internship prospects.

"It's just really exciting to be able to see all the different opportunities," said Allyson Goodman, professor of advertising.

Goodman plays a key role in planning the event each year.

There were several representatives present at the expo from different companies in the area including WSAZ, the Boyd County Public Library and the Marshall University Foundation.

"We've come to this fair for five to six years," said Amanda Gilmore, community relations coordinator for the Boyd County Public Library. "We've had a lot of great interns as a result of this."

Internships are required for graduation for all students in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

"I try to give my interns a taste of a lot of different things," Gilmore said.

The interns for the library work with print, public relations and advertising, Gilmore said.

"You can't specialize too much," Gilmore said. "I think it's better to be a generalist than a specialist."

The Marshall University Foundation, a nonprofit organization, attended the expo for the first time this year.

"It's a nice setup," said Kristi Arrowood, director of foundation development. "We're hoping for a nice selection of students. It seems like the students are interested."

Jo Fannin of the Jeffery E. George Comfort House said this is her third year with the expo. The Jeffery E. George Comfort House provides those with ill adult relatives and friends a temporary place to stay in the Huntington community.

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REBECCA STEPHENS | THE PARTHENON

Madison Lavender, senior advertising major (left), talks to Kristi Arrowood (right) of the Marshall University Foundation about internship opportunities. The Marshall University Foundation is a nonprofit organization.

POLICE BLOTTER

BY ALLYSON WARNER
THE PARTHENON

The following information was provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

STRUCK TRUCK

A victim reported a black or dark blue ford pickup truck struck the right front fender of her vehicle at 5:06 p.m. Jan. 31. The truck struck the vehicle then fled the scene. Police do have a known suspect.

DOLLA DOLLA BILL, YA'LL

Thirty dollars was reported stolen from a wallet in the Jomie Jazz Center between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Jan. 4. The wallet was left in the victim's jacket pocket when it was removed from the room and placed in lost and found. The victim retrieved the jacket and discovered the money was missing. This crime is currently under investigation.

SILENT THREAT

A complainant found a female sleeping in the basement of the Marshall Community and Technical Building at 1:21 p.m. Feb. 4. Police identified the suspect and found two active capias warrants and one active warrant for trial delinquency. The suspect then signed a trespassing warrant on the premise of higher education. The victim's bond was set at \$13,015.

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Marshall's campus promotes Sexual Responsibility Week

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Student Health Education Programs and the Cabell-Huntington Health Department will be promoting Sexual Responsibility Week Feb. 13 through Feb. 17 by offering free services and information on sexual health.

Sexual Responsibility Week is supported nationwide to assist the public in making healthy sexual choices year-round.

A free, confidential, no-needle STD testing clinic will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday in Prichard Hall room 153. Although an appointment is preferred by contacting Marshall Student Health Education Programs, walk-ins are accepted.

Elizabeth Ayers, public health educator for the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, said Cabell County



As public health officials, one of our responsibilities is to provide education on STDs and the risks that can come with it."

> ELIZABETH AYERS

has one of the highest rates in the state of West Virginia for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea.

"As public health officials, one of our responsibilities is to provide education on STDs and the risks that can come with it," Ayers said. "The best way to protect yourself and your partner is to get tested. We want to provide a convenient opportunity for students to get tested for free on campus."

Student Health Education Programs will have information tables on sexual assault prevention, healthy relationships and cervical cancer on Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2

p.m. The health department will also be handing out free condoms and offering HPV vaccines.

Ayers said according to national statistics, approximately 80 percent of women will have had HPV in their lifetime.

Huntington's CONTACT Rape Crisis Center will provide information on sexual assault in the Memorial Student Center on Wednesday.

The Cabell-Huntington Health Department offers free birth control pills, regular pelvic exams, Plan B emergency contraception and STD/HIV testing to any full-time Marshall students.

Soma Intimates hosts biannual bra drive for domestic violence survivors

BY CHELSIE SHULDIES
THE PARTHENON

Giving is beautiful during Soma Intimates biannual charity initiative of bra donations for survivors of domestic violence.

The 2012 initiative marks the fourth bra donation event for the company. The campaign launched July 2010.

Soma is partnering with the National Network to End Domestic Violence, which represents more than 2,000 shelter programs in the United States and is considered the leading voice for survivors of domestic violence.

All bras collected will be distributed to local domestic violence shelters.

Soma Intimates teamed up with the network after learning that bras are one of the least donated yet most in-demand items for women in need.

Johnda Shaffer, manager

of Soma Intimates in Huntington, said her store has collected approximately 224 bras.

"We had one employee donate about 20 to 30 bras on her own," Shaffer said. "For the most part, the public is our main contributor."

Shaffer said her goal for her store is to collect 1,000 bras.

Alongside Soma Intimates' nationwide campaign efforts are companies White House Black Market and Chico's. All three companies are owned by Chico's FAS.

Erica Lapole, manager of White House Black Market in Huntington, said her store has collected 10 bras.

"We do not have a specific number we hope to collect, just that we can keep collecting," Lapole said. "I think if there was more marketing for support it would definitely help. This bra drive is very different. I think it is really great because a lot of companies will do different

things to get people more aware of certain charities, and women need bras."

Lapole said the companies have a bag at the front registers with a flyer attached so customers will know about the event.

Erin Crawley, sales leader at Chico's in Huntington, said she thinks this bra drive is a great idea to help women of domestic violence.

"Like White House Black Market, we have collected about 10 bras," Crawley said. "We don't necessarily have a goal of how many to collect, but we have information about the bra drive at our registers so we hope customers will see it and want to help."

Soma Intimates has collected and distributed more than 145,000 bras during the event to date.

Donations of gently worn or new bras will be accepted until Feb. 26.

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College of Education makes modifications

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The College of Education is beginning to implement some modifications that will help its students get hands-on and a more realistic teaching experience.

Kristi James, director of Clinical Experience, has been trying to implement some of these alterations beginning Aug. 1.

"We are in an accreditation year and what that means is the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) comes and does an off-site and on-site visit," James said. "The changes were not done simply for the accreditation board, they began in

the summer."

James said the changes are to assist the students more than anybody else.

"The changes are to make sure the students are getting what they needed and are graduating competent and ready to teach when they graduate and not needing a lot of professional development to do that," James said.

One of the changes is evaluation criterion. The rubrics have been modified for evaluations of the clinicals and student teaching experience completed by a supervisor.

"Although the expectations are still the same, we want to make sure the criteria is clear for the student as well as the professor and

university supervisors," James said.

Another change is education students are also no longer allowed to request schools to be placed in for clinical experience but will be placed where they get a well-rounded amount of diversity and experience, James said.

"We want to make sure our students are going to

three distinct places, places they have not been before and placements where they will be able to see different things," James said. "For example, diversity in terms of the student body, diversity in what the environment is like and what programs the schools offer."

Along with these changes,

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Herd looking to right the ship against Pirates



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 Head coach Tom Herrion addresses his team on the court during the Herd's Jan. 14 victory over UCF. Herrion and the Herd have lost seven of the last eight games and look to end that slide Saturday against ECU.

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Coming off a 67-60 loss to conference rival UCF, the Marshall men's basketball team returns home, looking to add a game to the win column against East Carolina University.

The Thundering Herd seeks to get just its second win in the last eight games Saturday night when the ECU Pirates come to the Cam Henderson Center.

After beginning the season 13-2 (4-0), the Herd has been on a decline — losing six of its last seven games and dropping to 14-10 (5-5).

Marshall's next opponent, ECU, comes to Huntington after a 70-59 loss to Memphis and have a record of 12-11 (3-7). The

Pirates started slow in conference play losing its first six games before coming out victorious in three of its last four games.

Leading the Herd in scoring is sophomore guard DeAndre Kane (15.9 ppg), whose status for Saturday's contest is uncertain as Kane has returned to his hometown of Pittsburgh, Pa. to be with family after the death of his father.

If Kane misses the game, the Herd will need to find scoring somewhere else, which has been an issue all season.

Marshall has only one other scorer averaging double figures — in senior guard Damier Pitts. As a team, the Herd has

struggled putting the ball through the net, shooting just 42 percent from the field.

The Pirates feature a balanced attack on offense, with three players scoring double digits. Leading the trio is junior guard Miguel Paul with 15.8 points per game.

With only six games remaining before the conference tournament, the Herd be at home for four of them and looks to use its home court advantage to make a late push in the Conference USA standings.

The Herd and the Pirates will square off for the first of two meetings this season at 7 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMN

Herd athletes through the years: HAL GREER

BY WILL VANCE
 THE PARTHENON

The Veterans Memorial Field House on Fifth Avenue this Saturday, which has hosted events including Marshall basketball since 1950, will host the Marshall Basketball Alumni Game.

The game will be the last event taking place at the Field House before it is torn down to build the new Marshall soccer complex.

In honor of the closing of this Huntington icon, this week, I will profile perhaps the greatest Marshall basketball player of all time, Hal Greer.

Most Marshall students

recognize Greer from the roadway which bears his name, Hal Greer Boulevard.

But many students might not know Greer broke the color barrier in Marshall Athletics, or that his jersey hangs in Philadelphia as well as the Henderson Center.

Greer was born June 6, 1936 in Huntington and attended Douglas Junior and Senior High School before signing to play basketball for the hometown Herd in 1955.

In doing so, Greer became the first black athlete to play college sports in West Virginia.

"It was such a

family atmosphere in Huntington," Greer said. "Everybody knew you were playing and would do whatever it takes to support you."

Greer made good of his opportunity by becoming one of the most dominant players in Marshall history, averaging a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds a game, with a shooting percentage of .545.

During his career Greer was a two-time all-Southern Conference, 1958 Southern Conference MVP and 1958 AP All-American honorable mention.

"My four years at Marshall were the greatest

years of my life," Greer said.

Greer was the 13th overall pick in the 1958 NBA Draft, being chosen by the Syracuse Nationals, which moved to Philadelphia and became the 76ers in 1963.

"I just loved to play basketball," Greer said. "Fact is, my first year in the league, I would have played for nothing. I just wanted to play."

It was there where Greer teamed up with NBA great Wilt Chamberlain to create a powerhouse offense.

"We had everything," Greer said. "People realized we were going to win — it was just by how many points we were going to

win."

In 1967, the combo of Greer and Chamberlain were instrumental in the 76ers ending the Bill Russell-led Boston Celtics run of eight straight NBA championships, with Greer leading the team with 27.7 points per game during the playoffs.

Greer was also known for his unorthodox style of shooting free throws, opting for a jump-shot instead of the standard flat-footed approach.

Greer played with the 76ers until his retirement in 1973, averaging 19.2 points, five rebounds and four assists per game during his career.

In his 15 professional seasons, Greer played in 10 consecutive NBA All-Star games, was named All-NBA second team seven times and scored 21,586 points, 26th all-time in the NBA.

Greer is first in games played in 76ers history with 1,122 and his number, 15, has been retired by the franchise.

In 1996, Greer was named to the NBA's 50th Anniversary team.

Greer will make his return to Huntington for the Field House closing on Saturday.

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LOOKING PAST EXPECTATIONS

Herd baseball looks to overcome last place 2011 season, preseason predictions in Conference USA

BY JARROD CLAY
 THE PARTHENON

After finishing 2011 last in conference play, there were no surprises for Marshall head baseball coach Jeff Waggoner when Conference USA released its preseason rankings with the Herd at the bottom.

In addition to finishing the season 20-31 (7-17 C-USA), the Herd also lost 10 players who were selected in the Major League Baseball Draft.

"I can see why they would choose us that way, a team that lost a lot to graduation and a lot to major league baseball," head coach Jeff Waggoner said. "I'm sure everybody feels the expectations aren't real big with the program."

Despite the last place

preseason selection, the Herd knows rankings and projections mean nothing once they step onto the diamond.

"It's about us playing our

game and not worrying about other teams and what they do," Waggoner said. "We have to focus on what we do well, and if we do that, we're going to be just fine."

Although losing so much to graduation and the draft, Marshall did return three players: Joey Church, Isaac

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT | The Constitution of the United States of America

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

EDITORIAL

Better mine safety laws are long overdue, change is needed

It's been almost two years since the mining disaster at Upper Big Branch occurred, and still no mine safety laws have been created to directly address the causes of the disaster. There has, however, been a recent attempt by the governor of West Virginia, Earl Ray Tomblin, to propose a bill that would curbe mine fatalities — at least in his mind. The cornerstone of the bill Gov. Tomblin is proposing mandates on drug testing miners to ensure for safe working conditions — a noble goal, but one that has nothing to do with why the explosion at UBB happened.

This bill has been called a “distraction” by independent investigator for the UBB disaster, Davitt McAteer; The Charleston Gazette reported Thursday. And when one considers each miner killed at UBB was autopsied and tested for illegal substances, and none were found in the 29 men, it is fair to say Gov. Tomblin's bill, for the most part, is not addressing the problems that actually caused the disaster: It is looking to the wrong people to implement a reform upon.

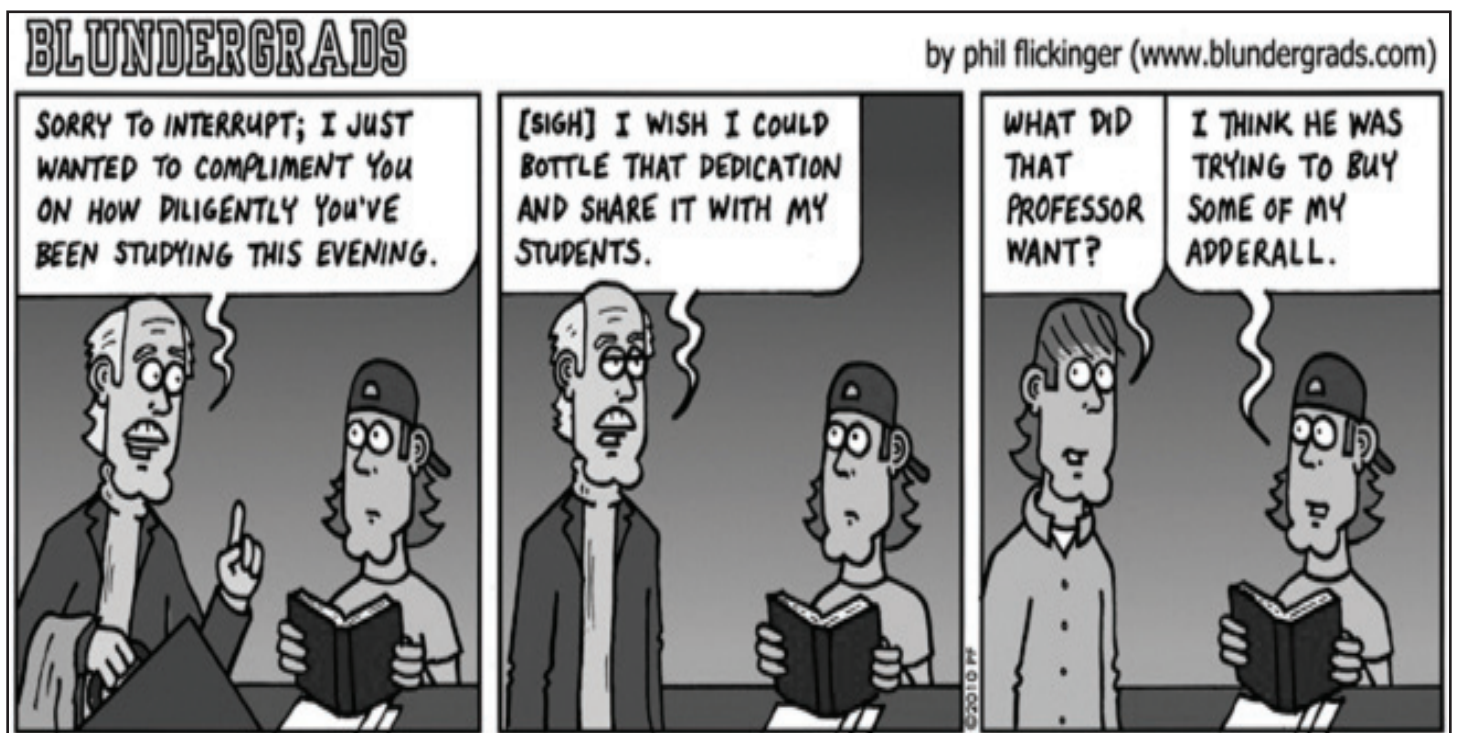
Gov. Tomblin's bill does address other issues, such as convicting individuals who tell mine officials a government inspector is coming and the automatic shutdown of mining machinery will occur if dangerous levels of methane are present. But the main action being taken in the bill is proposing miners be drug tested. How has the tragedy of UBB resulted not in proposed safety reforms in the industry and stricter regulations on mine officials, but rather drug testing miners? Drugs, it seems, are not the main problem in mines. Disregard for workers' safety and an insatiable drive for better efficiency and profit are the problems. These are the issues safety laws should address, not periphery ones such as drug abuse.

There is another bill also being discussed amongst lawmakers, not authored by Gov. Tomblin. This bill, introduced by House Speaker Rick Thompson (D. -Wayne), would address the safety issues in West Virginia mines better than that of Gov. Tomblin's, but still fails to address some issues that UBB left the industry, and grieving families, with.

One item the bill addresses is making it illegal to have knowledge of and/or committing safety violations and not reporting them. It would also make it a crime for alerting mine officials that inspectors were coming in order to make adjustments on spot that would cause the mine to be fined. The bill would also allow the families of the lost to participate in a more hands on approach with government investigations into mine disasters. Although this bill seems to address some of the more relevant issues playing a role in UBB, it still does not address them all, as it should. It's been two years. It's time for stricter, more punitive laws for mines that disregard their workers' safety.

For example, out of the 29 miners who died at UBB, three-quarters were found to have had black lung. Neither bill seeks to address this issue. Also, neither bill seems to address the suspected cause of the UBB explosion: Coal dust. Oddly enough, this is what causes black-lung disease, too. It's been long enough for better safety regulations to emerge in order to protect the lives of miners. West Virginia continually ranks at the top of miners' deaths in the country. Out of the tragedy that was UBB, there can be a positive change. We can learn from the mistakes linked to the UBB explosion, and other mine explosions in the past like Sago, and reduce the risk of the tragedies occurring again.

POLITICAL CARTOON



COLUMN

Republicans have ulterior motives when it comes to Syria



BY BISHOP NASH
THE PARTHENON

It's nothing new to hear the Republican primary is holding strong as a giant cluster of buzzwords and pandering. No number of statisticians, analysts or journalists (myself included) can predict the outcome of this mess.

But something from the maelstrom came to me this week out of the mouth of Newt Gingrich, and it's telling of radicalized Republican foreign policy.

If you've turned on the news at any point in 2012, you've heard two stories guaranteed: The Republican primary and the uprising in Syria. It was only a matter

of time before the candidates tossed their two cents on how the United States should approach Assad and his regime's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators. Gingrich's plan was to arm the rebels and promote the Free Syrian Army, a band of former soldiers who have defected from government control.

At first glance, the plan looks as noble as could be: The world's only superpower reaching down and putting M16s in the hands of scrappy rebels fighting in the name of freedom from tyranny.

So why is someone against widespread government spending speaking up for dumping millions of dollars into another country's affairs?

One reason and one alone: Iran.

Gingrich openly stated he wanted to arm the Syrian rebellion and topple Assad because the regime

is a friend of such perennial “bad guys” like China, Russia and Iran (China and Russia vetoed a United Nations' resolution that would create a path for President Assad to step from power).

To those with an imperialist view of our future, this is a fantastic opportunity to make a move against countries not so friendly to us. In a humanitarian sense, it's miserable the GOP would only promote democracy if it served their interests.

Why do you think we've fed some much equipment to Israel? But that's another story, for another day.

This isn't a game. We're not here to move a free Syria like a game piece against Iran. These are human lives at stake. There are people getting butchered in the streets by their own government. There are rockets indiscriminately being fired into crowd cities. This is murder on the grandest scale.

But what does Gingrich and a big chunk of the GOP care? They've got an opportunity to solidify their presence in the area and they want to take it.

Insurgents and troublemakers formed this country. If we're going to promote democracy out of the barrel of a gun, we've got to do it for the sheer love of freedom.

Yeah right, like that'll happen. That costs money Gingrich doesn't want to spend without getting something in return.

History shows this is often not true, and we'll fund only those who will best serve our interests, whether they're noble or not.

Gingrich and the radicalized portions of GOP do not care about the well being of Syria or the promotion of democracy abroad unless it'll help us stay the world's top dog.

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COLUMN

Viewing of Anti-Muslim documentary by NYPD is wrong

BY NERMEEN ARASTU
(MCT)

The New York Police Department is sorely in need of independent oversight.

The NYPD's use of an anti-Muslim propaganda film, “The Third Jihad”—and the role of NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly in the documentary — demands accountability.

The NYPD showed “The Third Jihad,” a piece of anti-Muslim propaganda, to 1,500 NYPD officers during their training. The feature-length film portrays Muslim-Americans as violent, nihilistic militants with the sole agenda of infiltrating the United States. With broad strokes, it tries to persuade viewers that the American way of life is under immediate threat from the American Muslim community.

The NYPD then compounded this terrible blunder by lying about it. Spokesman Paul Browne said that the film was shown only a couple of times and that Kelly didn't intend to appear in it, suggesting that the filmmakers had recycled footage from elsewhere. But it turns out that the documentary was shown on a continuous loop, and that Kelly actually did do an interview specifically for the movie.

When Kelly had his spokesman speak about the circumstances of his appearance, he displayed cowardice and dishonesty. To propagate racism is dangerous; to lie about it is unpardonable.

The NYPD placed prejudicial fear in the hearts and

minds of law enforcement. When police are taught to fear an entire community, they behave sloppily, ignore protocol and overreach boundaries.

It's especially troubling that this is happening in New York, where Mayor Michael Bloomberg brags that he has the seventh-largest army in the world and where the police already have been engaging in excessive surveillance programs and overzealous stop-and-frisk policies.

But the use of racial profiling under the auspices of intelligence gathering in our country is nothing new. As the smoke was still settling over Pearl Harbor, the U.S. government started using census data to map the whereabouts of Japanese-Americans, round them up and place them in internment camps. Over the next four years, more than 100,000 Japanese-Americans had been displaced, detained and harassed — and not a single one of them was ever convicted of espionage.

Considering our history, we ought to be wary of infringing on the civil liberties of any Americans.

Supporters of overbroad policing often claim: “If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear.” So if Kelly and the NYPD have nothing to hide, then they should not fear an independent oversight committee with compulsory powers to subpoena information. If they have nothing to hide, they should just tell the truth.

That's what was expected of them in the first place.

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an honor to promote the event.

"A lot of people were extremely cooperative," Cooley said. "A lot of the black community knew this era and knew the history and were very deeply curious about how she was going to put it together. I am just elated because such a diverse group of people turned out!"

"It's a little scary when you do it for people you

know," Carmen said. "But I have to get my head in the right space and open my heart enough so that (his story) can come out."

Carmen played more than 15 characters in her one-woman show and explored decades of history, both personal and universal. She said the idea of the play came to her when she questioned herself, "What do I know about war?"

The show was nominated for Best Actress at the Edinburgh Fringe

Festival, received a special election at Cape Town Festival South Africa, International Women's Theatre Festival in Tornio, Finland and was a recipient of Brooklyn N.Y. arts council artist grant and K.Y. foundation for women art meets activism grant.

Sinnott is also an arts educator and was the director of the Future's Extended Day Program in Manhattan before touring "Snapshot". She also developed one of New York City's leading

More than 100 former Marshall basketball players will be in attendance for Today's final farewell to the Veterans Memorial Field House.

A few of the most notable include:

Hal Greer

Rick Gullickson

Ken Labanowski

Russell Lee

Taurean Marshall

Charles Novak

Mark Patton

Charlie Slack

Greg White

J.R. Vahoose

Walter Walowac

Tex Williams

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education majors are no longer required to put together a portfolio for their capstone, but must produce an oral presentation, a teacher-candidate work sample, a unit plan and complete 600 hours of student teaching.

"The teacher-candidate work sample is the biggest academic piece the students will do before graduation," James said. "A student must have a 2.7 to pass and when we grade these teacher-candidate work samples. We are holding them to very high standards."

James said the students are offered support and step-by-step assistance though an

MU Online presence and a weekly seminar that all clinical students must attend.

"It's more of a push to make sure the professional community they are going to be put into has different things to offer so they can have a variety of experience when they graduate," James said.

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"The students have always had a good attitude," Fannin said. "All my three experiences have been very positive." "As a senior, it's really good to be able to see all the opportunities for

when I graduate," said Madison Lavender, senior advertising major from Huntington.

This year, expo attendees had the chance to win a trip for two to Winterplace Ski Resort. The package included two lift tickets, two ski/snowboard rentals and two ski/snowboard lessons. Nathan Barham,

journalism graduate student from Youngsville, N.C., won the prize.

Goodman said she was pleased with the result of the expo. She said the employers met and spoke with some great students.

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But "Massey busted the unions," Nelson said. "Our communities look like ghost towns."

That's not the only reason there are ghost towns.

Larry Gibson and his son brought a mason jar of murky tap water to the lecture, typical in their area.

Massey cleans the coal from the mountaintop removal site and then

pumps the dirty water, or sludge, back into abandoned mines, Nelson said. The daily blasts crack the rock, and the sludge seeps into local well water turning it dirty brown. And some residents turn their tap water on to find it flowing bright orange.

"I know when people are destroying my land and my water, and my environment," Larry Gibson said.

"It's pretty brutal the stuff that they've been through and experienced," said Marshall Cooper,

junior environmental assessment and policy major from Athens, Ohio.

Gibson repeatedly refused Massey Energy's offer to buy his land for \$650 million. He said he's been harassed ever since, most recently by two drive-by shootings.

Chuck Nelson also talked about the safety practices conducted by Massey Energy and said "they put profits above safety in Massey mines." Both Gibson and Nelson knew miners that died in

the Upper Big Branch mining explosion in April 2010.

"We're here to tell their stories," Nelson said.

Though they spoke out against coalmining companies, neither are against coal miners.

"We can supply our energy in a clean manner to save our water, save our air and save our environment," Nelson said. "If we lose our mountains, what are we?"

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by The Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy and the College of Liberal Arts.

Director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, Patricia Proctor, said she thinks both students and community members will attend the lecture.

"Professor Schauer is a well-known scholar in his area," Proctor said. "We are likely to have a very good turn out from

the legal community, and I hope the students take advantage of the opportunity to see him and meet him."

The next lecture is at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in the MU Foundation Hall. Mississippi State University professor, Stephen Middleton, will lecture about the expansion of civil rights to African-Americans after the Civil War.

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Ballou and Mike Mason, who were drafted but chose to come back to improve and further their degrees.

"We know who we are as a team," Waggoner said. "You just have to go out and play the games. We have a core group of guys that believe they are better than that, and we have great leadership and we're looking forward to the challenge."

While losing several talented players, Marshall

baseball is deep with experience, holding on to nine juniors and five seniors.

"I think our senior leadership is the best I've had since I've been here," Waggoner said. "They're really good leaders for the young guys, and we can accomplish a lot with that."

That leadership will be crucial once Marshall gets into Conference USA play in March. Conference USA is a perennial power in college baseball and could have more than three top 25 teams by the time conference play

rolls around.

"There's a lot of ups and downs during a baseball season," Waggoner said. "That's when you need your leadership more than anything, they need to be an extension of your coaching staff."

Marshall's pre-conference schedule could prove to be as tough as its conference schedule with games against two ACC foes and one from the SEC.

The difficulty of the non-conference schedule is not in vain for the Herd, as the Marshall coaching staff knows it

will prime the team for the daunting C-USA schedule that lies ahead.

"That's the key to the pre-season," Waggoner said. "You could pad your record and get more wins, but I think it's more important to get your guys ready for conference."

Marshall baseball will get its 2012 schedule underway Feb. 17 when the Herd travels to Raleigh to take on the NC State Wolfpack.

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crime rate and citizens feel much better," Dial said.

During the three years there has been a constant decrease in violent crimes. The program has not only helped the designated area, but citywide.

According to the Weed and Seed annual report and final summary of program outcomes, the overall rate of change for

violent crimes was reversed from increasing 6.5 percent per year before the project to decreasing more than 8 percent per year since the beginning of the grant.

"People from neighborhoods are making their neighborhood a better place to live by forming groups to help out the community," Williams said.

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number of contradicting stories from different sources.

"It is discouraging to me that there is so much misinformation going around because people rush through these sorts of things instead of checking their facts," Tabor said.

The complaint states the incident occurred May 1. The complaint was filed Jan. 23, citing several counts of negligence against both Hughes for

his actions and Marshall's ATO chapter for failing to provide a railing to make the deck safe.

According to the complaint, ATO is being sued for damages, including "pain and suffering, lost time from baseball with the Marshall University team, lost earning capacity, medical expenses and other damages."

The complaints being brought against Hughes are negligence and "ultra-hazardous activity." According to the plaintiff's statements, Hughes, 20

at the time, put others in danger by drinking underage and firing the bottle rocket, both of which are illegal within Huntington city limits.

According to Helmburg's account of the events, Hughes lit the fuse on the bottle rocket, but instead of being propelled through the air, the rocket exploded in the defendant's rectum.

Dean of Student Affairs, Steve Hensley, said ATO is a good group, and it is unfortunate that the organization finds itself in the middle of this situation.

"Alcohol abuse by people who are underage is a problem that exists at every college and every place that young people gather," Hensley said. "It is a problem that we as a society have not properly addressed."

Marshall ATO officers declined to provide any information on the matter because of ongoing litigation. Helmburg's lawyer could not be reached for comment.

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David Mayfield Parade to visit V-Club

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THE PARTHENON

Returning to Huntington to play songs from their self-titled album, David Mayfield is set to play with his band, The David Mayfield Parade, at the V-Club at 10 p.m. Friday.

David Mayfield, vocalist and lead guitarist, grew up with music as a way of life.

Playing bass in the family band and traveling from show to show since he was 12, Mayfield quickly became acquainted with the life of a musician. After playing lead guitar with folk rock band, Cadillac Sky, and inside bands on tour for both his sister, Jessica Lea Mayfield, and The Avett Brothers, Mayfield decided it was time for him to start his own project.

The David Mayfield Parade, consisting of Mayfield (lead guitar/vocals), Joe Giotta (drums), Carly Booher (mandolin/vocals), Molly Miller (bass/vocals) and Sarah Schaffer (cello/vocals), plays americana/folk rock. Mayfield said the band was formed as a result of knowing friends that played instruments, recommended musicians and from just being in a community of

musicians.

Having gained notoriety opening from Mayfield's friends, The Avett Brothers, one thing that the band does not give off is an air of pretention.

"People pay to see us play and be entertained," Mayfield said. "We are performing a service. I want people to be able to come, relax and forget about their worries for a night."

Mayfield said he views himself not just as a musician, but a performer as well.

"We try to provide exciting theatrical moments to watch to incorporate a visual aspect in our music," Mayfield said. "We aren't your typical rock band."

Mayfield said his music is inspired by all different aspects of life. Similar to a journal entry, Mayfield said

writing about his own personal experiences allows him to perform believably. One example is "Breath of Love," a song he was writing for years about his now girlfriend. Mayfield said just as his life evolves – so does his music.

Having played the Appalachian Uprising Festival and in Huntington once before, Mayfield said he is glad to be back at the V-Club.

The David Mayfield Parade is working on their second album to be released this summer.

Sasha Colette and The Magnolias, a band from Morehead, Ky., will be opening for Mayfield. Tickets to the show can be purchased on the V-Club's website, vclublive.com, for \$8 or at the door for \$10.

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'Snapshot' stops at university playhouse

THE PARTHENON

Carmen Mitzi Sinnott has carried her play "Snapshot" across the globe, but on Thursday night, she brought it home to the Joan

C. Edwards playhouse.

"Snapshot," written and performed by Sinnott alone, is the story of Sinnott's search for her father and herself. The talented actor/playwright used a fusion

of words, music, dance and "snapshots" to portray how a forbidden kiss between a black man and a white woman began her life, and a war in Vietnam nearly shattered it.

Carmen's father, Lorenzo Botts, was a Huntington native before he was drafted to the war, and Carmen said it was very important to bring the play home to where people knew her father.

"You always wonder, 'Is everyone going to think I'm crazy?'" Carmen said. "But then I have to go 'No, I have to focus on the reality of the situation, and it's important to tell his story.'"

Director of Marshall University's Center for African-American Student Programs, Maurice Cooley, said he is pleased with the evening's turnout, and it

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