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- Lil Wayne

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Reports of stolen bicycles increase, chains being cut



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Since the beginning of October, four secured bikes have been reported stolen to MUPD.

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A sudden increase in the number of bicycles reported stolen has prompted the Marshall University Police Department to provide students with advice about theft prevention and bike recovery.

Since the beginning of October, students have reported four stolen bikes. Each of the bikes had been secured, but the locks or cords were cut.

The exact times of the incidents are unknown, but the shortest span between a bike being secured and discovered missing is 12 hours.

“We don't know yet if the crimes are linked,” Lt. Dicky Parker said. “We're not making any inferences until we have a little more information to go on.”

Chief Jim Terry said there is one thing they can conclude from the evidence. “If they're walking around carrying a set of bolt cutters to cut through locks and cords, they're out with the in-

tent to steal a bike,” Terry said.

Parker and Terry said students should take precautions against theft. Also, students should make identifying marks and register their bikes in case the bikes are stolen.

Terry said a good quality lock will prevent theft even when the thief is using some sort of cutting device. “We recommend a U-type lock that resists cutting and prying,” Terry said. “Cables and chains are only good for temporary use, such as running in to pick up a cup of coffee.”

In the event of a bicycle theft, it's important to be able to identify the bike. Terry said students should know the make, model and serial number of the bike, in addition to its color and physical description.

Parker said students also should have or make an identifying mark on the bicycle. “If the bike doesn't have any unique characteristic that only you

Recovered bicycle waiting to be claimed

Marshall University Police are seeking the owner of a bicycle that was recovered at the end of the 2008 spring semester.

Chief Jim Terry said the bicycle was recovered in May after a witness reported two individuals removing the bicycle from the rack behind Twin Towers East.

Police are asking anyone who had a bicycle stolen last May but did not report it to do so.

“We have two suspects, but without a victim we cannot prosecute,” Terry said. “We need the owner to come and identify the recovered property.”

Anyone wanting to identify the bicycle can contact the Marshall police at 304-696-4357.

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Campaign kickoff includes massage, games

BY ASHLEY BUSZ
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Marshall University began its 2008 United Way campaign Monday at the Memorial Student Center plaza.

The kickoff included multiple activities for students, administration and faculty. A hot dog lunch including popcorn and a drink was available for a \$2 contribution benefiting the campaign.

Music for the event was provided by WMUL, Marshall's student radio station. Inflatables and a corn hole competition were offered to students. Massage therapy courtesy of I-N Touch School of Massage Therapy was available for a donation of \$1 per minute.

SGA played a large part in coordinating the kickoff. Sean Hornbuckle, SGA vice president, helped pass out flyers promoting the hot dog lunch. Hornbuckle said it was important for SGA to participate and help promote awareness.

“SGA formed a sub-committee, which was the actual kickoff committee,” Hornbuckle said. “It was to help get the inflatables and



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William Held, 19, freshman chemistry major, plays cornhole at the United Way kickoff at the Memorial Student Center.

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Children learn to hear in class

BY KARA N BUSSE
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The sound of a pop can opening, a printer printing and the clicking of a keyboard can be lost as background noises to most people.

But these noises are firsts for the children who attend The Luke Lee Listening, Language and Learning Lab. With the help of Cochlear Implants, these children are taught to hear noises for the first time.

The preschool, which is referred to as the “L,” is West Virginia's first auditory preschool for the hearing impaired. It is located on the third floor of Smith Hall. It was founded in November 2006, Jodi Cottrell, program director of the Luke Lee Listening, Language and Learning Lab, said.

“It started in collaboration with Marshall University and Cheresee Lee, the mother of Luke Lee,” Cottrell said. “Because Cheresee wanted her deaf son, Luke, to be an oral communicator and there were no oral schools in the area.”

The school teaches four children, two part-time and two full-time. In January, there will be the capacity for six full-time children, Cottrell said.

“The facility gives the children a chance to socialize with other children while working on speech and language development,” Brianna McClung, senior communications disorder major from Beckley, W.Va. said. “The ‘L’ teaches these hearing impaired children to communicate with speech and language. Unless a parent wants the child to be completely oral, sign language is incorporated.”

This preschool is an oral school that emphasizes speech and language for the hearing impaired or deaf, Cottrell said. “The main goal of this school is for these children to be mainstreamed into a kindergarten classroom and be oral communicators,” Cottrell said.

Sam Fry, senior communications disorder major from Wheeling, W.Va., said through this school, the children learn to communicate just like everyone else, even though they are profoundly deaf.

Deaf children with Cochlear Implants can hear after surgery but have to be taught how to hear and speak.

“Hearing does not come naturally for deaf children as it does normal hearing children,” Cottrell said.

The “L” prepares deaf children to become oral communicators by kindergarten or earlier, Cottrell said.

According to the National Association of the Deaf, a Cochlear Implant is an electronic device designed to bring a sense of sound to people who have profound hearing loss. The implant does not amplify sound but presents auditory signals directly to the inner ear, McClung said. After the surgery, these children hear in a computerized voice, McClung said.

Luke Lee is now 5 years old and has been mainstreamed into a regular preschool in Charleston four days a week and attends the “L” one day a week, Cottrell said. With the help of this preschool he has normal speech and language for a 5-year-old.

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What just one dollar can do

- >>> 4 reading sessions at Tri State Literacy Council
- 1 Life Skills program through Cabell Huntington Coalition for the Homeless
- 15 minutes of child development services at Renaissance-Pretera
- 1 case of emergency supplies for the Armed Forces through American Red Cross
- 2 nights of shelter at Branches Domestic Violence Center
- 15 minutes of training or therapy at Developmental Therapy
- 1 child sent to summer camp through the Salvation Army

-United Way of River Cities

ELECTION '08

Manchin, Weeks have big plans for Mountain State

Governor Joe Manchin III

Party: Democratic Party
Joe Manchin III is from Farmington, W.Va., and is West Virginia's 34th governor. He is currently seeking re-election for a second term. During his political career, he was elected to the House of Delegates in 1982 and moved to the Senate in 1986 where he served for 10 years. In 1996, Manchin was a candidate for governor, but finished second among a large group of candidates in the Democratic primary election. He then ran for Secretary of State of West Virginia in 2000 and was elected governor in 2004. He said he has a plan that will help the state be “world class in many arenas, including energy, health care and education.”



MANCHIN

Question and answer

What are the three most important issues that West Virginians are facing right now?

Heavy gasoline prices, the uncertainty of the financial market and the uncertainty of the economy. I don't think these issues are affecting us specifically in West Virginia, because we're doing

Editor's Note

The Parthenon recently interviewed the candidates for governor of West Virginia. An edited transcript of the interviews are included in the following articles about the Republican and Democratic candidates. The Mountain Party candidate, Jesse Johnson, could not be reached for comment.

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Russ Weeks

Party: Republican party
Weeks is a former Republican state senator from Beckley, W.Va. Weeks was elected in 2002, defeating Senate Judiciary Chairman Bill Wooten. Weeks had not served in public office prior to being elected. He was defeated in 2006. Weeks said he never imagined getting involved in politics but felt as a “concerned citizen” that he would be able to make changes in the West Virginia legislature. If elected, he wants to “restore people's faith and confidence in their government.”

Question and answer

Why are you running for governor?

Because of the issues I have seen going on, the way people's money is being spent and the way government is being conducted. I have the opportunity to make some changes and I'm going to.



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