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Engineering complex work starts Monday

By KATIE WISE
THE PARTHENON

A contractor has been selected and a groundbreaking date for the new Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex has been set.

Of the six contractors who submitted bids to build the new complex, BBL Carlton of Charleston was chosen

to construct the multi-story facility.

Construction of the estimated \$50 million complex will begin on Monday and is projected to be completed in 28 months.

Marshall University President, Stephen J. Kopp said the complex would provide additional space needed for expanding programs in the

engineering and science fields.

"It moves us into the future, provides facilities for substantial development of engineering areas like mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and eventually bio engineering and also provides additional facilities for the college of science units that are growing out of their space," Kopp said.

The Applied Engineering Complex will be located along Third Avenue between the Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Laboratories and the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center.

About 150 spaces on F Lots between the Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Laboratories and the Robert C. Byrd

Biotechnology Science Center on the north side of Third Avenue have been closed to accommodate construction.

Parking options include the new 411-space parking garage located on Sixth Avenue, where people can park for 50 cents an hour and the west lot at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

People may also upgrade

their permits and park in the Third Avenue garage across from Cam Henderson Center.

The new facility will house more than 141,000 square feet of academic, laboratory, office and research space for engineering and science-related programs.

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Symposium to discuss terrorism

First lecture set for Tuesday

By SUZANN AL-QAWASMI
THE PARTHENON

The Society of Yeager Scholars at Marshall University will have the first lecture of the 26th annual Yeager Symposium Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in BE5 in the Memorial Student Center.

The theme for this year's symposium is terrorism and threats to the national security of the United States.

"We wanted to find a topic that would touch upon relevant subjects that could also provide interdisciplinary appeal and accessibility," Shaina Taylor, senior political science and English major from Petersburg, W. Va., said.

Taylor and Rikki Miller, senior biomedical science majors from Ripley, W.Va., are the Yeager scholars in charge of planning the event.

Miller said Jason Morrisette, assistant professor of political science at Marshall, will discuss the political underpinnings of domestic and lone-wolf terrorism in the United States.

The second lecture will be Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Foundation Hall. Taylor said Laurie Garrett, Peabody, Polk and Pulitzer prize-winning journalist and author, will discuss bioterrorism and the science and geopolitical implications of who is capable of such acts.

"We want to highlight one of Marshall's own outstanding faculty members by having Morrisette speak at the first lecture while also exposing the Marshall community to a nationally recognized authority on public health and pandemics by having Garrett speak," Miller said.

Taylor said the Yeager Symposium is open to the public and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Hundreds attend We Are ... Family! Unity Walk Celebration

By ERIKA RITTENHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

More than 800 Marshall University faculty members and students gathered at the Student Center Plaza to celebrate as a Marshall family at the first We Are ... Family! Unity Walk Celebration. Athletic teams, Greek-letter sororities and fraternities residence halls, non-Greek recognized student organizations and individual student organizations all came out to show their support for the Marshall community.

Forty-five Marshall University organizations took their spots on campus and prepared to walk together and unite as one at the Memorial Student Center Plaza on Wednesday. Following the walk, Marshall University president Stephen J. Kopp and head basketball coach Tom Herion spoke on the strong family atmosphere at Marshall, and encouraged all organizations to continue to unite and bond through supporting one another.

Each organization had a representative speak on their behalf and explain what their organization had to offer the Marshall community. Once the speakers finished all organizations continued to celebrate

with food, music and dancing.

Maurice Cooley led the event and took on the challenge of bringing people together that are already a part of the Marshall community. His purpose was to have everyone celebrate as a Marshall family.

"The main thing I wanted to do with this event is get students excited about the school they attend," Cooley said. "If people are happy here, they will do better here."

Cooley wanted to come up with creative ideas to unite the University. He needed to come up with a concept and a vision. Once he did, there were many people that played a role in making sure this event came together.

Cooley presented his idea to Jeff O'Malley, head of the athletic department, Steve Hensley, dean of students, Ray Harrell Jr., student body president, Matt James, former student body president, Le'Kesha Glover, head of residence life, Hermon Storfer, head of student activities and John Yaun. These were the core gatekeepers in figuring out if this event would be successful.

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ERIKA RITTENHOUSE | THE PARTHENON

TOP: More than 800 members of the Marshall University family gather in the Student Center Plaza to celebrate the first We Are ... Family! Unity Walk Celebration on Wednesday. BOTTOM: Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters participate in the We Are ... Family! Unity Walk Celebration on Wednesday.

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Twitter photo contest kicks off

By SARAH HAGERTY
THE PARTHENON

The College of Business is trying something new this school year by hosting a Twitter photo contest every week throughout the semester.

"I want the students to get more involved," Sara Davis, graduate assistant for Recruitment and Retention in the College of Business, said. "I want everyone to know what is going on with the College of Business and the Twitter Photo Contest seems to be getting the word out."

Sara Davis was an undergraduate student at Marshall University and during her four

years here, she noticed the College of Business needed a Twitter account to get the word out of upcoming events within the college.

"The biggest problem I saw when I was in undergrad was students weren't getting as involved with the college as they should be," Davis said. "I noticed that if students were doing something outside of the classroom they were more likely to stay in school because they saw the value in their education and it was more than just coming to class. The photo contest is a way for students and faculty to get involved and to have fun at the same time."



Davis wanted the College of Business Twitter account to have a way of getting more followers and came up with the idea of hosting a photo contest that could get the students more involved. "I started the contest the

week of the Marshall vs. Ohio football game and didn't get much response," Davis said. "It's gradually becoming more popular and we now have over 200 followers."

Each week a different theme is announced and students submit their pictures of that week's theme onto Twitter and tag @HerdBusiness with their tweet. The contest starts every Tuesday at noon and ends every Monday at midnight. Also, each week there are new prizes given out to the winner. This week's theme is "autumn background."

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Indiana GOP Senate candidate Richard Mourdock talks to seniors during an event at the Statehouse in Indianapolis on Wednesday.

Democrats pounce on GOP Senate candidate's claim that rape pregnancy is God's will

By KIM GEIGER
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

WASHINGTON — In an election that increasingly is a battle for women's votes, the Obama campaign seized on a provocative claim about abortion and rape by a Republican U.S. Senate candidate in Indiana, arguing that it shows Mitt Romney does not support women's reproductive rights.

Richard Mourdock's comment that a pregnancy after rape is "something that God intended to happen" created an unexpected opening Wednesday for Democrats, who called on Romney to denounce the statement. The controversy created an unwanted distraction for the GOP nominee, who had endorsed Mourdock and taped a TV ad for him.

The sudden flare-up not only pushed abortion back into the center of the white-hot presidential race, but also gave Democrats renewed hope of retaining control of the U.S. Senate. Recent polls have found Mourdock and his Democratic opponent, Rep. Joe Donnelly, locked in a tight battle for the seat long held by GOP stalwart Richard Lugar.

"This is a reminder that a Republican Congress working with a Republican president Mitt Romney would (feel) that women should not be able to make choices about their own health care," Jen Psaki, a spokeswoman for the Obama campaign, told reporters aboard Air Force One.

The Romney campaign said he did not share Mourdock's views on abortion, but declined to

pull his endorsement ad off the airwaves.

"Gov. Romney disagrees with Richard Mourdock, and Mr. Mourdock's comments do not reflect Gov. Romney's views," said campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul. "We disagree on the policy regarding exceptions for rape and incest but still support him."

Other Republicans saw potential damage for the party, concerned it could remind voters of Todd Akin, the Republican candidate for the Senate from Missouri. His claim over the summer that women's bodies can prevent pregnancy in a "legitimate rape" sent his campaign into a tailspin. Akin now trails in a race considered key to Republican efforts to take control of the Senate.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following was compiled from Marshall University Police Department reports.

By BISHOP NASH
THE PARTHENON

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

The Office of Public Safety received a complaint Friday that a victim had noticed his rear windshield wiper was snapped off while parked in the F Lot behind Commence Avenue. Included was a note reading "Learn to park, (explicative)." Surveillance reviews in and around the area were unsuccessful in locating any viable suspects, and the status of an investigation is pending.

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

On Sunday at approximately 8:20 p.m., Marshall police officers detected the odor of marijuana in the south student lot at the 1800 block of Maple Avenue. The scent was tracked to a red Toyota Camry and police observed two individuals smoking what appeared to be a cigar filled with marijuana. A bag containing the substance was in plain view and a vehicle search confirmed marijuana's presence. Both suspects were arrested for possession of marijuana under 15 grams.

GRAND LARCENY

A 5000-watt generator was reported stolen from the Physical Plant on the 300 block of 20th Street. According to reports, unknown persons removed the SIEPG005 generator between Sept. 28 and Oct. 2. There are currently no suspects.

DESTRUCTION TO VEHICLE

On Monday, a victim reported that his Toyota Tacoma was damaged while parked at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center metered parking lot. The victim observed two large dents on the passenger side from the cab to the truck bed as well as several scrapes down the side of the vehicle. There are currently no suspects.

Graduate schools sponsor fair

By TESSA WOOTEN
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Graduate School hosted its first Graduate School Fair Wednesday.

Donna Spindel, Dean of the Graduate College said the goal of the fair was to introduce the various programs Marshall's graduate school has to offer students.

"We figured we ought to try something new," Spindel said. It's a service for students to make the information more accessible."

Spindel was at the fair as a general representative of the Graduate College. She helped give information on the programs that did not have representation. She also helped to answer student's questions and point them in the right direction.

Programs represented at the fair included english, forensic science, physical therapy and the Division of Multicultural Affairs.

Each booth offered pamphlets, brochures and other

documents. There was also a representative at each booth to answer questions.

Victoria Wells, a senior education major, was interested in the fair. Wells said she has been looking into graduate schools and this helps her get a better idea of what Marshall's Graduate College has to offer.

Wells said she would like to attend graduate school and study library science and information technology. Unfortunately, the program she was specifically looking for wasn't represented, but she got helpful information on a new program available.

The fair also gave people in charge of new programs a chance to get students interested and spread the word that something new is available.

Mary Clark, program director of the Division of Multicultural Affairs, said they are offering something new this fall for underrepresented doctoral students called the Chancellor's Scholar Program.

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DegreeWorks launches, designed to help students graduate on time

By ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH
THE PARTHENON

DegreeWorks, a new program designed to help students keep better track of their graduation requirements launched on Marshall's Huntington campus Wednesday.

"DegreeWorks is an online degree audit system," Pat Gebhart, administrative application software specialist senior and project manager, said. "We've entered all the degree requirements by catalog year for all the departments the colleges, and DegreeWorks takes their record and compares the completion of degree requirements."

Billy Biggs, assistant registrar, said the extensive program was in development for over a year.

"We have been hard at work for a year trying to get trained on how to do the behind-the-scenes work to where the kids can log on and

everything will be up to date so they can see exactly what they need for their degree requirements so hopefully they can graduate in four years," Biggs said.

One significant detail students may notice is it only includes the 2010 catalog year forward.

"I think they're going to put in the '08 and the '09 but it's going to be awhile before they get that in," Corley Dennison, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of undergraduate studies at Marshall University, said.

Although the program makes scheduling much easier on the student, it is emphasized that the program does not replace advising.

"We've put a disclaimer in there that we still want them to meet with their advisers," Biggs said. "Hopefully what this will do, instead of meeting for 30 or 40 minutes with your

advisor, it maybe will cut it down to 10 or 15."

Biggs said he expects this program to be a game-changer for students and how they think about registering for classes.

"Kids dread going to see their advisers and they wait until the last minute, and then they might not understand they have an adviser hold," Biggs said. "Now they will see the information, they will know what they need to do, they will know the classes they need. It's definitely going to help and we expect it to be a game-changer."

Dennison said the program will help give students a blueprint of what they need to talk about when going to get advised.

"It's really not intended to replace advising," Dennison said. "You really need to go talk to your advisor but what it does is it gives both the



student and the advisor something that they both can look at and talk about for keeping students on track for graduation."

Now, instead of students waiting to complete a graduation check during their junior year, they can go online and almost do one on their own.

"It's instantaneous, you can do a continual grad check any time you want to know how many classes you need for

graduation," Dennison said. "You can pop up DegreeWorks and it will show you exactly how many classes you need to graduate."

The program is designed to be especially helpful during this time of year as students are getting ready to register for classes for the upcoming semester.

"When you're getting ready to register for classes, you could look at your tentative schedule you're going to make and it'll show you exactly how close that will get you to graduating," Dennison said.

Students can find out more information about the program and how to access it by visiting the student resource center in the Memorial Student Center or by visiting www.marshall.edu/degreeworks.

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	C-USA		Overall	
EAST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
UCF	3	0	5	2
EAST CAROLINA	4	1	5	3
MARSHALL	2	1	3	4
MEMPHIS	1	2	1	6
UAB	0	3	1	6
SOUTHERN MISS	0	3	0	7

SPORTS

	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
TULSA	5	0	7	1
SMU	2	1	3	4
HOUSTON	2	1	3	4
TULANE	1	2	1	6
UTEP	1	3	2	6
RICE	0	4	2	6



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Yankees' Girardi wants A-Rod back

By PETE CALDERA
THE RECORD (HACKENSACK, N.J.)
(MCT)

NEW YORK — Joe Girardi has no regrets about how he managed Alex Rodriguez during an October that fell short of the Yankees' World Series aspirations.

Rodriguez was benched three times and called back for a pinch hitter three times in nine playoff games decisions influenced by A-Rod's 0-for-18 postseason batting average against right-handed pitching, with 12 strikeouts.

"I made decisions based on the season, the month, what I'd seen," Girardi said Wednesday. "These weren't just, 'Let-me-go-off-the-top-of-my-head' (decisions). These were things we evaluated a lot.

"I don't look back and second-guess myself."

One week after the Detroit Tigers swept the Yankees in the AL Championship Series, Girardi fully endorsed having Rodriguez return as his starting third baseman in 2013 – with the somewhat muted hope that he can be "a very good player again."

Still, a heart-to-heart conversation with A-Rod is on the manager's "to-do list" before pitchers and catchers convene again in February.

"I really haven't done a lot of checking on people yet. I've really just tried to step back a little bit," Girardi said at his season-ending press gathering at Yankee Stadium. "We're all going to evaluate ourselves on how we get better.

"That will take place. It just hasn't yet."

A-Rod stated last week that a clearing of the air was not necessary and that he believed it was "difficult" for Girardi to sit him out.

Benched for the final two games of the ALCS and seated for the clinching AL Division Series Game 5 against Baltimore, Rodriguez was just 3-for-25 (.120) this postseason with no extra-base hits and no RBI.

Rodriguez put the emphasis on improving his performance as he exited for the winter.

"The thing about this whole situation is if I'm playing my game, Joe has no choice but to play me. If I'm not playing my game, then he's open for options. I've got to look in the mirror," A-Rod said after the Tigers' 8-1 Game 4 win finished the Yanks for 2012.

Rodriguez went on to say that "there were a lot of doubters" when he exited the '06 playoffs at Detroit, dumped to the No. 8 spot in the lineup by manager Joe Torre.

"I said I was going to get back to the drawing board and I came back with a vengeance in '07," A-Rod said of his last MVP season. "I'm looking forward to hopefully doing the same."

But that was five years ago, before hip surgery, knee surgery and a fractured left hand.

Rodriguez, 37, has seen his OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage) decline in five straight seasons, from .967 in 2008 to .783 this season.

"As a player, you always have a chance to rewrite things and make adjustments," Girardi said, citing the late-career bounce by Derek Jeter.

But Girardi isn't anticipating gaudy, MVP-type numbers from A-Rod.

"Can Alex be a very good player again? Absolutely," Girardi said. "I don't have any question in my mind, because I think the desire is there."

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Pablo led Giants, win game one 8-3



JULIAN H. GONZALEZ/DETROIT FREE PRESS | MCT

The San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval crosses home plate after hitting a home run during first inning against the Detroit Tigers in Game 1 of the World Series at AT&T Park on Wednesday in San Francisco.

Women's soccer concludes season at East Carolina

HERDZONE

In the final match of its 2012 regular season campaign, the Marshall women's soccer team will travel to Greenville, N.C. for a Conference USA bid with East Carolina.

Thursday's contest will begin at 7 p.m. at East Carolina's Soccer Stadium.

The Pirates (9-6-3, 5-2-3 C-USA) enter the game coming off a 3-1 victory over C-USA foe Southern Miss on Sunday. Senior forward Chrissy Gratz, who struck early in that victory,

leads the Pirate offense with five goals on the season. Gratz opened the scoring a year ago when the Pirates defeated the Thundering Herd 2-1 at Sam Hood Field.

East Carolina is 2-1-3 in the month of October and 5-1-2 when playing on its home field.

Marshall (7-10-1, 3-6-1 C-USA) is led in scoring by Chelsey Maiden and Erin Simmons. The pair has found the net six times apiece this season, for which they rank 10th in the league in scoring.



MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University senior midfielder/forward Annabelle Bramwell prepares to pass the ball to a teammate during the women's soccer game between the Marshall Thundering Herd and the SMU Mustangs at Hurricane High School, Oct. 14, in Hurricane.

Vikings looking to remain undefeated at home

By Sam Farmer

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)
NFL Thursday night
TAMPA BAY (2-4) AT MINNESOTA (5-2)
TV: NFL Network, 8:15 EDT.
Line: Vikings by 6.
Over/Under: 42.

Sam Farmer's pick: The Vikings are looking to go 5-0 at home, and the Buccaneers have lost nine in a row on the road. Adrian Peterson will still get his yards against a tough run defense. Vikings 24, Buccaneers 17.

Champions League full of upsets

By PETER AUF DER HEYDE dpa (MCT)

BERLIN — There were shocks galore in the Champions League on Wednesday, as Real Madrid, AC Milan, Arsenal and Manchester City all suffered defeats in their group games.

Real Madrid lost its Group D game against the Bundesliga champions Borussia Dortmund 2-1, while City slumped to a 3-1 defeat at Ajax Amsterdam in the same group.

Robert Lewandowski opened the scoring for Dortmund in the 36th minute, but Cristiano Ronaldo leveled matters just two minutes later. Marcel Schmelzer found the winner for the German side in the 64th minute.

Schmelzer said that it was a dream come true. "It must be a dream for every player to play against Real Madrid and then score the winning goal.

"I think we showed our critics who accused us of not being able to play international football, that they are wrong."

Real coach Jose Mourinho said that he knew that Dortmund were a strong side. "They have a lot of qualities.

They are very organized and compact in defense.

"It was a funny game. Neither team managed to really take hold of the game and I thought that the team that scored first in the second half would end up winning the match."

In Amsterdam, the home side came from behind for an excellent win.

Samir Nasri gave City the lead midway through the first half, but Siem de Jong, Niklas Moisander and Christian Eriksen turned matters around for the Dutch side.

England international Michael Richards admitted that they were beaten by a very good Ajax side. "Even when we went ahead, they were probably the better team. But in the second half we just crumbled when the second goal went in.

"I am very disappointed with the way we played. But we still have a chance and we will look at what we did wrong and try to do better in the next game."

Dortmund's victory sees the Bundesliga team lead the group with seven points. Real, which has six points from three matches, is in second.

Ajax is on three, while City will have work ahead if it wants to escape the group phase. City has just one point.

In London, Dutch internationals Klaas-Jan Huntelaar and Ibrahim Afellay gave Schalke 04 its first-ever European Cup win in England as they scored in the second half to give the Bundesliga club a 2-0 win against Arsenal in a Group B game.

It was the first defeat in 39 Champions League group phase matches at home for Arsenal.

Although Schalke coach Huub Stevens complimented the team and said that he did not wish to single out individual players, he said that he saw some problems. "I am not happy with my side's performance in the first half, we should have gone ahead before the break. But I am happy how we came out of the change-room and we played well then."

Arsenal captain Thomas Vermaelen said that he was disappointed with result. "We simply could not score. After losing on the weekend we tried to do better, I am very

disappointed that we did not manage that."

In the same group Montpellier lost 2-1 at home to Olympiacos Piraeus.

Schalke top the group with seven points from Arsenal, which has six. The Greek side is third with three points.

In Group C, Malaga has all but qualified for the final as it beat AC Milan 1-0 through Joaquin's second-half goal. The striker had earlier missed a penalty.

The win sees the Spanish side open up a five-point lead at the top of the group from Milan, while Zenit St Petersburg, which won 1-0 at home against

Anderlecht in a game played earlier Wednesday, has three points.

Big-spending Paris St Germain was too strong for Dinamo Zagreb in group A, winning 2-0 to move to six points — three behind Porto, which beat Dynamo Kiev 3-2 in the other group game.

Swedish international Zlatan Ibrahimovic showed why the French club is willing to pay him a reported \$18.2 million (14 million euros) a year, as he scored the opening goal for his side.

Jeremy Menez doubled his side's score two minutes from the break.

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Column

Foreign Affairs: The Deal Breaker

By HENRY CULVYHOUSE
COLUMNIST

Throughout this whole election season, I've been holding off on giving my judgment on this year's election. I didn't want to get overtly political; I didn't want to come off as a liberal blowhard, like that Louisiana water moccasin James Carville. I wanted to stay above the fray, giving insights about the system itself, not the names on the ballots. I tried my damndest to stay independent, clear minded and reserved from weighing in. Monday's debate changed that.

I heard every commentator and reporter, from Blitzer to Cooper, down playing Monday's brawl. "Foreign policy isn't important this year," they jeered. "The voters only care about the economy."

What they failed to realize is now, more than ever before, the economy and foreign affairs are highly intertwined. We live in a global economy, where the purchasing and production choices are done between countries. Corporations are multinational, with production largely in the third world (I know that's a cold war anachronism) and intellectual labor (accounting, advertising etc.) in the first world.

For the past 30 years, we've seen the world economy shaped by the rise of Pacific Rim manufacturing, the proliferation of sweatshops in Latin America and the loss of manufacturing across North America and Europe.

Our present recession is not only a national problem, but also an international one. When the recession hit, we saw slower production in China, the financial collapse of European social democracies and the housing bubble burst at home (many say this may have triggered the issue). By becoming more intertwined and consequently reliant on international trade, we opened ourselves up to the instability of international markets.

If we want a president who can lead the charge to get us out of this recession, he is going to have to work with other countries. If the debt is the greatest threat to national security, Adm. Mullen starkly said last year, then we should look at the international economics that contribute to this debt. And I'd say sending our production base to Red China, throwing people into the social safety net and decreasing the tax base, is probably one them.

Romney said he is a man who has been in business for more than 20 years. Being a businessman for so long, obviously he should understand the nature of international commerce and the effects world events have on them. However, his lack of understanding in world affairs, calling potential, democratic allies Egypt and Libya threats to the United States, are alarming at best. Advocating rivalry with the Russians, escalation of actions dealing with Iran, are all clear indicators that he does not have a handle of the world's pulse.

In order to get our country out of this economic mess, we're going to have to work with the world. We will have to balance our trade with China, a step Obama started in the trade cases he brought to international court in our administration. We will have to work with the world and not perform unilateral actions in the Middle East, draining our country of resources. Because if you don't want to go further into debt with wars, then don't start alienating potential allies.

I fear Romney's lack of reason and education on international matters would put us four years behind what we've got now.

Who do you think made the best points in the third Presidential Debate?

- Obama
- Romney

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Who do you think made the best points in the second Presidential Debate?

- Obama 53% - 39 votes
- Romney 47% - 35 votes

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Editorial

Violent shootings occur all too often, raising questions

Violent shootings happen all too often. Really, they should never happen, yet we hear stories in the news regularly. Just this past weekend a middle-aged man shot seven women, killing his wife and two others and finally killing himself at a spa in a Milwaukee, WI suburb. And yesterday, another act of violence took the life of a church-goer in a Georgia megachurch.

Yesterday's shooting in Georgia involved a man who walked calmly into a church during a service and opened fire, killing 39 year-old church volunteer, Greg McDowell as he addressed the congregation in prayer. After committing the act, the man walked away in the same calm manner.

In the case of the shooting just outside Milwaukee, the

gunman's wife was working at the spa when he entered the building and opened fire. Of the seven victims, three survived, with one still in critical condition. The man had a restraining order issued against him just two weeks earlier after slashing his wife's tires.

What has this world come to? What measures can be taken to stop these random acts of heinousness? Perhaps, crazy people should not be able to have guns in their possession. In reaction to the recent rampage, the state of Wisconsin is taking necessary steps to get weapons out of the hands of restraining order recipients. Sounds like a step in the right direction, but there is still a lot of crazy that remains unaddressed.

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Column

A little less economy, a little more environment

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As Americans, we constantly congratulate ourselves on our spirit of innovation. Yet, we give our government no incentive to be forward thinking about important long-term problems like climate change. Obama and Romney aren't talking about the environment because we haven't really asked them to do so.

This contradiction isn't our fault—democracy just doesn't always reward anticipation. Politicians are accountable to voters whose main concerns generally include how to feed their families and keep their jobs and houses. And it is this combination of preoccupied voters and cowardly lawmakers that has kept the U.S. from tackling climate change in any sort of comprehensive way.

It's no surprise that a recent Gallup poll showed 72 percent of Americans thought the economy was today's most important problem. A mere two percent saw pollution and the environment as the most important problem. Yet, the two problems are undoubtedly connected. MIT economist Henry Jacoby predicts, "People will pay...[for inaction on climate change] in taxes, energy prices, insurance premiums, disaster relief, food prices, water bills and changes to our environment that are hard to put a price tag on."

We're constantly flooded with startling facts about rising ocean levels and shrinking

rainforests. To those who pay attention, climate change is clearly imminent, and it's approaching the brink of irreversibility. Scientists predict a nearly complete lack of wild fish in oceans by 2050. At the beginning of his numerical run-down of the current state of the climate, activist and writer William E. McKibben grimly states, "I can say with some confidence that we're losing the fight, badly and quickly—losing it because, most of all, we remain in denial about the peril that human civilization is in."

Denial isn't the only reason that the situation is stagnant—for those who are thinking short-term, there is a valid economic argument against cutting emissions. The fossil fuel sector certainly isn't a small deal, and the world economy is invested in the future of drilling. Construction of the southern part of Keystone XL is already underway.

While economic hurdles block a smooth transition from fossil fuels to cleaner energy, the carbon tax represents a potent economic solution. The Kennedy School's Joseph Aldy showed his support for the carbon tax in his talk at Harvard Thinks Green 2 last week. A tax on carbon would de-incentivize the purchase of carbon and naturally force investment in alternative energies. It would provide the economic impetus currently lacking from the green movement.

Even conservative economist and policy advisor Greg Mankiw expressed his support

of a world carbon tax in a 2007 New York Times op-ed, but he doubted that a carbon tax would make it through Washington. Mankiw wrote, "Republican consultants advise using the word 'tax' only if followed immediately by the word 'cut.' Democratic consultants recommend the word 'tax' be followed by 'on the rich.'"

It would simply be political suicide for a Republican to support a new tax of any kind, and Democrats are too busy trying to get rid of tax breaks for the rich that suggesting a carbon tax right now might very well be too much. Yet, logical thinking would demand that our lawmakers push aside all of those political fears for the sake of doing something that makes pure and total sense.

China's Communist Party recently released its new five-year plan, a strategic move that will end up investing \$315 billion in measures for energy efficiency. And because of the one-party system, China can afford to be aggressive in the way it pursues its alternative energy goals. The National Energy Commission has asked each province in China to provide a plan for increased solar energy use by October 15. China remains the world's largest coal consumer, but these steps represent a significant effort to reduce emissions. The United States is the world's largest consumer of oil, but political polarization and corporate influence would block any clean energy initiatives of a similar scale.

So while China's alternative energy plans charge forward, the US is stuck with little to no political or economic push for sustainability.

This problem is not unique to the U.S., and it's why very little has been done in the way of large international agreements. Recent climate discussions have all failed miserably—it's as if every time someone mentions the words Kyoto, Cop10, or Rio+20, the environmental community emits a collective sigh of frustration.

Our markets are so interdependent that changes in energy consumption have global effects, and therefore countries must tackle the issue through a combination of domestic policies and international cooperation. The U.S. could help shape the international debate on climate change, but it chooses not to because U.S. citizens have yet to demand the discussion.

Our government spends billions of dollars each year on defense. We stockpile more weapons than we will ever use. But the prospect of entire countries being submerged under water as a result of large scale flooding is in many ways equally as scary as a nuclear Iran. And just like our founding fathers were worried about the political freedoms of every generation to come, should we not be intensely concerned about the safety and welfare of our future generations? And should we not demand from our representatives that same view?

U.S. sues Bank of America, alleging \$1B in mortgage fraud

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Federal prosecutors in Manhattan sued Bank of America Corp. on Wednesday, alleging the bank defrauded government-sponsored mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac out of \$1 billion.

The lawsuit is the latest chapter in the Charlotte bank’s long-running legal woes, which have pummeled the bank’s earnings and stock price. Bank of America has already lost billions of dollars in write-downs and legal settlements related to lending practices at Countrywide, which Bank of America acquired during the financial crisis, and the acquisition of Merrill Lynch.

New York-based U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said Wednesday that Countrywide generated thousands of fraudulent home loans through a process known as the “Hustle,” which involved processing home loans at high speed and without quality checkpoints.

And the lawsuit contends that the “Hustle,” or HSSL — which stood for “High Speed Swim Lane” — continued after Bank of America

completed the Countrywide acquisition.

The loans were sold to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and later defaulted at a far higher rate than normal, causing more than \$1 billion in losses and numerous foreclosures, the U.S. attorney’s office said in a statement. Both Fannie and Freddie were bailed out by taxpayers in 2008 at a cost of billions of dollars.

“The fraudulent conduct alleged in today’s complaint was spectacularly brazen in scope,” Bharara wrote. “Countrywide and Bank of America made disastrously bad loans and stuck taxpayers with the bill.” Prosecutors also accuse Bank of America of failing to repurchase bad loans.

While the government is seeking \$1 billion worth of damages, the issue of defective loans sold to other financial institutions could be much larger. Bank of America has been locked in disputes with firms that buy up mortgages over whether the bank should be forced to buy back soured loans. So-called repurchase demands now total about \$25.5 billion outstanding.

Criminal Justice conference comes to Marshall University

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The West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators’ Association (WVCJEA) conference begins at Marshall today. The annual event brings together students, educators and criminal justice practitioners from across the state to present papers and attend professional presentations related to the discipline.

Schools including Fairmont State, Bluefield State and West Virginia State University will be in attendance alongside West Liberty University, West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Wheeling Jesuit University, who hosted last year’s conference.

Kim DeTardo-Bora, who organized this year’s two-day event, said the conference is an especially important event for students.

“It’s an opportunity to gather to collect and acquire knowledge about the profession and to network with other students from other schools who are also in the same major,” DeTardo-Bora said.

The conference kicks off Thursday with a crime scene completion in which 14 teams of students from around the state will enter the Marshall University Forensic Science Center Crime Scene House on Fifth Avenue and examine it for evidence. The investigators will have 20 minutes to enter the area, detail the evidence they would collect, create a sketch of the scene and mark evidence.

After the investigation, the students will be escorted to a campus computer lab where they will write a report on their findings and give a conclusion based on the collected evidence.

The conference continues Friday with criminal justice presentations from nearly 20 students, in addition to presentations from faculty members. The day will also feature a keynote panel of special guest speakers.

Probation officers, West Virginia State Troopers and a family court judge will sit on the panel. In addition to talking with students, members of the panel will speak on the challenges their agencies face today and what they are doing to meet those challenges. They will also discuss the future of criminal justice and the issues they believe will need to be addressed in the future.

Also that day, the teams from the crime scene completion will return to offer the outcome of their investigations.

“The students will have to present their results to judges via a PowerPoint presentation on Friday,” DeTardo-Bora said.

This year’s conference will be the 16th WVCJEA conference, which rotates between schools in the state. Marshall last hosted the event in 2007.

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A-Rod

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Unquestionably, A-Rod’s October saga took some of the glare away from the frigid postseason performances by Robinson Cano (3-for-40, .075), Curtis Granderson (3-for-30, .100, 16 Ks) and Nick Swisher (5-for-30, .167).

But A-Rod is the one who is turning 38 in July, with \$114 million in base salary due over the next five years. That contract makes him extremely difficult to move – even if he’d agree to waive his no-trade clause.

For now, they’ll try to patch up a marriage on the rocks.

"I'm always worried about whatever move I make ... how it affects a player, anything," Girardi said. "As we move forward, I'll get a temperature on it, keep track of it and see how it's going."

Grad School

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“I think this type of program has multiple layers of success for Marshall, not only will it bring exceptional doctoral students to West Virginia but it will also add diversity to the programs we’re recruiting for,” Clark said.

Even if students do not get into the Chancellor’s Scholar Program, they may still consider coming to Marshall and getting a degree.

“The graduate fair allows us to definitely get the word out about it because we just got the program so we’re very excited and want people to know about,” Clark said. “This is one of the first steps we can take to getting information and things like that out to the general population.”

The fair is a stepping-stone for students who want the information about graduate school, as well as a tool for program directors to let students know what they have to offer.

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Democrats

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Rep. Mike Pence, the Republican nominee for governor in Indiana, urged Mourdock to apologize. Sen. Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, a rising figure in the party, cancelled a planned trip to campaign with Mourdock and told reporters she disagreed what he had said.

Mourdock stood by his comments and said people “mistook” and “twisted” his words.

“If in any way people came away with the wrong meaning, I apologize,” Mourdock told a press conference in Indianapolis. He added, “For speaking from my heart, for speaking from the deepest level of my faith, I cannot apologize.”

The flap could undercut Romney’s recent gains in closing the so-called gender gap. Democrats jumped on Romney’s endorsement of Mourdock as a chance to rally unmarried women, a key demographic that had cooled to Obama after many felt he appeared indifferent to their concerns during his first debate with Romney.

Until Tuesday night’s debate, the Senate race in Indiana had largely focused on partisanship and gridlock

in Washington. Donnelly has portrayed himself as a moderate who would work with both parties, while Mourdock declared himself a man of principle, unwilling to compromise on his political agenda.

“When you have two parties whose points of view are so totally different, don’t be surprised when you have gridlock,” Mourdock told supporters in Seymour, south of Indianapolis, earlier this month. “And so, one party has to win this discussion with the American public.”

That message helped Mourdock defeat Lugar in the GOP primary last spring by cultivating tea party frustrations with Washington, and casting the six-term senator as “Obama’s favorite Republican.”

On Tuesday night, nearing the end of a debate with Donnelly and a Libertarian candidate, Mourdock was asked about his views on abortion in the case or rape or incest.

“I know there are some who disagree, and I respect their point of view, but I believe that life begins at conception,” he said. “The only exception I have, to have an abortion, is in that case of the life of the mother.”

Walk

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The purpose of the walk was not only to get people to come together and celebrate, but to also to improve retention and pride in Marshall, while getting students excited about the school they attend.

The We Are... Family walk was promoted everywhere throughout campus, online, in residence halls, through word of mouth, email and flyers. Sudexo Dining Services manager Sharol King closed Harless Dining Hall in hopes of attracting more people to the event.

“We all rejoice and celebrate being a part of the Marshall family,” Cooley said. “I don’t know of any other university where students have as much pride and exhilaration about their university as Marshall University

students. We recognize that with the massive amount of students and the large number of organizations, we are all part of the same family, but we have never come together to celebrate together. We’ve never celebrated as a family.”

The walk will become an annual event on campus because of its success.

“I thought it went exceptionally well,” President Kopp said. “There are so many different student organizations here showcasing who they are but more importantly who we are as a proud university. We all come together united and its all about family. This University celebrates family and the values of family and its all represented here, its wonderful.”

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Work

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Six different academic components and programs will be integrated into the complex including: departments of mathematics and computational science, a computer modeling and digital imaging/simulation resource facility, transportation research center and Marshall’s research corporation. The College of Information Technology and Engineering, which includes divisions of engineering, computer science, applied science and technology along with the mechanical, electrical engineering and bioengineering research laboratories, will also be incorporated into the new facility.

Half of the funding for the complex will come from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission lottery funds.

The other half of funding will come from a combination

of funds from last fall’s Marshall bond issue and private donations.

Arthur Weisberg, president of the Huntington-based company, Arthur’s Enterprises, contributed a large portion of private funding for the new engineering complex, which bears his family name.

“We are very appreciative to Art Weisberg and the Weisberg Family,” Kopp said. “We still have some fundraising to do, but we are well along in terms of what we need to be doing.”

Bill Pierson, chair of the Weisberg division of engineering and computer science said the new complex would

hopefully attract students to Marshall.

“We will have facilities comparable to other institutions,” Pierson said. “It will give us a chance to grow and expand into some areas that are important to the region. It will also be more attractive for students who may consider Marshall once they see the new facilities and the fact they can participate in lab activities that go into up to date, state of the art facilities.”

Pierson said Marshall was in the process of hiring additional faculty to support the growing specialty emphasizes in the engineering field that will come with completion of

the new facility.

“As our enrollment grows, we will definitely have to add more staff,” Pierson said. “It is like a medical school, you would not want to staff your entire school with all orthopedic surgeons.”

Marshall currently offers a Bachelor of Science in engineering as a general engineering degree and allows students to pursue an area of emphasis in civil engineering.

The new applied engineering complex will expand the engineering program by adding electrical engineering and mechanical engineering emphasis.

“It is important to note that it is not just engineering, it

is also a home for computer science as well, and that program will be able to expand and grow, as well as safety technology,” Pierson said.

“It is not just an engineering building, it is for our entire college.”

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Etiquette consultant educates students on proper ways to dine

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Marshall University Career Services had their semi-annual etiquette dinner Wednesday. Students were provided the opportunity to learn about fine dining from a professional consultant.

“We do this once a semester for students,” said Debby Stoler, assistant director for development and outreach for Career Services. “Students never know when they may be required, as a new employee in a company, to have a meal with not only their boss, but higher executives. Eating and dining etiquette can be just as important business

etiquette in these situations.”

Stoler said Career Services likes to bring in a professional who has traveled the country and teaches etiquette to others for a living. She said although it’s a formal event they like to provide students with a relaxed environment to educate about all the small things about dining students may not know about.

Terri Thompson is an etiquette coach and reinvention expert who created her own company, “Etiquette In Action.” Thompson recognized early on that knowing the right people or having a degree was not enough in some cases. She has

helped thousands to progress their professional poise and communication skills.

“I’ve traveled the country and the participation at Marshall is solid,” Thompson said. “I work with college students to help them succeed with business etiquette, small talk, networking and anything that will help them after they leave the college scene.”

Thompson said she wants students to have fun and take away one thing more than anything else, and that is confidence.

“Students need to know that they can go through any situation that revolves around a

meal and they can be completely confident, Thompson said. “Etiquette comes with a certain stigma of stuffy and formal. I want everyone to walk away from my presentation saying, ‘wow that was really fun and I learned a lot.’ ”

Thompson entertained her audience with humor and connected by being genuinely interested in educating students on fine dining etiquette. She provided professionalism in a way that was able to make her topics fascinating and informative for students.

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Students attended an etiquette dinner Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center.

Equestrian team gallops to Marshall



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Marshall University students interested in riding horses at college can participate in Marshall’s Western Equestrian team.

“The equestrian team is basically a club that’s been created so college students can ride on the collegiate level without having to pay the expenses of boarding your horse here or owning the horse and feeding it and taking care of it,” Tiffany Parker, Marshall University Western Equestrian team co-captain, said. “It’s a cheaper alternative to people who want to still be able to ride out here.”

Just like any other team on Marshall’s campus, the western equestrian team still has

to practice. They just have to travel farther than most teams. The team practices once a week at Freedom Farms, in Chesapeake, Ohio, about 10 minutes from Huntington.

The team competes through IHSA, Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, and competes with other colleges in the surrounding area, mostly Kentucky and a few in Ohio.

“We ride out at the farm but we don’t have the facilities to be able to host a show so we go to the other schools,” Parker said. “Other schools host a show, like Morehead hosts a couple, University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky and Midway.”

Students interested in getting involved on the team have a variety of ways to contact members.

“Just get ahold of really any

member on the team,” Meghan Marsh, Marshall University Western Equestrian team co-captain, said. “Just ask and we even have a Facebook page, it’s Marshall University Western Equestrian team so you can even look us up on there. Just get ahold of anybody, we’ll tell you how to do it.”

Marsh said seeing a sign advertising the club is what got her interested in joining.

“I came and I saw just a random sign advertising the club and I was like ‘that’d be something that I definitely want to do,’” Marsh said. “And it just so happened our sophomore year was the first year that they really started the Western Team, which was great because that’s the discipline we ride.”

Currently, the Western division has six members, however, there are also two other divisions, jumpers and saddle seats for students interested in other disciplines.

Students who live farther away are also encouraged to join because even though the season runs October through February, students still have Christmas break off.

“IHSA recognizes that each college has their Christmas break so they try to schedule the shows around that so that makes it really nice so that way we don’t have to come back during break just for that,” Marsh said. “And our coaches are really nice about if we live far away not having to take lessons during break which is nice.”

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TOP: Katie Adams, Meghan Marsh, Stephanie Davis, Tiffany Parker and Katelyn Weber show off their awards after competing in the Northern Kentucky University Show in Dry Ridge, Ky. in September.
ABOVE: Meghan Marsh rides her horse at the Northern Kentucky Show in September.

‘Halloween’ slashes again in theaters

By GINA MCINTYRE
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LOS ANGELES — Michael Myers, the masked silent Shape that emerged from the shadows of Haddonfield, Ill., to stalk generations of moviegoers, will return to theaters Thursday for a re-release of John Carpenter’s landmark 1978 horror film “Halloween,” just in time for the Oct. 31 holiday.

Trancas International Films, in partnership with Compass International Pictures and Screenvision, will open “Halloween” in roughly 560 theaters in the U.S. and more in the U.K. this week, marking the film’s widest release since its original run.

With the 35th anniversary of “Halloween” arriving next year, it seemed the right time to resurrect Carpenter’s classic in a proper theatrical setting, according to Justin Beahm, Trancas’ vice president of licensing and new media.

“A majority of the people who are (fans of the franchise), most of them have never seen any of these movies in the theater,” Beahm said. “This is a nice way to reintroduce fans reintroduce the world, in a way to Michael Myers as the Shape.”

Although Myers has anchored nine films so far with a new installment in the series being eyed for release next year, it’s fair to say that none has had the gut-punch impact of Carpenter’s original, which opens in 1963 with young Michael, clad in a brightly colored clown costume, stabbing his older sister on Halloween night.

Fifteen years later, Michael referred to in the movie’s credits only as the Shape escapes from the mental hospital where he has spent the intervening time and heads back to

his neighborhood, where he terrorizes the resourceful Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis in her debut feature role).

“Halloween” became a box-office hit, spawning a raft of imitators, even if reviews were mixed at first. Writing for the Los Angeles Times, critic Kevin Thomas described the film as a “well-made exercise in unredeemed morbidity” and found it “depressing” that Carpenter, a University of Southern California film school alumnus, had devoted his talents to such a “grisly” enterprise.

“Halloween,” of course, has grown in reputation and esteem over the decades it’s generally seen as the culmination of a 10-year period stretching back to the release of George Romero’s “Night of the Living Dead” in 1968 that saw a crop of fearless provocateur filmmakers, including Wes Craven and Tobe Hooper, channel the widespread social unrest of the time into taboo-breaking horror cinema.

Though he’s generally considered a horror director in the broader cultural consciousness, despite a resume peppered with science fiction, action-adventure and satiric titles, Carpenter told the Los Angeles Times in 2010 that he didn’t set out to work exclusively in the genre.

“I never got in this business, in cinema, to make horror movies,” Carpenter said. “They arrived on my doorstep and I got typecast. Which was fine, I enjoy it, but I got into this business to make Westerns. And the kind of Westerns I used to see, they died. So that didn’t work out.”

Still, the filmmaker has come to embrace his past — he just accepted a lifetime achievement award from the

horror film festival Screamfest L.A. and is set to appear for a Q&A at a rare 35 mm screening of “Halloween” on Saturday at the New Beverly Cinema in Los Angeles as part of the inaugural Debra Hill Film Festival, named for his co-writer and producer on the film who died in 2005.

To highlight the “cultural impact” of the “Halloween” films and the character of Michael Myers, Beahm directed a new 10-minute documentary “You Can’t Kill the Boogeyman,” which will screen in theaters with the “Halloween” re-release (information about showtimes and tickets can be found at Halloweenonscreen.com).

Beahm attributes the enduring appeal of “Halloween” and the unfeeling villain at its dark heart partly to the fact that Michael Myers has been treated in a more straightforward fashion than, say, such slasher movie stalwarts as Freddy Krueger in the “Nightmare on Elm Street” movies and Jason Voorhees in the “Friday the 13th” films.

“There was a commercial for Burger King ... where Freddy was going through the drive-through,” Beahm said. “Michael has been kept free from all of that.”

Beyond that, though, he says that the “Halloween” movies have given form to the shapeless evils lurking in sunny suburbia, and for that, they’ve found an everlasting onscreen life.

“In so many films, you have to venture into the darkness or into the mysterious whatever to find the creature,” Beahm said. Michael exists in the shadows in our own homes. He’s in the closet. That never goes away, that’s always going to be relevant to people and there’s a real timelessness to it.”

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