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University research finds walnuts can reduce risk of cancer

BY ASHLEIGH HILL
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University researchers have discovered that walnuts lead to a significant reduction in the risk of breast cancer.

Dr. Elaine Hardman, Ph.D., of Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine,

led the study with the assistance of roughly 15 students.

Transgenic mice were the test subjects in the study. The mothers of the test mice were fed either a diet containing walnuts or a diet without. This continued throughout the lifespan of the mice.

"What we found is that the

"...the incidence of cancer was reduced by about 50 percent in the mice that were exposed to walnuts in their diet."

> ELAINE HARDMAN

incidence of cancer was reduced by about 50 percent in the mice that were exposed

to walnuts in their diet," Hardman said.

Those mice developed

breast cancer at half the rate of the group with the typical diet. The numbers of tumors, as well as the size, were considerably smaller.

The amount of walnuts served to the mice is equivalent to about two ounces a day for humans.

The study found that the diet changed the activity of

multiple genes that affect breast cancer in both mice and humans.

"We're beginning to realize that cancer is so variable, and we're having trouble trying to treat it," Hardman said. "And the genealogy work also indicates that somewhere

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STANDING BY

Coal Bowl finishes with WVU win after hours of weather delays



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The Coal Bowl was washed out Sunday night after hours of weather delays. The Herd fell to the Mountaineers 34-13 when the game ended more than six hours after it began. BELOW: WVU wide receiver Stedman Bailey catches a touchdown pass over Monterius Lovett in the second quarter.



Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy

Discussion of John Marshall kicks off three-part lecture series at MU

BY NIKKI DOTSON
THE PARTHENON

Jean Edward Smith, senior scholar in residence at Columbia University, was the first to speak for the Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy Thursday at Marshall University.

Smith, former professor of political science at Marshall, described in great detail

the importance of Supreme Court Justice John Marshall and the contributions he made to forming America's modern version of the supreme court.

Smith highlighted several cases Marshall oversaw to "illustrate how Marshall shaped the country."

Smith is the author of 12 books, including a highly acclaimed biography of Chief Justice Marshall. His other

books include biographies of Presidents Ulysses S. Grant and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and his most recent, a biography of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Random House publishers will release his biography of Eisenhower next year.

Smith became interested in John Marshall and the constitution while teaching at the University of Toronto.

"Looking at the Canadian

system, which is much more diffuse than the American, I began to wonder how does it happen. I also got to teach a course on the American Constitution and law there," Smith said.

Smith explained John Marshall's work in detail and expressed his admiration for him.

"John Marshall could better be described as Chief Justice of the United States,

not Chief Justice of the supreme court. So you all should just tear these signs down," Smith said.

Smith said he could talk about John Marshall and any of the others he wrote biographies of endlessly.

"However, endless is a word that an after dinner speaker should not use," Smith said.

Several students attended the lecture as well as area

high school students and Huntington residents.

"I thought it [the lecture] was very informative and was even funny at times," Shannon Sindy, freshman Psychology major from Milton, said.

The 2011 Lecture Series is sponsored the West Virginia Humanities Council, who provided a grant to make it

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Marshall goes green, recycling program on campus reduces significant amount of waste

BY RACHEL HUNTER
THE PARTHENON

As Marshall students settle into their dorms this fall, they will probably be excited to embark on yet another chapter in their lives, while hoping to make an impact and make an impact on campus. Some students might also be concerned about making another impact- an environmental impact.

There are several ways in which students can decrease their carbon footprint during their time at Marshall. One

of the easiest and most convenient is recycling.

Kaitlyn Rhodes, junior international affairs major from Hurricane, W.Va., said she thinks it's important for students to recycle because their generation shouldn't wait around for someone else to take the initiative.

"We need to make the change ourselves," Rhodes said. "We need to be more aware of the consequences of our actions and know the effects we have on the environment."

There are paper and

plastic containers on every floor of every building on campus, including residence halls, said Margie J. Phillips, sustainability manager of the Sustainability Department at Marshall.

For students living on campus, recycling is convenient and hassle-free. There are recycling containers on every floor of the dorms that are picked up by the custodians every day. The recyclable materials are then picked up by volunteer student recyclers and taken to the compacter.

In addition to the paper and plastic containers throughout the buildings, there are also four cardboard recycling containers and one large metal recycling container located on campus.

"The department has a broader vision for the recycling program at Marshall," Phillips said. "Rather than limiting it to the Huntington campus, we hope to expand to the other campuses. The medical school, the Huntington VA Medical Center, the graduate school in Charleston, the Point Pleasant

campus and wherever else we can go."

The positive effects of the recycling program have already been seen.

"It has reduced trash collection majorly because that material is being diverted from becoming trash and going into landfills, to being recycled," Phillips said. "It has increased every year we've done it."

Mark Cutlip, director of the Physical Plant Department, said approximately 30 percent of our waste now goes to recycling.

Volunteers are vital to the recycling program and it's functionality.

"There's recycling at all of the football games, so we're always looking for students that can volunteer there," Phillips said. "They need to come in about three hours before the game starts and they usually work until the first quarter is over. All of the recyclables are then taken to a container behind the stadium."

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Esoteric legal details come to forefront in gay marriage battle

BY HOWARD MINTZ
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS
(MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. – At least for now, the fate of the legal battle over California's ban on gay marriage no longer turns on the constitutional rights of same-sex couples to wed.

Instead, the latest chapter in the ongoing drama over gay nuptials rests on an arcane but critical legal procedure that dazzles legal scholars, torments first-year law students and forms the DNA of most every lawsuit that unfolds in the nation's courts.

On Tuesday, the California Supreme Court will hear arguments over how

that procedure, known as legal "standing," applies in the ongoing tussle over Proposition 8, the 2008 voter-approved law that restored the state's ban on same-sex marriage. Specifically, the justices will consider whether sponsors of Proposition 8 have a legal right, or standing, to defend the state law and appeal a federal judge's ruling striking it down when California's governor and attorney general refuse to do so.

The stakes are high. If the Supreme Court concludes that Proposition 8 backers do not have the right to appeal the ruling, it could slam the door on their efforts to keep the law in place and pave the way for same-sex

weddings to resume in California. And if the Supreme Court sides with Proposition 8 sponsors, it would propel the legal battle forward, with the case widely expected to ultimately reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

Experts say it is anybody's guess what the state Supreme Court will do.

"There are strong policy arguments on both sides," said Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the University of California-Irvine's law school. "I think it's very difficult to predict what the California Supreme Court is going to do on this issue."

The Proposition 8 case has taken a tortured path back to the state Supreme Court, which upheld the law after it

was approved by a 52-to-48 percent vote. Last summer, after conducting an unprecedented trial in federal court, former San Francisco Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker struck down the law, finding it violated the federal equal protection rights of same-sex couples.

But Proposition 8 sponsors appealed Walker's ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on their own because state officials, including Gov. Jerry Brown and state Attorney General Kamala Harris, agreed with Walker's conclusion. The attorney general ordinarily defends challenges to state laws, but in this rare case opted to drop any appeals.

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P.R.E. M.E.D. accepting applications

BY ASHLEIGH HILL
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is currently accepting applications for the new medical school initiative, PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. (Providing Real World Experiences for future Marshall Educated Doctors.)

PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. is a medical school information program designed for sophomore, junior, and senior students of color. The objective of the program is to expose these students to what life is like as a medical student. The school and the Office of Multicultural Affairs are sponsoring the program.

It's a chance for ethnically diverse students to immerse themselves in a real medical school experience.

> SHARI CLARKE

Requirements for the program are a minimum grade point average of 3.0, a letter of recommendations from a faculty member or university administrator and a resume. Applications will also need to include a written summary of the student's interest in the program.

According to the PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. website, the goal of the program is to improve the visibility and accessibility of the school

for students of color at institutions of high education.

Students selected to participate in the program will participate in a two-day visit to the School of Medicine, spanning from Thursday, Oct. 13 through Saturday, Oct. 15.

"It's like a showcase," said Shari Clarke, vice president for the Division of Multicultural Affairs. "It's a chance for ethnically diverse students to immerse

themselves in a real medical school experience."

Students will attend medical school classes, meet faculty and students participating in medical research, receive specific information on medical school preparation including the Medical College Admission test and tour the School of Medicine facilities. Each student will be linked with a medical school mentor.

"The experience is very hands-on," Clarke said. "One of the biggest parts is the medical school mentor. The mentor will keep in touch with the student, even after they've returned home."

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Alcohol awareness program in Buskirk warns students of dangers of drinking

BY KATIE OLSZESKI
THE PARTHENON

Buskirk Hall student residents were able to attend an alcohol awareness program called "So you think you can flip?" on Sept. 1.

The program focused on substance abuse prevention. Lieutenant Dicky Parker and Lisa Martin from Judicial Affairs were the two guest speakers.

Parker and Martin both stressed to the students the dangers of drinking, what

can happen to students while they drink and the consequences that occur after they drink.

Parker emphasized the legal ramifications of what happens when students decided to drink underage, and Martin explained to the students what actions the university will take if you are caught drinking on campus or drinking underage.

Both Martin and Parkwer told students to be aware of their surroundings.

"Make sure you have a

plan in line if something goes wrong, and don't be afraid to call your parents," Martin said. "They would rather hear from you than us."

"I think that freshmen are more likely to drink because of upperclassmen," said Emily Pritchard, freshman theater student. "When they see them do it they want to do it too and having someone speak about the consequences and dangers of it opened a lot of eyes in the residence halls."

Aleigha Old Crow,

freshman psychology major from Harpers Ferry, said the program especially spoke to women.

"What he had to say was straight forward," Old Crow said. "He knows that Freshman will drink but he was letting us know that we could and would get in trouble or worse. He opened a lot of girls' eyes about what could happen if they drink."

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In Labor Day speech, Obama pledges support for unions

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(MCT)

DETROIT – In perhaps some of his strongest words of support for organized labor, President Barack Obama on Monday told a riverfront crowd of thousands in Detroit that "As long as I'm in the White House, I'm going to stand up for collective bargaining."

He said organized labor is responsible for the rise of the middle class and the core of the nation's economy and that legislative battles to curb the rights of organized labor are a threat to the nation as a whole.

"When I hear they're trying to take collective bargaining away, trying to pass right-to-work laws, I know it's not about economics. It's about politics," he said, prompting a chant from the crowd: "Four more years."

It's the second time Obama has been to Detroit on Labor Day, but it was candidate Obama who came in 2008. It was the president who came to the city Monday, which he said "has been to heck and back." Obama stood in front of the Renaissance Center, where General Motors Co. is headquartered, to celebrate organized labor and the auto industry, which was saved by a federal bailout in 2009.

"We stood by the auto industry and made some tough choices, and now the Big Three are turning a

profit and hiring new workers. Right here in Detroit and the U.S.A.," he said.

Obama used the stop in Detroit to offer a small preview of his jobs plan, which he plans to reveal in a prime-time address Thursday.

"I don't want to give everything away right here, because I want you all to tune in on Thursday," he said.

"We've got roads and bridges across this country that need rebuilding," he said. "There is work to be done, and there are workers to do it."

Obama used the speech to challenge Congress to support his forthcoming plan.

"Prove you'll fight just as hard for tax cuts to middle class families as you do for oil companies," he said.

Before Obama's speech, U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis urged union members to provide vocal support for Obama and his plan.

"It won't be an easy thing to do," Solis said. "We know some will fight us and ... some will say we can't afford to invest in our workforce."

Solis also criticized those who are trying to reduce the salaries, benefits and collective bargaining rights of union members.

"Some politicians say we can't afford unions right now," Solis said. "I think they've just got it plain wrong. ... (Unions) are now and have always been part of the solution, not the problem."

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"It's a student athlete welfare issue and that's always been important to me."

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Freshman joins twin brother at Marshall

BY COURTNEY WILLIAMSON
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The Thundering Herd is putting freshmen to work this season. Not only has Rakeem Cato claimed the quarterback position, but the starting tight end slot has been filled with a freshman as well. Eric Frohnapfel, a Stafford, Va. native, will be showcasing his talents this season.

A West Virginia University prospect, Frohnapfel's intention to play for the Mountaineers was altered after coaching changes were made to the team.

"West Virginia said they could still use me even after Holgorsen took over, but not as much. I want to compete for a starting position if I'm going to compete at all," Frohnapfel said.

Marshall took note. "Throughout the process with West Virginia, Marshall never gave up on me. I could definitely feel the love."

That kind of love helped win the hearts of both Eric and twin brother Blake, who plays quarterback.

"Having Blake here has been great," said Frohnapfel. "Our schedules are the same and it's made the transition process that much easier."

The Colonial Forge High School graduate was just seven when he began his love for football. Starting out at the quarterback position, he changed to tight end after just one year, leaving the position to Blake.

Along with football, Frohnapfel took part in various sports while growing up.

"I played soccer and baseball, then did lacrosse in high school. But football always stuck."

The six-foot-six-inch freshman is looking forward to getting playing time this season.

"I'm anticipating the Virginia Tech game. As a Virginia native, it's a game that my friends from home will be excited to watch. Tech didn't show any interest in me or Blake, so I'll be ready to show what I got," said Frohnapfel.

Having nearly 11 years of experience, Frohnapfel said he has learned a lot since being with the Herd.

"Jamie [Hatten] has taught me a lot," said Frohnapfel. "I'm undersized, so I've been working hard to develop a good technique."

"It's all about good blocking."

Donning kelly green is something Frohnapfel will be glad to do.

"I've enjoyed Marshall so far," said Frohnapfel.

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Mother Nature shortens Coal Bowl, Herd falls

BY ADAM ROGERS
THE PARTHENON

The 2011 Friends of Coal Bowl will be remembered for one thing, and one thing only: torrential downpour.

Mother Nature halted play twice, for a total time of four hours and 22 minutes, and the game was called with 14 minutes and 30 seconds left to go in the fourth quarter and a final score of 34-13.

Play was originally stopped with 4:59 remaining in the third quarter, after a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by West Virginia's Tavon Austin.

Junior wide-out Andre Booker scored the lone touchdown for the Herd when he brought a 55 yard punt by WVU's Corey Smith, 87 yards to the end zone and said not being able to finish the game was a big let down.

"It's really frustrating because I know what this game means to our town," said Booker. "This was a big game and this being my third year; I know it really means a lot.

"We really wanted this and I just feel bad because, I mean I guess things are meant to happen, but this wasn't meant to happen."

Marshall Athletics Director Mike Hamrick said the game was called in the interest of the players.

"[WVU Athletic Director] Oliver Luck and myself consulted with our conference office, we consulted with our team doctors, we consulted with our trainers and we determined that in the best interest of our student athletes that this game not continue," said Hamrick. "Our players last at 11:30 [a.m.]. It's a student athlete welfare issue and that's always been important to me. There's just no reason to put these kids back out on this field."

Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday said the players were disappointed once they found out the game was cancelled.

"They want to play and that's why you play," Holliday said. "I just told them it was out of our hands and the decision was made."



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West Virginia junior wide receiver Tavon Austin breaks through the Herd secondary during Sunday's Friends of Coal Bowl. Marshall fell 34-13 in a contest shortened due to weather.

Booker said starting and stopping play was tough not only physically on the team, but mentally as well.

"A lot of players were just getting tired and all the players started getting stiff," Booker said. "Our mentality

went down and we didn't see that we wanted to play again. Going in and out was just getting annoying."

The Herd cannot afford to have another hangover like the one following last season's Friends of Coal Bowl,

when it lost to former MAC rival Bowling Green 44-28, because Saturday begins Conference USA play against a tough Southern Miss squad.

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Men's soccer drops third straight on rainy night

HERDZONE

The third time didn't prove to be the charm for the Thundering Herd men's soccer team on Sunday night as it lost its third straight game in a rain-soaked encounter to the visiting East Tennessee State Buccaneers.

After lightning and heavy storms delayed the contest some 20 minutes, the teams took to the saturated pitch following a shortened warm-up, and immediately it was the ETSU Buccaneers who nearly got on the score sheet with an Aaron Schoenfeld shot that flew just wide of the Marshall net some four minutes in. The early attack would prove to be a sign of things to come for the Bucs, who managed to control the run of play for large portions of the first half despite being outshot 9-5 in the opening period.



FILE PHOTO

Sophomore midfielder Matt Risher and the Herd soccer team have dropped five straight games to begin the season.

Marshall soccer slips against WVU

HERDZONE

MORGANTOWN, W.VA. —

Amidst the severe weather that the entire state of West Virginia encountered within the last 24 hours, athletics still continues. After watching Sunday night's football game between WVU and MU get delayed, and then eventually decided, the women's soccer team followed suit. The Herd traveled to Morgantown to face the No. 24 Mountaineers on Sunday, Sept. 4, but would not be able to compete until the following day.

Marshall and West Virginia both battled the sloppy conditions that only accrued throughout Labor Day, yet it was the Mountaineers who came away with the 3-0 victory. The Herd put up a defensive battle; however, they could not stick with WVU down the stretch.

The Mountaineers put the pressure on The Herd early, as a Marshall defender was unable to clear a ball and unfortunately put it in the MU net. West Virginia would strike once more in the first period, as Emily Dillon put in a rebounded shot that was

initially saved by Herd goalie Betsy Haugh (Earlsville, Va./Albemarle HS).

WVU nabbed one more insurance goal in the second period as Meghan Lewis finished a Bri Rodriguez pass that came off of another Haugh save.

Despite the 3-0 defeat, Marshall managed to fire 11 shots, including two on goal. Angela DeSumma (Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East HS) has led the way for The Herd in shots fired this season and the

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Nonprofit to donate parking passes

BY DWIGHT C. JORGE
THE PARTHENON

A local nonprofit organization is working with ACF Industries to help fund money this fall. United Ways will be benefiting this Marshall University 2011 football season from parking passes.

ACF Industries has donated their parking lot for

public use during the 5 home football games this fall.

"Many thanks to ACF Industries for making this lot available to United Way once again, we are able to provide premium parking to football game attendees and raise funds and awareness at the same time," Cassey Bowden, Director of Resource Development and Marketing at

United Way.

Tickets are available for ACF industries lot, located at 2400 3rd Ave, which is within walking distance from the Joan C. Edwards football stadium.

Tickets are sold for \$50 for the season or \$12 per individual game. Parking spots for the Marshall University vs. Virginia Tech game are

available for \$15.

Individuals purchasing season tickets are guaranteed a parking spot until the end of the first quarter, after that time, spaces are not guaranteed.

Season passes must be purchased in advance at the United Way office. A parking

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OPINION

“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read them.”

> MARK TWAIN, AMERICAN AUTHOR

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COLUMN

Technology talk with Corey

BY COREY OXLEY
THE PARTHENON

Have you ever thought the iPad was the same as an iTouch or thought the iPhone was just as good as a Droid? Well I have the same thoughts. This column will answer questions about technology, talk about new technology and give suggestions on what products are good and what products are bad.

I currently have an iMac, iPad, iPod nano, Android phone, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 and a Toshiba TV.

I have dealt with all kinds of cell phones, computers, video game systems and televisions. I have always been a fan of technology and I enjoy keeping up with the latest products.

This column is not a weekly rant or a place for me to endorse a product. I will tell you what products I enjoy and give you an in-depth look to why I think the iPad isn’t just a big iTouch.

All of the products I mentioned above I use every day. I love playing online games, playing around with my iPad and working on my iMac. Feel free to email me any questions or comments you have about new technology. I want to make this an interactive column where I hear from you, the reader.

With that said, I want to start out by recommending a few applications that have changed my life on the iPad. I purchased

an iPad thinking I would play a lot of games and use the Internet application a lot. One year later I hardly play any games and I always use the Internet.

The most popular application I use on the iPad is Mail. I constantly check my email when I am using my iPad. The user interface is great; it’s easy to navigate between each email account and you can even search for a specific email you are looking for.

I am a huge sports fan and looking up statistics is one reason why I purchased the iPad. The Apple store has plenty of sports applications to fit anyone’s needs.

Since college football has already started, CFStats is a great application to search for past games, seasons, and final results for any team or player. It provides a statistical breakdown for players and teams through every season dating back to 2003.

Netflix is also one of my favorite applications on the iPad. I have had my Netflix subscription for about a year now and I use it all of the time.

The interface has a nice layout except I wish it would expand the library a bit more. I feel like it doesn’t show all of my options when I am trying to search for a movie or a television show.

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EDITORIAL

Illiteracy an issue in America

If the recent demise of Border’s Bookstore tells society anything it might be that people are buying fewer non-digital books now than they have in years past. The statistics behind the issue go much deeper than the Kindle or Nook.

In a report by the National Institute for Literacy, it was found that 85 percent of all juveniles who become involved with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate. Furthermore, 60 percent of adults in the criminal justice system are functionally illiterate.

Illiteracy in America extends beyond just our court systems and has begun the effect the economy. According to United Way of America, illiteracy costs businesses and taxpayers about \$20 billion a year. This is because of the requirement of students to repeat grades and pay lost wages and unemployment to those with low literacy who have a difficult time obtaining and keeping a job. The latter of which has grown to the point where

approximately 50 percent of America’s unemployed youth between the ages of 16 to 21 are considered functionally illiterate.

Even more, reading has been found to be beneficial. In a report by Anne E. Cunningham, associate professor from Berkley, and Keith E. Stanovich, professor from University of Toronto/Ontario Institute, students who read in their spare time not only have better study habits but overall higher GPAs. The pair also found that reading could help slow any effects of Alzheimer’s or dementia.

The key to solving America’s illiteracy issue lies in social programs. The most prominent and funded of which are America’s prisoner education programs. These programs not only assist criminal learn to overcome their reading issues but even help some receive higher education degrees.

America currently ranks fifteenth in the world when it comes to literacy. Finland ranks first.

COLUMN

The value of students’ grades

BY WILLIAM LINEBERRY
THE PARTHENON

The pursuit of knowledge has turned into the pursuit of prosperity. As students we seek higher education for much different reasons than people in the past have and what was once the exception seems to be becoming the rule.

This thought has been lingering in my head for quite some time: Are students and professors learning from each other anymore, or are we on a conveyor belt to meet our own ends? The current structure of academia is set up to turn professors and students against each other in subtle but distinct ways. We pass the test, because we do not want to fail. They make the test to show us we can fail. What, if anything, is retained from this process? What does receiving an “A” in a course actually mean? Is there any substance to what we are learning? The distance between student and professor has created a disparity and knowledge is the victim.

Not every course or every college is like this; I hope we can acknowledge this and move forward with the discussion. It does seem that a vast majority of classes fall into the realm that has been previously mentioned. We as students are meant to comprehend, learn and pass a test all within a fixed amount of time. We memorize, make flashcards, cram, stay up all night and regurgitate our responses on test day. We get the grade we want and register for next semester. Repeat until diploma. This is how higher education has been

programmed. But what does memorizing the trade zones of Africa mean if you cannot apply it to anything outside of a map? What good is our knowledge if we do not know how to apply it? Superficial learning will only harm us. Students and professors need to crack the glass that is entrapping them.

By proposing a solution to a problem that has been functioning long before I was born would be quite simplistic of me. I have no one solution, because there is not just one answer to this concern.

I do know that at times it seems that no one is teaching and no one is learning but we are making good grades and going through the motions as if we were. There is something to be gained with receiving an education. It is the ability to make sense of the world around you and to continue to apply the knowledge you received well after you have graduated. People started learning for the sheer fact of having knowledge. But current times show a different motivation for going to college. Students and professors alike have an obligation to each other: They are to teach and be taught by each other. By simply asking students to do the most tedious and rudimentary tasks, like memorizing pages of notes or assigning high-school like “busy work,” are professors feeding their students a type of pseudo intellect? What has a standardized test ever proved? They only seem to set a barricade between the student and the teacher. They are impersonal and usually marginalize the people taking them, thus the testing gap. There should

be something more substantial in the educational process other than completing an assignment, listening to a lecture, receiving a grade and taking a test. When combined with other ways of teaching these would not serve as bad ways to instruct, but when they are the sole activities they are not beneficial to the student or professor.

Students need to be self-motivated and value learning; professors need to respond to that desire and engage their students. It is a dual effort. And when both sides engage the distance between the two grows smaller and real learning is present rather than standardized learning.

As stated previously, this is not an all-out attack on all classes at every university. This column is meant to scrutinize what is done in some classes, by some professors, not all professors.

What I could like to say is that I realize this seems like quite the indictment but we all are self-aware enough to know that we could be getting more out of what we have. I have no doubt that students and professors are capable of a higher standard. But I am fearful of where this direction we are currently in could take us.

Using education as a perfunctory stepping stone for ulterior motives such as comfort, class and wealth only mocks what education could really be in institutions of “higher education.” These institutions should be helping craft the minds of tomorrow not nullify them.

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Time’s 10 lowest earning college majors

1. Medical Preparatory Programs

2. Visual and Performing Arts

3. Communication-Disorders Sciences

4. Studio Arts

5. Drama and Theater Arts

6. Social Work

7. Human Services /Community Org.

8. Theology and Religious Vocations

9. Early-Childhood Education

10. Counseling and Psychology

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POLICE BLOTTER

Larceny, underage consumption reported

BY DALE JOHNSON
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The following information was provided by the Marshall University Police Department:

LARCENY

>A man reported a bookbag with an Apple Macbook stolen from Memorial Student Center at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30. The book bag was recovered, but the Macbook is still missing.

>A man reported his wallet stolen from the Marshall Recreation Center at approximately 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31. The victim said he placed his wallet, keys and phone in a cubby by court two in the Rec. Center and he noticed his wallet was missing when he returned to the cubby.

>A man was arrested Friday, Sep. 2, after reports were made of someone tampering with metal around a baseball field near University Heights. Upon police arrival, a green Ford Explorer was pulling away. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was arrested. A second suspect got away by running through brush. The two suspects stole 15 aluminum bleachers to use for scrap metal. The driver was charged with petty larceny.

UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION

>Two men were arrested for underage consumption of alcohol at 11:53 p.m. Friday, Sep. 2, on the 1800 Block of 6th Ave. Police said, upon arrival, they saw the suspects standing around an open case of beer. Preliminary breath tests were given to two men and showed no sign of alcohol. One suspect fled on foot. Both men arrested are 19 years of age and neither are Marshall students.

>A man was arrested 3:40 a.m. Monday in the Freshmen-North Residence Hall for the underage consumption of alcohol. The suspect is an 18-year-old male student and had to be removed from the building.

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Near end of year, world population to hit 7 billion, prompting concerns

BY LEANNA B. EHRlich
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The world's population will hit 7 billion this year, raising concerns about the economic and environmental consequences associated with continued growth, according to an article by a Harvard School of Public Health professor.

In a paper published in Friday's edition of the journal Science, David E. Bloom, the chair of the Department of Global Health and Population, explored the global implications of the human population surpassing 7 billion, a milestone the United Nations has projected will occur on Oct. 31.

The exploding population increase will take the greatest toll on developing regions of the world, Bloom said. By 2050, according to a U.N. estimate, worldwide population will rise to approximately 9.3 billion people. 97 percent of that increase will occur in less developed nations.

"The world's demographic center of gravity will continue to shift from the more to the less developed countries and especially to the least developed countries, many of which will face unprecedented and daunting challenges related to the supply and distribution of food, water, housing, and energy," Bloom wrote in the article.

Over the next 40 years, the population increase in Africa alone will make up 49 percent of population growth worldwide.

In more developed countries, however, population growth will slow over the next half-century. As life expectancy increases, birth rates continue to drop, and as the population ages, the proportion of retired adults will increase relative to those of working age.

More developed nations will face their own host of demographic shift problems, including supporting this aging population whose reliance on social welfare programs may outstrip the ability of the workforce to finance these programs.

Adolescents and young adults, aged 15 to 24, currently outnumber those 60 and above by 54 percent, Bloom wrote. After 2025, however, the older population will overtake the younger, setting off a gigantic demographic shift. While those aged 60 and above make up 11 percent of the world's population today, by 2050, they will comprise 22 percent.

"Although the issues immediately confronting developing countries are different from those facing the rich countries, in a globalized world demographic challenges anywhere are demographic challenges everywhere," Bloom said in a press release.

Worldwide population reached 1 billion in 1800, 2 billion in 1927, and 3 billion in 1960. Since then, population has increased by 1 billion approximately every 13 years.

Depending on changes in birth rate, the population in 2100 could range from 6.2 to 15.8 billion people, according to U.N. estimates.

RESEARCH

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between 30 and 60 percent of all cancers could be prevented if we make some diet and lifestyle changes."

Testing showed that an increase in omega-3 fatty acids was not completely responsible for the anti-cancer effect. When vitamin E was increased, tumor growth in the mice decreased.

"We need to change to a more healthy diet that includes more fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and nuts,"

Hardman said. "Walnuts in particular seem to be especially beneficial, as well as exercise and keeping our bodies at a healthy weight."

Adding healthy fats to the diet means the amount of unhealthy fats were reduced in order to keep the total dietary fat balanced in the mice. Several ingredients in walnuts also reduce the risk of cancer by slowing its growth.

This particular study began about a

year and a half ago, but Hardman has been doing diet and cancer research for about 20 years. She is currently working on several research projects with the effects of canola oil and fish oil.

The study was funded by grants from the American Institute for Cancer Research and the California Walnut Commission.

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LECTURE

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possible. It will feature two more speakers throughout the rest of the semester. The title of the Lecture Series, 'Amicus Curiae,' means "Friend of the Court."

"The lecture series is Marshall University's way to show interest in not just being a friend of the court, but a friend to our community and a friend to our country," Patricia Proctor, founding director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, said.

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PARKING PASSES

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contract must be completed and returned with pass payment for season passes.

Marshall University vs. Virginia Tech game day parking passes can be purchased in advance by contacting the United Way office at (304) 523-8929, or can be purchased at the gate.

All other individual game passes can be purchased at the

gate. Handicapped spaces will be available for each game.

Tailgating is not permitted on the ACF Industries lot, with no exceptions. No buses or RVs are allowed. The price for parking is per vehicle.

"Participating in fundraisers like this one enable United Way to continue work in our communities where we live and work to improve community

conditions like the high school dropout rate, access to needed medications and adult literacy to name a few," Bowden said.

Advance parking passes can be purchased at United Way of the River Cities located at 820 Madison Avenue from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m Monday through Friday.

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Students will also meet with the dean, faculty and administrators.

PROJECT P.R.E. M.E.D. will be accepting a minimum of eight students.

There will be no charge to the selected applicants. Meals and on-campus lodging will be included as part of the program. Assistance with transportation costs might be available.

Application forms are available online at www.marshall.edu/mcip.

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MARRIAGE

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The 9th Circuit then asked the state Supreme Court to address whether California law permits backers of ballot initiatives to defend them in such situations. Under ordinary circumstances, courts require a direct stake in the outcome of a legal controversy to qualify for legal standing, a standard muddled in the Proposition 8 case by the usual role of state officials to handle the defense of state laws.

The federal judges, in their request, highlighted a key concern in the case _ that a governor and attorney general could "effectively veto the initiative" by refusing to defend it in court.

Proposition 8 supporters say the Supreme Court should reject that scenario, pointing out they've defended the law in a series of challenges to California's gay marriage ban.

"Voters should not be left without any defense just because their officials refused to defend them," said Austin Nimocks, senior counsel for the conservative Alliance Defense Fund.

In a flurry of legal briefs, gay marriage foes have lined up support for their position, including from former Attorney General Edwin Meese III and various conservative legal groups.

But same-sex marriage advocates also have a stack of arguments on their side. Lawyers for same-sex couples say state law makes it clear the governor and attorney general have the sole responsibility for defending and enforcing state law, not private citizens or groups.

"This unconstitutional harm has gone on for too long," said Theodore Olson, a lawyer for the couples and former President George W.

Bush's solicitor general.

Harris has backed those arguments in the Supreme Court, saying in court papers that only public officials can defend laws or appeal rulings "in the name of the state."

A group of local governments, led by Santa Clara County, have urged the Supreme Court to rule against the right of ballot measure sponsors to defend a state law, saying it would "create legal uncertainty for cities and counties" to turn that power over to private citizens.

Legal experts say there is

a possibility the 9th Circuit may choose to rule on the substance of the gay marriage case regardless of what the Supreme Court decides. But while the showdown in the Supreme Court will not resolve the struggle over gay marriage rights, it is considered a crucial test that may shape the outcome in the long run.

"In a technical sense, the case may be kind of a sidebar," said Marc Spindelman, an Ohio State University law professor. "But the law and principles ... are no side show. There's nothing trifling about them."

SOCCER

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trend continued today as she rattled off five shots. Robin Waskowski (Strongsville, Ohio/Strongsville HS) was also among the Marshall players to get in the action with two shots, one being on goal.

Betsy Haugh put on an individual performance, as she recorded a personal collegiate best eight saves.

Coach Kevin Long saw great strides throughout the day's performance noting, "Credit WVU for their talents, as they have a great team. However, each one of the goals they tallied was difficult as two were off of a

great save by Betsy, and one was due to an unfortunate clear."

Long further said, "Our girls showed heart and a great competitive desire. They showed through Friday and today's game that they can play with anyone. Looking ahead, we need to find ways for our players to get good shots in the net."

Marshall will look to end their current skid and get another tally in the win column as it travels to Richmond, Kentucky to take on the Eastern Kentucky Colonels in a 5 p.m. match Friday.

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“I’m terrified of therapy because I don’t want it to mess with my creativity.”

-Lady Gaga, Rolling Stone

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ON THE CHARTS MOST ACTIVE ARTISTS ON SOCIAL NETWORKS	
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2 : Shakira	7 : Selena Gomez
3 : Lady Gaga	8 : Katy Perry
4 : Michael Jackson	9 : Eminem
5 : Rihanna	10 : Red Hot Chili Peppers

Marshall University travel program enables alumni to explore

BY EDEN ADKINS
The Parthenon

The Marshall University travel program offers unique opportunities for alumni.

“Our travel program is a renewed focus,” said Tish Littlehailes, executive director of alumni relations.

The program typically offers three trips each year. Past destinations have included the Mediterranean and the Bahamas. The program is planning trips to the British Isles and Africa in 2012. A Mayan Mystique cruise and a cruise to Tahiti are in the works for 2013.

“We try to give our alumni a varied experience each year,” Littlehailes said.

The objective of the trips is to expose alumni to other cultures, visit historical sites and foster relationships with the university. The program also plans trips in the U.S. or “closer to home.”

“We have so much here in the U.S. that people haven’t experienced within our own culture,” Littlehailes said.

These trips have become very popular—drawing as many as 96 alumni from across the country.

“It is a unique way to continue the connection with Marshall University

as well as an educational opportunity,” Littlehailes said.

The trips are all carefully planned, and they offer opportunities for social and learning enrichment. The alumni are able to interact with one another and share experiences of a lifetime Littlehailes said.

“It’s not just a vacation, it’s the full experience,” Littlehailes said.

There will be an informational meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, at the Erickson Alumni Center for an upcoming trip to Africa. The trip will be coordinated by Ntaba Tours, a U.S.-based travel company owned by native South Africans. Owners of Ntaba Tours, Robin and Stella Mountain, accompany groups and provide guided tours throughout the experience.

According to the Ntaba Tours website, “We don’t send you to Africa — we TAKE you there!”

Mountain will host the informational meeting, Enjoy a Taste of South Africa, providing details about the trip. Light refreshments will be made available.

“These trips are a once in a lifetime experience,” Littlehailes said. “You cannot duplicate it.”

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