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Former state senator honored at forum

BY NIKKI DOTSON
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Marshall University concluded its celebration of constitution week Thursday afternoon with the second annual Robert C. Byrd Forum on Civic Responsibility.

This year's speaker was Stephen J. Kopp, President of Marshall University.

Kopp's topic of choice centered on whether the Federal government should have control and regulations over schooling and which regulations need to be in place and which should be thrown out.

"In the 1970s, and in that general time period, there was a bigger percentage of Americans successfully completing K-12 schooling, as well as higher education," Kopp said. "Something in recent years has changed—some regulation was put in place, and someone needs to find out what happened and change it back."

A PowerPoint presentation accompanied Kopp's speech to demonstrate the United State's percentage of higher education success and the amount of money spent on education. These numbers were compared to other industrialized countries.

Statistics show the U.S. spends the most on educational purposes but hasn't shown much improvement in reading scores or percentage of college graduates.

Korea leads the world with 63 percent of its country's citizens earning a college degree.

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MOVING FORWARD



KRISTIN STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Cars travel down Fourth Avenue in Huntington. Plan 2025 is a project that city of Huntington officials call "The Future of Huntington," which is intended to help set a comprehensive plan that will guide change and development in the city. West Virginia state code requires this type of plan to be updated every 10 years. Officials said they are interested in hearing residents' and students' ideas about how the city could be improved.

Plan 2025 maps out Huntington's future

BY AMANDA FASTUCA
THE PARTHENON

A comprehensive 10-year plan for Huntington will be set in motion as soon as November.

Plan 2025 is what the city of Huntington officials call

"The Future of Huntington." It's a detailed plan that will guide future changes in the city.

"The West Virginia state code requires that the comprehensive plan is updated every 10 years," said James Baldwin, city planner. "We

wanted to have a name for the plan that gives people an understanding that we are looking 10 to 15 years down the road because in 10 years, we are going to have to do this process again."

The plan is a document that gives a vision of how

the city is going to develop. It covers issues like land allocation, transportation issues and housing.

The first phase of Plan 2025 involves background research with people around the city to gain a general overview.

"What we want this to be is really focused on participation with the public," Baldwin said. "We have been trying to get the word out about what we are doing. We have met with

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English department implements new emphasis

BY NIKKI DOTSON
THE PARTHENON

The English department implemented a new option that allows students to major in English with an emphasis on teaching English as a second language.

The area of emphasis

is called Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, or TESOL.

This new option allows students from other countries or native students to focus on learning to teach English to others who do not speak it as their first language.

"It allows students to learn

to teach English as a second or foreign language to adults. We are focusing on adult learners," said Ben White, director of graduate studies and associate professor in the English department.

The traditional major still exists, but the new part is the emphasis itself.

A similar program called Teaching English as a Foreign language or TEFL used to be housed in adult technical education, but was transferred to the English department.

White was hired last year and worked with two other linguistics professors

to develop a critical cluster of faculty who could offer the program at Marshall University.

The curriculum requires students to achieve 33 credits, with one prerequisite: Introduction to linguistics, combining for a total of 36 credit hours.

For undergraduate students who are interested, there are some linguistics classes offered at the university that may fulfill that prerequisite. However, a background in linguistics is not required.

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Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.
- JOHN F. KENNEDY

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"But we want to be clear that they do not deserve undue credit for ending what they had no right and no justification to start in the first place."

—JOSH FATTAL,
FORMER PRISONER OF WAR

New human rights club at Marshall

BY DWIGHT JORGE
THE PARTHENON

Students interested in joining a nonprofit club at Marshall University will now have a new option thanks to one student.

Amnesty International is a global movement of three million supporters, members and activists in 150 countries and territories who campaign to end abuses of human rights.

Ashley Clark, junior political science, international affairs and Spanish major, is the current president of the group.

Clark describes the student club as a human rights organization that is non-partisan, nonprofit and non-governmental.

"Basically, we aim to

promote human rights," Clark said.

Any student can join, and meetings are every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center room 2W10.

Clark said the club still has several officer positions available.

During the month of October, the club plans to host an event for One Million Bones.

"One Million Bones is an organization based out of Albuquerque, N.M. that wants to raise awareness about genocide in the world by making one million bones and dumping them in the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in 2013," Clark said.

Clark said she plans to have the bone-making

event in front of the Student Center.

"Amnesty International is one of few international agencies that have the power to change not only policy, but the way people think," said Kuyler McComas, sophomore photography and political science major. "Being part of that positive influence is a powerful motivator."

McComas said he believes living in the United States makes it difficult to understand conditions around the world. He said students should be reading, watching, listening and participating in international dialogue.

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Students can compete for title of best room on campus

BY KATIE OLSZESKI
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The Department of Housing and Residence Life is currently conducting a competition among all campus residents to see who has the best room on campus.

The competition is happening now and ends Sept. 29. The winner will be determined on Friday, Oct. 7 and notified the following week.

Residents can find applications at their buildings front desk or at the Department of Housing and Residence Life's main office. Applications

need to be turned in to the Housing and Residence Life Office by 4 p.m. on Sept. 29 or any time before then to the resident adviser working the main desk in the resident hall.

"All residents need to do to fill out the application is put the name and contact information for each resident living in the room, their room number and building," said Tracey Eggleston, residence life specialist for housing and residence life.

After applying, residents will be contacted by a Signature Events Committee member between

Sept. 30 and Oct. 3 to set up a time when the residents are available to be present for the room to be judged.

"The competition will be based on how well the space has been utilized and the amount of effort the residents have put into making it a home away from home." Eggleston said.

An e-reader will be the grand prize awarded to the best overall room, and there will be flex dollars awarded to the top male and female room winners.

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Guantanamo prosecutor says proceedings will be transmitted to U.S.

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MIAMI—The Obama administration's choice to run prosecutions at the Guantanamo war crimes court is pledging a new era of transparency from the remote base, complete with near simultaneous transmissions of the proceedings to victims and reporters on U.S. soil.

Army Brig. Gen. Mark Martins made the disclosure in a profile published Sunday in the Weekly Standard.

The 51-year-old Army lawyer, who is completing a two-year posting in Afghanistan, becomes chief prosecutor for military commissions next Monday, according to a Pentagon spokesman, Dave Oten.

Two death penalty cases are already in the pipeline. The defendants are the alleged architect of the 2000 suicide bombing of the USS Cole off Yemen that killed 17

sailors, and five alleged 9/11 plotters.

The trials are certain to attract international scrutiny. Now, even before he has started his job, the general told the conservative magazine that the war court where he prosecutes will "feature new measures to ensure transparency, including a venue enabling victims and media to observe proceedings near-real-time in the continental United States."

They won't be live because the feeds will be broadcast on a "40-second delay to ensure safeguarding of national security information." At the maximum-security complex inside Camp Justice, that has meant a security officer can, and has, hit a white noise button to muffle testimony if someone suspects that secret or sensitive information is about to be divulged.

A Pentagon spokeswoman was unable to confirm the new transmission policy on Sunday, nor specify where

the proceedings would be shown in the United States.

At issue in part will be the treatment of the six alleged al-Qaida terrorists before they got to Guantanamo in September 2006 from years of CIA custody at secret overseas sites. Two of the accused were waterboarded and all were subjected to other "enhanced interrogation techniques" that the Obama White House now bans.

The CIA still forbids the public to hear what it did and where it did it, even after captives described their treatment at pretrial proceedings. The process also shields the identities of CIA agents and contractors who carried out interrogations.

Also Sunday, Navy Cmdr. Tamsen Reese said in an email from the detention center that military medical staff would next month vaccinate guards and other troops at the prison camp complex against swine flu

and offer the H1N1 inoculations to the 171 captives.

Reese did not estimate the cost of the program. Nor did she say whether civilians working at the detention center, as well as prison camp staff families, would get swine flu vaccines too.

Guantanamo swine flu shots stirred controversy when the Pentagon flew in special doses to the base in southeast Cuba in 2009, during an H1N1 vaccine shortage in the United States. The Pentagon then said the captives would get their vaccines only after they'd been offered to every active-duty soldier, deployed U.S. contractor and civilians working for the Defense Department.

Some captives have refused to get the injections, Reese said, without specifying how many.

"We anticipate having an ample supply for both troopers and detainees," she said.

College Republicans campaign for Maloney

BY KELLY STARKEY
THE PARTHENON

The College Republicans are taking part in this year's gubernatorial elections.

"We are really out there to get exposure for Republican candidates and promote Republican ideals throughout the election season," said Aaron Ryan of Beckley, W.Va., president of College Republicans "We have a big conservative presence on campus and we are just trying to get out there and promote it the best way we can."

College Republicans have had debate-watching parties and other events for the elections, as well as campaigning for Republican candidate, Bill Maloney.

"We do everything we can to get his name out in the area and get him some support from the community," Ryan said. "We make phone calls, knock on doors and hold signs for his campaign."

College Republicans are not currently having weekly meetings because of campaigning for the gubernatorial elections, but they will start the meetings when the election is over.

"Being in a political organization helps make connections to many people whether it is working with the legislature, working with the state chair of the Republican Party or even candidates on a national level," Ryan said.

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Iran hikers, in US, say they heard screams of other prisoners

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NEW YORK—Two Americans who were convicted of spying in Iran and spent more than two years in prison after what they said was an innocent hike in northern Iraq described hearing the screams of other prisoners, hunger strikes to demand better conditions, and living in "a world of lies and false hope" in their first public statements after returning to the United States.

The two, Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, both 29, appeared at a Manhattan hotel a few hours after landing at John F. Kennedy Airport, ending a diplomatic ordeal that began with their arrests in July 2009.

Appearing with them were relatives as well as Sarah Shourd, who was arrested at the same time and released in September 2010 in what Iran's president, Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad, called a humanitarian gesture.

Noticeably absent in the words of thanks uttered by the hikers and their families was gratitude toward Ahmadinejad, even though Iran's foreign ministry called their release from Tehran's Evin Prison a gesture of Islamic mercy. The men had been sentenced to eight years in prison.

"Releasing us is a good gesture, and no positive step should go unnoticed. We applaud the Iranian authorities for finally making the right decision regarding our case," said Fattal. "But we want to be clear that they do not deserve undue credit for ending what they had no right and no justification to start in the first place."

The three Americans were hostages because "Iran has always tied our case to its political disputes with the U.S.," Fattal said.

Bauer said that to this day he doesn't know whether the

three really crossed the border during what he called "our fateful hiking trip" in July 2009, when they were picked up by Iranian officials after going hiking in northern Iraq's Kurdistan region, near the Iranian border. Bauer said one of the ironies of their imprisonment was that the three had long opposed U.S. policies toward Iran.

He did not go into details, but the United States for years has accused Iran of seeking to build nuclear weapons, and of supplying weapons used by Shiite militias against U.S. and other forces in Iraq. Iran denies the allegations.

But their views about the U.S. stance toward Iran did not soften their feelings toward Iran for holding them as prisoners.

To those who ask if they can forgive Iran, Bauer said: "How can we forgive the Iranian government when it continues to imprison

so many other innocent people and prisoners of conscience?"

Fattal said the two were held in isolation for most of their time in prison and allowed just 15 minutes total of phone calls with their families. "We had to go on hunger strike repeatedly just to receive letters from our loved ones," he said in his statement. "Many times, too many times, we heard the screams of other prisoners being beaten."

The releases of Shourd last year and Bauer and Fattal this year were each timed to coincide with the respective annual meeting of the United Nations' General Assembly and Ahmadinejad's visits to New York for those sessions. Last year, Shourd made a point of mentioning Ahmadinejad by name as she thanked various officials for her freedom. At that time, relatives of Fattal and Bauer went to New York in hopes of personally

appealing to Ahmadinejad to free the men.

This year, in an apparent attempt to burnish his image, Ahmadinejad announced shortly before he flew to New York early last week that Fattal and Bauer would be freed.

That plan was nixed at the last minute by Iranian judges. In what was seen as a slap-down of Ahmadinejad, who has been at odds with the country's judiciary, they said the president had no unilateral right to free prisoners.

The men finally went free last Wednesday after their defense attorney secured judicial approval for bail set at \$500,000 each. Oman, a Persian Gulf ally of the United States, posted the bail.

Fattal said the two learned of their imminent release Wednesday after their daily brief exercise break in an open-air room of the prison. "On any other day we would have been blindfolded and

led down the hallway to our 8-foot-by-13-foot cell," he said. "But on that day the guards took us downstairs. They fingerprinted us and gave us street clothes. They did not tell us where we were going."

Instead, he said, they were taken to another part of the prison, where an Oman official said, "Let's go home."

Since her release last year, Shourd, who is Bauer's fiancée, has lived in Oakland, Calif. Bauer, a freelance journalist, grew up in Onamia, Minn., and Fattal, an environmental activist, is from Elkins Park, Pa., a Philadelphia suburb. The three knew each other as students at the University of California, Berkeley and said they were on a holiday in northern Iraq's relatively peaceful Kurdistan region when they went on their hike in the hills.

Bauer proposed marriage to Shourd while they were in jail.



FOOTBALL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
East Carolina	1	0	1	2
Marshall	1	0	1	2
UCF	0	0	2	2
Southern Miss	0	1	3	1
Memphis	0	0	1	3
UAB	0	2	0	3

WEST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
SMU	2	0	3	1
Tulsa	1	0	1	3
Tulane	1	1	2	2
Houston	0	0	4	0
Rice	0	0	1	2
UTEP	0	1	2	2

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Herd outmatched by Hokies offense



Marshall's Antavious Wilson catches a pass in front of Virginia Tech's Detrick Bonner Saturday.

JAKE SNYDER
THE PARTHENON

The Virginia Tech Hokies outdueled the Marshall Thundering Herd Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium as the No. 11 team in the nation bested the Herd 30-10.

The Hokies mustered up 444 yards of total offense including 215 rushing yards on 41 attempts.

"Any time you are a top 10, top 12 (ranked) team like Virginia Tech has

been year after year after year, they've got a good football player at every position," Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday said of the Hokies. "You look on the depth chart and it says sophomore, but you know what, they're third-year sophomores."

"They're fourth-year juniors. Frank (Beamer) has that program going where they all come in there and red shirt. We have to get to that point, hopefully after this year. We're not there

yet."

The young Herd offense was productive throwing the football, as freshman quarterback Rakeem Cato threw for 245 yards and a touchdown.

The rushing game, however, proved unproductive against the fourth-ranked team defense in the country. Marshall rushed for just six net yards in the contest.

"We became one dimensional because we couldn't run the football," Holliday said. "But there are a lot of people that become one dimensional against that defense, unfortunately. We tried to run it. We just didn't have enough success."

The Herd had a couple of opportunities early but was unable to capitalize. In the first quarter, Aaron Dobson caught a third-down pass for 32 yards to break into Virginia Tech territory. However, Dobson fumbled and Tech took over at the 26-yard line.

The Marshall defense stood tall, forcing the Hokies to go three-and-out on the following drive.

The Herd took over on their own seven before advancing the ball to the 29. On second down, tight end C.J. Crawford slipped behind the Hokie secondary but a rushed Cato missed the open receiver.

Virginia Tech answered with the first score of the game on a six play, 50-yard drive ending with a 3-yard rush by quarterback Logan Thomas to give the Hokies a 7-0 lead.

Tech added six more points in the first quarter by way of a pair of field goals to extend the lead to 13-0 at the end of one.

The Hokies added another field goal and a touchdown in the second quarter, while the Herd picked up a field goal.

Trailing 23-3 with 1:10 left in the half, Cato orchestrated a three-play, 71-yard drive culminating with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Cato to Dobson.

"(It was) man-to-man defense," Cato said. "I saw it two plays before that. I just wanted to get a completion and get everybody going, I knew (Coach Holliday) would come back to the play call and I saw it again. I peaked over there and just took a shot. He made a great play."

Marshall went into the break trailing 23-10.

Both offenses went stagnant in the third quarter, as neither team was able to put points on the board. The Marshall offense did put together some momentum late in the third, putting together a 34-yard drive before being forced

to punt from the Tech 46-yard line.

Cato said he wished to stay on the field to go for the fourth-and-3 but, ultimately, Holliday decided to punt.

"We're thirteen points down and still in the third quarter," Holliday said. "If I don't punt the ball there and they stop us and have a short field again to go, I'm not very smart."

The Hokies consequently marched down the field on a nine-play, 86-yard drive for a touchdown to give Virginia Tech a 30-10 lead.

The score would remain as such for the rest of the contest.

The Marshall defense forced two turnovers in the remaining minutes, but the offense could not tack on any more points.

Marshall's offense could only muster up 85 yards of total offense in the second half and failed to put any points on the board.

"They are a great football team," Cato said. "You never know what coverage they are in until the ball is snapped. They do a great job disguising their coverage and they are just an all-around great football team."

The Herd must now turn around and begin preparation for a road game against another

high profile, the Louisville Cardinals.

The Cardinals are 2-1 on the season and coming off of a Sept. 17 victory over in state rival Kentucky.

"The thing you have to do on the road is you have to be an extremely tough football team," Holliday said. "You've got to have great leadership and you've got to enjoy going in their arena and playing."

Game time at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville is slated for 3:30 p.m.

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Marshall coach Doc Holliday cheers on his team against Virginia Tech during an NCAA football game Saturday. Virginia Tech won 30-10.

Softball controls WV State in fall opener

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The Marshall softball team opened up its fall schedule with a healthy start by defeating West Virginia State twice in the Sunday double-header. In game one, The Herd handed the Yellow Jackets a 14-3 defeat behind Erika Bennett's (Hereford, Ariz./Miami Dade College) five-inning, six hit pitching performance. Game two ended in a 5-0 victory for MU, showcasing Jessica Ferrick's (Centreville, Va./Centreville HS) seven-inning shutout.

The Yellow Jackets opened up game one immediately in the first inning, posting three runs. Bennett gave up two singles, followed by a triple to WV State's Malory Hilton, who scored on a throwing error. MU struck back in the bottom half of the inning, tallying two runs of their own. Taylor Thompson (Graham, Wash./Graham Kapowsin HS) singled to start the run and continued Marshall's love for base running by stealing second. Jazmine Valle (Lake Elsinore, Calif./Temescal Canyon HS) drove in the first Marshall RBI on a hit towards the Yellow Jacket shortstop. Valle would later score on the second error of the inning.

The game continued with several scoreless innings until the fourth inning when Marshall posted two more runs. Jazmine Valle and Jessica Hughes (Stillwater, Oklahoma/Stillwater HS) led off the inning with back-to-back singles. Kristina Braxton (Woodbridge,

Va./Hylton HS) drove in a run with a ground-rule double, followed by a RBI groundout by Amanda Lara (Homestead, Fla./Miami Dade College).

MU poured on six additional runs in the fifth inning with runs-batted-in by Rebecca Gamby's (Mount Victory, Ohio/Upper Sandusky HS), Alysia Hively (Clay, W.Va./Clay County HS), Samantha Spurlock (Huntington, W.Va./Huntington HS), and Taylor Thompson, alongside a wild pitch by Yellow Jacket pitcher.

Due to the structure of fall games, The Herd finished off game one by scoring four additional runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Marshall finished the game with 14 runs on 13 hits and one error. Alysia Hively led the squad with four RBIs by going 2-for-5 at the plate. Kaelynn Green (Eastvale, Calif./Eleanore Roosevelt) also recorded two RBIs and tallied two hits in four plate appearances.

The Herd opened up game two with a run in the first inning as Kaelynn Greene drove a single to the outfield and advanced on an error to second. Rebecca Gamby then hit a sac fly two batters later to drive home game two's first RBI.

MU tacked on three more runs in the third when Melissa Loesing (Grapevine, Texas/Sunrise Mountain HS) led off the inning with a bunt single. Loesing stole second, then stole third while Kaelynn Greene, who walked, stole second. Alianna Telles (Sylmar, Calif./Sylmar HS) hit a sac fly to left field,

scoring Loesing and advancing Greene. Rebecca Gamby delivered again with a double to right center scoring Greene from third. Marshall would score one more in the inning due to a Yellow Jacket error.

Rebecca Gamby put her stamp on the day one more time in the fifth inning by hitting a one-out bomb to right field, giving The Herd the 5-0 victory in game two.

Marshall recorded nine hits in game two and zero errors. Gamby tallied three more RBIs, going two-of-two at the plate. Jazine Valle and Alianna Telles each recorded an RBI as well.

Coach Shonda Stanton was pleased with the talent shown throughout the entire lineup. "We split our roster into two teams and felt both groups had a strong showing. Today was another example of the depth and competition we have at all positions."

Stanton continued about her pitchers, "Erika Bennett really settled after the 1st inning in game one and we have been pleased with the progress she has made working hard in the off-season. Jessica Ferrick came in relief and then cruised along pitching a complete game shutout in game two. She did a great job of getting ahead of hitters and mixing speeds to keep them off balance. Ferrick is such a committed student-athlete and it was great to see her reap the benefit of that commitment."

Marshall goes on the road to face the Ohio Bobcats on Sunday, October 2.

Herd can't shake Colorado College

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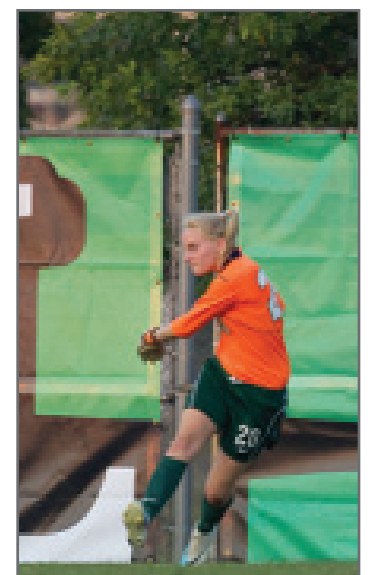
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Marshall women's soccer suffered a 1-0 loss at the hands of the Colorado College Tigers on Sunday at Stewart Field. The defeat delivers The Herd its second Conference USA loss of the season and puts MU at a record of 2-7-1 (0-2-0 C-USA).

The two teams remained deadlocked at zero throughout the competition, until 13 minutes into the second period when the Tigers' Lauren DiGregorio delivered her second

goal on the season on a header that was assisted by Madison Whitehead for Colorado College.

The Herd was led by Angela DeSumma (Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks East HS), who tallied two shots-on-goal throughout the afternoon. Junior Sarah Vinson (Amelia, Ohio/Amelia HS) also recorded a shot.

Betsy Haugh (Earlsville, Va./Albemarle HS) tied her collegiate personal best with eight saves throughout the match. However, she recorded a personal best by the half with six keepaways



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in the first period.

Marshall looks to rebound as it hosts four home games in a row, beginning with the Memphis Tigers and the University of Alabama-Birmingham Blazers next weekend.

Memphis stumps volleyball, 3-0

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MEMPHIS, TENN.—The Marshall Volleyball team traveled to Memphis University to face the Tigers and came up short in the conference contest, losing 3-0 (22-25, 21-25, 21-25).

The Thundering Herd dropped to 2-11 (1-2 Conference USA), while Memphis improves to 13-3 (2-1 C-USA).

Cameron Yoho and Desirre Wilkerson had the best performances in the match. Yoho posted her first double-double of the season after finishing with ten kills, five of which came in the second set, and 11 digs. Wilkerson was the team leader in kills with 11 and recorded the best attack percentage with a .364 (11k, 3E, 22TA) average. Sammie Bane concluded the day with 31 assists and Abby Tomas had the most blocks



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with 3 (2 solo, 1 assisted).

Memphis was led by Al-trese Hawkins, who recorded 14 kills, seven of which came in the first set victory. Hajnalka Molnar, who leads the NCAA in assists per set, added 37 assists to her season total of 574.

Marshall did control a 21-20 lead at one point in the first set, but Memphis outscored the Herd 5-2 in the final stretch of the set to win. In the second set, the Herd had their only lead at 10-9, but Memphis

took over for the rest of the set and never let Marshall climb back into after that point. The third set mirrored the second set as Memphis held a lead for nearly the entirety of the set to finish the match with a 3-0 win.

Marshall will be returning to the Henderson Center for next weekend's matchups against UTEP and UCF. The Herd will take on UTEP Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. and end the weekend against UCF on Sunday at 12 p.m.

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"Better to remain silent and be
thought a fool than to speak out
and remove all doubt."

>ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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

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

COLUMN

Davis execution raises question of US morals

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Banners pleading for justice to prevail in the case of Troy Davis waved vehemently outside the death-row prison in Jackson, Ga. 140-character-long tweets, with hashtags #TooMuchDoubt and #IAmTroyDavis, carried the voices of protestors whose potent message unequivocally decried the gross injustice and cruelty plaguing our nation's judicial system. Over 20 years of struggle for vindication has ended tragically with the execution of Troy Davis — described as a "legalized lynching" by his attorney Thomas Ruffin. Today I mourn both for the life of an innocent man and for the remnants of humanity that once existed within the United States.

Since Davis' conviction for killing off-duty police officer Mark MacPhail in Savannah, Ga., 22 years ago, seven of the nine witnesses have recanted their testimony, having alleged "police coercion" in securing a testimony that would pin Davis as a murderer. Despite no physical evidence associating Davis with MacPhail's death, the state of Georgia administered a lethal dose of pentobarbital into Davis' veins, taking his life in a mere 15 minutes.

Despite masses of people calling for a strike, begging for the state of Georgia and the Supreme Court Justices to reprieve an innocent man of the greatest crime against humanity, capital punishment has prevailed over the pillars of humanity that our government has failed to uphold. Despite Pope Benedict XVI, former President Jimmy Carter, former FBI director William Sessions and Archbishop Desmond Tutu all speaking out against an act so unfathomably inhumane, their voices were dismissed.

In a country that

condemns the human rights violations of China, Iran, Libya, Pakistan, Bahrain and others, that is the first to wave the flag of ethics, we have now become inaudible and illegitimate, negating our position in global leadership. While two-thirds of the world have abolished the death penalty, the U.S. is among several nations — China, Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia included — that finds a gross sense of righteousness in executing. The U.S. and Japan are the only fully developed countries that still engage in this practice of torture.

The death certificate of Troy Davis will read homicide at the hands of a corrupt judicial system. Crime rates will not decrease. Homicide rates will not be abated. We have made a travesty in the name of justice and it will be not served. The U.S., as Benjamin Jealous, president and CEO of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, mournfully stated, has become "a dim light in the world."

The Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles has neglected its decision not to permit an execution unless there is affirmatively "no doubt" about guilt. Until human rights activists triumph over the perils of malevolence and achieve justice for all of the lives unfairly taken, our judicial system will be regarded as a beacon of barbarism. As the eyes of the international community will be upon us — shocked, disgusted, mournful — I ask my country what kind of world it wants to be a part of. Where have our values gone? What are we teaching? Who will hear our beckoned call if and when another American citizen is detained overseas? Rather than validating the U.S. as a bastion of humanity, our nation has legitimized itself as an emblem of hypocrisy.

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EDITORIAL

Huntington needs cultural growth

One of the most exciting aspects of living in a city is diversity.

It would be comforting to know that each weekend, one can find a variety of shows, exhibits, restaurants and the like within a reasonable number of city blocks. This is the case in many cities, but not always in Huntington.

While Huntington no doubt has a number of things students can do on the weekends, the variety is lacking. Marshall University makes attempts each year to promote cultural growth and educational experiences for its students—that same concept needs to filter into Huntington's aesthetic.

Although emphasis on business growth from a traditional perspective will always be important, our city should make cultural growth a priority as well.

The city should make more initiatives to make the arts a part of Huntington residents' daily lives. Hundreds of cities in the U.S. implement public art projects on a regular basis. Something like this not only would improve the visual aesthetic of the city, but also would promote a more

unified and welcoming community.

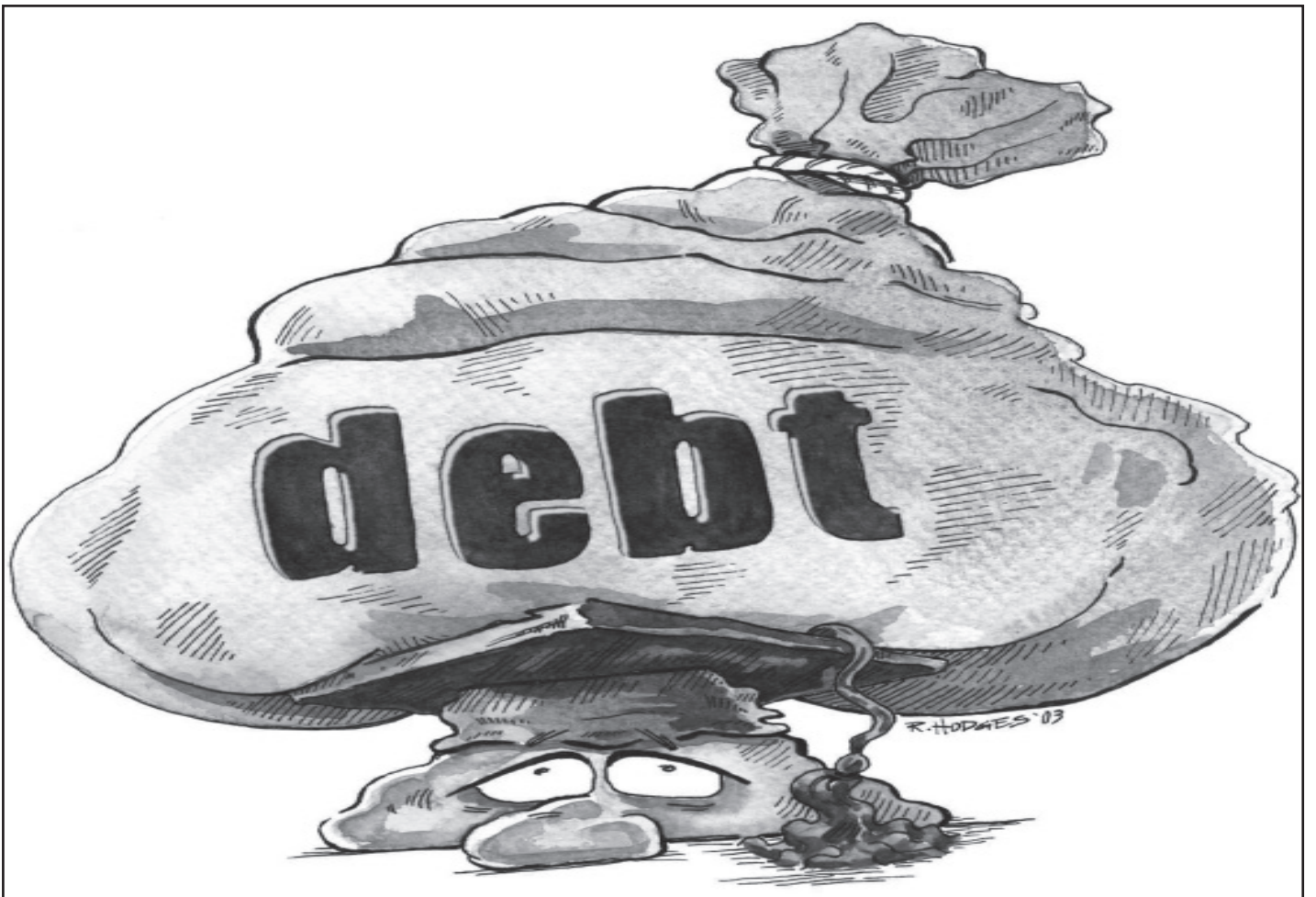
The city should create and implement incentives for diverse business owners to open up shop in Huntington. Even the least bit of financial incentive to not only start a business, but also to stay in business could make a big difference.

Huntington already has a number of great restaurants, but there are only a few that offer a diverse, yet healthy menu. If people have more healthy options for food, it's more likely they will choose one of them. Furthermore, a market that sells local fresh food and produce right in the city of Huntington would give its residents an opportunity to try foods they never have before and purchase locally grown goods to cook more nutritious meals at home.

If the city of Huntington wants to move into the future, we at least need to catch up with what other cities have to offer.

With more diversity and cultural appeal, we not only would give people a reason to come here, but also make it a more attractive choice for us students to stay.

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COLUMN

Nourish your dreams



ASHLEY GROHOSKI
THE PARTHENON

A few days ago, my roommate sent a perfect, yet incredibly long quote to my Facebook inbox that described my life to a "T", as of this season. The quote's owner is the author of the novel, *The Bell Jar*, which I have never heard of during my entire life of reading. It discussed the branching of a fig and the different branches that come off of those branches. Meanwhile all of these wonderful branches are representing different lives the author wanted. The author was too occupied desiring

all of her options at that moment not wanting to do the work to nourish any goals (branches) at all. Her desires did not turn into action causing her dreams to starve to death. She could not make up her mind about which life she wanted to live. She wanted all of them at one time, thus letting go every one of them.

"I wanted each and every of them. But choosing one meant losing all of the rest, and, as I sat there, unable to decide, the figs began to wrinkle and go black, and, one by one, they plopped to the ground at my feet."

I have experienced this hesitation from my indecisiveness too many times to count. I have also dove into 5,000 goals

simultaneously and have given little quality time to each one of them, causing them to also shrivel up and fall to the ground.

College opens up more than enough doors for all of us, and I'm tempted to take advantage of every one of them as soon as possible. I've learned that a bigger part of maturing throughout school is to know what to juggle and know what to let go of. We want to survive this rat race without losing our breath or tripping over our own feet. Although becoming eclectic is in high demand, becoming a lifeless, exhausted know-it-all is truly unbecoming.

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Poll shows young voters skeptical of Social Security

BY ARDEN KREEGER

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Young Americans would rather entrust their money to the Tooth Fairy than the federal government.

In a recent poll, 66 percent of voters ages 18 to 29 said they believed their Social Security money is safer "under their pillow" than with the federal government. The poll, which was conducted by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Generation Opportunity organization dedicated to educating and engaging young Americans, also indicated that 66 percent are "deeply concerned" about U.S. financial debt, and 76 percent believe government spending ought to be reduced.

"A lot of people in the younger generation realize Social Security is a pay-as-you-go system, and there aren't actually any resources set aside

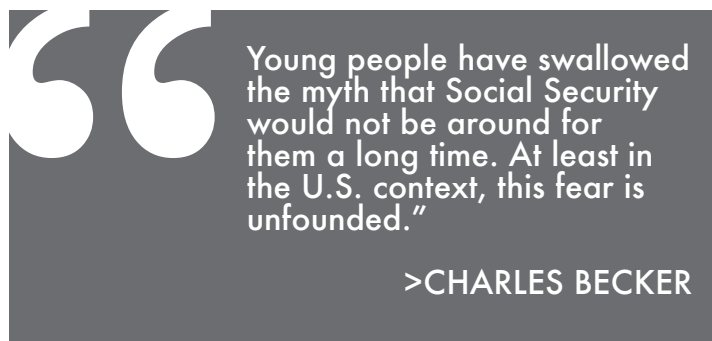
for paying those bills in the future," said Connel Fullenkamp, Duke U. director of undergraduate studies and professor of economics.

The two major factors contributing to Social Security instability are increases in obligations relative to contribution and gradually declining labor force participation rates among the working-age population, Charles Becker, associate chair and research professor in the Duke economics department, wrote in an email Tuesday.

Becker described Social Security as a Ponzi scheme, but said the system will continue to exist as long as there are contributors.

"Young people have swallowed the myth that Social Security would not be around for them for a long time," Becker said. "At least in the U.S. context, this fear is unfounded."

Fullenkamp raised



concerns about the sustainability of Social Security benefits for future generations. Although there were once three members of the workforce for every retired American, the number is now shrinking to fewer than two workers per retiree, he said.

"One of the big problems we've had with the current generation is that they think Social Security is this magical generous thing that's going to fund their retirement," he said.

"Social Security is really completely inadequate to fund what anybody would consider a normal

retirement."

Fullenkamp believes individuals entering the workforce should only count on Social Security to replace about 20 percent of their pre-retirement income. An advocate for reform of the current Social Security system, Fullenkamp recommended continuing to push back the mandatory retirement age and educate citizens about their personal responsibility to save.

Becker, commenting on prospective changes in the typical retirement age for Americans, predicted that the retirement age will

need to be increased to between 73 and 75 unless the average life expectancy stops rising.

Despite the results of Generation Opportunity's poll, many Duke students view Social Security as an issue far removed from their everyday lives.

"[Social Security] doesn't really matter to me," freshman Yuchen Long said. "I haven't been thinking about it because I don't have an actual job yet."

Others, like freshman Michael Kaelin—though anxious about the economy—find some humor in the Social Security talks and the current credibility of the federal government.

"Trusting the government to take care of my Social Security money would be like having Michael Jackson baby-sit my kids," he said.

Students who are closer to entering the professional world, like senior

John Mekjian, are taking the issue more seriously.

"I don't know how secure my job is going to be, so I'm going to work really hard, but I'm also going to save a lot," he said.

Fullenkamp noted that students ought to begin saving immediately after entering the workforce and utilizing tax advantage programs that could benefit from their bank accounts early on. Although the current state of the economy has Americans worried about the security of their money, he does not view keeping money under the pillow as a viable saving strategy.

"Your own money is also a dangerous thing," he said. "Not only is there the chance to lose it, but idle cash is the devil's workshop, and people end up looking at cash as just another resource they can use to take a vacation or do any number of things where they lose the money."

PLAN 2025

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Create Huntington, the Neighborhood Institute and other organizations that have already done city planning because some of those organizations already have a pretty good established network in community participation. We are wanting to use their network instead of trying to build our own from scratch."

The second phase involves outreach.

"We will be splitting the city into nine different areas," Baldwin said. "The city of Huntington will then focus on each of those areas by using the comprehensive plan as a guide."

The third phase involves preparing the plan, having it approved and having

some feedback from neighborhood groups.

According to Baldwin, one of the main focuses of the comprehensive plan is to get an understanding of what the community's vision of the future is. Some students at Marshall already have strong opinions about how they see Huntington in 10 years.

"I think one of the major issues they should focus on are the roads," said Tabby Locascio, history major from Marshall. "I commute to school everyday, and I'm always having to deal with my car getting torn up from all the holes in the roads."

"They should focus on fixing up the housing around campus because it's

a really big problem," said Thomas Holland, psychology major from Marshall. "The thing I see a lot of along the populated areas are houses that look old, rundown and of poor quality. My only suggestion would be to fix up those houses around Fifth and Sixth Ave. to make our campus look more welcoming."

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to make a difference in the community can do so in many ways.

"We are relying on public participation to help us do this plan," Baldwin said. "It is going to be managed by city staff, but it is really hopefully going to be driven by citizens. We're just asking for people to volunteer

their time and effort. Submitting ideas of what you want your neighborhood to be like through e-mail or Facebook can help us out a lot."

"Also, we are doing something called 'Meeting in a Box' — where you can gather your friends together and lead a group discussion," Baldwin said. "Some people find it hard to talk in a big group so it will be important for people to lead small group discussions on the issues."

The first phase of Plan 2025 is now in process with the second phase expected to begin in November.

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"We need to find out what Korea and other successful countries are doing to be successful and implement those things here in our country," Kopp said.

The reasons behind the plummet of the college success rate in the U.S. is unclear, however students make their own conclusions as to what the problems could be.

"I think the problem lies not only within universities,

but in lower levels of schooling too," said Brian Nestor, senior communications major.

"Universities need to focus on the actual majors they offer instead of all the extra classes required to obtain a degree. I understand the idea of a well-rounded education, but it just takes extra time. I also feel that elementary and high schools don't prepare you enough for college. If schools

weren't so large and had less students in each individual classroom, getting the one-on-one help they need and would be more prepared."

Sarah Mathis, junior public communications major, said she agrees with Kopp's theories of looking at other countries that succeed and implementing those ideas in America.

"I think regulations and requirements should be decided

and set by state and local governments instead of the federal government," Mathis said.

Kopp and Simon Perry, last year's speakers, were honored by The John Deaver Drinko Academy for their contributions to the forum with an award following the presentation.

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TESOL

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"I would say the enrollment has been surprising," White said. "It's pretty decent and it all occurred with no advertisement."

White said there were around eight students who completed the emphasis last semester who had already completed the other requirements for the major,

and a good number of new students are working toward completing it now.

There are domestic students taking TESOL classes as well as some international students.

Meike Stein, international graduate student from Germany, is currently enrolled in the TESOL program.

"I plan to apply for a teaching job in America first and would like to stay here a couple of years, but I definitely would like to return to Germany and teach English one day," Stein said.

Students are required to complete a portfolio by the end of the program not only to show their work throughout

but to use for future job opportunities as well.

"It gives students training and allows them to go all over the world and teach English," White said. "This emphasis is great for students hoping to travel the world."

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VOTERS

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EDITORS' PICK | TOP 10 LOCAL RESTAURANTS

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| 1: Fat Patty's | 6: Black Sheep Burritos and Brews |
| 2: 3rd and 9th Deli | 7: Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House |
| 3: NY Bagel | 8: Huntington Prime |
| 4: Chili Willis | 9: Thai House |
| 5: Tropical Moon | 10: Nawab |



I've probably earned the right to screw up a few times. I don't want the fear of failure to stop me from doing what I really care about."

- Emma Watson



Sororities welcome new members

KELLY STARKEY
THE PARTHENON

Fall 2011 Sorority Recruitment ended Sunday with a Bid Day ceremony in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

After two weeks of recruitment parties, preference night and bid day, sororities gathered at the ceremony to welcome 64 new sorority women to the Greek community.

"Recruitment was extremely successful with the chapters," said Megan Kelly, Greek adviser of Student Activities and Greek Affairs. "We had a really great recruitment and welcomed really great new members."

"I really think that they are going to be really dedicated members and also girls who will continue friendships outside the sorority."

Kelly was pleased with the results of this semester's recruitment.

Delta Zeta welcomed 26 new members, Alpha Xi Delta welcomed 16 new members, Sigma Sigma Sigma welcomed 12 new members, and Alpha Chi Omega welcomed 10 new members to the Greek community.

"Recruitment was so much fun — it has been such an excitement," said Kaitlyn Canterbury, new member of Delta Zeta.

Not only were the new members of each sorority introduced at the bid day ceremony, but



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recruitment counselors also received awards and recognition.

Any women interested in joining a sorority are welcome to attend the open recruitment parties.

"Our sororities still have open spots and they will continue having open recruitment parties, which is much less structured and much less formal," Kelly said. "Women are

welcome to come, and sororities will extend bids as they choose. We will have formal spring recruitment as well."

Students can also go to the student activities office

located in the Memorial Student Center suite 2W31 for more information.

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Whole-grain white breads get PB&J test

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For strict PB&J constructionists, there are certain unwavering rules. The peanut butter is creamy. The jelly is grape (strawberry in a pinch but certainly none of that fancy apricot or boysenberry).

And the bread is white. Delightfully bland, deliciously soft, stick-to-the-roof-of-your-mouth white.

The problem is that traditional white bread is nutrient-deficient. So what of these whole-grain whites that dot the bread shelves? Do they make a difference?

"Whole-grain white is a nice alternative for bringing in some whole grains but still having that slightly milder flavor and softer texture," said Jeannie Moloo, American Dietetic Association spokeswoman. "'Whole' means

you're getting the inside of the grain as well as the outside of the grain, so you're getting the bran and the fiber and all the nutrients."

Yeah, but how does it taste? We gathered a group of PB&J aficionados (ages 5 to 8) and presented them with sandwiches made on three different varieties of whole-grain white bread. They ranked the sandwiches on a scale of 1 to 10.

All three varieties have two or more grams of fiber per slice, but Moloo cautions that fiber is not the first criteria to check for on a label.

"A lot of breads are adding fiber in the form of inulin but are still using refined flour and not the whole grain," Moloo said. "If the label doesn't list 'whole' as the first word in the ingredients, the grain has been stripped and basically rebuilt. The word 'whole' is key."

Our three test breads all list "whole wheat flour," though not as the first ingredient. Still, sometimes you take your "whole" where you can get it.

"Whole grains carry health benefits that we might not even know yet," Moloo said. "It's not that adding inulin is bad. It's just that any time you can go with the whole product, you get so many nutrients and minerals and other benefits."

THE RESULTS

1. WONDER WHOLE GRAIN WHITE
"One hundred! I want to give it a 100!"

2. BUTTERNUT WHOLE GRAIN WHITE
"It kind of, like, dissolves. I like how it just dissolves."

3. SARA LEE SOFT AND SMOOTH WHOLE GRAIN WHITE
"It didn't have any of the good taste."

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