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Student government elects new adviser to the senate

BY JOHN GIBB
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Student Government Association has a new adviser to the senate after the death of law professor and adviser for SGA Joseph "Doc" Stone in August.

The SGA has two advisers. Dean of Student Affairs,

Steve Hensley, serves as the adviser to the executive branch and Cheryl Brown, professor of political science, was elected to be Stone's replacement as adviser to the senate or legislative branch.

Student President Pro Tempore, Adam Fridley, was at Tuesday's SGA meeting when Brown was elected and said, "Stone's death shook

the stability of the SGA as he served as the adviser to the senate for more than three decades, but we have no doubt that Brown would do a fantastic job."

"No one can fill Doc Stone's shoes," Fridley said.

Brown currently serves as the parliamentarian to the university's faculty senate. Fridley said it was Brown's

experience, intellect and willingness to accept the position that stood out to the senators that voted for Brown.

Gunnar Brewer, senator for the College of Liberal Arts, voted for Brown and said, "Brown will bring an enthusiastic voice to the senate, as well as provide political insights."

The other candidate for the position was Professor of Education, Kathy Seelinger.

Senator for the College of Education, Dustin Murphy, voted for Seelinger and said her presentation blew him away and the fact that she was a strong advocate for students' rights made up for the lack of experience Brown had.

However, Murphy said Brown does have some experience and will maintain a professional demeanor when serving as adviser.

"Brown will go by the books, lay a stronger foundation for the SGA and she will go by the Robert's Rule of Order," Murphy said.

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Pulitzer Prize winner comes to campus

By CAITLIN CONLEY
THE PARTHENON

A Pulitzer Prize Winner had a small personal on-campus Q&A with students and faculty Thursday afternoon.

Lawrence Wright came to Marshall as part of the university's Marshall Artist Series.

The Q&A offered the students and faculty an opportunity to sit down with Wright and discuss not only his award-winning book, "The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11," but his experiences in the Middle East and his processes within his various mediums.

Dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Corley Dennison, was the Q&A moderator.

"It is really an excellent opportunity for the students and the faculty to be able to meet him on such an informal basis and do this Q&A with him. I think it is a great



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Lawrence Wright, Pulitzer Prize winner, visited Marshall's campus Thursday for a Q&A with students and faculty.

opportunity for the whole campus," Dennison said.

Wright is an internationally-recognized author, screenwriter, playwright and staff writer for the New Yorker magazine.

In 2006, Wright premiered his one-man play, "My Trip to Al-Qaeda," which ran for six sold-out weeks on Broadway.

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HORSIN' AROUND



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Patrick Webb, senior radio-television production management major from Huntington, rides Mayor Kim Wolfe's horse, Mr. Chips, down the hallway in the communications building Thursday afternoon. Mr. Chips and Wolfe will be featured on UpLate at 11 p.m. on MyZ on Oct. 8.

GOING GREEN

Environmental group seeks signatures for garden

BY RACHEL HUNTER
THE PARTHENON

An environmentally conscious student group hosted an on-campus dinner to rally support for a new green space.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition had a vegetarian dinner on Thursday evening by the memorial fountain to recruit members and discuss the plans regarding a proposed garden on campus.

Proposed prior to the dinner, the garden is planned to be located on a currently unused space next to Harless

Dining Hall on Fifth Avenue and used for education, recreation and community outreach.

Since the proposal, SEAC members have been getting signatures of support for the garden from students and faculty.

SEAC member, Lauren Kemp, said that they currently have more than 150 student signatures, but hope to have at least 300 or 500.

According to Kemp, a subdivision of the Greening Marshall Committee is being formed around the development and maintenance

"I think students should sign the petition and support the garden because it's taking a spot that its an unused field... We'll have all of this produce we can do lots of things with. It's educational. Classes can be involved."

> DAN TAYLOR

of the garden. There are already several members on board, but any student groups can relate to gardening are strongly encouraged to become involved with the committee.

Kemp and other SEAC members discussed ideas regarding the garden, including the many outreach programs that could be involved with and benefit from the produce obtained from

the garden itself. Selling the produce for fundraising or donating it for local food banks were among the ideas discussed.

"With the help of Chad Thompson, we are going to create a geographic information system map and do some soil testing for the proposed space," Kemp said.

Dan Taylor, Marshall University alumni and SEAC member said, "I think students should sign the petition and support the garden because it's taking a spot that it's an unused field and it will turn it into a space where

people can hang out, and garden, if that's what they want to do. We'll have all of this produce we can do lots of things with. It's educational, classes can be involved."

"Overall, it's just taking a space that's not used and making it into something students can enjoy as well as faculty and the community," Taylor said.

SEAC members are currently looking for more faculty and student supporters of the garden.

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"Students can stop in when it best fits their schedule, and a resource specialist will meet with individually or in a group to work on test-taking strategies."

>JESSICA JORDAN,
RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Residence advisers go beyond Marshall's campus

BY KATIE OLZSESKI
THE PARTHENON

Approximately eight resident advisers at Marshall University are participating in events this semester aimed to connect them with other universities in the state of West Virginia. Four resident advisers are taking part in the West Virginia campus visitation on Oct. 1 and 2, at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.Va.

The event is sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Association for College and University Housing Officers and organized by the West Virginia regional coordinators.

The Mid-Atlantic Association for College and University Housing Officers is a professional organization for people who work in housing and residence life. Stephanie Hurley, residence life specialist and head of residence programming, said, "We wanted to look at



Four Marshall resident advisers will be traveling to Sheperd University to connect with other West Virginia Universities.

opportunities for people in housing and residence life to connect with other resident

advisers inside the state."

Hurley also serves as one of the members of

the West Virginia regional coordinators.

"What this event aims

to do is to show resident advisers from different campuses what it is like to be a part of resident services at other universities in the state," Hurley said.

The event takes resident advisers from one campus to another, showing them the different ways that universities housing departments work and also hopefully to bring in and share new ideas with each other.

Josh Belice, area director from Shepherd University in the Residence Life Office has already made his visit to Marshall.

"Marshall hosted me for the night and I stayed in Holderby Hall," Belice said. "I was greeted by friendly staff at the desk and a welcome basket in my room, as someone with experience in the hospitality industry, I can honestly say that my arrival was warm and welcoming. I was impressed, Stephanie Hurley had a fantastic itinerary for me. My day consisted

of a one-on-one with Director John Yaun, a tour of campus with two graduate students, and the opportunity to meet with Victoria Lamont and Nate Hensley, Assistant General Manager and Assistant General Manager of First Year Residence Halls."

"Overall, the experience was invaluable and worth the six hour treks across the State, now we're preparing to host several Marshall RAs over the first weekend in October. Marshall RAs will be hosted by Shepherd RAs in our suite-style housing complex and have the opportunity to meet the entire Resident Life staff during our annual Oktoberfest event at Rumsey Park, which overlooks the Potomac on the West Virginia-Maryland border," Belice said.

Four more resident advisers are scheduled to visit West Virginia University this year as well.

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Country Roads Cook-Off showcases Appalachian cuisine

BY AMANDA FASTUCA
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An Appalachian cook-off at the Heritage Farm Museum and Village is firing up this Saturday for the first time.

The "Country Roads Cook-Off" is a cooking contest of traditional Appalachian foods and will be included in the annual Fall Harvest Festival.

"The Heritage Farm has been around for about 15 years," said Audy Perry, the

manager of Heritage Farm Museum and Village. "For the past two years we have been doing what we call way-back weekends. The first Saturday of each month we focus on a different Appalachian artifact.

"Last month we covered music, this month we're covering food and on Nov. 5 we'll be handling glass."

The cook-off will require contestants to cook on a propane or butane stove, or over a wood fire.

"The contestants will be able to chose whatever

Appalachian dish they would like to make," Perry said. "They can make anything from meats, cobblers, beans, corn bread, apple cider to butter, spreads and dairy."

At the end of the competition, judges will choose a winner who will receive a \$150 award. There will also be a People's Choice Award with the winner receiving \$100.

"Flavor is the largest component to the judges along with presentation, Appalachian ingredient and creativity," Perry said.

Perry said the best way to get more information about signing up for the cook-off is by visiting the Heritage Farm website or by calling the office at 304-522-1244.

"You don't have to be a professional chef to be in the contest," Perry said. "There are a lot of great recipes out there that are not from professional chefs. We would really love to see a lot of green and white Marshall students sign up to cook or even just to come and enjoy the festivities."

The Heritage Farm

Museum and Village is located on 150 acres with over 25 buildings and six award-winning museums that cover everything from history of transportation, such as wagons, Model T Fords, trains and airplanes.

The festival will also include the celebration of the 103rd anniversary of the first Model T Ford. An antique car show with about 25-30 Model T's will be on display for people to look at.

"There will also be activities for kids such as a petting zoo and a wagon ride," Perry

said. "And there is a children's activities den where the kids can learn how to milk a cow and pump a water well."

The Fall Harvest Festival will begin at 10 a.m. However, the gates will open for those competing in the cook-off at 9 a.m.

The upcoming events for the "Way-Back Weekends" are Hand Blown Glass on Nov. 5 and the Holiday Market on Dec. 3.

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Student Resource Center to host test prep workshop next week

BY MEAGAN EARLS
THE PARTHENON

The Student Resource Center will be hosting an open house that will include a workshop about test prep and test-taking strategies.

The open house will be October 3 to 4 in the Student Resource Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Students can stop in when it best fits their schedule, and a resource specialist will meet with them individually or in a group to work on

test-taking strategies," said Jessica Jordan, resource specialist.

"College exams are a lot different than high school exams, many times they are cumulative, longer in length and much more complex and because of this students will experience nerves they have never felt before and high forms of anxiety before going into these exams," Jordan said.

"If students are feeling any of these emotions prior to midterm exams we encourage them to stop in for

this workshop because we can work with them and we can even talk to them specifically about the courses they are nervous about to offer them some specific suggestions on how to combat their nerves and how to best prepare for that exam," Jordan said.

Any student who would like more information can stop by the Student Resource Center or contact the staff.

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Blood drive sign-ups set for this week

BY MEAGAN EARLS
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The Marshall University Red Cross Club will be doing blood drive sign-ups from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 4 to 5 in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

The Red Cross Club is doing sign-ups for the blood drive they have scheduled for October 11 to 12.

The upcoming blood drive will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 11 to 12

at the Memorial Student Center on the basement floor in Marcos.

"There is always a shortage of blood but there is a greater need right now due to the hurricanes that happened last month so we are doing everything we can to lessen that need," said Vice President Brittini Brooks.

"We have the sign-ups to make people aware of when the blood drive is and we usually have a good turn out," Brooks said.

"Ever since we became a registered student organization, we have been having at least one blood drive a month," Brooks said.

The Red Cross Club's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Corbly hall room 268.

Any student who would like to get involved with the blood drive or the Red Cross Club can stop by the sign-up table next week.

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Mortgage modifications fall short of expectations

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(MCT)

WASHINGTON—Jose Palomo was surprised when the knock on the door came in August, informing him that his California home had been foreclosed and he'd need to vacate promptly. After all, he'd recently started payments on an in-house mortgage modification with CitiMortgage Inc.

"I was speechless, didn't know what to say. What's going on? Why? They got our

hopes high saying we got approved; everything was going to go through," recalled Palomo, 23, a car salesman fighting to keep his small home in Riverside, Calif.

Palomo's plight illustrates why housing remains such a drag against U.S. economic recovery. He's fighting to keep a 738-square-foot home that today is worth less than \$85,000. He was given a mortgage modification where he'll owe about twice that amount, illustrating how such modifications often fail to solve the problem they're designed to fix.

Simply put, mortgage modifications aren't cleaning up the housing-finance mess.

And to top it off, even as he began making payments on his still too-high mortgage, Palomo still faced losing his home, underscoring lenders' relentless pursuit of foreclosure proceedings four years after the housing-market bust.

Today there are at least 4.2 million homeowners who, like Palomo, are late on their mortgage payments or somewhere in the delinquency and foreclosure process. The first wave of

foreclosures came during the 2008 financial crisis as subprime mortgages given to weak borrowers imploded. Now the subsequent economic downturn and high unemployment keep housing depressed.

The administrations of George W. Bush and Barack Obama both offered incentives for lenders to help homeowners modify their mortgages. Those efforts haven't achieved much.

And four years into the housing crisis, banks and their bill collectors, known as mortgage servicers, are still

under fire for their response to troubled borrowers.

"I would say they are somewhat better than they were three years ago, but still woefully inadequate to meet the demand, given the still remarkably high levels of distressed borrowers they are attempting to deal with," said Paul Leonard, director of the California office of the Center for Responsible Lending, a Durham, N.C.-based advocacy group.

From December 2009 through June, more than 1.6 million government-backed mortgage modifications

had been started, but only 791,000 became permanent. These numbers remain well below the goal of 4 million modifications that the Obama administration set for itself.

Still, Faith Schwartz sees the glass as half full. She heads HOPE NOW, an association that represents both investors in mortgage bonds and mortgage servicers. Schwartz points to a growing number of proprietary mortgage modifications outside the government's program,

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UCF	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
Southern Miss	0	1	3	3	1	0	4	1	2
Memphis	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	2	2
UAB	0	2	0	3					
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SMU	2	0	3	3	1	1	3	1	1
Tulsa	1	0	1	1	3	2	1	3	2
Tulane	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2
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Week 5:

Marshall vs.
Louisville

Marshall football heads to Louisville for first time since 1987

BY ADAM ROGERS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall football (1-3, 1-0) travels to Louisville Saturday to take on the University of Louisville and will be attempting to end a two game losing streak.

The Herd has lost to former Mid-American Conference rival Ohio and defending ACC Champion Virginia Tech during the losing streak and much of that can be attributed to Marshall having to play from behind.

Senior captains Ryan Tillman, Omar Brown and Tyson Gale all said it is important for the Herd to get off to a fast start against the Cardinals.

"It would definitely help that we could start out fast," Tillman said. "Because we wouldn't have to have a sense of urgency going into or close to halftime or in the second half. I know it would help the defense out it wouldn't put as much them to get us the ball back. It would just help the flow of the game for both sides if we were able to come out and start fast."

"It builds up a lot of confidence and momentum for us as a football team," Brown said. "Whenever our offense gets rolling, our defense gets rolling that much more, along with

our special teams. It would be a great thing for us to come out this game and start fast."

"Hopefully we can start fast and take them (the Cardinals) out of the game, exceed the intensity that Louisville is going to bring," Gale said. "They're going to be fired up and ready to play. Hopefully we can go out there and take care of business, give our offense short fields, get some turnovers and get some points."

Marshall's offense could struggle to put up points against a very efficient Louisville defense.

The Cardinals are ranked 11th in rush defense across the nation, holding opponents to under 75 yards rushing a game, and 21st in total defense in the NCAA, allowing just over 291 yards a game.

The Herd only gained six yards on the ground on 24 carries last week against the Virginia Tech Hokies.

Head Coach Doc Holliday, freshman quarterback, Ra-keem Cato and Tillman all said it is imperative Marshall establish itself on the ground this week if it wants just its second win of the season.

"We just have some issues that we need to clean up," Holliday said. "We have to block

better. It wasn't just our offensive line, our quarterback has to make some better read at times and do some things. We just have to get better and go out and go to work everyday to get better as a football team.

"Because I've said it a thousand times, we can't become one dimensional," Holliday said.

"It's important that I carry out my fakes and me reading the defensive ends and the linebackers who are blitzing," Cato said. "I just have to lock in on the run plays as I do on the pass plays."

"We know it gets loud in there and it might be a little bit more difficult to hear the snap count, but to be able to run the ball it will help the offense out," Tillman said. "It will also help Cato out. Not have him back there throw the ball 30-40 times. We know that going into this week, we have to have some kind of run game."

Marshall's trip to Louisville will be the first time the two schools have met since the 2002 GMAC Bowl, in which the Herd was victorious 38-15.

The Cardinals' last win in the series against the Herd was a 36-0 victory at Louisville in 1981.

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The Ohio Bobcats defeated Marshall 44-7 Saturday night to reclaim the Battle for the Bell trophy. Marshall will play the Cardinals at Louisville at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

COLUMN

LaMichael James deserves more respect in Heisman race



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Oregon running back LaMichael James.

BY DAVID LIEBERMAN
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Choosing a Heisman trophy winner is a complex process nowadays. Similar to the Most Valuable Player award doled out by most

professional sports leagues, the guidelines for choosing a Heisman winner are annoyingly vague. The honor is simply stated to represent the "most outstanding player" in college football.

It may appear straightforward to identify college

football's brightest star. In reality, politics, past performance and team-related variables play a much larger role in deciding a winner than individual achievement. In today's media-saturated, blog-dominated society, this holds true more than ever.

LaMichael James stands as a perfect example of how utterly political the Heisman trophy race has become in 2011. James returned to the then-No. 3 Ducks before this season as the NCAA's reigning rushing leader and was considered a front-runner for the award. Only Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck — he of the bulbous beard and high football IQ — was in a better position to grab the award.

But one nationally televised, highly disappointing game later, James' candidacy was shattered. Yes, the explosive running back did look totally overmatched in Oregon's all-important opener against LSU. He

was held to 54 yards on 18 carries, and was unable to break free for even one of his trademark streaks up the sideline. But James was playing against a team that was ranked No. 4 in the country, and now sits atop the polls after three impressive victories away from home over ranked teams in the season's first four weeks.

James has since returned to form, starring for the Ducks on special teams as well as in the backfield. In three games he's scored eight touchdowns (including a 58-yard punt return) and is now second in the country in rushing with 153.3 yards a game, almost 10 yards better than his nation-leading 2010 average. Did I mention that he's averaging an insane 9.4 yards per carry?

Yet if you were to listen in on any discussions in the media about potential Heisman winners for this season, James is now nowhere to be seen. After being in the top 3 on most boards coming into

the season, James has fallen out of the top 10. Or he may not be on the list at all.

Why? Because LaMichael's early-season misstep on the biggest stage left a disproportionately sour taste in the media's mouth (writers, after all, decide the Heisman winner). But if you look in the history books, it's clear that plenty of past Heisman winners have tripped up on their way to the award.

Tim Tebow lost three regular season games during his Heisman run in 2007, including a setback against a Les Miles-lead LSU. Troy Smith had several sloppy outings during his 2006 Heisman season, two of which ended with Smith amassing more interceptions than touchdowns and managing less than 120 yards passing.

Another culprit for the lack of appreciation: past performance. Like it or not, college stars usually see their prospects for a

Heisman win rise when they are having a breakthrough season (see Newton, Cam). After seeing James blaze spectacularly through the college ranks in his first two seasons in Eugene, writers simply expect the broken tackles and gaudy rushing totals. Fair or not, James set a high bar for impressing voters this season, and will struggle to clear that hurdle unless he ends his junior campaign in spectacular fashion.

Maybe it will just take time. Team success is another key element in the Heisman vote, so Oregon's steady climb up the national polls may be just what James needs to get the notice he deserves (beating Andrew Luck and Stanford wouldn't hurt either). But for now, LaMichael's Heisman candidacy has taken an unfair hit. To change that, James will be looking to do what he does best: weather the blow and keep on running.

Muschamp, Saban cast from the same mold

BY GREG LUCA
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR, U.
FLORIDA VIA UWIRE

Were it not for Nick Saban, Will Muschamp might still be calling plays at Valdosta State.

That's where Florida's coach was working when he first met Saban before the 2000 Peach Bowl.

Muschamp only intended to catch up with Jimbo Fisher — a friend who was the LSU offensive coordinator and now coaches at Florida State

— when he stepped into the Georgia Dome to observe a practice.

Muschamp interviewed with Saban and was promptly hired. "I probably wouldn't be standing here today if it weren't for the opportunity he gave me at LSU," Muschamp said Monday.

A year later, Muschamp became the defensive coordinator, and when Saban left to become the head coach of the Miami Dolphins in 2005, Muschamp followed as assistant head coach for defense.

"Will probably, of all the guys that we have had on our staff through the years, probably worked the hardest, did the best job, had the most passion, was probably as well liked by the players as anyone," Saban said.

"He did a great job for me for a long time."

Muschamp said the familiarity between himself and Saban gives no advantage to either side. Still, offensive coordinator Charlie Weis thought it prudent to ask Muschamp for advice on dealing with Saban

and defensive coordinator Kirby Smart.

Although cut from the same mold, Muschamp's defense won't be an exact replica of what Alabama brings to The Swamp. How Saban and Muschamp devise their schemes is based on personnel, generating clear differences between the two systems.

But quarterback John Brantley said he sees similarities between the two in that each wants to confuse offenses with different looks. Center Jonotthan Harrison said the Florida

and Alabama defensive lines are similar in size and style.

For all the two coaches have in common, Saban can point to one key difference.

"I can't jump up and down on the sidelines anymore like

he does, I can tell you that," Saban said. "It's been so long since I've been a young guy that I can't even remember, but I was a little volatile at the time, too. I hope a little less volatile now."

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EDITORIAL

Students benefit from being active on campus

Most students know that college is a place to gain an education. Unfortunately, in the midst of grades, exams and long study hours, it is easy to miss the other side of education that college can provide. For the attentive student, the university years can provide a chance to discover new and foster old interests.

Students who find time to get involved in groups that share common interests or ideals could not only form lasting relationships and connections with other students but also with the school's faculty. Plus, students who take a break to have some fun once in a while statistically have higher GPAs.

Marshall University offers students opportunities, usually at low or no cost, to get involved in campus organizations that interest them. Marshall

especially encourages first-year students to get involved in Student Government Association by participating in the Freshman Council.

In a report published by College Parent Central, a site that gives assistance and tips to parents of new students, many studies have shown that college students who are active in student organizations and who do not focus solely on their studies, are more likely to be engaged in the community and even be more successful academically.

According to the article, "Other studies suggest that more engaged students stay at their institution and won't feel the need to transfer. Although some students fear that being involved will hurt their academics, it may actually help their studies."

COLUMN

Complaints fill pages of social media sites

BY KALEY COOK

DAILY NEBRASKAN, U. NEBRASKA VIA UWIRE

It's been a busy month for the Internet.

Google+ went public. Fall television started, so people are visiting Hulu again. Target's limited-time Missoni line crashed their website. Political news continues and blogs left and right are debating the ongoing Republican candidate debates.

Oh, and Facebook got another new layout.

You might have heard about it. Or perhaps logged onto your account and noticed the new information barraging you. Because as it turns out new Facebook is way creepier than old Facebook.

However, the only thing worse than Mark Zuckerberg giving users an all-access pass to what everyone else is doing all the time is the complaining that occurs once he does.

The most common statuses seem to be: "I hate new Facebook," "Nooooooooooooo, not again, Facebook!" and "New Facebook makes me want to die." (Does it really?)

Is it because there are so many parents online now, that we just don't know what else to do? Mom is friends with you and you know she won't recognize you if you aren't whining about something.

Maybe it's because there's nothing to post. Twitter is pretty demanding. Your followers want to know what you are doing, saying and thinking all the time (almost as if they were watching the new Facebook side bar). You have to send out your complaint about how your professor had the audacity to assign a 12-page paper three weeks ago when they knew you wouldn't start it until the night before. You're just giving the people what they want.

Hashtags, a relatively new facet of social networking that allows you to link your post to similar posts, or simply add a witty remark, may be another problem. Doubtlessly, they arose to popularity because of complaining. There is nothing funnier than #whitepeopleproblems. Go

ahead, attach that to your complaint. You are hilarious.

The most likely culprit of online complaining is the misguided notion that other people care. Of course, even if you realize they don't, you'll just post a cryptic, emo status that begs someone to ask you about your problems and, thus, allows you to complain.

Clever, but not clever enough. There are so many methods of social networking now, there are multiple ways to complain. You can blog about it, vlog about it, post about it or create an entire Tumblr dedicated to it. There are almost too many options. Something else to complain about, I guess.

The only social networking site without too much cyber-complaining seems to be Google+. Maybe there just hasn't been time yet.

As the newest addition to the social networking family, we'll see if Google can keep its users interested in something other than grousing.

With all these problems and all these outlets, it's easy to get lost in whining online. There's a certain freedom to posting something, rather than saying it face to face. And maybe your homework load is intense and you need to vent about it. That's what Facebook friends are for, right?

But when our news feeds are full of complaints and even our friends' friends' friends' grievances are showing up, we've got a problem. What has once been idealistically called a "way to connect with friends" has become a way to tell everyone what is wrong in your life.

Don't worry though - it's only a matter of time before the makers of PostSecret and Texts From Last Night bring you an updated FML to complain on. It will be equipped with the latest technology. You'll be able to rate your complaints and battle with other users to see who has the worst life.

Until then, keep your complaints about your procrastination, boyfriend and health to yourself. It's really just annoying. After all, we're only Facebook friends.

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COLUMN

Election too crucial to support third party candidates

BY STEVEN MONACELLI

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Last week I touched on Rick Perry's chances compared to the rest of the Republican candidates. If you didn't read the column, I'll summarize: as much as I despise the guy, I believe that he will win the Republican candidacy. This may be unsettling to many of you, understandably so. After all, his persona and record scream George W. Bush redux, but this time with better hair and more polished public speaking skills.

I'm sure I speak for most if not all Northwestern liberals when I say this, but the last thing we want is another George W. Bush. Even if Romney ends up as the candidate, we'll still have much to be concerned about.

Regardless of which candidate wins, the problem is that politics in this country have already been and are still being driven further to the right. If the GOP takes the White House, our government will take two large steps to the right. More than likely, it will also take three steps backward in terms of policy reform.

Say goodbye to health care reform. Say goodbye to financial reform. Say goodbye to tax reform. So the only

alternative appears to be President Obama, right?

That may not be the case. Third party candidates always run. And recently, Ralph Nader, of ruining-Al Gore's-chances-at-president fame, called for liberals to support him in challenging Obama in the Democratic primary.

Let me first say that as a liberal with progressive tendencies, I do like Ralph Nader. He may not be able to win a high school popularity contest, but his record speaks for itself. Although his runs at political office have been horribly unsuccessful, his advocacy and non-profit efforts have produced meaningful change.

The reason for Nader's failures as a Green Party candidate are quite clear. It is common knowledge that third party candidates get no love because it is practically impossible for them to succeed on the presidential level in our current electoral system. Recently I've spoken to several friends that have expressed desire to vote third party in the coming election. My gut reaction is, are you serious? Do you understand that you have no chance at getting a third party candidate elected? Do you understand how important the 2012 presidential election will be? Do you understand that there are a bunch of

crazies up for election and we need every vote we can get to stop them? I do sympathize, though, because I too have been itching to find a time to vote for the Green Party.

But now is not the time to scratch. I would vote for a third party candidate if the stakes weren't so high or if we had a preferential voting system, but that is not the case.

Yet Nader isn't just running third party this time around. This incumbency challenge is a different sort of beast, and probably of even greater concern. It is historical fact that when an incumbent is seriously challenged in the primary, he loses the presidential election. In the modern era, an incumbent has been challenged on five occasions and has lost every time. I may have some bones to pick with Obama, particularly with regard to his handling of the Bush era tax cuts, the debt-ceiling debacle and much of his foreign policy, but I still understand that he is the only nationally viable candidate. If you're a progressive liberal or an independent disappointed with Obama, now is not the time to express your dissatisfaction. We must rebuff any challengers and unite behind our best bet if we don't wish to see the clock of progress turned back four years.



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Scientists link neurological diseases to zinc levels

BY ARDEN KREEGER
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Zinc should be part of any balanced diet, but it also regulates signals in your brain.

Researchers at Duke University Medical Center published the results of a collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology chemists that examined the role of zinc in neuron communication—the process that facilitates the brain's functions. The study found that zinc plays a key role in signal transmission between neurons in the hippocampus—the part of the brain responsible for learning and memory, said senior author James McNamara, Carl R. Deane, professor of neuroscience and director at the Duke Center for Translational Neuroscience. He added that investigating zinc's role in affecting the

interaction between neurons in the brain could further scientists' understanding of neurological diseases such as epilepsy and Alzheimer's.

"What [zinc] did [in the brain] has remained controversial for 60 years," McNamara said. "What we discovered and reported last week was that zinc is controlling the efficiency of communication between neurons."

Chemists at MIT developed a new highly efficient chelate—a chemical that has the ability to bond to ions such as zinc—in order to monitor zinc's path in the brain and its effect on learning and memory, said Steve Lippard, professor of chemistry at MIT and a contributor to the study published in the journal *Neuron* Sept. 21. The new chemical is called ZX1.

"[ZX1] works much faster than the [chemical] that had

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>JAMES MCNAMARA

been used by people in the past," Lippard said. "So we know in molecular detail the chemistry that's going on between our chelating agent ZX1 and zinc once it's released."

McNamara added that individuals with neurological diseases do not process zinc in the same way that healthy individuals do. In Alzheimer's patients, this leads to zinc buildups in the spaces between neurons in the hippocampus. It is not clear,

however, how this specifically affects disease.

"To even begin to think about how [zinc buildup] might occur, you really have to understand what the heck zinc is doing," McNamara said. "That's what we were talking about in this paper."

Lippard said, however, that much work remains before this information can be used in clinical applications.

"The brain is very complicated, and it's going to take

a while before fundamental discoveries can be translated, but it's important to work toward that goal," he said.

Though the findings may not have immediate clinical implications, they are nonetheless significant, said Enhui Pan, co-author and assistant research professor in McNamara's laboratory.

"The connection is a very fundamental finding from a clinical treatment point of view," Pan said. "The finding could make some people think—now they'll really have a direct application for epilepsy treatment."

McNamara noted that altering zinc levels in an individual's diet is unlikely to effectively combat neurological illness.

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brain handles zinc may somehow be defective even if you have normal amounts in your diet."

Carl Cho, director of risk management at Citigroup who has experienced seizures in the past, said he was hesitant to express too much excitement over the study.

"Is this going to lead to another fad?" Cho said. "But if there is some real science behind it... then my view is, why not? Why shouldn't something like that be looked into more?"

McNamara said his lab will continue to collaborate with Lippard and his colleagues at MIT.

"We want to drill down further and understand the various molecular events by which zinc enhances the efficiency of communication between neurons," he said. "We want to understand exactly how zinc does this."

SGA

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Robert's Rule of Order is the structure in which the organization follows at the meetings.

Brown said she will strive to be a great representative for the SGA and said it would be tough to fill the shoes of

Stone.

Fridley said by working as a faculty member within Marshall, Brown knows the ins-and-outs and can advise the SGA of issues students may be having, and advocate on students' behalves.

Brown said she has no agenda, but she will be supporting the SGA when they tackle issues like making faculty evaluations publicized for students. In addition, Brown can help with the organization's

parliamentary procedure.

"I am aware of some of the things the SGA is working on, and I can definitely bring some ideas to the table because I am proactive when it comes to student issues," Brown said.

Brown will begin her role as adviser at Tuesday's SGA meeting and said it is important for students to get involved in the SGA because "it helps students find their place in the world, and students will learn how the

political process works."

The SGA will meet at 4 p.m. Tues. in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center.

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WRIGHT

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Wright is also the co-writer of the film, "The Siege," which starred Denzel Washington, Annette Bening and Bruce Willis.

His book, "The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11," has received several awards in addition to the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction and has been translated into 25 languages.

Throughout his many experiences presenting his work, Wright has found that the conspiracy theorists can be one of the most challenging

parts in educating people about his area of knowledge.

"You might see one tonight, or more than one. It's a little mysterious, you know, often people have a theory about what happened on 9/11, but there are no facts to support it. Still, they adhere to their beliefs almost religiously. In fact, I think it is kind of a religion, because it takes faith to believe in things that for which there is no evidence. That is, to me, the most concerning aspect of what's happened since 9/11 is that people have turned away

from the facts," Wright said.

Wright grew up in Dallas where conspiracies about the Kennedy assassination have been prevalent in his life.

"I've seen how people choose to believe what's convenient for them, it fits into their theory of how the world works, and that is becoming increasingly true of 9/11, and it is a dismaying process," he said.

Wright spent two years as a teacher in Cairo when he was a young man, and his favorable experiences in the

Middle East inspired him to go back to the country after the events of 9/11.

"I really wanted to understand why that culture that I was so fond of had attacked my own. And it was partly that my having been there had affected me very deeply. It called me back to try to figure out what had changed — what had changed in the Arab world and also in their relationship with the U.S. I just felt a calling to go find out," he said.

Wright later discussed his book and experiences at a

presentation at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

A book signing immediately followed the Keith-Albee presentation.

Tyler Smith, freshman theater performance major from Wheeling, W.Va., attended the Q&A session.

"I found it intensely interesting, but I was disturbed that right at the very beginning, it was made into

a very social issue. I really preferred it more toward the end when we were talking more about the relationship between theater and journalism. I am a theater student, so it is really interesting to hear a journalist's prospective on theater," Smith said.

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MORTGAGE

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which has more strings attached on lenders.

"I think they are getting better," Schwartz said, adding that through August there had been 690,000 permanent loan modifications in 2011. About 478,000 of those are proprietary, separate from the government's program.

Another reason for optimism, she said, is that the

number of modifications now outpaces the number of foreclosures.

"It's a good sign," Schwartz said. There's also been an increase in short sales, where the bank forgives some of what's owed if the homeowner is able to sell the property, she said.

This year the Treasury Department began grading mortgage servicers. On Sept.

1, it determined that, based on performance during the first six months of 2011, Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase needed serious improvement. Government payments for mortgage modifications were withheld from these banks. CitiMortgage escaped that fate but was found to be in need of moderate improvement.

George Bosch is decidedly

unimpressed. The legal administrator for the law offices of Edward Lopez and Rick Gaxiola in Los Angeles, which represents Palomo for free, said mortgage servicers remain disorganized and dysfunctional.

"They're still out of touch about the reality of how people are being affected. The banks are insensitive," he said.

NIRVANA

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a similar routine in "Lollipop," where his rhymes are backed by minimal electronic sounds that grow into explosive, pulsating beats. Dynamics and volume would become a huge part of Nevermind's success, especially with "Smells Like Teen Spirit."

The soft melodies and Cobain's guttural, low vocals clashing against Grohl's roaring drums and Noveselic's piercing bass lines formed to create something that was ahead of its time. It managed

to bring together Cobain's growing taste in music with that of his past influences. You still get The Beatles' verse-chorus-verse pop formula, but you also get the dynamic manipulations of Pixies and the hard, anarchic sound of Black Flag. "I was basically trying to rip off the Pixies," said Cobain in the Rolling Stone interview.

Nevermind did what no other album was able to do during the 1990s: bring in both sides of the rock music spectrum. Most of the songs on the album are written in

a way to where each melody can be hummed and easily memorized.

"I remember being in the sixth grade and Nevermind was a really popular album," said UT History of Rock professor Benjamin Krakauer. "Kurt Cobain was a pop icon. A lot of kids wanted to look like him, dress like him and play guitar like him."

The battle that Cobain faced wanting to encompass his pop and punk sides fueled the album into what it is known as today. From the lyrical content

to the musicianship, you can hear, see and feel Cobain's desire to master that middle ground. Nevermind bridged the gap between pop and punk, resulting in a masterpiece that still resonates with people today.

"I think Nevermind made disillusioned young people feel empowered, even heroic in the angst of their teenage experience," Krakauer said. "The music was really fresh and clear, and that is why people have continued to enjoy it."

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EDITORS' PICK | TOP 10 BEST USES OF PUMPKINS

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| 1 Pie | 6 Roasted seeds |
| 2 Carving and lighting | 7 Smashing/Throwing |
| 3 Launching | 8 As a pet name |
| 4 Muffin/Bread | 9 Fudge |
| 5 Starbucks lattes | 10 Ice Cream/Milkshakes |

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Just because society and government and whatever was different 100 years ago, doesn't mean that people didn't have sex, pick their nose or swear.”

—Kate Winslet

Party in the pumpkin patch

Annual West Virginia Pumpkin Festival returns to Milton

BY PERRI SHELDON
THE PARTHENON

The annual West Virginia Pumpkin Festival at Pumpkin Park in Milton, W.Va. attracts thousands of visitors from throughout the region every year.

This year's festival will be the largest one to date.

“We have more juried artists and businesses than ever before,” said Barbara Brooks, secretary of the Pumpkin Festival.

“We even had to add an extra tent for businesses this year.”

The West Virginia Pumpkin Festival was started in 1986 to help farmers with the raising and selling of pumpkins.

The festival has stayed close to its roots but has grown to become one of the largest festivals in the state.

Last year's festival brought in a record attendance of approximately 60,000 visitors for their 25th year.

The Pumpkin Festival offers several attractions for all ages including craft and food vendors, concerts, a beauty pageant, pumpkin auction and helicopter rides.

“We have several concerts over the weekend and most them are local

talent,” Brooks said.

Entertainment ranges from country to gospel, as well as local rising stars.

The festival will also feature a Civil War Reenactment for the first time.

“The Civil War Reenactment is an event that has been generating a lot of interest,” Brooks.

On Thursday, Oct. 7 and Friday, Oct. 8, the festival will host its annual West Virginia Pumpkin Festival School Days.

School Days offers families the opportunity to participate in educational activities such as story-telling, old-time crafts, and pumpkin decorating.

One of the more significant parts of the Pumpkin Festival is the food.

“We have lots of good food,” said Brooks.

The festival will offer any pumpkin treat you can imagine including pumpkin fudge, pumpkin rolls, pumpkin muffins and pumpkin butter.

Gates at the festival will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 to Oct. 10.

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New show opens today at Gallery 842

THE PARTHENON

A new exhibit opens today at Gallery 842.

The exhibit entitled “The Wasteland” features work by artist George Bedell.

The exhibit has a series of landscape photographs representing man's impact on surroundings.

The photographs document the changes society makes through construction, pollution and land management policies. The photographs also document the way natural systems respond and do not rebound.

Bedell is a professor of photography at the College of Southern Maryland. He has a bachelor's degree from Georgia State University and a master's degree in fine arts from Florida State University.

There will be a reception tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the gallery. All are welcomed to attend.

The show will open today and end October 28.

Gallery 842 is located on 842 4th Ave. The gallery is opened Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 7 p.m.

Admission to the Gallery is free and open to the public.

COLUMN

Nirvana's 'Nevermind' turns 20

BY ELI WATSON
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Nirvana's *Nevermind*, the album that catapulted the grunge movement into the mainstream and steamrolled pop music in 1991, turned 20 this weekend. To commemorate the album's legacy, Universal Music Enterprises has issued a deluxe edition that promises to delve deeper into the mythology of *Nevermind*, an album that *Rolling Stone Magazine* has regarded as one of the “greatest albums of all time.”

Why is this though? Why do Dave Grohl's roaring drums, Krist Noveselic's punk-laced riffs and Kurt Cobain's lyrics of alienation, angst and animosity towards the “rock star” aesthetic still linger on well after Generation X has faded away?

Jon Stewart, in his discussion with former Nirvana bandmates Grohl and Noveselic and *Nevermind* producer Butch Vig, sums it up perfectly. “It had everything — sonic menace, melody, urgency, irony. It was like *The Beatles* had swallowed *Black Flag*.” Those who know that *The Beatles* and *Black Flag* are at completely different

sides of the music spectrum would probably denounce this statement as foolish, but if you look back at Nirvana before the days of “Smells Like Teen Spirit,” you can see that Cobain was the medium between the two.”

Cobain had always been into pop. His aunt Mari would give him *Beatles* records, and even in his posthumously-released journals, he called John Lennon his “idol.” So it comes as no surprise that “About a Girl” was the result of listening to *Meet The Beatles!* for three hours. “But I can see you every night, for free,” sang Cobain over jangly pop chords that, as producer Butch Vig states was “the first hint that there was more to Nirvana than grunge.” Although “About a Girl” was the diamond in the rough off of Nirvana's debut album *Bleach*, songs such as “Negative Creep” were the crusty, punk jewels that would reflect Cobain's desire to channel the inner rebel in himself.

Behind chugging riffs and dark tones was Cobain's distorted voice as he yelled “I'm a negative creep,” the anger and frustration behind the lyrics leaving your head spinning. “Negative Creep” was the

demented, rebellious counterpart to the melodic and sweet “About a Girl.” Cobain's journey was barely beginning and it would be this challenge to combine both sides of the spectrum that would ultimately lead to Cobain's success and demise.

Fast forward to 1991 when Nirvana's *Nevermind* is released, featuring the hit single, teen revolution anthem “Smells Like Teen Spirit.” Due to the success of the song and its video, “Smells Like Teen Spirit” became an instant hit on MTV and contributed to Nirvana's breaking out into the mainstream. Say goodbye to Michael Jackson's *Dangerous* and hello to Nirvana's *Nevermind*.

“It was shocking to be famous,” said Noveselic in a recent interview with the Associated Press. “Then, of course, there was Kurt, who was thrust into being the spokesman of a generation.”

Three nobodies triumphed over the King of Pop. How were the underdogs of the grunge movement able to pull the rug from under one of music's biggest artists? The answer is not that simple, but we can look to Cobain's constant battle with pop sensibilities and the punk aesthetic as the means of an answer.



Looking towards influences like Pixies and label mates Sonic Youth as sources of inspiration, Cobain was slowly drifting away from his past influences, intrigued by bands that incorporated dynamic contrast and were more melodic. Along with Pixies and Sonic Youth, R.E.M. became a large contributor to Cobain's growth as a musician.

“I don't know how that band does what they do. God, they're the greatest,” said Cobain in an interview with *Rolling Stone*, months before his death in 1994. R.E.M.'s influence on Cobain can be

heard in *Nevermind*'s “Come as You Are” and “Lithium.” Fluid and enticing, each song was a beautiful display of dynamic manipulation as they would start off quiet and subtle, only to end with resonance and power.

You can see this same formula in mainstream music today. Kings of Leon's “Use Somebody” starts with a soft verse, only to grow into a powerful wave of guitar and drums. Even hip-hop prince Lil' Wayne, who was a Nirvana fan growing up, follows

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Wanda Sykes to perform in Charleston

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One of Entertainment Weekly's 25 Funniest People in America will be performing Sunday at the Clay Center.

Wanda Sykes will perform

her stand-up comedy routine this Sunday when she makes her appearance at the Clay Center.

Sykes' show is a part of the Clay Center Presents fall 2011 performance season. She

is a three-time Emmy winner.

Sykes is known for her popular HBO specials “Wanda Sykes: Sick and Tired” and “I'ma Be Me” She is also known for her hilarious roles in

“Monster-in-Law,” “The New Adventures of Old Christine” and “My Super Ex-Girlfriend.”

Approximately 150 tickets are still available in the second balcony. Ticket prices are

\$25 to \$35.

People can purchase tickets in person at the Clay Center box office, online.

The Clay Center is located at One Clay Square in Charleston, W. Va.