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# THE PARTHENON

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## Dancing with the Tri-State Stars fills Big Sandy

BY MOLLY URIAN  
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Big Sandy Superstore Arena filled quickly Friday evening as the public gathered to support Ebenezer Medical Outreach and celebrate the third annual Dancing with the Tri-State Stars event.

Dancing with the Tri-State Stars is set up so all proceeds go to Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc., and bring awareness to a healthier lifestyle in the region. Ebenezer provides quality health care to the uninsured of the Tri-State region of West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Corporate tables surrounded the dance floor with community members dressed in their formal attire. Eleven couples competed in the event to win the grand prize trophy and \$250 gift certificates for the Huntington Mall. Couples included local doctors, news and radio broadcasters, teachers and political figures, to name a few. Marshall University student Nathan Hall partnered up with WSAZ reporter and anchor, Sarah Sager, to dance.

Marshall alumni and former Dancing with the Tri-State Stars performer, Nicole Riedel and her partner, YMCA personal trainer, Mark Littlejohn, captured the winning title for the night.

"I have participated in this event since the first year, and every year I get to the final round but never come in first," Riedel said. "The competition this year was pretty intense so while it was unexpected, it was more than appreciated. Regardless we were all winners tonight. We all worked hard and came out to support a good cause and for that I want to congratulate every performer for a job well done."

Riedel said she was ecstatic when she found out she won and happy to know all the hard work and long hours of practice had paid off.

Another previous event performer present Friday evening was Republican

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## SGA to sponsor homecoming parade

BY JOHN GIBB  
THE PARTHENON

This week marks homecoming for Marshall University as the Thundering Herd takes on the Owls from Rice University

Saturday at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

The annual homecoming parade is being sponsored by the Marshall University Student Government Association and will be Thursday evening rather than the

morning of the game.

The "Marshall Through the Decades" themed homecoming parade starts at 6 p.m. at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena and will

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**WHAT:** Homecoming parade  
**WHEN:** 6 p.m. Thursday  
**WHERE:** Downtown Huntington, starting at Big Sandy Superstore Arena

## Occupy Huntington rallies



Students, citizens demonstrate in Huntington

BY RACHEL HUNTER  
THE PARTHENON

The yells and cries of local activists' protests were made vocal this weekend in Huntington.

Occupy Huntington, a non-violent movement against corporate greed, began the occupation of the Fifth Avenue location of Chase bank on Friday.

"We are the 99 percent," the protestors chanted together as cars passed by, trying to take a stance against the large corporations in the world that make

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RACHEL HUNTER | THE PARTHENON

Protesters sit along Fifth Avenue next to Chase bank in Huntington Friday.

## First annual powwow at MU on Buskirk Field

BY JOHN LEWIS  
THE PARTHENON

Multicultural affairs conducted its first Annual Native powwow Friday and Saturday on Buskirk Field to introduce and celebrate the culture.

The event has never taken place in Huntington. There were 1,000 fourth graders from the area's elementary schools who participated in the event.

"I think this event is awesome for the kids to be able to experience what we read about in class," said T.C. Clemons, teacher from Highlawn Elementary School. "It makes it more real for them."

"When we are at school, we watch videos of powwows, and the kids listen to

the type of music and see the type of clothing that natives wear — so for the kids being able to actually see it in person is just great," Clemons said.

During the Powwow, natives showed different dances to songs and also did a prayer as part of their tradition. The fourth graders had the opportunity to get in the circle with the natives and perform different dances to the songs that the natives were dancing to.

Shari Clark, vice president for Multicultural Affairs, said fourth graders study Native Americans as part of their curriculum. Clark said she thinks because the kids are already studying the material, it is great to have them be a part of the event.

The Native American powwow has been going on for 30 years to help celebrate the culture and the history behind it but never made its way to Huntington.

Jamie Oxendine, Native American speaker, and Clark worked closely with each other planning powwows for years.

Clark invited Oxendine to have the powwow on campus and to speak at the event.

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Shyanne Edwards, Cherokee descendant from Plain City, Ohio, dances during the powwow Friday.



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# Little Victories hosts first zombie walk

BY DWIGHT JORGE  
THE PARTHENON

Downtown Huntington was filled with zombies this weekend supporting Little Victories Animal Rescue Group.

Little Victories had its first annual zombie walk at Pullman Square on Saturday.

Participants walked from Pullman Square to the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, made a right on Eighth Street, walked down Veteran's Memorial Boulevard toward the post office and then walked back to Pullman Square.

Sue Brown, president of Little Victories, said there were approximately 220 participants.

"For the first year, we are thrilled," Brown said. "And that's not counting all the ones attending the events and did all the other activities."

Jennifer Honaker, volunteer at Little Victories, said the event was a huge success.

"We are looking forward to next year," Honaker



DWIGHT JORGE | THE PARTHENON

Approximately 220 participants registered Saturday for Little Victories Animal Rescue Group's first annual Zombie Walk.

said. "We are going to start committee planning in January, and we are going to do it again next year. We are really hoping to grow it

next year." Ola ElAbed, sophomore graphic design major from Australia, said she participated with her

dog, Mishmosh, in the zombie walk.

"I am going to be part of something bigger than my little life and myself,"

ElAbed said. "Actually, I adopted Mishmosh from Little Victories so it was perfect."

Jonathan Pratt, activities worker at the Huntington

Heritage Center, came to the event to take pictures for residents with whom he works.

"Anytime that I do anything out of the way, I usually get pictures, and I take it back to my residents," Pratt said. "I can share it with the resident's nursing home. They probably watched this as we walked, but this way, I can print it off for them and that way they can laugh at it."

The event included contests such as the brain eating contest, best costume and scariest costume award. At the end of the evening, the king and queen of the zombies were crowned.

The event included Anastasia the Fortuneteller, the Lawrence County Ghost Busters and more.

ElAbed said she is looking forward to future events.

"I would do it every year and beyond," ElAbed said. "Who doesn't love it? If you are a horror fan or a zombie nerd, then you really have to just get into this and be apart of it."

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# African and African American Studies program to travel to Charleston for presentation

THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University African and African American Studies program will be taking a trip to Charleston Tuesday for a

presentation on slavery.

The presentation will be at the Cultural Center. Students and faculty attending will be carpooling to the presentation.

Those attending will

meet at 4:30 p.m. in Morris Hall 138.

The presentation is titled "Slavery in the Ohio and Kanawha River Valleys."

"Anyone who is interested, is welcome to

attend," said David Trowbridge, assistant professor in the history department and director of African and African American studies.

Trowbridge said he asks students that are

interested in attending to RSVP by e-mailing him at [david.trowbridge@marshall.edu](mailto:david.trowbridge@marshall.edu). Students should also include in the e-mail whether they need a ride to the event or could provide

transportation in their own vehicles.

The presentation is free to all Marshall students.

Trowbridge also said there would be speakers coming to campus.

# Cain steps up criticism of Wall Street protests

BY JAMES OLIPHANT  
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU  
(MCT)

WASHINGTON—Republican presidential contender Herman Cain amplified his criticism Sunday of the growing Occupy Wall Street movement, calling the protesters "jealous" Americans who "play the victim card."

Cain's remarks, on CBS's "Face the Nation," came in an escalating war of words between Republicans and Democrats over the merits of the movement, which has spread from New York to other cities across the nation.

GOP politicians in recent days have stepped up their criticism of the protesters, with House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., calling them "mobs" who have pitted "Americans against Americans."

But Cain, surging in popularity among many conservatives, seems to have had among the most virulent responses to the protests.

Cain suggested that the rallies had been organized by labor unions to serve as a "distraction so that many people won't focus on the failed

policies of the Obama administration."

The banking and financial services industries aren't responsible for those policies, Cain said. "To protest Wall Street and the bankers is basically saying you're anti-capitalism," he said.

Presidential candidate Newt Gingrich, who appeared on the program with Cain, offered a more measured response, but blamed the White House for the discord.

"There a lot of people in America who are angry," Gingrich said. "This is the natural product of President Obama's class warfare."

Speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., chairman of the House Budget Committee, also blamed Obama, whom he accused of fear-mongering.

"He's preying on the emotions of fear, envy and anger. And that is not constructive to unifying America," Ryan said. "I think he's broken his promise as a uniter, and now he's dividing people. And to me, that's very unproductive."

Ryan cited protests in his home state of Wisconsin this year over collective-bargaining

legislation when asked about the Wall Street movement. "I don't disparage anyone who protests their government in favor of better government, no matter what perspective they come from," he said.

Asked whether Cain's criticism was representative of the party, Ryan said, "I think Herman's speaking for himself."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., appearing on ABC's "This Week," essentially called Cantor a hypocrite for criticizing the Wall Street protesters while embracing the tea party movement.

"I didn't hear him say anything when the tea party was out demonstrating, actually spitting on members of Congress right here in the Capitol, and he and his colleagues were putting signs in the windows encouraging them," Pelosi said.

Pelosi said she supported the movement's "message."

"I support the message to the establishment, whether it's Wall Street or the political establishment and the rest, that change has to happen," she said. "We cannot continue in a way that does not, that is not relevant to their lives. People are angry."

# Greek crisis puts from middle class thousands on the streets

BY CHRISTINE PIROVOLAKIS  
DPA  
(MCT)

ATHENS, Greece—Along a dusty road of the old gasworks quarter of central Athens, where cafes, bars and restaurants once overflowed with the city's middle class, Lambros points with embarrassment to the beat-up car he called home for several months.

After losing his wife to cancer, Lambros, who would speak only if his surname name was not revealed, believed he had experienced the worst.

Then the economic crisis struck, and the interior designer lost his job in 2010 when the economy-driving construction sector went from boom to bust.

Evicted from his apartment, he was forced to roam the streets before finding refuge at a homeless shelter in the Greek capital.

"It's hard to imagine that I once had a life that was completely different to this, one day I had a job, could pay my rent and the next day I found myself living out of my car," Lambros said.

Lambros' story is characteristic of a tide of homelessness sweeping Greece.

Increasing unemployment from a 3-year recession and biting fiscal reforms needed to stave off default in exchange for multibillion-euro international bailout loans have wreaked havoc on the

lives of many, especially the once large and prosperous middle class.

Countless neighborhoods resemble ghost towns as nearly one in four businesses have gone bankrupt, cash-strapped pensioners can be seen picking up rejects at the weekly street markets that sell fruit and vegetables while entire families are foraging through rubbish bins late at night.

Homelessness is not a new problem here. Even 20 years ago, when Greece was living an era of relative prosperity homeless people dotted the country's large cities and main ports.

But today, the homeless population is not only at historic highs, but the profile of the homeless has substantially changed as the debt crisis has forced many onto the streets through bankruptcy and job loss.

Once likely to consist of a population of alcoholics, drug users and the mentally ill, the homeless now are more likely to be middle-class, the young and moderately poor individuals and families.

Officials at Klimaka, a nongovernmental organization, say the number of homeless in Greece has increased by 25 percent, to 20,000, over the past two years, an overwhelming increase in a country known for its family oriented culture.

Anta Alamanou, coordinator of the Klimaka program

to help the homeless, said that every week nearly 200 people pass through the doors of the shelter where they can bathe, and are offered food, first aid and clean clothes.

At a nearby food kitchen nearly 3,000 people line up a day waiting for a hot meal.

"The number of homeless people has increased due to the economic crisis in the last year, but their profile has changed as well. They are people who lived a normal life but due to the crisis that has hit almost all occupations and age groups, have found themselves in this situation," Alamanou said.

With unemployment near 17 percent, the new homeless come from all walks of life, and include those once involved in seasonal occupations related to tourism, guards, sailors and technicians.

"It is usually middle-aged men in their productive years or who are about to retire at the age of 60 to 70 years old, Alamanou said.

Traditionally, individuals and families in need would have been supported by extended families but the economic situation has become so tight that parents, children, siblings and cousins find it difficult to take in unemployed relatives.

There are no government supported homeless shelters in Greece and no official policy for helping the homeless return to work and to society.

EAST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall		WEST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L		W	L	W	L
UCF	1	0	3	2	Houston	2	0	6	1
Southern Miss	1	1	5	1	SMU	2	0	4	1
Marshall	1	1	2	4	Tulsa	1	0	2	3
East Carolina	1	1	1	4	Rice	1	1	2	4
Memphis	0	2	1	5	Tulane	1	1	2	4
UAB	0	5	0	5	UTEP	0	2	2	3

## Herd earn double OT draw with SMU, still undefeated in C-USA

BY BRANDON ANICICH  
THE PARTHENON

A record broken, a record preserved.  
With the largest recorded

crowd gathered at Sam Hood Field Saturday evening, sophomore Anthony Virgara and the Marshall University men's soccer team pushed their way to a 1-1 tie with Southern

Methodist University — preserving the Herd's undefeated conference record through four matches, in front of an unprecedented 1,173 fans packed into the stands.

Despite Elvis Costello playing at the Keith Albee and an Occupy Huntington protest happening at the same time, Marshall kept the attention of everyone present. This is due in part to the stress induced by SMU's seventh-minute goal, a 36-yard free kick by Arthur Ivo that sailed inches above Herd keeper Daniel Winthrow's outstretched fingers. With an early Mustang lead quieting the stands, Marshall faced up with SMU in a war of attrition that proved unfruitful until the 46th minute.

After staving on an SMU corner kick, senior outside back Jordan Hilgefert immediately found Virgara streaking down the right sideline. A well-timed through ball hit Virgara mid-stride, and the sophomore capitalized on a one-on-one with SMU keeper Jaime Ibarra, picking up his third goal of the season, giving his team a big momentum boost and giving the record number of Herd fans present a reason to get loud.

"It's really motivating to

play in front of such a vocal crowd," said Eddy Prugh, junior forward. "People want to support a team that's doing well. And I think that the way we've been playing, we're working to give them something to cheer for, and they are definitely supporting us for it."

Both teams' respective goal nets remained untouched through the remainder of regulation, and while both overtime periods were aggressive, neither squad could break the stalemate as each team was credited with a draw.

Winthrow had seven saves for the Herd — none as emphatic as his block on forward Juan Castillo, a clutch play that preserved a tie in the desperate final seconds of play. Winthrow made three of his seven saves in extra minutes, while Ibarra had four saves total.

With the tie, Marshall remains undefeated in Conference-USA play (3-0-1), and has earned 10 points at the midway point in the season,

equaling last year's total points through twice as many matches.

Marshall head coach Bob Gray expressed satisfaction with his players grinding out of a deficit against a formidable SMU squad, and he has already set his focus on the future.

"If somebody would have told me a couple weeks ago that after playing against such quality teams as FIU, Memphis, Kentucky and SMU we'd be 3-0-1, I'd have said 'I'll take that,'" Gray said. "I am happy with the way our team battled back from behind tonight so that we could walk away with a point toward our conference total. It's time to focus on Shawnee State and a big conference game against South Carolina on the road."

The Shawnee State game marks the last nonconference game of the regular season. Kickoff is at 7p.m. Wednesday at Sam Hood Field.

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Marshall sophomore Anthony Virgara pushes an SMU defender in Saturday night's contest. Virgara pushed across the game tying goal in the 46th minute of the game.

## Women's soccer silences UCF, slams SMU

By BRANDON ANICICH  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's women's soccer program turned things around midway through Conference-USA play, coming out of a successful weekend schedule that saw the Thundering Herd silence the University of Central Florida on Friday and down Southern Miss on Sunday afternoon in a weekend home stint.

The No. 16 ranked UCF Knights couldn't buy a goal Friday night as keeper Lindsey Kearns and her stellar defensive teammates locked down Marshall's net through regulation and two overtimes.

Kearns picked up six saves on the day, including an odds-against-me, two-on-one in the second half and two wicked stops in the second overtime period.

"We've got to keep playing this way to stick out in the conference," said Kevin Long, Marshall's head coach. "We just shut out one of the best teams in the

country. That's something to claim and build off of moving forward."

Claim and build they did, as Sunday saw the Herd drop Southern Miss 2-0 via senior Angela DeSumma's 28th-minute penalty kick and sophomore midfielder Casey Walsh's 52nd-minute cross that incredibly found a way in off the far post.

DeSumma tallied six shots on goal Sunday, equaling the total posted by Southern Miss as a team. Marshall posted 32 total shots to USM's 12, 15 of which were on target.

The big difference? Of Marshall's 15 shots on goal, 14 were saved. Of USM's 6 shots on goal, all were saved — courtesy of Kearns.

"After tying with UCF Friday night, our girls weren't settled," Long said. "We wanted to come out today attacking and showcasing our ability to score. We stuck with our game plan throughout the entire match and displayed exceptional offense while

maintaining solid defense. It's shown that if our squad can continue to pressure on the offense, then it makes our defense stronger."

That defense was undoubtedly strong throughout the weekend. Friday night against UCF Herd defenders blocked seven of the 23 shot attempts by the Knights. With nine shots off target and six scooped up or deflected by Kerns, there was one ball that found the post — but didn't have enough luck to breach the frame.

With Southern Miss, the secret wasn't with numbers — but rather the lack of numbers USM was posting. A dozen shots total, six of which were on target, was completely overshadowed by Marshall's fifteen accurate attempts.

The Herd will look to turn these victories into a bona-fide win streak, heading to Southern Methodist University and Tulsa this weekend.

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HERDZONE

Freshman running back Travon Van rushes past UCF defenders in Saturday's game. Marshall fell to UCF 16-6 in a contest that featured strong rain and little offense.

## Marshall football falls to UCF

BY ADAM ROGERS  
THE PARTHENON

Driving rains and a dismal offensive performance dropped the Marshall Thundering Herd to 2-4 overall and 1-1 in Conference USA play, following a 16-6 loss to UCF on Saturday night in Orlando, Fla.

Despite standout defensive performance from senior defensive captains Omar Brown (18 total tackles) and Vinny Curry (five tackles for loss), the Thundering Herd could not stifle the Knights offense.

UCF's offense was able to outgain Marshall's offense by 257 yards, with 240 yards coming on the ground.

Marshall only amassed 43 yards rushing and Thundering Herd head coach Doc Holliday said the lack of a rushing attack played into the outcome of the game.

"They were able to run the football, and we weren't," Holliday said. "When you get into conditions like that, if you can't run the ball you have a hard time winning because it was difficult throwing the ball out there."

The Herd also had its struggles throwing the football, gaining just 87 yards behind the arm of true freshman Rakeem Cato.

Sophomore running back Tron Martinez said the weather was a factor in Marshall's passing game, but that it is no excuse for the performance.

"We throw the ball a lot, and I believe if the weather was different we would have made more plays, our receivers would have made more plays, but it's no excuse," Martinez said. "We've all got to step up and catch the ball and make plays in the rain like they did."

Coming into the game, UCF's defense was ranked second in the NCAA in total defense and held the Marshall offense to just 130 total yards.

Holliday said he knew the Knights would play with the physicality they showed Saturday night.

"They had a week to prepare for us," Holliday said. "It seems like every time we line up, the damn people have a week to prepare and we haven't had a week. That being said, they responded, and we didn't."

"I knew, going in, they were one of the top five defenses in the country and by far the top in the conference. I don't know what they're giving up in rushing, but I know it wasn't a hell of a lot. We sure helped in that category today."

Marshall would find itself trailing 16-0 after a holding penalty in the end zone gave UCF a safety.

Senior linebacker Tyson Gale said it's hard to overcome that type of deficit.

"We didn't start out very well those first couple drives," Gale said. "We gave up a few touchdowns ... you

can't spot a team like that a 16-point lead and expect to come back. I think, for the most part, the defense settled in and pretty much controlled the game from then on out and gave ourselves an opportunity to get a win."

The Herd would finally strike the scoreboard with 3:17 remaining in the third quarter after a forced fumble by senior defensive end Vinny Curry was scooped up by redshirt senior Rashad Jackson.

Jackson would carry the football 12 yards back to the end zone to bring the score to 16-6.

Jackson said that although he came away with the touchdown, he would not have been able to cross the goal line with out Curry forcing the fumble.

"You know Vinny is just a great player," Jackson said. "Anytime Vinny is around the ball, anything can happen. So he got up field and made a great play. I saw Vinny strip him, came up, scooped and scored. I knew it was a fumble. I saw it. It came out way early. Vinny stripped him pretty good. I told Coach Holliday. He asked me if it was a touchdown, and I said 'yeah, coach, it's a touchdown.'"

Marshall will hit the gridiron once again Oct. 15 against the Rice Owls during homecoming weekend.

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BRANDON ANICICH | THE PARTHENON

Sophomore midfielder Lizzy Lemons breaks past a defender Friday night against UCF. Lemons and the Herd earned a tie against the No. 16 UCF before picking up a win Sunday afternoon against SMU.

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## COLUMN

## Down with Debit

BY KARTHIK R. KASARANENI  
HARVARD CRIMSON, HARVARD U. VIA UWIRE

I've never really liked debit cards. They bother me. Bank of America's recently-announced five-dollar-per-month usage charge is a good thing. If industry watchers are to be believed, it's a sign of things to come and will ripple from bank to bank like another East Coast earthquake. One can only hope this oncoming wave is the death-knell of debit and hastens a new dawn in the world of personal payment. One might also ask why that's even remotely desirable.

It's not the plastic that bothers me. What's not to like? Unless you're trying to stay off the grid, break the law or save up by making it annoyingly hard to spend your own money, a debit card is leagues ahead of cash in just about every conceivable way. Convenience is through the roof. It's small and lightweight. It won't stretch out your wallet and ruin the leather. You can get one with a picture of just about anything you like — Spiderman, Jell-O, monster trucks. Get mugged walking back to the quad? Perfect. Just call it in and watch that money flow right back (if you can find an ATM nearby), and best of all — no stupid coins.

My dislike of debit stems from one simple fact: Despite years spent searching for answers, I have never once identified any good reason to pay debit over credit. Something about it just doesn't add up — specifically, my precious, precious rewards points. Or, for that matter, my credit rating. And yet many people choose debit over credit every day, in every city, on every street corner and inside every storefront with a card reader.

Isolated in my OCD-like concern and finding no allies for my cause, I've been left to lament this broad absence of utility-maximizing behavior in an age when every last dollar counts. Watching a friend pay debit is like watching him

aim for the recycling bin but hit the trash instead. Every. Single. Time.

Granted, some debit cards do have limited rewards programs. But there are a whole host of reasons — primarily, different interchange fee structures and a lack of potential revenue from interest charges — that force banks to be less generous than they can be with credit cards. There's also something to be said about limiting expenses, at least nominally, to what you've got in the bank. But debit overdraft fees can bite just as hard as credit over-limit ones and at the end of the day, personal responsibility can be practiced just as well with a credit card as with a debit card, checkbook or even straight cash.

Debit cards might still have a place in tomorrow's world of personal finance. In the post-financial-meltdown era, not everyone can qualify for a credit card, and perhaps mom and dad still aren't ready to trust their angst, vindictive teenage son or daughter with a risky piece of plastic. But fear of splurging and not even knowing it is no longer a valid excuse to go debit.

The Internet brings hope — even to those of us with the most serious self-control issues. Banks can send out automated texts and email whenever just about anything happens; keeping tabs on a balance becomes less than mindless. Spend a few minutes setting up incessant notifications and have your checking account autopay the bill in full every month, and you've virtually replicated the debit card lifestyle. But with double the perks. If you're beyond irresponsible and you're also something of a Luddite, though, maybe just stick to cash.

It's too soon to know for sure, but in scrambling to keep debit cards viable ahead of new government regulations, banks might finally catalyze the homogenization of magnetic payment I've always secretly hoped for. And with a bit of luck, I can start thinking about other things when I buy my coffee.

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## EDITORIAL

## Two-year colleges need financial investments

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As the economy struggles to recover from this recession, one facet of higher education is beginning to suffer very badly: Our community colleges.

A new report from the Education Policy Center at U. Alabama shows that students are taking on more and more debt to pay for college and that community colleges are unable to meet the expanded need to re-train workers, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The report, titled "Access and Funding in Public Higher Education," is based on the results of the latest annual survey of the 51 members of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges, conducted from July 5 to Aug. 24, according to the Chronicle.

This report is predicting cuts to state operating budgets at community colleges, regional public universities and public flagship universities. Tuition is going to continue to grow, and financial aid won't be able to keep up because it will continue to dwindle or remain flat, according to this report.

We need to invest in our community colleges, and President Barack Obama has taken a necessary and significant first step in proposing to do so. Obama has proposed investing \$5 billion to improve facilities at community colleges and tribal colleges. Ninety-four percent of the respondents of this survey said that the new money for construction and renovation was a significant need in their state. In a separate article, Jim Hermes, director of government relations at the American Association of Community Colleges, affirmed this need.

"This is certainly an area of great need among our institutions," Hermes said. "We are heartened by the

renewed recognition of this issue."

Investing in community colleges has been one of Obama's education objectives for quite some time. Shortly after his inauguration, he proposed a \$12 billion program to rebuild community colleges, as well as increase the number of two-year students who graduate and go on to four-year institutions. It would have also improved remedial education and forged stronger ties between employers, according to the Chronicle. The plan, called the American Graduation Initiative, was dropped in negotiations over overhauling student-aid programs and health care legislation, according to the Chronicle.

Preserving funding for community colleges is critically important to the economic well-being of this country. Many students look to community colleges as an alternative to four-year institutions for a wide range of reasons. Some students want to train directly in their chosen profession rather than spend the extra time fulfilling the general education requirements of four-year universities.

For other students, a community college might provide a second opportunity to improve their grade-point average before applying to a public university. If students apply right out of high school, the high school GPA will be the one evaluated. Whereas, a community college gives the student a shot at having the community college GPA taken into consideration as well.

The other reason to preserve community colleges is a matter of helping students save money. Some students choose to attend a community college prior to attending a four-year university in order to fulfill their general education requirements at a lesser cost. They can then choose to transfer their credits to a four-year institution that will accept them. Let's preserve community colleges for the sake of education and the health of our economy.



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## COLUMN

## Sarah Palin exits, stage right

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FOX News commentator and former governor Sarah Palin announced today, in a statement, that she would not be running for the Republican nomination in 2012.

Her supporters were not thrilled. After months of tireless organizing, fighting back on Palin's behalf, and hoping against hope that all the signs pointing against a run were false — her supporters experienced a painful blow. The candidate whom they sincerely believed was the GOP's best hope in 2012 let them down.

Palin claimed it was her dedication to her family that prevented her from mounting a run, an argument that is difficult to make, seeing as America already knows all there is to know about them and all the attacks that could have been slung their way, unfortunately, have been. Ever since she entered the national stage in 2008, she and her family's personal lives have been a target. None of that will disappear now that she has decided not to run. Gossip about her will be clumped with information about soap operas, former child stars and miracle medicines, and her life will continue to be a source of interest for those who find her views and lack of a record amusing.

And that is precisely why she should have mounted a run. Running would

have given her a chance to set the record straight, to impress in debates and make serious statements on policy. She could have given America another opportunity to see her as something other than an SNL caricature of questionable intelligence. I am not saying she could have won. But she could have restored her image. That isn't exactly what one would call a "legitimate" reason to run for the highest office in the nation, but Sarah Palin and legitimacy are less than synonyms.

But she chose not to run. Perhaps she prefers the easier path — playing rabble-rouser for the Right, rather than holding serious jobs with serious responsibilities. Even her excuse for stepping down as governor in 2009 seems far weaker now — she is simply reinforcing what her opponents said all along. Is it, as Jon Stewart has mentioned, that she simply does not appreciate that being "president," like being "governor," is more than a title, but an actual job?

In 2008, Palin was handed a microphone and called up on stage. America since turned that microphone off, but Palin hadn't been willing to leave. She kept voicing her concerns on national issues, acting as a sort of pseudo-spokesperson for the Right even when much of the right no longer took her seriously. But now, she has money. She can build herself her own stage, possibly covered with a grizzly bear pelt, with a giant American flag backdrop and a cubic zirconium-encrusted podium

right in the center, a megaphone placed neatly on top.

She can do what she loves — be "unshackled" and say what she wants — without worrying about "consequences." If she isn't worried about her national image, she can continue to cater to a small fan club which will continue to write her checks. Her career as a commentator is alive and well. But her political career — and though I would ordinarily be wary of such statements, I make one now — is over. The also-ran-for-2nd-place from What's-it's-name, Alaska couldn't possibly mount a presidential run in 2016, or later. She could potentially run for lower office at some point, build a resumé and get back in the game, but her reluctance to do any sort of real government work over the last three years indicates that she has no plans to do so. Had she run in 2012, she would have had some sort of national political resume to speak of down the line. Not anymore. She'll keep ghostwriting more and more books, which will sell fewer and fewer copies. Her contingent of die-hard fans, which already took a major hit today, will shrink. The country will remember little more about her than that she was, for McCain, The Great Mistake of 2008.

And now, though she has loitered around the corner of the national stage for some time, the cue has come for her to exit — naturally, to the right.



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Signs line the sidewalk outside Chase bank. Protesters sat along Fifth Avenue next to the bank in Huntington this weekend for their demonstration.

## OCCUPY

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up the richest one percent of the population.

In a press release statement, Occupy Huntington, classified itself as, “a nonviolent, anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-homophobic and anti-classist movement against the corporatization of America.”

Kimberly White, senior psychology major from Chapmanville, W.Va., said, “I’m here because I’m against corporate greed and I want to stand up for human rights and the pursuit of happiness for

everyone. We need to get the country back to the people.”

“It’s like they’re controlling us with money, and I don’t want to be controlled like that anymore by corporations and Wall Street,” White said. “They control every part of our lives and I don’t think it’s fair.”

Benjamin Harlan, senior political science major and activist from Louisa, Ky., said that the current economic situation, in which the majority of the wealth is owned by few, is the biggest problem that we are faced with.

“It’s time that we see true equality. Not just in a social

sense, but in an economic sense as well,” Harlan said.

Over 80 people gathered Friday evening to begin the protest in solidarity with those currently occupying Wall Street in New York City and other cities across the world.

Since the beginning of the occupation Friday, dozens have been staying overnight outside of the bank.

Activists of all ages, professions and walks of life, including Marshall students and professors, have been participating in the movement in Huntington. Those present this weekend hope for more supporters to come out and participate

in the occupation.

Supporters like Harlan and White, urged others to take part in the movement.

“Everyone has a say in democracy,” Harlan said. “If we’re not out here making our voices heard, what are we doing? We’re sitting at home doing nothing. If you want to change the status quo, it’s time that you take action now.”

White said, “We need more people to come down and support, especially young people. I think we could have a pretty loud voice together.”

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# Research disproves effectiveness of single-sex education

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Research shows the ineffectiveness of single-sex education, in which students are segregated by sex, and its contribution to the increase of gender stereotypes, according to a report released Sept. 23 by psychology and U. Texas women’s and gender studies professor Rebecca Bigler and members of the American Council for Co-Educational Schooling.

The report is called “The Pseudoscience of Single-Sex Schooling” because there is no scientific evidence that boys and girls learn differently from each other, and it looks at why single-sex schooling exists, Bigler said. She said there are conflicting hypotheses about the benefits of single-sex schools.

“Gender stereotypes restrict [childrens’] friendships and the skills they learn from other kids, such as verbal skills, reading emotions and using non-physical ways of influence,” Bigler said. “[Without diversity they] miss out on what could be learned from others, and it affects career goals because kids that endorse more gender stereotypes have much different occupational goals.”

One of the major arguments for single-sex schooling is that boys and girls have different brains and different ways of learning and therefore needed to be separated, but research found otherwise, Bigler said.

The researchers, including Lise Eliot, a neuropsychologist who studies brain development, found no differences between girls’ and boys’ brains supporting single-sex schools, Eliot said.

“Our argument is that not only do [single-sex schools] not promote academic achievement over coeducational schools, but they have the downside of causing kids to be more sexist and being institutionally sexist,” Bigler said.

She said that from research of children, whenever a child’s environment is organized and labeled by a social group, he or she develops stereotypes and prejudices.

“College students should care about the direction of education and [consider if] we want to put tax money into creating single-sex schools when there’s no evidence it works,” Bigler said.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, Title IX of the U.S. Education Amendments outlaws discrimination on the basis of sex in schools receiving federal funds.

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member of the House of Delegates, Kelli Sobonya. Sobonya competed in the first Dancing with the Tri-State Stars event in 2009 and came to support the dancers this year.

“As a former dancer in the event, it was great to know

that this tradition is continuing and growing stronger to help benefit the wonderful work done by those at Ebenezer Medical Outreach,” Sobonya said. “Not only is it a great fundraiser, but a way for the community to have fun.”

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Oxendine said because there aren’t many Native American events in the state, having the powwow at Marshall University is a great opportunity for the students and Huntington residents.

“Hopefully this becomes an annual event to show the

students on campus, faculty and staff, as well as the (city) of Huntington, that there are Native Americans here who are very proud of their culture, and they want to keep their tradition going and involve the local community.”

“We’ve been doing a lot of Native American stuff in social studies,” said Cameron Hall, fourth grader from Hite Saunders Elementary

School. “I think a lot of what I learned in class relates to the Powwow event.”

The teachers said the powwow came just in time for the students’ recent studies of Native American culture.

Kenny Miller, teacher from Ona Elementary School, said it’s not like students get a chance to participate in a powwow everyday.

“It’s not something

students would get the opportunity to normally see,” Miller said. “I think it would be good to see this event official each year. My students have yet to get into studying natives in class, but this event gives them a step ahead before we get into the lesson.”

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## PARADE

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continue down Fifth Avenue to conclude at the stadium.

Student Body President, Ray Harrell, Jr., said there are currently about 50 people and organizations registered for the parade and those interested can register on the SGA website by noon Wednesday.

The grand marshal for the 2011 homecoming parade

is Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence in Fort Rucker, Ala.

In addition to Crutchfield, Huntington Mayor Kim Wolfe and University President Stephen Kopp will be in attendance, as well as university sororities and fraternities, organizations and candidates for Mr. and Mrs. Marshall.

The SGA is assisting in sponsoring the organization float competition.

The first place float will receive a \$750 prize, second place will receive a \$500 prize and third place float will get \$250.

There will also be a competition for local area high school bands and the schools will receive the same prize winnings.

Dustin Murphy, senator for the College of Education, is assisting with the organization of homecoming events and said he and SGA Chief of Staff Paul Williams is working on the

layout of the parade.

“We want to sustain interest throughout the parade,” Murphy said.

According to Murphy, in years past, people would leave the parade halfway through it. This year, however, Murphy said he wants the format to be different and to generate enough interest for individuals to stay the entire length.

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## COSTELLO

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performances I’ve ever personally seen.”

Costello continued to get the crowd involved, often times walking down into the ranks and pulling up people at random, making jokes and sharing stories in between hit songs.

The Imposters

themselves were as sharp as ever. Steve Nieve exercised a brilliant command of the keys, while Pete Thomas was as fast as ever pounding the drums, and Davey Faragher was spotted with his bass rhythms and backing vocals.

Costello’s set lasted the better part of three hours, with songs converted into wonderful fully developed

twenty-minute sessions, and a series of finale-esque moments that Huntington fans simply refused to accept as the last song they wanted to hear.

In the end, it was an electric live performance of Costello’s “Pump It Up” that got fans on their feet for the umpteenth and final time of the evening — prompting uproarious

applause and excited chatter all the way to the exits.

While this is the last stop for Costello’s North American tour, Marshall fans need not grow too weary, as the Marshall Artist Series has booked Jungle Jack Hanna this Tuesday evening at the Keith-Albee.

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 1: "Alison"   | 6: "Every Day I Write the Book" |
| 2: "Pump It Up"   | 7: "Watching the Detectives"    |
| 3: "Oliver's Army"                                      | 8: "Beyond Belief"              |
| 4: "Radio Radio"  | 9: "Shipbuilding"               |
| 5: "(What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace Love & Understanding" | 10: "Accidents Will Happen"     |

**"I'M STILL WORKING ON IT."**

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA ON HIS DEVELOPING POSITION ON GAY MARRIAGE

# ELVIS COSTELLO

## LIVE AT THE KEITH-ALBEE

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The Keith-Albee Theater on Fourth Avenue was the final stop for Elvis Costello and The Imposters on their North American "Revolver Tour." Billed as "The Return of the Spectacular Spinning Songbook," Costello's performance Saturday night was just that — a stage setup reminiscent of a turn-of-the-century carnival, complete with a gigantic 30-foot high spinning wheel labeled with dozens of his greatest hits, favorite songs and other tunes from the 57-year old, English-born music legend's illustrious 30-year career.

Costello's wheel, known as the "revolving set list," was one of a handful of ways the artist created interaction with fans and guests. Picking random members of audience to come up and spin the wheel, the spinners were given the chance to sit on a couple of bar stools situated stage right and enjoy drinks while Costello performed, as well as dance in a circus-styled "cage" with bright color spotlights casting their shadows on the entire backdrop — decorated to look like a 1950s style television in

the middle of a signal test.

Among those chosen to come up were Kerry Nessel, of Huntington, W.Va., his 11-year old son Quin and date Carol Kalou, also of Huntington.

"The man is just an incredible artist," Nessel said. "The most brilliant thing to see was seeing my son stand next to him on stage."

Quin's mother, Dana Guglaotta, had lost a battle with breast cancer and passed away nine months ago, which made Costello's act that much more sentimental for Kerry and Quin.

"I thought it was sweet of Mr. Costello to bring my son up on stage there," Nessel said.

"I got to stand so close to him," Quin said. "It was so cool. I have been looking forward to this concert all week, and it was just so cool to meet him and shake his hand. He's amazing."

For Kalou, it was a treat to be on stage next to a living legend.

"I felt honored just being up there," she said. "I mean, to be standing that close to him and see him perform — he's easily one of the best live

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