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Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for today

BY EDEN ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

The Faculty Senate will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday in room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.

A recommendation will be made for the approval of changes to the faculty promotion policy (Marshall University Board of Governors Policy AA-26).

The Promotion and Tenure Review Ad Hoc Committee

was formed in May 2010 to review this policy as well as the faculty tenure policy (MUBOG Policy AA-22). This spring, the Faculty Senate approved revisions to both of the policies, but Marshall University President Stephen Kopp expressed objections to the promotion policy recommendation. Further revisions were made to both policies, and the recommendations were tabled at the Sept. 22 meeting of the

Faculty Senate.

Recommendation for revision of the tenure policy was made at the Oct. 27 meeting of the Faculty Senate. The recommendation was tabled and returned to the Promotion and Tenure Review Ad Hoc Committee for further review.

Changes to the promotion policy will be presented for the first time since the Sept. 22 meeting.

New recommendations

will be made for the approval of several policies. Recommendation for approval of course additions, course changes and course deletions in the College of Health Professions and the College of Liberal Arts will be presented. A recommendation will also be made for the approval of listed requests by the COHP and COLA for addition, deletion or change of certain undergraduate majors and of

program of study. Approval of the University Curriculum Committee Information and Instructions will be recommended. A recommendation will be presented for the approval of guidelines for applicants to the Quinlan Endowment Fund for Faculty Travel.

Several standing committees will make reports, including Legislative Affairs, Library, Physical Facilities and Planning, Research,

Student Conduct and Welfare and the University Functions Committee.

Additional reports will be presented by Kopp, Provost Gayle Ormiston and Karen McNealy, who is speaking on behalf of the West Virginia ACE.

Requests to speak to the Senate will be taken at the conclusion of the reports.

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NANOTECHNOLOGY SEMINAR

Lecture shows future of technology

BY TYLER KES
THE PARTHENON

Nanotechnology is the future of technology, and by extension, it could be the future of society.

That was the topic at Wednesday's seminar on nanotechnology, specifically focusing on the applications of nanotechnology in the biomanufacturing, biomedical and nanomedicine industries.

More than 20 people gathered in the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center to listen to Dr. Arun Kumar, an assistant professor from the University of Delaware speak on the subject.

"Nanotechnology is a very broad field," said Eric Blough, director of the Center for Diagnostic Nanosystems, which is based at Marshall. "A nanometer is one-billionth of a meter. So that's about one-forty-thousandth width of a human hair. So very, very small. As things get smaller, they exhibit different chemical, electrical and optical properties. So what nanotechnology is aimed at doing is taking advantage of those properties to build better devices to improve energy efficiency, manufacturing or medical diagnosis."

Kumar said nanotechnology will be implemented in virtually every aspect of life, such as theoretical nanochip, which would have one terabyte of memory in a two-nanometer cell, or the fuel cells being designed that utilize hydrogen and air, leaving only water as a byproduct.

"Nanotechnology is going to be the next big thing," Blough said. "It has

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HELPING HANDS

Baskets for Branches helps domestic violence victims



BY BRITTINI BROOKS
THE PARTHENON

Students from the College of Fine Arts, along with employees from Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, collected laundry baskets Wednesday.

Art student Nicole Gilliam, along with music education student Lindsay DiFatta and theatre student Nathan Mohebbi, served as student ambassadors. Gilliam, DiFatta and Mohebbi collected baskets Wednesday for the Baskets for Branches charity.

This is DiFatta's and Gilliam's third year helping with the fundraiser and it is Mohebbi's first year.

Mohebbi got involved with Baskets for Branches to represent the newly reinvigorated Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary service fraternity for theatre.

"Baskets for Branches is a great way to kick off what we do at Alpha Psi Omega," Mohebbi said.

Baskets for Branches is a fundraiser for the Branches Domestic Violence Shelter. The goal of the fundraiser

“When victims come to us, they come to us with only the clothes on their backs. Our shelter helps more than 1,400 people a year in five counties.”
— AMANDA WEISS-MCCOMAS

was to collect items for the victims who come to the Branches shelter.

"A campaign like Baskets for Branches is important because so many people look the other way at domestic violence," DiFatta said. "It's so common. You always hear about it on the news and people have been desensitized to this huge problem. We wanted to put the issue back in the front of people's minds and then provide them with a way to help someone affected by it."

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Kelly Adams, freshman graphic design major from Salt Rock, W.Va., helps load a truck with baskets to be delivered to Branches Domestic Violence Shelter.

Geographical Information Systems Day recognized at MU

BY COURTNEY WILLIAMSON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University celebrated Geographical Information Systems Day on Wednesday at the Memorial Student Center.

The software, celebrated by 40 other states and 80 countries on the same day, is a forum for users to study or research applications occurring in society.

"We want to get the word out about what it does and provides," James Leonard, geography professor, said of the software. "It also gives faculty and students a

chance to discuss some research they are doing."

Activities for students ranged from poster displaying and scavenger hunt to a GPS/geocaching contest and research.

"It is a new utility in providing basic material," Leonard said. "It allows us to keep track of water, response, map patterns, social issues and of course the academic side."

"For example, it (GIS)

allows us to keep track of vegetation change and population growth like displayed on some of the posters," Leonard said.

The event was sponsored by the integrated science and geography departments and was open to all students who wished to participate or learn about topics involved with GIS.

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COURTNEY WILLIAMSON | THE PARTHENON

Students participate in activities as part of Geographical Information Systems Day on Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center. The software is a forum for users to research applications occurring in society.



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— TOM BROKAW

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Students travel to D.C. for Amnesty International conference

BY DWIGHT JORGE
THE PARTHENON

Six members of Marshall University's Amnesty International chapter received a unique experience from their regional conference this year.

The conference was hosted in National Harbor, M.D. at Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center, which is located right outside of Washington, D.C.

The theme was "Rise Up: Be the Change!" according to handouts received from the Mid-Atlantic regional conference.

Ashley Clark, junior political science, international affairs and Spanish major and Arynn Cooper, freshman international studies major, attended the conference.

"It was set up as a series of workshops and plenaries, each of which focused on how to better ourselves as activists, launch successful Amnesty International Events in our local chapters and how to effectively get the word out and build excitement for Amnesty for recruitment," Cooper said.

"On Saturday, we had a rally in front of the White House for President Barack



Students participating in Marshall's Amnesty International chapter rally to protest the imprisonment of Indonesian political prisoners at the Mid-Atlantic regional conference in Washington, D.C.

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Obama to ask the Indonesian government when he visits this weekend to free Filep Karma, prisoner of conscience," Clark said.

A prisoner of conscience

is defined by Amnesty International as people who have been jailed because of their political, religious or other conscientiously-held beliefs, ethnic origin, sex,

color, language, national or social origin, economic status, birth, sexual orientation or other status.

"By far, the most touching and inspiring speech was

given by Audryne Karma, the daughter of the Indonesian prisoner of conscious Filep Karma, for whom we passionately protested for in front of the White House,"

Cooper said.

Cooper said when Audryne Karma lost her father she nearly lost her future as well.

"Her mother had to work unbelievably hard to give her an education," Cooper said.

Cooper said this speech reminded her why she was really there: "To speak out against injustice and human rights violations around the world."

"She is a living demonstration of the cause we fight for and inspires us to work ever harder," Cooper said.

The event also featured speakers such as Amy Goodman, Curt Goering, Ellen Dorsey, Eben Kirksey, Mari-Lynn Evan and Josh Fox.

"The speaker who really stood out to me was Amy Goodman," Clark said. "She is a reporter for Democracy Now!, and she has had so much experience reporting on human rights around the world. The conference left me very energized, inspired, and ready to work on promoting Amnesty International at Marshall."

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Three jailed for marijuana possession

The following information was provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

BY DALE JOHNSON
THE PARTHENON

Possession/Attempt to Deliver

Three men were arrested at 11:58 a.m., Nov. 7 after a report was made that people were possibly smoking marijuana in a bathroom on the third floor of Old Main. Three men were identified when police showed up and admitted to smoking marijuana. A 23-year-old non-student was arrested for misdemeanor possession, a 20-year-old student was arrested for felony possession with intent to deliver and a 20-year-old student was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. The two students went to court Nov. 16 and pled guilty to lesser charges. They are facing six months of unsupervised probation with random drug tests.

Two 19-year-old male

students were arrested on Nov. 11 at the north side of the science building after a report was made that someone was smoking marijuana. When police arrived they found two small bags of a green leafy substance and a pipe. Both men were issued citations for a first offense.

Alleged Sexual Assault

A 19-year-old former student reported Nov. 11 that she was allegedly sexually assaulted between April and May 2010 in a south residence hall. The complainant gave an audio statement and written notes to police about the event. Police said they are meeting with a prosecutor in order to proceed with the case.

Verbal Assault

An 18-year-old female student reported Nov. 14 that a male and female verbally threatened her while moving out of twin towers.

Larceny

A man reported at 7:45 p.m.

on Nov. 8, that someone stole credit cards, money, and a book bag with books from his vehicle in the West Stadium lot. Police said there was no visible form of entry into the vehicle. The victim said he was unsure if he had locked his doors or not. The value of the stolen items was estimated at \$570. The items have not been recovered.

A report was made on Nov. 15 that a trombone was stolen between 4:30 and 5 p.m. from a locker in Smith Music Hall. There is no suspect at this time. The value of the item was estimated at \$500. The item has not been recovered.

A woman reported her purse stolen at 4:30 p.m., Nov. 9 from the third floor of the medical education center in Cabell Huntington Hospital. There is no suspect at this time. The purse was not recovered.

Underage Consumption

An 18-year-old male student was arrested at 10:56

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College of business receives more than \$3,000 in donations

BY RACHEL FORD
THE PARTHENON

The Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business received donations from BB&T Wednesday.

BB&T donated more than \$3,000 to the Lewis College of Business for scholarships and the development of a risk management program.

The money donated is going directly to the insurance curriculum in the business school.

The money is a result of the disbanding of the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters Society of West Virginia. The society disbanded because of declining numbers, said Allan McVey, vice president and agency manager of BB&T Insurance Services.

"We decided to take the chapter funds that we had left and give part of the funds to the business school for use toward scholarships for worthy students specializing in insurance and management,"



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The Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business receives a donation from BB&T that totaled more than \$3,000 to go toward the development of a risk management program.

McVey said.

Chong Kim, dean of the Lewis College of Business, said he plans to have a fundraising campaign to raise the remainder of the money needed for the risk management program.

Brochures will be presented

to local industry leaders.

"We baby boomers who are going to retire represent 50 percent of the total work force in our industry here in the state," McVey said. "In five to 10 years, there is going to be

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EAST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall	
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East Carolina	3	3	4	6
Marshall	3	3	4	6
UCF	2	4	4	6
Memphis	2	5	2	8
UAB	1	5	2	8

WEST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
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SMU	4	2	6	4
UTEP	2	4	5	5
Rice	2	4	4	7
Tulane	1	6	3	9

SPORTS

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Women's hoops picks up first loss of the year

BY BRANDON ANICICH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's women's basketball program picked up its first loss of the 2011-12 season Wednesday evening at the Cam Henderson Center, falling to the Miami University Redhawks 49-56 in non-conference action.

The Lady Thundering Herd had averaged more than 90 points per game as a team heading into Wednesday's matchup, but foul trouble and low shooting percentages held Marshall to far less, as the Redhawks found ways to score during multiple tempos. Statistically, Marshall took care of the ball better than Miami, committing 16 turnovers to the Redhawks' 21, but a 20-for-69 performance from the floor, combined with a 2-for-17 effort from beyond the arc and 7-12

from the free throw line doomed Marshall's offensive aspirations. Miami, however, pulled through with wiser shot selection, making 17-of-42 from the floor and picking up 19 points from the charity strike.

Forward Suporia Dickens and guard Shynisha Johnson led the Herd in scoring with eight points a piece. Johnson also led her team with three steals.

As Head Coach Royce Chadwick had informed fans at the beginning of the season, Marshall's bench produced roughly half of the team's total points with 25, confirming optimistic beliefs that the depth of this year's Marshall squad will be an advantage throughout the season.

However, the disadvantage Wednesday night was in desperate play.

"Our vision wasn't very

good tonight," Chadwick said. "I didn't think we played very well offensively. Defensively, we put them (Miami) on the line too many times. And they turned the ball over, but I didn't think we were able to capitalize on those turnovers."

The Lady Thundering Herd recovered from a first half performance that was less than satisfactory, trailing the Red Hawks 30-20 at halftime. Miami outshot Marshall from the floor, shooting 34.8 percent in field goals and 33.3 percent in three-pointers, while the Herd managed

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Senior guard Rashedah Henriques drives to the basket during Wednesday's game against Miami of Ohio. The Herd lost the game 49-56.



Illinois coach Ron Zook leaves news conference in a huff

BY SHANNON RYAN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Amid growing speculation about

coach Ron Zook's job status after a four-game losing streak and off-field incidents over the weekend, athletic director Mike Thomas said

he will not make a decision about the seven-year coach's future until the season concludes.

"I'll assess the situation, the whole body of work, at the end of the season," Thomas told the Tribune on Monday night. "That's when we'll assess where we are as a program."

Asked if he will make his final assessment after the regular-season finale at Minnesota on Nov. 26 or after an Illini bowl game, Thomas said, "At this point, I'm trying to work through the process and haven't determined when that specific timeline will be."

At his weekly news conference Tuesday, Zook warned reporters not to ask about

his job status and abruptly left when confronted about the topic.

"This thing's about our team, it's about the team we're playing, about the things going on with our team," he said. "It's not about me. It's not about my future. If you feel compelled to talk about that, then my part will be over with."

After nearly 20 minutes of questions about Saturday's last home game against Wisconsin, Zook was asked how he has handled distractions regarding rumors about his job with players. He followed through with his threat and left the room without responding.

Zook is frustrated with more than reporters. The

season has hit a low point after players expressed hope for a Big Ten championship earlier this season.

On the heels of a Texas Bowl victory last season — the program's first bowl triumph since 1999 — the Illini started this season with a six-game winning streak to earn a Top 25 ranking. The Illini quickly became bowl eligible in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1992.

But since beating Indiana on Oct. 8, the storyline has shifted.

A 31-14 home loss to Michigan on Saturday made it the fourth straight game in which the Illini failed to score in the first half. Later that night, two redshirt

freshmen were arrested and a senior was shot in the hand in unrelated incidents.

Thomas said Monday he did not have a threshold of victories that Zook, or any coach, needs.

"It's one of those things I think you see it at the end of the day," he said.

Zook's Illini highlight was guiding them to the 2008 Rose Bowl while earning the Big Ten and Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year

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GEORGE BRIDGES/MCT

Illinois head coach Ron Zook hoists the championship trophy after a victory over Baylor in the Texas Bowl on Dec. 29, 2010.



The book on LeBron

BY JASON LLOYD
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL (MCT)

Scott Raab, Cleveland native and Cleveland State graduate, has been a writer-at-large for Esquire since 1997. His book, "The Whore of Akron," chronicling LeBron James' departure from the Cavaliers, has been released. The following is a question-and-answer session with Raab.

Q: How did you get the idea to write this?

A: After the Cavs went to Orlando (in 2008) for that playoff series, (Cavs.com writer) Joe Gabriele sent a letter to (Esquire's) Answer Fella column that had nothing to do with basketball. I got back to Joe as myself, as a Cleveland guy and a Cavs fan. When the season was over and the Cavs lost, I felt despondent. Danny Ferry, Mike Brown and LeBron James were all entering their walk years, and never had a team been under that type of pressure to win. I thought I'd follow them around and write a book. I was hoping to write a book of our native son leading our team to the promised land after wandering a half century in the desert, but that's obviously not what happened.

Q: People are going to say

that it has been more than a year, you should just let it go.

A: I think that's valid, but I don't know that for a certain kind of fan that's as easy to do as it is to say. One of the things that defines a fan for me is not letting go any more than Browns fans have let go of The Drive and are happy for John Elway that he finally won Super Bowl rings, and are pleased with The Move and happy that fine Brooklyn boy (Art Modell) got to win a Super Bowl. This might be a little worse. Modell wasn't from Northeast Ohio and whatever the level of treachery there, to me it doesn't raise to the level of LeBron James.

Q: How did you come up with the book's title?

A: Woody Allen had a short story called "The Whore of Mensa." There's the aspect of whoredom that's unintentionally sexist, but someone like LeBron going 'Oh baby, you're so good, this is the best,' then hitting the door when someone better comes along.

Q: Is it true you delivered a signed copy of the book to LeBron's house?

A: Yes. I signed a copy 'To LeBron with sincere

gratitude for making this book possible.' I went to his home in Bath with a camera crew and didn't even realize there was a guard house. The gates are locked and I wasn't trying to do anything to cause anyone to call the cops. I was leaning a copy of the book inside the gates and suddenly there's an actual cop. The camera guy was right behind me. I told him I just wanted to make sure LeBron gets a copy, that I wrote the book. The video is available on YouTube and my website (scottraab.com). Nothing remarkable unfolded. I wasn't looking to do anything that would bring a call to township police. We'll have another video of me going to LRMR and dropping one off for Maverick. I wasn't doing anything provocative. I was literally dropping off inscribed copies to guys that not only were the subjects, but without their marketing genius, this doesn't exist. If he doesn't do The Decision, I'm not sure there's a book at all. I owe these guys, I really do.

Q: Now that the book is being released, do you feel any differently about LeBron James?

A: I think to some degree, yes. To see last season end that way really called



ROBERT DUJOS/SUN SENTINEL/MCT

LeBron James of the Heat bows his head on June 12 at the end of Game 6 of the NBA Finals. The Dallas Mavericks defeated the Miami Heat 105-95.

up conflicting emotions. While I was thrilled that he lost and particularly that he choked away the last four games of the series, it doesn't take a hater to recognize there is something sad and poignant about a player of that caliber failing like that. It's a stunning, sad thing. Something is missing inside him between his ears. It's the same thing that made him talk about how easy it was going to be at that introductory press conference (in Miami), when he was saying 'Not four, not five' championships. Have

you ever heard an athlete win a championship and say how easy it was? There's something very clueless, very, very sad about the guy that he'd refer to himself as a grown man, then at the same time sound like someone who really has no idea

what it takes to win. I was at Game 6 in Miami. On the way out of town, I was going to the airport listening to the radio and they were already talking about dealing him to the Magic for

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BY SAM N. ADAMS
HARVARD CRIMSON, HARVARD U.
VIA UWIRE

In the past months, we've heard a lot about the one percent and the 99 percent and, from one set of Harvard-Yale trash talk shirts, the 6.2 percent. I'd like to introduce a new number to the conversation: The five percent.

Those students occupying Harvard Yard criticize the university as a bastion of stratification, enabling the 10 percent and the one percent to become the 0.1 percent. It is undeniable that Harvard has traditionally existed to perpetuate the uppermost class of American society, but in the last half-century, it has attempted at least to equalize its admissions process.

And though Harvard does provide excellent financial aid, tuition costs at private schools are rising at an average of 4.5 percent. The number jumps to 7.9 percent for cash-strapped public universities — numbers that far outpace inflation. The accessibility of private colleges for students with less affluent backgrounds has steadily increased since the passage of the G.I. Bill, but the price of an elite education can be asphyxiating. Obviously, not all schools can offer anywhere near the same kind of aid that Harvard can. Student loans can be a noose around the neck of a young graduate, even bankruptcy cannot eradicate the tens of thousands of dollars of debt many students acquire. As students desperately try to find jobs that will allow them to pay off their debts, salary begins to supersede other factors like passion or service.

I propose that Harvard abolish tuition as we know it. In its place, students should agree upon matriculation, in a legally binding contract, that they will devote a small share of their future earnings to the University. Presumably, Harvard admits students partially based on expected successes in the real world. This success, in an uncorrupted system, translates into financial success — in fact, the \$116,000 that the median

Harvard graduate makes midway through his or her career ranks fourth in the world. When you compare that to the \$46,000 median salary for all college graduates and keep in mind causation-correlation bias, the Harvard name is worth \$70,000 per year, or 60 percent of your future salary.

Say Harvard institutes a system in which, starting at that meaty mid-career point in which the graduate is likely fully financially stable, it garnishes a mere five percent of the graduate's annual earnings each year until retirement as payment for the graduate's college experience twenty years prior. Assuming a 40-year-long career and plateaued earnings, this median graduate will pay a reasonable \$5,800 per year — totaling at least \$116,000 or the inflationary equivalent over the course of the latter half of his or her career. According to Harvard's own stated data regarding tuition and financial aid, the average student pays the school \$35,300 per year, or \$141,202 in total. By spreading this burden out over the student's financially independent future instead of his or her broke undergraduate years, the system becomes much more fair and the burden more manageable without resulting in a large net loss of income for the school.

College-aged students are the least likely demographic to be able to afford a college education.

Some people come to Harvard so they can get a high-paying investment banking job and get rich: Some come to prepare for a career in public service or nonprofit work. Why should these groups be expected to pay the same rates? Those who get rich with help from the Harvard name should pay the favor back with a big tuition payment. Those who come here without dollar signs in their eyes, however, should not consider exorbitant tuition to be pushing them into a more lucrative field.

Harvard claims it wants to become less concerned with family background and more focused on ensuring student success in socially responsible fields — let it put its money where its mouth is.

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EDITORIAL

American student loan program needs revision

BY OKLAHOMA DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD
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On Thursday, The Oklahoma Daily published a letter from President Barack Obama outlining recent actions to reduce the burden of student debt.

His plan enables students to consolidate multiple loan payments into one monthly payment at a lower interest rate.

It also calls for a program that would lower monthly payments for those students using the income-contingent payment option from 15 percent of students' salaries to 10 percent to go into effect next year, two years earlier than planned.

We have to say, President Obama, your actions are a good start. But they're not enough.

Reports show student debt will reach \$1 trillion this year, and almost 9 percent of student loans are in default, according to the Department of Education. A problem this serious calls for serious reform, not Band-Aids.

Students often can't get work right out of school or must accept a lower-paying position. If students lose their jobs, can't find work or can't make a living wage, they will get behind on loan payments. They are then faced with serious consequences, such as ballooning repayments, wage garnishes, heavy fines, destroyed credit scores and the inability to borrow for a house or car.

Even if they manage to get ahead financially, the burden of their debt will push them back under. They will inevitably default, costing the government — and, ultimately, taxpayers — money.

The problem is the American student loan system is not sensitive to the difficulties of those first few years out of school. Under the usual model, the payments are on a set monthly schedule regardless of income and spread over just 10 years. Otherwise, for example, students must specially apply for the income-contingent option every year.

But in the British system all loan payments are calculated directly from wages. So payments for the year are capped at 9 percent of any earnings above £15,000, or

\$20,405. Because of changing costs of living, that cap will be increased to £21,000, or \$28,571, for those starting their loan in 2012.

This money is taken directly from students' monthly salaries, like income tax, so there's no chance of default. If students' incomes drop below the cap, no more payments are taken until their income rises. The remaining debt is forgiven after 20 years.

The UK's progressive student loan system has kept student debt low and defaults lower than 2 percent, according to the Student Loans Company.

In 1997, the year before this system was instituted, the Student Loans Company, which handles all student loans, estimated £61 million, or \$83 million, would not be repaid because of defaults. This resulted in the British taxpayers paying for 20 percent of the balance that year. Under the new system, that monetary burden has all but evaporated.

The U.S. student loan program is hemorrhaging money. Adopting the British model may cost the government money in the short-term by lowering payments and forgiving debt after a certain time, but it ultimately will increase revenue by keeping more students paying off their loans.

Because American students pay more for their education, and thus must borrow more, the U.S. can expand the time before debt forgiveness to 30 years.

Yes, students may end up paying more in interest by paying off their loans over a longer period, but this increase is vastly outweighed by the fines and fees involved in defaulting.

An income-based plan would save money for both students and taxpayers, not to mention giving the next generation of Americans a way to navigate our failing job market and economy without choosing between an education and a chance at financial success.

In your letter, President Obama, you said you hoped we would join you in your efforts. Now, we're asking you to join us in an effort to take real action to reform a broken system.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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Forbe's top 10 earning dead celebrities

1. Michael Jackson
2. Elvis Presley
3. Marilyn Monroe
4. Charles Shultz
5. John Lennon
6. Liz Taylor
7. Albert Einstein
8. Theodor Geisel (Dr. Suess)
9. Jimi Hendrix
10. Steig Larsson

"I am prepared to die, but there is no cause for which I am prepared to kill."

—Mahatma Gandhi
Indian social leader

COLUMN

The true treasure in West Virginia

BY BISHOP NASH
THE PARTHENON

This is the poorest, sickest and most drug-addicted state in the country, and I've never called another land home. I couldn't even if I wanted to, as the heart can only rest in one place. This trait is uncommonly found in kids my age, and their surface reasoning is valid. Aside from ripping black rocks out of a hole or beating flaming metal into cold steel, there are no jobs here. There is no room for advancement. There is little hope for a better life.

I've had enough of that. I've had enough of my state being the sandbox for energy

companies to dig up treasure. The true treasures of West Virginia are on top of the mountains, not under them. Anyone who tells you otherwise already lacks the soul it takes to appreciate this land for what it is, not for what resources it can offer.

I've got absolutely nothing against getting the coal out of the ground, and mining in itself is a noble trade. It's the companies and their practices that I would like to see burn in hell with the coal they dig out. To say I'm tired of state politicians from both parties pimping our land off to coal and gas companies is an understatement.

The mantra of the Friends of Coal organization heralds,

'Coal is West Virginia.' That's the most glaring insult to my state, my people and myself that I've ever seen accepted by a great amount of folks. To juxtapose everything we've built, loved and surrounded ourselves within West Virginia with a compressed carbon-based rock is beyond what I would like to believe is acceptable to us.

Coal is not West Virginia. I am. We are. These trees, hills and my children to come. We are West Virginia, and you can't mine that.

That's the problem: You can't make money off of what we hold dearest. When the state motto was changed from "Wild and Wonderful" to "Open for Business," it

would have been comparable in my mind to the America becoming the United States of McDonald's. We were preparing to sell ourselves out. There were people in this state who were content with committing spiritual suicide for a chance to attract industry.

We ended up changing the motto back. Why?

Because anyone who's lived in this state either overtly or innately knows the spirit of West Virginia is more valuable than anything a company can offer.

Montani semper liberi, my friend.

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Food bank seeks students to help families in need

BY PERRI SHELDON
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With the holidays approaching, many in the Huntington area can't afford to provide their families with meals.

The Huntington Area Food Bank is offering ways for Marshall University students to help those in need.

"Last year, we distributed 5 million pounds of food to the hungry, and this year we are on our way to distribute 7.5 million pounds," said Scott Frasure, director of development at the Huntington Area Food Bank.

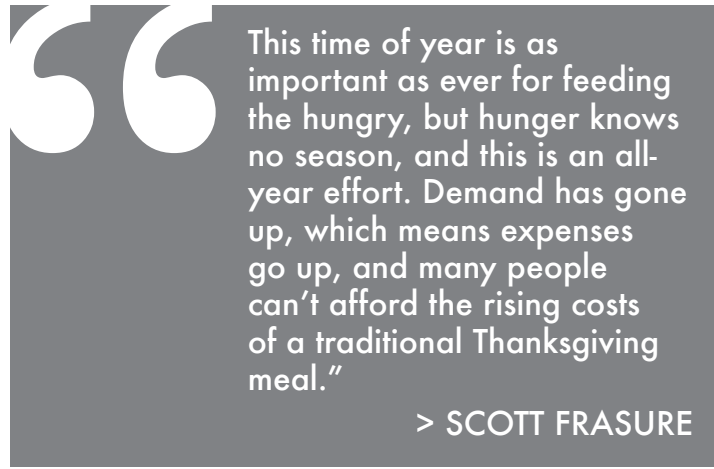
The Huntington Area Food Bank serves 17 counties and

distributes approximately 96,000 pounds of food a month. It promotes awareness of hunger in the community and encourages students to get involved.

The Healthy Herd Club will host "Celebrating Thanksgiving with Marshall" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Newman Center.

This event will feature a healthy Thanksgiving meal, showcasing vegan and gluten-free foods in an effort to promote healthy eating and the importance of hunger in our region.

The cost of the meal is \$2, and all money raised will be donated to the food bank.



> SCOTT FRASURE

"This time of year is as important as ever for feeding the hungry, but hunger knows no season, and this is an all-year effort," Frasure said. "Demand has gone up, which

means expenses go up, and many people can't afford the rising costs of a traditional Thanksgiving meal."

Frasure said a traditional Thanksgiving meal is

expected to cost 16 percent more this year than last year because of the rising costs of food.

Students may donate canned food at barrel collections in front of the Speech and Hearing Center in Smith Hall and at the School of Medicine.

Frasure said he hopes a Food Feud between Marshall and West Virginia University will happen for a future food drive.

"We hope to team up with the Mountaineer Food Bank and have a competition between the two schools around the annual basketball game to see who raises more food," Frasure said.

"We would love to have a national sponsor and encourage students to donate simple items, such as Kraft Easy Mac, that most students have in their dorm rooms," he said.

Results would be measured by pounds of food per student to make the competition even, despite the difference in the total number of students at the two schools.

"It would be a campus wide effort, and the winning school would receive a traveling trophy," Frasure said.

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BASKETS

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The items donated go to the victims of the Branches

Domestic Violence Shelter.

"When victims come to us, they come to us with only the clothes on their backs," said Amanda

Weiss-McComas, case manager for Branches Domestic Shelter. "Our shelter helps more than 1,400 people a year in five counties."

More than 100 baskets were collected.

"It is very heartwarming to see all the donations," Weiss-McComas said.

For anyone who missed the opportunity to donate a basket, donations can be made by calling the Branches Domestic Shelter at 304-529-2382 or

by contacting Jaye Ike, in the College of Fine Arts.

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GIS DAY

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Winners of the GPS contest include Tyler Webster, Austin Marshall and Adam O'Neill, all of whom represented Spring Valley High School, the only high school competing.

The awards for best GIS posters were presented to Lakin Johnson, geography major and Henok Gebrehiwot, graduate student. Johnson received the undergraduate award while Gebrehiwot received the graduate certificate in GIScience.

SVHS students Lakin Boggs, Jared Hicks and Logan

Streeter, along with Thomas Clifford, education major, won the GIS poster scavenger hunt.

The software allows users to study features — such as rivers, states, countries, bodies of water and certain regions — on a computer. These all can be combined for users to build layers to study relationships and develop

orientations between data in the form of maps.

Topics related to the world, such as human activity or natural occurrences, can be analyzed through the program.

Marshall also recognized GIS Day in 2007. Since 1987, the National Geographic Society, along with other

sponsors, has held Geography Awareness Week to spread literacy in communities related to geographical studies through academic institutions. The week primarily focuses on the education of children in communities around the world.

Other national sponsors for the daily educational

event include the U.S. Geological Survey, Hewlett-Packard, Esri, Sun Microsystems, the Association of American Geographers, the Library of Congress and the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science.

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TECHNOLOGY

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potential to affect every aspect of our lives, from energy, to environmental manufacturing, medicine,

the potential to improve the way we live on this Earth. It's going to be the next big thing."

While nanotechnology may appear to be a relatively new concept, Kumar said the basic science

behind it has been used by humans since the ancient Romans and Greeks used sulfide nanocrystals to dye their hair 2,000 years ago.

The first usage of the term nanotechnology, however, didn't appear

until 1974, when it was coined by Japanese scientist Norio Taniguchi at a conference.

The seminar was the second in a series of lectures sponsored by the Robert C. Byrd Institute and

the Center for Diagnostic Nanosystems.

"What we're trying to do is better educate the public about what nanotechnology is, what its potential applications are, and how West Virginia may fit into

this emerging technological area," Blough said.

Blough also said that there would be at least two more seminars, spread out through the school year.

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DONATION

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a lot of opportunities for college and university graduates to come into our industry, and these are all very necessary to assist business and individuals here in our state with very good, well paying jobs."

The college of business has

already received \$110,000 in donations.

"Not only is the contributing self important, but promotion of the program is important," Kim said. "We have a strong support to make this degree possible."

Marshall University will be the first university in West Virginia to offer a major in risk management.

The board of governors has passed the intent to plan for the risk management program. The curriculum planning is currently in effect.

The Lewis College of Business hopes to have a full risk management program offered by fall 2012.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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p.m., Nov. 7 in the lobby of

Twin Towers East for the underage consumption of alcohol and obstruction. Police said the man was intoxicated and became aggressive. The man was transported to Western Regional Jail.

Two 19-year-old male students were issued citations for the underage consumption of alcohol on at 12:20 a.m. Nov. 10 in Haymaker Hall.

A 19-year-old male student was cited for underage possession of alcohol at 11:55 p.m., Nov. 13. Police said there was a report that the smell of marijuana was coming from the suspect's room, but upon

arrival all they found was alcohol.

Three students were issued citations for unlawful drinking at 1:52 a.m., Nov. 11 in Holderby Hall. Of the students, one is a 19-year-old female, a 19-year-old male and an 18-year-old male.

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HOOPS

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a dismal 25.7 percent from the floor and going 1-for-12 from beyond the arc.

After trailing by 10 at half, Marshall clawed back to within six late in the second

half-fueled by a big three-pointer by Lateidra Elliott with just under 4 minutes remaining (making the score 45-51 at the time), and again by Shay Weaver's second and third consecutive offensive rebound and put back. Despite the inkling of a change in momentum, Miami

maintained composure, executing well-timed entry passes into the key en route to sealing the victory.

Marshall now holds a record of 1-1-0 for the regular season, 3-1-0 overall. The Herd will travel to Athens, Ohio on Saturday to face Ohio University.

"I think our girls really want to play again," Chadwick said. "When we're talking afterwards, you know, they're saying 'that's not us,' and so we need to adjust."

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ZOOK

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awards.

Zook, who is the second-longest tenured Big Ten coach, was hired by former Illini athletic director Ron Guenther after being fired following Florida's 7-4 season in 2004. In three seasons, he went 23-14 and

the Gators played in three straight bowl games.

Zook is 34-49 at Illinois, 18-36 in Big Ten games.

Ron Turner, Zook's predecessor at Illinois, was fired after compiling a 32-49 record and competing in two bowls in eight seasons. Lou Tepper, who coached Illinois from 1992-1996, was let go after he went 25-31-2 and played in two bowls.

Thomas, who arrived at Illinois in August after serving in the same role at Cincinnati, said he wants Illinois to set a high standard in all sports.

"For myself or my staff, they expect to win Big Ten championships and be a player on the national scene," Thomas said.

The Illini are 14-point underdogs to the Badgers,

against whom they will try to salvage the remainder of the season.

"Our team is excited about this challenge," Zook said. "As I told them, there's no one in this state or anywhere else that probably gives us an opportunity to win. But that's why they keep score and that's why you play the game."

LEBRON

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Dwight Howard. They're already like, 'Wow, this guy is broken.' I'm sitting at

an elimination game in the NBA Finals and a quarter of the fans there were Mavs fans. This is where LeBron wanted to play, in front of fans that really don't care. He'll never find what he had

here, and his loyalty never really was to Cleveland or the Cavs. No matter how he wants to portray it, I think it was a terrible decision. Toward the end of the season, he spent more time

talking about Cleveland and Cleveland fans than he did talking about Miami. But as happy as I was at the outcome, Cleveland still hasn't won a championship. Cleveland is still batting 0 for 60.

LIBRARY

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popular item in the collection is a letter written by General Robert E. Lee to General G. T. Beauregard in 1863," Dickinson said.

Since the collection arrived

at Marshall, it has grown and expanded to many new items, one of these being CDVs (Cartes de Visites), or card photographs. CDVs were printed by the millions and were the first standard sized photograph. These are what started the popularity of the family photo album.

The listing of the holdings in the Blake Collection are now on Marshall's website (<http://www.marshall.edu/speccoll/blake.asp>). The Rosanna Blake Collection is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Fridays by appointment.

"I would like to invite anyone interested in the Confederacy of the Civil War to stop by the collection — that's what the collection is here for," Dickinson said.

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THE ROSANNA A. BLAKE LIBRARY OF CONFEDERATE HISTORY — a new look into an old story

THE PARTHENON
BY MELODY FITZGERALD

Rosanna A. Blake was born on July 16, 1912 in Proctorville, Ohio, with very weak health. Because of this she had to be home-schooled by her mother for quite some time.

Jack Dickinson, Rosanna Blake collection manager, said it all began with a gift from her mother.

“On her 10th birthday, Rosanna’s mother purchased the book “The Heart of Lee” by Wayne Whipple for 75 cents,” Dickinson said.

After living in Proctorville, Blake and her family later moved to Huntington, where her father became the circuit clerk for Cabell County. Rosanna graduated from Huntington High School in 1930 as president of the debate club, a member of the Latin club and a student with high honors.

Rosanna Blake then went to Marshall College, now Marshall University, where she graduated with honors in 1934.

In 1965 Marshall University presented an honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Rosanna Blake. In 1985, Dr. Blake began a graduate scholarship at Marshall University with a contribution of \$25,000. This scholarship is known as the Rosanna

A. Blake and Fred E. Hulse Scholarship in Southern History.

“After Blake received “The Heart of Lee” by Wayne Whipple, she began collecting cheap editions of biographies about General Lee, magazine articles and any other Lee material she could get her hands on,” Dickinson said.

When it came to Blake’s birthday and every Christmas, she always managed to get some form of Lee article or biography. After she became a lawyer, she was then able to afford more material and her collection slowly grew to the point when articles were becoming hard to find. When this occurred she then began branching out to other aspects of Confederate history.

Blake passed away on Jan. 16, 1987 because of arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease at the age of 75. Blake’s will stated that her entire Confederate collection be offered to Marshall. The will also allowed for a scholarship in Confederate history, in memory of her mother and father.

“During her life, she assembled one of the finest private collections of Confederate history in the United States,” Dickinson said.

In 1965, Botkin and Francis Lord, both southern

historians, stated that the collection was the best single collection of Confederate history materials in existence.

In 1988, Richard B. Harwell, noted Civil War bibliographer, summed up that Rosanna Blake’s collection was valued at \$255,000.

“Today her collection is housed in its own room of the Special Collections in Morrow Library at Marshall University,” Dickinson said. “The collection holds over 4,000 monographs and 3,000 imprints.”

The collection also includes a microfilm library of southern Civil War period newspapers. The manuscript collection contains soldier’s diaries, letters and confederate imprints.

“The diaries are quite possibly one of the most revealing items in the collection,” Dickinson said. “Many of the soldiers were short and concise with what they discussed in their diaries, but some even drew up miniature maps of their campsite.

“During the war, there was a shortage of printing materials because of the Union’s blockade,” Dickinson said. “The newspapers in the south were only able to produce half the amount of paper they needed. Because of this shortage, many

newspapers and other publishers began printing on wallpaper.”

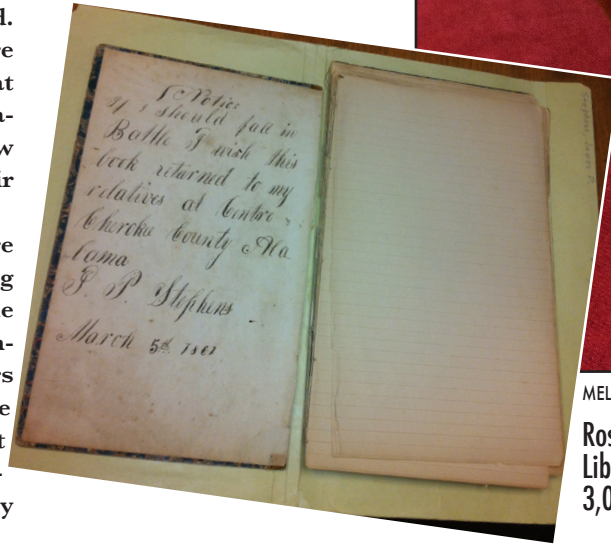
Other major items in the collection include confederate bonds and money. During the Civil War, not only was there national currency, but also confederate currency. There was paper money issued in promise that it could one day be redeemed for metal coins. However, the confederacy decided to base their currency value on cotton.

There is even a collection of music that was printed in the South during the Civil War. Some of the most famous composers of the time, Harry B. Macarthy and John Hill Hewitt, have work housed in the collection.

“The most highly valued, and quite possibly the most



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Rosanna Blake’s collection is housed in Morrow Library. It includes more than 4,000 monographs and 3,000 imprints.



FASHION TREND

Colored jeans and bottoms are fashion trends that are being adopted by women of all ages. They can be teamed up with other vivid clothing items and accessories or more reserved and neutral pieces.

Michael McDonald comes to Huntington

THE PARTHENON

Five-time Grammy Award-winning American singer-songwriter, Michael McDonald comes to Huntington this week.

McDonald will be at Huntington’s historical Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center 7:30 p.m., Thursday as part of the Marshall Artist Series.

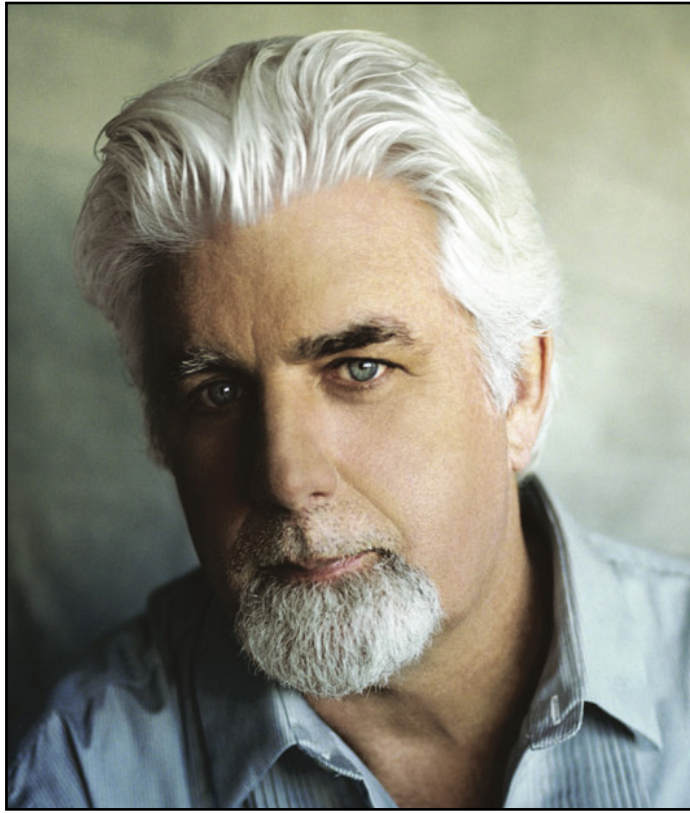
McDonald has been a fixture in American music for more than three decades.

Earlier in his career, McDonald was the lead singer of American jazz-rock band, Steely Dan.

Following his work with Steely Dan, McDonald worked with the American roots-rock band, The Doobie Brothers. The Doobie Brothers were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004.

McDonald’s distinct vocal style has made him one of the world’s most sought-after session singers. He has collaborated on many records with a number of prolific artists such as Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Kenny Loggins, Christopher Cross and Elton John.

McDonald is famous for such songs as “Takin’ It To The Streets,” “What a Fool Believes,” “Yah Mo B There”



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Michael McDonald performs at 7:30 p.m. today at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. McDonald has previously worked with The Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan.

and “It Keeps You Running.” West Virginia native Rick Huckaby will be opening for McDonald.

Huckaby’s sound has been described as “a flawless bridge between the soulful Memphis R&B and country music.”

Tickets for Marshall Artist

Series events are free for full-time students with a valid student ID and half-price for part-time students. Tickets can be purchased in the box office, located on the right side of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The box office is open from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Regis leaves his day job

BY CHUCK BARNEY
CONTRA COSTA TIMES (MCT)

When it comes to listing the best jobs in America, several positions immediately spring to mind: taste-tester at Ben & Jerry’s. Wind machine operator for Beyonce. Professional surfer. Rock star. Hand model. Lord and supreme ruler of Disneyland. But let’s not overlook what might have been the greatest job of them all being Regis Philbin.

Think about it: The 80-year-old Philbin, who on Friday will surrender his post on the popular morning talk show, “Live! With Regis and Kelly,” pretty much has had it made.

For nearly three decades, he was allowed to cozy up on a daily basis to an attractive, and much younger woman (first Kathie Lee Gifford, then Kelly Ripa) without threat of a restraining order. Moreover, he was paid tons of money for rubbing elbows with celebrities, haphazardly chatting about the day’s events, repeatedly referring to himself in the third person and spewing crazy rants about whatever happened to be bugging him at the time. And then he called it a day.

It just doesn’t get much better than that.

Even more astounding: Reege enjoyed these awesome occupational privileges, despite not possessing any glaringly obvious talent and/or sense of cool. Now, tell me, why would you ever leave that gig?

Philbin couldn’t touch souls or inspire people the way Oprah did. He didn’t

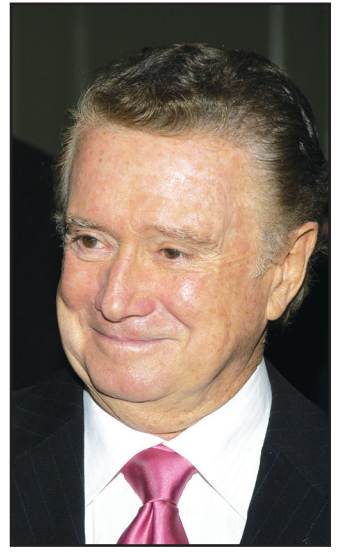
have the razor-sharp wit of a Johnny Carson, or the off-beat sensibility of his good buddy David Letterman. One scornful critic, many years ago, wrote that he had all the personality “of a grapefruit.”

Still, Philbin managed to stick around in a showbiz genre where careers expire faster than a Kardashian marriage. He started working in TV in the early 1960s and has been doing a live morning show since 1983 a production that became nationally syndicated in 1988. He survived Gifford, who left in 2000, and he adjusted nicely to Ripa’s incessant perkiness. Oh, and in his spare time, he helped turn “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire” into a prime-time powerhouse.

Philbin endured because he was able to make the difficult look easy. That was his talent. Unlike so many others who failed to master the art of talk-show host, he was a likable, old-school, down-to-earth guy who kept things real and had the ability to connect with his viewers.

“Maybe I don’t sing or dance or tell jokes very well,” he told a reporter recently. “But I know how to sit here and talk to the audience.”

Indeed. For many of us who grew up with Reege, watching him was like spending time with your cranky but lovable uncle especially in recent years. Generation-gap issues were evident when he playfully squabbled with Ripa. We’d shake our heads in sympathy as he groused about the football woes of his beloved Notre Dame. And we couldn’t help but snicker as he expressed utter bafflement over any form of new technology.



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We also found endless amusement in the way he clearly couldn’t relate to (or sometimes even know) most celebrities under the age of 60. At least those tangents often proved to be more entertaining than the formulaic pap that celebs usually spout.

But now Philbin is giving up his cushy seat on “Live!” to embrace other late-life adventures. He has a book to peddle, and he’s even been approached about doing a reality show (No, Reege, no!). After a week of special guests and tributes, he’ll bid farewell Friday in a send-off that promises to be filled with warm memories and some fun surprises.

So who will take his place? A successor has yet to be named, but producers plan to rely on a series of guest hosts for a while, beginning with Jerry Seinfeld next week.

And you can bet that plenty of other people are lobbying behind the scenes to get a shot to sit in for a few days, or perhaps stick around on a permanent basis. They clearly know, after all, that it’s one of the best jobs in all the land.