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sweet VICTORY



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Junior wide receiver Aaron Dobson pulls in what is now being hailed as simply, "The Catch." Dobson's one-handed, behind-the-back circus catch came in the second quarter of Marshall's 34-27 victory over ECU. Dobson racked up 110 receiving yards on four catches, including two for touchdowns.

Marshall professors attend Super Computer Conference

BY MELODY FITZGERALD
THE PARTHENON

Two Marshall University computer science professors, Paulus Wahjudi and Venkat Gudivada, recently attended the 2011 Supercomputing conference in Seattle, Wash.

Marshall University was one of 14 universities that was selected for the LittleFe Build-out event. Some other universities that were awarded supercomputers were University of Houston, Merrimack College, Coastal Carolina University, Louisiana State University and Florida State University.

"LittleFe's primary focus is turnkey classroom demonstrations of, and exercises in, High Performance Computing (HPC), parallel programming, and Computational/Data Enabled Science and Engineering (CDESE)," said Charlie Peck, associate writer for LittleFe.

Marshall University was awarded version four of the LittleFe portable cluster system.

"The system consists of a six-dual core Intel CPU, a NVIDIA ION 2 graphics chipset that is Compute Unified Device Architecture (CUDA) capable, 2 GB of RAM running a Bootable Cluster CD and redesigned frame that makes it more rigid," said Paulus Wahjudi, assistant professor of computer science.

In return for being awarded the LittleFe, Marshall University is required to develop a curriculum that incorporates the new unit.

There were a lot of major companies present at the conference, such as, NASA and Microsoft.

"Computing power has grown significantly but the problems we are trying to solve, have also grown that it can no longer be contained in a single computer—thus the need for parallel computing. In the future, all programming will require some form of parallelization, which is what Gudivada and myself believe," said Wahjudi. "One of the problems with supercomputers of other parallel computers with large nodes is that they are often housed in

Marshall sports seizes the weekend

BY BRANDON ANICICH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University athletics had a weekend to remember, coming out of Thanksgiving break with four wins in four sports against four different opponents.

The Thundering Herd football program made headlines Saturday, dropping East Carolina 34-27 in overtime, sealing bowl eligibility.

Marshall men's and women's basketball programs picked up victories over Cincinnati and Nebraska-Omaha while volleyball capped off its season with a win over West Virginia University, bringing the "Golden Ball" back into Herd possession.

This weekend marks the first in a recent history when Marshall athletics has faced four different opponents in four different sports through one weekend and come out on top across the board. While much can be debated in regards to each individual team and sport, the weekend proves that Marshall athletics are highly competitive, and that Herd fans will have

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. Cincinnati | 73-69

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. Nebraska-Omaha | 54-48

VOLLEYBALL
vs. WVU | 3-1

plenty to watch in the near and distant future.

Men's basketball started the weekend on a high note, overcoming Cincinnati 73-69 in overtime Friday while 7,021 spectators filled Fifth-Third Arena in Ohio. The win is Marshall's first over a Bowl Championship Series Conference team in a true away matchup since 1989, a feat that might help contribute to Marshall's perfect 5-0 record and No. 26 current national ranking.

"I thought our kids were resilient in our effort," Head Coach Tom Herrion

said. "I thought we had to be against a very good Cincinnati team. We're obviously thrilled with the victory."

The win over Cincinnati draws even more attention to Marshall athletics, and helps put the men's basketball program further into the spotlight.

While Herrion and Co. battled in Ohio, Herd volleyball Head Coach Mitch

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Philosophy professor leads discussion group

BY NIKKI DOTSON
THE PARTHENON

As the semester comes to a close, many are ready for classes to end or to graduate. However, a group of professionals continues learning well past enrollment.

John Vielkind, chair of the philosophy department, leads a group of scholars who wish to learn about

philosophy.

"Most of the members don't have a background in philosophy," Vielkind said. "Some had it when they were in college. We like getting together and having an ongoing discussion."

The group is constructed of professionals in the Huntington area who get together and discuss topics such as the work of Plato

and read aloud Homer's Odyssey.

Members meet in the John Deaver Drinko Library every Tuesday during the semester.

Vielkind is the primary teacher of the topics because of his background in philosophy, but all the members of the group contribute.

"I make a syllabus to organize what we will discuss

each week," Vielkind said. "Everyone contributes to the discussions."

The most members the group can hold is approximately 15, because of the limited space in the library.

Each member who attends a meeting is added to the roster and never taken off, even if the person never attends another meeting.

"I always joke with the

others and say 'you've made it to the list and you are never coming off of it!'" Vielkind said.

Vielkind said the group is like a family who constantly has an ongoing discussion.

Some members of the group meet for dinner before the weekly scheduled time.

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"After years of failure on the part of the federal government to achieve border security, it is an outrage that the Obama administration would seek to block South Carolina."

>NEWT GINGRICH

New fraternities recently re-chartered

BY ZACHARY MORRIS
THE PARTHENON

As the end of the fall semester approaches, students can look forward to the addition of two new fraternities to Marshall University's campus.

The Zeta Pi chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity re-chartered Nov. 5, and the Beta Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon is set to do the same Jan. 14.

Jonathan James, Greek adviser for Marshall, said he was approached by Pi Kappa Phi in March 2010 with the idea of expanding the fraternity to return to Marshall. Tau Kappa Epsilon was more of a grassroots expansion. A student came to him with a list of names and the idea to bring Tau Kappa Epsilon back to campus.

Both Pi Kappa Phi and Tau Kappa Epsilon have been established fraternities on campus in the past, and would have to go through a process known as chartering in order to return. Chartering is a minimum set of guidelines that a group must meet before they will become a full-fledged group on a campus. This set of goals range from

certain documents needing to be obtained from the chapter-to-be, a set number of interested men, collected dues and certain grade point averages, etc.

James said that chartering is not only a finish line but a beginning as well. He said that it marks the expansion of the Greek "pie."

"Students don't know what they don't know," James said. "They just see new letters pop up on campus and pass without much attention. There is this idea that our Greek system is like a pie with each slice being equally divided among existing organizations and that by adding a new organization means having smaller slices. In my experience with Tau Kappa Epsilon and Pi Kappa Phi, it has expanded the pie."

"Men who weren't considering fraternity membership became aware that there was an opportunity to dive in head first and create something new, to challenge the status quo."

The Marshall's Inter Fraternity Council has a set policy of open expansion, where any fraternal organization that wishes to come to campus will be met with encouragement

by the office of Greek affairs. When James was approached by both of these groups, he said he believed campus was ready for these two organizations to join the ranks of fraternities.

James said two members of Tau Kappa Epsilon and one member of Pi Kappa Phi recently joined the Interfraternity Council Executive Board. He said this demonstrates the necessity of these groups on campus and their ability to do exactly what they were brought for – to change the status quo.

Ryan Hatfield, president of Marshall's Pi Kappa Phi chapter, said he was initially attracted to Pi Kappa Phi because of the perception of Greek life at Marshall.

"I had no interest in joining a fraternity when I came to college, but Pi Kappa Phi owns and operates their own philanthropy called Push America, which assists people with disabilities," Hatfield said. "I felt it offered me a unique opportunity that no other fraternity on campus offered – to take a leadership role and change how Greek life is viewed at Marshall."

While chartering is a minimum set of goals, Hatfield

said it means much more.

"Chartering is a capstone to a set of really large accomplishments," Hatfield said. "It symbolizes us becoming an official, full-fledged fraternity. It's the beginning of an opportunity for us to reap some of the rewards we've worked so hard for over the past year as well as set new, lofty goals for the coming years."

Jordyn Rees, member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority at Marshall, said she's looking forward to the addition of the new fraternities.

"Adding two new fraternities on campus will not only promote Greek unity, but it also allows sororities something else to get involved with," Rees said. "Each fraternity offers something different, and the events they share bring everyone that's Greek together."

Andy Hermansdorfer, director of student activities and Greek affairs, said there are currently two fraternities that have been established on Marshall's campus that are looking to come back sometime in the near future. Those are Lambda Chi Alpha and Zeta Beta Tau.

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Marshall gets greener with new environmental specialist

BY CHRISTINA CARRION
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's first environmental specialist, Travis Bailey, said he envisions a green campus and hopes to achieve that by reducing pollution and building a green infrastructure on Marshall's campus.

Bailey said better construction practices and green infrastructure, including bio retention sites, rain gardens and green roofs will be incorporated into Marshall's pre-planned \$100 million projects.

Bailey is in charge of Marshall's contribution of rainwater runoff to Huntington's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

"Our main goal is to reduce the pollutants in that storm water runoff," Bailey said.

Nitrogen and phosphorus are the two main pollutants Bailey will be sampling.

"If they're discharged into rivers and streams in local areas, they help induce algae," Bailey said. "Algae can actually take up all of the oxygen and basically deplete the water quality."

There are currently \$100 million worth of projects in progress in the environmental health and safety department,

and they plan to incorporate some of that money into this research.

Richard McCormick, professor of engineering, said he applauds Marshall's initiative.

McCormick, an environmental engineer, said he has watched pollution increase throughout the years and reverse in the recent decade.

"The idea of green construction is the next step," McCormick said. "We have focused our energies on cleaning up the environment. Now what can we do to make better use of our resources and better use of energy?"

Bailey graduated from Marshall with his bachelor's degree in microbiology in 2001 and his master's degree in 2007.

"I enjoy being outside," Bailey said. "I love the environment. I like taking care of it and living in it."

The department of environmental health and safety, in support of the new green initiative, is sponsoring a contest for students to design a slogan. The winning slogan will be incorporated into posters around campus to promote the new environmental focus.

The contest ends Wednesday.

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After days of chaos, Egypt's post-Mubarak vote is smooth

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(MCT)

CAIRO—Ballots never arrived at some polling stations. Judges were so late that voting was delayed by hours in some populous districts. Political parties openly campaigned in violation of the law. And voters puzzled over long lists of candidates.

None of those imperfections seemed to matter Monday, however, as millions of voters defied predictions of violence and cast ballots in Egypt's first election since the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak last February.

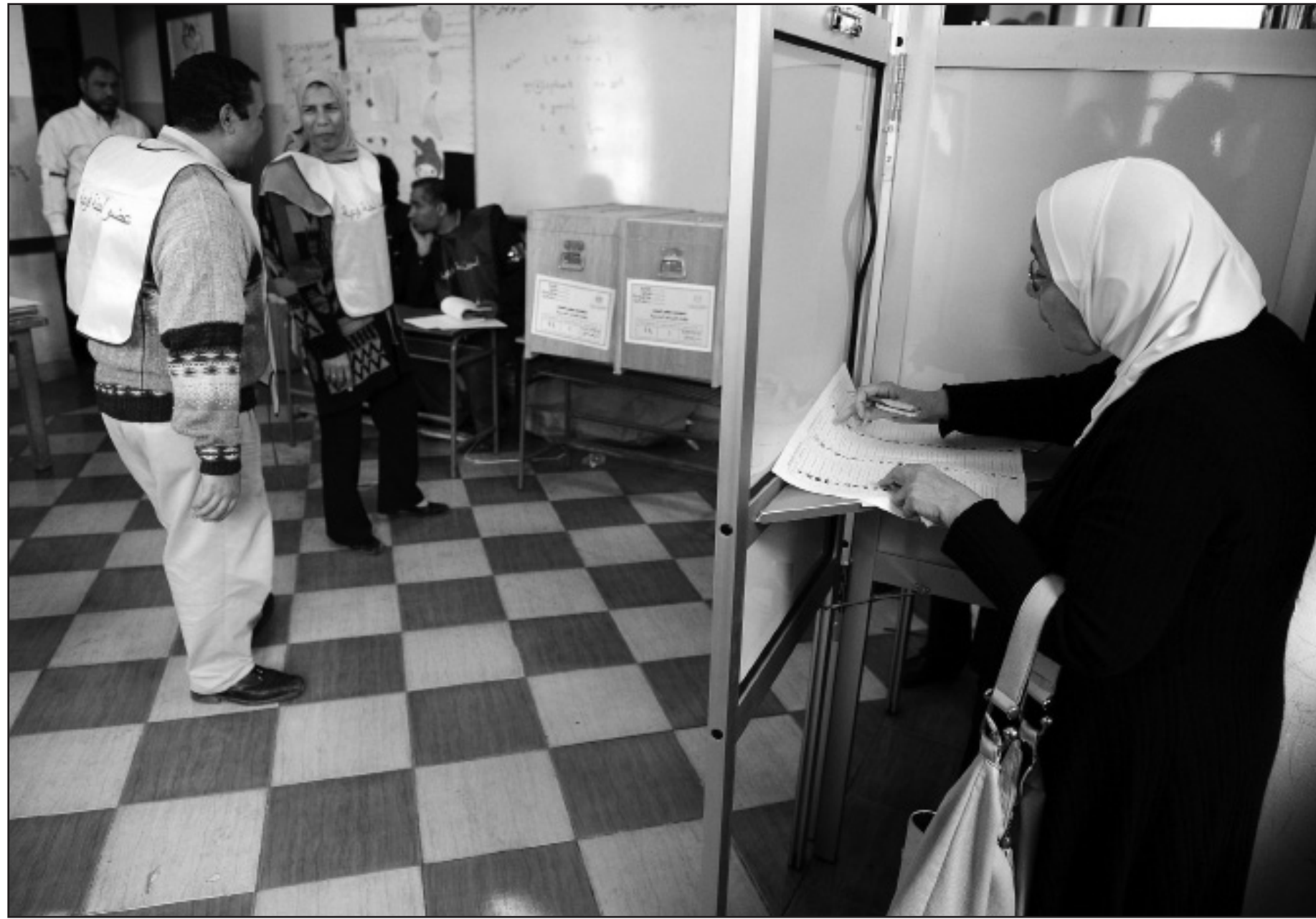
In Cairo, the port city of Alexandria and other large provinces, lines were long, but spirits high, as the first round of staggered elections got under way for a parliament whose main charge will be picking the drafters of a new constitution.

The upbeat mood lifted the country, if only briefly, from the doldrums of political stalemate and street warfare. Egyptians said they didn't mind the hours-long wait outside most polling stations because, for the first time, they felt their votes would be counted. Mubarak's regime was known for rigged elections and voter intimidation.

"For the first time in my life, my voice will mean something," said Mohamed Nassar, 36, who spent hours in line in Cairo's hardscrabble Seyyida Zaineb district. "I'll wait as long as it takes."

The unexpectedly high turnout and virtually violence-free Election Day gave a boost to Egypt's beleaguered military rulers, who had insisted on going ahead with the voting despite a week of turmoil near Cairo's Tahrir Square that left nearly 40 anti-government protesters dead.

The fact that the voting



An Egyptian woman enters a voting booth at the polling station in Cairo, Egypt, Monday. Post-revolution Egypt headed to the polls for a chaotic election clouded by violence and a political crisis, the start of a long process to bring democracy to the Arab world's most populous nation.

BURAK AKBULUT | ABACA PRESS (MCT)

went remarkably smoothly gave purchase to the military's latest mantra: Tahrir Square doesn't speak for a "silent majority" of Egyptians, who are tired of demonstrations and desperate to see progress of any sort.

"With all due respect and love to Tahrir Square and all the protesters there, I think the rules of the game have changed," said Fakhr Ezz Eddin, 44, computer engineer who voted in the mostly poor Shobra district, where the crime rate has skyrocketed since Mubarak's heavy-handed security

apparatus crumbled.

"Pressure through protesting doesn't affect the military council anymore," Ezz Eddin continued. "It's now a political and legal game that Tahrir protesters will not be able to play from there, and not by those tactics."

That was becoming all too clear to the hundreds of protesters who held their ground Monday in Tahrir Square and outside the nearby Cabinet building. They watched the voting with a mix of anger and trepidation. Many said they had either boycotted the vote

or intentionally spoiled their ballots, asserting that any parliament elected under the auspices of the military would be illegitimate.

As the election appeared to go on without major problems, their fury was palpable and the tenor of the square was noticeably more menacing than on any recent day of demonstrations. Some worried that the high turnout would give the council the green light to clear out the square with batons and tear gas.

"We're now fighting the former government, the same thing we did in

January, as if the revolution never happened," said Ahmed Mahmoud, 24, who was among a cluster of young men wrapped in blankets at the Cabinet sit-in. "I'm worried about what will happen after elections. The process will go on and the council will keep turning people against us ... but I don't care, even if they kill me here."

The council heralded the election as a great success and, to make certain no one missed its reclaiming of the revolutionary mantle, state TV referred to the vote as the "election for the parliament

of the revolution."

At a news conference in Cairo, the election commission's chief triumphantly rattled off the complex logistics behind the vote: some 9,000 polling places, 10,000 election judges, more than 50 political parties and so on. Abdel Moez Ibrahim, the appellate judge who heads the commission, said he had recorded only minor violations and a handful of security problems, mostly fistfights.

Ibrahim beamed before the TV cameras and declared: "Today, we begin a renaissance."

EAST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall		WEST DIVISION	CUSA		Overall	
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Southern Miss	5	2	10	2	Houston	8	0	12	0
Marshall	5	3	6	6	Tulsa	7	1	8	4
East Carolina	4	4	5	7	SMU	5	3	7	5
UCF	3	5	5	7	Rice	3	5	4	8
UAB	3	5	3	9	UTEP	2	6	5	7
Memphis	1	7	2	10	Tulane	1	7	2	11

Wild Weekend

Herd collects four victories to sweep weekend contests

FOOTBALL

Who they beat:

ECU

Final Score:

34-27 (OT)

What was at stake:

The overtime victory made the Herd bowl eligible for the first time under Head Coach Doc Holliday. The last time the team went to a bowl game was the 2009 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl where the Herd beat Ohio 21-17.

They said it:

"This win meant everything. It just feels good to go out a winner. I was kind of nervous, but I saw my family and friends cheering me on. Seeing everybody come together like that was great. To have the Herd fans show me a standing ovation was something."

- Vinny Curry, Senior defensive end

What's next:

The team awaits word on possible bowl bids, with rumors swirling around the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, Fla.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Who they beat:

Cincinnati

Final Score:

73-69 (OT)

What was at stake:

Marshall had not defeated a BCS conference opponent on the road since 1989. The 5-0 start for the Herd was the best since the team started 10-0 in 1999. It was also the last overtime game against a non-conference opponent since 1983.

They said it:

"I thought our kids were resilient in our effort, and I thought we had to be against a very good Cincinnati team. We're obviously thrilled with the victory. Anytime you come on the road and beat a high-level team like this, it's a testament to our kids' (toughness)."

- Tom Herrion, head coach

What's next:

The basketball team takes on Ohio University Wednesday back at home in the Cam Henderson Center. The Bobcats ended the Herd's season last year with a 65-64 win in the Collegeinsider.com Tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Who they beat:

Nebraska-Omaha

Final Score:

54-48

What was at stake:

A six-point victory over UNO moved the Herd to 3-2 on the season. The women's team is looking to improve on just nine victories last season. The early-season success gives the team momentum before heading into conference play in early January.

They said it:

"We are very excited to get the win, and we are looking forward to a week of practice before we have to play again."

- Royce Chadwick, head coach

What's next:

The team now heads to Evansville, Ind., for the Evansville Tournament beginning with a matchup against Chicago State on Friday.

VOLLEYBALL

Who they beat:

West Virginia

Final Score:

3-1 (25-19, 25-27, 25-22, 25-23)

What was at stake:

The Herd brought home the Golden Ball Trophy with a win over in-state rival West Virginia. Marshall has owned the series in recent years, taking the trophy home in nine of the last 10 matchups. The win also gave the team two straight victories to end the season.

They said it:

"It's amazing to end the season with a win against West Virginia. It's probably the best way to end my career here at Marshall... Tonight couldn't get much better."

- Cameron Yoho, Senior middle blocker

What's next:

The volleyball season is now over for the Herd, as Head Coach Mitch Jacobs and company look toward the future. The team returns all but two players next season, but will have to replace standout middle blocker Cameron Yoho.

Marshall volleyball finishes season in style

BY BRANDON ANICICH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's volleyball program closed out the 2011 season in highlight fashion, downing West Virginia University in four sets en route to earning the "Golden Ball" match trophy for the ninth time in 10 years under Head Coach Mitch Jacobs.

Five players reached double digits in kills in the win, including senior Cameron Yoho—who led the team with 13. Desirre Wilkers had a dozen while Sacha

Byous-McConnell and Abby Tomas had 11 each. Laura Der was dominant as well, recording 10 kills and four service aces.

"It's amazing to end the season with a win against West Virginia," Yoho said. "It's probably the best way to end my career here at Marshall... Tonight couldn't get much better."

Marshall jumped ahead in the first set, claiming it 25-19 before dropping a close second set to WVU 25-27. The Herd closed out well in the final two sets, winning 25-22

and 25-23 to seal the victory. Crucial to the win was defense and aggressive enthusiasm, as Jacobs acknowledged after the match.

Ryanne Milligan picked up a career-high 29 digs as the Herd combined for 97 total digs in the contest. Dorothy Rahal and senior Andrea Booker pulled together 17 digs a piece, neutralizing WVU's strikes.

"From Ryanne Milligan's 29 digs, to five players recording double-digit kills, to Dorothy (Rahal) and Andrea (Booker) combining for 34 digs, this was by far our highest energy

performance and our best team effort of the season," Jacobs said.

Yoho and Booker were honored before the match as the only two seniors on the 2011 squad. While Marshall ends the season with an overall record of 10-21, 8-12 in Conference USA, Jacobs said he expressed satisfaction that his two seniors were able to close out their Marshall careers in style.

"I am really most proud knowing that when Cameron and Andrea think of their last match in the Cam Henderson Center, they will always have a smile on their face," Jacobs said.

"It was definitely a wonderful way to end my season, you know we had a long road coming and seeing my teammates give it all they've got for me and Cameron was really a wonderful feeling," Booker

said. "I couldn't ask for a much better season. I know we have had our ups and downs, but I would not have asked to play for any other team. I love my teammates. We've had times where we lacked here and there, but at the end of the day we pulled together like a family and finished it out."

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BRANDON ANICICH | THE PARTHENON

ABOVE: Teammates celebrate an early season victory over Tulane.

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RIGHT: The Golden Ball Trophy goes to the winner of the Marshall-West Virginia game each year.

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COLUMN

Recent polls say communism more popular than Congress

BY ZACH DAVIS
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There are very few people who would argue America is a huge fan of communism. After half a century of political tension and some propaganda, it isn't too surprising. Communists were, after all, the source of fear regarding nuclear war.

Whether or not it was truly communism doesn't make a difference — the damage has been done to the American psyche. This is obvious when you hear those on the right of the political aisle decrying some of the left's actions because they're "communist."

Their definition of communism is off. The intent is to merely connect it with something most Americans despise.

Thus, it's surprising to find there's something Americans like even less than communism: Congress.

According to a recent Gallup poll, Congress' approval rating is sitting at only 13 percent, continuing a historic low point in popularity. As a result of such a low popularity, some have taken it upon themselves to compare this to the popularity of other subjects.

One such person is Senator Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), who created a chart to help explain just how low these numbers are. Although Gallup puts Congress' popularity at 13 percent, Bennet uses a recent New York Times/CBS poll which found it to be even lower at 9 percent.

As previously mentioned, one of the subjects was communism — specifically America becoming communist. According to a Rasmussen poll performed this year, 11 percent of people polled were OK with the idea of America going communist.

If that doesn't cause a surprise, some of the other numbers should help. After the oil spill in the Gulf, BP stood at 16 percent. Nixon

held 24 percent during Watergate, and banks were still hovering 23 percent as of this year, all according to Gallup polls.

Clearly, Congress isn't very popular right now.

One last figure that some people like to bring up to help hammer this point home is the popularity of King George during the Revolutionary War. With an estimated 15 to 20 percent of those in the colonies being loyalists, he fares much better than Congress does today.

While these are numbers Congress should heed, they are not things to which we should lend much weight. Polls may be good indicators, but polling in itself simply isn't accurate all the time.

Take, for example, some of the polling which takes place before and after actual voting. Many times there have been surprises and disappointments when a candidate fails to do as well as the polling predicted them to. It shouldn't be surprising.

Our political beliefs are often personal things, and there are some who would go with much safer opinions to fit in with the norm. While there's nothing wrong with this, it's simply one of the reasons why polls must be taken with a grain of salt.

If nothing else, people can always change their mind between the poll and the vote.

At the end of the day, it's hard to believe these polls are accurate. While Congress may be inefficient and correctly unpopular, it's unreasonable to think more Americans agree with a turn toward communism.

In the end, however, Congress certainly needs to pay attention to these numbers. While they may be drastic, Congress should be aiming to at least be popular with a quarter of the country.

Twenty-five percent isn't asking much. If Nixon and the banks can pull it off, surely this Congress should be able to as well.

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EDITORIAL

Recording lectures shouldn't become too restricted for university students

BY THE ORACLE EDITORIAL BOARD
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A proposed policy at U. Missouri would require students to obtain written permission from their professors and classmates to record class lectures or discussions.

As more and more classroom content finds its way to an online format, this policy seems like a step in the wrong direction.

The policy was prompted largely by an incident in April, when two Missouri professors nearly lost their jobs after a video posted on an anti-union blog apparently showed them promoting union violence during a class lecture.

At first, some called for the professors' resignations, but the university eventually sided with them after it was determined that the two seven-minute videos had been deceptively edited from about 30 hours of lecture footage that was posted on the university's Blackboard system as part of a distance-education course, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Gail Hackett, provost of U. Missouri-Kansas City, issued a statement in April critical of the videos, stating that a review of the original footage made it "clear that edited videos posted on the Internet depict statements from the instructors in an inaccurate and distorted manner by taking their statements out of context and reordering the sequence in which those statements were actually made so as to change their meaning. Such

selective editing is disturbing, and the release of students' images without their permission is a violation of their privacy rights."

The proposed policy change is intended to make students and professors comfortable with talking openly in class. Steve Graham, senior associate vice president for academic affairs for the U. Missouri system, said to The Associated Press that the policy "protects the sanctity of the classroom for our students so they can freely discuss their thoughts and opinions."

This seems like an exaggerated concern, however.

Most students probably aren't worried about what they say during discussions finding its way out of the classroom, and the policy would only hinder students' abilities to take notes and learn in class.

The videos represent a deliberate attempt to manipulate words, and the policy would do nothing to limit such extreme cases. Individuals with agendas will still find ways to discredit professors they disagree with ideologically, while legitimate students suffer under such policies. Additionally, the videos were created from lectures intentionally posted online, though only students in the class were meant to see them.

Many USF professors include recording policies in their syllabuses, such as requiring some form of permission before recording or banning the sale of recorded lectures. Individual policies like these are a better solution than a university-wide policy that could damage the learning environment it is trying to protect.

COLUMN

The 'audacity' of disappointment

BY ITTAI ORR
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With the Occupy movement making headlines and a dysfunctional Congress dragging our nation through the mud, Obama must hold to his principles if he wants to reunite with a disillusioned public. Three years ago on the night of the 2008 election, I was covered with champagne, having just filled up Broadway with a pile of other Columbia students to rally all the way into Harlem. The air was electrified. I looked out at the New York City skyline from my Carman room, turned to my roommate, and said, "Here comes the big Obama hangover." But wide-eyed first-years that we were, we expected that he would soon have his moment to shine. The democratic demand for unconditional, universal health care was finally conceivable. Republicans were not having it, but progressives held the House and the Senate. We were blue through and through and this was our time. Public education would

be salvaged, the Bush-era tax cuts for the rich would be allowed to end, Wall Street and the failing corporate megaliths would be forced to pursue their profits with much more restraint. Obama wanted these things — he said as much in his election speeches.

But then the fight for health care took a nasty turn. Extreme right-wing "populists" heeded the ultra-wealthy Koch brothers' call to libertarianism. On the surface, they looked like they might have had a legitimate stance. America has, after all, always had at its core a conflict between the romantic dreams of freedom and the declaration's promise of equal opportunity. But this health care debate was a false dialectic. The fact is, ordinary Americans are doing worse than they believe. They have become convinced that if they rely on their own resources, they too can buy a yacht and a second home and several cars — the same delusion that Goldman Sachs was well aware of when it bet against the subprime loans Americans naively

pounced on. Naysayers claimed that America was too far in debt to be able to afford to support the bill, but its architects had taken measures that would ensure a lower impact on our budget. The public option could have been completely covered with taxes on the ultra-wealthy or with money originally allocated to handouts for that demographic. It's no wonder that top earners had no desire for this to happen — it is, however, a wonder that the Republicans share in that sentiment. They are convinced that the system that allowed speculative capitalists to harvest the profits of America's delusions will ensure their own prosperity, and it is this failure of judgment I hoped to hear called out by this administration. In a united effort, many Americans elected Obama to regain our faith in government. So when he chose Bernanke to chair the Fed and backed down on his previously stated convictions in the name of "compromise," our disappointment was understandable. Three years after champagne in the street,

Columbians are still feeling the hangover—some say that Obama has been cornered and that we must concede on our ideals. I firmly disagree with that perspective.

Obama wrote in "The Audacity of Hope" that he admires Abraham Lincoln for his virtues as a great compromiser and for his "team of rivals" style of governance, but he missed the point that from the very start of his political career, Lincoln abhorred injustice (particularly in the overt and despicable example of slavery). He was a man of principle, and while he did what he could to adhere to the Missouri Compromise that had for so long preserved the union, his outspoken hatred of slavery in part provoked a violent secession and subsequent war that finally put an end to the question. I am not attempting to suggest by this that Obama must start another civil war, but I am finally demanding that he stand up audaciously against the abuse of power evident in a private sector that is very quickly consuming what's left of our federal government.

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"Who is rich? He that
is content. Who is that?
Nobody."

- Benjamin Franklin

Study shows genes may indicate an individual's trustworthiness

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People may be able to judge if someone is trustworthy and empathetic within seconds of seeing them, according to a U. California Berkeley study published Nov. 14 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The research, which shows a link between biology and empathetic behavior, reveals that people with the guanine-guanine genotypic configuration more often display behaviors that indicate empathy — such as head nodding, eye contact and an open body posture — allowing

people to determine if they trust a stranger in a matter of seconds, according to the researchers.

"We know that you can't see a person's physiology — it has to manifest in some sort of behavior," said co-author Christopher Oveis, assistant professor of management at UC San Diego. "You can accurately tell something about a person from very little behavior."

For the study, the researchers video recorded Berkeley couples talking with each other about times of suffering, said Aleksandr Kogan, lead author of the study and postdoctoral fellow at the University of Toronto at

Mississauga. The researchers then deleted the audio and showed strangers 20-second clips of the partner who was listening during the interaction.

When they asked the viewers to rate the listeners on how trustworthy and compassionate they were, the genotype mostly predicted the ratings, Kogan said, although there was some variation. Of the 10 people rated the most trustworthy, six had the guanine-guanine genotypic variation on a receptor related to pro-social behavior, while the other four had a different variation. Of the least trustworthy, one person had the guanine-guanine

genotype, he said.

"I think this is just another way to color a person's personality," said Sarina Saturn, co-author of the study and assistant professor of psychology at Oregon State University. "(Guanine-guanine) people tend to be a little more social — looking at other people's eyes, reading others' behavior. It's not for better or worse."

Saturn compared the study's findings on the oxytocin receptor to scientists' understandings of serotonin's relation to moodiness and dopamine's relations to thrill-seeking.

The researchers said they are cautious not to

over-interpret the study's results, calling it "preliminary" research.

"There's a huge interaction between biology, experiences, psychology and all of these things work together to create the person," Kogan said. "People don't need to worry about their genotypes and whether they have the good or bad version."

Although the study found the genotype to be a powerful predictor of people who display trustworthy and caring behavior, Kogan said there are other factors that make it difficult to predict how certain individuals will be perceived. He added that this genotype variation is one of

"a ton of other factors" that go together to affect a person's behavior.

The researchers said they did not know what actually causes the biology to translate to certain behavior.

"Exactly what's going on is a pretty big mystery," Kogan said. "We think this gene is involved in a broader system."

While she said more research is needed, Saturn said she hopes this information can be used to help people who may struggle socially.

"I really believe this is just to inform us," she said. "We're all born into different shoes, and some of us are really social. We're all a little different."

Parents, band leader to sue FAMU over drum major's death, ensuing controversy

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A 26-year-old drum major for the Florida A&M U. Marching 100 band had performed in the Florida Classic halftime show just hours earlier. The band returned to their hotel in Orlando after the football game. That's where Robert Champion vomited in the parking lot and complained of not being able to breathe. Champion died shortly after the game.

A vigil was held Tuesday, Nov. 22, on FAMU's campus to remember Champion's legacy. His long history with the Marching 100 was remarkable, according to attendees. Tears were shed as the crowd remembered and honored the life of one of their own.

Initial reports from Champion's death in Orlando said no foul play was suspected.

But, according to a document obtained from the Orange County Sheriff's Office, a death investigation "indicates 'hazing' was involved in the events that occurred" prior to the death of Champion.

Earlier in the day of Nov. 22, FAMU President James Ammons suspended all performances of the bands—all bands on campus—once he heard there may have been hazing involved.

He said he and his administration are working hard to ensure all the proper steps are taken to eradicate that kind of behavior at FAMU.

"I think we need to stop and give ourselves the opportunity to find out the facts," Ammons said. "And until we do, I just don't think it's appropriate to have the band performing and representing the university."

Ammons said FAMU is putting together an

"independent, special task force" to examine activities and behavioral patterns of the Marching 100.

"My intent is to get to the bottom of this," said Ammons. "To ensure we have all of the policies and procedures in place to, once and for all, stomp out at Florida A&M this egregious practice of hazing."

The preliminary autopsy report offered no conclusive cause of death. In Florida, any death that occurs as a result of hazing is a third-degree felony.

Ammons said this loss affected the whole Rattler community.

"We are deeply saddened by this loss," said Ammons. "Our hearts and our prayers go out to Mr. Champion's family. This is a major loss for our student body, the Marching 100 and the university."

The Marching 100 has a long history of hazing,

FAMU's Chief of Police Calvin Ross said there are several open investigations of hazing regarding the Marching 100.

"In fact last week, we made contact to advise the band of the consequences of hazing," said Ross. "We do have cases that have been reported to the FAMU police department of alleged hazing that we are looking into."

Orange County now has an open criminal investigation in Champion's death.

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S STATEMENT

Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings said on Tuesday, Nov. 22, that additional tests were required after the preliminary autopsy.

"At 9:46 p.m., the Sheriff's Office received an emergency call for service involving a man down," said Demings. "It was later determined that FAMU Drum

Major Robert Champion had collapsed on a band transport bus. Prior to being transported, Mr. Champion was administered CPR by another band member. He was transported to Dr. Phillips Hospital in Orlando and was later pronounced deceased by hospital staff at 10:36 PM."

VIGIL

Students, like former band member Jason Lawrence, remember Champion as genuine and willing to work.

"He was just a really, really great guy," said Lawrence. "You're not going to find anyone who has anything negative to say about Robert."

Champion's father—also named Robert—said his son had no known medical conditions that could have caused his death.

"I think he was in pretty good condition," said Champion. "He ate and he trained,

and had no medical condition that I know of. I do want to know what happened because that would give me more understanding [...] so I can accept knowing what happened."

Students filed into Lee Hall's auditorium silently and somberly before the memorial service. A choir sang hymns, the SGA chief of staff spoke, Ammons spoke and even Julian White, Ph.D., the director of the band spoke.

"Robert seemed to measure up to all those characteristics [I look for], so I followed him until I had him come to Florida A&M as a student," said White. "I was fortunate. I look for the best. It's like a coach tries to get the best quarterback in the state or whatever, I try to get the best of whatever from the state or the nation. I'm always honored to land a prize such as that."

SPORTS

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Jacobs and his players took down WVU in four sets Friday night during the "Golden Ball" match. Downing the Mountaineers 3-1, the symbolic "Golden Ball" trophy was returned to Marshall, as the Thundering Herd wrapped up the 2011 season.

"This was by far our highest energy performance and

our best team effort of the season," Jacobs said.

In the 10 Golden Ball matches Marshall has played under Jacobs, the Herd has held a record of 9-1. For seniors Cameron Yoho and Andrea Booker, it will be a fitting final home match as Herd athletes—and for Herd volleyball fans—it will build excitement for the 2012 season.

Perhaps the biggest topic for Herd fans following this weekend is the bowl

eligibility of Marshall's football program, earned after a thrilling overtime victory over ECU Saturday.

"Obviously this was a great win for us," Head Coach Doc Holliday said. "I'm really proud of the football team and the way they played... This game was huge for us for obvious reasons. This win gives us an opportunity to go to a bowl."

And if three victories were not enough,

Marshall's women's basketball program capped off the sweep Sunday afternoon, dropping UNO 54-48 in the Cam Henderson Center, improving to 3-2 on the season.

"We are very excited to get the win," Head Coach Royce Chadwick said. "We are looking forward to a week of practice before we have to play again."

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COMPUTER

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centers due to their power and HVAC requirements and managed by the office of technology. Students will

submit their program remotely and never have any direct interaction, which is not very interesting."

Now that Marshall University has been awarded the LittleFe, students will be able to get hands on experience

with the supercomputer.

"The LittleFe will give Marshall students the opportunity to learn about parallel computing in an interactive manner," Wahjudi said.

Wahjudi and Gudivada said they both plan to attend the

conference next year. They said they also plan to take some students with them so they, too, can experience all of the new technology.

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PHILOSOPHY

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"We get together, have a few laughs and get caught up," Vielkind said. "Sometimes the discussions carry over from our last meeting."

This year makes the ninth year the group has been meeting.

The "father" of the group,

Nazem Abraham, dermatologist in Huntington, approached Vielkind and asked him to teach the group.

"Originally, the meetings were Nazem's friends who got together for discussions," Vielkind said. "Then the group just kept expanding by word of mouth."

Vielkind said his favorite topic the group has discussed is Plato.

"I've studied Plato, I've taught Plato and that's what my passion and love is," Vielkind said.

During the summer, the group does not have scheduled meetings, but many of the members still get together for lunch once a week to keep the discussion alive.

"These meetings really mean a lot to me," Vielkind said. "I hope we continue to

meet forever."

David Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, supports the group.

"I think this is an important contribution that Vielkind makes to the community and is a great example of the concept of lifelong learning," Pittenger said.

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HERITAGE

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worked hard to develop this area," Henriella Perry said.

Henriella Perry said the property consists of a wide variety of creatures such as llamas, sheep, goats, cows, chickens and creek-dwelling critters

that she and her son have collected.

"We have a zoo that we enjoy taking the children through," Henriella Perry said. "There are a lot of children these days that don't have pets other than a cat or a dog, so we've incorporated a lot of animals for them to pet and spend time with.

"I think the people locally are in their own little pattern and way of life so advertisement doesn't always work to attract attention, but it's growing as we have festivals and more promoters of the farm," Henriella Perry said.

Heritage Farm is located at 3300 Harvey Road in Huntington and is open 10 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except for major holidays.

Rates and pricing vary accordingly. Those interested can contact 304-522-1244 or visit the main website at www.heritage-farmmuseum.com.

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Heritage Farm Museum and Village offers a look into the past



A museum to remember the past, shape the future

BY JOHN YEINGST
THE PARTHENON

Located in the “back woods” of Huntington exists an exceptional place for those interested in getting acquainted with their Appalachian heritage.

Heritage Farm Museum and Village consists of five museums that offer a look at history for people of all ages. The farm houses a Transportation Museum, Progress Museum, Industry Museum, County Store Museum and the Heritage Museum, showcasing anything from the progression of transportation to sensational changes made in the home during 1850, 1900 and 1925.

Mike Perry, Co-founder of Heritage Farm Museum and Village, said his wife and him started going junking every Saturday and began to collect the implements necessary in building the homes and exhibits on Heritage Farm.

“Quite frankly, we fell in love with what were our ancestors, the men and women who came over the mountains with their own two hands and their very own tools,” Mike Perry said. “These individuals built their own homes, raised all of their own crops, serving as hunter and gatherers and made their own clothing. They were truly the most resourceful people that I had

ever read about or studied.

“We developed a tremendous respect and admiration for these people,” Mike Perry said. “At the time, when we had probably been raised to not have a great respect for our Appalachian heritage because everyone else in the media had made fun of us as a bunch of ignorant hillbillies, I started to realize we have something we should be proud of and need to celebrate. This really encouraged the drive to develop Heritage Farm.”

Perry said Heritage Farm Museum and Village is a wonderful place where people can reconnect to their heritage.

“Wherever you are from, most of your ancestors at one time or another crossed the ocean seeking a better future for themselves and their families while some of them crossed over the mountains and some even went out West.”

Mike Perry said what he has tried to do is create a place where one can reconnect with the past in order to showcase a window to the future.

“Somehow we have created an entitlement mentality in society when really all you are entitled to is an opportunity,” Mike Perry said. “Nobody came to this country expecting something for nothing. People came to this country

because it was a land of opportunity. They were willing to pursue their dreams, work hard, sacrifice and willing to do the things that are necessary to make a dream come true. You can still dream and make fantastic things come true if you are willing to put in work, effort and creativity instead of wishing and hoping something will happen.”

Mike Perry said to himself, Heritage Farm is not a collection of old stuff preserved for the future, but most importantly, it is not a place where somebody has spent a lot of time and money to try to have a business.

“I would have flunked everything I should learned as a lawyer and banker if I would have invested this much money in how to make money,” Mike Perry said. “I’ve been blessed because this is an effort for me, my wife and my family to give back and hopefully preserve the past but also look to the future.”

Henriella Perry, wife of Mike Perry and also Co-founder of Heritage Farm and Village, said the project is her life and life’s ambition.

“We felt like we needed to enrich the children of this area of their own heritage to be proud of the pioneers and settlers that established all of this,” Henriella Perry



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said. “We wanted to transform our collections into exhibits so these children could learn.”

Heritage Farm and Village offers many opportunities for those who would like to learn about their past but also for those interested in celebrating a wedding or having a party. There are five homes that can be rented out all year to anyone who would like to stay on the farm.

“It’s a place where you can see your past heritage come alive, exhibited in a form in which you can learn the progress of our heritage and appreciate those who have

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ABOVE: Mike Perry, co-owner of the Heritage Farm Museum and Village collected items for the museum by junking with his wife.

RIGHT: The museum offers attractions including a petting zoo, vacation rentals, tours and party/wedding venues.



Online fanzine promotes local music

BY RACHEL FORD
THE PARTHENON

CornZine is an online fanzine dedicated to music reviews, photos of live bands, articles and blogs.

Dana White of Huntington is the founder of CornZine and originally started it in 1994 as a paper zine.

“I’ve always been obsessed with music, even when I was a little kid,” White said. “I know about a zine out of a Huntington skate shop called IguanaZine. Once I

thought about it and became more involved with the local music and skateboard scene, I really wanted to do something like that myself.”

Unlike other local publications dedicated to music, CornZine takes pride in its archive of band photographs.

“It’s a photo history for a lot of bands that you may never find photos for on the Internet,” White said.

CornZine focuses mostly on hardcore, punk and metal music, but White said they

are open to anything.

In September 2008, CornZine took a break because White and the others who wrote for it didn’t have time to keep up with it.

“I missed it dearly,” White said. “I love hearing new music, and I also missed taking pictures at shows, talking to bands about things that would seem odd outside of an interview.”

“I rarely listen to music or watch a movie without wanting to write about it so now I can do that again,” White said.

September, CornZine came back in an online format.

“We’re having to establish contact with bands and labels again,” White said. “It’s kind of exciting to start fresh.”

CornZine aims to stay as clean as possible to appeal to all audiences.

“My writing and photographing for CornZine was really a natural progression,” said Derek Fulmer, contributor to CornZine from Huntington. “It was

something I wanted to do for a long time but never really knew how to ask, and when Dana said he was starting it up again, it was almost an impulse to say ‘Hey, I’m doing this,’ and his attitude was more or less, ‘Well, yeah, I expected you to.’”

Fulmer said he discovered CornZine in the early 2000s on the Internet after meeting White at punk shows.

“It makes a statement that even though West Virginia is near last in a lot of national statistics, we still

have a thriving music scene with musicians, artists and promoters all willing to do their part to bring national and touring acts to the state and show that we know how to have a good time and how to cultivate a scene and sustain it,” Fulmer said.

CornZine is currently looking for contributors and regular writers. They are also looking for web programmers and interns.

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