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MuOnline to be updated for spring semester

BY TYLER KES
THE PARTHENON

When students log into MUOnline in January, the new look might surprise many of them.

That's because the Blackboard Vista System currently being used is in the process of being upgraded

to the new Learn 9.1 system. "It's new, but it's not new," said Monica Brooks, assistant vice-president for Information Technology: Online Learning and Libraries. "It's Blackboard enhanced so we're going to get software products that have better capabilities, but a lot of the same capabilities

that we're all accustomed to are still going to be there."

The similarities to the previous system should put to rest any fears of having to learn a new system.

"Some buttons are in a different place, some buttons are called different things, but the basic concept of what a professor needs in

order to teach an online class is all still there," Brooks said. "It's all pretty much in the same area, and it pretty much works the same way it did."

Marshall University has been testing the system throughout the fall semester, with some professors taking part in a pilot program

designed to see how well the software upgrade works.

Not everyone is happy with the upgrade, however.

"I honestly miss the old system," said Brian Morgan, professor in the Integrated Science and Technology department, who is also one of the professors in the pilot program. "The new system

serves its purpose, but I wish I hadn't converted my coursework over as of yet. There are a few glaring deficiencies for the way I work and process my courses and student information. The most glaring of these is the way in which an instructor

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Culinary program offers unique experience

BY RACHEL FORD
THE PARTHENON

The culinary program is a major being offered through Mountwest Community and Technical College.

New facilities and instructors were brought to MCTC when it broke off from Marshall University to teach the courses offered in the program.

Several of the instructors in the culinary program are graduates of the program.

Many students, like Alicia Lewis, junior culinary major from Charleston, are aspiring to receive a degree in culinary education.

"You have to take a high number of hours each semester to make it work," Lewis said. "It's a lot of work, and trying to balance the two is difficult."

Lewis is a transient student taking classes at MCTC and Marshall.

She said she has been interested in culinary arts since she was 8 years old.

Lewis said her goals involve being a high school culinary instructor.

"I want to get kids started early on eating healthier, and learning how to cook their own healthy foods," Lewis said. "What's healthy and what looks healthy might not always be the same thing."

"Living in West Virginia — one of the most obese states in the United States — I want to help change the effect obesity's having."

A culinary arts degree can be earned in two years.

Students in the program learn everything, starting with basic knife-handling skills and how to be a hospitable waiter.

"I think baking is really fun, and I figured it'd be a good idea to learn how to generally cook even if this wasn't something I wanted to do in the future," said Lauren Vassel, culinary arts major from Charleston. "I'd still get a basic feel of how to cook things for myself."

Lab courses require students to log at least 50 hours of cooking time.

The students in the program often cater university events with the

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final score
70-68



Herd basketball suffers first loss of season

BY SHAINA CARTER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall men's basketball team suffered its first loss of the season against Ohio University 70-68.

"Disappointing loss," said Head Coach Tom Herrion. "I give Ohio credit — they were the aggressors of the game."

More than 7,000 fans packed into the Cam Henderson to see the two-point upset against the Bobcats. Throughout the game, Ohio had the Herd at an average 10-point gap. The team stepped it up in the last five minutes to close the gap to only two points.

"We spectated for 35 minutes," Herrion said.

Stepping up in the last minutes wasn't enough for the Herd, and the loss was an upset for not only the team, but also for the coaches and fans.

"Too little, too late, and we didn't get the job done," Herrion said.

Junior Dennis Tinnon led the team in rebounds with a

total of 14.

"They out rebounded us, and at the end of the day, we were negative one for the glass," Tinnon said.

Sophomore DeAndre Kane was the team's high scorer with 17 points and nine rebounds. Throughout the game the team lacked in transitioning, and it affected the turnout of the game.

"We couldn't get any stops, we couldn't get in transition and it really hurt us tonight," said senior Damier Pitts.

The Herd lacked in defense and was pressured by Ohio's zone.

"We really didn't execute throughout the game, but it was better towards the end," Pitts said.

The Herd had many great plays throughout the game that had the crowd on their feet cheering.

"We attacked it, we got the ball at high post and had some dunks in the second half," Herrion said.

The Herd plays at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Syracuse.

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MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Senior guard Shaquille Johnson looks toward the basket during Wednesday's loss to Ohio University. Johnson scored three points as the Herd fell 70-68.

Campbell to receive honorary degree

BY EDEN ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

William Cammack Campbell, a man whose involvement with Marshall University dates back to 1928, will receive an honorary degree at Marshall's 2011 Winter Commencement on Dec. 10.

During the ceremony at the Cam Henderson Center, Campbell will be awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, making him the 166th recipient of an honorary degree from Marshall.

"I am very proud of Marshall and doubly proud, therefore, to be given this prestigious honor," Campbell said.

Campbell's family has been connected to the area

for years, and Campbell said he recognizes Marshall as an integral part of the Huntington community as well as the entire state.

He began attending the Marshall Lab School in 1928, at 5 years old. After completing nine grades there, he studied at the Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H., for four years. Ultimately, he earned his college degree from Princeton University in 1947, after taking three and a half years to serve in the United States Army during World War II, when he rose to the rank of captain.

After graduation, Campbell returned to Huntington, where he said he dove into the civic life.

"Marshall had a lot to do with it because I believed in

what they were doing, and I had a chance to help with some things," Campbell said.

He was on the institutional board of advisers for many years, serving under five Marshall presidents. Campbell said one of the most memorable endeavors from this tenure was being asked to help notify the family members of the victims of the 1970 plane crash.

Campbell was president of the Marshall University Foundation Inc. and was the first chair of Marshall's Library Associates in 1989. Campbell was also a member of the executive committee formed to create Marshall's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

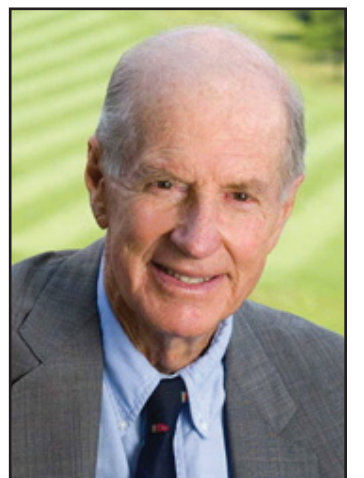
"I have a vital interest and a small part in a lot of

things that have happened at the university," Campbell said.

Within the greater Huntington community, Campbell has been the president of the Huntington YMCA and the Huntington Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the board of the Cammack Children's Center, which is named for his grandfather, C.W. Cammack, and the board of the Huntington Museum of Art.

Additionally, he is recognized worldwide for his contributions to the game of golf. Despite an undeniable capacity for the game, he said he chose to pursue the insurance business with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, rather than golf, as a profession.

As an amateur golfer,



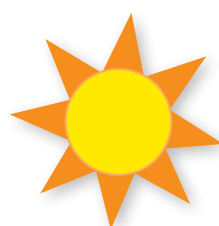
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Campbell earned a laundry list of accomplishments both national and international, which include: Playing in the Masters 18 times in a 26-year span, being a member of 13 U.S.

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Massage parlor hosted on Wednesday

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The Student Resource Center and the Student Activities Programming Board hosted a massage parlor on Wednesday in the Student Resource Center meeting room.

"We decided to do this event with student activities because we wanted to give students an opportunity before finals week to get away from the stress of studying and preparing for finals or working on those last minute papers," said Matt James, student resource specialist.

The massage parlor is advertised as having an on-site massage chair that relaxes and revitalizes — restoring both mental clarity and alertness.

"We usually do an event with relaxation around finals and the resource center brought in massage therapists last year, and it was really successful so we decided to partner with them," said Lashawna Sampson, SAPB graduate assistant. "It has been great to partner with the resource center and put on this event for students."

The event was free to all Marshall students, and snacks and refreshments

were provided.

"After getting a massage, I feel very relaxed, and it will make it easier to go back to work and class," said Bianca Hynes, graduate counseling major from Prestonsburg, Ky. "This event is great for de-stressing, and everyone needs at least a little bit of that around finals."

Derenda Weekley, licensed massage therapist, said getting a massage can help students with their stress levels, boost their immune system, and lower their blood pressure.

"There are a lot of benefits that it helps on a cellular level — it's more than just making a person feel good," Weekley said. "Often times, we don't see people until their stress level is at the point where they just can't take it anymore so I would suggest this method of stress relief early on when you are just beginning to experience stress."

Mercedes Dacosta, social work major from Ft. Myers, Fla., said being aware of these types of events is important to actually experience their benefits.

"I heard about this event through my Marshall email so I would suggest to students not to ignore their emails and to take advantage



MEAGAN EARLS | THE PARTHENON

Tina Turner, licensed massage therapist, massages Bianca Hynes, graduate counseling major from Prestonsburg, Ky., during the free massage parlor hosted Wednesday.

of all of the opportunities on campus," Dacosta said.

SAPB and the Student Resource Center said they

intend to have this event again in the spring semester.

More than 40 students received massages, said

Sarah Craiger, resource specialist.

"We had students say that we should do this

event more frequently."

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Speaker offers helpful stress relief tips to students

BY KATIE OLSZESKI
THE PARTHENON

Haji Otto, the "Chill Out Guru" gave helpful tips to Marshall University students at a stress management workshop Tuesday.

Otto gave the students a guide to deal with stress, study more efficiently and live a healthier lifestyle.

Otto is the president of Stressed-Out Solutions and has been a stress management expert for more than 10 years. Otto graduated from the University of West Florida with a bachelor's degree in psychology and received his master's in health education, with a specialization in stress management.

Otto said his passion is to help students and professionals learn how to play with stress, leadership and communication. Some of Otto's clients include Bell Helicopter, Radio

Shack, Walt Disney Management Training and Fidelity Investments.

The workshop focused on topics such as stress management techniques and learning how to give a stress-relieving neck massage.

Otto taught students how to avoid getting sick, hypnotically control stress and change their perception so not to get stressed.

Otto said a great way to release stress while studying is to exercise.

"Get your butt up and get moving," Otto said. "Releasing endorphins is a key way to quickly eliminate stress and free your mind from what you're currently focused on, exert energy when you're stressed, get out, get your body moving and active. It will help pump blood to your brain and keep you refreshed."

Otto said that people who generally

consider themselves to be overachievers experience stress frequently because they tend to overload their plate.

"Learning how to control your situation is also very important," Otto said. "Learn how to get the job done that is in front of you."

Otto also offered helpful tips on how to reduce the amount students get sick each year by 50 percent.

"Lysol wipes or sprays are a great way to quickly and easily eliminate germs that can collect in a college dorm room," Otto said. "You wouldn't believe what kind of germs are on things like your remote control can harbor."

Otto said a multivitamin is a way to make sure one is functioning at full capability as well.

"When you're stressed out, your body loses the vitamins and energy you need

to be able to fully function," Otto said. "I personally like the powder vitamin supplements better than the capsules because it absorbs into your system faster."

Otto had the students practice several different hand-motion techniques that help release stress.

One method is the "relax finger switch." Students take their non-dominant hand and put their index finger to their thumb and push them together, exerting pressure and relieving stress.

Otto said the key is to free up one's mind.

"Refresh yourself while studying, make a study playlist, use technology to your advantage, get a calendar that is color-coordinated and don't be afraid to take 10 to 15 minute refreshing naps," Otto said.

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Free HIV testing offered to students

BY ASHLEIGH HILL
THE PARTHENON

Student Health Education and The Cabell Huntington Health Department are giving students the opportunity to receive free, needleless HIV testing.

Instead of needles, oral swabs will be used to conduct the testing.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m., Thursday.

"It's important for students to know that they are not immune to getting HIV," said Student Health Coordinator Amy Saunders, "If students are sexually active, they should come by and get a free test."

The event will take place in the Memorial

Student Center.

"There has been an increase of HIV in the area, unfortunately," said Kathleen Napier, Cabell Huntington Health Department representative. "Students need to know their status, and we want to raise awareness."

Students will fill out paperwork before the testing, and then the oral swab will be performed.

They will receive results in approximately 20 minutes.

"Our main focus is to talk with students about using protection for all sexually-transmitted diseases," Napier said. "There is currently no cure for HIV, and students need to know they should use protection."

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Hunters help the hungry, donate food to families

BY PERRI SHELDON
THE PARTHENON

During the week of Thanksgiving, thousands of deer are killed in West Virginia for the start of Deer Hunting Season.

While many hunters go to the butcher and keep the venison (deer meat) for themselves, one local man gave his to a family in need of food this year.

"So many people can't afford to buy any kind of meat, and I couldn't imagine what it would be like to

worry about having dinner on the table every night," said Charlie Bruinselle, from Mingo County, W.Va. "I want to help them out anyway I can."

Bruinselle donated his deer to the Hunters Helping the Hungry, a program from the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

One medium-sized buck or doe can potentially provide meat for up to one entire year and sometimes longer.

"Three years ago, I

"So many people can't afford to buy any kind of meat, and I couldn't imagine what it would be like to worry about having dinner on the table every night."

> CHARLIE BRUINSELLE

killed two bucks, and I still have meat stored in my air-tight freezer," Bruinselle said.

Hunters Helping the Hungry will take the venison to help those in need.

Through the program,

the venison and distribute it to the needy through their network of qualified charitable food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, shelters, community centers, orphanages, missions and churches statewide.

Since the start of the program in 1991, approximately 20,184 deer have been processed, and close to 800,000 pounds of meat have been made available to needy families.

In 2010, a little more than \$50,000 of venison was

processed for Hunters Helping the Hungry.

That was down from previous years, along with the number of deer killed last year.

Bruinselle said he enjoys keeping the antlers from his eight-point buck for display, while giving away the meat of the deer.

"I don't need any more venison," Bruinselle said. "I just want the horns."

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Local string band to perform at Black Sheep

BY RACHEL FORD
THE PARTHENON

Local Huntington string band, Big Rock and the Candy Ass Mountain Boys, will be performing at Black Sheep Burritos and Brews on Thursday evening.

Their style is described as dusty old jazz, folk and blues, according to bass player and vocalist Dave Lavender. They

also perform cover songs by Mumford and Sons and The Band.

"We've got eight members," Lavender said. "Two are horn players, but they have a string band setup with old time banjo, mandolin and acoustic guitar."

The band is eight members ages range from 20 to 60.

Several members of the

group played at Calamity Café, which has been located at that same site for more than 15 years.

Calamity Café closed in 2005 and had the city's longest running "open mic" sessions. The café was popular for eclectic acts such as Paraphernalia and The Phantom Limbs.

Big Rock and the Candy Ass Mountain Boys are one

of the first bands to play at Black Sheep who have also been at regular performers at Calamity Café.

Black Sheep Burritos and Brews is located at 1555 Third Ave.

The concert starts at 9 p.m., and has a \$3 cover charge.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Big Rock and the Candy Ass Mountain Boys will perform at 9 p.m. today at Black Sheep Burritos and Brews.

Musicians bring Warhol's art to life

BY RACHEL HUNTER
THE PARTHENON

The work of legendary artist and pop culture icon Andy Warhol was brought back to life and enhanced with live music during last night's performance of "13 Most Beautiful... Songs for Andy Warhol's Screen Tests."

The performance at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center was part of the Marshall Artist Series and included 13 projections of Warhol's silent film portraits, coinciding with live music composed specifically for the screen tests by indie pop artists Dean Wareham and Britta Phillips.

In an essay written for the accompanying soundtrack CD, musician Dean Wareham said it was difficult to choose only 13 subjects of the screen tests, as Warhol filmed more than 470.

"Many of the subjects seemed beaten," Wareham said. "Some were insolent, provocative or insolent one moment and then challenging the next."

Wareham said he and Phillips decided to use subjects present at Warhol's factory on a daily basis after researching and reading several different memoirs.

"I thought it'd be really cool — something different to do," said Patrick Miller, Marshall graduate student from Huntington. "I didn't know what to expect but I thought it was awesome."

"I thought it was really interesting how they blended the artwork of Andy Warhol with the live music," Miller said. "Everything flowed and it was seamless, and it was appealing both visually and audibly."

Adam Brooks, senior psychology major from Hurricane, W.Va., was also in attendance of the performance.

"I really enjoyed the performance as a whole," Brooks said. "I liked how the silent films left it up to your imagination to decipher which emotions Warhol's subjects were trying to evoke."

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Marshall Artists Series

75 years of entertainment



JOHN YEINGST | THE PARTHENON

ABOVE: Broadway actors perform the musical, *The Color Purple* at the Keith-Albee Theatre. RIGHT: McDonald, former member of the bands Steely Dan and The Doobie Brothers performs at the Keith-Albee Theatre.



BY JOHN YEINGST
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Artists Series has been providing Marshall University, Huntington and the Tri-State area with premium entertainment for 75 years.

The artists series is a performing arts agency on Marshall's campus and is currently celebrating its 75th Anniversary. It is the second oldest "town and gown" organization in the country, just behind the University of Michigan.

Angela Jones, marketing director for the Marshall Artists Series, said she is so proud that the Marshall Artists Series is celebrating 75 years.

"I think that the arts, in general, revitalize the community and bring so much to life — whether it be art, music, dance or anything else in that category," Jones said. "These are things that are integral to the community because not only do they expose young people to the arts, but also allow people to see something they may not normally get to see."

"They created the artists series because of how

much Marshall influences the City of Huntington and the community. This is why they call it a "town and gown" organization.

Jones said she has enjoyed so many performances that it is hard for her to choose a favorite.

"I have so many favorites," Jones said. "I vividly remember seeing Pen and Teller. I loved Bill Cosby and walked away from the *Color Purple* saying 'Wow, that was the best Broadway show I've seen.'"

"I think the Marshall Artists Series influences students more than they realize," she said. "When I was in college, I was very aware of things going on, but would choose what I wanted to spend my time doing like a typical college student."

Jones said when one actually take the time to go and put value to your free ticket, it really does expose you to something wonderful.

"As you get out of school and have to start paying for shows like the artists series provides, it makes you realize the opportunity that actually exists," she said.

Jones said it makes her happy when students take advantage of opportunities offered with the series, such as Cee-Lo Green.

"The other thing that makes me realize the importance of the Artists Series is when we do an on-sale show for an event like Cee-Lo Green," she said. "When you see the students lining up, that means they've paid attention to the date, they know the ticket policy and they are prepared. Marshall University exists to educate students, and the Marshall Artists Series is here to help do that, but wouldn't be here without the help of the students."

Ray Harrell, student body president, said the series gives students the unique opportunity to attend programs, plays and concerts that cost the community money but are free to Marshall students.

"It's an organization that is unique in its own way, especially with it being the second oldest among public institutions in the country," Harrell said. "Unfortunately, I feel it's a really undervalued

“As you get out of school and have to start paying for shows like the artists series provides, it makes you realize the opportunity that actually exists”

> ANGELA JONES

resource within the institution for our students.

"Something that people told me during my campaign is that they don't have anything to do on campus, and I think if you look at organizations like the Marshall Artists Series, then that's just not true," he said. "I don't know that it's their fault for not attending as much as they should be. But I think, as with anything, people are only going to come to events that they know about so really it just comes down to marketing. I think getting the word out to students about events has really been stepped up through social media efforts."

"I got to see a couple of plays on Broadway a few years back, and that really changed my mind about theatre" he said. "The series is really bringing in some big names this year

with Michael McDonald, Larry King and Cee-Lo Green so the more students attend these events, the more events they are going to bring that the students want to see. They have quite a few resources, and they get quite a bit more through community donations."

Harrell said the age of the organization speaks for itself and its presence among the community.

"The fact that they bring in so many donations every year from the community is remarkable," he said. "I feel like it's something that has been a part of Huntington for almost 80 years, and I think it draws a reasonable crowd from not only Huntington but also our surrounding communities — which is great."

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COLUMN

Zuckerberg, Facebook finally paying for their privacy mistakes

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It took long enough for Facebook to finally pay for all the ways they mistreat their users.

The Federal Trade Commission slapped Facebook with a sentence of 20-years of privacy audits requiring the social networking site to get user approval before sharing their information. This news came after two years of investigation by the FTC for Facebook's "unfair and deceptive business practices."

It's not a new phenomenon that Facebook seems to change itself on a weekly basis. The social networking site is simply trying to squash the competition.

However, through the years Facebook has made many mistakes in the privacy department, doing a very poor job in respecting its users' privacy. Now, the company is finally paying for their wrongdoings.

I remember many times being frustrated with the way Facebook has told us one thing, but had done another.

Back in December 2009, Facebook didn't warn us that information we had designated as private — like our Friends List — would be made public.

Facebook also said that after users deleted their accounts, all their photos and information would be taken down. However, this information could still be found.

Lastly, Facebook said it wouldn't share our personal information with advertisers, but it did. Facebook taunted us with this last lie; posting advertisements

for different things that related to the information we shared.

There are still a handful more of privacy issues than the ones I listed above and the FTC wants Facebook to address all of them or face paying a \$16,000 fine for each violation. However, these fines Facebook is facing will only be a slap on the wrist to the multi-billion dollar company.

Founder of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, did show some remorse for the way he and his company had handled privacy on their website in the past. Zuckerberg said in a blog post, "Overall, I think we have a good history of providing transparency and control over who can see your information. That said, I'm the first to admit that we've made a bunch of mistakes."

I'm glad that Facebook is finally owning up to their mistakes, but an apology and watching them pay some fines is not going to be enough to sway the public trust in the company. Facebook will win over its users trust once the privacy issues start being cleared up, something that may take a few days or weeks depending on how serious Facebook takes this sentencing.

It will be interesting to see how Facebook fixes all its mistakes and sees the public's reactions to these changes. I'm predicting, at first, we will all be upset — as we our with every Facebook update — but as we soon realize this is a move that Facebook made to boost our privacy, I'm sure we will all be satisfied.

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EDITORIAL

Debt forgiveness group sends wrong message

BY THE DAILY COUGAR EDITORIAL BOARD
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Members of the Occupy Student Debt Campaign unveiled their plan for easing student debt woes this Monday in Zuccotti Park. Their plan calls for students to sign a debtors pledge in which they promise to stop making payments on their student loans after one million people have signed the pledge.

"There is no justice in a system that openly invites profiteering on the part of lenders. Education is a right and a public good, and it should be properly funded as such," wrote the Occupy Student Debt Campaign on their website: occupystudentdebtcampaign.com.

While the group has some noble ideas, their members voluntarily took on their loans; there was no one forcing them to do so. Instead of taking on substantial student loans, these students could have attended cheaper universities or funded their studies themselves. There are many students who decide to work in college instead of taking on student loans. These students often spend

longer in college, but when they graduate they are not in debt. It would be unfair to these students if the debts of other students were forgiven.

"There's this very strong moral and ethical belief that people don't walk away from loans they voluntarily assumed," said Anya Kamenetz, the author of "Generation Debt," in an article on The Huffington Post.

Although the system is obviously broken, these students need to claim responsibility for their situation and pay off their debt. Their situation should serve as a warning to future students that they shouldn't take on more debt than they can manage.

Deciding to stop making payments on their student loans will only make the situation of these students more dire. The last thing a loan-laden college student needs in today's job market is a black mark on their credit score.

As of Monday night, only 253 individuals have signed the pledge — an indication that Occupy Student Debt has a lot of work to do before they reach their goal of one million signers.

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COLUMN

Profits, bridges and finance jobs

BY PETER M. BOZZO
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There's a scene in the new film "Margin Call" — a fictionalized retelling of the first 24 hours of the 2008 financial crisis — in which a recently-fired risk analyst sits on his front porch and reflects on his life's work. As his thoughts float back through time, it's not his contributions to the investment bank where he was employed that come to mind; instead it's his work as an engineer prior to joining the firm when he built a bridge that saved commuters countless hours of travel time each day. That's what the analyst lacked in his work at the investment bank: It didn't allow him to create anything.

Watching the scene and reflecting on my own undergraduate education, I realized that it has instilled in me, above all else, a desire to create something. I remember the moment when this desire began to crystallize in me; it was during freshman year when I met with a professor during office hours who pushed me to consider the logical implications of an argument I was making.

When she finally drew out an unexpected repercussion, the thrill of discovery hit us both. I expect that many other students have had similar experiences and, it seems that many of us emerge from Harvard with this creative instinct intact — we want to make something that will contribute to the world in a concrete way.

It is somewhat surprising therefore, that around this time every year we see countless students recruiting for jobs at consulting and finance firms. These are often the same students whose original ideas impressed us in class — some of our most creative, intelligent, and accomplished peers. It's also the time of year when we see a backlash against many of these students. This year, the backlash is embodied in the Occupy Harvard movement, which (among other claims) argues that Harvard graduates in the financial sector have contributed to growing economic inequality in the United States.

These attacks on individuals entering the financial industry are rarely constructive. The more intriguing question

is why students — many of whom, like me, were inspired to create during their years at Harvard — eschew careers in the more "creative" professions and pursue work in the financial world. Why are we creating profits instead of bridges?

I think that much of the answer has to do with the resources devoted to career counseling for students whose interests point them toward occupations outside the world of finance and consulting. Certainly some students enter this world because of the financial benefits, but for others it's simply the most visible and defined career path after graduation. Students can meet with recruiters and interview on campus: The Office of Career Services provides extensive counseling for undergraduates pursuing finance or consulting careers. Many students work in internships during the summer after their junior year: By the end of the summer some have job offers in hand and can go through senior year with defined post-graduation plans while their friends frantically search for job

listings and interview opportunities. Searching for a career outside finance or consulting often comes with more uncertainty than searching for a career within this profession. As a result, students often need to be counseled extensively when searching for opportunities in non-finance fields. The OCS could more effectively highlight its counseling opportunities for students interested in engineering, politics, or academia and could more aggressively reach out to students interested in these fields. As seniors near their thesis deadlines and eventually their graduation dates, thoughts of post-college plans inevitably hang over their heads. Right now, the ease of enter the consulting and finance fields means that students with diverse interests and creative impulses are streamlined into these professions, even if they're more willing — and more suited — to entering other occupations. So why are we creating profits instead of bridges? It's not because we're uncreative; it's because profits — and the careers associated with them — simply come easier.

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Marshall Recreation Center to host Pump and Run event

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The Marshall Recreation Center will be hosting their inaugural Pump and Run Event.

Sunday, December 4th at 9 a.m. competitors will take on various workouts, which are a 5k run and weight lifting.

"We would like to have it every year, but people don't

like the running portion inside," Michele Muth the Assistant Director of Marketing and Memberships said.

The race will have five age divisions that range from 19 and under and 50 and older.

There will also be male and female divisions and participants must be at least 16 years old to compete.

Competitors will begin the race with a weigh in which

will determine the amount of weight that will be bench pressed after the 5k.

The running portion of the competition requires racers to run 3.1 miles on a treadmill under the supervision of a Marshall Recreation Center staff member.

After running the 5k, the weight lifting portion of the competition begins.

They can do up to 30 reps at the designated resistance.

Men 39 and younger will be required to lift 100 percent of their body weight and men 50 and over will be required to lift 80 percent of their body weight.

Women 39 and younger will be required to lift 70 percent of their body weight, women 40-49 will be required to lift 60 percent of their body weight and women over the age of 50 will be required to lift 50

percent of their body weight.

Racers will be able to take off up to 15 minutes off their 5k times with each completed rep.

"Their scores will be determined by (5k time)(# of reps times 30 seconds)," Muth said.

The overall top male and female contenders will receive awards as well as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the men and women's

divisions.

The entry fee is \$20 and includes a Pump and Run t-shirt.

Racers must register for the Pump and Run by December 3rd.

If you want to participate you can sign up for the Pump and Run at www.tristateracer.com or at the Marshall Recreation Centers welcome desk.

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South Pacific play scheduled to come to Charleston

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The Broadway play "South Pacific" is coming to Charleston Sunday Dec. 18.

"South Pacific" is a part of the Clay Center's Broadway

in Charleston series.

"This romantic story of two couples trying to hold on to happiness during the World War II era will draw you in and take you back in time," Leann Dickens,

public relation specialist, said.

The play features songs including "Some Enchanted Evening", "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair", "This Nearly Was

Mine" and "There is Nothin' Like a Dame."

Tickets can be purchased at the Clay Center box office, by phone or online at theclaycenter.org.

Ticket prices range from

\$36.50 to \$60.50.

The performance will be in the Clay Center's Maier Foundation Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m.

"People should see this show because it great

chance to see a new Broadway production with great music and an emotional story," Dickens said.

The Clay Center is located on exit 100 at One Clay Square in Charleston.

2012 Iowa caucus candidates eye flat tax system

BY RISHABH R. JAIN

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Most of the candidates running for the Republican presidential nomination want to simplify the federal tax system. Conservatives say that would spur economic growth, but some scholars say those plans could end up hurting the poor.

GOP leaders say the current federal tax system is too complicated, burdensome, and costly. One solution the some of candidates support is replacing federal income tax brackets with some kind of flat tax.

"What we are hearing from most of the candidates center on the idea of making the tax process less confusing," said Cristi Gleason, a U. Iowa accounting associate professor. "... This I think is a reaction to the general public's frustration with the taxation process. I agree that right now filing taxes can be confusing because of the various deductions and loopholes."

Leo Linbeck — cofounder and CEO of Americans for Fair Taxation, sometimes referred to simply as Fair-Tax — said his organization

focused on tax simplification when members penned their tax-policy proposal in the mid-1990s.

The FairTax plan would eliminate existing federal taxes and replace them with a national sales tax of 23 percent.

The FairTax plan wouldn't include deductions or exemptions for such items as food staples, which many states do not subject to sales tax. However, Linbeck said, the plan does include a "prebate" to cover taxes an average consumer would pay for such basic needs as food and shelter.

FairTax proponents say the plan would be revenue-neutral — that is, it would not cause a huge dip to federal revenue. However, Eugene Steuerle, a researcher who works with the Tax Policy Center, said many flat-tax proposals such as FairTax would mean fewer dollars coming into the federal government.

"They are reducing taxes on higher-income-level households at the expense of increasing the tax burden on the lower-income households. The decrease in revenue would make funding for entitlement programs difficult,"

he said. "That is probably because they replace a progressive rate structure with a flat-rate structure."

Republicans are also eyeing the federal long-term capital-gains tax, a tax on income from investments such as stocks and bonds.

Many Republican tax proposals would either lower the capital-gains tax — which is currently 15 percent — or eliminate it altogether. They claim this would offer an incentive to consumers to invest more.

But Steuerle says this, too, favors the rich, because many managers and CEOs convert their income to capital, and a complete elimination of the capital-gains tax would cost the government huge amounts of revenue.

In 2011, for instance, the capital-gains tax generated \$447 billion in federal revenue, 3 percent of the country's GDP.

Some in the Republican race also want to eliminate the alternative minimum tax — a flat rate imposed on individuals and businesses if their income federal tax bill falls below a certain amount.

Anjali Singh, a tax accountant, says that change would

primarily affect individuals with higher incomes and big corporations.

"The alternative minimum tax is calculated for every individual and business. Taxpayers pay the alternative minimum tax if it comes out to be higher than their federal income tax," she said. "Usually, people with higher incomes and corporations are able to keep their taxable income surprisingly low due to professional and timely tax planning. This allows them to bring down their taxable incomes to lower tax brackets. This is when the alternative minimum tax kicks in."

CANDIDATE POSITIONS:

Michele Bachmann

Bachmann wants to reduce the number of federal income-tax brackets, repeal taxes put in place by the Democrats' 2010 health-care overhaul, reform the alternate minimum tax, and eliminate the federal inheritance tax.

Rick Santorum

Santorum, too, wants to bring down the corporate tax, eliminate long-term entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security,

and cut spending and end bailouts.

Ron Paul

Paul calls for an immediate elimination of the federal income tax and the Internal Revenue Service, much like the FairTax organization. He also supports excise tax, tariffs, and cuts in spending. He believes people should pay taxes only on what they spend.

Newt Gingrich

Gingrich wants to eliminate the capital-gains tax, bring down the corporate tax to 12.5 percent, and give people an option of a 15 percent flat income tax with a personal deduction of \$12,000.

Jon Huntsman

Huntsman wants to eliminate all exemptions and deductions and implement just three federal income-tax brackets — 8 percent for low-earners, 16 for middle-income earners, and 23 percent for higher earners. He wants to lower corporate tax from 35 percent to 25 percent.

Rick Perry

Perry's plan would cut taxes, cap federal spending at 18 percent of GDP, and

give taxpayers an option of a single 20 percent flat tax that will not tax capital gains and dividends. Taxpayers who opt into the flat-tax system would not be able to switch back to the bracketed system.

Gary Johnson

Johnson wants to cut spending and eliminate the capital-gains tax. He also wants to eliminate the corporate tax while simplifying the tax code for individuals and families.

Mitt Romney

Romney wants to put a cap on government spending and reform the country's entitlement programs to avoid insolvency. Instead of a flat tax, he said he'd keep and reform the current income tax system in place and also loosen restrictions on investments.

Herman Cain

Cain plans to set the federal income tax and corporate tax to 9 percent each while eliminating the payroll tax. He also plans to set up a new 9 percent national sales tax on top of the existing local sales taxes.

MUONLINE

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is notified of new postings within courses. The notification system that is supposed to inform the faculty of new assignment uploads does not work,

meaning to check on submissions I have to go to each course and then after a series of three clicks can see what I need to grade if anything. The same applies to new mail within a course. I finally gave up and deleted the integrated mail tool and told students

to email me outside of Blackboard."

That being said, Morgan did have some positive aspects to mention regarding the new system.

"For adding content, it is easier," he said. "Once you get passed the hurdles of understanding the

terminology and what you can and cannot do as compared to the old system, it becomes more efficient."

The new system should be fully integrated by the beginning of the spring semester.

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Culinary Cooking Institute located at Pullman Square. The CCI caters weddings, corporate meetings and university presidential meetings — with

all food prepared by students with instructor supervision and help.

"I never realized cooking took as much time as it actually does," Vassel said. "Most of the culinary classes are three to five hours long so you have time to prepare things."

"I hopefully want to be a baker one day," Vassel said.

"I don't know if I want to own my bakery or just go into another bakery, but I definitely want to make cakes, cupcakes and bread."

Anyone can walk into the CCI and request an event to

be catered, and the students will do it.

Students must apply to Marshall and MCTC to be admitted to the culinary program.

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CAMPBELL

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Golf Association International amateur teams and winning 33 championships. He was also the first person to ever be elected as the leader of both of golf's governing bodies. He was the president of USGA in 1982 and 1983 and the captain of the Royal and the Ancient Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1987.

Campbell said he is

pleased with the growth of the university. He said despite living in the town, people often take for granted the good work that the university is doing. But the buildings continue to go up, and students continue to matriculate.

"It is not just quantity, it is quality, and you wouldn't want one without the other," Campbell said. "Marshall University is a great story of success and hard work."

Campbell has been married for 57 years to his wife

Joan. The couple raised six children and lives together on a farm in Greenbrier County. He is still in the insurance business and lives part-time in Huntington.

"Bill Campbell has been, and still is, one of the greatest ambassadors ever for the city of Huntington and Marshall University," said Stephen J. Kopp, Marshall University president. "His reputation both on and off the golf course is impeccable. On the course, he has always embraced the traditions and values

that define the essence of golf in its purest form... a true gentleman of golf and life. His numerous amateur victories, honors and leadership roles speak for themselves. Off the course, Bill has been a tireless, civic-minded member of our community and a great supporter of Marshall University. We are thrilled to present him with this well-earned, honorary doctoral degree."

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