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SMOKE *break*

TYLER KES
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Darrin Daugherty, junior business management major, takes a break from class to smoke a pipe.

Candidates for mayor, Board of Education answer community's questions

BY CHELSIE SCHULDIES
THE PARTHENON

Candidates for Mayor of Huntington and Cabell County Board of Education met at Woodlands Retirement Community to answer questions raised by Cabell county residents.

candidates Stephen Anderson Jr., (D), Steve Williams, (D), and Mayor Kim Wolfe (R), were asked eight questions from the audience through a moderator, ranging from long-term pension issues, crime in the city, reversing population decline, improving the appearance of the city and how to stimulate economic

development in Huntington. "We have seen a dramatic decrease in criminal activity in the city," Mayor Wolfe said. "Last year, the Huntington Police Department was awarded the law enforcement agency of the year. Our pledge was to reduce crime, and is that over? No. We still have challenges. If you go downtown, you feel

safer, and it is cleaner." Candidate Stephen Anderson said he believes downtown safety is getting better, but it is the surrounding areas of Huntington residents need to worry about. "I have been going door to door in certain areas such as the south side near the park, and the number one

complaint is that crime is shifting from downtown toward the park," Anderson said. "Not only in the park area, but people in Westmoreland also have the same worries. I had one citizen who had to wait three and a half hours for someone to arrive to take his statement after his house had been broken into. That cannot

happen in our city. We need to raise the productivity a little bit higher." Candidate Steve Williams said Huntington's police chief "Skip" Holbrook has done an excellent job, but more can still be done. "We can't sit back and rest on our laurels," Williams

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ACCIDENTS HAPPEN



KAYLA MARCUM | THE PARTHENON

A wreck involving a Sysco truck parked on fifth avenue blocks traffic Thursday. No critical injuries were reported.

Truck driver suspected wreck would happen one day

BY KAYLA MARCUM
THE PARTHENON

An accident Thursday in the far left lane of Fifth Avenue blocked traffic around Twin Towers and 18 Street around 10 a.m.

Police on the scene said a white Buick struck a Sysco food truck while it was parked after unloading at the ramp between the towers.

Brian Zachery, driver of the Sysco truck, said he was in his truck with all proper safety precautions taken when he felt a "jolt."

"I was in my truck ready to pull away," Zachery said. "I had my foot on the clutch getting ready to start it up with my flashers on. I hadn't turned them off yet. Then I just felt 'bam.' Sometimes, if you drive a clutch, if you try to start it and don't have the clutch pushed in, you'll

feel your vehicle kind of lunge. My first thought was 'Why didn't you push in on the clutch?' But then when I realized my clutch was pushed in, I looked around in the mirror, and there he was, sitting there."

Zachery said he has often worried about the way drivers approach parked trucks on Fifth Avenue.

"People down this left lane all the time come when I pull my ramp out to do my deliveries, and people always the time squeal the breaks even though I've got flashers on and doors up," Zachery said. "I've always thought, 'Someone's going to hit me one day.' Well, today was the day."

Both drivers are reported to have no critical injuries. Police were not able to release the name of the driver of the white car or what caused the accident at this time. Kayla Marcum can be contacted at marcum139@marshall.edu.



TYLER KES | THE PARTHENON

Construction continues on garage

BY SARAH STILES
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's campus has seen several changes over the past few weeks, and the parking garage is the main project when looking at the updates around campus.

The new parking garage, to be completed in early August, should be open for use at the beginning of the fall 2012 semester.

Stephen Kopp, Marshall University president, said construction is well on its way, and he is pleased with the progress.

"The construction has been running smoothly," Kopp said. "When completed the amount of parking will have increased greatly — making it easier for students, faculty and staff to access campus."

The new parking garage, located between the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse and the Alpha Xi Delta sorority house, will offer nearly double the amount of parking

spaces in the once existing metered lot.

Once the garage is opened for use, students will be able to purchase yearly, monthly or daily parking passes.

Visitors will also be able to utilize the garage for a small cost when visiting campus.

A university worker will be available at the front of the garage during working hours to offer assistance to garage users.

Kopp said plans for the new Biotechnology Incubator and Applied Engineering Complex, to be located on 3rd Avenue, are in the final stages, and construction should start in early October.

The Biotechnology Incubator and Applied Engineering Complex should take approximately 30 months, with a possibility of an accelerated construction which could cut off up to 6 months of construction time.

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NEWS

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TRiO programs report another successful year

BY BRITANNEE BARTON
THE PARTHENON

The TRiO programs at Marshall University are reporting another successful year and are gearing up for this summer. TRiO programs are federally funded with the goal of encouraging local high school students to stay in school and pursue higher education after graduation. Many participants are the first in their family to consider going to college and/or are from limited economic backgrounds.

Rudy Pauley, associate vice president for outreach and continuing studies, said every student who TRiO inspires to enroll in

postsecondary education is an accomplishment.

“The overall goal is to expose students who otherwise may never have the opportunity to think about higher education to see it as a possibility,” Pauley said. “Getting those students here and letting them know ‘yes, this can be done’ is the main achievement.”

Marshall has four TRiO programs. The Empowering Appalachia Talent Search program serves 542 students from Cabell County. Director Heather Warren said the program offers numerous benefits to students.

“Sixth graders learn to set realistic goals for their lives and educations and continue in the program until high

“The overall goal is to expose students who otherwise may never have the opportunity to think about higher education to see it as a possibility.”

> RUDY PAULEY

school graduation,” Warren said. “Counselors assist students in learning the skills necessary to complete and succeed in education, including time management, study skills, team building and financial aid and admissions information.”

The Heart of Appalachia Talent Search, or HATS, serves 600 middle and high school students in Mason

and Wayne counties. Schools are visited each month with curriculum addressing topics similar to the Empowering Appalachia program.

Upward Bound is Marshall’s flagship program, as it has been in operation for over 30 years. Seventy-seven students from Huntington, Cabell Midland, Lincoln County, Wayne and Tolsia high schools spend six weeks

of summer on campus. Students earn elective credits for high school graduation. It also provides a free college class during the senior year of high school, summer work study options, SAT and ACT waivers and scholarship opportunities. High schools identify possible participants for these three programs.

Once students enroll in college, the final program of TRiO is instrumental in assisting with the college transition. Student Support Services provide free academic advising, computer labs, career planning courses and more to approximately 200 students each year. Student Support Services identify admitted

eligible students, and those students can apply.

Pauley said he is impressed with the dedication of TRiO staff.

“Angela Holley (director of HATS) noted she is a product of the TRiO program,” Pauley said. “She has a masters degree and is working with us now. People who work with these populations are very passionate about it.”

TRiO programs were established during the 1960s War on Poverty. The nation began with three programs, hence TRiO, but have now expanded to seven, four of which are offered at Marshall.

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Democratic Convention set for Saturday

THE PARTHENON

The 2012 Cabell County Democratic Convention will take place Saturday at the Pullman Plaza Hotel in Huntington.

Eldon Paugh, chairman of the party convention, said elections will take place for which delegates from Cabell County to send to the state convention in Charleston.

“We will be electing 76 delegates from Cabell County to attend the state convention June 8,” Paugh said. “The state will send a total of 1,572 delegates,

with each group of delegates representing one of the 55 counties in West Virginia.”

In addition to the 76 delegates elected from Cabell County, the county will also send two state committee executives to the state convention. Cabell County’s committee executives are Susan Hubbard and Bobby Nelson.

At the state convention, delegates will be elected to attend a national convention in Charlotte, N.C.

“Each county has magisterial districts, and we try to elect an equal number of delegates from

76

is the number of delegates from Cabell County who will be elected to attend the convention.

> ELDON PAUGH

each district,” Paugh said. “We try to elect an equal number of men and women, whether we can achieve that depends on who shows up.”

Paugh said four Marshall University students will help during the registration process to earn class credit, including

Marshall graduate, Jay Roudebush, former head of the young democrats.

Registration for the Cabell County convention begins at 9:30 a.m. The convention will be called to order at 10 a.m. by chairman of the Cabell County Democratic Party, Bob Bailey.

POLICE BLOTTER

BY ALLYSON WARNER
THE PARTHENON

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

On April 5, an engineering student reported to campus police that someone had stolen his textbook. The student said he believes his book went missing between March 29 thru April 2. An officer on duty found the book at stadium bookstore. There are no suspects at this time.

On April 5, a student reported that his valuables had went missing from the Rec Centers locker room. The items included his keys, wallet and both his debit and credit cards. There are no suspects at this time.

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Film screening will focus on women in society

THE PARTHENON

A screening of the film, “Miss Representation,” will challenge beliefs and norms of the value of women in society.

“Miss Representation” is a documentary featuring stories from teenage girls, journalists, entertainers, activists and politicians, outlining the collective message women and men

are told of a woman’s worth and power in today’s society.

Women appearing in the film include Katie Couric, Nancy Pelosi, Rosario Dawson and Condoleezza Rice.

Sabrina Thomas, research and instruction services librarian, said this film addresses critical thinking about communication, visual arts,

“A library is not just a repository of books or a quiet place to study. Libraries are also a place to facilitate conversations and encourage exchanges of new ideas.”

> SABRINA THOMAS

perception and ethics. “I was initially drawn to this movie because I am

the Marshall libraries liaison to the Women’s Studies Department,” Thomas

said. “After watching the movie, I realized that this isn’t a movie just for women’s studies. It affects everyone – men as well as women.”

The screening of the film is sponsored by Drinko Library.

“A library is not just a repository of books or a quiet place to study,” Thomas said. “Libraries are also a place to facilitate

conversations and encourage exchanges of new ideas. Right now, there is a national dialogue on women’s health, political power, and the media’s portrayal of women. My hope is that this screening will spark deeper thoughts on these subjects.”

The viewing of “Miss Representation” is Monday in Drinko Library Room 402.

Marshall Interfaith discusses greed

BY SHAUN FRENCH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s Interfaith had a panel discussion about a deadly sin at 8 p.m. Thursday in Corbly Hall 105.

Shaheed Elhamdani, sophomore chemistry and political science major from Huntington and vice president of Interfaith, said the purpose of the panel discussion was to bring certain leaders from different religions in the Huntington community to address greed in America.

He said he thinks there is a lack of information about the problem of greed.

“If people don’t understand, if they have the information to make their own decisions, then what’s the point,” Elhamdani said. “Then we’re just mindless zombies.”

Donte Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Huntington who was a part of the panel, said the importance of understanding greed is to make sure a Christian’s heart is not in worldly possessions.

“At the end of the day, people can tell you are a believer

“At the end of the day, people can tell you are a believer from being in Jesus Christ, not because I have nice things.”

> DONTE JACKSON

from being in Jesus Christ, not because I have nice things,” Jackson said. “I think that’s the message Jesus was trying to send to people in the Gospels not that having money is terrible, but that when you have money, it’s important

that the money you have is not your God.”

Jackson said a way to help solve greed is keeping a mindset for other people and help those who are disadvantaged.

“I think that in essence releases you from taking in

and storing it for yourself by giving to those around you,” Jackson said.

Derek Frasure, senior English and philosophy major from Argillite, Ky., said he learned from the religious leaders in the panel discussion that people need to give to charity, change themselves and make personal changes in order to change American society.

“I think that is the main change, that revolution comes from within as well as from out,” Frasure said.

“But it has to start within.”

Frasure said it takes communication to have other people understand the importance of solving greed.

“Generally, if someone’s coming from a faith-based perspective, you know they do believe in these fundamental human values that we all need to work together to benefit one another and create a society in which we can help those of us who are most disadvantaged,” Frasure said.

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REWRITING HISTORY



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Junior outfielder Issac Ballou takes a cut against Canisius College on Feb. 18 in Cary, N.C. Ballou became the all-time leader in triples for the Herd during a game against Liberty.

Herd looks to reverse fortune against No. 9 Rice

BY CAITIE SMITH
THE PARTHENON

Rice stands for something more than an acronym for rest, ice, compression and elevation this weekend.

The Marshall University Baseball team will take on nationally ranked conference rival Rice University today, tomorrow, and Sunday at Appalachian Power Park.

Rice is 6-3 in conference play and has an overall

record of 24-11. This weekend will truly test the Herd to believe in each other and be confident in their craft.

"We need to play at the highest level we can," said Friday's starting pitcher Aaron Blair. We have the talent to beat them, we just have to believe in ourselves."

"We're going to come out there with confidence and with a lot of positives from our games Tuesday," said freshman second baseman Sergio Leon of the weekend

matchup.

"Rice is ranked and for good reason," junior center fielder Isaac Ballou said. "Teams tend to go into those games with a passive attitude because of their publicity and the name on their chests."

Ballou and Marshall's mindset for the weekend is one simple word.

"Attack," Ballou said. "We plan on taking it pitch by pitch and attacking at all times. If we match our

mental state with our physical talent, anything can happen. It's baseball."

Going against Blair tonight will be senior Matthew Reckling, who boasts a 1.87 ERA and 5-0 record in nine appearances. Reckling has struck out 63 batters in 53 innings of work.

Blair has 49 Ks in 47 and 2/3 innings of work but is not intimidated by Rice or Reckling.

"We're going to take them just like any other opponent

and play our game," Blair said.

Blair was a 21st round selection in the 2010 MLB draft, but chose to attend Marshall instead of signing with the Houston Astros.

"I'm starting to really understand more about pitching," Blair said. "I just wasn't ready to go pro out of high school."

Saturday will pit Marshall's Mike Mason against Rice sophomore Austin Kubitz.

Mason had a historic performance last weekend, reaching his 200th career strikeout against Memphis and bringing his season total to 43.

Kubitz was voted to three different All-American preseason polls, currently supporting a 3-3 record with a 4.54 ERA and 28 strikeouts in 35 and 2/3 innings of work.

The Thundering Herd is coming off two wins against

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Ballou, Mason earn spots in Herd record books

BY LAWREN HIGHTOWER
THE PARTHENON

During a season in which the team is currently three games under .500, the Marshall University baseball team has managed to make history.

Junior outfielder Issac Ballou and senior Mike Mason have both etched their names

in Marshall baseball history.

Ballou, business major from Smithville, Va., became the Thundering Herd all-time leader in triples during a 12-10 comeback victory over Liberty earlier this season. Ballou has had three triples during this season and 13 for his career.

"It's a pretty cool record to have," Ballou said. "I'm

thankful I have been blessed enough to stay healthy, and I guess my hard work has paid off."

Ballou has the rest of this season and next year, if he decides to return to school, to add on to his record. Drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 39th round of the 2011 MLB draft, Ballou returned to school instead

of turning pro this year.

"It is my dream so it's always in the back of mind," Ballou said. "But hopefully, I can improve and get drafted again this year."

Senior Mike Mason is a business major from Maumee, Ohio. Mason became just the fifth Herd player ever to record 200 strikeouts for a career joining former

teammate Airk Sikula who joined the list last year.

"It feels really good, and it is an honor to have achieved this record," Mason said. "I wish it was a record for wins because that dignifies team success, but all-in-all, I'm happy to be a part of Marshall history."

Drafted by the Texas Rangers in the twenty-third round

of the 2011 MLB draft, Mason said he hopes to play as long as possible.

"Being drafted was an exciting day for me, and I hope to play as long as I can," Mason said. "I love the game and even if I'm not playing I hope I can be a coach someday and teach the game to others."

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GUEST EDITORIAL | BY KATIE QUINONEZ, NEWS EDITOR

Natural gas: Ruining your drinking water and livelihood

A carnival will take place today on Buskirk Field with the purpose of “educating” the student body and faculty about natural gas. BeHerd Marketing Agency, America’s Natural Gas Alliance, EdVenture and the World’s Strongest Man 2006 are responsible for this misleading event.

It is surprising that anyone in this day and age could still have the audacity to say that natural gas is not only beneficial, but not harmful as well. There have been countless testimonies given by individuals whose lives have been impacted by natural gas and hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

From water faucets leaking gas to barn animals urinating blood, evidence of the harmful effects of natural gas is brimming.

Despite the fact that environmentalists have pressured oil and coal companies to reveal the exact make up of the the chemical-laden liquid used in the fracking and drilling process to remove natural gas, no one knows the exact ratio.

The most commonly used chemicals in the fracturing liquid are crystalline silica, a carcinogen typically found in construction sands; methanol, typically found in antifreeze and other vehicle liquids; isopropanol, found in household glass cleaners, antiperspirants and cosmetics; and hydrotreated light distillate, found in jet fuel, just to name a few.

Water makes up at least 98 percent of fracking liquid, and typically, oil and coal companies leave

these chemicals in the water because they are “too expensive” to remove. What is the result? Horrifically contaminated water sources and soil that could not only completely destroy the livelihood of an agrarian community but also kill members of said community.

Let us take for example ,the town of Dimock, Pa. In April 2009, residents of Dimock lost access to their drinking water because of contamination caused by fracking in an attempt to get to energy resources from the Marcellus Shale.

In January, after a lack of an attempt to resolve the issue, the Environmental Protection Agency had to take matters into its own hands and supply water to four different homes in the town. Tests conducted by the EPA showed that the town’s water supply still contained high levels of arsenic, glycols and barium in at least four wells of the town.

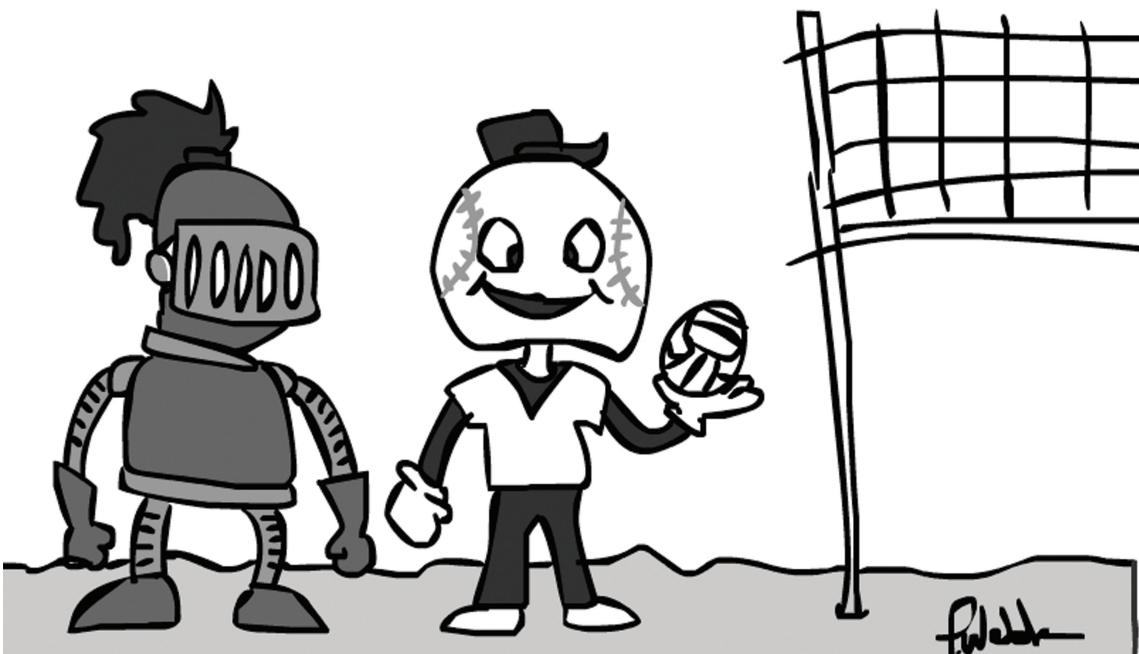
Dimock is one of many communities that suffer from the harsh effects of natural gas drilling, including communities in Texas, Ohio, Colorado and Wyoming.

Of course, it would be ideal for the United States to have access to an abundance of energy sources, but at what cost?

Cleaner sources of energy should be considered seriously, and natural gas drilling should be outlawed in the name of public safety. Has anyone ever gotten cancer from wind-power or solar energy sources?

POLITICAL CARTOON | PATRICK WEBB

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Free speech does not protect your reputation

Marlins' manager, Ozzie Guillen, is in the middle of a debate regarding freedom of political speech

BY BISHOP NASH
THE PARTHENON

There's not a sport as sacredly ingrained in the American psyche as baseball. It almost has a religious aura about it. Hats come off during the National Anthem as reverently as if we were praying. Fathers and sons speak of legendary players as if they were saints. Peanuts are our communion wafers and “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” is the only song in our hymnal. Baseball demands respect.

This week Miami Marlins manager (say that five times fast) Ozzie Guillen disrespected not only the sanctity of the game's nature, but also a vast cut of Miami's population. A four-word quote formed the headline of the Time Magazine article that landed Guillen a 5-game suspension. He lead

off with four words you never say in Miami unless you're looking for trouble: “I Love, Fidel Castro.”

In case your Floridian demography is a bit rusty, Miami is brimming with Cuban immigrants, many of who fled or have family who fled Castro's Cuban Revolution in the 1950's. To many Cubans living in Miami, Castro is the man who usurped their nation from right under their feet.

The bitterness toward the Communist regime in Cuba never subsided and brought itself into the light in reaction to Guillen's “respect” of Castro's tenacity during and since the Revolution.

This mess was the product of a perfect storm of events. First of all, the Marlins just opened a \$515 million stadium in Little Havana, the biggest Cuban neighborhood in Miami. Formerly the Florida Marlins, one

could speculate that the organization cut itself to representing simply Miami in order to garner stronger support in Florida's largest city. The Miami metropolitan area is the seventh largest in the U.S., and pandering a hometown team to 5.5 million people could mean quicker growth for a struggling franchise.

After all the effort put into restructuring a Major League franchise only to have your manager open his big mouth in the first week of the season is enough to make anyone in Miami roll their eyes, if not call for blood.

Make no mistake about it, Guillen has a HUGE mouth. During his tenure with the Chicago White Sox, he drew the ire of many after openly referring to a report as “a fag” and refused to visit the White House when the Sox

won the World Series in 2005. If you keep up with baseball, you know Guillen will always have something to say; for better or for worse.

Major League managers get suspended all the time: what's the big deal? Should he have been suspended for his own political views? Doesn't free speech allow him to think what he pleases?

Yes and no. Nobody is going to throw Guillen in jail for saying what he did. He's got the right to do so without fear of repercussions from the U.S. government.

But the second he signed that contract to manage the Marlins, some of his rights flew out the window, and although the government can't do a thing about it; the club can.

Guillen is a representation of the organization.

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The second he signed that contract to manage the Marlins, some of his rights flew out the window, and although the government can't do a thing about it; the club can.”

> BISHOP NASH

He's supposed to act as the wise skipper guiding his team into the postseason. If he does something stupid, it makes the whole organization look awful.

And he did. Look, I'll be the first to admit that Fidel Castro is one of the most interesting characters in 20th century history, but I'm not the manager of the Miami Marlins, nor would I want to tell the world that “I love Fidel Castro” regardless.

Just because we have the right to say whatever we please doesn't mean we should.

For Guillen, it cost him a five day suspension and the embarrassment of a lifetime. For the Marlins, it put a black eye on an organization looking to rebuild with a strong base in the Cuban community. For those offended, it opened up wounds never fully healed.

This was dumb move. Guillen is lucky to have only gotten less than a week and the Marlins are in a public relations nightmare.

Thus is the power of free speech.

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Freshman Alpha Xi Delta member Katie Ingegneri fills a plate to be served Thursday. This year marked the 61st annual strawberry breakfast. The full story can be found on page 6.

MOLLY URIAN | THE PARTHENON

BASEBALL
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Coppin State on Tuesday, where they defeated the Eagles by scores of 18-1 and 19-1. Marshall had 10 different players get multiple hits in the contests and only committed two errors on the day. “The wins Tuesday felt really good,” Ballou said. “Not so much because of the outcome but because of how we played. We played as a team and everyone played really hard.” The win was great for the morale of the team, and they said they could

feel the atmosphere change Wednesday at practice. “The environment was more positive and a lot more fun – like baseball should be,” Leon said. “We were enjoying the game like we should every day.” Leon had six hits on Tuesday and is batting .333 on the year. Like many other Herd members, Leon doesn’t let the pressure of being a freshman get to him. “I’ve been playing my whole life. I just go out and perform to my ability every day,” Leon said. The fact that Rice is

nationally ranked hasn’t phased him. “They go through the daily steps we do,” Leon said. “They breathe the same air, wear the same uniform as us. They’re no different than us.” MU Athletics is sponsoring a free bus trip on Saturday to get students to Charleston to support the Herd. The bus will leave from the football stadium parking lot at 12:30 and anyone interested in signing up should go the Marshall ticket office. “We would love to see Power Park filled,” Ballou

said. “Our team feeds off the energy the fans bring.” Ballou has started every game this season, and leads Conference USA in stolen bases. He is Marshall’s all-time triples leader. Whether or not he calls himself a leader, Ballou leads by example. With a younger squad, it helps to have a guy like Ballou to teach. “I want them to realize that if you work hard, believe in yourself and trust God, anything is possible,” Ballou said. “It doesn’t matter what scouts think, or anyone else for that matter.

It’s about what you believe and what you’re willing to work for. It’s what you’re trusting God to do in your life at the end of the day.” As the Herd begins the series, they’ve really taken ahold of the idea to believe in team unity. “If you don’t have faith in your teammates, you’ll go

nowhere,” Ballou said. “Especially in baseball, everyone has to buy in and believe in each other for something special to happen.” Marshall will play at 2:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10:05 a.m. Sunday. Catie Smith can be contacted at smith1650@marshall.edu.

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said. “Crime is down 16 percent, however we do know we continue to have drug problems and robbery. We absolutely cannot walk away from what we’ve been doing. We absolutely need to make sure that Skip Holbrook continues to have the support he needs to be able to move forward.” Following the discussion

session for the candidates for Mayor of Huntington was a question and answer conference for the Cabell County Board of Education candidates. Currently, districts one, two and four have individuals running for the board, while no candidates have emerged for districts three and five. Karen Nance is the sole candidate for district one, Suzanne Oxley is up for

re-election in district two and both Gregory Borowski and Garland “Skip” Parsons are contending for a position in district four. Seven questions were posed to the candidates varying between if year-round schooling is feasible for Cabell country schools, how to work with teachers who have acquired tenure but are inadequate, how to improve sex education with the rise of teenage birth rate as well as

if Cabell county should have longer school days. “I think sometimes we take too much time trying to unlock the secret recipe to learning,” Borowski said. “Sometimes we just need to let the teachers teach and teach with the skills that they have. Students will get more out of learning if we are able to give more flexibility.” Chelsie Schuldies can be contacted at schuldies@marshall.edu.

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“We pretty much take turns hosting every week, and it’s kind of brutal,” Oglespy said. “When you host, you are prepared to do a set. In between acts you gotta keep people going and you gotta make people laugh and stay lively for the next guy coming up.” Oglespy said he wants the word to get out about

comedy night at Black Sheep. “I want people to know it’s an open mic, it’s free, the comics are mostly doing new material and trying things out,” Oglespy said. “Also, if you ever see local comics at a paid gig, come on out. They are bringing their A-material, they are prepared, and they are ready to roll.” Chelsie Schuldies can be contacted at schuldies@marshall.edu.

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The team members said they hope to gather momentum from this recent two-game winning streak to propel the team for the rest of the season. “Hopefully we can get on a roll,” Mason said. “We have talent, and if we are able to play the way we know we can, we believe we can beat anyone.” Ballou said he believes the teams’ mistakes will be

corrected over the rest of the season. “Most of our errors are mental,” Ballou said. “It’s not a lack of talent that has held us back this year it’s more of a lack of focus. These things can be fixed.” The team plays the Rice University this weekend. Rice is the number ninth ranked school in the nation. A win would almost certainly be a boost for the team. Lawren Hightower can be reached at hightower5@marshall.edu.

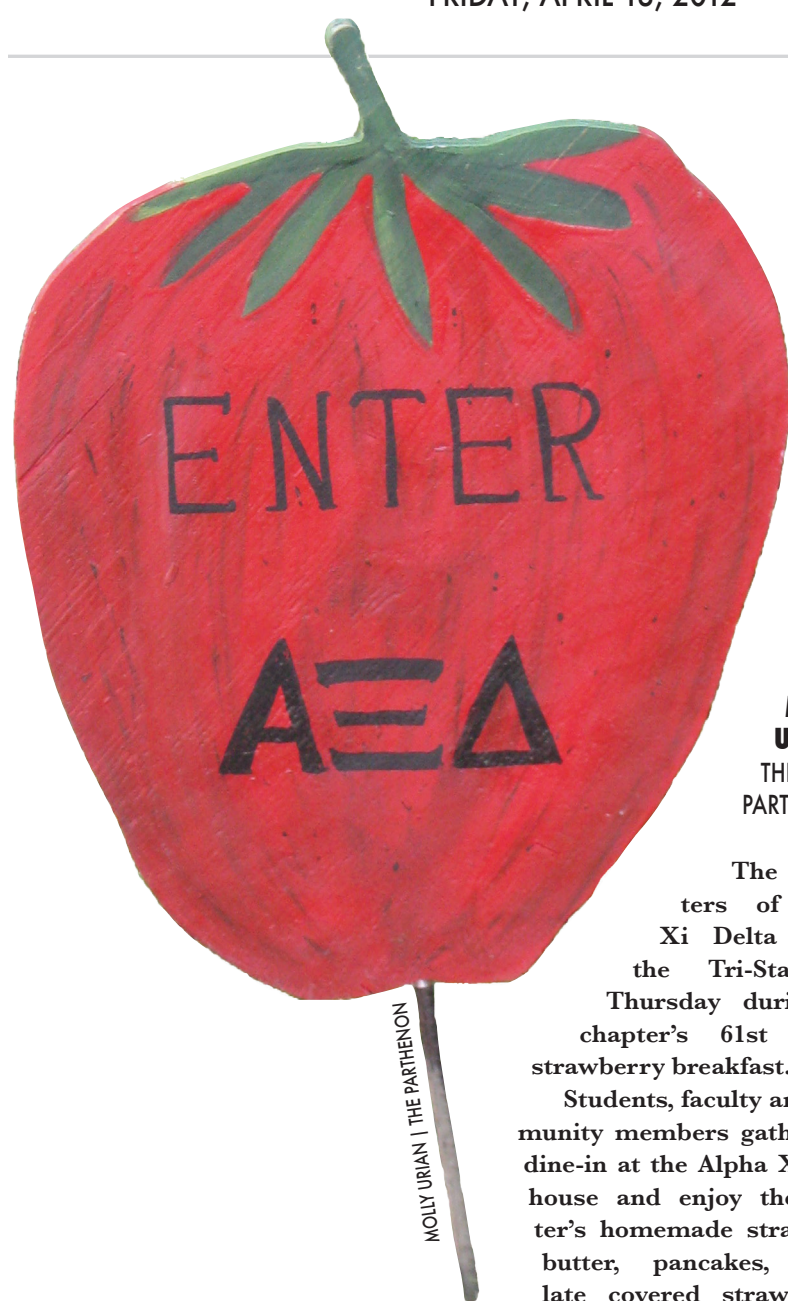
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ALPHA XI DELTA HOSTS 61st ANNUAL *strawberry breakfast*

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The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta served the Tri-State on Thursday during the chapter's 61st annual strawberry breakfast.

Students, faculty and community members gathered to dine-in at the Alpha Xi Delta house and enjoy the chapter's homemade strawberry butter, pancakes, chocolate covered strawberries,

sausage and eggs. Carry-out and delivery were also available options.

The fundraiser is the only time of year proceeds go directly to the sorority. The breakfast is also a time for alumni sisters to come back and see improvements within the sorority.

Alpha Xi Delta president Erica Law said working the strawberry breakfast is always tedious and fun.

"It is a very stressful event, but we all pull together as a family and do our own part to make the event possible," Law said. "All proceeds we receive from the breakfast go toward helping us pay for the upkeep of the house, buying things for the girls who live in the house and pretty much anything that we need as a whole. The event is very important to our sorority.

"It is one of our largest events because of our homemade strawberry butter, which is a

fan-favorite," Law said. "We make a lot of strawberry butter. We make it the night before and it takes at least three hours. Many parents and at least half the chapter help us prepare throughout the night for the big day."

Morgan Lynch, senior Alpha Xi Delta member, said the time she has spent preparing for the breakfast pleases her knowing she is serving campus and the community.

"I'm really going to miss the experience next year," Lynch said. "We are doing something good because the strawberry breakfast helps us focus on our philanthropy, Autism Speaks. I am just so happy to have the opportunity to do this with my sisters."

Freshman Alpha Xi Delta member Alexis Townsend said she believes selling tickets for the event gave the sorority a chance to spread the word and meet new people.

"Although the event is stressful

and chaotic at times, it all comes down to us having a good time with other sisters as well as members of the community," Townsend said. "I'm a chemistry major, so I have had many tests and lab reports due this week, but I have stayed up late in the night just so I could help out. That is what we are here for in the first place, to help out our sisters, always."

Brad Gritt, senior Alpha Tau Omega member, said he attended the breakfast to show his support for Alpha Xi Delta.

"This is my third time attending the breakfast, and it's still great," Gritt said. "I think it is cool the tradition still continues. Even after 61 years, students, parents and alumni continue to come back for the event."

The sorority plans to continue the tradition and conduct another strawberry breakfast next spring.

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PRIDE WEEK 2012 APRIL 15 - APRIL 22 EVENTS

INFORMATION GATHERED BY TRAVIS EASTER

APRIL 15 Bowling mixer at Colonial Lanes at 6 p.m.

APRIL 16 Continuing the Conversation, 9:00 p.m. in MSC

APRIL 17 Safe Space Training, 11 a.m. in 2W22, 45 minute discussion/training session

Guided Discussion: Sex and Sexuality, 6 p.m., MSC 2E37

APRIL 18 Showing of Sundance film festival movie Pariah at 6 p.m. in MSC 2W37

APRIL 19 Students for Appalachian Socialism Stonewall documentary at 6:30 p.m. in Corbly 105

APRIL 20 Amateur Drag Show, 7:30 p.m. Funky Towne

APRIL 21 concert at Funky Towne starts 7 p.m.

APRIL 22 Kickball and cookout in the park, 12:30 p.m.

BLACK SHEEP BURRITOS AND BREWS HOSTS WEEKLY COMEDY NIGHT



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While patrons at Black Sheep Burrito and Brews were dining, local comedians attempted to entertain during Wednesday's comedy night.

Marcus Oglespy, 37, of Beckley, W.Va., was the host of the open mic event.

"I have been a comedy night host at Black Sheep twice, but I have wanted to get into comedy for 10 years," Oglespy said. "I just kept telling people I wanted to do it, and I finally found a way to do it."

Oglespy said he was able to try his hand at comedy after he bought an iPhone and discovered the notepad.

"Every time I thought something was funny, I'd write it down on the phone's notepad," Oglespy said. "Then I would go back, write something around it and next thing I knew I had five minute bits, and then those

evolved into 20 minute bits. I finally found a way and a place to do comedy, and I was thrilled."

Watching comedy night from the bar was Jason Gilbert, 25, of Huntington.

"I was just here to enjoy a cold one and found out it was comedy night," Gilbert said. "It was a hit-and-miss, but I enjoyed watching everyone who went up anyways. I never would want to try and be a comedian. I'm not funny enough, but I enjoyed watching everyone because they at least had the nerve to go up and try."

Gilbert said this was his first time at the open mic, and he plans attending more.

"I wouldn't mind seeing what else these guys come up with," Gilbert said. "Like I said, it was a hit-and-miss, but overall it was entertaining. It was rough when people would say something funny and no one laughed, but some people don't get the humor."

Stephanie Daniels, 22, of Proctorville, Ohio, said she went to Black Sheep to watch her friend perform.

"When I came, I thought my friend was going to perform tonight, but she got scared and wouldn't go up," Daniels said. "She didn't even come out tonight, but it worked out because I met up with a couple of other people and got to watch the show anyway."

Daniels said the last show she attended was funny and the crowd seemed interested, but the crowd was hard to please this week.

"It kind of sucked seeing people go up and no one laugh at their jokes or just talked over them to their friends," Daniels said. "Not everyone is going to be amazing, but I thought overall it was pretty good."

Comedy night is at 9:30 p.m. every other Wednesday, and each week there is a new

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