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## Obama calls for end of 'senseless violence'

By Kathleen Hennessey  
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

DENVER - Speaking just miles from the scene of the Colorado movie theater shooting, President Barack Obama said Americans needed "to put an end" to "senseless" violence that killed 12 in Aurora and six at a Sikh temple in

Wisconsin, although he offered no specific solutions.

"I think we can all acknowledge we've got to put an end to this kind of senseless violence," Obama told a campaign rally in Denver on Wednesday.

"Whether in Aurora, whether it's in Oak Creek, whether it's in Tucson, whether it's in cities all across America where too many lives are cut short because

of senseless violence \_ this is going to have to stop," he said. "And as an American family, as one American family, we're going to have to come together and look at all the approaches that we can take to try to bring an end to it."

Since the back-to-back shootings, Obama has called for soul searching on the issue of violence, but made no forceful push for new laws. White House aides

have noted that the president supports reinstating a ban on the sale of assault weapons but sees no sign that Congress is moving toward action.

In his remarks at the rally aimed at women voters, Obama did not say the word "gun."

Obama's stop in Denver was his first since he visited with the families of victims and some of those wounded in the July 20 shooting rampage. Days later,

in an address to the National Urban League convention in New Orleans, he said that even though he believed "that the Second Amendment guarantees an individual the right to bear arms," he thought "that a lot of gun owners would agree that AK-47s belong in the hands of soldiers, not in the hands of criminals," and "on the battlefield of war, not on the streets of our cities."



President Barack Obama waves as he walks across the South Lawn before boarding Marine One and departing from the White House, Wednesday, August 8, in Washington, D.C. Obama is traveling to Colorado for campaign events.

OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/MCT

## New Campus Activity Board seeks student involvement

By John Gibb  
MANAGING EDITOR

With time comes change.

That is the case with the Student Activities Programming Board as they are adapting to both a new constitution and a new name.

SAPB is now the new Campus Activities Board.

Steve Hensley, dean of academic affairs, said it was just time for the change.

"We looked at ways that the organization could be working better," Hensley said. "We have restructured the organization and we are looking at getting broader involvement amongst students."

CAB will be looking for student involvement as they set up informational tables at the Week of Welcome festivities, as well as Recfest 2012, when both commence later this month.

The CAB constitution has been modified to best serve the campus community. The mission statement was one of the changes.

CAB's mission statement reads: "The organization exists for the purpose of selecting, promoting and producing campus-wide events that meet the social, educational, and entertainment needs of the MU community."

"We are looking for new leaders," Hensley said. "The organization is looking for leaders with good judgment who can serve the students here at Marshall."

Hensley said it is difficult to find entertainment for students that interests a majority of the student body and is also affordable.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Marshall University masot, Marco works the room during a past Paint the Capital City Green rally in Charleston.

## Charleston to get green makeover

By John Gibb  
MANAGING EDITOR

Charleston, West Virginia will be getting a colorful facelift as Marshall University moves to paint the capital city green.

The 15th annual Paint the Capital City Green rally is set to kick off Aug. 23, as hundreds of Marshall fans will pack the Embassy Suites in downtown Charleston.

Mike Hamrick, Marshall athletic director, said this event is a great opportunity to promote Marshall and take the university to Charleston.

"This is our chance to celebrate Marshall," Hamrick said. "There are a lot of alumni in the Kanawha Valley and this event allows them to come have a great time with other members of the Marshall community."

Hosting the event will be the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, Marshall's Alumni Association, the Greater Kanawha Valley Alumni Club and the Charleston Quarterback Club.

Friends of Coal and Huntington Bank are sponsoring the event, which will be the nation's largest indoor pep rally for Thundering Herd alumni, fans and friends.

The \$50 ticket will allow guests to munch on a tailgate spread and enjoy entertainment from mascot Marco, the cheerleading squad, dance

team and the Marching Thundering band.

John Smith, director of external affairs at the Big Green Foundation, said the event is essentially the last hoorah before the football season commences Sept. 1 against the West Virginia Mountaineers.

"Paint the Capital City Green is a signature event focused on the start of football," Smith said. "The event is a pep rally and we are trying to get as many people as possible to rally behind our team."

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## Tips to safely enjoy the summer sun

### Slow down

■ Reduce, eliminate or reschedule strenuous activities until the coolest time of the day.

### Drink water

■ Your body needs water to stay cool. Make sure to properly hydrate before going outside.

### Avoid alcohol

■ Alcohol dehydrates your body and can cause you to pass out in the hot sun.

### Dress cool

■ Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing to reflect heat and sunlight.

### Protect your skin

■ Sunburn reduces your body's ability to dissipate heat which can lead to heat illnesses.

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# Amazon sales tax for California begins in September

**By Carly Cody**  
Daily Bruin, U. California-Los Angeles via UWIRE

Students in California will encounter higher prices when purchasing their textbooks on Amazon.com for their classes this fall.

The online retail company will start collecting sales tax in California beginning on Sept. 15, said Scott Stanzel, an Amazon spokesman. The change is more than a year in the making.

California currently has one of the nation's highest state sales tax rates at 7.25 percent. Taking district and local tax rates into account, students could face up to as much as a 9.75 percent additional tax when purchasing products through Amazon, starting in September.

The tax on Amazon purchases was originally

scheduled to begin in 2011. But last year, Amazon and California state leaders, including Gov. Jerry Brown, negotiated a bill to postpone Amazon's collection of sales tax from Californian customers until this September, given that the company agreed to create at least 10,000 new full-time jobs for the state by the end of 2015.

Despite the upcoming price increases, Kyle Mark, a fourth-year UCLA student, said he would continue to shop on Amazon as opposed to other retail stores like the UCLA Store because of the better flexibility offered through their guaranteed buyback.

"I'm already invested with them (Amazon). I use the credit they give me when I sell back my textbooks

**7.25** the sales tax rate in California, which will now be applied to amazon.com purchases

to buy other items," Mark said.

Vincent Truong, a fourth-year UCLA student, cited the cheaper prices as a reason to continue shopping on Amazon.

"Even with the sales tax, Amazon will still be generally cheaper than the UCLA bookstore," he said.

Amazon already charges sales tax in six other states. The company could previously bypass the sales tax requirement in California.

But within the past year state lawmakers supported legislation that would require online retailers with a presence in California to collect sales tax from

customers within the state in order to create equality with brick-and-mortar businesses.

In the meantime, Amazon has been advocating for a national solution that would address the question of on-line sales tax and create an "equitable framework" for all online companies in the country, Stanzel said.

The Marketplace Fairness Act, which is currently up for debate in Congress, would mirror California's legislation by granting states the authority to require sales tax collection on online purchases made by consumers within their state.

Stanzel said Amazon supports the Marketplace Fairness Act because the company believes the appropriate place to settle the sales tax issue is in Congress.

Current policy, which is based on a 1992 Supreme Court decision, exempts many online retailers from collecting sales tax.

Senators who support the Marketplace Fairness Act have argued that the policy creates a disadvantage for brick-and-mortar retail stores.

Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, who is co-sponsoring the bill, said he found it unfair that traditional shops essentially end up being display cases for products that consumers will proceed to purchase online to avoid paying sales tax, according

to a statement released on Wednesday.

Yet while legislators debate the fairness of the bill, students continue to prefer the online method of shopping for textbooks over traditional bookstores.

Even given the price increase, online shopping will still provide benefits that retail stores lack, said Anum Khan, a fourth-year UCLA student.

"The UCLA Store doesn't always have used options. I still like online shopping because you can compare prices and I like the fact that it gets mailed to you," she said.

Regardless of whether the Marketplace Fairness Act does not pass, California will proceed to require online retailers to charge sales tax.

## News briefs

### Marshall launches new career services website

Marshall University students looking for help finding a job may be surprised when they visit the Marshall Career services website.

That is because the webpage got a whole new look, thanks to the Career Services staff.

"Earlier this year, the Career Services' staff decided to make the website our summer project," Denise Hogsett, director of Career Services, said. "We wanted the site to better foster the needs of students, alumni, employers and faculty, as well as have a more modern look and feel just in time for the fall semester."

The new site, which was launched Monday, Aug. 6, was launched just in time for the new semester, which will begin Aug. 27.

The website can be visited at [www.marshall.edu/career-services](http://www.marshall.edu/career-services).

### Marshall to participate in Colors Day competition

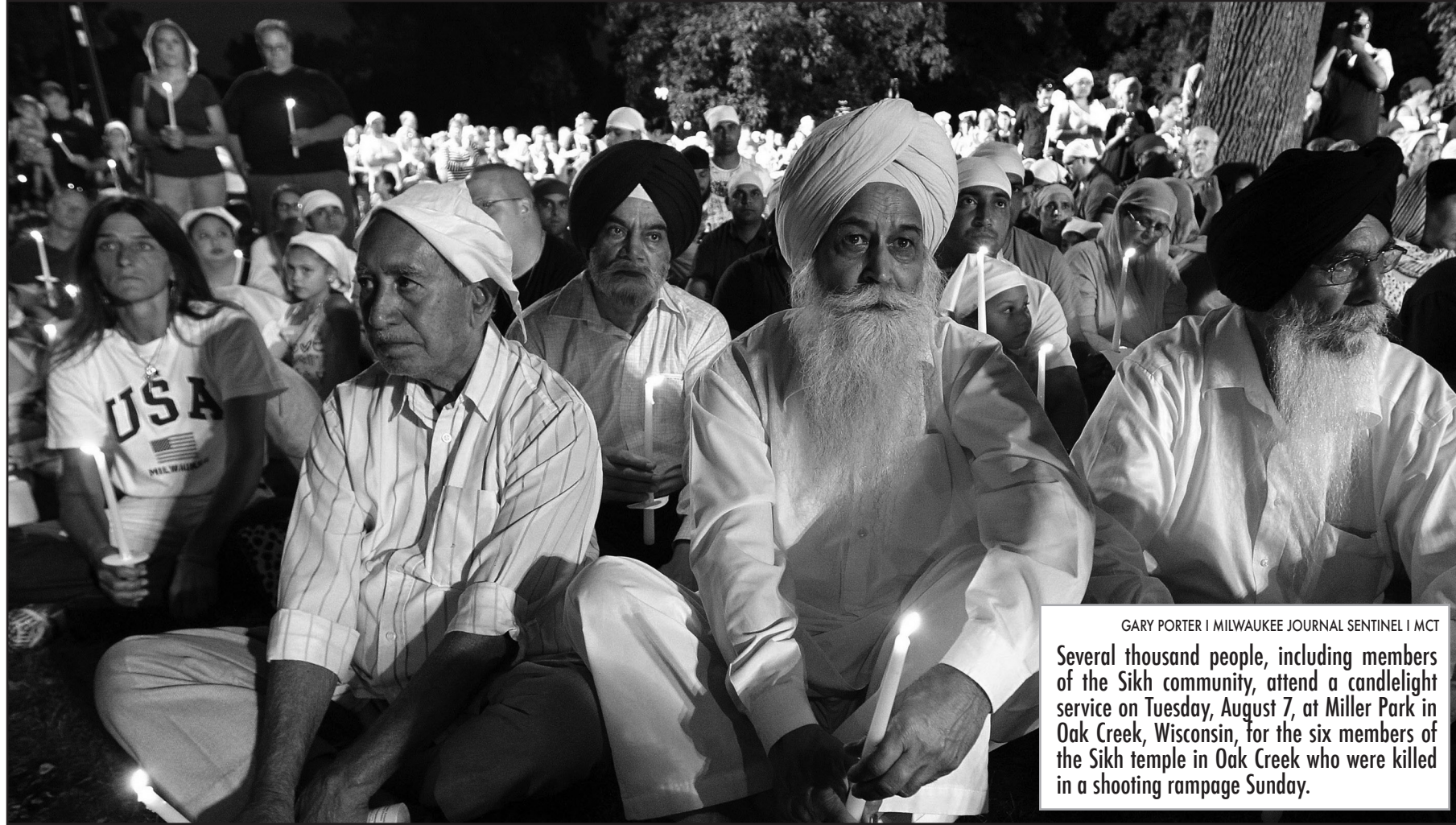
Marshall University will be one of 165 universities across the country that are participating in the inaugural College Colors Day Spirit Cup.

The winning school will receive \$ 10,000 toward its general scholarship fund.

Students can register by going to [www.espn.com/collegecolorsday](http://www.espn.com/collegecolorsday).

The competition will run until Aug. 31, which is also the first of Marshall's Green Friday campaigns.

## Ex-girlfriend of gunman in temple shootings is tied to white power group



GARY PORTER | MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL | MCT

Several thousand people, including members of the Sikh community, attend a candlelight service on Tuesday, August 7, at Miller Park in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, for the six members of the Sikh temple in Oak Creek who were killed in a shooting rampage Sunday.

**By Dave Umhoefer and Gina Barton**  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (MCT)

MILWAUKEE - Sikh temple shooter Wade Michael Page had no apparent ties to the Milwaukee area except one: a woman who may have shared his white power beliefs.

That woman, 31-year-old Misty Cook, may be the reason Page moved to the area about nine months ago, according to the Anti-Defamation League, which has been tracking both of them for years.

The first record of Page living in the area was at an apartment he shared with Cook in the 700 block of Minnesota Ave. in South Milwaukee in November 2011.

Cook worked at a restaurant about a block away from the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek where Page shot 10 people, killing six, on Sunday. He was fatally shot by police.

Page and Cook broke up in June and she had no role in the rampage, authorities said.

After the breakup, Cook continued to live in an apartment she and Page had rented together in February in the 1400 block of Marquette Ave. in South Milwaukee. He moved to Cudahy. Authorities searched both of those places, as well as the couple's previous apartment on Minnesota Ave.

At the Marquette Avenue location, they found a gun. Cook was arrested late Tuesday on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a firearm, South Milwaukee police said. The Milwaukee County district attorney's office will review the case.

Cook cannot legally possess a gun because she has a previous felony conviction.

She was convicted in 2005 of fleeing and eluding police in Milwaukee County, according to court records. She was sentenced to 18 months' probation and served 97 days in jail.

Page had only a misdemeanor criminal record, including convictions for impaired driving and criminal

damage to property. He had legally purchased the gun used in the temple shooting.

Reached via email Tuesday, Cook declined to be interviewed. "In light of this senseless tragedy, I must respectfully decline any requests for comments," she wrote. "If I could say something to ease the pain of the victims and their families I would gladly do so. Unfortunately words do not begin to heal the pain they are going through. I ask that you please respect my privacy in dealing with this issue as it is a great struggle for me."

The investigation into the shooting continues as FBI agents question scores of people who had contact with

Page, according to U.S. Attorney James Santelle.

For about 10 years before coming to Milwaukee, Page lived in North Carolina and for some of that time worked at Cape Fear Harley-Davidson. Interviewing for the job, he was a "perfect gentleman," covering up his many tattoos, according to his boss, John W. Tew. But Page later showed a volatile side when women tried to tell him what to do.

"He snapped and went crazy," Tew said. "He was the strangest guy. He had coldblooded eyes ... cold, dark, mischievous."

As far back as 1995, while

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## Afghan civilian casualties down, but U.N. warns trend not sign of move toward peace

**By Jon Stephenson**  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

KABUL - The number of civilians killed or wounded by violence in Afghanistan dropped 15 percent in the first six months of the year compared with the same period in 2011, the United Nations reported Wednesday. But U.N. officials cautioned that the decrease ought not to be seen as a sign that Afghanistan was becoming less violent. "They do not reflect a move towards a peaceful society," Nicholas Haysom, the deputy U.N. special representative in Afghanistan,

said of the numbers. "On the contrary, the figures we are releasing today reflect an armed conflict that is exacting a toll on civilians and civilian lives similar to the levels of 2009 and 2010."

Another official called the decrease "a very hollow trend," noting that the U.S.-led coalition here had recorded more enemy attacks in June than in any other month since it began keeping statistics. "Since so many of these attacks are impacting civilians disproportionately, you have to worry that this trend is continuing, and

more attacks are simply going to mean more civilian casualties," said James Rodehaver, acting chief of the U.N. human rights unit in Afghanistan.

As with previous reports, the U.N. attributed the vast majority of civilian casualties in this report, 80 percent to Taliban actions.

The number of civilians killed and wounded in the 11-year-old war is one measure of the progress the International Security Assistance Force, as the U.S.-led coalition is known, is making toward pacifying the

country. U.S. troops are scheduled to withdraw from the country by the end of 2014, and a key question is whether the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai will be able to continue to combat Taliban forces that operate widely across the nation.

The report by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan documented

1,145 civilians killed and 1,954 injured in the conflict between Jan. 1 and June 30. "Anti-government elements" shorthand for the Taliban and other insurgent

groups were responsible for 882 civilian deaths and for injuring 1,593, the report said. "Pro-government forces" - shorthand for U.S.-led coalition troops and Afghan government security forces - were responsible for 10 percent of overall casualties, killing 165 civilians and injuring 131. The U.N. said that 10 percent of civilian casualties could not be attributed to either insurgents or pro-government forces. Of the 3,099 civilians killed or wounded, 925, or 30 percent, were women or children.

Improvised explosive device attacks by insurgents caused 33 percent of all casualties, or 327 deaths and 689 injuries, while attacks aimed at specific individuals claimed 255 civilians killed and 101 injured in 237 incidents, an increase of 53 percent.

Coalition-caused casualties totaled 165 dead and 131 wounded, a 25 percent drop. "The use of air strikes continues to cause more civilian casualties, particularly women and children, than any other tactic used by the international forces," Haysom said.



# SPORTS

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## Martinez returns to practice at 85 percent

BY ADAM ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

After participating in a red non-contact jersey for the first two days of practice, junior running back Tron Martinez wore his normal white No. 2 jersey for Wednesday morning's practice session.

This comes as a surprise after running backs coach Jajuan Seider said Tuesday Martinez wouldn't return until sometime next week.

"It's a little tough for me right now, but I'm around 85 percent right now," Martinez said. "I want to be out here so bad, but right now I just have to play my part. I'm a competitor and I've been playing football all my life, so I never want to take a backseat, but my health isn't allowing me to do that. So I'm just trying to help other people so the

team can be successful."

"Tron's a football player and he wants to be out there," head coach Doc Holliday said. "But it doesn't hurt having three or four other guys running around out there to help speed up his recovery. I think Tron, regardless of what happens, will be out there and will play because that's the kind of kid he is."

Wednesday also happened to be the first day the Herd was able to practice in shells (helmet and shoulder pads).

Martinez said it felt good putting on the pads and making some contact with his fellow teammates.

"We got the pads today and got in a lot of contact," Tron Martinez said. "We haven't hit anyone in a year now, so people have been waiting to make some contact. The real players can

come out with the pads on."

Holliday's only concern was that his players would slow down with the added weight of the shoulder pads.

"I thought the encouraging thing was there wasn't much difference (from being in shorts)," Holliday said. "You worry about them slowing down when you put the pads on. I thought they still played fast and played pretty well. I like their enthusiasm and the way they got after it."

Last season Martinez rushed for 649 yards on 160 carries and crossed the goal line three times.

Martinez had his best outing in 2011 in the Herd's 23-22 win over Memphis in the Liberty Bowl with 94 yards on 22 carries.

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FILE PHOTO

Junior running back Tron Martinez finds the second level of the defense and lowers his head preparing for contact with a Southern Miss defender. Martinez and the Herd knocked off the Golden Eagles 26-20 in Marshall's 2011 home opener. Marshall opens the 2012 season against WVU Sept. 1.

## Van first on ballot for starting running back job



Sophomore running back Travon Van searches for a hole to run through during Marshall's 44-7 loss at Ohio on Sept. 17, 2011. Van rushed for 68 yards on 16 carries.

FILE PHOTO

BY ADAM ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Day two of Marshall football practice wrapped Tuesday afternoon with a starting running back in the mind of position coach Jajuan Seider.

That would be sophomore Travon Van, who is still recovering from a multitude of injuries that kept him out of spring ball action, but is working his way into mid-season form.

Keep in mind though, that junior Tron Martinez is still recovering from his injuries that kept him out from spring ball.

"I don't want to put one guy far ahead than the other guys, but if we were playing today, right now Travon Van

would be our starter," Seider said. "That's because we're still waiting on Tron to get healthy. He'd probably get more reps than anybody else and then I'd have to trickle guys in."

Good thing for the rest of the backs on the roster there is still time to show what they can do, and Seider said they are getting better each and every day.

"Every day is different step and a different direction we want to go with these guys," Seider said. "We're putting a lot on them early and we want to see how much they can retain. Because at the same time, we want to bring them along, but not slow the other guys down because we were pretty damn good

before we got these other guys."

Depth and variety are the biggest notes for the Herd backfield.

Martinez and senior Martin Ward provide power, while Van and freshmen Remi Watson, Steward Butler and Kevin Grooms bring the speed.

Also, throw in the fact that junior Essray Taliaferro and freshman Kevin Rodriguez show flashes of both.

"It's a life changer," Seider said. "I was here, man we were holding our breath, when all we had was Martin Ward in the backfield, and nothing against Martin, we

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### COLUMN

## Comparing recruiting of Snyder & Holliday

BY COREY BODDEN  
THE PARTHENON

"He's a premiere recruiter in college football and once you put all that together you've got a recipe for a good hire."

Athletic director Mike Hamrick said it best when he introduced Doc Holliday as the 29th head football coach at Marshall on Dec. 17, 2009.

Before heading south to Huntington, Holliday was known for one thing: recruiting.

He has certainly lived up to his hype during his tenure with the Herd.

Holliday's first three recruiting classes already trump his predecessor Mark Snyder's (22-37 record at Marshall in five seasons) four recruiting classes in terms of numbers and averages.

From 2006-2009 Snyder's recruiting classes averaged 74th best in the nation with a 2.23 star average while having 28 athletes commit who were rated as three-star (out of five) players coming out of high school according to Rivals.com.

Snyder's classes included

three-star defensive lineman Mario Harvey who accumulated 420 tackles and 23.5 sacks as a three-year starter, three-star tight end Cody Slate who racked up 1,935 receiving yards and 17 touchdowns as a member of the Herd and three-star running back Darius Marshall who rushed for 2,857 yards and added on 19 rushing touchdowns.

Holliday (12-13 record in two seasons) has countered with three classes (2010-2012), which boast an average of 64th best in the country with a star average of 2.52.

Holliday's classes, in terms of rankings and star average, are not significantly better than Snyder's. However, the quality of the incoming players is where Holliday easily outshines Snyder.

In four years Snyder signed 28 players who claimed three-star status by Rivals.com. Holliday has signed 36 in just three years. He has also added two four-star players.

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## 2012 Herd football schedule



**When:** Sept. 1  
**Who:** West Virginia Mountaineers  
**Where:** Morgantown



**When:** Sept. 8  
**Who:** Western Carolina Catamounts  
**Where:** Huntington



**When:** Sept. 15  
**Who:** Ohio Bobcats  
**Where:** Huntington



**When:** Sept. 22  
**Who:** Rice Owls  
**Where:** Houston



**When:** Sept. 29  
**Who:** Purdue Boilermakers  
**Where:** West Lafayette, Ind.



**When:** Oct. 6  
**Who:** Tulsa Golden Hurricane  
**Where:** Huntington



**When:** Oct. 20  
**Who:** Southern Miss Golden Eagles  
**Where:** Hattiesburg, Miss.



**When:** Oct. 27  
**Who:** UCF Knights  
**Where:** Huntington



**When:** Nov. 3  
**Who:** Memphis Tigers  
**Where:** Huntington



**When:** Nov. 10  
**Who:** UAB Blazers  
**Where:** Birmingham, Ala.



**When:** Nov. 17  
**Who:** Houston Cougars  
**Where:** Huntington



**When:** Nov. 23  
**Who:** East Carolina Pirates  
**Where:** Greenville, N.C.



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Column

As focus switches to Chick-Fil-A, the real gay rights culprit gets away

By Shana Roberson  
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The restaurant known for inventing the chicken sandwich was under the microscope last week. One week simultaneously saw Chick-Fil-A supporters wait in long lines to show their allegiance to the company as well as “kiss ins” from same sex couples there to make a statement.

Chick-Fil-A has been in headlines for months after company president Dan Cathy answered “guilty as charged” in an interview asking whether he supports the biblical definition of the family.

“I think we are inviting God’s judgment on our nation when we shake our fist as Him and say, ‘We know better than you as to what constitutes a marriage,’” Cathy said during the interview.

Things snowballed from there, and the chicken chain saw their relationship with Jim Henson Company dissolve, and Muppet toys for kids’ meals stopped. Next, a public letter from the democratic mayor of Boston invited them to reconsider opening a store in Boston.

Up until the mayor stepped in, this entire episode was outside of politics.

Sometimes a political act is so undeniably calculated and partisan you can see right through it. Boston’s mayor sure looked that way. That was also how the choice of Gov. Sarah Palin as the Vice Presidential nominee looked. Although it seemed to work in Sen. McCain’s (R-Ariz) favor in the end, the choice was transparent.

Another similarly transparent move made recently was President Obama’s political move on gay rights. Vice President Biden said he was “absolutely comfortable” with gay marriage on a Sunday talk show, which was a change of position for the administration, as far as most people knew. Days afterward, Obama came out in his own television appearance in support of gay marriage, saying his stance on the issue had “evolved.”

“I’ve just concluded that for me personally it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married,” Obama said.

In 2008, candidate Obama said he didn’t support gay marriage. If you believed that then, you probably didn’t

whole-heartedly. Obama is a liberal man, and he probably did believe in gay marriage then, he probably just did not see a way to make it a winning issue. That’s not a criticism. He had a different purpose at the time. He certainly could not campaign on every single issue the way his predecessor, Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass), had in 2004, only to watch his overall message get lost in crowd of mini-messages. We know the result of that campaign strategy.

So, Obama decided not to make that an issue for his campaign. During his first term he did focus on a few gay rights issues that furthered the cause, including repealing the military’s policy on gays and lesbians serving in the Armed Forces, ‘Don’t Ask Don’t Tell.’

But on May 9, he made a calculated decision to come out in support of gay marriage. It went something like this: ‘I’m for gay marriage, but I’m not going to do anything about it. Support me anyway, please.’

The GLBT community fell for it, hook, line and sinker.

What he really said was that he supports gay marriage, but that it’s a state issue that states will have to deal with. All at once, he got favorability from one demographic without having to commit to any given action. States’ rights weren’t sacred in the healthcare battle, yet suddenly the federal government must stay back. He also waited until the end of his first term to come to this position, a time when no one expects any political action but fundraising is at an all time high.

Yet, instead of a spotlight on this oddly timed change of position, all of the energy on this issue is focused against a restaurant that really has no power. The most Dan Cathy can accomplish is cooking chicken. Certainly, some of the things he said are against the grain for a lot of people, but that’s pretty much where the buck stops. One man’s opinion.

On the other hand, a man with real power, arguably the most powerful man in the world, made no single move whatsoever to assist the GLBT community on the issue of gay marriage. Sounds like the “kiss ins” should look for a new meeting place, perhaps 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

ONLINE POLLS

How many touchdowns do you think Marshall will score during its Sept. 1 game against WVU?

- 0
- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5 or More

The following are the results from last week’s poll question: “After finding out part of Chick-fil-A’s profits go to support homosexual hate groups, do you plan to continue giving them your money?”

- Yes - 64% - 84 votes
- No - 31% - 41 votes
- Undecided - 4% - 6 votes

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EDITORIAL

Save a farmer - eat local

There are many things to dislike about Huntington. The black holes we refer to as potholes here never seem to stay filled, fires, meth and other crime dominate the news and typically it’s too hot during the summer and too cold during the winter.

Those are all things that are, for the most part, beyond anyone’s control. The weather and potholes go hand in hand as the extreme weather we get here creates much expansion and contraction of water under the pavement. The crime is being combated, but sadly is a global phenomenon brought on by people being poor, stupid or both – and it’ll take a lot more than the City of Huntington to change something that’s a worldwide epidemic.

However, Huntington is doing much to change the things that can be changed. The arts and locally owned business are getting more attention and the community as a whole is coming around to a more progressive mindset. One of the most recent ways this has happened is the opening of The Wild Ramp.

This indoor farmers market provides a location for farmers to drop off their goods and sell them without having to

sit outside all day peddling their wares in the heat. Not only is this great for local farmers, it is a huge boon to the community. Having steady access to locally grown food is an amazing thing that more people should recognize as being as great as it is.

It is estimated that much of the “fresh” food purchased at grocery stores travels an average of 1500 miles from the farm to your dinner plate. So by the time it’s harvested, packed, shipped, received, placed on shelves, purchased by you and prepared for consumption, “fresh” really doesn’t apply anymore. But if you go to The Wild Ramp, or any of the various farmers market in the area, you stand a good chance of getting fruits and veggies that traveled 15 miles to your dinner plate, putting a whole new meaning to what you previously considered fresh.

So even if you don’t care about supporting local farmers, look at it like this – do you want to be healthier? Do you want to know what you are putting in your body? If you don’t, well just continue to eat your junk food, your pesticide smothered fruits and veggies and welcome cancer and heart disease.

Letter from Student Body President

My Fellow Students,

I am very pleased to welcome you to your new university! This is an incredible time to be joining the Marshall family as we are experiencing a great deal of growth and change. From new schools such as the School of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy to new athletic facilities like the Indoor Athletic Complex (which will be located at the site of the former Veteran’s Memorial Field House), the opportunities for Marshall students and graduates are rapidly expanding and enhancing the college experience.

At the heart of that experience is the education that you will receive from our outstanding faculty. Although they may seem intimidating at first, your professors are here to help you succeed, so reach out to them as much or as little as needed. Our average class size of 23 students allows you to be an individual in your classes and not just a “number.” However, as many of your peers will tell you, it’s the activities outside of the classroom that can shape and complete your college life. I’d like to highlight three aspects of college life: Organizations, Arts, and Athletics.

First, there are 198 student



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organizations here at Marshall! These include academic interest clubs, social fraternities and sororities, common-interests and of course Student Government. There is truly something for everyone and if not, you can start your own organization! To find out more about all of the exciting clubs and orgs, go to [marshall.edu/student-activities](http://marshall.edu/student-activities).

Personally, I can tell you that my college experience would not have been complete without the exposure to the arts which I have received. The College of Fine Arts hosts theatre shows, art projects, music events and more by

Marshall students throughout the year, free of charge! We also have the Marshall Artists Series, which has been providing shows, plays, musicals, concerts and other events for over 75 years – also free of charge to full-time students! Check out John Legend, Titanic the Musical, or an International Film Festival this year, just to name a few. Visit [marshall.edu/muarter/](http://marshall.edu/muarter/) for more information.

Finally, as you all know we have many great athletic programs here at Marshall. The best way to get involved and stay up to date on everything Athletics is to join the official student athletic fan group: the Marshall Maniacs. Not only will you be aware of all athletic events, but you also will receive the Maniacs t-shirt, discounts at local retailers and restaurants, football season tickets and more! Sign up at Stadium Bookstore anytime (discounted rate until Sept 7!) or check out [herdzone.com/maniacs](http://herdzone.com/maniacs).

I know this is a lot of information, but I hope it helps you as you become acclimated to our campus. As your student representative, I am here for you, so let me know if there is anything I can do to help you as the year goes on!

Yours in Marshall,  
Ray Harrell, Jr.

Important gun control legislation unfortunately impeded by the Second Amendment

By Jonathan Bowers  
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In the past couple of weeks, there have been numerous stories in the news about the shift in public opinion on gun control. These current stories seem largely to do with the recent mass shooting in Colorado, followed by Presidential and Congressional candidates making no hard stance on this issue.

However, even before this event, public opinion had already been shifting away from tighter gun control.

According to a poll released earlier last week by the PEW Research Center, since 1993, the percentage of people who support gun control has decreased, while the percentage of those who want to protect the rights of Americans to own guns has increased – to the point where the percentages are roughly 50/50 on the issue.

Also in the same poll, and oddly enough, more Americans are seeing shooting spree as more of an isolated incident than reflecting broader problems in this society, especially when this current opinion is compared to those following the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre. Yet, there is still something very

wrong with a country and its laws that, according to the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, allow 32 people a day to be killed by guns.

Think about that: 32 people a day. And an overwhelming number of gun violence deaths occur because of handguns, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice.

In a fairly recent story in The Atlantic, a research team found that, overall, “firearm deaths are significantly lower in states with stricter gun control legislation,” and there was “substantial negative correlations between firearm deaths and states that ban assault weapons, require trigger locks, and mandate safe storage requirements for guns.”

This conclusion is a step in the right direction, but gun-control policies are still inhibited.

People are getting their guns, making sure their self, family and property are protected. Self-defense. The local police may not be around when things get rough – regardless of how frequent or not.

I get that.

But based on all the data earlier noted, the government can’t sufficiently control who gets guns or not, largely I

believe, because the Second Amendment is in the way.

For example, in the Washington, D.C., area, which for years had rampant deaths caused by handguns, the district passed laws heavily regulating them – and subsequently saw a decrease in the number of deaths.

This is what any good society strives for. Yet, the U.S. Supreme Court largely struck down these regulations as, according to the court, they violated the Second Amendment.

So, if the government is not able to act as it needs to to keep its society safe due to an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, what do you do?

Something needs to break here in the States, and I think it is getting rid of the Second Amendment, as I believe it is keeping the American society from flourishing – and being safe – in a way that it needs to be.

This is not to say guns for hunting, sport and such will be completely done away with. But the government, working with its citizens, would be able to make sure those who do need guns have them – and this, I feel, can only happen if the government is adequately able to regulate this possession without the Second Amendment in the way.



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serving in the Army, he had a tattoo that made a reference to the “14 words.” It refers to the phrase used by white supremacists: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.” He also had a tattoo of a Celtic knot, which can stand for white power.

Cook and Page were active participants in an online message forum for a white supremacist group, and joined in dozens of the same conversations, including some well before the time that Page is thought to have moved to the area, according to research by the Anti-Defamation League and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

The Journal Sentinel reviewed posts under the names “End Apathy” and “Luluroman” on a message board for the Hammerskins, a white power group.

According to the ADL, Page frequently posted under the name End Apathy , the name of his skinhead band and Cook used the Luluroman handle.

“Luluroman” posted nearly 800 times, beginning Dec. 29, 2009, when she joined the forum and introduced herself as “Misty” and gave her location as Wisconsin. In numerous other posts she greets new members on the forum, which contains postings from members around the world, and says she is in Milwaukee.

“End Apathy” posted more than 200 times, beginning in 2010.

In October 2011, Page used the forum to promote a 2012 St. Patrick’s Day event in Richmond, Va., which apparently included a performance by his band. In the months to follow, he made numerous other postings talking up the event.

The message string includes this posting from Luluroman on March 19, 2012, two days after the event: “Awesome show this weekend! It was great to meet/see so many people. Great times, no static, no bs. This is how a skinhead show should be.”

After Hammerfest 2011 in Florida, a big white power music festival, Page said he was “honored to have earned the Crossed Hammers.” That’s a reference to gaining membership in the Hammerskin Nation, the ADL says.

Cook also has associated with another white power group, Volksfront, which anti-hate groups consider a racist neo-Nazi organization, according to the ADL.

In response to an email from the Journal Sentinel, the group said Cook has not

been in contact with them since 2008.

“In fact it would be accurate to describe our relationship with her as openly hostile since 2008,” they said in an email. “She is not a Volksfront member, associate or supporter in any way. ADL may have photographic evidence from 2008 or earlier of her around some members as she has dated several former members in the past.”

The group’s website says it is not a “skinhead” or “neo-Nazi” organization. It says the group is a secular fraternal organization for working white males, and opposes violence, terrorism and criminal activity.

Around the time Page joined the Hammerskins, he started as a temporary employee at the Lucas-Milhaupt factory in South Milwaukee. Lucas-Milhaupt President Phil Malliet said Page learned quickly, became a good equipment operator and was hired permanently in February. Malliet said Page worked third shift until he stopped coming to work in mid-July.

Also in July, Cook was hired as a waitress at the Prime Table Family Restaurant, where police and FBI agents descended within hours of the shooting at the temple.

They made a beeline for Cook.

“They came in and they went right for her — they already knew what she looked like,” said Michelle Johnson, another waitress working the late afternoon shift. “Misty just look terrified. They said they wanted information about an ongoing investigation.”

It quickly became clear the cops were there to discuss Page.

After huddling with investigators in a rear booth of the restaurant at 7864 S. Howell Ave., Cook gave her keys and cellphone to the officers and left with them, Johnson said.

Later in the day, Johnson talked by phone with Cook, whom she described as “a smart, aware girl.”

“She said she had nothing to do with what happened down the block,” Johnson said.

Santelle and FBI Special Agent in Charge Teresa Carlson both said evidence indicated Page acted alone. FBI agents are interviewing scores of people who had connections to Page, Santelle said.

“The inquiry is historical to assess who could have supported him in this or another activity,” Santelle said. “We are trying to figure out if anyone else is out there. Right now, I have no reason to believe there are others in the area who are an immediate threat.”

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“That has been an issue for years,” Hensley said. “Getting headline acts here has been difficult because of money and venue issues.”

This year, however, Comedian Adam Hunter and Grammy award winner John Legend will be performing for the local community at no cost to students. In addition,

CAB will be hosting the Campus Explosion on Aug. 25 and will be sponsoring social events throughout the semester, including bowling and movie nights.

In addition to CAB’s newly designed website, social media forums like Facebook and Twitter are helping CAB gain interest among students as well.

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Curiosity’s mysterious Mars photo stirs speculation

By Scott Gold  
Los Angeles Times (MCT)

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. - Did Curiosity capture the galactic equivalent of the Zapruder film when it landed on Mars?

Seconds after the NASA robot’s landing Sunday night, Curiosity managed to squeeze off a handful of fuzzy, black-and-white photographs. One, taken with a device on its rear known as a Hazcam, captured the pebble-strewn ground

beneath the rover and one of its wheels — and a blotch, faint but distinctive, on the horizon.

The images were relayed by a passing satellite. Two hours later, the satellite passed overhead again. This time, Curiosity sent home

a new batch of higher-resolution photos. They showed the same horizon.

The blotch was gone. Space junkies raced onto the Internet with giddy speculation about the difference between the photos.

Curiosity, the largest spacecraft ever sent to another planet, had just sailed through deep space for almost nine months and more than 350 million miles. It landed on its own, meaning scientists had no control over where, exactly, it would wind up, what direction it would be pointed in nor when it would snap its first images.

After all of those variables, the space junkies insisted, Curiosity had somehow snapped a photo of its chariot crash-landing

a safe distance away, as planned. The camera shutter had been open for 200 milliseconds.

The blotch did look like a billowing plume of some sort, erupting from the horizon. But the image “would be an insane coincidence,” one engineer said.

Most dismissed the chatter as wild-eyed speculation and a statistical impossibility. It was just dirt on the lens, some said, maybe a dust devil swirling in the distance, but nothing more than that.

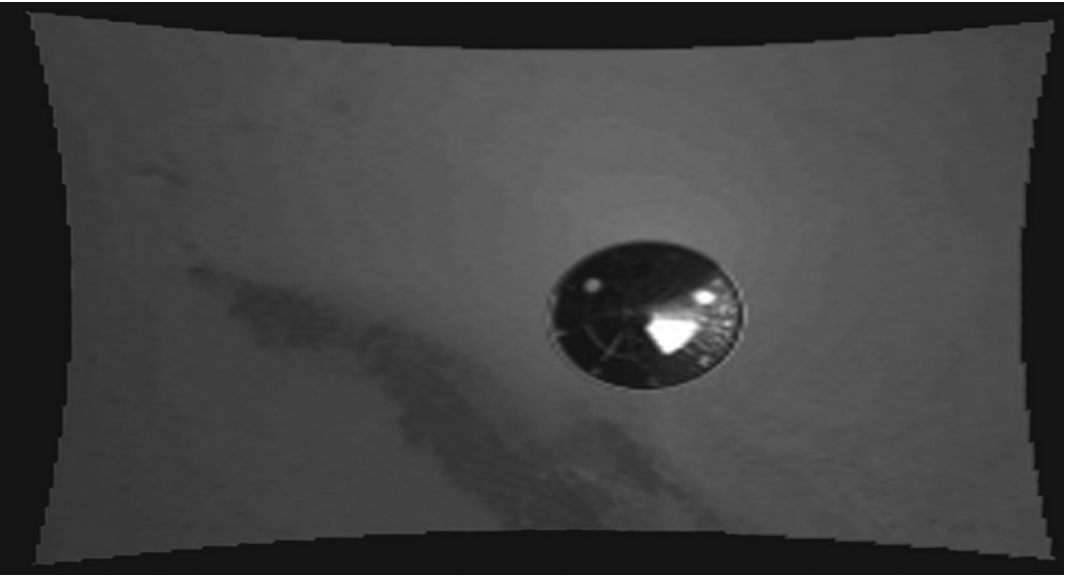
Yet a pesky fact remained. In the first photo, the blotch is there. “And then it’s not,” said Sarah Milkovich, a scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Canada Flintridge and a leader of the team responsible for

delivering images documenting the mission.

Early Tuesday morning, JPL engineers received a new image of the landing zone, taken by another satellite. With tongue in cheek, this photo was labeled the “crime scene” photo, because it not only showed Curiosity on the ground, but all of the pieces of spacecraft that the rover had discarded on the way down.

To the southwest was the supersonic parachute that had taken Curiosity out of free-fall, and was then jettisoned so it wouldn’t land on top of the rover and smother it.

To the southeast was the heat shield, which soared to temperatures as high as 3,800 degrees and was then ditched so that Curiosity could turn on its radar to navigate its landing.



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This image was obtained by NASA’s Curiosity rover during its descent to the surface of Mars on August 5 PDT–August 6 EDT. The image was obtained by the Mars Descent Imager instrument known as MARDI and shows the 15-foot (4.5-meter) diameter heat shield when it was about 50 feet (16 meters) from the spacecraft. It was obtained two and one-half minutes before touching down on the surface of Mars and about three seconds after heat shield separation. It is among the first color images Curiosity sent back from Mars.

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just had nobody behind him. Now we’ve gotten better and better every year.”

And having such a versatility of players affords the Herd options, without having to run in package after

package of players.

“We can do so much now without having to change the offense,” Seider said. “You can get match-ups by staying in a base formation and flexing guys out. Now instead of them switching to their nickel

package, we’ve got our running backs in the slot matched up against their linebackers and we like that match-up. That’s the flexibility we can afford to have now and on top of all that, you can take a back out and maybe not lose as much speed.”

Van rushed for 551 yards on 143 carries and plowed his way into the end zone three times, including a 69-yard score in last season’s 59-17 loss at Tulsa.

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With the event centered on the beginning of football, Coach Doc Holliday will be in attendance, as well as select players.

Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp, Hamrick, Holliday and

distinguished alumni will speak about the future of Herd football and expectations for the upcoming season.

Smith said the event usually attracts four to five hundred people and the event has always been a sell-out.

Lelena Price, university communications

coordinator, said she is anticipating the Embassy Suites to be filled wall-to-wall with Marshall fans.

“It would be great to see students there,” Price said. “We usually see only the students who are cheerleaders, who are in the band and who are part of the team and since this event

is for the students, we would love to see more student involvement.”

The deadline to purchase tickets is Aug. 16 and no tickets will be sold at the door. Festivities are set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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The eight-player differential in three-star players can be a major factor in a team’s depth and talent. Three-star athletes are those who “show flashes of dominance, but not on a consistent basis” according to ESPN.

Sophomore quarterback and former three-star Ra-keem Cato has been the star of Holliday’s three classes.

As a true freshman Cato passed for 2,059 passing yards and threw 15 touchdowns in 13 games, while starting nine of them.

Two other three-star members of Holliday’s 2011 class contributed as true freshman.

Tight end Eric Frohnapfel caught nine passes for 68 yards in one touchdown in thirteen games played (started three). Linebacker Jermaine Holmes racked up 26 tackles in 13 games, while starting eight.

Junior linebacker Trevor Black and three-star member of Holliday’s 2010 recruiting class has 43 tackles and one sack in his two years with the Herd.

Though Holliday has not hit a homerun with as many players as Snyder did, the overall quality of Holliday’s classes will show in the long run.

According to Rivals.com, Snyder had 105 players commit to Marshall. Only 35 of them could claim at least one offer from a BCS school. That leads to a woeful 33.98 percentage.

Even though Holliday has only gained commitments from 71 players, 36 of those players claimed at least one offer from a BCS school, which equals to a 50.7 percentage.

In essence, Holliday is going after recruits who hold offers from the upper level of college football and is getting a fair share of those recruits.

In three short years Holliday has brought in more talent on paper than Snyder did in four. Of course, the talent needs to be developed before Herd fans can see the results of Holliday’s hard work.

If Holliday can keep up this pace Marshall football will have a very bright future.

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# Lou Sahadi pays a visit to his alma mater

**BY JOANIE BORDERS**  
Life! Editor

Acclaimed author, Lou Sahadi, visited the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall University on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Sahadi, graduating from Marshall in 1953, is an independent magazine publisher and author from New York that has written 25 books including The Long Pass, Johnny Unitas: America’s Quarterback and had a one-on-one interview with Frank Sinatra.

Sahadi came to Marshall in 1941 after being rejected by 33 colleges. Waking up from the 16 hour train ride, Sahadi found himself in Appalachia not knowing a soul. Not knowing what he wanted to major in, Sahadi took business classes until his junior year when he decided to take a few journalism classes.

“I only took the journalism classes because when I was a kid I’d come home from high school and listened to the radio, we didn’t have television back then, and I was a big Yankees fan, still am, and I’d write down Yankees plays, that was the extend of my literary experience,” Sahadi said.

Feeling comfortable in his journalism classes, Sahadi secured a job at The Herald-Dispatch his senior year covering high school sports call-ins and became The Parthenon’s sports editor.

“I really developed my skills there,” Sahadi said. “I’ll never forget graduating at the Keith Albee and Dick Boyd, head of the AP Bureau in Huntington at the time, came up to me and said that

he wanted to hire me.”

Declining the job offer and heading to the Army, Sahadi would later come back to Huntington and stay for three more years as the Herald-Dispatch’s assistant sports editor.

Heading back to New York, Sahadi wrote sports articles for various different magazines, including Penthouse.

“I enjoying writing magazine pieces, you can really be you and really write,” Sahadi said.

Working as a full time editor, Sahadi began writing his first book. With a five week deadline, Sahadi began writing about the New York Jets on a five week deadline.

“I had a great thrill writing the book by getting to be very close to Joe Namath,” Sahadi said. “We just hit it off, I’d always wait till everybody left to talk with him and we’d talk when I went on road trips with the Jets.”

When it came to be superbowl time, the NFL called Sahadi and asked him to be on the field with a walkie talkie to cover Namath and the Jets.

“The third quarter of the game the jets are 17 point underdogs, the biggest spread in superbowl history at the time, and Namath jammed his thumb and come off the field shaking it,” Sahadi said. “Namath says ‘Somebody catch me’ and looks around, nobody moves. So he says, ‘Lou get down here.’ He was about 20 yards away and threw me three bullets and I caught every one.”

“It wasn’t until the next day when I called the sports editor of the daily news, that him and Paul Zimmerman,

the sports editor for the New York Post, had binoculars and were watching from the press box,” Sahadi said. “Zimmerman was asked how Namath looked and responded with ‘can’t be looking too good, Lou hasn’t dropped a ball yet.”

Another winning moment for Sahadi was getting the opportunity to have a one-on-one interview with Frank Sinatra.

“The first time I met him I couldn’t even speak,” Sahadi said. “I was backstage at Carnegie Hall and I was close to his buddy, Jilly Rizzo, had that the ‘in’ bar in New York. When the show was over Sinatra came out and Jilly introduced us. I couldn’t speak, I just nodded.”

Seven years later, Sahadi got his second chance to talk to Sinatra. Working for Look magazine at the time, his editor told him that Sinatra would be in Las Vegas and that the magazine would fly him out there so he could interview the legend. Not having seen Rizzo in years, Sahadi found him at César’s Place. Explaining to Rizzo why he was in Vegas, Rizzo invited Sahadi and his photographer back to the palace later that evening for a dinner that Sinatra was attending.

“We went with Jilly to dinner and whoever Sinatra



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called to come out from Hollywood was there, Charlton Heston, Gregory Peck, Frank called they came,” Sahadi said.

“Jilly introduced us again and Frank asked why I was in Vegas and I said ‘well, I’m here to interview you, Frank,’” Sahadi said.

Sahadi has written in numerous publications as well as writing weekly sports

columns for The State, in S.C. and then The Miami Herald.

“Everybody wants to be a writer,” Sahadi said. “They say I want to write a book and I say it’s not that easy.”

Having never had a mental block, Sahadi says that he writes every morning.

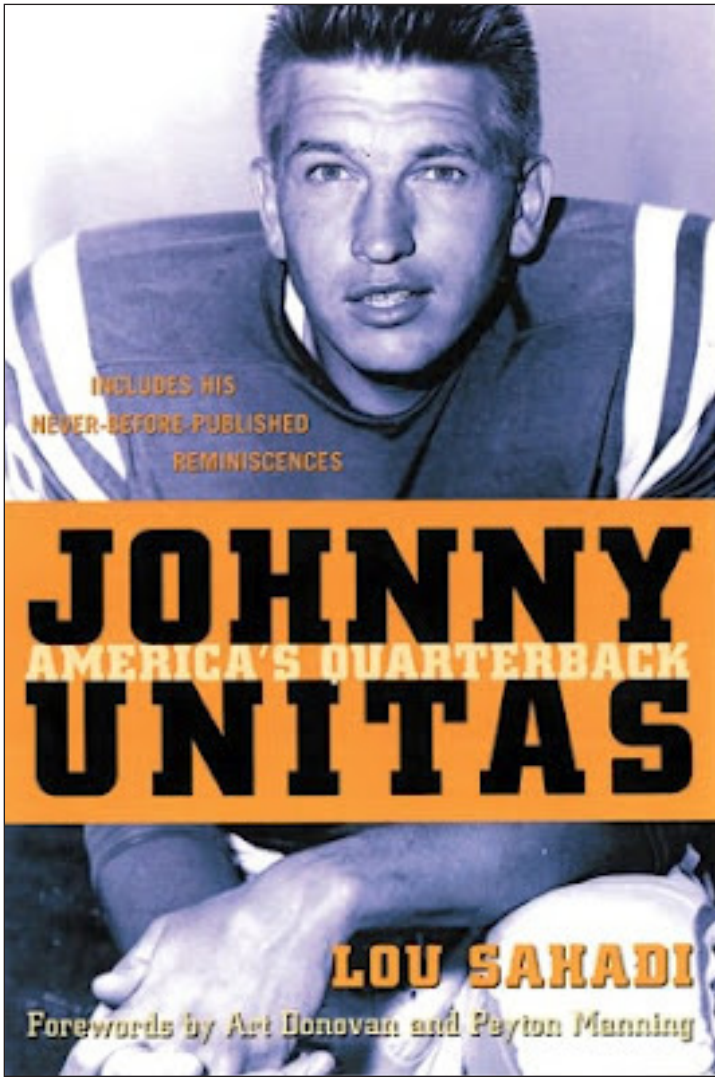
“It takes dedication,” Sahadi said. “You really have to be dedicated and you really

have to go for it. You can’t be discouraged.”

“I’ve had a full, full life, I’ve interviewed the top of the mountains, pal,”Suhadi said.

Having published his last book in 2011, Sahadi is now working on a screenplay to his biography about Johnny Unitas.

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