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Fallen West Virginia Troopers laid to rest

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Members of the law enforcement community came from as far as California and Alaska to give a final farewell to two fallen heroes.

Sunday, thousands gathered to honor Corporal Marshall Bailey.

Tuesday was a similar scene at the funeral for Trooper Eric Workman.

Both provided an overwhelming sight of police officers and civilians at the Charleston Civic Center.

Both Bailey and Workman died after a shootout along Interstate 79 in Clay County on Aug. 28.

The shooting, just off the Walback exit, left two West Virginia State Police troopers dead, and a Roane County Sheriff deputy and tow truck driver seriously injured.

Luke Baber, 22, was under arrest for allegedly stealing a vehicle when police said he was able to pull a concealed handgun from his waist. Baber was also killed in the gunfire.

Following the funerals, hundreds of police cruisers followed the hearses carrying the troopers to the burial ground. The interstate was shut down as Bailey was laid to rest in the town of Poca, and Workman in Clay County.

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Cars line the street during the funeral procession honoring one of two W.Va. Troopers who lost their lives during an Aug. 28 shootout on Wednesday.

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Party event to educate students on drug safety

BY EVAN FOWLER
THE PARTHENON

The Residence Life Department at Marshall University will host an event to promote awareness and safety for substance exposure in a progressive-style party Thursday evening, led by resident advisers in the First Year Residence Halls.

This educational program takes the fundamentals of teaching students how to be responsible in regards to drugs and alcohol and integrates them into an interactive experience.

"We know in the first few weeks of the semester, especially for first year students, there are all sorts of things for them to get involved with, including some things that might involve risk with alcohol or drugs," said Amy Lorenz, assistant director for Academic Initiatives and Programming. "We want to get to them early, on teaching them about how to be responsible when it comes to substance use and how to take care of themselves and their friends."

The program will include learning aspects for different substances. One event will include a beer goggle relay obstacle course.

"I hope after the Marshall police officers speak that students will walk away knowing that if they are caught drinking underage that it's a long and arduous judicial process that's not going to be fun," Kevin Morris, second year resident adviser said. He will be leading the beer goggle relay portion of the program.

Residents will also be "picking a poison," from a room designated for synthetic drug education.

"I didn't know a lot about bath salts, robotripping, and all that kind of stuff. I think it's really important

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Marshall student studies abroad in Bulgaria

BY SUZANN AL-QAWASMI
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's study abroad programs have helped hundreds of students make their dream a reality by providing them with opportunities to study around the world.

Sarah Abbott, junior English major from South Charleston, W.Va., is studying abroad this fall at American University of Bulgaria in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

Abbott is studying through IESP, International Student Exchange Program, which is an exchange network of more than 300 institutions in 50 countries around the world.

"I have wanted to study abroad since I came to college, but I originally planned on a summer program," Abbott said. "Eventually, I chose a longer exchange program because I felt that spending months in a place and absorbing a lifestyle and culture different from my own was

essential to becoming a stronger and better person."

Abbott said her daily routine has not changed much since she arrived in Bulgaria two weeks ago. She attends classes during the day and does homework during the evenings, just like she would at home.

"A typical day in Bulgaria is pretty similar to a day at Marshall, although in a different culture with a different language," Abbott said. "Classes here are very similar to classes at home, because it is an American-style liberal arts university."

Abbott said one of the main reasons she chose American University of Bulgaria was because the classes are structured similarly to those offered at Marshall.

Ryan Warner, study abroad adviser, said he assists all students with choosing where they want to study abroad.

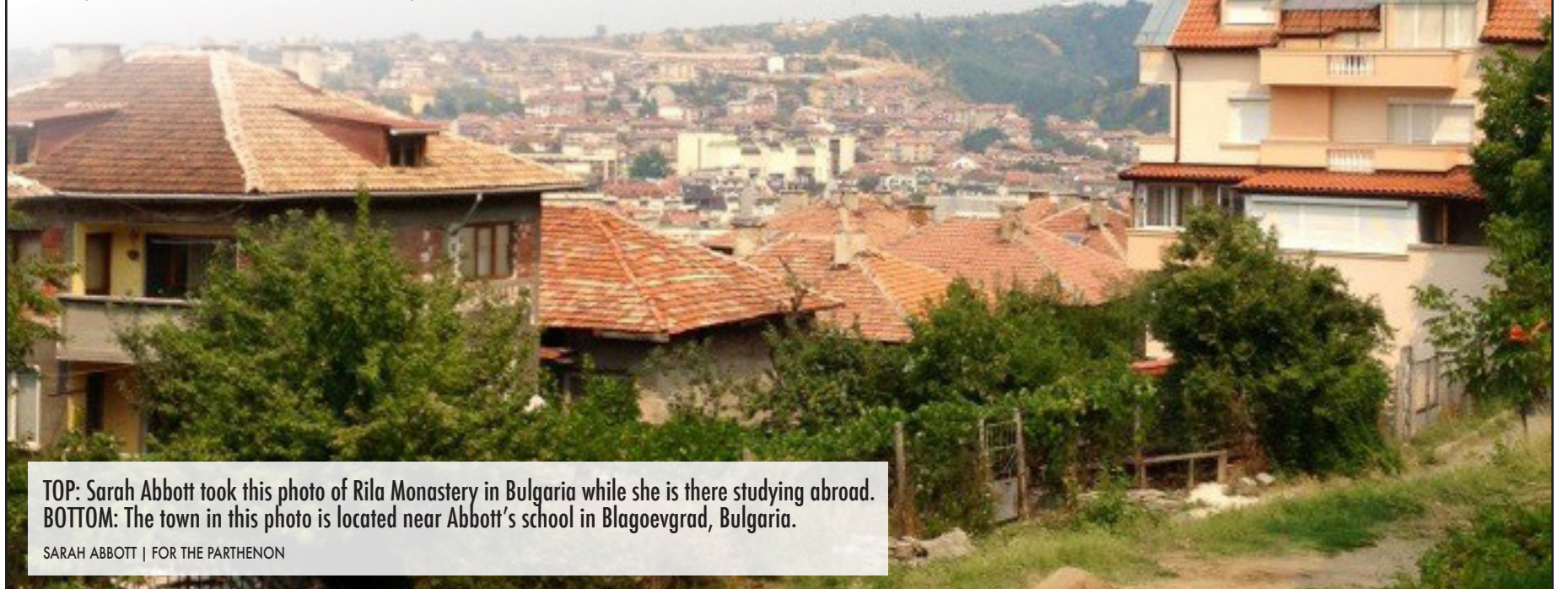
"There are some students who have their heart

set on a specific country, but we try to narrow down a student's options based on the academic needs of the student and academic opportunities a specific country can offer to that student," Warner said.

Through a series of advising sessions, Warner helped Abbott decide which country she thought would best suit her.

"We are proud of Sarah for choosing a country like Bulgaria where the language is different, the culture is different, and the lifestyle is different, because the academic challenge is going to increase her knowledge of the world and help her

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TOP: Sarah Abbott took this photo of Rila Monastery in Bulgaria while she is there studying abroad. BOTTOM: The town in this photo is located near Abbott's school in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

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Marshall Revolution attracted an influx of freshmen Tuesday. The campus ministry shares the gospel to all interested students.

Campus ministry reaches out to freshmen

BY SAMUEL SPECIALE
THE PARTHENON

Marshall Revolution is a campus ministry that meets in the Campus Christian Center Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Glenn LaRue, Marshall Revolution's minister, said he wants freshmen and new students to have a place where they can make new friends and feel welcomed.

"Our purpose at Marshall Revolution is to help students in their personal growth with Christ, to help them connect with other students by sharing the gospel, and to help them get plugged in with a local church," LaRue said.

Marshall Revolution offers small groups for freshmen and encourages

its upperclassmen to come along with new students for a time of fellowship and Bible study.

"Small group is a time for freshmen to meet other freshmen and grow together as they grow closer to God," said Clay Thacker, a sophomore who leads the freshmen small group.

Freshmen will get a chance to meet other students on Marshall Revolution's fall retreat to Seneca Rocks on Sept. 14-16.

"The retreat is one of the most exciting events of the entire year. Everyone should come. There is nothing like the fresh air and mountain scenery in our West Virginia hills," Thacker said.

"Our fall retreat is not only a time to get away and have a fun weekend, but it is a time when friendships are formed and when students make strides in their personal relationships with God," LaRue said.

Marshall Revolution is reaching out to freshmen by encouraging them to come on their fall retreat.

"The cost for freshmen will only be \$15, and that covers the trip, meals at Seneca Rocks, and zip-lining on Saturday," LaRue said.

Marshall Revolution has opened signups for their fall retreat and students should contact LaRue to register.

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DNC convention continues in Charlotte

Clinton says Obama can bring back economy

BY MARK Z. BARABAK
VIA MCT DIRECT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Assuming the role of advocate-in-chief, former President Bill Clinton delivered a resounding endorsement of President Barack Obama Wednesday night, saying he inherited a terrible economic situation and kept it from getting worse.

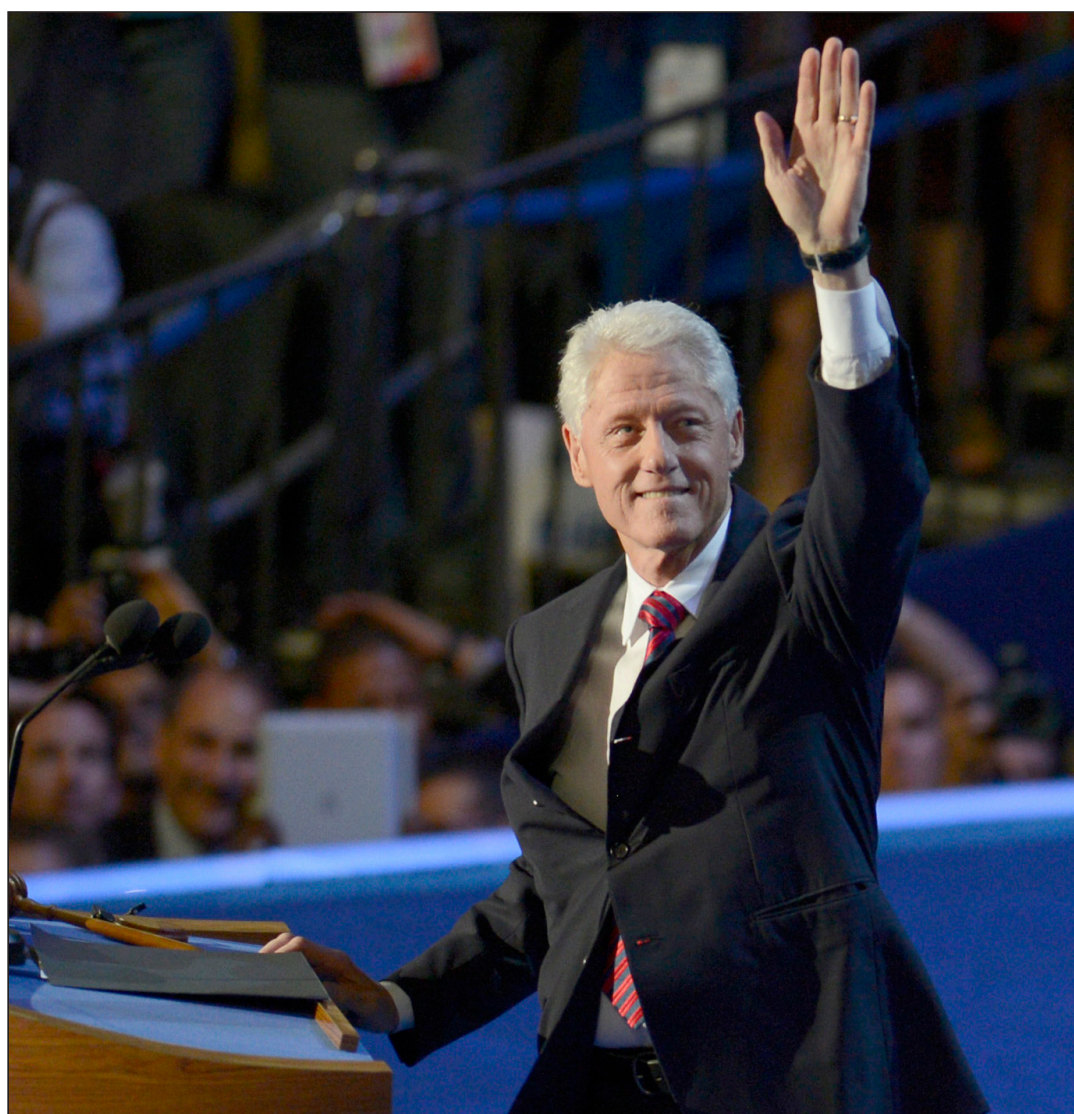
"In Tampa, the Republican argument against the president's re-election was pretty simple: We left him a total mess, he hasn't finished cleaning it up, so fire him and put us back in," Clinton said in remarks prepared for his prime-time speech, the climax of the second day at the Democratic National Convention.

"I like the argument for President Obama's re-election a lot better," Clinton went on. "He inherited a deeply damaged economy, put a floor under the crash (and) began the long hard road to recovery."

The vouching of one president for another provided a high-minded note for what had been an evening of unrelenting attacks on the GOP nominee, Mitt Romney and his running mate, Wisconsin Rep. Paul D. Ryan.

Preceding Clinton, Elizabeth Warren, the consumer crusader and liberal heroine, delivered a fiery populist address, saying the pair would undermine the middle class by slashing the social safety net.

Romney "wants to give tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires ... but he and Paul Ryan would pulverize financial reform," she said,



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Bill Clinton spoke at the DNC convention in Charlotte, N.C., on Wednesday.

shaking her head, "voucherize Medicare and vaporize Obamacare."

"President Obama believes in a level playing field," she said. "He believes in a country where nobody gets a free ride or a golden parachute."

Running into stiff headwinds resulting from a stubbornly high unemployment rate, Obama and his fellow Democrats have sought to turn the November election from a referendum on the past 3½ years to a choice between the incumbent and

his Republican rival, a former Massachusetts governor.

One after another, speakers sought Wednesday night to paint that choice in the starkest terms.

"The most important question is, what kind of country do you want to live in," Clinton asked. "If you want a you're-on-your-own, winner-take-all society, you should support the Republican ticket. If you want a country of shared prosperity and shared responsibility, a we're-all-in-this-together society,

you should vote for Barack Obama."

Speakers praised Obama's record: passing health care reform, fighting to lower student loan costs, supporting veterans, bailing out the U.S. auto industry. They said things have gotten better under his watch — the country is no longer hemorrhaging jobs, they noted, even if the rate of recovery is disappointing. But the great weight of effort Wednesday seemed intended to cast Romney in the least flattering light.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following was compiled from Marshall University Police Department reports.

DRUG BUST

On Wednesday, August 29 at approximately 10:59 p.m., Marshall University Police conducted a traffic stop after the driver failed to stop at a red light on the 1900 block of 5th Avenue. After stopping the red Ford F-150 bearing Ohio registration, officers discovered the 39-year old white male driver held a suspended license and had no proof of insurance. Upon further inspection of the vehicle, the officer noticed two white oval pills in plain view within the truck. The suspect was arrested with what appeared to be 500 mg of acetaminophen; a mild pain reliever, and 5 mg of Hydrocodone bitartrate; a Schedule II opioid, as well as drug paraphernalia. The suspect was transported to Western Regional Jail for possession of a controlled substance, second-offense driving on a suspended license, failure to obey a traffic control device, driving with an expired registration, and driving with no insurance. He is not a Marshall student.

DRUNKEN THIEVERY

At approximately 1:15 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, two white males were spotted carrying a sign walking East on Sixth Avenue. Marshall University Police noticed that the sign was actually a large wooden cutout of Marco that had been broken from in front of the Career Services building on Fifth Avenue. Both suspects had red glassy eyes, slurred speech, and noticeably smelled of alcohol. They were arrested and transported to Western Regional Jail for destruction of property, petty larceny, and public intoxication.

DRINKING OPERATION

Contingents from the Marshall Police Department joined with Huntington Police and Cabell County Police to perform an underage drinking operation from 9 p.m. Thursday to 3 a.m. Friday. Officers from the three departments targeted Marshall, downtown Huntington, and the surrounding areas in the sweep. The searches produced four counts of underage consumption, ten open container violations, one traffic warning, and one red light violation.

CAB seeking new members

BY ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall's Campus Activity Board is seeking new students to get involved in every aspect of the club this semester.

"We are really wanting the students to participate this year, whether it's as a patron and coming to the activities and events that we have scheduled or coming and actually being the hands and legs and the heart of the organization," Christina Caul-Jackson, coordinator for student involvement, said.

Caul-Jackson said students interested in joining the group could help with a variety of tasks, including executing the selection of the productions to put on all the way through the actual producing of the show and maybe meeting some of the talent and artists brought to campus.

"I would highly encourage

students to get involved because it's kind of like banking, you know you have a checking account and you can't get out of the account what you don't put in," Caul-Jackson said. "Your experience will only be what you invest and so student involvement will enhance your experience here at Marshall University and make it much more meaningful. It will also help them feel connected to the University."

Marshall's CAB has a Facebook and Twitter page that they encourage students to follow for upcoming events. Caul-Jackson said the one-thousandth follower on CABMU's twitter page will have an opportunity to meet John Legend personally.

Students can suggest activities online on the event suggestion form found on CAB's Marshall website.

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U.S. falls to seventh in global competitiveness ranking

BY JIM PUZZANGHERA
VIA MCT DIRECT

WASHINGTON - A lack of economic stability highlighted by a soaring national debt, combined with a lack of trust in government by the business community, helped drop the U.S. two notches to seventh in a ranking of national global competitiveness.

For the fourth straight year, Switzerland topped the list, which was released Wednesday by the World Economic Forum.

Britain, Hong Kong and Japan rounded out the top 10 in the rankings done by the

group, which is best known for its annual gathering of economic and political leaders in Davos, Switzerland.

Competitiveness is determined based on a dozen factors, including the strength of a nation's public and private institutions, the state of its infrastructure, the quality of its education and its ability to foster innovation.

The U.S. actually improved its overall score from last year, but continued to slip down the rankings as its improvement was outpaced

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MU, WVU fans mull continuation of football series

BY MARCUS CONSTANTINO
THE PARTHENON

There is little debate over which team had the best performance on the field at the 2012 Friends of Coal Bowl in Morgantown. The West Virginia University Mountaineers breezed past the Marshall Thundering Herd with a solid 69-34 win Saturday and moved up to the ninth spot in The Associated Press college football poll.

But fans from both sides clash when it comes to their opinions on continuing the in-state rivalry.

Curtis Arnold, a 1982 Marshall graduate from Hurricane, and his daughter, Brittany Hutchinson, of Harrisonburg, Va., wore contrasting colors Saturday at Milan Puskar Stadium. Arnold wore a Kelly green shirt, while Hutchinson wore a bright yellow shirt in support

of the Mountaineers.

Arnold has been to all eight meetings between the Herd and the Mountaineers since 1997. Both he and Hutchinson would like to see the series carry on.

"I think it definitely needs to continue," Arnold said. "I think Marshall fans want it to continue. I think it's great for the state. It's just such an in-state rivalry, the competition of it and everything. It just needs to continue."

From 2006 to 2012, five of the seven games between Marshall and WVU have been played at Milan Puskar Stadium in Morgantown. Throughout the 12-game history of the series, Marshall has only played host to the Mountaineers in 1915, 2007 and 2010.

Former Marshall student Brian Giompalo, 43, of Huntington, has been to four of

the seven matchups between WVU and Marshall within the past decade. He argued that the uneven nature of the series has been unfair for the Herd.

"Obviously, it sucks that it's ending," Giompalo yelled over the melody of the Marching Thunder band in the minutes leading up to the game Saturday. "The problem with the series is that there's greed on both sides. I think that the state needs to get together and do one in Huntington and one in Morgantown. It's all boiled down to greed now, I think."

Giompalo said he wants the series to continue, and contends that Marshall fans "overwhelmingly" want to see the two teams continue to meet on the gridiron, but only on an even basis.



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Marshall and West Virginia stand at the center of Mountaineer Field before the 2012 Friends of Coal Bowl.

MU volleyball defeats Morehead State in five sets

BY CAITIE SMITH
and SARAH HAGERTY
THE PARTHENON

Performing under "fire" seems like an appropriate statement for the Marshall volleyball team.

Playing in front of the largest crowd since 2007, more than 2,000 fans and extreme

heat conditions in the Cam Henderson Center, the Herd defeated the Morehead State Eagles 3-2.

The Marshall Marketing Department held "Field Trip Day", as eight local elementary and middle schools filled the stands.

"It was an opportunity for

the youth to come out to see a volleyball game that they normally would not be able to attend," said assistant director of marketing and promotions, Grant Robertson. "Admission was free to everyone."

The excitement was undeniable—dancing, shouting,

and cheering made the atmosphere unlike anything the Herd had played in front of at home.

"I felt like a football player playing at the Joan," said junior outside hitter Laura Der. "So many people were yelling 'We Are Marshall' and it made it seem like the whole community was behind us and we were representing them in the best way we know how."

Marshall quickly went up, taking the first two sets but allowed Morehead to creep back into play, forcing a fifth set to decide the victor.

"The match was a struggle," said head coach Mitch Jacobs, who is in his 11th season with the Herd. "We came out and won the first two sets, but weren't clicking offensively. You would think this was the opening match of the year, but we got the W."

Marshall took the first set 25-20, and continued to connect, finishing the second 25-23.

It was after "half-time," and a game of musical chairs from the elementary schools, that pieces seemed to stop fitting.

The Eagles stole the third set 17-25, and succeeded in the fourth 12-25.

Pressure reached its ultimate point, and the Herd was ready to fire, taking the fifth set 15-12 and winning the match.

Junior libero Dorothy Rahal led the team with 23 digs, bringing her season total to 103, and Der led the team in kills (12) and recorded her fourth double-double when she recorded 10 digs.

"Without Dorothy, we wouldn't have even come close today," Jacobs said. "She was unbelievable."

Sophomore Katie Potts also contributed tremendously, tallying a career-high four service aces and leading the team in hitting percentage (.286).

Marshall is now 4-4, and remains undefeated at home.

The Herd travels to Kent, Ohio this weekend for the Kent State Tournament to battle St. Francis (PA), Liberty and Kent State.

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Ex-Thundering Herd quarterback returns to Joan C. Edwards Stadium

BY LAKE MOREHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

After the disappointing loss to in-state rival West Virginia this past weekend, the Thundering Herd looks to bounce back against Western Carolina for the season's home opener Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The Western Carolina Catamounts hail from the Southern Conference and are located in Cullowhee, N.C.

The Catamounts will make the road trip to Huntington this weekend, but a familiar face will also be making the six-hour drive with the team. Former Herd quarterback Eddie Sullivan picked Western Carolina as his school of choice after leaving Marshall toward the end of the 2011 football season. Sullivan will be suited up in purple and gold this upcoming Saturday. He is currently listed as the second string quarterback on the WCU depth chart, but is expected to receive playing time. Sullivan did not play last week due to a one game suspension for a violation of team rules.

Sullivan departed from the team late last season, leaving the Herd with one true quarterback, Rakeem Cato, on the active roster. The backup quarterback, Blake Frohnepfel, suffered from a shoulder injury. It was such a desperate situation at quarterback that the coaching staff had to prepare tight end C.J. Crawford to possibly fill the position if needed.

The question is, will there be any personal feelings from Sullivan's ex-teammates come game day? "There's no bad blood. He came and talked to everybody and we knew the situation. He wanted to play and he wasn't getting that here," junior defensive lineman Jeremiah Taylor said.



SULLIVAN

Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday did not seem to be bothered with Sullivan leaving the Thundering Herd.

"You look at guys transferring all the time, whether it be Texas or Nebraska, because they want the opportunity to play and I'm sure he left because of that," Holliday said.

Sophomore quarterback Rakeem Cato may have spent more time working with Sullivan than any other player last season. Cato said he holds no grudge against his former teammate.

"I'm very excited for Eddie to come back here. I want to see him do great and achieve his goals as a quarterback and as a man," Cato said.

While Eddie Sullivan's ex-teammates appear anxious for his return to Joan C. Edwards Stadium, the intensity for the home opener still remains.

Aaron Dobson, senior wide receiver holds great enthusiasm for the Saturday match up.

"We can't sleep on Western Carolina just because they're on a lower level than us. I heard Eddie was doing good down there and I know our defense is ready for that," Dobson said.

The Herd kicks off at 7 p.m., Saturday against Western Carolina.

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ABOVE: Dorothy Rahal passes the ball to her teammates in a victory Wednesday against the Morehead State Eagles. RIGHT: Local elementary and middle school kids traveled to the Cam Henderson Center Wednesday to cheer on the Thundering Herd volleyball team against the Morehead State Eagles on field trip day.



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OPINION

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ONLINE POLLS

Do you plan to upgrade to the iPhone 5 after its release on Sept. 15?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

The following are the results from last week's poll question: How many touchdowns do you think Marshall will score during its Sept. 1 game against WVU?

- 0 13% - 12 votes
- 1-2 35% - 33 votes
- 3-4 36% - 34 votes
- 5 or More 17% - 16 votes

Visit marshallparthenon.com to share your opinion.

EDITORIAL

Bullying: Real issue, requires real attention

The word "bully" is often tossed around in playful name-calling, but the issue of bullying is not something to be taken lightly.

A family in Harrison County searches for answers as they mourn the death of their loved one, Ashley McIntyre, a 16-year-old high school student. The teenager went missing Friday evening and was later found in the family's barn. She had hung herself.

The family's strongest lead as to why Ashley chose to take her own life - bullying.

Administrators of Liberty High School, where Ashley attended, as well as the family, confirm that no incidents of bullying involving the girl were ever reported. Relatives say that Ashley was very quiet and had a tendency of keeping her emotions to herself.

Reports from publications across West Virginia suggest the school is now making a concerted effort to combat the issue of bullying, but shouldn't someone have taken a stand,

perhaps provided a voice for Ashley before it was too late? Ashley is not alone. Students across America suffer in silence as we pat ourselves on the back for raising awareness of the issue.

According to Copeservices.org, 71 percent of students acknowledge incidents of bullying as being problematic in their school, and 56 percent of students have personally witnessed some type of bullying at school. We know it is happening, but where are the heroes? The ones who are willing to report suspicious incidents and ultimately spare the lives of innocent victims who are being subjected to bullying on a daily basis.

Does the issue of bullying exclusively pertain to K-12 students? Perhaps in college, we call it "hazing." Arguably, bullies never grow up. As higher education students, we may be considered better suited to deal with our bullies, but even so, should we be solely responsible to fight our own battles? Bullies are plentiful, bystanders ample, but the heroes seem to be scarce. Must we be our own heroes?

BLUNDERGRADS

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Column

Bar set for campus safety

BY KRISTINA BUI
U. ARIZONA VIA UWIRE

It's more than a little ironic that an investigation into whether or not Virginia Tech officials acted in a "timely" fashion in the wake of the 2007 shooting has taken more than five years to complete.

Last week, Education Secretary Arne Duncan reinstated a \$27,500 fine against Virginia Tech for failing to provide a timely warning to the campus community during the 2007 shooting rampage.

Duncan's reinstatement reversed a ruling by the Education Department's chief administrative judge, who concluded Virginia Tech did not violate the law and thus overruled a 2010 finding by an office within the department.

Under the Clery Act, which was enacted in 1990, universities that participate in federal financial aid programs are required to keep and disclose information about crime on or near campus and issue warnings during potential threats.

The shooting in 2007 brought the Virginia Tech administration under investigation and the bureaucracy

of university campus security under scrutiny.

On April 16, 2007, campus police received a 911 call at 7:15 a.m. about gunshots in a dormitory. Officers arrived at the scene 15 minutes later, where they found one student dead and another critically injured.

Top administrators sent a campuswide email at 9:26 a.m. warning students and employees about a "shooting incident." The email read, "The university community is urged to be cautious and asked to contact Virginia Tech Police if you observe anything suspicious."

Minutes after the email was sent, the same man in the dormitory opened fire again, this time in an academic building, where he killed 30 more students and professors, and himself.

Duncan's Friday decision is the latest to come in a years-long investigation. Federal officials first determined the university had violated the Clery Act in December 2010, saying the warning at 9:26 a.m. came too late and was too vague.

The university appealed

that finding, and an administrative judge for the department overturned it, saying that federal guidelines on timely warnings are unclear. An advocacy group representing survivors and victims of the shooting pushed for another appeal, and the decision came up to the secretary, who acknowledged that federal law does not define what a "timely warning is," but also said the email that went out two hours after the first shooting was too late.

He also cited as evidence that administrators perceived an ongoing threat by referring to the lockdowns of campus facilities (one at 8 a.m. and one shortly after 9 a.m.), and the cancellation of trash pickups. That perception, his decision argued, suggested the administration's warning could have been more urgent.

Virginia Tech officials immediately suggested that the university would appeal Duncan's decision. Such an appeal would mark the first time a Clery Act investigation had gone out of the Department of Education and into federal court.

Column

Apple edges out big competition, controls consumer options

BY ALEX ROSENTHAL
U. SOUTH FLORIDA VIA UWIRE

The latest model of the iPhone comes out September 12, and as consumers upgrade their phones, they will downgrade their values in American capitalism.

As if in anticipation of putting its new toy on the market, Apple successfully sued Samsung late last month for rights on intellectual property. The case ended with a verdict awarding more than \$1 billion to Apple from Samsung.

While some of the patents could arguably belong to Apple, such as mechanics that operate a slide lock for the screen, Apple really just wanted a monopoly on smartphones. By getting that monopoly, Apple took away the option of an alternate smart phone, and with it, American capitalism.

The bogus claims of "theft" included accusations that Samsung stole the basic shape of a smartphone — it seems like Apple owns the rectangle with rounded edges. While it is at it, Apple should also sue the makers of credit cards, playing cards and driver licenses.

Normally, a corporate company stealing profits via complicated legal strategy is no big deal, but now it directly affects almost every consumer in America.

For many consumers, a cell phone must be able to have email and Internet capabilities in addition to texting and calls. A smart phone must help you manage your

life. With the latest verdict in technology, Apple will now manage your life with its new monopoly.

Maybe it is technologic karma biting those of us who prefer PCs to Macs, Android to Apple and generic MP3 players to iPods, but now every consumer is at risk.

With Samsung — Apple's only real competitor in the slim market of smartphones and tablets — out of the picture, Apple could be free to do, or charge, whatever it wants for the only comparable smartphone in stores.

Capitalism has always been a champion in America, encouraging competition that can produce successful companies like Samsung and even Apple.

A key factor for capitalism to work properly, however, is for consumers to have the option of what to buy. The verdict of the courts has now taken that option away from consumers.

Perhaps Apple can claim justice in the legal system, but the implications of the ruling will deeply hurt American consumerism.

This victory for Apple will set a precedent, allowing companies to sue over any basic advances in technology just to get the upper hand in that market. Taking out its biggest — and only — competitor, Apple can charge exorbitant rates for the only smartphone now holding an iron grip on their buyers.

Fall Activities at Pullman Square

**“Vote for Vacation Campaign”
Sept. 13 from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

**Chili Fest 2012
Sept. 15**

**Messages for Hope Walk
Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

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Oct. 6**

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“I know very few that would be happy with it going on in any other manner than evened-up,” Giompalo said.

During a pregame show, student broadcasters on West Virginia University’s radio station, U92, said that they wanted to see the series end. One student announcer compared the game to the Super Bowl for Marshall fans, while for WVU fans, the game is like playing against your little brother.

However, a poll conducted by R.L. Repass & Partners for the Charleston Daily Mail indicated that 76 percent of West Virginia sports fans wanted the series to continue. Of the 401 people surveyed, 71 percent identified themselves as WVU fans, and 16 percent identified themselves as Marshall fans.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin III and West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin have both voiced support for the continuation of the series. Despite the political push,



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Students cheer on the football team as they put up their best fight against WVU on Sept 1.

the series is coming to an end a year after WVU’s move from the Big East to the Big 12 conference.

“I think West Virginia just doesn’t want to continue it because now that they are in the Big 12 and [because of] the schools they have to play,” Arnold said. “They’ve got everything to lose and nothing to gain. (That) is why I

don’t think they want to play it.”

“What happens when Marshall beats them? It’s an egg in their face,” Arnold said.

Giompalo said despite the lopsided history of the series, he hopes the series can continue in the best interests of fans from both sides.

“We think that we paid

our penance doing the 5-and-2, and it’s time to pay everybody back and let’s just do what’s right for the state,” Giompalo said. “Forget what’s right for Marshall and what’s right for WVU, it’s good for the state to have this game every year.”

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apply that to her major here at Marshall,” Warner said. “Many students choose wonderful countries like England or Australia to study in where the language is the same and the culture is similar to ours, but the academic and social challenge is not as overwhelming as studying in a country like Bulgaria.”

Abbott said adjusting to the new environment was difficult for her at first but that she adjusted fairly quickly. She said that after her first two days, she did not feel as overwhelmed as she had when she arrived in Bulgaria.

“I definitely experienced a form of culture shock. Bulgaria is not drastically different from West Virginia, but it is different enough that there was a lot to adapt to at once,” Abbott said. “It took two days for me to feel

comfortable here, but every day still gets easier. I love this place.”

Abbott said her biggest concern about studying abroad was the language barrier. In order to ease her apprehension, she studied the Cyrillic alphabet, the official alphabet in Bulgaria, before she left West Virginia. She also signed up to take a class in Bulgaria that teaches the Bulgarian language.

“It has paid off a lot,” Abbott said. “Of course I still understand very little, but it is really not as hard as I expected to communicate without all the right words. In general, Bulgarians want to help.”

Abbott said one of the things she loves most about her study abroad experience so far is having the opportunity to meet people from all over the world.

“I had never met anyone from countries like Mongolia or Kyrgyzstan before, and now I have. The diversity of the student population at American

University of Bulgaria is incredible,” Abbott said. “I have made friends from Russia, Norway, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Albania, Ireland, Germany, Mexico, Spain, Belgium and many other countries.”

Abbott said she has benefited greatly from this study abroad experience. She said the opportunity to travel and learn another language and culture has strengthened her character.

“I think when I go back home in December, I will be a little different and stronger than I was when I came,” Abbott said. “I think it is important that I learn what it feels like to be an outsider, because it is eye-opening.”

Abbott said she encourages all students to study abroad at least once during their college career.

“I think this is one of the only times in my life when I will be able to just drop everything, put my life on hold, and live in a foreign country for a long period

of time,” Abbott said. “You will never get this incredible opportunity back if you do not take it while you can.”

Warner said that most students are concerned about the financial costs of studying abroad, but many students do not know that the study abroad programs allow Marshall students to pay their current tuition, fees, room and board costs to Marshall and have those expenses waived at the host institution.

“By handling the expenses this way, students are able to apply their financial aid, scholarships, loans, and grants to their semester abroad,” Warner said.

Students interested in studying abroad should contact Ryan Warner in the international study abroad office located in Old Main.

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this year by the Netherlands and Germany.

The U.S. ranked fourth on the 2010-11 list and fifth on the 2011-12 list.

The latest rankings come amid a heated political debate among Republicans and Democrats about whether the U.S. and its residents are better off now than they were when President Barack Obama was elected four years ago.

“U.S. companies are highly sophisticated and innovative, supported by an excellent university system that collaborates admirably with the business sector” in research and development, the World Economic Forum report said.

“Combined with flexible labor markets and the scale opportunities afforded by the sheer size of its domestic economy the largest in the world by far these qualities continue to make the United States very competitive,” the report added.

The report said the biggest weakness was the U.S. macroeconomic environment, a combination of the nation’s budget deficit, savings rate, inflation, government debt and credit rating. The U.S. ranked 111th in that category in the aftermath of the growing national debt and the decision by Standard & Poor’s last year to cut the U.S. credit rating.

The business community’s distrust of government also lowered the U.S. rankings.

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to educate incoming freshmen about these risk factors,” said Sarah Lyon, a second year resident adviser, who is in charge of the synthetic drugs portion of the program.

Participants should also be prepared to have their hands marked with “X’s” for entrance. There will be a full mocktail party equipped with bouncers, bartenders and music.

“I think the mocktail party is important because people don’t want to just sit and listen to the effects of

alcohol and why you should or shouldn’t do certain things,” said Jessie Swiger, a first year resident adviser, who will be in charge of hosting the mocktail portion of the program. “With the mocktail they will be actively involved and learning where they will get to play root beer pong, take jello-shots, and dance to music.”

Events are open to all students. “Party Hardy” will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday in the lobby of First Year North Residence Hall.

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State political leaders spoke at the funerals along with close family members. Dr. Justin Bailey, Marshall Bailey’s brother, spoke at his funeral, paying tribute not only to Bailey, but all West Virginia State Police officers.

“This state has a lot to be proud of,” Justin Bailey said. “But none more than the West Virginia state troopers.”

Lining the streets of the funeral procession were hundreds of people who came to pay their final respects.

Brenda Wilkinson traveled from Sissionville, W.Va. and camped in the

grass for hours to show her support.

“It’s just overwhelming to see all of these cars and troopers,” Wilkinson said. “I don’t know, I’m just sentimental. You have to support these guys.”

Wendy Johnson said it is a sad side of history.

“The least we can do is show our respect by being here,” Johnson said.

She brought her two small children to the funeral procession for Corporal Marshall Bailey to teach a lesson.

“I want my kids to see how important it is,” Johnson said. “They need to know what troopers and policemen do.”

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