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LUCK OF THE IRISH

America celebrates St. Patrick's Day

BY HENRY CULVYHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

Thirteen million pints of Guinness Beer will be guzzled Saturday in celebrations surrounding Ireland's patron saint.

St. Patrick's Day is a holiday rooted in Irish Catholic traditions that celebrates the life of St. Patrick. St. Patrick was born around A.D. 390, and is credited with converting the Irish to Christianity and driving the snakes out of Ireland. After he died March 17, 461 A.D., he was forgotten until he became the patron saint of Ireland in A.D. 991.

Rev. Joshua Stevens, of Sacred Heart Parish, in Point Pleasant, W.Va., said St. Patrick wasn't the first to introduce Christianity to the Irish, but he did make an impact.

"I think the Irish claim he is responsible for their Christianity," Stevens said. "I don't think he converted everyone in his lifetime, but he definitely was the first to make serious inroads."

St. Patrick's Day is traditionally celebrated with a large feast in which Lent restrictions on meat are temporarily lifted. Stevens said the Catholic Church celebrates St. Patrick's Day like any other saint.

"There isn't a different Mass for St. Patrick's Day, but different prayers can be used," Stevens said. "If a local church happens to be dedicated to St. Patrick, then they may have different liturgical colors at Mass or a picnic."

The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in America occurred in 1737 when the Charitable Irish Society of Boston played host to a feast. In 1762, Irish-born soldiers in New York City staged an impromptu march on St. Patrick's Day creating the first St. Patrick's Day parade. Afterwards, Savannah, Ga.; Boston, Mass. and Charleston, S.C. followed suit.

Marshall University history professor William Palmer said Irish immigration in the 1800s boosted St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

"The Irish were a new people in a new place," Palmer said. "They used St. Patrick's Day as a way to maintain their roots."

By the 1970s, St. Patrick's Day evolved into its present form — with revelers drinking green beer, donning green shirts and hanging shamrock necklaces around their neck.

Marshall history professor Grete Resenbrink said St. Patrick's Day's explosion in the 1970s was part of a larger trend.

"Like African-Americans, white ethnicities — such as the Polish and the Irish — began honoring their cultural heritage," Resenbrink said. "Part of that included celebrating what were previously minor holidays."

Saturday, the Chicago River will be dyed green, students will drink beer, children will color leprechauns and everyone will be Irish for a day.

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A crowd of people celebrates St. Patrick's Day by donning Irish-themed garb and attending parades.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN FACTS

> The name "leprechaun" has several origins. It could be from the Irish Gaelic word "lepreachan," which means "a kind of aqueous sprite." Or, it could be from "leath bhrogan," which means "shoemaker."

> The Irish flag is green, white and orange. The green symbolizes the people of the South, and orange, the people of the North. White represents the peace that brings them together as a nation.

> Some American towns have "Irish" names. Including Mount Gay-Shamrock, W.Va.; Shamrock Lakes, Ind.; Shamrock, Oklahoma; Shamrock, Texas; Dublin, California and Dublin, Ohio.

> Nine of the people who signed our Declaration Of Independence and 19 United States Presidents are Irish.

> Many people wear green on this holiday to avoid being pinched.

> Legend says each leaf of the clover means something: The first is for hope, the second for faith, the third for love and the fourth for luck.

> Ireland is often referred to as "The Emerald Isle" because of its green countryside.

Graduate students to present work in New Orleans

BY REBECCA STEPHENS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's sociology department will send eight graduate students to the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in New Orleans over spring break.

The second-year graduate students will present their work, and first-year graduate students will serve as discussants for the presentations to share what they liked and disliked, said Markus Hadler, associate professor of sociology and anthropology.

Hadler said, in the sociology department, they greatly encourage graduate students to submit their work for conferences.

"It's almost part of the curriculum," Hadler said.

Lindsay Heinemann, second-year sociology

graduate student, has been working with Kristi Fondren, sociology professor, and will present their findings on emotion management and emotion work in college football.

Heinemann said her work focuses on how players and coaches from Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi manage emotions.

"We're trying to shed light on a dominant group in society instead of a marginalized group," Heinemann said. "A lot of people don't study men when it comes to gender and emotions."

Jami Hughes, second-year sociology graduate student, will present her research on the deinstitutionalization of traditional marriage in relation to gay marriage and gay partnership.

Hughes said part of her reason for this project was

to discredit claims that gay marriage is damaging to the institution of marriage as a whole.

"If they hear me speak, they might think twice before they condemn somebody or vote for a Constitutional amendment against gay marriage," Hughes said.

Hughes also said the conference serves as a good academic experience, and it's something she can add to her curriculum vitae.

"It's an honor, I think, to be accepted to present," Hughes said. "It's just all-around positive."

Rachel Sparkman, second-year sociology graduate student, is presenting her work on people who believe in conspiracy theories.

Sparkman said the conference is great for getting feedback from other people

in the sociology field.

"You get a firsthand experience of how your research is going to be perceived," Sparkman said.

Hadler said the conference is good for graduate students in terms of networking with students and faculty from other universities, but it's also good for Marshall undergraduate students — who may be looking at graduate programs attend such conferences.

"I do think it's important for Marshall University to be on the radar," Hadler said. "Not for this conference, but I do know for other conferences, that our presence there actually attracted a few new students."

The conference begins Wednesday and ends March 24.

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PLAN 2025 Huntington's chance to change

THE PARTHENON

A City of Huntington Town Hall Meeting will take place on Marshall University's campus to encourage students to propose ideas and suggestions to improve Huntington.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. April 3 in BE5 of the Memorial Student Center.

The meeting will focus on Huntington's projected plan of improvements during the next 10 to 15 years called — Plan 2025.

"(The meeting) will be more focused on areas that students are interested in like housing, businesses, transportation and the

link between downtown and Marshall," James Baldwin, city planner said.

"We are also putting together a survey for students to fill out with similar questions."

Margie Phillips, director of Marshall's sustainability department said, "I think it is a great opportunity for students to let the city officials hear their voices."

Plan 2025 is a comprehensive plan for the city's future that incorporates ideas from Huntington's citizens over a two-year period.

For more information, visit the Plan2025 page at www.cityofhuntington.com/plan2025.



NEWS

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Faculty helps seniors with graduation preparation

BY SARAH STILES
THE PARTHENON

Graduation is just around the corner, and Marshall University faculty and staff were on site Tuesday and Wednesday helping student prepare for the ceremonies.

Hundreds of Spring 2012 graduates filled the Memorial Student Center where several campus services were set up to offer assistance during the Countdown to Commencement event.

Campus offices in attendance included the Registrar's Office, the Graduate College, Career

Services, Office of the Bursar, financial aid and Alumni Relations helping students with final graduation check points.

The Marshall Bookstore was also on-site offering cap and gown measurements, tassels and personalized graduation announcements.

Other services included Josten's Classic Photography and Framing Success.

Emilee Miles, senior business management major from Springfield, Va., attended the Countdown to Commencement event on Tuesday and said after attending the event she feels

prepared for graduation.

"I talked to several representatives at each table who gave me information on final items I needed to complete before graduation," Miles said. "I found this event very helpful and it has made graduation a little less nerve-racking."

Miles said she plans to continue to send out several resumes to numerous companies in the D.C. metro area, as well as the Huntington area, hoping to land a job after graduation.

After graduation, Miles said she plans to return to her home in Virginia and

hopes to be hired by a well-known business consulting firm or return to her federal government position.

"Career Services has helped me greatly when preparing for post-graduation," Miles said. "I have attended several careers fairs and on-campus interviews, which have helped me complete the plans I have for after graduation."

This year's commencement ceremony will be split in to two parts due to the large number of graduates.

The first ceremony at 9 a.m. will honor associate and bachelor undergraduates

while the second, 2 p.m., will honor master's and doctoral degrees.

Matt Turner, chief of staff, said the university planned the two ceremonies to shorten the length of the ceremony as a whole, which makes graduation more personable.

"The thing that parents and students find most rewarding is when the students' name is called, they accept your diploma and get a picture taken with the president," Turner said. "That is a moment of recognition for the graduate, it means something and that takes time."

Turner said his advice to graduates is to be open to the possibilities and to look hard for a career they will enjoy.

"We need the young minds to stay in the state," Turner said. "There will be many opportunities here in West Virginia, as well as other places, but they should take advantage of the opportunities given to them while they are young."

This year accounts for the 175th commencement at Marshall University and is set for May 5.

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Geothermal Energy Conference set for May 22

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West Virginia's first Geothermal Energy Conference will take place at the Flatwoods Conference Center in Flatwoods, W.Va., on May 22.

Marshall University's Center for Business and Economic Research and Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences will play host to the event alongside the West Virginia Division of Energy and the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey.

There will be a variety of topics presented including data analysis undertaken by Southern Methodist University on geothermal energy that, according to CEGAS, "identified the resource potential, current efforts to refine estimates of the cost of electricity produced from the resource, practical aspects of drilling to depths as required to encounter geothermal energy resources necessary for efficient use, geologic characteristics of the resource, critical engineering concepts involved with resource development and the experience with demonstrating development potential of a similar resource."

Geothermal energy is generated and stored within the Earth. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists it can be found almost anywhere, "as far away as the remote deep wells in Indonesia and as close as the dirt in our backyards."

"Geothermal energy is unique in that it can

provide continuous power production, something most renewable energy resources can't," said CBER Director Christine Risch in a Marshall University press release. "It hasn't been exploited yet in this region because it is high cost and high risk."

"This conference will lay out the steps involved in evaluating and developing geothermal resources, including potential ways to reduce costs and uncertainty. The gathering will move us a little closer to an actual demonstration of the capability of the resource here in West Virginia."

Tony Szwilski, CEGAS director, added to Risch's statement by focusing on West Virginia's significant past and present in the energy field.

"Assessing the potential for geothermal energy in this state is essential, as every domestic energy resource that can meet current and future U.S. energy needs to be evaluated," Szwilski said.

The event is geared toward energy analysts, researchers of emerging technology, geologists, systems and energy conservation engineers, utilities, resource extraction professionals, environmental consultants, economic development specialists and policy makers.

More information on the conference can be found at www.marshall.edu/cegas/events/vwgec.

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Young Life ministries sells coffee to benefit Nicaraguan ministry

BY SHAUN FRENCH
THE PARTHENON

An international organization dedicated to sharing the Gospel to teenagers has been selling coffee to raise money for a camp overseas.

Ben Allen, area director of Young Life ministries and elder at Crew Church, said he has been selling bags of coffee for \$5 at Crew Church at 1021 Fourth Ave. ever since January to raise money for a Young Life camp in Nicaragua.

Allen said people from Young Life grow the coffee beans on the campgrounds and have strategically leveraged some coffee they can provide.

"In that country, it's a lot harder to raise money and to provide an opportunity

for students to participate in the camp," Allen said.

The main ministry Young Life offers is their camps that offer a week of high energy adventure consisting of back-packing trips, white water rafting, high ropes courses and zip lines while sharing the Gospel to youth who have not heard it or have not been to church.

However, Allen said some Young Life ministries in other countries do not have a camp and have to raise money to send their youth overseas. Allen said Young Life is able to have a camp for youth in Nicaragua instead of having them travel overseas through selling coffee.

"It's special they would be able to have their own camp in that country because a

lot of countries can't afford it," Allen said. "That's why this coffee thing is really important because it's enabling them to have a unique camping opportunity and to reach more kids. Instead of having to raise thousands of dollars to fly kids across seas, they're going to be able to have a lot more kids participate by having a local camp in their own country."

Josh Perry, pastor of Crew Church and 2000 Marshall nursing alumnus from Barboursville, W.Va., said the church has always provided refreshments as part of their hospitality and wanted to fulfill that with a mindset for missions. Perry said Crew Church has a partnership with Young Life and wanted to help raise money

for their camp in Nicaragua where youth can have fun and hear the Gospel.

"We want more people to know Jesus and follow Jesus," Perry said. "Young Life is an unbelievable ministry that goes into high schools in the United States and also across the world to tell people about the message who aren't typically going to come to the church for any number of reasons and typically who aren't going to have people care about them enough to share that message."

Allen said he will be selling coffee indefinitely to continue raising awareness for Young Life and for the camp in Nicaragua.

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After a warm winter, flood threat down in much of US

BY RENEE SCHOOF
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(MCT)

WASHINGTON — After an unusually warm winter with low snowfall in much of the United States, no part of the country faces a high risk of flooding this spring, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Thursday in its annual forecast of floods, droughts and spring temperatures.

For many areas, the forecast was a relief after last year's historic floods over many weeks on the Mississippi River in the northern and central parts of the country. This year, the Mississippi and many other rivers have only a normal risk of flooding.

Nationwide, "this is the first time in four years without a high risk of major flooding," Laura Furgione, deputy director of the National Weather Service, said at a briefing.

The only places with above-average spring flood risks are the Ohio River Valley, including parts of western Illinois, much of Indiana and southwestern Kentucky, where there was above-normal precipitation

during the winter, and parts of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Still, Furgione cautioned that a heavy rainfall can lead to flooding at any time, even in areas where the overall risk is low. Forecasters only can predict a few days ahead where or how heavily rain will fall.

Floods are a leading cause of deaths from severe weather, and more than half of the deaths are in vehicles, Furgione said. Six inches of moving water is all it takes to lose control in a vehicle.

This year's lower flood potential follows a winter with low snowfall across much of the country. Snow cover across the Lower 48 states was the third smallest in the 46 years of the satellite record. (Only 1991 and 1980 had less.) And spring has started early, with March temperatures as much as 35 degrees above normal in many places.

NOAA's National Climate Data Center reported that 400 places had high temperature records broken on Wednesday, and 177 had record-warm overnight lows.

Ed O'Lenic, chief of the operations branch of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, said it's likely that

warm weather will continue this spring, though not at record highs, over the Great Plains, east and southwest. The Pacific Northwest and Alaska are expected to be on the colder side of average.

The dominant force in the weather has been the Arctic Oscillation, the atmospheric pressure patterns in northern middle and high latitudes. Last year the Arctic Oscillation was in a phase that brought low pressure, cold and snow. This year, its other phase occurred, bringing high pressure and warmer and drier conditions, O'Lenic said.

"Extreme events like the one we've seen are consistent with the notion that the climate is changing toward the warmer," he said. Still, he added, it's impossible to connect any single event, like the current record-breaking warmth, with climate change.

Drought continues this spring in the southern Plains, especially in west Texas and eastern New Mexico, as well as in the Southeast, said David Brown, director of the Southern Region Climate Services. Two-thirds of Texas and three-fourths of Georgia are in severe, extreme or exceptional drought conditions — the top three most severe classifications. Drought is expected to continue in many of these areas through the spring, Brown said.

The weather is expected to be wetter than last year's record drought in Texas and Oklahoma. In parts of the Southwest and West, drought is forecast to continue, raising the risk of wildfires. And in Georgia and Florida, drought likely will last a couple more months, he said, at least until the tropical storm season plays out in the summer.

POLICE BLOTTER

THE PARTHENON

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

FRAUD FIENDS

A student reported he had been a victim of a fraudulent scheme by the John Deaver Drinko Library at 5:38 p.m. on March 9. The victim was approached by what seemed to be United States government grant agent and was tricked into sending \$620 to India. He was then advised by campus police to report this issue to the West Virginia Secretary of State office, where they will evaluate the crime.

KEY MASTER

A complaint of a missing sub master key was reported to campus police at 2 p.m. on March 12. The key was removed from a desk drawer in a main building around campus. There are currently no suspects at this time.

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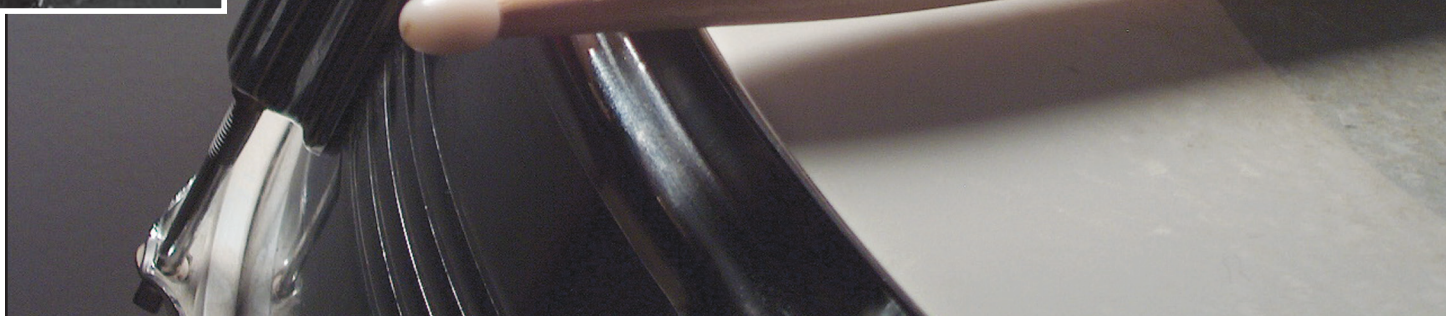
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KRISTY JENSEN

hits like a girl



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Marshall senior Kristy Henson plays with her band Sheden Kai, which is Japanese for "violet lightning." Henson has entered a drumming competition on YouTube for female artists.

MARSHALL STUDENT ENTERS GLOBAL DRUMMING CONTEST

BY KAYLA MARCUM
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University senior has entered a global drumming competition featuring strictly female artists. Her name is Kristy Henson, and she'll be the first to tell you she hits like a girl. Henson has been playing drums since childhood and is now putting her talent on the judgment table in the "Hit Like a Girl" YouTube competition.

Henson said it's an honor to be involved in this competition because the role of drummer for females is very non-traditional.

"I have met one (female drummer) my entire life, and that's when I was playing a show back in February," Henson said. "I've seen hundreds and hundreds of shows and have seen three female drummers, and that's nationwide."

Henson said it was

cheerleading that introduced her to the drums. She fell in love with the instrument at a football game, where she was supposed to be observing the high school cheerleaders. Her attention was distracted from her cheerleading peers to the music center-field.

"We were supposed to watch the cheerleaders," Henson said. "I ended up watching the marching band, and I was really drawn to the drums and the snares and the quads."

Henson said that night, she begged her father for a drum set and got her wish on Christmas morning.

"I've been playing ever since," Henson said.

Henson said it's really the feeling it brings that keeps her heart for drumming beating.

"I just really have always enjoyed it and felt more excited about my life when I play and have something like that going for me," Henson said.

Henson said she

discovered the "Hit Like a Girl" competition while updating her YouTube channel, on which she plays cover songs. She said she saw a video recommendation, did a little research and submitted her work.

Henson said she's very happy with where she's placed in the competition so far. She is just more than 100 votes shy of breaking into the top 25 of the competition. "I'm not doing the worst, and

I'm not doing the best — but it's pretty exciting," Henson said.

Henson will find out April 15 whether she has placed in the top 15 of the competition. From there, she will be judged by noted female drummers around the globe.

Henson currently plays for the band, Sheden Kai, which is Japanese for "violet lightning."

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Huntington native debuts art in NYC

BY JOANIE BORDERS
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Marshall University alumnus, Eric Jones, debuted his newest art series at the RAW: Natural Born Artists Activate Installation in New York City.

Being chosen from more than 500 other artists who submitted work to the show, Jones displayed his work alongside 15 other artists at Tribeca's M1-5.

Jones entered six pieces into the show, including four charcoal drawings and two mixed media pieces incorporating pastels and oils. All of Jones' work is based off of recognizable architecture in NYC, including the two pieces that sold at RAW depicting the Brooklyn Bridge and the other, The Empire State Building.

"I love the architecture in New York, especially the bridges," Jones said.

Jones said a lot of his paintings are imitations of black-and-white photographs he takes of different architecture around the city.

"I love black-and-white photography," Jones said. "It is very clean with dark darks and midtones. The depth of the subject is mirrored in the black-and-white photograph."

Using his favorite medium of charcoal to mirror the effect of black-and-white photography,

Jones said the emotional connection made with the depth of the images draws him to the different shades of black and white.

RAW, a nonprofit organization, promotes up-and-coming artists. RAW takes no commission from the artists in show, giving whatever sales the artists make as their profits. Along with being an influential organization in NYC, RAW offers a connection to a broad range of audiences and allows artists to make a connection to a wide variety of audiences.

Jones, graduate from Marshall in 1998, originally transferred to the university from Mobile, Ala., to play soccer with coach Bob Gray. Jones studied technical illustration with

computer and drawing at Marshall.

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Who's your GOP nomination? Results

- I'm not going to vote for any of these candidates: 40 percent
- Rick Santorum: 25 percent
- Ron Paul: 18 percent
- Mitt Romney: 13 percent
- Newt Gingrich: 5 percent

GUEST EDITORIAL | BY TYLER KES

'Growing up' should not mean growing up to be stale, boring

College is a time when people are expected to grow up — to start figuring out what they should be doing with their lives. Many students take this to mean they should be giving up on some of the things they love: No more last minute road trips to Memphis. No more staying up late playing video games with your friends. This is true to an extent. At this point in our lives, we have fewer responsibilities. It's easier to just up and go when there is little keeping you. That being said, no one is expecting students to become boring and dull when we graduate. Being mature and responsible does not mean you have to be boring.

While no one is actually thinking that, it is something people have in the back of their minds. The reason this is an issue, then, is people are giving up on the things

that they love, because it isn't mature. Just because you have a job, or get married or any number of adult things that will likely happen later on in life doesn't mean that you should stop watching cartoons — for example. It is possible to be fun and mature at the same time. There are a lot of different things in the world that should be taken seriously, but on the other hand, there are a lot of things people take too seriously.

This is because people are so busy being mature and serious and grown up all the time. It's okay to have a little bit of fun, to let loose every now and then. In the immortal words of one cinema's greatest characters "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

POLITICAL CARTOON | BY PATRICK WEBB



COLUMN

Hip hop can save lives



BY BISHOP NASH
THE PARTHENON

This is 2012. Times have changed, and the way times are changing have themselves changed by the ghost hands of forces overt and secretive. We can no longer govern ourselves by applications of the past in an uncertain and emotionally charged future.

There is power in a collective of human emotion. Whether or not the project is successful or a scam, tens of millions of people would not have known who Joseph Kony is had it not been for the sympathy of those passing the now-viral Kony 2012 video along.

By knowing this, we cannot deny great amounts of power, influence and admiration lie within those who can manipulate how we feel and interact with the world around us. The most beautiful victory in language is

won when a human can craft words into a story that renders more than one of their peers to think and draw a conclusion. The victor shares a sliver of glory with the great poets and writers of old: Twain, Joyce and Shakespeare.

The poets are dead. This is 2012. Our time is more than grains sifting through an hourglass; it's a worldwide sand storm. We need contemporary poets. There's likely none living who can bewitch the globe with the power Twain, Joyce and Shakespeare, but the world will always need living poets — writers wearing their hearts on the points of their pen. Present-day commentators with a human heart. In my mind, one group of artists need to step up and carry the torch. Those who can extend their work to the massive common audience while keeping the integrity of what the English language can produce should.

Rap artists.

In the days when reading the printed word was the key form of entertainment, poets and writers were kings. Anyone could publish a book

of poems about flowers or a mediocre romance novel and become renown for it. The great writers were titans, and everyone wanted to see what they had to produce. As you've seen in the present time, print media has been replaced by waves of newer, more easily digestible forms of expression.

Rap music is unique to all forms of media; a message that can contain the depth of any classic poem with beats that can easily entering the toughest of audiences. Rhythm and poetry.

But its power was hijacked by those who would promote a self-destructive lifestyle, and that's why I'm wouldn't be surprised if you rolled your eyes when I said rappers had to become the chroniclers of the Information Age.

People find the more popular rap artists appealing because they reaffirm the bad decisions they're already making in their not-so-glamorous normal lives. You can't live your life on drugs, sex, and partying. If it doesn't kill you, it'll torture you until your time

comes. This is the rap music that most people know and it's what is popular — and it needs to be killed.

We need the stories of the struggles of life. Of the common man's reaction of political issues. Songs of rebellion and revolution. Hymns of looking for a better life, if not for yourself but for your children. Stories of salvation and damnation.

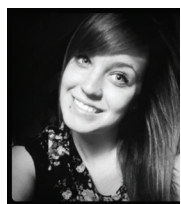
Rap and hip-hop have unbelievable potential to change the minds of those who would hold them to a high standard and regard, especially those who are already caught in the life that some music tells them is the peak of human life. Times have changed and so do how people consume their stories of the world around them. If more were to use this powerful tool for the betterment of man than just affirming a short, fast life, the world could benefit to no end.

Rap has the potential to save lives, but we're tossing out the medicine because the disease feels too good.

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COLUMN

Religious groups should rethink surveying people



BY SYDNEY RANSON
THE PARTHENON

I've been avoiding something for weeks now. I didn't want to be put in this situation so I ran when I knew it was close. I can't explain why I avoided it, but I do know that I was finally faced with it today on campus.

I'm sure you've all noticed people being surveyed around the Memorial Student Center. For weeks on end, I've seen the giant billboard, the tables set up outside and the people go around asking how you feel about religion and God. This is what I have been running from.

First and foremost, I will say this: The surveyors I dealt with were polite and did ask if I would like to participate. Although this is a good approach, I still felt like I couldn't tell them 'no.' I was sitting down near the fountain outside, and the two surveyors towered over me. I probably wouldn't have felt so pressured to say 'yes' if it had only been one person that was questioning me, or if they had sat down beside

me instead of accidentally using an intimidation factor in their approach.

I don't consider myself to be a very religious person, but I was raised as a Christian. I don't know much about religion, and I haven't started exploring my own view on it yet. I feel as though that's something that people pursue at their own pace, and shouldn't be questioned about it if they aren't ready.

I also contend that if people want to know more information about religious groups on campus, they will seek them out. I think this surveying is doing the groups more harm than good, and is only making students feel pestered. I'm sure

I'm not the only person on campus who has avoided these people, not because we are avoiding religion, but because we are not comfortable being interrogated about our personal beliefs just yet.

I appreciate the effort these people put into trying to get the word around about their group, but I'm going to offer an outside perspective — a slightly less intimidating and forced approach may be more helpful in not causing students to avoid them.

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the art department, Jones said his mentor, Mary Grassell, really encouraged him at his studies at Marshall. "She let the students be themselves and find what inspired them," Jones said. "She was very relaxed and always respectful and very

understanding of soccer, which was so refreshing as not all teachers were." In NYC, Jones said he spends his extra time meeting curators and artists and gauging the public's reaction to the art around them. "The city exposes you to so many different things — there is always something

going on," Jones said. Jones said his goal is to work at different galleries across the country — and eventually the world — and to own his own gallery. Jones said he hopes to return to Huntington to have his own show. **Joanie Borders can be contacted at borders9@marshall.edu.**

Popular encyclopedia moves online

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Video killed the radio star, and the Internet may have just killed the printed Encyclopaedia Britannica. The 2010 print edition will be the last one published, according to a Tuesday post on The Encyclopaedia Britannica Blog. The company, which publishes an updated 32-volume encyclopedia every two years, plans to sell what is left of its inventory

and only publish digitally. U. Florida's Smathers Library bought one of the remaining 2010 edition encyclopedias, said Blake Landor, a humanities librarian in the library's reference section Wednesday. The 2003 edition is currently available on the third floor. The encyclopedia launched on the Internet in 1994. Users have to pay for a subscription to access all the Web content. Landor said he has seen a trend of print editions of books being replaced by electronic versions. He said he prefers an electronic

format for reference books. For other books, he enjoys the print version, he said. He admitted, however, he has recently gotten a Kindle. UF freshman Madeline Calise said the last time she used the print encyclopedia was in middle school. She said she uses online references for convenience. Calise previously worked at Patrick Paperbacks bookstore in Satellite Beach. She said many people are still dedicated to using print books. "I personally always believe there is a place for print," she said.

World's tallest man stops growing

BY MICHELLE DAVIS
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Professors at U. Virginia's Medical Center have stopped the world's tallest man from growing, according to press statement released Monday by the University's Health System.

University endocrinologist Mary Lee Vance and University neurosurgeon Jason Sheehan treated 8-foot-3 Turk Sultan Kosen in 2010.

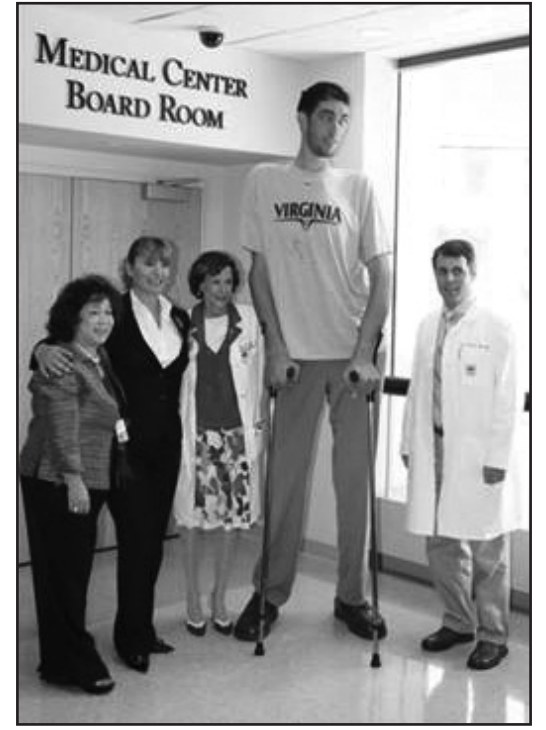
Kosen had previously been diagnosed with acromegaly, a disease in which the patient suffers excessive growth, caused by a pituitary tumor. The tumor spiked the amount of growth hormone Kosen's body produced, which led to his gigantism, according to the statement.

Vance said the Discovery Channel contacted her in May 2010 and asked her to appear on one of the network's programs, right before Kosen came to the University for treatment.

"We're a very large center for referral for patients with pituitary gland problems," Vance said.

Vance gave Kosen new medication designed to control the production of the growth hormone and to stop his growth in May 2010. The tumor, however, had spread into Kosen's brain and he had to return to the Medical Center in August 2010, Vance said.

Sheehan then performed radiosurgery on Kosen using a Gamma Knife, which Vance



The world's tallest man, Turk Kosen stands with family and physicians.

said is a "one-time focused radiation treatment," which halts the spread of the tumor. "The treatments that we provided at the University of Virginia have stopped the production of his excess growth hormone and stopped the growth of the tumor itself," Sheehan said in the statement. Kosen currently holds the 2012 Guinness World Record for tallest man.

Jurors find Virginia Tech negligent in campus massacre

BY JOSEPH LISS
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Jurors for the wrongful death case filed by the parents of slain Virginia Tech students Erin Peterson and Julia Pryde ruled yesterday the university had not done enough to inform the school community about the two shootings which occurred the morning of April 16, 2007. Seung-Hui Cho, the gunman who committed the morning shootings, killed another 30 people later that afternoon, but Virginia Tech maintains its officials did

not act improperly. "The heinous crimes committed by Seung-Hui Cho were an unprecedented act of violence that no one could have foreseen," Virginia Tech spokesperson Mark Owczarski said in a statement yesterday. "The extended Virginia Tech family, particularly those on campus that horrible day, will always remember and honor those we lost." Peterson and Prydes' families alleged Virginia Tech did not properly warn the university community about the initial shootings at West Ambler Johnston Hall, a campus dormitory. The suit

claimed such an alert could have saved the lives of their children and others. The jury awarded \$4 million to each of the families, but damages paid to the families must be capped at \$100,000 according to the Virginia Tort Claims Act. The U.S. Department of Education fined Virginia Tech \$55,000 in 2010 for failing to respond appropriately to the shootings and provide adequate warnings to students. "Under the Clery Act, institutions must issue timely warning to the campus community to inform affected persons of crimes

considered to be a threat to students and employees," according to a Dec. 2010 report issued by the Department of Education. "Virginia Tech failed to comply with the requirements relating to a timely warning." Virginia Tech has maintained university officials responded correctly when they waited to issue a warning to the entire campus community after the morning shootings. Those shootings were followed by the more deadly shootings at Norris Hall hours later. The Department of Education report said Virginia Tech had not issued its

warnings quickly enough or followed its own policies when issuing the warnings. "First, the warnings that were issued by the university were not prepared or disseminated in a manner to give clear and timely notice of the threat to the health and safety of campus community members," the report said. "Second, Virginia Tech did not follow its own policy for the issuance of timely warnings as published in its annual campus security reports." Virginia Tech's Continuing Education School, Government Relations Office and Veterinary School were locked down by 9:15 a.m., according to the Department of Education report.

"If the university had provided an appropriate timely warning after the first shootings at (West Ambler) Johnson dorm), the other members of the campus community may have had enough time to take similar actions to protect themselves," the report said. Despite the decision yesterday, Virginia Tech officials maintain they acted promptly and efficiently to minimize the damage done on a day on which 33 people died and 17 were wounded. "We are disappointed with today's decision and stand by our long-held position that the administration and law enforcement at Virginia Tech did their absolute best with the information available on April 16, 2007," Owczarski said. "We do not believe that evidence presented at trial relative to the murders in West Ambler Johnston created an increased danger to the campus that day."

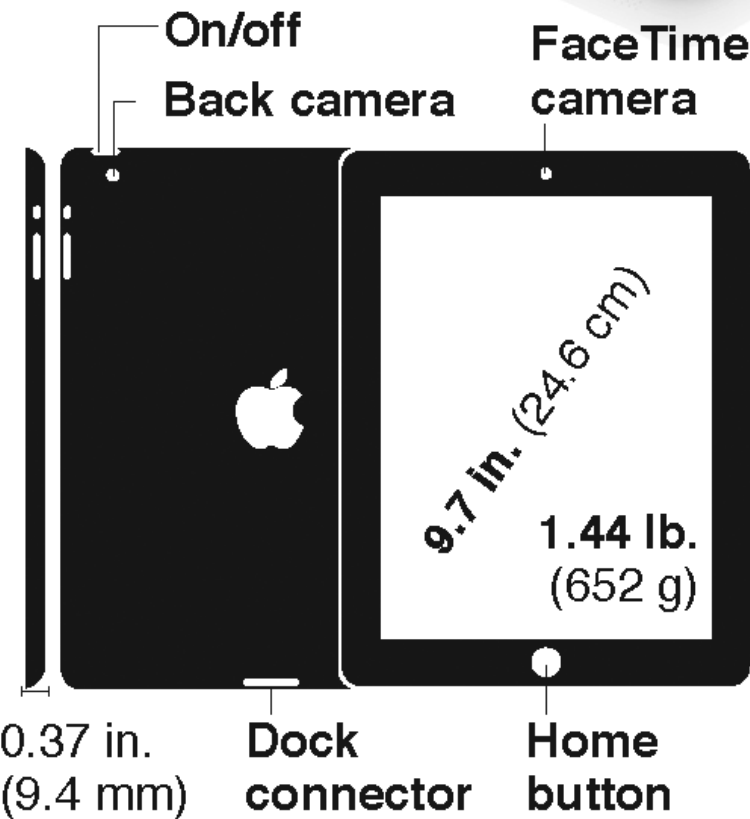
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Herd weekend at a glance

BASEBALL

Where: Beckley, W.Va.

Who: St. Bonaventure

What: The Thundering Herd will play its first games in the state of West Virginia on the season — a weekend series against the Bonnies. The games will be played at Linda K. Epling Stadium. Marshall currently sits at 7-9 on the season. With a loss Tuesday against Morehead State, the Herd ended a three-game winning streak. Marshall is led by senior catcher Thor Meeks, who was recently named to the 2012 Johnny Bench watch list, which recognizes the top catcher in NCAA Division I.

SOFTBALL

Where: Memphis, Tenn.

Who: Memphis

What: Marshall will head to the Volunteer State this weekend for its second straight weekend series in Conference USA play. The Herd takes a 2-1 conference record into the game, winning last weekend's series against Houston. Marshall — boasting one of the top records in C-USA — will face a Tiger team that is just 6-19 on the season. The Herd is led by junior Ashley Gue, who leads the team in hits and runs scored. Seniors Alianna Telles and Rebecca Gamby are tied for the team lead in home runs with three each.

TRACK AND FIELD

Where: Orlando, Fla.

Who: UCF Black and Gold Challenge

What: The women's track and field team is fresh off the conclusion of the indoor season, when the Herd finished twelfth in Conference USA. The indoor season also saw four school records and 50 personal records broken. The team will now head back under the sunshine in the Sunshine State. Last year's UCF Black and Gold Challenge included schools such as Texas, Florida and Jacksonville.

MEN'S GOLF

Where: Furman, S.C.

Who: Furman Intercollegiate Tournament

What: The Thundering Herd will take on 20 other collegiate squads this weekend at the Furman Intercollegiate Tournament, hosted by Furman University. Marshall has struggled to this point in the young spring season — finishing last in each of its two tournaments. The squad will look to right that ship with a strong performance this weekend. Marshall is led by its lone senior, Bosten Miller. Miller has scored an average 75.91 including a career low 69 last season at Renaissance.

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