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College Goal Sunday offers free financial assistance to students

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission will be hosting the third annual College Goal Sunday on Marshall University's campus this weekend.

Students may attend to receive assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Financial aid experts will be on site at the Mountwest

Community and Technical College facility to offer support in completing the FAFSA and provide information on available scholarships.

The event offers free

workshops to anyone planning to attend college next fall.

Current college students and adults interested in returning to school are also encouraged to attend.

The West Virginia Volunteer Income Tax Assistance will offer tax preparation services to attendees because completion of the

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Student Resource Center honors faculty

BY JOANIE BORDERS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Student Resource Center is honoring faculty members this week by asking students to share which professors have impacted their college careers.

Students can post about their favorite professor on the center's Facebook page.

"We want to give students an opportunity to express their gratitude," said Jessica Jordan, resource specialist in the SRC and Marshall alumna.

"Some students choose their jobs or careers because of a class, and they do not always get the chance to express their gratitude to that professor that made an impact on their lives."

Jordan received her master's in counseling. While working on her degree, she said she got the honor of having a professor impact her life.

"David Herman was my professor for group counseling and my practicum while at Marshall," Jordan said. "He taught me how to become a good counselor, adviser and improve my techniques. He really helped me become the professional I am today, and I still keep in touch with him."

Jordan said she hopes the faculty members appreciate the recognition and will take time to read the posts students have written about them on Facebook. She said that it is important for faculty members to hear the positive things they have done and inspired students to do.

To further honor the faculty members who students have posted about, the center will be giving each professor a certificate showing their appreciation. Thursday, the center will vote on the most memorable experiences students have posted. The winners will receive free Marshall gear.

The center is located on the second floor of the Memorial Students Center and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES: *Steve Williams*

THE PARTHENON

Steve Williams said he is no stranger to management positions. Last week, the city councilman threw his name in the hat to run for mayor of Huntington.

Williams is running up against several other Democrats for nomination in this spring's primary.

Williams said when it comes to problems solving, he's the man Huntington would want in office.

"The issues the city is facing are more complicated and complex," Williams said. "The city needs someone with my background and my experience to address the issues."

Williams has held numerous management positions. For the past 26 years, Williams has worked in the financial services industry. He also has a political background as a former state legislator in the House of Delegates.

As a city councilman, Williams said he is no stranger to serving the people of Huntington.

He has also served as the director of economic development and city manager.

As Huntington faces a \$4 million deficit, Williams said he recognizes the problems the city faces.

"We are in dire financial straits," Williams said. "We have no credibility with members of the legislature. The city needs a mayor who can go into the city, articulate a vision and communicate with members in Charleston."

Williams said he would work to restore confidence to its citizens by improving attention to detail when it comes to the city's budget.

Williams said he has scrutinized details of the budget in his current position on city council.

"It was us who made the decisions and observations that made sure the belts were being tightened," Williams said.

With problem solving being a big focus in this election season, Williams said his



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Steve Williams, of Huntington is a Democratic candidate running to be Huntington's mayor. The primary election is May 8.

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MEET THE CANDIDATE profiles



Check out *The Parthenon* for Huntington mayoral features in upcoming Tuesday editions.

'Vagina Monologues' to Raise abuse awareness

BY HENRY CULVYHOUSE
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's production of "The Vagina Monologues" opens at 8 p.m. Thursday at Marco's in the Memorial Student Center.

"The Vagina Monologues" is part of the Valentine's Day campaign, a global movement that raises money and awareness to end violence against women. Written by playwright Eve Ensler in 1998, "The Vagina Monologues" is a series of monologues based on interviews with real women about their experiences. Ninety percent of funds raised at the Marshall performance will benefit the Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, a Huntington based safe house for women escaping abusive relationships. Ten percent of the funds will go to the Valentine's Day campaign to establish shelters for women in Haiti and central Africa.

Director Liz Deal said,

though she is new to the community, she is honored to be the director of Marshall's play.

"It is certainly a topic that is very close to me," Deal said. "It's a great chance to get to know the community and to do something that actually has some meaning to it."

"The Vagina Monologues" are performed near Valentine's Day in cities across the world. Deal said the movement is not a protest against Valentine's Day, but a different perspective on it.

"It's meant to spotlight violence against women and girls by taking another perspective on the Valentine's Day experience by saying 'if you really love me, you wouldn't hurt me.'"

Deal said the community has been very supportive.

"We've had a lot of people interested in being it," Deal said. "People have heard of it and are interested, and we're excited they're going to be there."

Marshall biomedical graduate student, Kristee Ray, 24, from Richmond, Va., said



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A cast member of the "Vagina Monologues" sits in Marco's at the Memorial Student Center. The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursday.

performing in "The Vagina Monologues" allows her to be part of a good cause.

"V-Day is a global act, and that it is going on at Marshall, in a relatively small community, was big for me," Ray said. "The fact the proceeds go to a domestic violence shelter makes it an

amazing cause."

Freshman theater and English major, Cheyanne Plewe, 18, from Dayton, Ohio, said she got involved with the production because she thinks it offers a great message to women.

"I like it because it's really empowering to

women," Plewe said. "It's just a great show that talks about the different struggles women go through."

"The Vagina Monologues" will run Friday through Sunday.

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Marshall's Genomics Core Facility expands

BY MOLLY URIAN
THE PARTHENON

Since the establishment of Marshall University's Genomics Core Facility in 1990, the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center has introduced new technological devices and ideas to students and the community.

The most recent update in Marshall University's Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology is the addition of the next-generation sequencer machine and research with the West Virginia Cancer Genetics Network.

The machine, the Illumina HiSeq 1000, allows scientists to study DNA sequencing on many types of biological material, such as patient tumor samples. The next-generation sequencer can also measure known mRNA molecules and determine new mRNAs.

Dr. Donald Primerano, director of the Marshall Genomics Core Facility,

said cancer genetics, as a field of study, has increased mainly because our understanding of cancer leads back to changes that occur in the genome.

"Due to our understanding of cancer biology and genetics and epigenetics as being causes, and a simultaneous rise in the technology, we can now assess the entire sequence of a genome in a fairly straightforward way," Primerano said.

Richard Niles, professor and chair of the biochemistry and microbiology department, said the idea of the research is to take samples from consenting patients who have either solid tumors, such as breast or lung cancer, or non-solid tumors, such as leukemias and lymphomas.

"We work to purify the cancer cells and extract their DNA. Through very new technology we are essentially able to get their DNA sequence for their genes," Niles said. "That

can give us a pattern of which genes have changes and some may predict how they will respond to therapies.

"The Illumina HiSeq 1000 can examine an entire genome in a period of eight days," Primerano said. "We have to be cautious at this point. We are able to sequence adult and children genomes and know about their mutations. We may not be able to know the clinical effect of those mutations."

The results provided by the Illumina HiSeq 1000 allow doctors to distinguish between cancers, provide information regarding genetic changes in tumors and help researchers discover pharmaceutical affects on cancer cells.

Primerano said the cost to sequence a whole genome is close to \$5,000.

"People have been discussing the \$1,000 genome," Primerano said. "This is a target for improvements in the technology that will allow us to



MOLLY URIAN | THE PARTHENON

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT Dr. Jun Fan, Genomics Core Facility manager, Jennifer Yu, research technician and Goran Boskovic, next-generation sequencing manager, working with the HiSeq 1000 machine.

sequence whole genomes at a lower cost. The low cost allows the possibility of this type of sequencing in a clinical setting."

Researchers and scientists with Marshall's biochemistry and microbiology department are reaching out to the community with the

data they obtain by using the Illumina HiSeq 1000.

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Fraternities aim to recruit

THE PARTHENON

Marshall fraternities set up informational tables Friday outside the Memorial Students Center to recruit new members. This event and several others this month are sponsored by the InterFraternity Council.

With music and free hot-dogs by the fountain, the fraternities drew crowds intermittently throughout the afternoon. Greek representatives set up displays to attract passing students and persuade them toward their respective

fraternities.

"Being in a fraternity is about the strong bond of brotherhood," said Nate Fawley, junior civil engineering major and Pi Kappa Alpha Member. "We are a true group of scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen, and no other fraternity can say that."

According to Greek advisers Megan Kelly and Lee Tabor, the month of February marks the beginning of a near full calendar for the Greek community at Marshall.

"It's important to be in a group where you're

held to higher moral and ethical standards," Kelly said. "Being a member of a fraternity or sorority does that."

"Fraternities are allowed to recruit every day of the year, but IFC sponsored recruitment is an opportunity for all the organizations to be in the same place at once," Tabor said. "It's one thing to go to school and have a 4.0, but at the same time you don't get experience in leadership, learning how to run a business, and networking unless you get involved in something."

Engineering fraternity comes to Marshall

THE PARTHENON

A group of Marshall students are starting a campus chapter of the national Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity.

"Theta Tau is an honorary fraternity for engineering students to work on professionalism and community service," said Kristen Bobuk, president and senior engineering and music performance major from Pittsburgh.

According to the official website, Theta Tau is the oldest and largest

fraternity for engineering.

"Our group is in the vocal fraternity phase, in which representatives from the national Theta Tau will help us set up by-laws," Bobuk said.

The group has named its officers and is well on its way to becoming an official chapter.

"We will be a colony for about a year before we can be an official chapter," Bobuk said.

Betsy Dulin, Marshall engineering professor, said the students are excited to see things progressing.

"It is very much a student-driven process," Dulin said. "They came to us to try to make this happen, and not the other way around."

"Having a Theta Tau chapter at Marshall will help to tie engineering students into the international network as professionals," Dulin said.

According to Bobuk, the group plans to start programs encouraging area middle school and high school students to get involved in the sciences.

Romney slams Obama on energy, Santorum on spending

BY ROBIN ABCARIAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES
(MCT)

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.—Fresh off his victory in Nevada, Mitt Romney turned his attention to Colorado, whose voters will caucus on Tuesday. In the modest meeting room of a slightly faded motel on the Rockies' Western slope, where mining companies and environmentalists have battled over coal extraction, Romney slammed President Barack Obama's energy policies.

"I share his desire to see renewable sources of energy developed," Romney said to loud applause. "But don't forget we also have to have carbon-based fuels like natural gas or oil and coal. The

president said in his State of the Union address the other night that he was in favor of 'all of the above,' but then you look at the actions of his EPA and you realize they are really in favor of 'none of the above.' They hold off the development of our coal with regulations, they hold off on development of our natural gas resources, they hold off on the drilling of our oil. ... My policy will be that America must be energy secure and energy independent from the oil cartels."

The message resonated with the crowd of a couple hundred. An elderly Romney supporter who would not give his name said he was happy to hear Romney address the issue. "Obama's been trying to shut down the coal mines in Hotchkiss that have been here 30 or 40 years

or more," he said. "Same with gas drilling. These environmental groups are anti-the world."

Meanwhile, as Romney focused on Obama, his campaign was busily slinging arrows at his rivals for the Republican nomination, especially former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who has begun looming as a potentially serious obstacle in Minnesota, which also votes Tuesday. Missouri votes as well, but the results are non-binding.

Santorum, who has finished first only in Iowa, is also expected to present a stronger than expected challenge in Colorado, where he campaigned last week. Colorado's large community of evangelical Christians has been receptive to his emphatically conservative

message on social issues. James Dobson, founder of the evangelical anti-abortion group Focus on the Family, endorsed Santorum last month.

The Romney campaign knocked Santorum for his embrace of earmarks when he served in the Senate. Santorum has said he eventually disavowed the practice.

In a call with reporters Monday, Romney surrogate Tim Pawlenty went after Santorum's change of heart. "People change positions from time to time," said the former Minnesota governor. "The fact that he has now tried to move away from the fact that he was a champion of earmarks is noteworthy. But the point is he has held himself out by saying he is the true conservative, he is the reliable, gold standard ...

the perfect, or near-perfect conservative. We just want to make sure that the rhetoric and the claims and the image he is trying to present to the conservative base is not a false one."

This is a line of attack for which Santorum has prepared. "Go ahead, attack me on earmarks," he told a crowd in Dublin, N.H., on Jan. 6. "The people of Pennsylvania elected me to represent the interests of Pennsylvania and when they sent a whole bunch of money down, people of Pennsylvania wanted to make sure we got an adequate share back of the money we were sending (to the federal government)."

The Romney camp also sent an email "from the archives," a copy of Santorum's Romney 2008

endorsement. "Governor Romney is the candidate who will stand up for the conservative principles that we hold dear," Santorum said at the time. "Governor Romney has a deep understanding of the important issues confronting our country today, and he is the clear conservative candidate that can go into the general election with a united Republican Party."

This time around, Santorum has said repeatedly that if Romney becomes the nominee, the most important weapon the GOP has against Obama this fall will no longer be useful: Health care reform. Obama has often said he modeled his own health care reform bill on the one passed by Romney when he was governor of Massachusetts.

U.S. suspends operations at embassy in Syria for security reasons

BY PAUL RICHTER
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU
(MCT)

WASHINGTON—The State Department said Monday it was suspending operations at the U.S. Embassy in Syria's capital because of growing safety risks and had removed the ambassador

and all other American personnel.

The department said in a statement that bombings in Damascus on Dec. 23 and Jan. 6 had raised "serious concerns" about the safety of the embassy and that Syrian authorities had "failed to respond adequately" to requests for

more security help.

Ambassador Robert Ford would continue trying to serve as U.S. representative to Syria from Washington and would seek to maintain contacts with Syrians, the statement said.

The U.S. government remains deeply concerned by the rising violence in Syria,

the statement said. It blamed the violence on "the dangerous path" Syrian President Bashar Assad has chosen in stepping up the regime's attacks on anti-government demonstrators. The United Nations estimates that nearly 6,000 people have been killed during protests that have racked Syria since

last March.

The State Department again urged world powers to support a diplomatic plan laid out by the Arab League, which calls for Assad to turn over his powers to a deputy to open the way to a democratic government. Russia and China vetoed a U.N. Security Council measure

backing that plan over the weekend.

The State Department announcement was not a surprise. U.S. officials said two weeks ago that they would be forced to close the embassy if the Syrians did not provide more security assistance, as the U.S. had requested.

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ONE LAST NIGHT

Former Herd players gather for one final game at Veterans Memorial Field House

BY LAUREN HIGHTOWER
THE PARTHENON

More than 100 Marshall University alumni will be in attendance for the last Marshall basketball event to be at the Veteran's Memorial Field House at 7 p.m. Friday.

The Herd played its home basketball games in the Field House from 1950-1981 before moving to the Cam Henderson Center.

"The Veteran's Memorial Field House has been a huge part of Marshall basketball throughout the years," said Aaron Goebbel, associate athletic director for external affairs at Marshall. "With all the alumni returning, this should be a trip down memory lane for some of these guys."

The game will be followed by the Marshall men's basketball team playing East Carolina University at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Cam Henderson Center.

"We really wanted to have the game at the field house," Goebbel said. "But in the end, we felt that having the alumni game at the field house and then having the current men's team play at the Cam Henderson Center the next day was the correct choice."

This weekend also marks the return of Hall of Fame basketball player Hal Greer. Greer played for the Thundering Herd from 1956 to 1958, averaging 19 points and 10 rebounds while playing in 71 games for Marshall.

"We are incredibly

pleased to have Hal join us, along with close to 100 other former players," said Mike Hamrick, Marshall director of athletics. "Hal is one of the NBA's 50 greatest players, and his attendance will make that night one folks from around here will never forget."

Greer might be the most decorated basketball player in Marshall basketball history. Greer went on to play in the NBA, scoring 21,586 career points and making it to 10 straight All-Star games from 1961-1970.

"I've never met Hal Greer, but I am definitely looking forward to meeting a legend," said Marshall alumnus Taurean Marshall. "I am excited to see all the fellow alum and to

play in the old gymnasium one last time."

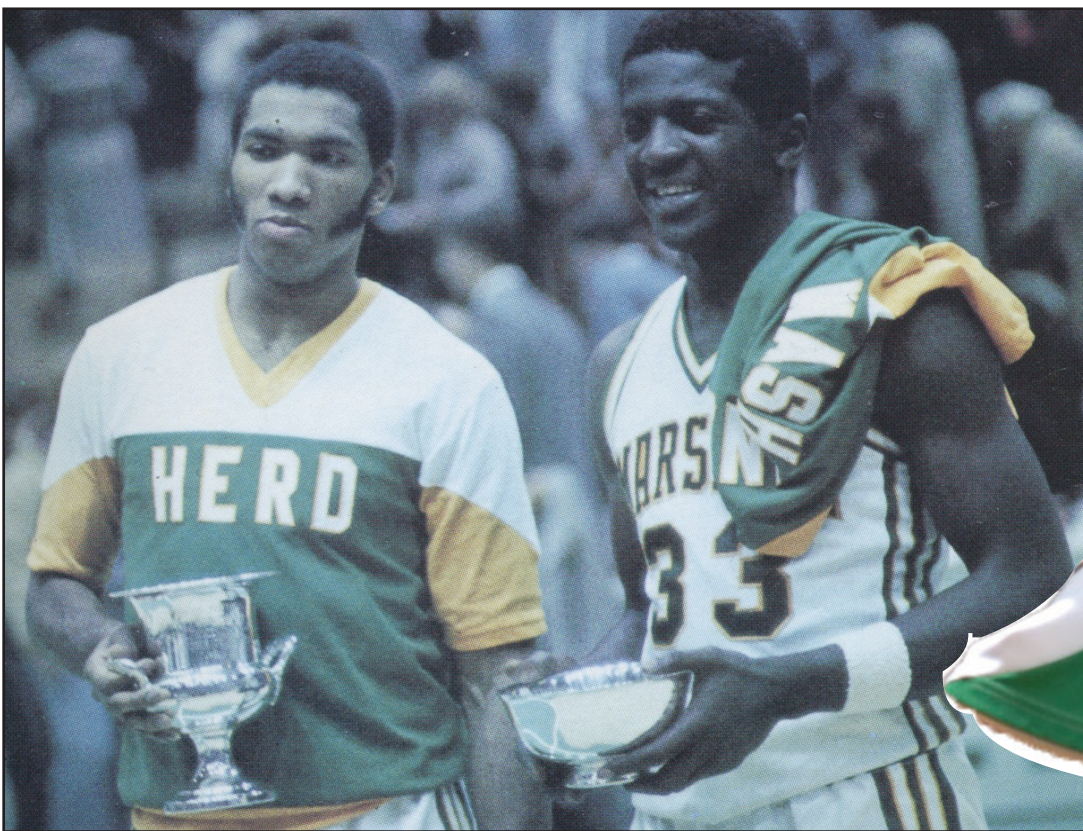
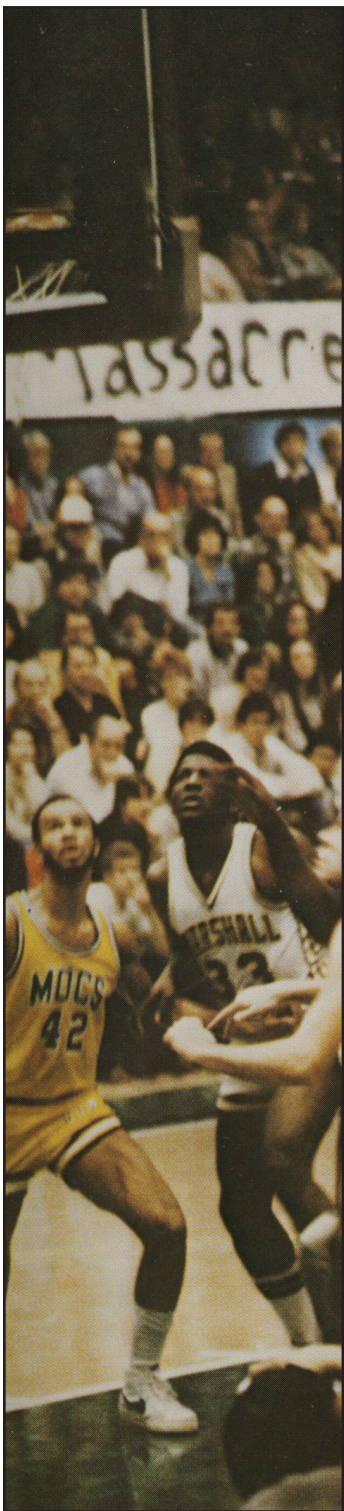
Marshall played with the Thundering Herd from 2004 to 2008.

Marshall will also pay tribute to the veterans, which the field house is named after.

"We will acknowledge the veterans as well," Goebbel said. "Their commitment to that facility over the years has been extremely important, and we will make sure they get recognized over the weekend."

Tickets for the event are \$15. More information on the final game can be obtained at the Marshall ticket office.

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LEFT: Marshall alum George Washington watches a shot head toward the basket during the 1981 season, the final season at Veterans Memorial Fieldhouse. **TOP:** Herd player Charles Jones lays up a shot in the Marshall Memorial Invitational Tournament during the 1982 season, the first at the Cam Henderson Center. **MIDDLE:** George Washington and teammate David Wade celebrate the team's victory in the MMIT in 1982. **BOTTOM:** Thundering Herd fans celebrate in the stands of Veterans Memorial Fieldhouse during the 1980 season.



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> Taurean Marshall, Marshall alumnus

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COLUMN

Cartoons just aren't the same

BY BRITTINI BROOKS
THE PARTHENON

I was watching this TV show last week when an 11-year-old boy was kidnapped. The police were asking his mother questions and one of the questions they asked her was what her son's hobbies were because they thought the kidnapper was taking the boy to some of his favorite places. The mother replies that her son mostly stays indoors watching cartoons and that his favorite show is South Park.

Maybe I was the only one, but I was shocked by her reply. I mean what parent let's their child watch a cartoon with a mature rating?

To me, South Park is more of an adult cartoon due to its language, content and mature rating. Logically, I am sure the South Park people paid to have their name mentioned in the show, but the fact is there are kids out there ages 11 and younger that watch this show and others like.

Shows like Archer, Family Guy and American Dad all have adult humor and content in them. Some networks that were

once for kids have become more interested in attracting adults to watch their stations.

What happened to the good old days when cartoons were something a parent could let kids watch on Saturday morning and know they were not watching anything relating to adult sexual content or adult language?

What happened to not having to review a cartoon before your child watched it on Cartoon Network because you were sure what they were watching was safe?

What happened to the simple, fun, clean cartoons like Scooby Doo and Mickey Mouse?

Yes, these shows still exist, but kids don't seem to appreciate them as much as they use to.

The fact is today's cartoons are being created to keep up with today's society.

Shouldn't a child be allowed to turn on the television and watch a show that does not contain nudity, sexual content or bad language. I feel a lot of the cartoons out there today make kids grow up faster than they need to.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

\$38,380

This is the median household income in West Virginia for the years 2006-2012, according to the 2010 U.S. Census.

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This is the median household income in the United States from 2006-2010, according to the 2010 U.S. Census.

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EDITORIAL

W.Va. should increase its number of HPV vaccinations for teenagers

The Center for Disease Control has made the move to recommend that all boys from ages 11 to 21 be vaccinated for human papillomavirus virus (HPV), a commonly transmitted STI. Since 2006, doctors have recommended the vaccination for young women to prevent cervical cancer and genital warts. With a notable spike in the number of cases of the virus within males, the CDC has now urged doctors to administer the vaccination to young males.

West Virginia, unfortunately, has one of the lowest HPV vaccination rates in the country: A dismal 42.4 percent of teenagers are vaccinated to prevent HPV, according to a CBS report.

In a new study released last week, results showed one in 15 Americans are now infected with oral HPV. Additionally, 80 percent of sexually active men and women will contract the virus during their life. Within two years, according to the CDC, the human body will flush the virus out of the system. However, this is not always the case and if the virus stays in the body, cancers might emerge, along with warts.

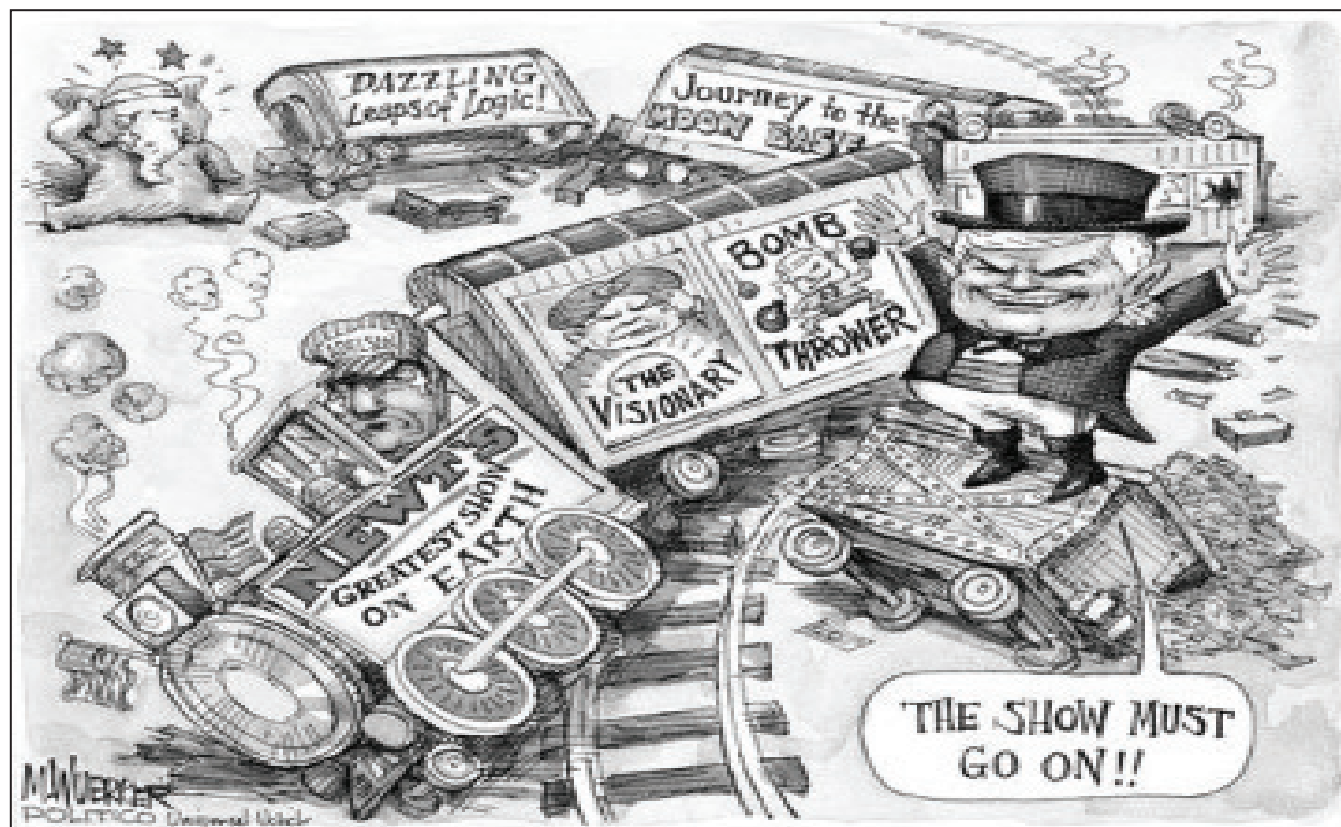
If this can be prevented in both males and females with vaccinations now, why are states like

West Virginia and Montana lagging behind? Could it be that West Virginia has a national reputation of having nearly 30 percent of its population without health care? In a state that lives an average three percent below the national poverty line, the HPV vaccine should be made affordable, if not free, and readily available for all teenagers in the state. If steps can be taken to reduce the amount of disease and suffering in the state, they should be taken.

If states choose to not make this vaccine open and available, they are putting their residents, predominantly young teenagers, at future risk of contracting a virus from which they could have been shielded from. With this new push by the CDC for immunizing of males, along with the already heavily suggested push to vaccinate females, it is important states like West Virginia heed these suggestions. For a state where many residents live in poverty, basic vaccines such as this one are vital to the well being of all, not just 42.4 percent.

HPV shows no signs of slowing down, and the longer these vaccines are kept shelved, the more cases will emerge that could have been prevented.

POLITICAL CARTOON



COLUMN

Breath easy, respiratory disorders are an unfortunate side effect of life in W.Va.

BY MICHAEL McATEER
THE PARTHENON

It seems like I always had a head cold growing up in St. Albans, W.Va. Even in the summertime, I had a sniffle and in the winter I would get a sore throat. The spring was the worst because I had seasonal allergies and didn't know it. My eyes would water, and my nose would run. I would be pretty miserable for about four weeks between April and May, and then it would lapse into a mere sniffle again by summer.

I assumed my respiratory problems were normal when I was young, but once I moved away to Maryland and eventually to central Ohio, my sniffles and cough suddenly got a lot better or went away completely. Go figure.

Three years ago, my wife and I decided to move back to Huntington to attend Marshall University.

My wife is from northern Virginia, we met in Ohio. She had never lived in West Virginia before and the only warning I gave to her about my potential respiratory problems as a kid is that we lived near Institute, W.Va.,

genetics? The fact is that our air in "wild and wonderful" is really bad! According to the American Lung Association's State of the Air Report, Charleston (12th in the country) and Huntington (15th in the

Los Angeles, which is 55 times its size per population (only 4 percentage points between Los Angeles and Charleston for asthma, cardiovascular disease and chronic bronchitis).

My dad was diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease a few years ago. His physician in Charleston attributed the COPD to him having been a pack-a-day smoker in his youth, although he hasn't had a cigarette in more than 30 years. Did his physician ever consider my dad's COPD was induced by his choice to live, work and raise his family in the shadow of the chemical plant? Did his physician suggest the air quality in the Charleston-Huntington area is as poor as it is in major "smog" metropolitan cities? Probably not — go figure.

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“The fact is that our air in 'wild and wonderful' is really that bad!”

>Michael McAteer

and the chemical plant was an air quality hazard — as best as I could tell.

Since we have been here, she has had two bouts of pneumonia and has been diagnosed with "seasonal asthma," which makes her cough heartily for weeks on end, in winter and in the summer.

Is the air in West Virginia that bad, or are we merely victims of poor, respiratory

country) ranked highly for "year-round particle pollution." We were beat by much larger metropolitan cities such as Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Los Angeles. This is made worse when you look across the board to respiratory disease, from childhood asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema and cardiovascular diseases. Charleston is not lagging too far behind a city like

Women business leaders gather for forum

BY EMMA GOSS AND
MADINA TOURE

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Sandra Garcia was en route to becoming a doctor, studying neuroscience on the premed track in college, when she had a change of heart — she wanted to start her own business. Four years after she graduated from college, Garcia's company, POSH Agency LLC, is entering its third year and experiencing steady growth.

Garcia was in attendance at Barnard College on Friday for the White House-sponsored Urban Economic Forum, an event focused on women succeeding in the business world. And her story was mirrored by many panelists, who shared their stories of breaking into the male-dominated fields of business ownership and entrepreneurship.

The forum — which was hosted by the White House Business Council, the White House Council on Women and Girls, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Barnard's Athena Center for Leadership Studies — also drew several big names, including Huffington Post founder Arianna Huffington and Valerie Jarrett, a senior adviser to President Barack Obama.

In a conversation with CNBC anchor Maria Bartiromo, Jarrett said that the White House is starting a new initiative to encourage women to enter the predominately male fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

"Many of those jobs are going to be the jobs of the future, and oftentimes girls shy away from math, from science," Jarrett said.

The event largely consisted of panels, during which successful women discussed the obstacles they faced in starting their own businesses or breaking into the business world. Panelists highlighted

gender bias and the economic recession as major stumbling blocks.

"I got hired at Time Warner, but three months after being hired, my whole department was laid off," Garcia said. "For me, as a (recent) college graduate, I didn't want that to be me 10 years down the road."

Barnard President Debora Spar opened the forum by discussing the underrepresentation of women in positions of power. Women, she said, are falling into the "16 percent ghetto," meaning that women make up less than 16 percent of entrepreneurs.

"Women max out at roughly 16 percent, and that is a crime, and it is a waste of incredible talent that this country has to offer," Spar said. "So our job, all of us in the room, in this city, in this country, in the world, is to fix the situation so we can help generate the female talent and the female leadership that this country desperately needs."

Naomi Cooper, an Athena Scholar, said that she was familiar with the "16 percent ghetto" concept.

"With respect to the 16 percent ghetto, I think that's something I've definitely heard a lot about, because I take Athena classes and we talk about that a lot," she said. "But I actually thought it was really nice and different and empowering to hear the panelists because they're really impressive and they did a really good job."

Huffington moderated the panel, "Investing in Women Entrepreneurs," which focused on ways women could access capital. Joanne Wilson, a Gotham Gal blogger who invests in startups, said that women tend toward perfectionism, which limits their ability to take advantage of business



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CNBC anchor Maria Bartiromo (left) talks with Valerie Jarrett (right), senior adviser to President Barack Obama, about a new initiative to encourage women to enter the predominately male fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

opportunities.

"Women need to spend more time just jumping in the game and figuring it out later," Wilson said. "Stop crossing your t's, stop dotting your i's. Move forward, stand on a table, and say, 'I am fantastic, this is a great business, and I'm going to find someone who's going to invest in me.'"

The forum was attended by both Barnard students and women in business, among others. Hallie Satz, the owner and CEO of commercial printing company HighRoad Press, was struck by the panelists' discussion of challenges women face in starting their own businesses.

"Most of what I heard today was the message that, as women, when we talk about asking for capital, we're cautious and we downplay our businesses," Satz said. "We don't overpromise ever and we are

very careful in looking for investment capital, very conservative about our expectations. It is, it's very true, and it hurts us."

Nikila Kakarla, an Athena Scholar, agreed. Kakarla, who is majoring in economics, said she was struck by the idea that "women are scared to take risks" and, for example, tend to spend more time preparing for meetings than men do.

Another panel, "The Case for Women Entrepreneurs," gave women the chance to tell their business success stories. Bartiromo, who moderated the panel, said she has seen that women have to work harder than men to be taken seriously as leaders.

"Women try hard. We work really hard," she said. "We want to be the best, and we work really hard to be the best. Men

don't."

Athena Center director Kathryn Kolbert said the forum echoed the themes that the Athena Center emphasizes in its courses and workshops.

"In many ways, the panel has reaffirmed exactly what we at Athena have been saying for a long time, that... some men and some women approach leadership in different ways, and that women have obstacles to creating their own businesses that make it harder," Kolbert said.

Some forum attendees, though, said that the conversations may have overlooked some key points. Sarah Belfer, an Athena Scholar, said she would have liked to hear more about "certain barriers to women put up by men or organizations."

Others, like Cooper, wanted to hear more about how the economy as a

whole would impact job opportunities for women. Cooper said she would have liked some discussion of "where everything is going and what types of jobs are going to be available."

Nina Ahuja, an Athena Scholar, said she appreciated the panelists who told their stories, including one who said she dropped out of investment banking and used her bonus to start a charity. She noted that she would have liked to have heard more personal stories.

"People dropping out of the jobs that we think that we're doing, that we're supposed to be doing, like investment banking and finances, especially in New York... I wish I heard more stories like that because it's really inspirational," Ahuja said. "And it gives you an idea that there are different ways of getting to do what you love."

New Yorkers ranked as rudest

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Travel and Leisure magazine released the results of its annual online survey last week, and New York City won the title of rudest city in America.

Each year, online readers rank large cities throughout America in categories including Cleanliness, Safety, Ethnic Dining and Architecture. In the most recent America's Favorite Cities survey, New York City received the lowest score by non-residents in the Friendly category.

Whether or not New Yorkers truly have a bad attitude

or it just appears that way to outsiders has yet to be determined. NYU sociology professor Dalton Conley said it may be the diversity and pace of the city that gives people this impression.

"First, New York City is fast-paced, so we don't reserve a lot of time for niceties," Conley said.

"Also, it's huge and anonymous, which means it's not only not expected that you'd tip your hat and say hi to someone passing you on the street," he added. "It would in fact be downright weird. Third, we are a city with a high percentage of foreign born (residents)."

Different cultures and

languages represented in the city by tourists and residents from other countries lead to quick and basic communication that often appears rude, according to Dalton.

Los Angeles, Boston, Miami and Washington D.C., accompanied New York City as rude cities whereas New Orleans, San Juan, P.R., and Nashville, Tenn., topped the Friendly category.

New York residents have a different perspective of New York City's friendliness.

"From a service perspective, I don't think it's a very rude place," resident Samantha Bullock, 31, said. "But from a 'people-on-the-subway' perspective,

absolutely. There's no civility there, either."

But resident Doris Gerdes, 21, does not think New York City is rude.

"I think it's harder for some people to survive here," she said.

Not only was New York City rated the least friendly, but it was also voted last place in the Affordability, Cleanliness and Peace and Quiet categories.

Despite low scoring in the four other categories, Travel and Leisure reported that New York City ranked number 1 in the Theater/performance art, Diverse, Stylish, Classical music and Luxury stores categories.

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FAFSA requires information from current or previous tax returns.

Student and family members are asked to bring driver's licenses, student's and parent's Social Security numbers, previous tax records, bank account balances and investments information.

Participants in the workshops will be entered to win one of 19 Apple iPad 2s.

College Goal Sunday will be at 18 other locations in the region including Marshall's Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant.

The College Foundation of West Virginia website offers a list of site locations, times, items to bring and other details on the event.

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campaign would be about experience, not mudslinging.

"The sense of my campaign is not against (mayor) Kim Wolfe," Williams said.

As far as how he stacks up against the other candidates, Williams said he is confident.

"If it's a popularity contest, it will be a nip-and-tuck race," Williams

said. "If it's a race of job qualifications — straight ability and vision — no one is as qualified."

While not working or trying to solve problems from his city council seat, Williams said he now has the new responsibility of campaigning.

"The challenge is to use the campaign to build the case that I am the most qualified person," Williams said.

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Making an impression



ABOVE: Debbie Workman teaches children about healthy food choices at the STEM Center, an on-campus preschool institute focusing on children from three to four years old. **RIGHT:** Terabeth Brumfield, director of the STEM Center, works with the GigaPan, a high-tech camera used in a project paired with NASA, Carnegie Mellon and Google.



June B. Harless Center aims to educate children of Huntington through interest-based learning

change it every year.”

The Harless Center is also focused on the being a part of the College of Education. Five of its staff members also teach and supervise clinicals for pre-service students.

The Harless Center also offers a “National Board Pre-Service Teacher Project” to assist education majors in obtaining the National Board Certification, which can only be done three years after graduation and teaching in a classroom.

Stan Maynard, Cathy Walker and professor Mindy Allenger organized this project to allow students to build their portfolio in college and give them a more realistic experience of what they need to do to get National Board Certification.

This program includes professors working together to change their normal course syllabi to better help pre-service teachers.

Along with all of these centers and projects, the Harless Center was the first of five satellite partners with Carnegie Mellon’s CREATE lab, which creates new technologies to apply and innovate in classrooms.

The Harless Center received a \$207,000 grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to become a satellite station of the CREATE lab which allows the Harless Center to have access to any new technologies the lab might produce.

The most recent technology that Debbie Workman, a staff member at Harless, experienced is the GigaPan, a robot camera that can take several thousand pictures and put them together as one whole photograph.

The GigaPan Project is paired with NASA, Carnegie Mellon and Google. The technology is similar to the technology used on the Mars Rover.

“We have about 40 teachers involved from Cabell, Wayne, Randolph and Nicolas counties,” Workman said. “I’ll, one of the inventors, wanted children to be able to understand other children, where they live and their environment, so (the children) can better understand each other to increase global awareness.”

The June Harless Center has received assistance through a number of grants. The most recent being a \$175,000 grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to begin a model to ease the transition from pre-school to kindergarten for students.

Even with these grants, the center has several partners it depends on to continue assisting in reforming education for West Virginia, the University of Kentucky, Carnegie Mellon, Rahall Institute of Technology, the W.Va. Department of Education, Frontier Communications and others.

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The June B. Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development has been doing big things for Marshall University and education in the state of West Virginia since 2000.

In the corner office of Jenkins Hall, the Harless Center and its staff of only 12, cover a lot of ground with the Science Technology Engineering Math Center, Shewey Learning and Research Center, National Board Pre-Service Project,

their partnership with Carnegie Mellon’s CREATE Lab and several other projects.

The STEM Center is an on-campus preschool institute focusing on children from three to four years old from the Huntington community.

The STEM Center is directed by Terabeth Brumfield, who is also the Chief Program Development Officer for the Harless Center, and partners with Cabell County Schools and West Virginia Department of Education.

“The children do a lot of interest-based learning,” Brumfield said. “They direct

where the curriculum goes. Our goal is to serve the students and the pre-service teachers and provide a quality experience.”

The STEM Center focuses on healthy food choices, global studies, foreign language studies and STEM experiences.

The Shewey Learning and Research Center is another portion of The June B. Harless Center that focuses on science education for mostly middle schools.

Thereseearchcenterisheading into its fourth summer having a science camp for middle

school teachers and students in Mingo County. This project is being spearheaded by Steven Beckelheimer.

“This past summer, we had four different sites where teachers and students were brought together after a week of training for the teachers,” said Barbara Maynard, staff member of the Harless Center. “When we leave, our goal is that (the teachers) have had instruction and can carry it out throughout the year. The kids might do NCIS or Legotype learning at camp. We

Local church moves to former location of discount theater

BY SHAUN FRENCH
THE PARTHENON

The Greater Huntington Theater, commonly referred to as the discount theater, on Fourth Avenue that closed in November 2011 is now open as the new home for Crew Community Church. The congregation met for the first time in its new location Sunday.

Crew Community Church started in 2006 in the home of its pastor, Josh Perry. The congregation later relocated to Marshall University’s campus and then to the old Huntington High School auditorium on Ninth Street before moving to the theater.

“Our desire had always been to be located in the heart of the city, to go out on missions for Jesus, to be more visible and to be a part of the fabric and culture of the downtown,” Perry said.

When the theater closed, it gave the congregation the opportunity to pursue its desire, Perry said.

Tim Holmes, elder of the congregation and Marshall alumnus from Barboursville, W.Va., who also helps with the music ministry, said the leaders first brought up the opportunity of renting the closed movie theater to the congregation’s attention and asked how much money it was willing to give.

After raising the money they needed, Crew Community Church then rented the building for a year-long lease with exclusive rights to the property from owner Derek Hyman, president of Greater Huntington Theater Corp, said Paul Boekell, elder of Crew Community Church. Hyman uses a small portion of the building for storage.

“This was a financial stretch for us to be able to afford,” Holmes said. “It’s been a story of God’s provision in making this possible.”

Sean Knisely, congregation member and Marshall

alumnus from Huntington, said he was excited for the church to meet in its new location and become a part of the downtown area.

“A part of the mission of the church has always been to get downtown,” Knisely said. “Hopefully it will give us more of an opportunity to be more involved in the community. The theater-style is that of a cool place. I’ve been here a million times to see movies back in the day.”

Boekell said the congregation hopes to purchase the building after the lease ends.

Perry said the goal of Crew Community Church is to love, experience and follow Jesus and also to make him the center of its mission. He hopes people witness their faith through good deeds.

Crew Community Church meets at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

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Members of Crew Community Church worship listen to Josh Perry in their new location, the former location of the Greater Huntington Theater, on Fourth Avenue.

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