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Marshall plans to complete parking addition in 2012

BY ALLYSON WARNER
THE PARTHENON

A new parking garage will be available for students, faculty and visitors of Marshall University next semester.

The garage will be open for use starting in September 2012, but only on

a substantial completion status.

"Substantial completion means that we can use it for parking, but we can still be doing little things to it," said James Terry, director of public safety.

The garage will be located on the south side near the

Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

"It will be built starting at the alley way to Sixth Avenue," said Karen Kirtley, interim senior vice president for finance and administration.

Unlike the current parking garage on Third Avenue, this one will be available for

students, faculty, and staff use.

The goal is to have this garage completed before the start of the biotechnology incubator and engineering projects.

Some spaces will be lost forever, while others will be lost only temporarily during construction of the area.

"Being a landlocked campus, there is nowhere we can buy land to replace the spaces we lost," Terry said.

The new garage will be smaller than the garage located on Third Avenue, which has 411 parking spots.

The garage is designed for future expansion.

"In the future, it should double in spaces and go over 800 total parking spaces," Terry said. "Building this garage will replace various parking lots, metered parking, and other parking areas around campus."

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PSEUDOEPHEDRINE BILL

WV Legislature to vote again

BY MOLLY URIAN
THE PARTHENON

Students might soon have to go to a doctor to get cold medication that contains pseudoephedrine.

In an effort to reduce methamphetamine production in the state, the West Virginia Legislature will soon consider a bill requiring medications containing pseudoephedrine to be prescribed by a doctor. Currently, individuals can purchase pseudoephedrine as an over-the-counter medication at any pharmacy. These medications include: Mucinex-D, Sudafed-D, Claritin-D, Advil Cold and Sinus and Tylenol Cold and Sinus.

A spokesperson from the State Public Employees Insurance Agency said if this bill passes it could cost between \$400,000 and \$800,000 per year to cover state employees. This number does not include the uninsured or the Medicare and Medicaid recipients in the state.

Abby Sobonya, employee at Minardi Public Affairs who represents the Consumer Healthcare Products Association, said she believes the legislation will consider an alternative solution.

"A seamless, multi-state real-time tracking system, which 17 states, including our bordering state Kentucky, have in place, and combined with a meth offender registry, would help curb methamphetamine production," Sobonya said. "It should not cause law abiding citizens from having to be burdened with the cost of a doctor's visit for a common head cold or seasonal allergies. This system also is administered for free and would be at no cost to the state."

West Virginia is ranked second in the country for prescription drug abuse and deaths, Sobonya said.

"In my opinion, making pseudoephedrine a prescription would deter law enforcement from finding meth labs and cause meth cooks to take on the prescription addicts system of

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40TH ANNUAL CAPITAL CLASSIC

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ABOVE: Senior guard Shaquille Johnson hangs above the outstretched arms of WVU defenders. LEFT: Head Coach Tom Herrion yells toward his team during Wednesday's Capital Classic against West Virginia. The Herd fell short losing the contest 78-62.

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

After 20 minutes of play, there was nothing separating Marshall and the West Virginia Mountaineers as the instate rivals went into the locker room tied at 30. But in the second half the balanced attack of the Mountaineers proved to be too much for the Herd, as they took back the Capital Classic Trophy with a 78-62 victory.

Early in the second stanza, Marshall went nearly six minutes without scoring a bucket and allowed WVU to go on a 10-0 run during that span. The scoring draught would prove to be the difference as the Herd could never seem to get back into its first half flow afterwards.

"Shots that usually fall weren't falling," said senior

guard Damier Pitts. "We really take pride in our defense, and we weren't really locked in on the defensive end. They were diving on the floor (for loose balls) and we were just reaching for them."

Leading the way for Marshall was DeAndre Kane with 19 points. As for the Mountaineers, their balanced attack was lead Truck Bryant's 22 points, and senior standout Kevin Jones who finished with 25 points and seven boards.

"There's a reason a lot of people think he (Jones) is the player of the year in the Big East, which automatically puts him in the conversation for national player of the year," said Marshall Head Coach Tom Herrion.

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INTERNET BLACKOUT

SOPA and PIPA aim to strengthen copyright laws

BY CHRISTINA CARRION
THE PARTHENON

Two proposed piracy bills to Congress sparked a protest from Google and a full blackout across English Wikipedia in opposition to empower the United States government to censor the Internet on Wednesday.

The blackout began at midnight Wednesday the day the House was supposed to vote on Stop the Online Piracy Act.

The Protect IP Act and the Stop the Online Piracy Act pending in the Senate and the House, want to strengthen copyright laws, but has the power to weaken the economy, Internet security and freedom of speech, according to fight-for-the-future.org.

Ross Gardiner, freshman political science major from La Plata, Md., said she disagrees with the severe predictions.

"People are making a straw man out of these bills saying it's going to censor your speech and the Internet."

The bills would restrict American search engines from redirecting the search to sites with material violating copyright laws, Forbes reported.

PIPA and SOPA could

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Mentalist to perform at Big Sandy

BY CHELSIE SCHULDIES
THE PARTHENON

World-famous mentalist and the 20th century's Nosstradamus, The Amazing Kreskin, will perform at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena where he intends to astound the audience with thought reading.

The Amazing Kreskin will perform at 8 p.m. Friday in the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Kreskin has been conducting what he calls "mental tests" for more than five decades. He has done 261 performances

worldwide and has flown more than three million miles in his lifetime. In the past year, he has traveled to many countries, including Spain, Italy and New Zealand.

After 50 years of performing "The Great Buck Howard," a movie based on Amazing Kreskin's life, was produced by Tom Hanks and co-starred John Malkovich.

For his performance, Kreskin has requested his check to be hidden from him during the show. If he fails to find the check, he

will forfeit his fee.

"I have only failed this test nine times over the course of my career," Kreskin said. "My most dramatic loss was in New Zealand. I lost \$51,000."

Kreskin has performed more than 2,000 shows at universities around the country, including Marshall.

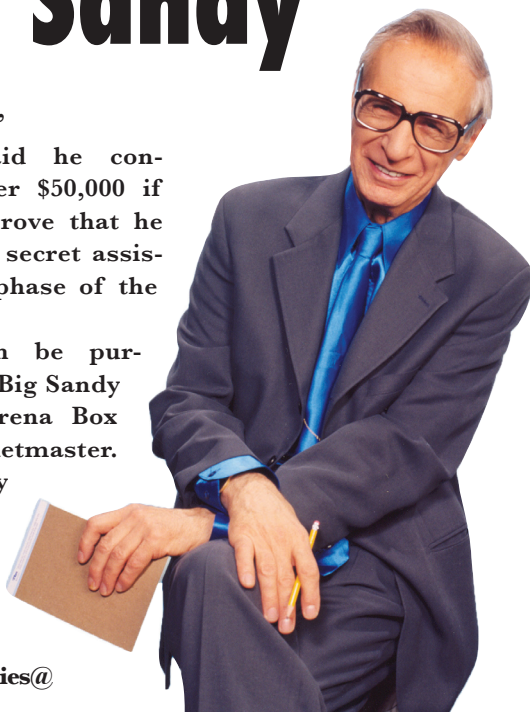
"I had a performance at Marshall back in the 1970s," Kreskin said. "A gentleman was taking photos for Marshall, and I was able to predict the exact serial number of the camera

he was using."

Kreskin said he continues to offer \$50,000 if anyone can prove that he employs paid secret assistants in any phase of the program.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Box Office, Ticketmaster.com and by phone at 800-745-3000.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO



Alumni Association celebrates Marshall's 175th anniversary at Capital Classic pregame reception

BY ASHLEY FOSTER
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The Marshall University Alumni Association hosted the Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic pregame reception Wednesday to support the Herd before the annual basketball game against West Virginia University.

The event was the first to kick off more to come in celebration of Marshall's 175th anniversary.

The reception had a turnout of more than 700 students, fans and alumni.

Tish Littlehales, Marshall's director of alumni relations, greeted guests at the doors as they entered.

"We had a fantastic turnout of people that couldn't wait to get through the door," Littlehales said. "It's important to showcase the opportunities and tradition that Marshall brings. It's also a chance to give back to our Marshall family."

During the reception, guests were offered a free buffet and chances to win prizes. Sid Stephenson, 1983 Marshall graduate of geology and environmental science and 20-year member of Big Green, came to show his support for the Herd.



MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

Wednesday's Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic pregame reception was the first in a series of events to celebrate Marshall University's 175th anniversary. The event had a turnout of more than 700.

"Without Marshall, I would not be where I am today," Stephenson said. "For that reason, I make it a point to attend every sporting event. I have season tickets to both football and basketball."

The Alumni Association's purpose is to build relationships and establish connections with Marshall graduates to keep them coming back.

Nancy Pelphrey, Marshall's coordinator of Alumni Programs, said events like the Capital Classic help the Alumni Association to thank its supporters.

"We would not be able to do anything without our

sponsors," Pelphrey said. "They are a great help to our organization, and we appreciate everything they do."

The Marshall pep band, cheerleaders and dance team also gave a performance to cheer on the Herd followed by a brief speech given by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, who said he was proud to be a Marshall graduate.

The reception was sponsored by CSX Transportation, ELCO Mechanical, Liberty Mutual Insurance, PepsiCo and Marshall.

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Slogans help save the earth

BY CHRISTINA CARRION
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The Marshall University Environmental Health and Safety department is kicking off the semester by announcing the winners of its slogan competition to promote stormwater awareness on campus.

The department chose Jeff Rice, senior management major from Morgantown, W.Va.; Rebecca McKinney, freshman accounting major from Talcott, W.Va. and Mallory Nowlin, senior psychology major from Point Pleasant, W. Va., as the three slogan winners.

Students had the opportunity to submit slogans last November to promote new Stormwater Management Program through the department.

"The slogans will get more stormwater education out and make more people aware of what's going on with storm water," said Travis Bailey, Marshall's environmental specialist.

The new green initiative is in response to Marshall's reduction of pollutants in rainwater runoff contributed to Huntington's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, Bailey said.

SLOGANS

1. Pollution ripple effects in storm water cause earth defects.
- **Jeff Rice**
2. Storm water pollution needs a solution. Protect the earth. It is worth... a better tomorrow! The earth needs your care. So be prepared for storm water pollution. It needs a solution.
- **Rebecka McKinney**
3. Seeking a solution? Join a revolution. Create a resolution. Stop water pollution! Earth's most precious resource.
- **Mallory Nowlin**

"I am very passionate about the environment, but I find it disheartening that many students on campus do not care," said Mallory Nowlin, senior psychology major and one of the winners of the slogan contest. "I like to educate people on little known facts about recycling, mountaintop removal, global warming and such whenever I am given the opportunity."

The submissions were reviewed and winners chosen by Greg Adolfsen, representative from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; Chuck Summerville, dean of Marshall's College of Science and Kit Anderson, interim director of the Huntington Sanitary Board, Bailey said.

The three slogans will be incorporated onto posters.

The department will sponsor a poster design contest with student submissions incorporating at least one of the three slogans into the design to advertise the storm water education focus, Bailey said. The posters will be distributed throughout Marshall's campus in Fall 2012

Poster submissions will be accepted within the next few weeks.

For more information about Marshall's Stormwater Management Program visit the newly updated website at www.marshall.edu/wpmu/stormwater.

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Resource Center introduces Facebook contest, awards prizes to students

BY JOANIE BORDERS
THE PARTHENON

The Student Resource Center has brought a new contest to campus and Facebook for the new semester.

Each Monday, the center will post a question for students to answer to win a prize. Students will have until 5 p.m. Thursday to like the resource center's Facebook page and post their responses. The winner will be announced on the resource center's page on Fridays.

Rachel Lewis, senior biomedical science major from Huntington, won last week's prize. Lewis answered the question "How and when did you learn the truth about Santa Claus?"

Lewis said she received an email from the university about the contest and decided to check it out.

"The prize was a \$25 Fat Patty's gift card so it was definitely a good use of time," Lewis said.

Lewis said she thinks the contest is a great idea to get students to like the resource center's Facebook page and find out valuable information about Marshall.

Jessica Jordan, resource center specialist, said she hopes the contest will do just that.

Jordan said she hopes more students will participate in the contest and access the other information and events the resource center has to offer while competing for the prize each week.

Jordan said the resource center has had its Facebook page for a year with 211 likes on the page. In one week of running the contest, the resource center doubled its likes to 468. The resource center's goal is to have 1,000 likes on its page by the end of the semester.

Jordan said the resource center prides itself on being a "one stop shop" for students. The resource center has served 10,410 students since

it opened in August 2010, she said.

The resource center is open from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Jordan said students come to the resource center with questions regarding financial aid, scheduling classes, academic advising, career services and more.

"I'm happy that a senior won the contest," Jordan said. "It shows that we don't just cater to freshmen. We try to help all students no matter what year they are."

This week's contest question is: "If you knew the world was ending in 2012, what would you do differently to make this year count?"

The contest concludes at 5 p.m. Thursday, and the prize will be movie tickets to Marquee Cinemas at Pullman Square.

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Career Services seek to assist students in finding employment

BY MARISSA DEMARIA
THE PARTHENON

As thousands of students graduate across the United States, Marshall University Career Services is attempting to create a liaison to the job market.

The Career Services program hosts the spring and fall Career Expo as well as an Educator Expo for student teachers once a year, but their services do not end there. They also offer resources to seek career advising, resume development, job, career and internship assistance.

One of their key services is an online database where students and alumni can utilize a file service known as JobTrax.

Students and alumni can, "upload, not only resumes but cover letters, transcripts or anything that can be loaded onto a flash drive" said Debby Stoler, assistant director

for development and outreach. "JobTrax gives students and alumni a place to keep all of their official, employment documents. Employers who have posted a job online through career services can call and ask for resumes to be sent to them for job or internship opportunities.

"Every student who has not opted out at the Registrars Office for privacy, is actually already in JobTrax. All you need is access to your password to start uploading your information and networking with prospective employers."

Students and alumni can also access Career Services virtual interview experience.

"As long as you have an Internet connection with a webcam, you can practice your interview skills online," said Mirek Bialk, senior career adviser.

A forum is set up where

students and alumni can practice their interview skills online and later ask for a Career Services representative to critique that interview. Mock interviews are also offered in person, where students and alumni can go to the Career Services office, dressed to impress and receive feedback from a staff member on their interview skills.

Their newest service is the Marshall Mentor Network. This service will primarily target Marshall University alumni and guide current students into prospective careers, jobs or internships.

"We are here for the professional, overall development of students to make sure the students are ready to hit the world when they graduate," Stoler said.

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Tuition rates, payments easier for students to understand

BY ANDREW FROBEL
THE PARTHENON

While the various Marshall University tuition payments differ, students can better understand the rates they will be charged based on their major.

Assistant director of Student Financial Systems, Robert B. Collier, said students can find tuition prices and payments information nearly everywhere.

"You can simply find the information on the bursar's website at marshall.edu,"

Collier said. "You can also receive all of your tuition and fee payments answers through the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 'Answers To Your Tuition and Fee Payment Questions' brochure."

This brochure is located in the bursar's office.

According to the bursar's office, a student's tuition and fees costs are based on the major that the student chooses, the classes the student takes, and where the classes are being conducted.

The base tuition cost for a full-time freshman student is \$2,824 as a West Virginia

resident, \$4,835 as a metro-area student and \$6,740 as a non-resident student.

"Whether or not you are a residential, metro or non-residential paying student, each credit you take costs \$205 for online courses," said Kathy J. Bialk, director of the financial aid office. "Sometimes it benefits you, if you are a metro or a non-residential student, to take online courses, but that is only if you take less than 12 on campus credits."

Online courses all have an additional fee with the tuition. If a student is already

a full-time student with 12 credit hours, then the student will be charged for that additional fee if they decide to take an online course in addition to the full-time tuition rate.

"If the student for example decides to take an online course, but they've already registered for 12 in-classroom credit hours, they are going to charge the full-time rate, and they are going to be charged this extra fee," Bialk said.

Some student's tuition rates may differ amongst other students across

campus based on many different reasons. For example, business majors tend to pay a lot more than a journalism and mass communications major.

Marshall students pay their tuition by each credit hour. However, there is a base tuition price that begins at the 12th credit hour that you take.

Mike Bianco, junior sports management major, said he would like to have a better understanding on the prices.

"Last semester I took five courses that were all three credit hour courses, and this semester I did the same, but

I was charged more," Bianco said.

Each year, at the end of the school year, the Marshall Board of Governors has its annual meeting when members discuss the tuition costs and other issues involving the finances at the university. Each year, at these meetings, the board chooses a voting system regarding what they should do with all of the finances within the university, with the tuition payments being a major plan.

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Behind The Mask: A Look at Marco the Mascot

BY BRITTANEE BARTON
THE PARTHENON

He is the face of Marshall University. His image may be more recognizable than Marshall President Stephen Kopp, Coach Doc Holliday and Coach Tom Herrion. He poses for more pictures than the football team on Media Day. A simple high five from him can cause children of all ages to break out in laughter or be reduced to tears.

Yes, he is Marco, Marshall University's mascot. Marco seems to have thousands of friends, but very few people know who is behind the beefy bison suit and all of the responsibilities that come with the job.

Meet Glenn Boatwright. Boatwright, freshman sports journalism major from Clay County, W.Va., is now in his second semester fulfilling the role of Marco. Boatwright said the duties of being Marco include cheering on the football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball teams, as well as starring in several public relations appearances.

Boatwright said he has specific objectives come game time.

"I pump up the crowd and represent the university," Boatwright said. "I make sure all the children at the games are entertained and you have to make sure they're not too scared of you."

Boatwright said the entertainment factor was key in his decision to pursue the role of Marco.

"Our high school didn't have a mascot," Boatwright said. "At the basketball games I would dress up as a 1970s basketball player with the short shorts and the knee high socks. I came to Marshall University wanting to become Marco mainly just because I wanted to dance around in the costume and act like an idiot, but didn't really think it would happen."

Boatwright happened to sit next to a cheerleader in one of his classes who referred him to go see the cheerleading coach. Coach Duane Nutt asked him to complete a try-out, in which he said he looks for several skills.

"They have to be able to

move in the suit with ease," Nutt said. The tunnel vision, blind spot, and weight of the head all take some getting used to. Also, can they act out well enough for us to understand what they're doing since it's a non-talking mascot? We'll give them scenarios, and we have to understand their portrayal of it."

Marco became the name of the Thundering Herd's mascot in 1954, made up of the first letters of MARshall COLlege. In 1961, Marshall achieved university status, but the name remained. Marco appeared at sporting events beginning in 1965. A live bison even graced the field in the 1970s, but a "bison on the loose" at game time and concerns with caging the animal discontinued that practice.

Boatwright said the pure dynamic of being a mascot is his favorite part of the job.

"You live a double life," Boatwright said. It's like being Peter Parker from Spiderman

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Glenn Boatwright dons the Marco costume for events such as football and basketball games, as well as public relations appearances. Boatwright is a sports journalism major from Clay County, W. Va.

Neutral court sparks reaction from both sides

BY CRYSTAL MYERS
THE PARTHENON

The house was divided Wednesday night, as Marshall's Thundering Herd took on West Virginia University's Mountaineers in the annual Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic.

This year marked the 21st time the matchup has been played in neutral territory. Steve Staffileno, WVU grad student and director of the Mountaineer Maniacs, said there are both pros and cons to playing at the Charleston Civic Center.

"A lot of people like when teams have a home game, but at the same time, the game is more of an event when it's on a neutral floor like this," Staffileno said.

The game's attendance reached more than 12,000. Staffileno said he was not surprised by the large turnout of the game.

"It's a big deal for a lot of people from the state of West

Virginia," Staffileno said. "Friends of Coal is a huge industry in West Virginia, and everyone gets really excited about the matchup. I think it's an absolutely great event for our state."

The sold out Civic Center arena created a dynamic atmosphere for the men's game. Although, it appeared as though the stands were slightly more dominated by WVU fans wearing blue and gold. Laken Bone, Marshall sophomore elementary education major, said her favorite part about the instate matchup is the competitiveness both sides bring, no matter the crowd.

"Honestly, it's a little more hostile this year than I thought it would be," Bone said. "But I'm a competitive person myself so I like to see that within the games."

Marshall fans might have made up a smaller portion of the crowd, but this did not stop them from being heard. Not only did the fans

sporting green and white make a comparable, if not larger, amount of noise than their opponents, many carried on the Herd tradition by bringing glow sticks into the arena. Bone said she likes to think the Marshall fans cheered a little louder.

"I'd like to think our team has more spirit than them," Bone said. "Even though we have less people, we have a pretty loud voice."

The Capital Classic serves as an in-state rivalry game thrown in the middle of conference play. The matchup between the state's only two Division I teams creates a competition fans on both sides feel very strongly about. Staffileno said the fans cheering back and forth at each other is comparable to the battle on the court.

"They'll start something big, and once it winds down, we will start something big," Staffileno said. "It's just back and forth the whole game, just like the teams battling."



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Thundering Herd fans cheer on the team during the 40th annual Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic. The green and white made up a slightly smaller portion of the crowd, but kept the noise coming throughout the game.

"I mean everywhere you go, either someone is a MU fan or WVU fan, so they should keep the annual competition," Bone said. "It's a lot of fun for the whole state."

When the final buzzer rang, strength in numbers seemed to hold true. WVU won the 2012 Capital Classic 78-62. Making the overall series record, 29-11 in the Mountaineers favor.

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Around the league...

Tulane- 56
Tulsa- 60

Tulsa outscored the Green Wave 35-24 in the second half to grab the comeback win and move to 3-2 in C-USA.

Houston- 54
SMU- 70

Four starters scored in double figures for the Mustangs to lead the club to the blowout victory over Houston.

ECU- 56
UTEP- 70

McCulley scored 16 points for the Miners en route to a 14-point victory over the Pirates.

Memphis- 67
UCF- 68

Clanton scored 15 points for UCF, including the final bucket to give the Knights the win.

UAB- 61
Rice- 60

Williams hit a 3-pointer with time running out in overtime to lead UAB to the one-point victory.

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"He stepped up big. The kid's really, really good."

For the first time this season, Marshall was beat on the boards, and as coach Herrion said "mightily," as the Mountaineers out rebounded 37-27. WVU was by far the aggressor both on the boards and scrapping for loose balls.

"I thought we were grossly outplayed," Herrion said. "They took it to us in a physicality standpoint and around the glass, beat us to every 50-50 ball, but give them the credit."

"They just out-toughed us, they kicked our butts on the glass," said junior

forward Dennis Tinnon. "They were physical, and they out toughed us the entire game."

With the victory, the Mountaineers move to 14-5 on the season, while the loss knocks Marshall to 13-5, and it will return to conference play on Saturday when the Herd travels to Hattiesburg and will try to move to 5-0 in conference against Southern Miss.

"We're going to put this one behind us, we're still first place in the conference," Pitts said. "So we're going to get to work tomorrow and get ready for Southern Miss on Saturday."

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DeAndre Kane breaks toward the basket in the Thundering Herd's loss to West Virginia in the Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic.

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THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The Constitution of the United States of America

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COLUMN

America's waste problem, a shame

BY DOUG WALD

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Approximately 263 million pounds of food were thrown away in the United States yesterday, despite the fact a majority of it was perfectly good to eat.

Initially, it seems like a grandmother's proverb: "Clean your plate. Don't let it go to waste," but recent empirical research has shown this rampant wastefulness could be far more damaging than just upsetting your sweet old grandma.

A study from Timothy Jones, an anthropologist from U. Arizona, claims as much as half of all of the food produced in America each year is discarded due to multiple inefficiencies throughout the consumer food hierarchy.

This includes flaws in harvesting, preservation, transportation and distribution.

An independent study conducted for the International Congress concluded North America wastes more than 10 times the amount of food than Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia do each year.

In fact, every year North America wastes what equates to nearly three-fourths of all the food produced in the aforementioned foreign regions, despite having vastly superior technology available.

Resources that were once thought to have been precious, such as food or clean water, are habitually taken for granted by the population – myself included.

I want to be clear, I don't mean to insinuate if we all work together we can take all of our leftovers and cure world hunger. But, more effective strategies within the food industry could at least help

to provide meals for the thousands starving here in America as well as positively impact the economy and environment.

Too often we dismiss the notion of hunger as an epidemic that is only centralized in impoverished nations when, in reality, it's a crisis that exists throughout the U.S.

I've witnessed families rummaging through my apartment's dumpster on occasion, often waiting until dark to either remain undetected or hide their shame.

When just down the road, grocery stores are disposing of unfathomable amounts of fresh food because of unjustifiable "quality-standards," sometimes locking their trash facilities to keep those unable to put food on the table for their families from dumpster diving. More efficient conservation policies within the food industry could help save the nation's economy billions of dollars each year.

For instance, most grocery vendors and wholesalers will throw out an entire carton of eggs if one is broken, or dispose of an entire container of fruit because one apple lost its ripeness. Our environment has also been suffering because of our society's abhorrent wastefulness.

The EPA reports in 2010, 33 million tons of food waste were sent to landfills and incinerators, making it the single largest component of municipal solid waste in America.

Despite the possible misconceptions that food sitting in a landfill is some kind of environmentally friendly compost heap, it's been shown this rotting food releases significant amounts of toxic methane into the atmosphere.

The responsibility begins with us, as the consumer, to continually raise our awareness as well as our ability to recognize just how detrimental our wastefulness can be.

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EDITORIAL

SOPA and PIPA infringe on freedoms

As a generation that is dependent on the Internet, both for information and entertainment, yesterday's "blackout" by Wikipedia in protest of the Stop Online Piracy Act and Protect Intellectual Properties Act marked a new period for the Internet. This is a very complex issue, seeing as how the Internet is still a highly new medium that has, thus far, gone heavily unregulated. Both sides claim that the other is infringing on the ways in which they run their businesses. Whichever decision is to be reached will either change the way we access information, or allow it to remain the same.

The bills have been introduced in an attempt, according to the pro-regulation side, to abate online piracy of copyrighted material. In the case of the pro-regulation side, they are concerned mainly, it seems, with the piracy of music and movies. In their theory, these two bills will put an iron fist down in attempt to stop illegal downloading. If a website is found to have hosted "illegal" material that violates a copyright, then the copyright owner will seek legal counsel and have search engines like Google and Bing remove the link to the website.

Also, with the seeking of a court order, advertisers would be cut off from advertising on the site. The bills will put responsibility both on the search engines and the alleged "foreign" website that violates a copyright, rather than punishing the original copyright violator.

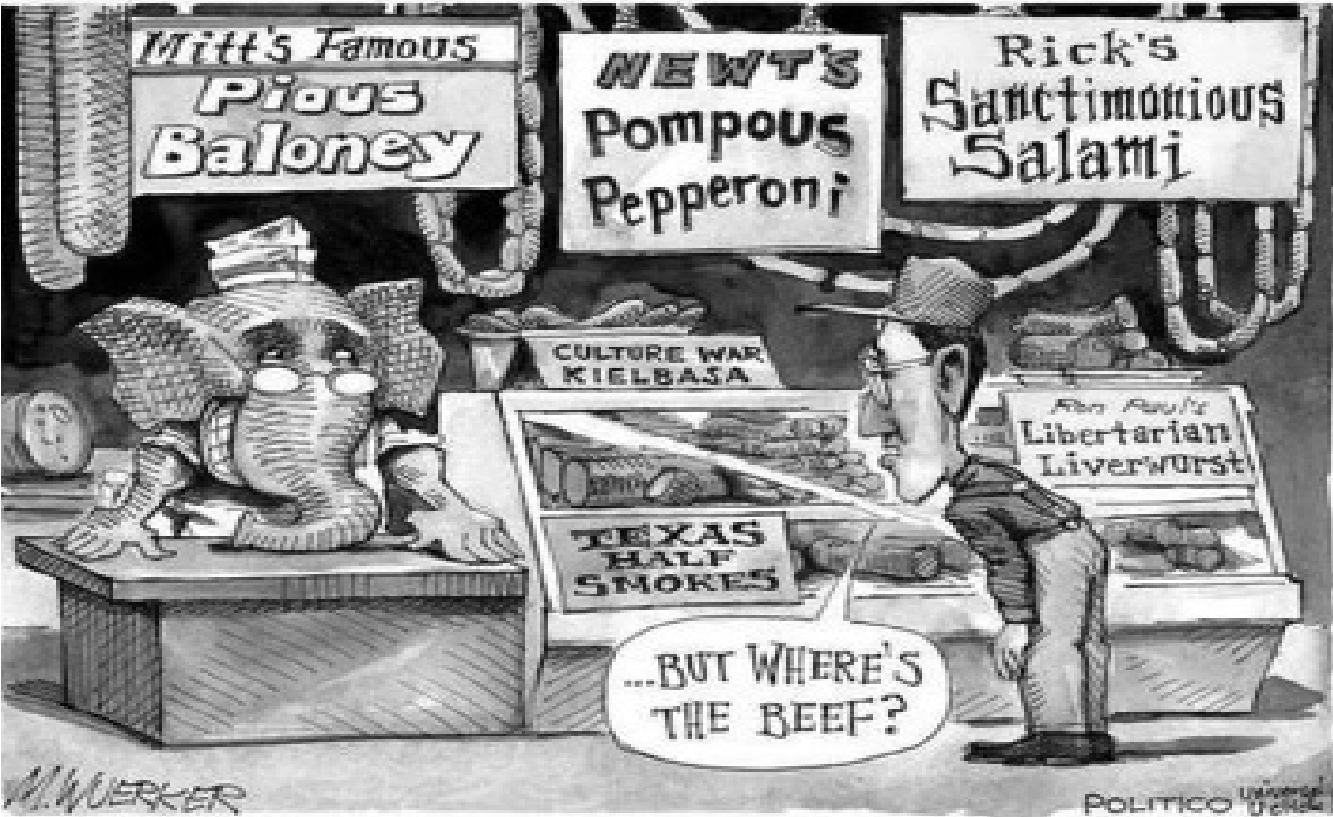
On the other side, with websites such as Wikipedia, there is a claim that if these bills pass, free expression on the Internet will be diluted with regulation. This side claims that the laws are far too vague and because

of the arbitrary nature of them could infringe on Internet freedoms such as only being able to access sanctioned material due to the new copyright regulations. For the day, Wikipedia did not serve as an online encyclopedia for any subject in the world; rather, it only allowed people to view information about the SOPA and PIPA bills. Their claim is that the bills would put a constraint on online information. By opposing the bills Wikipedia makes it explicitly clear, on their website, that they do not endorse copyright infringement. In fact, they abide by the current law which states if there is an infringement the website has six hours to remove it.

It seems the current regulation has functioned appropriately thus far, so why attempt and enforce stricter, more punitive measures on websites such as Wikipedia? Online piracy has been an ongoing problem since the Internet first came about. There have been stricter enforcements of anti-piracy regulation, but yet millions of people still manage to work around it. Many have drawn this parallel to Internet censorship that China enforces, this is a bit of a hyperbole but logical, in a sense.

Keep information accessible. That's why people create it—for others to read and watch it. Copyright infringement is a major issue, but at the heart of what the pro-regulation side is saying, it seems there might be some ulterior motives in their backing of both the bills. Websites like Wikipedia should not be held as if they themselves have violated a copyright. These websites provide a service to millions of people around the world every day. They inform and educate.

POLITICAL CARTOON



COLUMN

“Hunger Games” strike a similiar resemblance to W.Va.

SPOILER ALERT

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THE PARTHENON

At times, I can be found in a corner of my room curled up with a novel and a cup of tea. I like to get wrapped up in the stories and, for an afternoon, feel like I'm right there with the characters joining their latest adventure. It was surprising to me, however, when I found myself in the middle of an arena where I was faced with killing 23 other tributes with Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark in "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. Young adult fiction never held much allure for me, as I prefer picking cotton with Miss O'Hara or playing in a speakeasy with Mr. Gatsby, but I couldn't put the book down.

The premise of "The Hunger Games" is that North America is now one big empire called "Panem." "Panem," split into 12 districts, is now controlled by "The Capitol" under the

authority of President Snow. After a previous rebellion, the government set in place the Hunger Games. The Hunger Games, meant to serve as a reminder to the districts of the power of The Capitol, takes place every year. Every district has to send one boy and one girl from the ages of 12 to 18 to compete in an arena against each other to the death; an arena where there can only be one winner. The story finds Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark as tributes for District 12 in the 74th Hunger Games.

The political atmosphere in Panem is communism. Not only can no one travel from district to district, but they also aren't permitted to know about the other districts. Each district produces something important to the continuation of Panem. In district 12 the main entity is coal. Needless to say, this immediately brought my thoughts to West Virginia. Describing what sounded exactly like the West Virginia landscape, I couldn't help but feel like I was living in Katniss

and Peeta's home as well.

Among the restrictions the government places on the citizens (or prisoners sometimes seems like a more accurate term) are the restrictions on information. The only programs watched on television are government sanctioned and required. There seems to be no newspaper, no media outlets and virtually no outside communication. As a reporter and a constant consumer of social media to think of a world without any of this is...well...unthinkable.

Wednesday, when I went to do a little research I found Google, Wikipedia, blogging websites and more changed. With posts on Twitter and Facebook from various friends, it was obvious that the censorship wasn't going unnoticed.

The basic storyline of the book is disturbing. When I sit down to think about it, the social climate doesn't seem that far-fetched and that is even more disturbing. With the landscape closely

“Stupid people are dangerous”

> SUZANNE COLLINS

resembling Appalachia and the growing censorship debate, the premise of the book hit a little close to home.

Paired with the interesting social issues, the novel contains a gripping love triangle (it is teen fiction, after all) and enough adventure and suspense for anyone looking for a book to keep them on the edge of their seat. Luckily for Collins' readers who fell in love with Katniss and Peeta, their story doesn't stop with "The Hunger Games," but continues with "Catching Fire," "Mockingjay" and an upcoming movie.

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West Virginia players celebrate after receiving the trophy for winning the Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic. WVU won the game 78-62.

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BILL

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doctor shopping,” Sobonya said. “It just so happens that this year our border states, Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, are all introducing, and highly likely to pass, the real-time tracking system, not prescription legislation. If West Virginia were to pass real-time tracking legislation it would allow us to work with our surrounding states to help reduce meth

production and abuse.” Student body president, Ray Harrell, said he would much rather see the legislature pass a law similar to the one being taken up by our border states. “It will be much less of an inconvenience for the general public than the alternative,” Harrell said. “Based on projections I have seen, there is a potential that a prescription pseudoephedrine bill could raise student health fees, and

if this is accurate, I would strongly oppose such legislation. The student health system we have in place at Marshall is extremely beneficial and cost-efficient to our students, and I would challenge any measures that could jeopardize such affordable costs,” Harrell said. The proposal is being reintroduced this year after a 16-16 tie in 2011. Molly Urian can be contacted at urian@marshall.edu.

PIRACY

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make social media sites liable for the content their users post, establishing a long line of lawsuits, according to fightforthefuture.org. Facebook’s anti-SOPA page generated over 140,000 likes. “I understand that people think it’s going to violate their first amendment rights, but the government is giving authorities the power to punish people that violate copyright laws that are already in place,” Ross said. NBC news reported hundreds of New York protesters assembled in front of Senator

Chuck Schumer and Senator Kristen Gillibrand’s offices. In the wake of the protests and blackouts, many senators withdrew their support of SOPA and PIPA, MSNBC reported. The Motion Picture of Association of America also withdrew its support of SOPA after the blackout day, as did Disney and other initial supporters listed on the United States House of Representatives Judiciary Committee website. “There certainly are a lot of things that are intermingling within the bills that’s making details very complicated,” Ross said.

Kira Dillon, junior medical imaging major from Proctorville, Ohio, said, “I think SOPA and PIPA sounded like a good thing to the movie and music industry, in the beginning, but now with all the publicity of the negative things that could happen, the supporters are backing out.” In the end, President Obama announced he will not support SOPA unless the bill is reevaluated with a narrower focus, Forbes reported. PIPA will be voted on in the Senate on Jan. 24th. Christina Carrion can be contacted at carrion@marshall.edu.

PARKING

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The building will be more technologically advanced than the current garage, with an electronic device allowing users inside and outside of the parking building. Passes will be offered in

yearly, monthly and hourly forms. This garage will also be accessible to visitors on campus for the day. “If you are a visitor, you will be given a ticket similar to the way the parking garages are in Pullman,” Terry said. Unlike the current garage, a security guard will

constantly monitor the entrance during working hours. Terry said the hours are tentatively set from 7 a.m. through 11 p.m. Terry said it was easier to close the lot before the semester began rather than try to get the cars off right before the construction began. “We know (students) get

frustrated when they drive by and see an empty lot, but there are things that are going to start happening,” Terry said. Visible construction will start in two weeks, when a fence will be built around the property. Allyson Warner can be contacted at warner65@marshall.edu.

MARCO

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where half of your life you’re the biggest celebrity in Huntington, but then when you’re just yourself, no one even knows who you are. I think that’s pretty cool.” There are some downsides to the job, however, the worst of which Boatwright cites as the heat. “The worst is being in the hot suit for hours upon hours and just sweating,” Boatwright said. “Sweat drips in your eyes and you can’t wipe it away. It just burns and stings.” Beyond this, Boatwright claims there are three secrets unbeknownst to Marshall students about Marco. First, there are two Marcos. That is correct

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—GLENN BOATWRIGHT

– there are two suits and two people who act as the mascot, but never at once. The cumbersome suit allows for limited movement and vision, so often the off-duty Marco lends a helping hand. Cheering for four sports is a big time commitment while still being a college student, so splitting the job is sometimes necessary. Also, the Marco suit best accommodates individuals who are six feet or taller. Second, the job of being Marco has great perks

and is more unique than most off-campus jobs. “You get to travel for free, you get a scholarship, and you get to hang out with the cheerleaders all the time,” Boatwright said. Finally, Boatwright has a secret about himself. “The biggest secret about me is I was raised by my parents who are huge West Virginia Mountaineer fans,” he said. “They hated the fact that I was going to Marshall. When I told them that I was going to become

Marco, they couldn’t understand it whatsoever.” It looks like Boatwright’s parents, however, will have to integrate more kelly green and white into their wardrobe and follow their son’s directing of the We Are...Marshall chant for years to come. Boatwright is motivated to continue working hard as Marshall’s mascot. “I want to be Marco for all four years, and I want to win the national mascot competition (held annually at the NCA Collegiate Cheerleading Championships in April). Marco has only done it once, in 1990, and I want to be the second one to do it and I will be the second one to do it.” Brittane Barton can be contacted at barton35@marshall.edu.

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