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# THE PARTHENON

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## Marshall ops for alternative to reaccreditation

BY BRITTANEE BARTON  
THE PARTHENON

Come next semester, students might see changes in course syllabi and department websites. The learning objectives and program outcomes will be altered due to a university implementation of the Higher Learning Commission Pathways model.

The Higher Learning Commission is an organization that accredits degree-granting, post-secondary institutions. The Pathways program is a way for Marshall University to maintain accreditation.

Mary Beth Reynolds, director in the Office of Assessment, said a new accrediting program is inevitable.

"The accreditation process we have used in the past called PEAQ (Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality) is being discontinued in 2015," Reynolds said. "We are up for reaccreditation in 2015. Pathways seemed a logical alternative for us."

The steering committee, composed of Reynolds, Provost Gayle Ormiston, President Kopp, Dean of the Graduate College Donna Spindell and Honors College Dean Mary Todd, said they are excited about the opportunity.

"We were invited to participate," Reynolds said. "Specifically, Marshall was invited to test the Lumina Foundations Degree Profile. This is quite an honor because only institutions that had strong records of accreditation were asked to do so, and we're in some pretty good company."

The goal of Pathways is for each college on campus to map learning outcomes necessary to their degree. They then want to make sure these outcomes are being tested in other classes and situations before they are applied to a final assessment, such as a capstone project or culminating experience.

Departments are currently designing a curriculum in which course objectives mirror the intended program outcomes. Reynolds and Ormiston suggested to faculty that each college begin this process with a small sample of classes.

"Select three to five courses which are courses in which students are exposed to kinds of inquiry that would contribute to the capstone experience," Ormiston said.

These classes are regarded as the essential courses needed to be successful in a certain major and the faculty are instructed to think about why objectives covered in these classes are important.

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# Breaking a sweat

The Marshall Recreation Center sees a rise in attendance the first few weeks after the new year due to resolutions. Abe Koroma, personal trainer, exercise physiologist for PEIA Weight Management and fitness instructor, said he encourages everyone to keep reaching for their goals:

"Just keep on going, stick to your plans and keep a clear head."

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"In two to three weeks, you're not going to see the results that everyone would like to see, but just keep going and stay motivated and dedicated to what you want to do."



MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON  
Chris Bowers, first-year biology graduate student cycles at the Marshall Recreation Center.

## Lewis College of Business receives reaccreditation

BY FRANCES LAZELL  
THE PARTHENON

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business reaccruited the Lewis College of Business accounting and business program after careful review of faculty, curriculum requirements, and assessment of students.

Chong Kim, dean of Marshall's Lewis College of

Business, said there are three types of accrediting organizations, but an AACSB accreditation is the most valued.

"The reaccreditation is great for students because they receive valuable business education," Kim said. "The Fortune 500 companies send recruiters to AACSB accredited schools because they want well-educated professionals."

AACSB International is the longest standing accrediting organization, and requires universities to meet 21 standards for the business accreditation and an extra 15 standards for the accounting accreditation.

There are only two accredited schools of business in West Virginia, and 643 worldwide. Of those, only 173 fulfilled the extra standards needed to acquire the

accounting accreditation.

Andrew Sikula, associate dean of Marshall's Lewis College of Business, said accounting accreditation is a high honor.

"The number of schools being added to the AACSB list domestically are relatively few and far between," Sikula said. "For general AACSB, most of their growth is internationally. Accountancy is one area that can

grow domestically, but it is very difficult to achieve."

The Marshall University LCOB is part of the 55 schools of business and accounting accredited by ACCSB International this year.

The AACSB International requires that 50 percent of professors at the school to be academically qualified.

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## Black Sheep Burrito & Brews offers Wi-Fi, coffee, brunch, music



TYLER KES | THE PARTHENON

Local band, The Belt Natches, plays at Black Sheep Burrito & Brews on Thursday. The restaurant hosts live music weekly.

BY CRYSTAL MYERS  
THE PARTHENON

Since opening in late August, Black Sheep Burrito and Brews continues to expand — making the restaurant more than a local spot for dinner.

The restaurant, located on the corner of Third Ave and Hal Greer Boulevard, installed free public Wi-Fi on Thursday, has recently added brunch and coffee to their menu and are consistently bringing in artists for entertainment.

Even with the new additions, executive chef Jeremiah Bowen said the

restaurant's warm, rustic feel is its best quality.

"I think it's developed into something more of a cottage than just your run-of-the-mill burrito shack," Bowen said. "It's definitely developed some sort of warmth to it."

In addition to the 14 beers on tap, the menu now includes both French press and regular drop coffee. The restaurant is also now offering brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. Bowen said it is something they have wanted to do since opening.

"We put these ideas on the back burner because we wanted to focus on the

burritos and tacos and other menu staples," Bowen said. "Now we're starting to venture out into other realms."

Both the brunch and regular menus offer customers options with bold, unique flavors.

"We wanted to create original recipes that Huntington hasn't been introduced to yet," Bowen said. "The menu has a wide variety of different flavors from this region."

Huntington native, Josh Gwinn, direct care staff member for Autism Services said he has seen the new menu and is looking forward

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# Thundering Word members prepare for upcoming debates

BY HENRY CULVYHOUSE  
THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Word, Marshall University's speech and debate team, is gearing up for a busy spring schedule.

The team is preparing for tournaments at Webster University, WVU-Parkersburg, Eastern Michigan University and Ohio University. Speech and debate coach Danny Ray said although the two-year-old program is mostly comprised of freshmen and first year debaters, this season is the beginning of many successes to come.

"I believe that the future of forensics (speech and

debate) at Marshall is only going to be better than the past has been," Ray said. "We're going to get better as we get more students involved and get our reputation built."

First-year team member Christian Adams, sophomore biomedical major from Culloden, W.Va., said he thinks the team will be successful this season.

"I think we're going to do just fine," Adams said. "We're building a lot of momentum."

The team kicked off its spring season last weekend, placing fourth overall at the M and M Swing tournament held at Miami University, Ohio. Ray said the team's placement at

the tournament boosted its confidence.

"It matters to do well," Ray said. "We were in a very competitive tournament. It justifies the amount of time and resources the university puts forth into the team."

Devan Sample, freshman English major from Martinsburg, W.Va. placed in the top six of several categories of speech and debate. He said the wins at the M and M Swing surprised him.

"I didn't even know I was going to do that good," Sample said. "I was apprehensive, but when I got to the tournament, everything just started flowing. I felt great after I got the trophies and brought them back."

The speech team will

travel to Ohio University while the debate team will compete at Webster University Jan. 26 to 30 and Feb. 4-5. It will attend the Tower Invitational tournament at Eastern Michigan University. Feb. 10-11, Marshall University will host the 41st John Marshall Tournament on campus. Feb. 24 to 25, the Thundering Word will face state rival WVU at the WVIFA State tournament hosted in Parkersburg, W.Va. The speech and debate team will close out the season with the National Forensics Association National tournament held at Ohio U. April 12 to 16.

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# Sexuality studies minor a hit with students, professor says

BY HENRY CULVYHOUSE  
THE PARTHENON

As the second week of classes ends, Marshall University's sexuality studies minor is preparing for the its second semester.

The sexuality studies program is an interdisciplinary minor that studies human sexuality within subjects such as English, philosophy, sociology and anthropology. The program began last semester when it offered the school's first introductory course to sexuality studies. Eight students have declared the minor.

Eric Chrol, the program's chair, said faculty and

students embraced the new minor.

"We received more support from the school than we expected," Chrol said. "It's been a fantastic road to get where we're at and everyone was very welcoming when we were established."

Chrol said the minor's broad scope and interdisciplinary curriculum are the source of the program's success.

"Sexuality is really not restricted to one way of analysis so I think that's one thing that makes our students particularly sharp," Chrol said. "It allows students to develop the minor

in a way that they want to."

Alan Gravano, English professor, is teaching his first class in the sexuality studies minor. Gravano's course covers queer theory, a method of literary analysis that studies how sexual identity is defined in literature. Gravano said his students come from many different majors.

"It's been really exciting because there's excitement with students who are not just English majors," Gravano said.

Michelle Hogmire, junior English major, is pursuing the minor. She said the minor is applicable to both her academic and personal life.

"As a college student, sexuality is a subject matter that's involved in everyone's daily life," Hogmire said. "It's really good to study it in a different light instead of going out to a bar because instead of trying to experience it, you try to understand it."

The sexuality studies program will sponsor events throughout the semester, such as the "Everything You Wanted to Know about Tantric Sex but were Afraid to Ask" lecture set for Feb. 15 at the Memorial Student Center. The presentation is entitled.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

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

BY ALLYSON WARNER  
THE PARTHENON

### PAWN STAR

A grand larceny offense occurred Jan. 3 in John Deaver Drinko Library. A silver Dell laptop went missing after not being returned from being rented for use.

The offender took the laptop to Cash Pawn Express and sold it for \$60. Warrants were obtained for the offense.

### ORGANIZED CRIME

A female confessed to stealing two pocket-sized planners from the campus bookstore Jan. 10. The planners were priced at \$6.95 and \$8.95 each. A first offense shoplifting citation was issued.

### HE HAS RISEN!

Marshall University police were notified the Newman Center alarm was going off at 2:28 a.m. Jan. 12. Police said they saw the southeast window had been broken, however no visible items were missing determining it a destruction of property. There are no suspects at this time.

### BAND-IT

A Building larceny occurred Jan. 14 in the Cam Henderson Center. The Marching Thunder band room was broken into during the Marshall UCF basketball game. Four women found money missing in their purses totaling at \$195. The doors were unlocked between the hours of 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

### DORM DEALING

A resident adviser in the Freshman South Residence Hall reported the odor of marijuana coming from a room Jan. 17. Police found a towel at the bottom of door along with two bags of marijuana. Bags weighed 23.3 grams with the attempt to be sold. Suspects were arrested and transported to Western Regional Jail.

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# Financial aid awards prove to not differ on semester-to-semester basis

BY ANDREW FROBEL  
THE PARTHENON

Financial aid determination has many different factors. For the students who rely on financial aid every semester to help them through their undergraduate, the amount students receive back from financial aid all depends on their attendance.

Kathy Bialk, student financial assistant, said the

estimated cost of attendance determines a student's eligibility.

"We use a standard tuition and fee rate to develop a cost of attendance budget - to say how much it is going to cost for a student," Bialk said.

Depending on how many courses a student takes, online or on campus, the amount of financial aid they receive rarely differs from the previous semester.

Robert Collier, assistant director of Student Financial Systems, said rates typically do not differ from semester to semester.

"Depending on what the student chooses to do, the semester's charges could be higher than the other," Collier said. "But the financial aid is typically the same in the fall as it is in the spring."

Both Bialk and Collier

said when students who rely on financial aid decide to take an online course, financial aid doesn't change, aside from the extra fee enacted.

Eric Stano, political science junior from Ottawa Hills, Ohio, said financial aid helps with his tuition payments, specifically with his OASIS Plan.

"The amount of money that I receive back each

year from financial aid increases," Stano said.

The OASIS Plan at Marshall is an online access to student installment service. The installment service is an exclusive payment plan for student residence and tuition costs. "OASIS breaks my tuition up into three equal payments," Stano said. "One of the three payments covers my enrollment fees, and since

I receive financial aid, the two other payments cover my dorm room and board fees. By making the three separate payments for my tuition, OASIS makes it a lot easier on my family, money wise. The bills aren't as large as I thought they would be, which makes this a little more convenient for us."

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# Muslim Student Association feeds homeless

BY SHAUN FRENCH  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Muslim Student Association partnered with the Muslim Association of Huntington to host an event to feed the homeless.

The event took place at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church on 513 10th St. in Huntington.

The event started as an idea in the women's youth group of MAH and grew

into an inspiration people acted upon, Elhamdani said. Deana Nusair, Amani Zeid, Nihale-Shazley, Sawsan Falaman and Hala Giblawi from the women's youth group were in charge of gathering donations for the event and making food preparations.

"We were like 'What can we do to help our community?'" said Shaheed Elhamdani, vice president of MSA and a sophomore chemistry and political science major from Barboursville, W.Va. "We

are all-American Muslims and we want to help out in our American community."

Approximately 100 homeless persons attended the event, and members from the Muslim Youth of Huntington, MAH and MSA including, Elhamdani and President Ammar Haffer, volunteered.

"The biggest thing I was happy to hear about was we seemed to have an active youth group," Elhamdani said. "And it's inspiring me

in a sense that even though I'm not a part of the women's youth group, obviously, I felt really proud that our community was willing to contribute to the Huntington community. It made me feel like I wanted to do something to help out."

Elhamdani said the volunteers received positive feedback from the homeless.

Elhamdani said a major part of the Islamic faith incorporates charity. Elhamdani said MSA is

comprised of 20 students, some of them from the Learning English for Academic Purposes program. The focuses of MSA are to help students cope with college and let the general population know who they are.

"You see a lot of this negative media coverage concerning Muslims," Elhamdani said. "It's our job as ambassadors— I would say to our religion—to show people who we really are and

what we really consist of."

MSA desires to perform more outreaches, whether it is feeding the homeless or Habitat for Humanity.

MSA organizes an awareness week each year in April so people can understand the religion of Islam. It will also be operating panel discussions about the Islam and Sharia or governing law.

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## SPORTS

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## BACK IN THE SADDLE

## Herd hoops look to rebound against Golden Eagles

BY JOHN ROACH  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall men's basketball team will head to Hattiesburg, Miss., to

take on the Southern Miss Golden Eagles on Saturday, Jan. 21st. This game will mark the 12th meeting of the two teams, with Marshall leading the all time

series six games to five.

Southern Miss has won four of the last six meetings and is undefeated at home against the Herd.

The Herd is coming off a loss to the West Virginia Mountaineers, its in-state rivals. WVU defeated the Herd 78-62 in the Capital Classic Wednesday.

Sophomore guard DeAndre Kane led all Marshall players in scoring with 19 points, while junior forward Dennis Tinnon led the fourth best rebounding team in the nation with 10 rebounds.

"I got to do what I always do, and fight for every rebound," Tinnon said.

Despite those outstanding performances, the Herd could not defeat the Mountaineers. WVU outscored the Herd 48-32 in the second half and out-rebounded the Herd 37-27. This is not typical of the Herd, who average 42.0 rebounds per game, while

allowing 32.0.

"It's the first time it has happened all year so we were not used to being outplayed on the boards like that," said Marshall head coach Tom Herrion.

Southern Miss is another good rebounding team, averaging 37.5 boards per game, while allowing only 31.7.

Southern Miss junior guard LaShay Page, averaging 13.3 points per game, and senior guard Darnell Dodson, averaging 12.3 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game, will lead the Golden Eagles' attack against the Thundering Herd.

Southern Miss won its last game against conference opponent University of Alabama-Birmingham by a final score of 59-55. Dodson led the Eagles in points with 15, while Senior Forward Maurice Bolden pulled down a team high 7 rebounds.

The Herd comes into the contest with 4-0 conference and 13-5 overall records as the only undefeated team in Conference USA.

The Golden Eagles (16-3, 3-1 C-USA) will try to give Marshall its first conference loss.

"We got to look past the WVU game and play well against a good conference team with a high RPI," said senior guard Demier Pitts.

Before Southern Miss lost its first conference game to Memphis Wednesday, the Golden Eagles were on an 11-game winning streak,

dating back to Nov. 27 when they lost to still unbeaten Murray State in a double overtime thriller in the championship game of the Great Alaska Shootout.

"They only have one recent loss so we know they are going to be a tough team," Herrion said.

The game looks to be a true battle of the boards. The team that can pull down the most rebounds has a good shot at winning this important conference meeting.

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Senior guard Damier Pitts drives toward the basket in Wednesday's loss to WVU. The Herd is looking to rebound from the loss in its return to Conference USA play.



## Around the league...

SMU  
Memphis 1:00 PM

Memphis looks to rebound after a one-point loss to UCF, while SMU looks to move to 3-2 in C-USA.

UCF  
UAB 2:00 PM

The Knights stand alone in second place in the C-USA standings. UAB is looking to rebound after a 1-3 start.

Tulsa  
Rice 8:00 PM

Tulsa is rolling on a 3-game C-USA win streak. Rice boast one of the nations top rebounders in Kazemi.

ECU  
Houston 8:00 PM

Both the Pirates and Cougars are attempting to end four-game C-USA losing streaks.

UTEP  
Tulane 8:00 PM

Tulane is hoping to grab its first C-USA victory, while the Miners boast a two-game win streak.



## Herd weekend at a glance

## Tennis

**Where:** Lexington, Ky.  
**When:** 12:00 PM  
Friday  
**Who:** University of Kentucky  
**What:** The No. 54-ranked Herd tennis squad hits the road to take on the unranked Wildcats at the Hilary J. Boone Varsity Tennis Complex in Lexington. While the Wildcats are unranked they had a strong showing at the Hawaii Invitational, winning seven of nine matches.

## Swimming &amp; Diving

**Where:** Nashville, Tenn.  
**When:** 2:00 PM  
Saturday  
**Who:** Vanderbilt University  
**What:** Both the Herd and Commodores enter the meet fresh off a defeat. Marshall fell to Ohio University Tuesday in Athens, while Vanderbilt lost at the hands of Evansville University in Evansville, Ind.

## Women's Basketball

**Where:** Huntington  
**When:** 1:00 PM  
Sunday  
**Who:** University of Central Florida  
**What:** Marshall steps back into C-USA play after a 69-57 loss in the Capital Classic to West Virginia Tuesday. UCF is fresh off an overtime 65-63 win over Rice. The Herd hits the hardwood inside the Cam Henderson Center for the first time in one week.

## Track &amp; Field

**Where:** Bloomington, Ind.  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday  
**What:** The Herd returns to action in the Gladstein Invitational on the campus of Indiana University. Marshall will take on the likes of Butler University, University of Louisville and Dayton University. Last time out, the Herd's Vanessa Jules tied her own school record in the high jump.

## COLUMN

## Herd athletes throughout the years: Troy Brown

BY WILL VANCE  
THE PARTHENON

Everyone has heard of former great Marshall athletes, including the likes of Chad Pennington, Byron Leftwich and Randy Moss.

Their leadership, athleticism and raw talent have earned them a special place in Marshall sports history.

Each Friday, I will be showcasing a Marshall athlete who deserves recognition by the Herd fans of today.

Our first former

Thundering Herd athlete has received several honors, such as three Super Bowl rings and a portion of U.S. Route 10 in his name.

Troy Brown was one of the best athletes to ever don a Marshall uniform.

Brown was born July 2, 1971, in Blackville, S.C., and after spending two years at Lees-McRae Junior College, he became a key part of a team that participated in two straight I-AA national championship games in 1991 and 1992, winning it all in '92.

While Brown was officially a wide receiver, he was a jack-of-all-trades for Marshall.

During the 1992 national championship season, Brown was nearly unstoppable, catching 101 passes for 1,654 yards and 16 touchdowns, including a Marshall-record 99-yard TD pass against Virginia Military Institute.

That season, he also set the NCAA I-AA season record for kickoff returns, averaging more than 29 yards a return with four touchdowns.

Brown also played a bit of defense for Marshall, earning his last catch on a game-sealing interception against Youngstown State in the 1992 national championship.

During his time in the Herd program, Brown scored once every eight times he touched the ball.

After his time at Marshall, Brown went on to have arguably the most successful professional career of any former Marshall athlete so far.

Brown was drafted by the New England Patriots in the eighth round of the 1993 NFL Draft (the modern NFL draft only has seven rounds), but was cut prior to the 1993 season.

By midseason he had earned a spot on the regular season roster, a spot he would hold for the rest of his professional career.

Brown had a breakout season in 1997, making 41 catches for 607 yards and six touchdowns despite being fourth on the Patriots depth chart.

After 1997, Brown returned to special teams duties before being named a starter in 2000.

As a starter, Brown was part of the New England Patriots three Super Bowl victories in 2001, 2002 and 2004.

Brown continued to show his versatility in the NFL, playing in an emergency cornerback role in 2004 and recorded three interceptions, to rank second on the team.

In a 2006 preseason game, Brown even lined up as quarterback.

When asked after the game

why Brown had played there, Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick said, with a smile on his face, "to develop his legend."

Troy Brown retired from the NFL September 25, 2008 after 15 seasons, all with the Patriots, and finished with the most receptions in Patriots history (557, which has since been broken by Wes Welker).

Following retirement from professional football, Brown was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame May 10, 2010, becoming the fifth Marshall player or coach to be enshrined and

later joined the Marshall University IMG College, formerly ISP, broadcast team for select home football games during the 2010 season.

It was recently announced that Brown would serve as an honorary captain for the Patriots when they take on the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC Championship on Sunday.

Brown continues to live in Huntington and now spends his time between West Virginia and Massachusetts.

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### EDITORIAL

## Rejection of Keystone XL Pipeline, step in the right direction for US

President Obama's denial to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline project this week marked a positive change in the way the country is heading and how it chooses to pursue energy resources and job creation. Even if President Obama's decision is a temporary one, it still postpones a project that could provide short-term benefits, but long-term consequences. The proposed first phase of the pipeline would stretch from Canada to the Gulf Coast, crossing 1,853 miles and carrying 435,000 barrels of oil daily. Oil would be gathered in Canada and transported to Gulf Coast where it would go through a refinery process and then, ideally, used domestically.

The idea is that the pipeline would reduce America's foreign oil dependency and create jobs domestically. Not mentioned however, is the Canadian forests it would demolish, the water supplies it could easily contaminate in the Midwest and the fact that a large portion of the oil produced and carried by the pipeline would be sold on an international market, rather than domestically.

Although there is a 60-day period in which the plans for the pipeline can be resubmitted by the sponsor of the project, TransCanada, there is little chance of this coming

to fruition. There has been stark opposition to this by Republicans, both in Congress and on the campaign trail, about this being a missed opportunity at thousands of potential jobs for Americans. Yes, this pipeline would create jobs, but at what cost?

The pipeline would further exacerbate our dependence on fossil fuels and result in more greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere. There is also a fair chance that after building a near 2,000-mile pipeline, somewhere along the line, a malfunction would occur and oil spilt. The risk involved is extremely high, with only marginal benefits. Remember when we thought that offshore drilling was an efficient way to get oil?

It is time this country severed its ties to industries that do more harm than good. Our previous endeavors into oil have led to wars and melting ice caps. There should be investment made in renewable energy, not crude oil that will lead to more greenhouse gases and expedite the oncoming reality of global warming. President Obama has made a step in the right direction by rejecting the Keystone XL Pipeline. This country has the ability to create and sustain itself on renewable energy. Sever the ties to the old and invest in new, less environmentally damaging, ways of producing energy.

### COLUMN

## SOPA tries to limit Internet

BY BISHOP NASH  
THE PARTHENON

I started this particular piece around 1 a.m. Wednesday night. Like anyone with the deadly combination of an Internet connection, a thirst for knowledge and an easily mutable attention span, I spent the previous few hours reading up on the Christianization of the British Isles and the Battle of Stalingrad.

Isn't Wikipedia a beautiful thing for the bored and literate?

It was in one of those late night epiphanies when I figured out what I was going to write my first column of 2012 on--the Stop Online Piracy Act. Of course!

Wikipedia was naturally the first place I went to get an idea of what exactly the SOPA is and why it was such a big deal.

I didn't realize that Wikipedia had voluntarily blacked itself out at midnight Wednesday in a 24-hour long protest of the SOPA. I couldn't research the very subject of which Wikipedia had it shut itself down in defiance.

Cue the irony. You've probably heard of the SOPA by now, and if not, your blood pressure will benefit from it. It's really pissing off conscious-Internet users.

So why would a piece of legislature targeting "rogue sites" in violation of United States copyright laws freak everyone out? Because it screws with the very nature that makes the Internet a beautiful place.

Think of the Internet as a rain forest. There are

predators, yes. There is prey, yes. The smartest will flourish, and those just looking for peace and contentment can find it. You might not use or agree with parts of it, but that's the beauty of the beast. There's a piece for everyone.

The Internet should be protected with the same fervency as the environment, if not greater.

This is going to be what drives the U.S. in through the 21st Century, and to cripple the creative power of our most robust asset just so that we stop pirating "The Hangover" is a bit dumb.

There's an unimaginable vibrancy of life online. It's the beautiful and intricate achievement mankind has culminated together.

Regulating the Internet and its infringing sites is like locking down a jungle because too many lions are eating the zebras.

There are going to be winners and losers--deal with it. Get smart or die.

Look, you're not going to stop piracy. Ever. It's an illness the entertainment industry is just going to have to live with and work around. We'll find a way to get that movie or song if we really want it.

If you ask me, SOPA is a load of...

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## Student debt lingers after college

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If you are reading this column, then chances are that you are currently, or at some point have been, a college student. To narrow this down, I'll say chances you are currently a college student in the United States of America.

If you fall into this category then I'll bet you cringe and squirm at just an utter mumbling of these words: student loans.

The words "student loans" do not have this same effect on students studying elsewhere in the world. In fact, taking out a loan (or in my case, multiple loans) to pay for higher education is bewildering and incomprehensible to scholars in other countries.

In Europe, for example, students attending

universities in places such as Belgium only shuck out around \$1,294 annually for college tuition, including the required registration fee. So why is it that the American college student pays close to

their taxes.

At this point, I'm extremely envious of the students in Belgium. They will graduate college with a degree and an account clear of debt,

of pride, which somehow (possibly only in my twisted brain) overpowers the idea of nearly free education. I would not feel as satisfied with my degree knowing that the majority of the cost came from the pockets of others.

Of course, implementing this system in the United States would take away much of the stress of college, and the less stress, the better.

However, if I can graduate college in four years, knowing I have paid for it all myself and I can more easily obtain the job of my dreams, then I think I will be okay with paying off these loans.

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Average debt of Marshall graduates in 2009-2010

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20 times this amount each year as an undergraduate?

The majority of the difference lies within the taxes European citizens are paying. So while the students aren't paying as much to attend college, other citizens are paying for it with

while I'm frantically scrambling around for a career within the first six months of graduation to make that dreaded first-of-many student loan payment.

Now, I must turn my attention to the issue

# Bridal show planned for weekend

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The Tri-State's largest bridal show will take place at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena this weekend.

Radio station 100.5 WKEE is sponsoring the 2012 Bridal Extravaganza, which will take place Sun., Jan. 22 from

noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5.

When entering the event, a registration form will be filled out. A copy of the registration form can be found on WKEE's website.

Thousands of dollars in prizes will be given away during the event. One prize includes a three night cruise for two leaving from either California or

Florida. The winner may choose one of the following cruise ships: Carnival Fun Ship, Norwegian, or Royal Caribbean International. Anyone who wishes to enter the contests must be at least 18-years-old.

There will be a special "Groom Room" sponsored by Texas Roadhouse and Big Sandy Superstore where grooms may watch the

playoff games on a big screen television.

"There is no fee for the food in the Groom Room," said Tiffany Bajus, Marketing and Sales Manager at Big Sandy Superstore Arena. "If I were a groom I would definitely take advantage of the room. All of the food will be from Texas Roadhouse plus a big screen TV to enjoy the

playoffs on."

Bajus said there will also be samples from various vendors for the brides to sample as they go around to all of the booths.

"You can plan an entire wedding in that one day," Bajus said. "There will be anything from photography studios to places where you can actually register for your wedding on the spot."

A fashion show during the expo will showcase styles from Lara's Bridals and Formals, The Rose Tree Boutique and Wilma's Dress Shop.

Additional information and a list of businesses attending the expo can be found at [wkee.com](http://wkee.com).

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In addition, 90 percent of the professors need to be either professionally or academically qualified.

"AQ (Academic Qualifications) are largely terminal degrees and publications, and we defined that by three

referred journal publications plus three other things, which we call intellectual contributions," Sikula said. "Professional qualifications are a masters degree and professional experience, and you need some sort other things—it can be referred publication journals, but need not be."

Sikula said business

experience is a valued trait for accounting professors because accounting Ph.D. degrees are rare.

The LCOB measures the strengths and weakness of the graduating students, in order to meet the standards set by AACSB International, Kim said.

"We discovered that written and oral communication

was weak, so we looked for a way eliminate those weaknesses, and created an English 204 requirement for all college of business students," Kim said.

The process of reaccreditation involved review of the students, in addition to the faculty, administrators, and curriculum, Sikula said.

Raymond Cousins,

graduate student in health care administration, said he met with one of the AACSB International peer review teams.

"They said we gave sincere, original answers because we did not try to fabricate or make our school look better than it was, and they appreciated that," Cousins said.

The AACSB International originally accredited the LCOB in 1997, and conducts reviews every five years for reaccreditation.

The LCOB will sponsor a gala in April to celebrate the reaccreditation of the school.

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clinic is to inform individuals on ways to pack lightly and be resourceful on a backpacking trip. The session costs \$5 dollars for members and \$7 dollars for non-members.

Keeping the Herd "green," the recreation center will also host Leave No Trace Facilitator Training on April 21 and

April 22.

"Basically, we go over principles to use where you can go on outdoor activities while leaving the least impact on the environment," Snyder said.

The cost for the clinic is \$30, including materials.

The final trip of the semester will be a trip to Voodoo Paintball in Proctorville, Ohio. The cost will be a \$15 equipment rental, \$10 field rental and \$8.50 for 500 paintballs. The trip will be April 21.

If students are not interested in any of the group trips but want to pursue their own outdoor adventures, then equipment is available for rent at the rec. center's Outdoor Pursuits center.

For more information, contact Phil Snyder at 304-696-6477 or visit the front desk of the rec. center.

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"I'm most excited for interesting syrups, like the fruity ones." Gwinn said.

The live music continued Thursday with local band, The Belt Notches. Bowen said they like to bring in all genres of smaller venue bands.

"We like to focus on local

bands, because I think that is a growing scene in Huntington," Bowen said. "But we bring in national tours as well.

Gwinn, who visits the restaurant one or two times a week, said he keeps coming back for many reasons.

"I like Black Sheep because it has the best bar in town, it's really laid back and I know most of

the bands and people that come in here," Gwinn said.

While Black Sheep Burrito and Brews has had many recent additions, the restaurant continues to serve unique "street fusion" foods to local customers. The kitchen is open until 11 p.m. every night.

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# Opposition to Internet piracy bills shows tech sector's strength

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WASHINGTON----- The derailing of long-sought legislation to combat digital piracy is a troubling sign for the entertainment industry, whose insider lobbyists were routed by technology companies armed with the brute-force power of the Internet.

Tech still lags behind Hollywood in campaign contributions, but its leaders showed this week that they could mobilize opposition against bills that threatened the Web's wide-open borders.

Lawmakers' ears were still ringing Thursday from the thousands of calls and emails that flooded Capitol Hill on Wednesday, the day Wikipedia led about 10,000 websites in a blackout to protest the legislation. The Internet companies said the bills could lead to censorship and cause legitimate websites to shut down, and at least six co-sponsors of the bill pulled their support.

The upshot is that the entertainment industry, which has pushed aggressively for more than a year for broad new powers that would allow the federal government and U.S. companies to target those websites more quickly, will probably have to settle for a more limited set of tools in narrower legislation that will take time to draft.

Tech industry partisans were elated, characterizing this week's developments

as a populist victory over old-school, inside-the-Beltway Hollywood lobbyists.

"This was not just about this bill; this was about the way a lot of things happen in this town," said Mike Masnick, president of the TechDirt blog.

Both Hollywood and Internet companies want to halt foreign piracy, but they disagree over how to do it.

Hollywood wants strong federal powers, including the ability to block offshore websites that pirate movies, music and books. Internet companies, which fear that overzealous enforcement could censor legitimate websites, want the government to choke off money from the U.S. that supports the pirates.

The widespread uprising online over controversial anti-piracy legislation has fundamentally altered the debate and shifted the timeline for action from weeks to months — or longer.

"There are solutions, but we need to step back and reset," said Markham Erickson, whose NetCoalition includes Google Inc., Amazon.com Inc., eBay Inc. and Yahoo Inc. "Instead of having to negotiate with a gun to our head, so to speak, let's sit down and have a data-driven process."

The delay is bad news for Hollywood, which has been desperate to shut down foreign sites that have been sucking millions of dollars from

the industry by offering pirated movies, music, books and other content.

"Hiding offshore will continue to be a safe haven for people that steal our stuff, and the longer that period extends, the greater the damage that can be inflicted," said Michael O'Leary, a senior executive vice president at the Motion Picture Association of America.

In a sign of the magnitude of the problem, U.S. prosecutors working with international authorities unsealed an indictment Thursday against seven foreigners and two corporations, accusing them of massive worldwide online piracy through Hong Kong-based MegaUpload.com and related sites. The sites were shut down.

The indictment, one of the largest criminal copyright cases, alleged that the scheme generated more than \$175 million in illicit gains and caused more than half a billion dollars in harm to copyright owners.

Opponents of the legislation vowed to keep up the pressure.

The bipartisan effort to pass the proposed Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect Intellectual Property Act is "not dead at all," warned Michael Petricone, vice president of government affairs for the Consumer Electronics Association. He noted that the Senate was still scheduled to hold a procedural vote Tuesday on PIPA.

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While this is still in mainly the faculty phase, students will soon benefit from these changes.

"The reason that students should care is that this is your education," Reynolds said. "This type of program level assessment should allow you to see the relationships among the

various courses you take at Marshall and the degree you want to earn," Reynolds said. "You'll know exactly what competencies are expected of you by the time you graduate."

This is regarded as the first step of Pathways. The second step, which focuses more on the Capstone experience will follow in April.

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## The Green goes wild: Marshall Recreation Center prepares for outdoor pursuits

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The Marshall Recreation Center is ready to take on the wild and wonderful outdoors this semester.

The rec. center has planned seven trips over the course of the spring semester, beginning in February and ending in April.

To kick off the outdoor pursuits, the rec. center will head to Snowshoe Mountain for a weekend on the slopes, Feb. 3-5. Assistant director of the recreation center, Phil Snyder, said this will be one of the most exciting trips of the semester.

"We did a Snowshoe trip last year," Snyder said. "The year before that, we did Canaan. All of our ski trips have been successful. The only one we've had to cancel has been due to weather."

Snyder said the weather should not be an issue this year because Snowshoe has received a lot of snow recently and expects more within the next two weeks.

The trip costs \$115 for members of the recreation center and \$120 dollars for non-members.

The fee includes two nights of lodging and a lift ticket for Saturday. Rentals and transportation cost an additional \$20 each.

The deadline to sign up for the ski trip is Jan. 27.

The rec. center has other outdoor trips planned for the semester as well.

"Our other big one is our spring break trip," Snyder said. "We are going to the Smoky Mountains. The views from the cabin we have are spectacular, along with all the activities we have planned. It's really going to be a good spring break trip."

The Smoky Mountain getaway is scheduled for March 18-23. The cost is \$385 for members and \$405 for non-members. The price includes lodging, T-shirts, transportation and activities.

Additionally, the recreation center will host a canoe clinic Feb. 5 and Feb. 19 from 3p.m. through 5 p.m. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

For those who love the wild, there will be a backpacking chef session from 3p.m. through 5p.m. March 4. The purpose of the

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## Sorority serves homeless

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A local sorority has dedicated itself to making life better for homeless children in the area.

The Marshall University Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority adopted a room at Hovah Hall Underwood Children's Home in Ona, W.Va.

The room serves as a short-term emergency children's shelter operated by The Children's Home Society of West Virginia.

"We are ever so grateful when wonderful organizations, like the great ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha, donate their time and effort to make our home beautiful for the kids we serve," said Melody Plumley, site manager, in a press release.

Alpha Kappa Alpha adopted a girl's room at the

shelter and decorated it in green and pink, the sorority's colors. The sorority has been involved since 2011.

In April, they hosted the Ivy Academy, a one-day leadership conference for local high school girls, with a community and campus drive and collected approximately 5,000 personal care items for the residents of the home.

"Alpha Kappa Alpha is committed to community service, and we have initiatives we are committed to completing," said Kara Hornbuckle, senior exercise science major and chapter president of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Throughout the year, the sorority provides training sessions in life skills, college life, diversity and regularly hosts a game night for the residents.

The Children's Home Society of West Virginia is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to

helping homeless children throughout the state.

The society was founded in 1896 by Reverend D.W. Comstock of Arkansas.

In 1900, United States Senator Henry Gassaway Davis donated \$10,000, which allowed the society to purchase its first children's shelter in Charleston.

The society is currently in charge of nine shelters and helps with adoptions to place children in homes as quickly as possible. The society also provides behavioral health, advocacy and social services to underprivileged and developmentally disabled children.

"One of our goals is to make the shelter pleasant and homelike for our children," Plumley said in the release. "Their safety and comfort is key."

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## Student seeks to innovate classrooms

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A Marshall University education major will spend his semester working to integrate technology into the traditional classroom.

Derek Fry works as an intern for TurningTechnologies, a company that produces a variety of audience response systems made for integration into classrooms and lecture settings. His job is to troubleshoot problems and work as a link between the company and Marshall.

"I took the job because it was a perfect fit with my technological finesse and love for teaching," Fry said.

Fry said this internship not only puts a little money in his pocket and helps him give back to Marshall, but it also helps prepare him for his future as a teacher in an ever-advancing technological world.

According to TurningTechnologies' website, "using a TurningPoint audience response system, your PowerPoint presentations become powerful data collection and assessment tools that collect real-time audience responses and dramatically improve productivity and results for your business or educational organization."

This is accomplished by use of the ResponseWare response system, a web-based polling application that

allows people to use common devices such as smartphones and computers. The technology is fully integrated into Microsoft PowerPoint and can be used by professors and lecturers to engage their audience and receive real-time responses.

"During my internship, I have learned exactly how useful the response system can be and the importance of pacing information in education," Fry said. "It's very important not to overload your students with information, and this technology allows teachers to know where students are and work toward helping them where they need it in a more timely manner."

Fry said one of the things he finds useful about the technology is it moves a classroom beyond traditional hand-raising to receive an answer. Not only does this single out students, it also makes it so teachers can only engage one student at a time. The technology he works with allows all students to answer at once.

"A question can be asked in the middle of a PowerPoint presentation and answered by the students with the response units," Fry said. "The student results are then displayed on-screen in percentage format."

Kristen Huff, TurningTechnologies campus administrator, said this is

possible because of TurningPoint being a seamless tab into PowerPoint that allows instructors to insert interactive slides into their presentations, thus allowing them to participate using a ResponseCard, or "clicker."

"If you are teaching a concept and you want to know if you are able to move on and students understand, ask a question," Huff said. "If the majority of them answer correctly, you know you can move on and more effectively manage your time in your course. It is also great for course attendance and participation, as well as quizzes."

Huff is also Fry's direct on-campus supervisor and TurningTechnologies contact. She said Fry has been a good fit for all parties.

"Derek is extremely enthusiastic and helpful," Huff said. "He is a responsible worker and student and is a wonderful asset to our Instructional Technology team."

While he looks forward to using technology in his classroom and sees his internship as an instrumental learning experience, he said he is also happy that he can be helpful to the university by being the first line of support for professors needing help with this technology.

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The very basic core of a man's living spirit is his passion for adventure. The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun.”

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