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MONDAY

# SALA provides opportunities to voice legislative concerns

#### **BY ZACHARY MORRIS** THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Student Government Association is bringing a new organization to campus that gives students the option to take part in legislative action.

The Student Advocacy for Legislative Advancement

tunity to bring their concerns and issues to the local and fect the entire state. state level.

President Pro Tempore, who worked with the state senate last session, witnessed the SALA group from West Virginia University in action.

WVU's SALA group presented its own legislation to and landlords that would af-

Fridley said, after watch-Adam Fridley, Senate ing that bill pass and through his experience, he hopes to create a stronger presence for Marshall with the legislative body in Charleston in an effort to address certain issues at the state level.

"It's a combination of dents like our federal and

of our representatives in Charleston issues maybe they're not aware of or overlooked that affect college students as well as keeping a close eye on bills that are introduced in Charleston every day that might have a substantial impact on our experience as college stu-

will give students the oppor- bridge a gap between tenants bringing to the attention state financial aid," Fridley said.

> "A lot of students don't pay attention to those things, and I assure you, from experience, that there are pieces of legislation that are introduced every day that can manner not to forsake edudramatically change our college experience, and we want trying to trim the deficits," to be active in that process," he said.

Fridley said there is no range of issues to which they are limited, and one of the issues he wants to address first is the Pell Grant.

"We want to inform our state leaders in a unified cation in this process of

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# Marshall alumni offer advice to students

**BY SARAH STILES** THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is giving alumni the chance to "give back" to current students through the Marshall Mentor Network.

Career Services supports the network, which is promoted at many Alumni Association club events and the online database for Marshall alumni.

Patricia Littlehales, director of Alumni Relations, said a huge initiative has been taken to promote the network.

"We have invited alumni, young and old, to come together and take it to the next step, give back and



offer advice for young students preparing for the job market," Littlehales said.

Littlehales said the network can be beneficial to students when looking to make career connections in their field of study, gathering relevant information about potential careers and gaining knowledge about real world work experiences.

Currently, 63 alumni have responded to Marshall Magazine ads, emails sent by the Alumni Association, Marshall's online career management system, Job-Trax, and both Career Services and Alumni Association websites promoting the program.

"For a lot of our younger alumni, this is a great way to stay involved," Littlehales said. "Younger adults who may only be able to offer the \$18.37 alumni annual fee, but not much more, are now able to give back with their time."

Debby Stoler, assistant director of Development and Outreach at Marshall Career Services, said Marshall encourages local and out-of-state alumni to be engaged.

"Some of the mentors are local, but we have them spread out across the United States, as well," Stoler said. "Many alumni are living out of town, and this gives them a good way to connect and give back to Marshall."

The JobTrax website offers links to the network allowing mentors and

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### Professor offers informative session to keep bicyclists safe

#### **BY CHRISTINA CARRION** THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is implementing measures to ensure bicyclers on campus are more comfortable.

Brent Patterson, new media professor and bicycle commuter, sponsored a bicycle commuting meeting Friday.

During the event, Patterson shared his advice for biking safely in Huntington and said he encouraged his fellow commuters to keep riding a bike because it "keeps your body and mind sharp."

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of

The meeting covered safe routes around Huntington, new technology and acted as an overall support group for fellow cvclists.

Lindsay Williams, junior dietetics major from Richwood, W.Va., said she was excited to move to Marshall because she could bike around campus and into town.

Patterson moved to Huntington five years ago and said he found the city "way too dangerous" for bicyclists.

However, a year ago, he said he discovered a significant attitude change among drivers.

to the fact that there's a lot more bikes out there and people have grown used to us," Patterson said.

A group that has helped change Huntington driver's outlook is Critical Mass. The group organizes a meeting of bicyclists each month at Ritter Park, where they gather and ride through Huntington.

"The Critical Mass bike ride is a nice way of declaring our presence," Patterson said.

The bicycle commuter group said intersections are the most dangerous part of bicycling.

Patterson said bike riders should stick with one mode.

"If you are a pedestrian, act like a pedestrian; but if you are acting like a vehicle, act like a vehicle," he said.

Eve contact with a driver at an intersection is an important defense mechanism, Patterson said. "Bicyclists should take the lane so the drivers know you are there."

As an added precaution, carrying the city traffic code could prevent animosity from police who may be unaware of cyclists' ability to ride on the streets.

The group shared stories of harassment and being hit by cars. Williams said she is disappointed by drivers.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CRYSTAL MYERS

"I found cars a lot more accommodating and, I think I can attribute that

# Department of Physical Therapy to add new program

#### **BY MOLLY URIAN** THE PARTHENON

Marshall

sity's

program will consist of nine semesters of lectures, labs, case seminars, clinical visits and internships.

The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, DPT, applied for candidacy in December 2011. An on-site visit is scheduled for the end of January, with the final candidacy approval expected by April or May 2012. The program is expecting full accreditation this coming spring and will then begin the semester with 40 students

for the Class of 2015.

Instate tuition will be \$15,504 and out-of-state- tuition will be \$24,579, both including all fees. Financial aid will be available to applicants.

Department chair and program director, Dr. Penny G. Kroll, said a baccalaureate degree in any field is required to apply.

"It can be in anything as long as the prerequisites are completed, and it is often times easier if one does it in

one of the sciences," Kroll said. "As of now, a minimum GPA overall of 2.8 is needed and we would like to see a 3.0 or above in the sciences."

Kroll said the program wants to get as strong as students as possible who feel the Marshall DPT program is right for them.

Human anatomy is one of the first courses students will take over the summer. Kroll said the school is privileged to have a good ratio with students to cadavers.

"Many schools have given up gross anatomy, some only do prosections and others do dissections with six to 10 people per cadaver," Kroll said. "We will have four students per cadaver. Very few schools have this kind of ratio these days, so we are really excited about that."

Director of clinical education and associate professor, Dr. Tamara N. Gravano, would like to see

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Department

Physical Therapy conducted

an informational session in

an effort to recruit potential

applicants for the school's

Individuals gathered Fri-

day in Drinko Library to

learn about the addition of

the Doctor of Physical Ther-

apy program that is set to

begin in May. The three-year

upcoming semester.



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# **Guest Artist Series begins**

#### **BY KEYAIRA MCCAULEY** THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University music department's Music Alive Guest Artist Series kicked off for the first time this semester Friday at First Presbyterian Church of Huntington.

The series is a chamber music series presented in partnership with First Presbyterian Church. The shows are performed once monthly and will continue through April 13.

This month's show was titled "Winter Songs" and featured Yesim Dikener, pianist, Solen Dikener, celloist and Marlayna Maynard, vocalist.

Yesim Dikener is a staff accompanist at Westminster Choir College in New Jersey and is the wife of cellist Solen Dikener.

Marlayna Maynard is a professor of voice at Marshall and is on the faculty of the Central Music Academy in Lexington, Ky.

Dale Capehart, music director of First Presbyterian Church, said the event attracted a crowd of more than 100 people.

Marshall graduate, Louis



come back here and be a

part of this series," Ca-

paldini said.

Flirst Presbyterian Church hosted Marshall University's first Music Alive Guest Artist Series Friday. The show was titled "Winter Songs" and the Music Alive Series will featured Yesim Dikener, Solen Dikener and Malayna Maynard.

Capaldini, said he was Marshall has asked her to expecting to hear some soprano singing from Maynard.

"It's good to see that

psychology major, said this was her second time going to any of the shows in the series.

"Last semester, I almost always had to work on Fridays so I couldn't really come to any of the shows except for the last one of last semester in November," Staples said. "Now that my schedule is a lot less hectic, I'm going to be coming to a lot of these, and I'm going to make sure that I bring my roommates next time."

The series features various artists and groups each month, and each installment of the series has a different theme and title.

Capehart said he would really like to see more students come to the performances.

"Students should come out to these events because it's just a wonderful opportunity to experience really CRYSTAL MYERS | THE PARTHENON fine music," Capehart said.

The next performance of be Friday, Feb. 10, entitled "Tales and Dreams," and will feature Meral Guneyman on piano.

Keyaira McCauley can be contacted at mccau-Erika Staples, junior ley12@marshall.edu.

# Students can gain more info about study abroad

#### **BY BRITTANEE BARTON** THE PARTHENON

A meeting for students interested in studying abroad in Spain this summer will be at 4 p.m. Jan. 26. in the Global Lounge in Old Main.

Students are able to apply through the Center for International Programs to spend either one or two months at The Universidad Antonio de Nebrija in Madrid.

Director of the program, María Carmen Riddel, said this opportunity is unique because it offers options for all students.

"Students from all levels of Spanish can participate," Riddel said. "That is from beginners who have had no Spanish, to advanced students, even graduate students. Students acquire the Spanish language rather rapidly because everything they learn in the classroom, they immediately use in the streets and in the stores."

Students can earn six credit hours during

a one-month stay and 12 hours during a twomonth stay. Host families provide homes for the students.

Riddel said students enjoy the trip because the program is reliable.

"The program is very well-organized because after 22 years, all problems have been worked out," Riddel said. "There is a Marshall University faculty member in Madrid for the duration of the program to assist students with any problems they might encounter and to help them with travel plans to other parts of Spain or to other cities in Europe."

Noelle Kivett, junior business major, traveled with the program two years ago and said she gives the trip high praise.

"I would absolutely recommend this program to other students," Kivett said. "There is not as much rigid structure involved so you are able to spend more time in your surroundings. It is the only study abroad trip

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# School bus advertising possibility in Cabell County

#### **BY HILLARY ROUSH FREEMAN** THE PARTHENON

television, billboards, even restrooms and now school buses. Across the country, district school boards are voting on placing advertising on the big yellow school buses that most grew up with. Florida, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Washington, Utah and most recently Pennsylvania are all toying with the idea of turning their mode of transportation into a mode of revenue production.

High School head football coach and Cabell County Advertising is taking over teacher, said this type of fundraising is becoming more of a requirement than an option.

Billy Seals, Huntington



I feel that putting advertising on school buses will distract the kids. It's already all around them on television, billboards and the radio."

of economic status."

alcohol advertisements are not being allowed, some advertising professionals and

need to be thinking about Although cigarette and how important education is and fund it properly and not try to sell it."

Lindsay Rumburg, substi-

"With the constant cuts that are given to support education and extra curricular activities each year, school systems need to be creative in raising money," Seals said. "I believe that advertising on a bus would be great way of creating revenue for our schools."

The funds raised from the selling of these ads would go to general funds for the

>LINDSAY RUMBURG. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

boards of these districts, extra curricular activities or to support art programs.

"In coaching high school football, our financial resources are limited due to football being one of the few revenue producing sports in school," Seals said. "Football must carry the other sports through their seasons

with paying referees, buying new uniforms or equipment needs. Advertising on buses could be a way to help offset these costS. There are even school systems that charge a fee to anyone who participates in extracurricular activities, and all students should be given the opportunity to participate regardless

teachers are concerned that tute teacher at Milton Middle this might cross a line.

Christine Ingersoll, professor of advertising at Marshall University, said she believes this solution is not the best way to gain funds for these districts.

"I don't think that advertising model worked well," Ingersoll said. "For instance, putting soda machines in school — we taught kids to eat poorly because we were trying to get revenue. We

School, said she thinks this proposed legislation goes too far.

"I feel that putting advertising on school buses will distract the kids," Rumburg said. "It's already all around them on television, billboards and the radio. They don't need that influence in school, too."

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# Students to present capstone projects Thursday

#### **BY SHANE ARRINGTON** THE PARTHENON

Sixteen computer science seniors will provide abstracts of their senior capstone projects Jan. 26 at the Ninth Annual Un-Research dergraduate Day at the Capitol in Charleston.

Duong Thach, Luu Pham, ate students by providing Warren Shelton, Stephen Turley, John Lilly, Cecil Rappold, Eddie Warnick, Seth Jackson, Klay Shannon, Devon Albrecht, Matthew Ferguson, Mark Carrol, Nitish Garg and Tim Hall will present their work. The topics range from an android application to helping students with different day-to-day aspects of

college life to a parking spot detection system designed to help students quickly find parking spots.

The research day is designed to help members of the West Virginia Legislature and Executive Branch understand the research being done J.R. Figler, Dan Kissel, by the state undergradua forum for one-on-one interaction.

> **Representatives** from many disciplines were invited to participate in this event.

For more information, or to see photographs from last year's event, email urdc@mail.wvu.edu.

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# Orchestra visits Ashland's **Paramount Arts Center**

#### **BY KEYAIRA MCCAULEY** THE PARTHENON

The Tschaikowski St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra visited Ashland, Ky. to perform at the Paramount Arts Center on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Founded in Russia shortly after World War II, the orchestra performs music from a wide range of time periods. The orchestra has received broad acknowledgement and popularity since it was founded.

The orchestra tours all over the world, and the musicians in the orchestra are said to be among the best.

Brittany Vance, junior management major of Huntington, said the orchestra is really good, and she would definitely want

to hear them play again. "I can't say I've ever been to (an orchestra) quite like

this," Vance said. The show went from Robert Wagner's "Prelude and Liebestod" from the

opera "Tristan and Isolde" to Ludwig van Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 2."

The names Roman Leontiev, music director and chief conductor of the orchestra, and Alexandre Pirojenko, pianist for the orchestra, are famous names in Russia.

Leontiev is regarded as "one of the preeminent Russian conductors of his generation," according to the event program. Leontiev became principal guest conductor of the

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# Osaka mayor orders officials to bow to flag

#### THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN (MCT)

**OSAKA**, Japan – Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto has instructed high-ranking officials of the city government to always bow to the Hinomaru national flag as they take their seats in the municipal assembly's main conference hall and when replying to questions when the assembly is session.

Hashimoto emailed the instruction earlier this month to bureau chiefs who sit on the platform of the conference hall during the assembly's deliberations.

Titled "Paying homage to the national flag at the conference hall," the mayor's email said, "You are asked to bow to the flag when seating yourself on the platform," assembly sources said.

The email also said senior city officials were required to bow their heads to the national flag every time they step on the hall's platform or respond to a question posed during assembly deliberations, they said.

Furthermore, the instructions said officials must bow to the flag again when deliberations are resumed after a recess, according to the sources.

Hashimoto has expressed his intention to present a draft ordinance in the coming assembly session in February that will call for the national flag to always be hoisted at the municipal government's facilities.

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# Herd women's basketball comes up short against Knights

#### **BY JAKE SNYDER** THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Herd women's basketball team shot just 31% from the field and committed eight turnovers in the second half of Sunday's home contest against the University of Central Florida as the team fell 55-44.

Marshall (12-6, 3-2) was unable to stop Knights' junior guard Gevenia Carter, who scored 20 of her game high 28 points in the second half.

"Her mid-range game is unparalleled," said Marshall head coach Royce Chadwick. "When she gets her feet set she is a really good shooter. We didn't do a really good job, I don't think, of rotating over and helping."

Carter played 39 minutes in the game, shooting 10-18 from the field and 7-8 from the free throw line.

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell led the way for the Herd, scoring 12 points and grabbing four rebounds.

Marshall led by as many

as 10 points in the first half, leading 21-11 with 7:20 to play in the half, but UCF used a 12-2 run to close out wick said. "We just never the first stanza and bring the score even at 23.

The second half belonged to the Knights. UCF outscored the Herd 32-21 in the second half as Carter and junior forward Kayli Keough led the charge. Keough finished with 14 points on the game.

The loss for the Herd marked the third straight defeat, with two straight Conference USA losses. Marshall lost Jan. 15 to Southern Methodist University and fell to West Virginia on Tuesday.

"I don't think we adjusted very well from our last game to this game," Chadwick said. "I think we came out and tried to play the same physical game we had in the last game, and it was a different game."

The lack of physicality proved to be problematic for the Herd as starting junior forward Alyse Poindexter

was plagued with fouls for a majority of the game.

"We missed Alyse," Chadreally got anything established on the low post tonight. We have to be an inside-out basketball team, and we didn't get that done."

Poindexter fouled out with less than four minutes to play in the game.

The Herd will now head out of Huntington for back-to-back road contests against Memphis and Tulane. Memphis is currently 3-1 in C-USA play and in third place in the conference.

"We don't have an easy schedule up ahead," Mitchell said. "Coaches have told us it's only going to get harder from this point. Every game we have, we just need to come out and play our hardest."

The first road test comes Thursday at Memphis.

"This is not the first time we've been on the road," Chadwick said. "You look at Conference USA, there are a

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The Marshall women's basketball team dropped its third straight game after a 55-44 loss to UCF Sunday inside the Cam Henderson Center.

lot of teams that play seven, eight, nine, 10 home games in the fall. We've played an

awful lot of road games." Tipoff in Memphis is set for 8 pm Thursday.

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# Men's basketball handed first C-USA loss

#### THE PARTHENON

Sophomore guard DeAndre Kane scored a game high 21 points, but it was not enough as the Thundering Herd men's basketball team fell Saturday in a road game at Southern Miss.

The Herd (13-6, 4-1) trailed by as many as 16 points in

the first half, but led a furi- 12 rebounds. ous comeback in the final 10 minutes to bring the Golden Eagles (17-3, 4-1) within striking distance.

The comeback would prove futile, however, as sophomore guard Neil Watson hit a three-pointer with 18 seconds to play to dash the Herd's hopes. Watson led the Golden Eagles with 18

The Golden Eagles never trailed in the contest that was tied only twice, both coming in the first half.

Down 12 at halftime, the Herd began chipping away at the lead for the entire second half. Marshall brought the deficit within four with 1:38 left and pulled within one after junior forward Dennis Tinnon hit a three, as well.

The loss gave the Herd its first blemish in Conference USA and gridlocked the top of the conference standings, leaving four teams with just one loss.

For the Herd, the loss marked the third time this season the team has lost back-to-back games, falling Wednesday in the Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic against West Virginia. Next up for the Thundering Herd is a home contest at the Cam Henderson Center on Wednesday. Marshall will take on the Blazers of the University of Alabama-Birmingham (6-12, 1-4) at 7 pm.

MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON DeAndre Kane and the Thundering Herd men's basketball team dropped backto-back games for the third time this season with a 67-63 loss at Southern Miss on Saturday.

points

Marshall outrebounded its opponent for the 18th time this season, grabbing 43 boards to USM's 34. Junior forward Nigel Spikes led the way for the Herd on the boards, picking up

with 47 seconds to play.

Watson responded with a three of his own to put the game out of reach. His bucket would prove to be the final points of the game as USM took the 67-63 victory.

# Joe Paterno dies at 85

#### **BY RYAN LOY**

DAILY COLLEGIAN, PENN STATE **U. VIA UWIRE** 

Former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno died Sunday morning, his family said.He was 85 years old.

Paterno leaves behind his wife, Sue, and five children: Diana, Jay, Mary Kay, David, and Scott. He also had 17 grandchildren.

"He died as he lived," his family said in a statement. "He fought hard until the end, stayed posi-



tive, thought only of others and constantly reminded everyone of how blessed his life had been. His ambitions were far reaching, but he never believed he had to leave this Happy Valley to achieve them. He was a man devoted to his family, his university, his players and his community."

It was first revealed that Paterno had lung cancer on Nov. 18, when his son, Scott, released a statement on his father's health.

The long-time Nittany Lions coach was admitted to Mount Nittany Medical Center on Jan. 13 after having complications with his treatment for lung cancer.

Family spokesman Dan McGinn said Paterno experienced further health complications on Saturday in a statement to the Associated Press.

The Board of Trustees fired Paterno as head coach on Nov. 9 after child-sex abuse charges were filed against former Penn State assistant coach Jerry Sandusky. Paterno was not charged with any crime, but questions were raised about whether he could have done more to follow up information provided of the alleged crimes.

According to the grand jury presentment, Paterno told his superiors of reports given to him by then-graduate assistant coach Mike McQueary in 2002 regarding an alleged sexual encounter between Sandusky and a young boy in a Lasch Building locker room shower.

In his 45-plus years as Penn State head coach, Paterno amassed 409 wins — his final victory coming against Illinois on Oct. 29, 2011 to pass Eddie Robinson

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Around the league...

SMU- 45 Memphis- 63

The Tigers used a 19-2 second half run over an 11-minute span to knock off the Mustangs.

**UTEP-58** Tulane- 66

<u>Ricky</u> Tarrant's 22 points leads Tulane to its first C-USA win and drops UTEP to .500 in C-USA.

### Tulsa-70 Rice-46

Tulsa's three doublefigure scores were too much for Jarelle Reischel and the Owls to handle.

**UCF-48 UAB-41** 

The Knights took down the Blazers for the first time in the eight-game history between the schools.

ECU- 76 Houston-82

The Cougars ended a four-game losing streak, while handing the Pirates their fifth straight defeat.

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### COLUMN **Religion**, politics shouldn't mix

**BY ANGELO FIORAVANTE** THE PARTHENON

I don't know about you, but I am excited for the 2012 presidential election. It is like Christmas for political junkies. Once again this season, we ignore one of my favorite phrases from the **Constitution:** Article six paragraph three. I will cut to the chase: "no religious test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any office or Public trust under the United States." Our Constitution stipulates that judging the character of a person by their religion is a low blow. Religion and politics do not sit well with each other.

after abandoning the other two while persecuting Bill Clinton for not being pious enough? And the new faith nas a torgive everyone policy He is mocking our intelligence when he takes the easy way out. Religion can be useful for a politician when there is no easy way out. The Republicans are easing away the idea that Mormonism is a cult. Because the republicans are running out of options the conservative right is learning an important lesson: Religion shouldn't matter when electing our politicians. Obama has had to go through the same gauntlet again to repent for having a vowel as the last letter in his name. Labeled a closet Muslim and forced to parade around his religiosity to keep a well-armed collection of true believers at bay. Our current president had to fight against guilt by association when Reverend Wright seemed to represent the innermost emotions and thoughts of his entire congregation. It was a naive religious test administered by the public, but thankfully it didn't catch on because the Bibles and crosses didn't match the narrative of the closet Muslim president. We are a nation founded on the idea that religion does not matter. Thomas Jefferson tore up Bibles; George Washington walked out of church before communion because he didn't buy transubstantiation and yet, we still perform the same religious tests on our candidates. Do we test them because we are picking a favorite faith or do we test them because we are afraid of what happens when the wall between church and state is torn down?

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#### **EDITORIAL**

# **Paterno's death leaves** memories both good, bad

On Sunday, college football lost one of its most popular figures, Joe Paterno. Since the Penn State scandal, which left Paterno without a job and with a tainted reputation, his name was never the same. It never will be. Scandals such as the one in which Paterno was involved in, have the power to impeach presidents and make a once popular face seek refuge in the shadows.

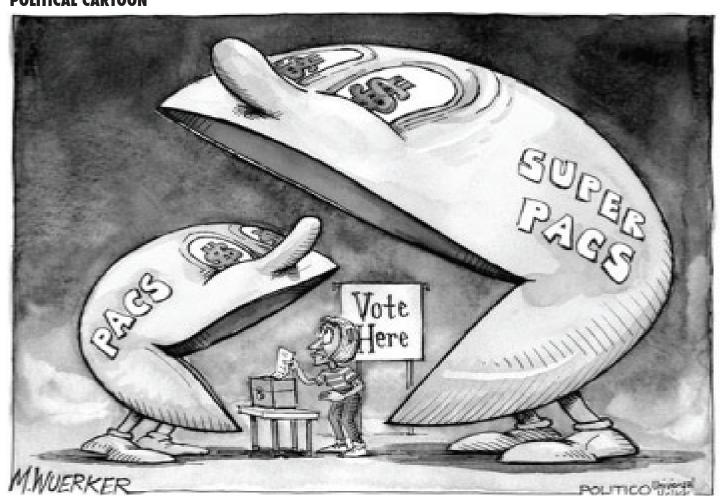
As the single most winning college football coach in history, Paterno leaves behind a football record that says great things about his ability as a coach. But on the other side, he leaves a not-so-clear record, one that threw his greatness as an honorable man into question. His legacy as a good coach is secured, but after the recent case at Penn State that involved sexual relations between grown men and children, his reputation as the amiable "JoePa," is overshadowed by his alleged inability to come forth with knowledge of egregious offenses allegedly committed by a member of his coaching staff against young males.

After the initial victims came forward with the charges against Jerry Sandusky, Paterno's role was revealed. Paterno allegedly knew about sexual relations between Jerry Sandusky and young males. This would be the course of events that would end Paterno's time as one of the best coaches in college football history.

Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006, he is currently the only coach to win each of college football's major bowl games: Rose, Fiesta, Sugar and Orange. While the scandal was unraveling, Paterno's illness also became public-lung cancer. Also, around the same time, he was fired from his head coaching position with three games left in the season. The Joe Paterno the public had grown to love, was now gone.

Let us not forget the legacy of Paterno as a great coach, but also let us not forget his actions in the scandal that ended his career. His death comes at an unfortunate time, but also a time that calls for both reflections and sympathy. Human dignity, in all instances, outweighs the most impressive coaching records. In Paterno's case, one can be the best coach of all time, but still lack the other qualities.





We have been running our politicians through a religious ringer to squeeze out any idea of their beliefs since Madison stopped signing days of prayer into law because he believed it was unconstitutional.

Let's begin with Ron Paul. He may be the libertarian dream, but everyone keeps calling him crazy because his policy positions are blurred in a believable way with his religious convictions.

For example, he believes life begins at conception and thinks the federal government should ignore state action in decorating a courthouse. He holds these convictions for non-religious reasons. On the face of these cherry-picked issues ,we already put the Republican from Texas through a religious test. Religion blurs the bottom line.

Newt Gingrich walks a fine line between a completely plausible religious narrative and a super convenient one. Converts for his third wife

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#### COLUMN

# **Online classes: Good or bad?**

#### **BY ERIN MILLER** THE PARTHENON

After living on or near campus for my first five semesters at Marshall University, I decided to take a light semester and try my hand at online classes... outside of Huntington. Way outside of Huntington.

My experience with online classes until this semester had been very limited, having one my freshman year and another my sophomore year -- both alongside a full semester of on-campus credits.

So after a tiring move from my apartment in Huntington to a small ocean city in Mississippi, I started what I assumed would be one of my most difficult semesters at

Marshall. Why the negative

thoughts? I am— pretty much by profession-a procrastinator. If I can do it tomorrow, then I will do it tomorrow. Today is

However, with online classes I have to be self -motivating... a skill I suck at, in general.

However, to my very pleasant surprise, there is structure (albeit,



#### Total number of students enrolled in at least one online course in 2011 > SLOAN CONSORTIUM SURVEY

for wasting time, tomorrow is for homework. With an on-campus class, there is a certain amount of structure that forces my inner procrastinator to behave. A teacher hands me a syllabus, and I am good.

more flexible) to online classes. My work is set and due at particular times, just a pretty far time in the future. And my professors are not the aloof, disinterested overseers that I expected. They check in, interact, ask questions,

answer any issues and are overall just as involved as some in class professors.

Don't get me wrong, I still procrastinate. But, with nearly all of my homework due on the same day every week, I have managed to stay blissfully ahead.

So, doing something I never expected to do, I have really come to enjoy the extra free time it has offered and would defiantly recommend it to anyone.

P.S. The beach is pretty great, too. Seriously, it was in the 70s yesterday. Thank you online classes. Erin Miller can

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# Apple takes bite out of textbook industry with iBooks 2

#### **BY MARY POSANI**

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THE LANTERN, OHIO STATE U. VIA UWIRE

Apple, Inc. announced Thursday that it is tapping into the textbook industry with the new iBooks 2 application, with which users can download interactive textbooks to their iPad.

The iBooks 2 app, the second generation app to Apple's iBook, which allows users to download electronic books to their iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch, educates students through interactive textbooks on the iPad. Students will be able to read textbooks, make notes and turn them into flashcards, zoom in on detailed pictures or define unknown words immediately.

Apple also announced iBooks Author, which allows users to create their own iBook and iTunes U, an app that allows those with iOS-capable devices to take high school and college-level courses for free.

"Without question, this is the direction (textbooks are) moving." said Ken Petri, Ohio State U's director of web access.

Onlineeducation.net, a database for students to explore

educational opportunities, reported in its latest blog post that on average, electronic textbooks are 53 percent cheaper than the hard copy.

As of Thursday, students can download the app and buy textbooks through iTunes at \$14.99 or lower.

"Digital textbooks will dominate following a lifelonglearning subscription model; in essence an updatable 'editionless' textbook," Steve Acker, OSU research director on Ohio Digital Bookshelf, said in a press release. "The 'net cost of use' of digital should be 15 to 20 percent below costs available to students who purchase books."

they would use the new app if it becomes accessible to college students.

Edin Hadzic, a fifth-year in political science, said he would use the new app.

"I think going toward more computer-based stuff, ebooks, stuff like (that) will be beneficial because more and more students are using it, especially if it is cheaper and more accessible," Hadzic said. "Hopefully (textbook companies) will consider dropping their prices a little bit because textbooks are expensive, as everybody knows."

Yet it might be a while before OSU will be able to adapt to this form of ebook.

Apple is targeting high school students and has partnered with high school textbook publishers McGraw-Hill, Pearson and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Some Ohio high schools have been using tablets for education. Columbus School for Girls, a K-12 private school, have used tablet PCs in the classroom for high school students since 2006, said Ben Liu, the IT Director at CSG.

Liu said students use a sty-Some OSU students said lus, which is an electronic pen, on the tablet's screen for PC involvement during class.

> "(About) 70 to 80 percent of students utilize the stylus for notes and projects," Liu said.

> However, Liu had no statistics stating the success rate of students using the tablet PC versus students who do not use tablets.

> Petri said the new app can be adapted to college-level education.

"McGraw-Hill and Pearson have tons of books in college



editions," Petri said. "If you look on the store now, there is an algebra book, there is a biology textbook, there's a chemistry book, and there is no reason at all that these can't be more advanced textbooks available at a college level."

Larry Rogers, a fifth-year in computer science and engineering, said this is another step toward the end of traditional publications.

"Everything is so digitized now-a-days anyway," Rogers said. "I feel like there isn't going to be any more type of publishing in the next five to 10 years. No newspapers, no textbooks, nothing. I feel like everything is going to be digital."

Maggie Otto, a third-year psychology and international studies, said she would not use a digital textbook.

"Personally, I like books so I don't want to get a Kindle because I like holding books in my hand. I think I focus better," Otto said. "I just like having the textbooks and it makes me feel better to carry around and have to do this."

The iBook 2 app can be downloaded from iBookstore, which can be found in the iTunes store.

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mentees to create a personalized profiles.

After registering with the network, mentors create a personalized profile containing information such as degrees, preferred communication with mentees and social media accounts.

Through the network, mentors are also able to control the number of mentees they advise.

Mentors can express successes and failures they have endured professional

demographics so we can find the best match." Littlehales said.

While there are several mentors participating, the search for interested student mentees is still in the promotional stage.

All students are able to request a mentor, but juniors and seniors are strongly encouraged to use the program because they are most likely to be entering the workforce through internships or full-time careers.

The bonds made using the network strengthen young a mentor's degree as they invest in the ca-"It is important to us reers of future alumni that we aren't recruiting at Marshall adding one more to the Herd.

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Fridley said.

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Fridley said he hopes to address issues that aren't directly related to education WVU's SALA president

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"I don't always feel per-

fectly safe," William said.

"I've actually been hit on

campus, not in town, but on

campus where you would

feel most safe."

#### like the liability of local parks in an effort to provide greater legal protection for them.

Fridley said he looks forward to working with

Patterson said he avoids

Hal Greer Boulevard be-

cause he thinks there are a

and varying commuting

Jason Bailey and its beginning of February. group in order to create as large of a presence as possible when address-

ing issues. SALA is expected to be up and running by the marshall.edu.

routes. Patterson said he plans to

establish group commuting meet-up times and routes as well as a variety of routes that single commuters might use to avoid hazards.

Students can rent bicycles

Interested students can contact Fridley about getting involved.

Zachary Morris can be contacted at morris243@

Recreation Center from 7a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Eco-cycle loan is open to all students and faculty with a Marshall ID and hopes to extend its services to alumni.

Christina Carrion can be contacted at carrion@marshall.edu.

lot of out-of-towners who are lost and looking for the hospital and interstate. The meeting emphasized safety in numbers

from the Eco-cycle loan at the

their careers to mentees.

only the older generation of professionals, all different ranges and marshall.edu.

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the program do well for this region.

"We really need to have a physical therapy school in this part of the state,"

ravano said. "we have two in the top part of West Virginia, but we really don't have any here. So if someone wants to stay in state they have to go up north."

"I'd like to be able to serve the needs in this area and help produce some clinicians to

get out to these clinics around here who so desperately need us. Three years from now, we will have a large part in helping change the number of options patients have for

physical therapist access." The program will continue to accept applications and fill

seats until the semester begins Informational sessions are set to take place on the third Friday of every month, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in room 329 of Drinko Library.

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for the most coaching wins in Division I history.

Paterno coached Penn State to five undefeated seasons, two national championships and a record 24 bowl victories.

While his teams had success on the field, Paterno pushed his players to be student-athletes. true He helped Penn State become one of the top FBS teams academically, as he coached 47 Academic All-Americans during his time as head coach.

In the statement, his family requested that in lieu of flowers or gifts, donations be made to the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania or the Penn State-THON (The Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon).

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have to work out even more tomorrow after trying all of the food here, but it is tasty."

In between searching for the perfect dress, an appropriate venue and sampling cake, brides could sign up for giveaways at almost every booth. Contests included three-hour limo rides, kitchen utensils and appliances, gift cards and even honeymoons to the Bahamas or Jamaica.

The Bridal Extravaganza, sponsored by WKEE, is held every January at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Chelsie **Schuldies** contacted be can at schuldies@marshall.edu.

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orchestra in 2001 and was named music direc-2002.

Pirojenko has performed in many different be contacted at mccaucountries such as Italy, ley12@marshall.edu.

Portugal and the United States. Pirojenko has been teaching piano at the St. Petersburg State Conservatory since 2006 and has taught classes tor of the orchestra in in Italy, the U.S. and Ukraine.

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### Binge drinking prevalent in US

#### **BY KELSEY GRENTZER**

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A recently released report shows binge drinking is still prevalent throughout the country.

The report, published this month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, states that more than 90 percent of the alcohol youth drink is consumed while binge drinking.

According to the CDC's January 2012 Vital Signs report, most binge drinkers in the U.S. are 18 to 34 years old.

"Individuals in that age range, for the most part, tend to be more accepting of binge drinking among their peers," said Lisa Merlo, a clinical psychologist at U. Florida. "It plays a larger role in social interactions compared to some other age groups."

UF's Core Alcohol and Drug Survey confirms that UF is no stranger to the issue of binge drinking. According to the 2010 survey, 41.6 percent of participating students reported having five or more drinks in one sitting within two weeks of taking the survey.

The CDC defines binge drinking as consuming four

or more alcoholic beverages within a short period of time. Additionally, more than

half of UF students surveyed reported having a hangover in the past year, and about one third admitted to having memory loss due to drinking.

However, the survey stated that 5.8 percent or less of people who took the survey considered their drinking a problem.

"With that age group, regardless of whether you're in college or not, there's that feeling of invincibility that a lot of young people have," said Maureen Miller, coordinator for alcohol and drug prevention at UF.

College students are not immune to the consequences of binge drinking, said Cara Bearison, 20-year-old UF sophomore.

"It's not fun for you because you'll probably throw up and not remember anything," Bearison said.

Despite high levels of alcohol abuse among students, percentages of alcohol use have decreased gradually since 2004, according to the UF survey.

"I like to think that's a positive sign - kind of contributing to the work that we have been doing," Miller said. "I feel really good about the direction that we're heading."

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# Not your everyday 'Food Fight'



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Steve Willis, founder of Marshall University Community Fellowship, talks with Jamie Oliver, host of "The Food Revolution," about the importance of a nutritious diet. Willis appeared on Oliver's show in March 2010.

# Local pastor writes about healthy eating

#### **BY SHAUN FRENCH** THE PARTHENON

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It was early 2011 when a local preacher began writing a book about challenging people to learn and practice healthy eating. "Winning the Food Fight" by Steve Willis challenges the idea that physical, emotional and spiral health are independent of one another. Willis is the founder of Marshall University Community Fellowship and attends First Baptist Church in Kenova, W.Va.

"How we treat our bodies matters to God."

The book was published Jan. 2 by Regal Books and made the "Top 25 for Bestselling Healthy Living Books" on Amazon.com by Ian. 12.

Willis said he explains a crisis in his book where Americans' unhealthy eating habits lead to problems such as obesity and diabetes. He appeared on the Jamie Oliver show in March 2010 to help address a food epidemic and express his desire for people to change their health.

Willis said he was tired of watching his loved ones die of obesity and related diseases, said Lakin Turner, junior public relations major and intern for Marshall Community Fellowship.

"Nobody changes until the pain of staying the same becomes greater than the pain of change itself," Willis says on page 10 of his book

could be growing 90 percent of what we eat just around here?" Willis said. "We have this mass produce food system where we pick stuff before it gets ripe. Therefore, it's harvested before its full nutritional value, and when it gets to our plates, it doesn't nearly carry the nutrition it needs to."

Willis said students could help change the food system in America by choosing and eating the right foods.

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start choosing the right foods ,then we can the change food system." Turner said the message of "Winning the Food Fight"

STEVE WILLIS WINNING THE

nation," Turner said. "The book is not a religion smack in the face or forcing people to quit eating in the name of God, but it is about

to

"I'm trying to help people understand that how we eat is connected to who we are emotionally and who we are spiritually," Willis said.

"We eat like our grandparents ate, but we don't work like our grandparents worked," Willis said.

Another problem, Willis said, is changes in the governmental health regulations that make food unsafe to eat.

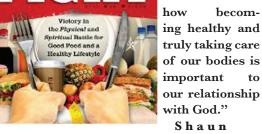
Willis said he also directs attention to local sustainable agriculture in his book.

"Why are we having to fly in foods from South America or California when farmers

"Right now, they eat pretty much what they want, and they don't see how it affects them," Willis said. "But there will be a long-term problem because they don't eat well. If we can get our

helped see the food system's cor ruption and also ways she needs to eat more

moderately health of their family, the



"The book is intended for French can be contacted anyone who cares about the at french25@marshall. edu.

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### **Brides-to-be attend expo**

#### **BY CHELSIE SCHULDIES** THE PARTHENON

After a long day of wedding planning at the annual bridal expo, brides can walk down the aisle worry-free and maybe even with a free honeymoon.

The 2012 Bridal Extravaganza, which took place Sunday at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, is known as the largest bridal show held in the Tri-State.

Tiffany Bajus, marketing and sales manager, said a bride could plan her whole wedding in one day due to the variety of vendors in attendance.

"There are photographers, limousine companies and bakeries that will have booths set up," Bajus said. "There are places where you can actually register for your wedding on the spot. Another smaller bridal expo is usually held during August or September, but most people look forward to this one."

Brides-to-be were able to view dresses from Lara's Bridals and Formals, the RoseTree Boutique and Wilma's Dress Shop while waiting for the annual fashion show to begin.

Doris Merritt, 22, of Huntington, said she was hoping to find a wedding dress that matched her personality.

"I'm really looking forward to the fashion show," Merritt said. "So far, I have seen a couple of wedding dresses that I like, but I don't want anything plain and boring. I want my wedding dress to be fun. Hopefully the fashion show will have some dresses that will work for me."

Samantha Johnson, 24, of Huntington, said she already has her wedding dress but still needs to book a venue for the wedding.

"The biggest thing on my list is finding a venue for the wedding," Johnson said. "I have plenty of time to find a place since my wedding isn't for another year, but I really need to start looking now."

While waiting for the fashion show, anyone could sample appetizers from catering businesses or cakes and other types of desserts from the bakeries.

"I guess this is going to ruin my diet," Merritt said. "I'll have to work out even more tomorrow after trying all of the food here, but it is tasty."

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## **Mentalist visits Big Sandy Arena**

#### **BY CHELSIE SCHULDIES** THE PARTHENON

Self-proclaimed mentalist, The Amazing Kreskin, shocked and awed the audience at the **Big Sandy Superstore** Arena on Friday with his claims of thought reading and mental tests.

The Amazing Kreskin performed in the Conference Center of the arena in Huntington.

"I would definitely another Kreattend skin show if I have the chance," Sherri Ranson of Huntington said. "It was as though the air was electrified. You could just feel everybody trying to figure out what was going to happen next and anticipating what was going to happen on stage."

This year, Kreskin had audience members pick a random card out of a deck while he attempted to guess which card they selected. He was able to correctly identify every card that was drawn from the deck.

Kreskin also walked around the room, telling people things about their lives that only they should know.

"When you go home tonight, not everyone will believe what you saw here," Kreskin said. "You can tell the skeptics back home that I am offering a \$1 million award to anyone who can prove that I employed paid secret assistants in any phase of the program."

Kreskin used to offer a \$50,000 award, but he raised the amount so audience members would take his claim more seriously.

For the finale of the show, Kreskin invited audience members to the stage to show how strong power of suggestion can be and how he is using suggestion, rather than hypnosis, to make people behave a certain way.

"Hypnosis does not exist," Kreskin said. "Nobody is under hypnosis. I found out 40 years ago that I could get the same results without putting a person in a trance. It is all the power of suggestion."

ing." During the finale, vol-After unteers appeared to experience extreme theevent.

temperature changes depending on what Kreskin said the temperature would be. At times, they would hold their arm out but claimed no matter how hard they tried, could not lower their arm until Kreskin told them they could.

At the end of the demonstration, those same volunteers would try to shake a stranger's hand but said they could not let go unless Kreskin spelled out his name.

Kim Wolfe, mayor of Huntington, was in attendance at the performance.

"I brought some of my kids with me, and I could tell once they got into it that they thought it was inter-

esting," Wolfe said. "They all said that it was amazing, and it really was amazKreskin stayed for a meet and greet to sign copies of his book and take pictures with fans.

"I will leave you with this," Kreskin said. "To those who believe, no explanation is necessary. To those who don't, no explanation is possible."

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