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## Carcinogen found in Charleston water Marshall professor discovers formaldehyde in downtown water supply

By DAVID ZUCCHINO  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

First, federal regulators couldn't explain the possible health dangers posed by the mysterious coal-cleansing chemical that spilled into West Virginia's drinking water, except that pregnant women shouldn't drink it even after the water had been declared safe for everyone else.

Then the chemical company responsible for the spill

belatedly admitted a second, equally unpronounceable chemical containing ether also had been dumped into the water.

Now comes this warning for hundreds of thousands of West Virginians: They may be inhaling formaldehyde while showering in the tainted water, which was declared safe for human consumption a week after the Jan. 9 spill into the Elk River just north of downtown Charleston.

"I can guarantee you that citizens in this valley are, at least in some instances, breathing formaldehyde," Scott Simonton, a Marshall University environmental scientist and member of a state water quality board, told a legislative committee in Charleston on Wednesday.

"It's frightening, it's really frightening," Simonton told the panel. He said he and his family are not drinking or

cooking with the water, even though state and federal authorities have declared it safe for all uses.

Formaldehyde is listed by the Environmental Protection Agency as a likely human carcinogen that has caused cancer in animals. The EPA says the colorless, pungent gas can cause burning sensations in the eyes and throat, nausea and breathing difficulties in exposure to elevated levels,

defined as above 0.1 parts per million. It can also trigger several allergic reactions.

Formaldehyde is used in plywood, paneling, particleboard and furniture, and as an adhesive and a preservative in paints.

Simonton, a member of West Virginia's Environmental Quality Board, said he found traces of formaldehyde in water samples taken at a popular restaurant in

downtown Charleston, but he did not specify the concentration. Other testing showed no traces of the chemical, but other samples are still being tested.

"The problem is, we're seeing it in water," Simonton said in remarks first reported by the Charleston Gazette. "We don't know what the concentration is in the air."

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## University to sever ties with Turnitin

By CHAZZ THOMAS  
THE PARTHENON

Due to mid-year budget cuts, Marshall's Information Technology Department decided not to renew their subscription to Turnitin effective July.

According to the information technology department, in the last two years there have been reductions totaling \$350,000, not including mid-year budget cuts of \$23,000.

Turnitin.com is a website used by teachers to ensure students are not guilty of plagiarism on papers they turn in. This year the subscription will cost \$34,000 to renew and would be raised to \$36,000 for next year.

The department is cutting a number of programs in an attempt to save money include journals, databases, and indexes that add up to \$70,000.

Because of the cuts, \$200,000 of operating costs was also removed from MUonline over the last two years. MUonline is the division of the information technology division that is responsible for blackboard.

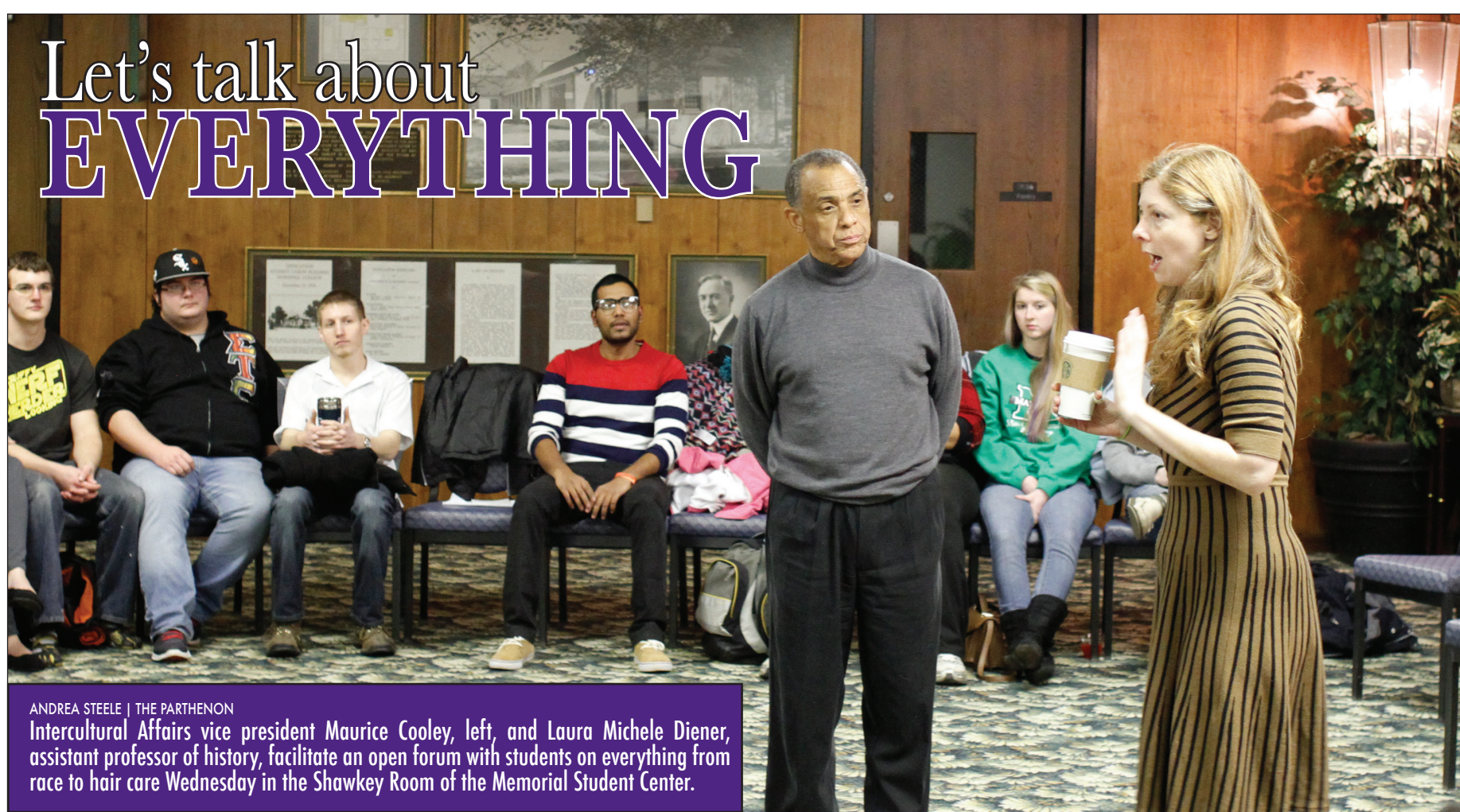
Monica Brooks, assistant vice-president of information technology at Marshall, has an alternative already in place to help staff with the change.

"Blackboard already has another product embedded in the system that has been present for a while now that we've already encouraged faculty to start using called safe-assign," Brooks said. "Safe-assign works very similarly and we can assist faculty in building that database."

According to Brooks an initial inconvenience is to be expected because students and faculty will need to get accustomed to using a new system that is set up different.

The biggest concern from the faculty is that Turnitin has built an internal database of previously submitted papers and that database is used to compare papers previously submitted papers to check for plagiarism. Changing program will result in losing that database.

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Let's talk about EVERYTHING

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Intercultural Affairs vice president Maurice Cooley, left, and Laura Michele Diener, assistant professor of history, facilitate an open forum with students on everything from race to hair care Wednesday in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center.

## Students, faculty discuss equality and societal norms

By JOCELYN GIBSON  
THE PARTHENON

Students led a discussion facilitated by Women's Studies and Intercultural Affairs regarding race, gender and everything in between Wednesday in the Shawkey Room at the Memorial Student Center.

According to leaders, the goal of the session was to have students brainstorm ideas for events or discussions that they would like to see on campus and draw connections between race and gender.

Students produced ideas ranging from tips in social situations to hair care routine to

open discussions on gender, religion and sexuality.

Facilitating the discussion was Laura Michele Diener, assistant professor of history.

Diener said it was important the students be involved because students will be the ones attending the events. She stressed the importance of their ideas being the ones to create them.

One of the realizations that sparked the event was an occurrence in Diener's women's studies course that the students wanted to know more about women of color and women from different cultural backgrounds.

She said while she incorporates literature written by African-American authors such as Audre Lorde, she felt it would be beneficial for students from all different cultural backgrounds to get together and have an interpersonal discussion.

The other coordinator involved in the session was Maurice Cooley, the new associate vice president for intercultural affairs.

He spoke on the need for students to coordinate and get to know students from different backgrounds, which he believes will help them in the workforce after graduation.

He said this coordination with Diener began as an "unanticipated meeting" in which she came to him to discuss the need to incorporate race into gender studies.

The facilitators opened the brainstorm session with an overview of the goals and broke the 30 students in attendance into four groups to come up with ideas for what they would like to see on campus.

After brainstorming for 20 minutes the groups presented their ideas to the room for discussion. Ideas overlapped among the four groups, but each group had its own distinct preferences.

One group focused primarily on ways to make connections on campus across cultures. Another group was particularly interested in ideas of gender and sex.

The hope of the facilitators is to organize subsequent events focusing on the ideas the students presented Wednesday and make them a reality. They hope the discussion will continue among students focusing on these issues and will work to make that possible.

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## Manchin reacts to Tuesday's State of the Union address

*"I want him to work with me, not against me."*

By MEGAN OSBORNE  
THE PARTHENON

Sen. Joe Manchin III responded to President Obama's State of the Union Address in a press conference Wednesday, stating "I want him to work with me, not against me."

The President vowed to work without the cooperation of Congress in the address, stating, "Wherever and whenever I can take steps without legislation to expand opportunity for more American families, that's what I'm going to do."

Manchin said that the constitution prohibits any sort of executive order outside of legislation.

"I would like to think that the president misspoke, or he had a bad choice of words when he said if 'you don't do it I will,'" Manchin said. "It has to

be within the confines of the law."

Manchin also pointed out that Obama did not mention coal when addressing energy, which Manchin described as "unconscionable."

"It's like, out of sight, out of mind, I'm not going to address that," Manchin said.

"I'm not denying that we don't have a climate problem that we've all been a part of contributing to or that we don't have a responsibility to make it better and cleaner."

Obama said universal pre-k in the address last night, and Manchin said that West Virginia should be commended on its pre-k efforts, with current enrollment at 69 percent.

Manchin was concerned with the lack of discussion about the nations finances. He said he

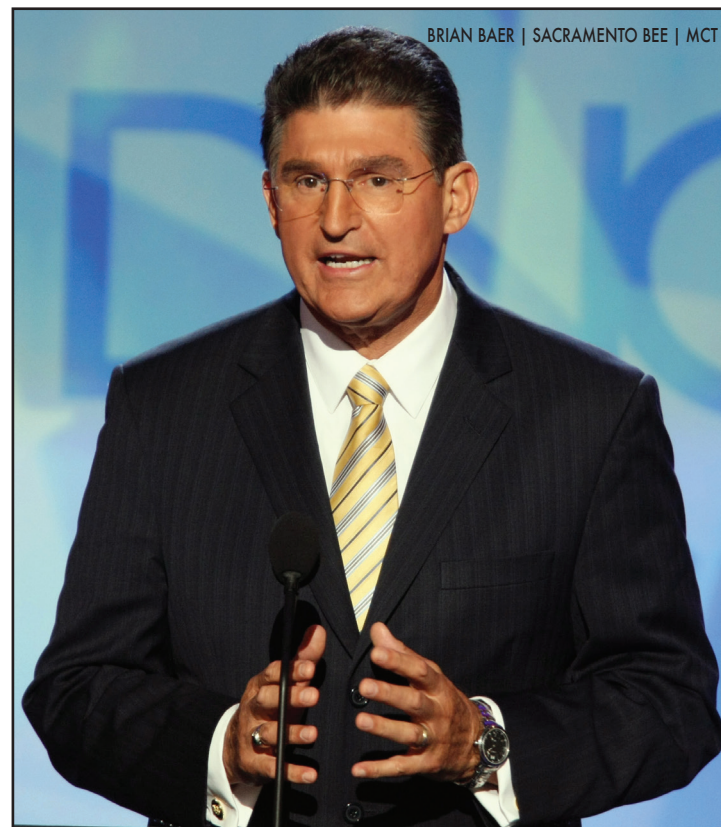
supports the minimum wage increase, if it is carefully monitored over time, but he doesn't think it is going to fully correct income equality.

"Until people have confidence that we can govern ourselves and have a tax code that is fair and equitable for all, not trying to pick winners and losers by policies, or through executive orders, will you have the amount of investments that it will take to jumpstart this economy to create the good jobs," Manchin said.

Manchin said he agrees with Obama's stance on withdrawal from Afghanistan.

"We're not going to change that part of the world with military might or money."

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## Lecture on Lincoln just in time for president's birthday

By JOCELYN GIBSON  
THE PARTHENON

The Amicus Curiae lecture series opens with award-winning author Brian R. Dirck speaking on Abraham Lincoln at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Marshall University Foundation Hall.

Dirck's lecture, "Abraham Lincoln and Constitutional Optimism," will elaborate on the ways Lincoln used the Constitution to his advantage during the Civil War and draw connections to a modern setting.

The Amicus Curiae lecture series is sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy at Marshall University and supported by a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Patricia Proctor is the director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy.

"I expect that Dr. Dirck's lecture will enlighten us about Lincoln's thought process as he dealt with the complexities of conducting the Civil War

within the confines of the U.S. Constitution," Proctor said. "And will teach us more about President Lincoln than perhaps we understood before."

Dirck is a history professor at Anderson University in Anderson, Ind. He earned his doctorate from the University of Kansas, his Master of Arts from Rice University and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Central Arkansas.

He has written four books on Lincoln. His book "Lincoln the Lawyer" won the

Benjamin Barondess Award from the New York Civil War Roundtable for the best book published on Lincoln in 2007. The book was an overview of Lincoln's legal career.

His other titles include "Lincoln and Davis: Imagining America, 1809-1865," "Lincoln and the Constitution" and "Lincoln and White America." He also helped to edit a book of essays titled, "Lincoln Emancipated: The President and the Politics of Race."

"In the month in which we

celebrate President Lincoln's birthday, it is fitting that we should focus on his struggles and accomplishments," Proctor said. "We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker to discuss the fascinating issue of Lincoln's relationship with the U.S. Constitution during the Civil War."

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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Marco shows off canned goods in the Marshall University student food pantry. The food pantry will open Feb. 11 in the Memorial Student Center.

## Herd Helps

### Upcoming food drive to stock new student food pantry and help feed Marshall students

By KYLEE McMULLEN  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Alumni Association will sponsor a food drive Feb. 3-28 to help stock the newly established Marshall student food pantry.

The Alumni Association will accept canned goods and non-perishable items through drop off donations during business hours at the Erikson Alumni Center in Foundation Hall or scheduled in advance by calling the Marshall University Office of Alumni Relations.

"No student in the Marshall community should ever have to go hungry," Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations, said. "Therefore, it is imperative that we help empower each other as a family through not just a food pantry, but an all-out effort to raise resources and awareness."

The idea for the food pantry developed

after Student Government Association and the Office of Community Engagement expressed interest in making a food pantry available for students in need.

"There are students here who really struggle to make ends meet," Elizabeth Sheets, director for the Office of Community Engagement, said. "We hate the thought of any student going without food."

Sheets said she hopes that the food pantry will remain stocked for the remainder of the semester and encouraged student organizations, faculty and staff to get involved by having food drives of their own.

The student food pantry will open Feb. 11, in Room BW13 of the Memorial Student Center with a grand opening Feb. 19 and will remain open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday.

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## Intelligence officials accused of lying, obstruction

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MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

Members of the Senate Intelligence Committee lambasted the nation's top intelligence chiefs on Wednesday, complaining of lies about gathering the phone records of Americans and failing to cooperate with Congress in an investigation of the CIA's controversial interrogation programs.

Committee members grilled Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and CIA Director John Brennan at the first intelligence committee hearing since President Barack Obama proposed reforms to the spy program.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., told them an ongoing "culture of misinformation" has undermined the public's trust in America's intelligence leadership.

"That trust has been seriously undermined by senior officials' reckless reliance on secret interpretations of the law and battered by years of misleading and deceptive statements senior officials made to the American people," Wyden said.

He said the deception didn't help the fight against terror, but instead hid bad policy choices and violations of civil liberties. Wyden singled out Clapper's testimony to Congress last March that the National Security Agency does not collect data on millions of Americans, an assertion proved false by leaks by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

Clapper has since apologized, suggesting he misspoke. But five members of Congress, led by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., called this week for the White House to fire Clapper for misleading Congress.

Clapper didn't address the charges of deception Wednesday. But he told the Senate panel that Snowden's leaks have damaged national security and exposed intelligence collection methods to terrorists.

"Snowden claims he's won and that his mission is accomplished," Clapper said. "If that is so, I call on him and his accomplices to facilitate the return of the remaining stolen documents that have not yet been exposed, in order to prevent even more damage to U.S. security."

Republican Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Susan

## Vienna Concert-Verein Orchestra features world-renowned conductor

By RACHAEL ROBERSON  
THE PARTHENON

The Vienna Concert-Verein Orchestra, the next act in the Marshall University Artists Series, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center.

World-renowned orchestral conductor, Philippe Entremont, will be the feature of the evening.

Associate professor of music in

piano, Henning Vauth, attended an International Piano Festival in February 2013 and an International Summer Session in Paris with Entremont in the summer of 2013 where Entremont was one of the master teachers.

Vauth had high praise for Entremont's musical experience and high expectations for the upcoming performance by the Vienna Concert-Verein Orchestra.

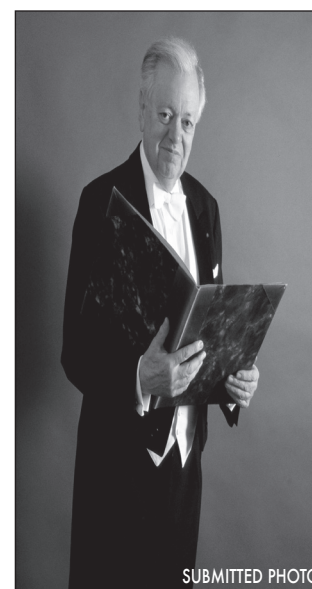
"He is very passionate about music, I expect the performance to be captivating," Vauth said. "I expect it will be an authentic experience."

Guest pianist and Grammy nominee, Sebastian Knauer, will accompany the orchestra for the performance. Knauer has performed in more than 50 countries on four continents.

Thursday's ensemble is

expected to include Viennese orchestral pieces and modern Austrian music. The orchestra has gained prestige through its performances in Austria, Europe and Asia. This tour for the orchestra is of particular significance as it is its first time touring in the United States.

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Philippe Entremont

## INTO Marshall University

### Students, instructors look back at LEAP

By FRANCES LAZELL  
THE PARTHENON

Now that a full semester has passed since the beginning of INTO Marshall University, students and instructors have had time to reflect on its progress.

INTO MU replaced the LEAP program, which was developed and created in the 1990s by Clark Egnor, then director of international services. Egnor designed the program to help prepare international students for the university and increase their English proficiency.

Sumeeta Patnaik, an academic English coordinator at INTO MU and a former LEAP administrative English coordinator, said INTO MU provides students with a well-rounded experience, but still shares the same core ideas and goals as LEAP.

"The central idea of helping students prepare for the university is

the same," Patnaik said. "That is what LEAP did and what INTO MU does. But the enormous differences are that we have more programs than we did with LEAP."

INTO MU offers three different programs called pathways, academic English and general English. The LEAP program only offered academic English, which consisted of three levels. In the pathways program, students take either undergraduate or graduate classes at the university while simultaneously taking INTO MU classes. The academic English program consists of six levels where students receive a complete immersion into the English language. In the third program, general English, students study English at INTO MU for five to 45 weeks.

Students still study listening,

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### Campus Conversation Partner Program gives all students a chance to learn about another culture

By EKATERINA GUTSAN  
THE PARTHENON

INTO Marshall University is giving international students an opportunity to practice and improve their English Thursday by giving them conversation partners.

The Campus Conversation Partner Program match-up will take place at 5 p.m. in the INTO Marshall Center.

It will enable international students to meet new friends and discover more about the American culture.

It will also give the opportunity to American students to meet students from all around the world, discover a different culture, make a new friend and maybe learn a new language.

Chloe Pasquet, the student

services assistant at INTO MU said the Campus Conversation Partner Program has existed for a long time at Marshall.

"There was no match-up meeting organized before," Pasquet said. "I wanted to organize a match-up meeting, so people could meet each other and both agree to be each other's conversation partner."

Once the student thinks that he/she has found his/her conversation partner and that both students agree, they will be able to be matched together.

Students will have each other's phone numbers, emails and they will be able to contact each other and decide when and where to meet.

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## SPORTS

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Herd redshirt freshman forward Ryan Taylor blocks a shot against Concord October 28.

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## Men's basketball team returns to Huntington

By BRAXTON CRISP  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Thundering Herd Men's Basketball has returned home from a trip to Texas and Louisiana and is set to face off against Conference USA newcomer Florida International University Thursday inside the Cam Henderson Center.

During the Rice University game, the Herd had an 11 point lead at halftime and was able to come away with its first C-USA win of the season, ending the game with a score of 73-63. They were not able to carry their success into Ruston, La., though, as Louisiana Tech jumped out to an 11 point lead in the first half and held on to win 98-77.

With the return home to play the FIU Golden Panthers, Marshall redshirt-freshman forward Ryan Taylor said it is nice to get back home, but expects the Panthers to put up a strong fight Thursday.

"We're expecting a hard playing team that will play us in zone [defense]," Taylor said. "We know they have good players. Rakeem Buckles was at Louisville then transferred down there."

Buckles, who averages nearly a

double-double at 13 points and nine rebounds per game, is not the only player the Herd will have to look out for on Thursday. Senior forward Tymell Murphy shoots 60.1 percent from the field, including 32 percent from the three-point range.

Marshall head coach Tom Herrion said Murphy will be a challenge to defend.

"Murphy is really good," Herrion said. "He's one of the best players in our conference. He's a hard guy to guard, because he's a really athletic left-handed slasher."

For the Herd, Taylor said it is paramount to be more intense than the Panthers.

"We're ready to get back out on the court and play somebody after that last road trip," Taylor said. "We're expecting them to come out and play hard, but we have to play even harder."

On top of playing hard on the court, the Herd sees the benefit of having a strong crowd to support them. Herrion said playing in front of the Herd's faithful fans always helps his team feel energized, but his team also needs to play up to its capabilities at home.

"We've got to handle business in our home building," Herrion said. "We've given away too many games in the Henderson Center already and we have to protect our home floor. It's always nice to be back, and hopefully our fans will respond."

The community members are not the only fans Herrion wants to pack the Henderson Center for home games. He said he hopes the students get out and cheer on the Herd as well.

"We'd like to rally the student body," Herrion said. "We've been gone a lot, now we're back and we want to give them a reason to come and more importantly a reason to help change the game. They can change the dynamics and atmosphere with their enthusiasm, their attendance, and their spirit."

Marshall and FIU met as non-conference opponents Nov. 29, 2010 and ended in a Herd victory with a score of 88-79. In that game, the head coach of the Panthers was former New York Knicks head coach Isaiah Thomas. Former Herd guard DeAndre Kane scored a game-high 25 points to lead Marshall to a victory.

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## Sochi native Anna Pomyatinskaya discusses hometown hosting Olympics

By BRAXTON CRISP  
THE PARTHENON

Excitement is beginning to fill the air as the 2014 Winter Olympics approach. All eyes turn to the resort town of Sochi in southwest Russia as the best winter sport athletes in the world compete for gold medals and glory for their native countries.

While most Sochians are hard at work getting ready to welcome the thousands of athletes and fans who will descend on the city Feb. 6-23, Marshall University tennis player and Sochi native, Anna Pomyatinskaya will be in Huntington competing on the Herd's indoor tennis schedule.

The freshman joined the Herd at the beginning of the spring semester and has accumulated a 2-0 record in singles play. Pomyatinskaya said she is excited to be able to watch the games in her hometown from 5,000 miles away in Huntington.

"It's pretty hard to believe that I'm going to be watching games that are in my city, where I grew up," Pomyatinskaya said.

She said having the Winter Games in Russia is not out of the ordinary, but Sochi is not a typical Russian winter town.

"It's next to the [Black] Sea, so people go there in the summer, so it's pretty unusual that we would have the Winter Games," Pomyatinskaya said.

In prior years, Huntington has hosted events such as youth soccer and little league baseball regional tournaments, which have created excitement throughout the region, but nothing like what the Olympics creates.

Pomyatinskaya said the Winter Olympics is the most exciting event she could imagine Sochi hosting.

"It's the biggest event that could ever happen with Sochi, not obviously with Russia, but with our city," Pomyatinskaya said.

Beyond the three weeks that the Olympics is in town, Pomyatinskaya said Sochi hosting the Winter Games will have an impact for years to come, with people discovering what the city is all about and the lasting effects of the improved infrastructure of hosting the games.

Pomyatinskaya said she understands that most of the coverage of the Olympics will be focused on the games themselves, but she also hopes there will be opportunities to showcase her hometown.



Pomyatinskaya prepares for her opponent to serve in a match against Morehead

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"It will be really interesting to watch [on television]," Pomyatinskaya said. "I obviously want to see all the games, but I would love if they showed all around town and landmarks."

She said her parents and younger brother still live in Sochi and are prepared for the

rush of people. She added that some of the 400,000 residents of Sochi may not like the influx of fans and athletes, but they will benefit from the games in the long run.

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## Women's Golf working hard during break

By GABI WARWICK  
THE PARTHENON

The women's golf team has no scheduled tournaments until March, but they are still hard at work keeping up with their swings.

To end the fall portion of their schedule, the team brought home a fifth place finish from Kettering, Ohio. Senior Rachel Thompson, a 21-year-old from Mansfield, Ohio, brought home a first place finish for the Herd, the teams first in over a year from the same competition.

Head coach Meredith Knight Rowsey said this will make Thompson the one to watch in the later part of the season.

"Rachel is likely to be a little more relaxed now that she has one win," Rowsey said. "But I'd almost go out on a limb and say she's going to bring home another one. She never lost sight of the fact that she wanted an individual win."

Currently, the team is on the off part of their season, but that does not mean they have had a break from training. They visit an indoor driving range in Chesapeake, Ohio, and spend time in the hitting rooms as much as possible. Rowsey added two days of conditioning to the teams previous workout schedule but says she would prefer to get the team back onto a course as soon as possible.

"In spring you will tend to face a lot of bad weather in tournaments," she said. "We want to play in whatever weather we can right now, to better prepare the team."

The first event, which will get the Thundering Herd back onto a course, will be March 2 at the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic in S.C. The team will travel to this event and live in a condo for three days as they compete in the largest collegiate event in the country. The team has participated in the event every year, which leads Rowsey to say that the team isn't intimidated by the event.

"Even though there are so many teams competing there really aren't any distractions," Rowsey said. "It's kind of a relaxed environment with all of us being out there on the island. This is probably the easiest event on us with time, as well."

After that, women's golf will be adding two new additions to its schedule this year: They will travel to Tennessee Tech one week after the Kiawah trip. Two weeks later, they will travel to Washington D.C.

The Thundering Herd has managed to find one new recruit for the next season, Leigha Holt. She will join the team in the fall of 2014 after graduating from Holly Springs High School in North Carolina. Rowsey said she is very excited to add Holt to her roster, however she is still looking for at least one more recruit to add to the team.

The main goal for this team in the spring portion of their season will be to bring home a team win, which they hope to do before they wrap up the season with the Conference USA Championship in April.

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## College basketball referees sticking to new foul guidelines

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Twice by mandate, Fred Hoiberg dialed back defensive contact on the perimeter. The first time was a decade ago when he played guard for the Minnesota Timberwolves. Now he's coaching Iowa State, and adjusting to new college guidelines for foul calls.

To Hoiberg, basketball improved in both the pro and college games when freedom of movement was emphasized.

"The NBA initially called every little touch foul, and the problem got cleaned up," Hoiberg said.

So it was in 2004 at the pro level, and that's the intent now in college. This season has crossed the midway point, and

the general consensus is that coaches are satisfied with how games are being called.

They're not rule changes but directives to call what's already on the books, such as no hand-checking or arm bars from defenders on the dribbler. More clarity on the block-charge call was also given before the season.

Coaches say consistency of the block-charge call needs work. Curtis Shaw, who oversees officiating in five conferences, including the Big 12, agrees but the overall impact gets a passing grade.

"I think it's cleaned up the game," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "We're going back to what the game should be."

Scoring in men's basketball

reached its lowest point since 1952 last season when teams averaged 67.5 points per game. The team three-point shooting percentage was the lowest since the arc was introduced in 1986.

Not coincidentally, the 2012-13 season marked an all-time low in fouls called.

Nearly everybody believed some type of change was required, but not all agreed on the method. Kansas' Bill Self feared a flood of free throws. Scoring would increase, Self said, but at the line and not from the floor.

But Self has been surprised by the results.

"I didn't like it at first, but it's not been as big a factor as I thought it would be," Self said.

According to the basketball analytics website KPI Sports,

scoring is running about 5.5 percent ahead of last season at 71.4 points per game, which would be the NCAA's highest mark since 2001.

The foul calls and free-throw attempts are running ahead of last season's pace. Free-throw attempts are up 14.6 percent to 22.6 per game throughout basketball.

In the Big 12, teams average 25.45 free-throw attempts per game, about four more than last year. A Southeastern Conference team goes to the line an average of 25.36 times a game, compared to 20.27 last season.

"I mean, the past three years prior to this year, we fouled on every possession," Calipari

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EDITORIAL

## Country needs to keep moving

In 1996, President Bill Clinton demanded Congress never shut down the federal government again in his winning State of the Union address that shamed GOP lawmakers for two federal shutdowns.

Clinton honored a Vietnam veteran and federal employee who saved two lives in the Oklahoma City bombing, yet was furloughed during the shutdown. That was when Clinton made his plea with cheers from the Democrats and left House Speaker Newt Gingrich looking awkward behind him.

Well played, Mr. President.

Tuesday night in President Barack Obama's speech following yet another government shutdown, the president took a different approach.

Obama barely referenced the 16-day shutdown that happened in October.

Instead, he challenged the lawmakers to do right by the American people and work together.

"The question for everyone in this chamber, running through every decision we make this year, is whether we are going to help or hinder this progress," Obama said.

The speech signaled strongly that if Congress chose to hinder the progress Obama plans to make, Obama would use executive orders to get the job done.

Obama pledged to raise minimum wage paid by federal contractors by executive order, hoping to lead by example in order to raise minimum wage for all Americans.

This isn't the route Obama wanted to take, but with Congress not even able to get anything done when it does agree on something, such as extending emergency jobless benefits, it seems there is no other option.

But these executive orders are not legislation. Just as easy as the president can sign an order, the next president can just as easily do away with them.

Obama is also limited in what he can do with an executive order. He can't fix the health care law, overhaul the Social Security system, grant legal status to illegal immigrants or raise the minimum wage for most workers.

Obama does intend to improve job-training skills, technology in schools and fuel-efficiency standards in trucks.

Only time will tell what actually gets accomplished, with much of what Obama proposed in his last speech remaining unfinished.

America needs to accomplish something. Let's see if any of Congress's New Year's resolutions were to play well with others.

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COLUMN

## Sexism hurts conservatives, feminists

By CATHY YOUNG  
NEWSDAY (MCT)

Wendy Davis, the Texas state senator and Democratic candidate for governor, catapulted to national fame last year after she held an 11-hour filibuster trying to block a bill restricting late-term abortions. Feminists and liberals hailed her as a heroine for our time: a single mom who worked her way up from trailer-park poverty to a Harvard law degree and a career in politics.

But now, this female version of the American success story seems compromised by revelations that her rise was helped by her second husband, whom she later divorced — voluntarily giving him custody of her two daughters, including the one from her first marriage. Republicans are slamming Davis as an opportunist; Democrats defend her as a victim of sexist attacks. In fact, the complexities of her story have unsettling lessons for conservatives and feminists.

Questioning the veracity of Davis' official life story is not sexist. The bio on her campaign site says she earned her law degree "with the help of academic scholarships, student loans, and state and federal grants." It omits second husband Jeffrey Davis, a lawyer who cashed out his 401(k) and took out a loan to help pay her tuition and housing in Massachusetts — while he stayed in their Fort Worth home with the two kids.

Davis did not (as some critics are implying) lie about this part of her past. She mentioned Jeffrey Davis' role in putting her through law school in interviews to two small Texas newspapers in September, months before the Dallas Morning News treated this as explosive new information. Still, she has publicly emphasized her struggle as a young divorced mother and her success as a self-made woman.

Would a male politician have gotten better treatment? If he had promoted himself as a single dad who made it on

his own, and it then turned out a wife had financed his education and cared for his kids — only to get ditched just as his career took off — it's doubtful that the media would have been very kind. Men in politics aren't exactly spared controversy over past marital troubles. (Newt Gingrich, anyone?)

However, the criticism of Davis as a bad parent has sexist elements. In the New York Post, columnist Naomi Schaefer Riley argues that Davis has no political future because "a woman who leaves her kids is just beyond the pale," in the eyes of men and women alike. "Call it sexism if you want," writes Riley, noting that mothers who don't have custody are automatically suspect and making it clear that she's fine with the double standard.

We should call it sexism, and we should not be fine with it. Davis is by all accounts close to her daughters. Some good mothers don't fit the traditional mold.

But this issue also illustrates how sexism hurts both women and men.

A female attorney active on behalf of fathers' rights once told me that the stigma against non-custodial mothers often pushes women to fight tooth and nail for primary custody even in cases where everyone would be better off if the children lived with their dad.

If women get more flak for "leaving their children," men can get savaged for wanting to "take the children from their mother." And, with a few exceptions, feminists have supported this double standard when it favors women. They have portrayed career women who lose custody as victims of misogyny, opposed joint custody legislation, and even compared fathers' rights activists to abusers.

Let's oppose sexism across the board. Women should not be judged more harshly for spending less time with their children; they also should not be presumed the better parents.



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COLUMN

## A climate change of heart by the European Union?

LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Confronted by rising energy costs and international competition, the European Union's executive body has recommended relaxing rules on renewable energy with a plan that doesn't hold specific nations responsible for specific targets. The EU's member states and Parliament should reject it. The EU has been the leader on fighting climate change; if it shies away from its commitment now, similar efforts in the U.S. and around the world will almost surely suffer.

On a positive note, the recommendations call for creating an overall target of a 40 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, compared with what they were in 1990. It's a worthy target, though environmentalists would like it to be even higher; the 28-nation bloc has reduced such emissions by 12 percent so far. By 2030, the EU is supposed to get more than a quarter of its energy from

renewable sources. But the plan would eliminate binding agreements under which each member nation would have to meet certain targets. So which nations would be responsible for attaining the 2030 goal and how would they be held to it? That's unclear. In addition, the plan would loosen environmental regulations on hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, for natural gas.

Driving the changes are concerns about the struggling European economy. With energy costs higher because of reduced reliance on cheaper fossil fuels, European businesses are in a weak position to compete with those in nations without strong environmental rules.

The sluggish economy has also exposed a weakness in the EU's cap-and-trade program, in which carbon emissions are capped and polluters are allowed carbon credits that they can trade with one another. When business is slow, there are

more plants with carbon credits to sell than there are customers for those credits.

European government leaders who back the plan have a point: The continent can't afford to be the only one trying to make real inroads on global warming. But at a United Nations conference in 2015, member states are expected to sign on to a broad agreement on the steps they will take to sharply reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. A scaling back by the EU's leaders will only weaken the resolve of other nations. That includes the United States, where fracking has brought down the price of natural gas and made renewable energy sources less competitive.

No one said that reducing the threat of climate change would be cheap in the short term or that the world's economies would adjust easily. Nevertheless, it's the failure to act that, in the long run, would have far greater costs.

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# Obama pitches minimum wage hike

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President Barack Obama traveled to a Costco store in suburban Maryland on Wednesday to tout his support for raising the minimum wage, a key piece of the yearlong agenda he unveiled in his State of the Union address.

"It's time to give America a raise," Obama told a few hundred people in the Lanham, Md., store, surrounded by stacks of paper towels and garbage bags. "Just last year alone, workers earning the minimum wage basically got the equivalent of a \$200 pay cut because the minimum wage stayed the same, but costs of everything else are going up."

Raising the minimum wage, the president said, would reduce employee turnover, increase productivity and give Americans more money in their pockets to spend.

Obama is urging Congress to raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour by 2015. A legislative increase would affect 27 million workers, according to an analysis of census data by the nonpartisan Economic Policy Institute.

"There are some steps businesses have taken on their own, there are steps that certain states and counties and cities are taking on their own, there are steps I'm gonna take as president, but ultimately Congress does have to do its part to catch up to the rest of the country on this," he said.

Obama proposed a mix of old and new policies at his State of the Union address Tuesday, saying they would close the gap between rich and poor by creating new jobs, training workers, educating children and making sure hard work



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U.S. President Barack Obama hugs Costco Assistant General Manager Teresa Allen as he arrives to deliver remarks at a store rally, as he takes his State of the Union address on a two-day tour outside Washington, in Lanham, Md., Wednesday. Obama is pushing Congress to raise the federal minimum wage as part of his economic plan.

pays off. He said that he wants to work with Congress but that he will act on his own when he can, if necessary.

He later talked about his starter retirement savings accounts in Pittsburgh. On Thursday, he will give speeches in Milwaukee and Nashville, Tenn. He will host an online chat from the White House on Friday and be joined there by chief executive officers to talk about an initiative to secure commitments from major corporations not to discriminate against the long-term unemployed during hiring.

Obama came to Costco to highlight that the company's CEO pays entry-level employees such as cashiers and stock associates \$11.50 an hour, while the average hourly salary is \$20 an hour before benefits or overtime.

He also said anew that he will issue an executive order to raise the minimum wage from

\$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour for employees involved in future government contracts.

The White House offered no estimate of how many workers the change would affect, though supporters guess that the number would reach into the hundreds of thousands, including those who serve food and wash dishes, clean laundry and buildings, and manufacture military uniforms.

William R. Dougan, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, which represents 110,000 federal workers, said his organization supports Obama's proposal but that it should include federal hourly workers. "The president needs to stand with all federal workers, not just federal contractors," he said.

Democratic lawmakers support raising the minimum wage, though the legislation does not appear to be a priority in Congress.

"No American working a full-time job should live in poverty, and Congress must act to raise the minimum wage for all our nation's workers," Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said on the Senate floor. "A strong middle class — and an opportunity for every American to enter that middle class — is the key to this nation's prosperity."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., dubbed Obama's speech the "same tired boilerplate we hear year after year."

"When you peel back all the adjectives and the anecdotes, all the platitudes and nods to the left — what remained for the middle class?" he said. "Largely the same tired policies that led us to this point — the same failed agenda with its legacy of stagnant unemployment, lower incomes, growing inequality and crumbling pathways to the future."

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According to Simonton, methanol in the chemical that spilled into the water supply, 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol, or MCHM, can break down into formaldehyde.

"This stuff is breaking down into formaldehyde in the

shower or in the water system, and they're inhaling it," Simonton said of some of the 300,000 residents of nine West Virginia counties told not to use their tap water in the days after the spill.

Other environmental scientists said in published interviews that more testing is required to confirm the formaldehyde came from the chemical

spill and was not present before the incident.

Richard Denison, a senior scientist at the Environmental Defense Fund, told the Los Angeles Times on Wednesday that because no reliable scientific data exists on the toxicity of inhaling MCHM, officials were wrong to declare the tainted water safe for showering. A

presumed safe level for ingestion of a chemical does not guarantee a safe level for inhalation, he said.

"Generally speaking, chemicals can be more toxic by inhalation than by ingestion because the lung is more permeable than the lining of the gut with respect to chemicals getting in the bloodstream," Denison said.

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said. "We grabbed, we held, we pushed."

This is better, the coaches say, and one reason is officials haven't backtracked.

"They've done a great job sticking to what they've said they'd do from game one," Texas coach Rick Barnes said.

Shaw, the Big 12's supervisor of officials, sent a memo to his crews around the beginning of

the conference season to remain vigilant with the calls, and he's been happy with the results.

"Everybody saw the big picture, that this would be better for the game," Shaw said. "And the players adjusted. They were hearing it from their coaches in practice, 'Hands up, show the hands.'"

Still, some issues will require more attention. Shaw insists the block-charge has become more difficult to call because officials have to process multiple things

in an instant: whether a defender is in a legal guarding position when the shooter becomes airborne and if the defender is in the restricted area under the basket.

"It's a very difficult play to referee generally, and now we've added aspects to it," Shaw said. "In watching games, I would tell you we've called more blocks than we did before, however half are incorrect calls. We never intended to penalize legal defense. But we're trying to define the

time frame you have to make a legal play."

Perhaps the height of confusion: Late in Kansas' home victory over Oklahoma State on Jan. 18, the Jayhawks' Jamari Traylor collided with the Cowboys' Kamari Murphy. One official called a block, the other a charge. After an officials' meeting, both players were assigned a foul, and the possession arrow favored Kansas.

"The game is better," Shaw said. "But we still have work to do."

## LEAP Continued from Page 2

grammar, reading, writing, vocabulary and speaking in INTO MU as they did in LEAP. However, instead of courses separated into different classes, INTO MU courses are integrated.

"The classes are longer," Patnaik said. "In LEAP the classes were 50 minutes, but here at INTO MU they are two hours. So it is a more authentic immersive experience for them."

Patnaik said INTO MU allows for more teachers and full-time teachers, which is beneficial to students because teachers are able to devote more time to helping them.

There are 13 teachers at INTO MU, 10 of which are full time and the other three are part time.

Anan Alharbi, former LEAP and INTO MU student from

Saudi Arabia, said the accessibility of the teachers and the new INTO MU building makes learning easy.

"It makes you want to study there," Alharbi said. "If you want help, you can immediately find someone who would offer you help."

INTO MU offers student services, in order to properly equipped students for American culture and meet all of Marshall's requirements. There are six individuals who make up the INTO MU student services center

In addition to addressing concerns of the students, student services focuses on community outreach.

"They let people know that we are here, and this is not just the international building," Patnaik said. "But it is a building that everybody can come into."

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## INTELLIGENCE Continued from Page 2

Collins of Maine agreed that Snowden's disclosures put America at greater threat of attack, and they suggested the leaks could endanger members of the military.

"What really bothers me sometimes is these romanticized notions about who Edward Snowden is and what he's done to this country," Rubio said.

Democratic Sens. Martin Heinrich of New Mexico and Mark Udall of Colorado criticized Brennan, the CIA chief. They said Brennan is failing to cooperate with the Intelligence Committee's probe of the CIA's post-9/11 detention and interrogation program. It included secret prisons and techniques such as waterboarding often equated with torture.

"Recent efforts undertaken by the CIA, including but not limited to inaccurate public statements about the committee study, are meant to intimidate, deflect and

thwart legitimate oversight," said Heinrich.

Heinrich said the Senate Intelligence Committee should declassify and release the 6,300-page report it prepared on the program. The highly critical report alleges the CIA misled lawmakers about the value of the information produced by the interrogation technique.

The CIA has disputed the findings. But Brennan said Wednesday that he "vehemently disagrees" with the charge the CIA has not cooperated with the Senate probe.

Udall pressed Brennan on an internal report the CIA did of the program under former agency chief Leon Panetta. The findings weren't given to the Senate committee as it investigated.

Brennan wouldn't say if the CIA's internal report conflicts with what the agency told the Senate Intelligence Committee. He suggested that discussion involved classified information and would need to happen behind closed doors.

## TURNITIN Continued from Page 1

However, the technology staff for safe-assign will staff with rebuilding their database within safe-assign.

The department of information technology plans to

assist the faculty in the transition in anyway possible. The department will have safe-assign workshops and make training videos available on its website.

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# Google to sell Motorola to Lenovo for \$2.91 billion in new deal confirmed Wednesday

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Google Inc. has agreed to sell Motorola Mobility to Lenovo Group for \$2.91 billion, the Internet-search company confirmed Wednesday.

Google Chief Executive Larry Page confirmed the deal in a blog post Wednesday, after reports from Reuters, China Daily and TechCrunch.

Google bought Motorola for \$12.5 billion in 2011 and had allowed the phone maker to work independently over the last few years. But despite launching some innovative devices, Motorola could not find

success under Google's ownership. In its most recent quarter, Motorola reported a loss of \$248 million.

Motorola will have a better shot at success under Lenovo than with Google, Page said. Google, which manages the Android operating system used by several phone makers, did not have the ability to go "all-in" on Motorola as would be required to make the company successful.

"It's why we believe that Motorola will be better served by Lenovo — which has a rapidly growing smartphone business and is the largest (and

fastest-growing) PC manufacturer in the world," Page said. "This move will enable Google to devote our energy to driving innovation across the Android ecosystem, for the benefit of smartphone users everywhere."

Lenovo said it will pay \$1.41 billion in cash and stock once the deal has been approved by both the U.S. and China. It will pay the remaining \$1.5 billion in the form of a three-year promissory note, the company said.

This is the Chinese company's second major U.S. acquisition this month. Earlier,

Lenovo purchased IBM's x86 server unit for \$2.3 billion.

China Daily said Lenovo will enter the U.S. with its tablet and smartphone business by 2015. The Motorola acquisition will help make that happen.

As for Google, the company appears to have taken a huge loss in the Motorola purchase, but Page said the sale will not affect the company's other hardware operations.

Google is working on Glass, a wearable device similar to glasses, and it also recently purchased Nest, a startup that makes smart home appliances, for \$3.2 billion.

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## COUNTRY'S BIG NIGHT



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The Academy of Country Music released the list of nominations for this year's awards Wednesday morning, pitting country music powerhouses Miranda Lambert, Tim McGraw (both with the most nominations at seven), Blake Shelton, Luke Bryan and George Strait against each other. Other notable nominations include Keith Urban (6), Kacey Musgraves (5), Bob Dylan and Nelly (both with their first ACM nominations). The ACM awards, hosted by Shelton and Bryan, will be presented live from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, April

## DEPORT BEIBER

A petition to deport Canadian pop star Justin Bieber heads to the White House with more than 100,000 signatures. For Bieber, deportation would mean revocation of his green card, and the 19 year old would be banned from the United States. The petition, created on the White House's We the People site, points out Bieber's recent antics. "... we are being wrongly represented in the world of pop culture... We the people would like to remove Justin Bieber from our society," the petition states. According to the website, any petition receiving at least 100,000 signatures will be guaranteed an official response from the White House. There has yet to be such a response, but the chances of the White House taking action to deport the pop singer are highly unlikely.



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## CSI: HUNTINGTON: TAKES KIDS TO THE SCENE

By MORGAN SWITZER  
THE PARTHENON

Middle school students from Fort Gay, W.Va. will visit Marshall University Friday to experience several forensic science activities at Marshall's crime scene house in an event called CSI: Huntington.

This event, organized and executed by Marshall's forensic science graduate students, will consist of a series of hands-on activities which will incorporate areas of forensic sciences, including blood spatter analysis, firearm trajectory and digital forensics.

Upon arrival, the middle school students will be divided into small groups and be led through each 30 minute segment of this learning experience.

Pamela Staton, the adviser for graduate students in forensic science, said the house is a "community draw," which benefits Marshall students and prospective students.

Choon Sung Kambara, a graduate student in the

forensic science department and a facilitator of CSI: Huntington, said they try to host up to three events a year depending on the level of interest they receive from middle and high schools.

Kambara said the students are always excited because this is the stuff they see on television.

"Teachers like this because it gives the students more perspective on what forensic science is like," said Kambara.

In addition to increasing the exposure of the forensic science center, Kambara said the event helps increase student interest in the forensic sciences at a young age.

"It's a nice opportunity to be able to make the community aware of the forensic science center," Kambara said.

Marshall's crime scene house is located at 1524 Fifth Ave. and is available for public tours upon request.

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## 'Million Dollar Quartet' rocks Huntington

Bringing together rock icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for one night, the national tour of "Million Dollar Quartet" performed at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center Sunday.

By RACHEL ROBERSON  
THE PARTHENON

Audiences applauded and sang along Sunday as author Colin Escott's book came alive in the energizing performance of "The Million Dollar Quartet."

The musical is the tale of Sam Phillips, recording producer, bringing rock 'n' roll icons Carl Perkins, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis together for a final jam session at the Sun Records recording studio took viewers back to the 1950s. From the design of the studio props to the costumes, make-up and hair of each performer, this show had the audience swept back in time to the birth of rock 'n' roll.

Actors James Berry as Carl Perkins, John Countryman as Jerry Lee Lewis, Tyler Hunter as Elvis Presley, and Scott Moreau as Johnny Cash brought the character of each rock idol to their performances. Actor Vince Nappo as Sam Phillips and actress Kelly Lamont as Elvis Presley's girlfriend Dyanne, performed admirably adding finesse to the performance.

The show followed a timeline of music recorded by each artist prior to the legendary night, including songs that were in the making, and finished with songs that were recorded after the stars had their final meeting. It included hit numbers such as, "Blue Suede Shoes," "I Walk the Line," "Great Balls of Fire" and "Hound Dog."

The show brought the events of Dec. 4, 1956, to a close and had the audience on its feet in a standing ovation. However, the performance was not finished and the audience remained standing to clap, dance, and sing along with the final exhibitions.

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