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# THE PARTHENON

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## School of Music paying tribute to late professor

By BRECKIN WELLS  
THE PARTHENON

The sound of music will fill Smith Recital Hall at 7 p.m. Sunday to pay tribute to one of Marshall University's late music professors.

Red Socks and Low Brass: A Tribute to John Mead will include musical talent from the Marshall University Trombone Ensemble and other trombonists in the Huntington area.

Mead was an accomplished classical trombonist, holding first chair in five symphonies and a professor at Marshall for 31 years.

Music was not the only thing Mead was remembered for, he was known for his sharp, irrepressible sense of humor and his quirky sense of style according to Beth Caruthers, College of Arts and Media special projects coordinator.

Whenever he could, Mead would wear bright red socks with a classic black and white tuxedo for all of his musical performances.

Not only was Mead an expert in music, but he was also an airplane pilot.

Don Williams, clarinetist and retired Marshall music department chair, remembered the first impression Mead made on him soon after the two met in 1983.

Williams made his way from California to interview for a teaching position at Marshall. Shortly after the interview, Mead offered to charter a private airplane to fly Williams to Lexington, Ky., to start off his trip back west.

"John rented a single-engine plane, used to carry caskets, and four of us made the trip to Lexington," Williams said in a press release. "Needless to say, I was impressed. Here was a fine musician and an accomplished teacher who was also a pilot."

Williams was later offered the job and accepted the position at Marshall. The two remained friends until Mead passed away Feb. 8 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., following a brief illness.

According to his obituary, Mead was a demanding and inspiring studio teacher, and throughout his career at Marshall, his students were a loyal, close-knit group always distinguished by their red socks at concerts.

Marshall plans to establish a Mead Scholarship for Music in Mead's memory.

The performance will feature 30 trombones under the direction of current low brass professor Michael Stroehrer.

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## SPRING DAYS HERE TO STAY



## Despite rainy forecast, Marshall students welcome spring's arrival

PHOTOS BY BISHOP NASH | THE PARTHENON

(TOP) Sophomore Jimmy Lobo of Huntington, right, tosses a frisbee for Ike, a Belgian malinois, to chase while the Marshall University men's rugby team practices (LEFT) on Buskirk Field. (RIGHT) Alexis Palmer of Fayetteville, W.Va. sits with friends Duane Brock and Alex Ball on the grass outside the Memorial Student Center Tuesday.

## Amicus Curiae series talks intelligent design education

By JOCELYN GIBSON  
THE PARTHENON

The co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in Kitzmiller case delivers the final lecture in Amicus Curiae series Monday evening in the Marshall University Foundation Hall.

Stephen G. Harvey served as co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs in the case of Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District, which was the first federal court case to challenge the teaching of intelligent design in a public school.

"Darwin knew that his theory would rock the world he lived in, but he had no idea that his greatest controversy would come not in England, but here in the United States," Harvey said.

The most wide-known case of this, according to Harvey, is The State of Tennessee v. John Thomas Scopes, commonly referred to as the Scopes Monkey Trial, in which Scopes was found guilty of violating Tennessee's Butler Act.

The Butler Act made it illegal to teach evolution in any state-funded school. Scopes was fined \$100, but the verdict was overturned.



ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON  
Stephen G. Harvey speaks at the Amicus Curiae lecture Tuesday in the Marshall University Foundation Hall.



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## Waugaman, Mangus prepare for the future

By TYLER PRALLEY  
THE PARTHENON

As the 2013-2014 school year draws to a close, newly elected Student Body President Duncan Waugaman and Student Body Vice President Lila Mangus will be sworn into office April 27 and take over for the current Hassan-Lyons administration.

Waugaman, a sophomore economics and finance major from Huntington, has been a member of Student Government since the first semester of his freshman year and is also a member of Kappa Alpha Order. His future goals include attending law school and potentially pursuing a political career on the state or national level.

"Student Government has been the best way that I have been able to get involved and connected here at Marshall," Waugaman said. "It has been truly rewarding,

and I'm looking forward to serve as the next student body president."

Mangus, junior marketing major from Hurricane, has been involved in Student Government since the first semester of her sophomore year and also served as secretary on the Judiciary Committee. She is an active member of Alpha Xi Delta and currently serves on its executive board as the vice president of membership.

"I joined Student Government shortly after the tobacco ban was implemented so I saw changes being made and wanted to be involved," Mangus said. "The fact that we have the power to affect change on this campus is what really drove us to run for the president and vice president positions."

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## New public health graduate program brings growing field to area students

By LARA SEDLOCK  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University will welcome a new graduate program for public health this coming fall.

William Pewen, director of the Master's in Public Health program, explained this new graduate public health program will be what a number of individuals at Marshall have worked for years to bring about.

"It's unusual that we haven't had a public health program at

a university of this size, especially since we have a medical school, pharmacy school, physical therapy and so forth," Pewen said. "Public Health actually interacts with all of these health professions."

Public health deals with the prevention, detection, intervention and improvement of health in a similar way to clinical medicine, but with a major focus on looking at the community as a whole.

"The main thing that we deal with is populations and

communities, rather than a doctor or a nurse dealing with a patient," Pewen said. "We try to see the disease detected or diagnosed earlier and we work together with the other health professionals to determine what interventions might work."

This program is going to be a big draw for the area and for the university. Nationally, public health is a growing field and there's high demand for workers.

"Public health has just been exploding over the last 10 to 20 years, so there's a lot of job opportunities and a tremendous amount of interest," Pewen said. "We've only had one public health graduate program in the state and that's at West Virginia University which is out of reach for some people in the area."

Pewen also explained how people are going to get access to care that they couldn't before. The water crisis that happened at the beginning of this year

was a wake up call for some and now they are concerned with the quality of their water.

"We're at the tipping point or crossroads here, where more people have access to care and more are becoming aware of the water that we drink, the food we eat, and the quality of our lives," Pewen said. "There may be some tremendous improvements coming ahead."

This graduate program of public health will also be a best value program, tuition is going

to be around \$21,000 for the two years.

"It's not about students earning a MPH degree, it's about making a difference in the region, it is about working together with other health professionals and that's exciting," Pewen said. "We're getting new clinical facilities, new laboratory, new faculty coming on board, it's an exciting time here for us."

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## Questions Trivia Night to benefit area children

By KYLEE McMULLEN  
THE PARTHENON

Shaver Media Group will be selling tickets in the Memorial Student Center until Friday for the main event for its capstone class called Questions Trivia Night.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 for general admission for Saturday at the Big Sandy Convention Center. Tickets include a dinner catered by Olive Garden and two drinks.

Trivia groups will be set up per table at about 10 people. There is a special group price for community members. If they purchase tickets for a group of 10, they can receive \$5 off each ticket.

Miss West Virginia Miranda Harrison and Huntington Mayor Steve Williams will host the event.

The trivia will be questions about the city of Huntington, Marshall University and the state of West Virginia. There will also be a current events section about events outside of Huntington.

If there is a tie between groups, Shaver Media will have a tiebreaker round called Thunderstruck round where they will ask questions to determine the winner.

There will also be a silent auction at Trivia Night. The winning group team will receive a prize.

All proceeds go to help River Valley Child Development Center with its Tuition Investment Program Support scholarship. The TIPS scholarship helps provide partial financial assistance to families who are pursuing financial stability through higher education or work and are no longer eligible for subsidy through the Learning Individual Need Knowledge and Skills programs.

Miranda Pemberton, co-director of the Shaver Media Group, said raising awareness and money for River Valley is very important because it benefits the kids.

"We're the deciding factor whether five kids get to the development center or 25 kids get to go that rely on this scholarship," Pemberton said. "So it's really up to us to raise the money and awareness for them so that more of them can get a better early childhood education."

Due to the shortage of batteries at RVCDS, the group will be having a battery drive alongside State Electric, where people can purchase or donate batteries.

Shaver Media has worked

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## GM chief deflects lawmakers amid new revelations on ignitions

By GREG GORDON  
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

In her first head-on questioning from Congress, General Motors' new chief executive, Mary Barra, sought Tuesday to quell a furor over the automaker's failure for over a decade to fix defective ignition switches blamed for contributing to 13 fatalities in 31 frontal crashes.

She apologized to victims' families and promised to "do the right thing" both legally and morally.

"While I cannot turn back the clock," she said in sworn testimony, "as soon as I learned about the problem, we acted without hesitation. We told the world we had a problem that needed to be fixed. ... Today's GM will do the right thing."

But confronted over the company's repeated postponement of serious action, as well as congressional investigators' findings that GM fielded at least 133 warranty claims over the problem from June 2003 to June 2012 without fully addressing it, Barra shed little new light.

Again and again, she deflected questions by telling members of a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee that she knew almost nothing about the problem until Jan. 31 and will await the results of an internal investigation being conducted by Anton Valukas, a former U.S. attorney from Chicago, before assigning blame.

However, David Friedman, acting chief of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, pointed blame toward the company, saying that his agency could have addressed



ABOVE: Family members of victims of defective GM ignition switches hold a press conference outside the Capitol Tuesday in Washington, D.C. General Motors announced a recall of more than 1.3 million vehicles for ignition-switch problems linked to 13 deaths.

RIGHT: General Motors CEO Mary Barra testifies at a hearing on "The GM Ignition Switch Recall: Why Did It Take So Long?" Monday in Washington, D.C.

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the problem years ago if GM had divulged a link between the ignition switch and the failure of airbags to deploy.

Instead, he testified, the agency did not recognize that connection until GM identified it in announcing in February the start of recalls that would expand to more than 2.5 million cars, including Chevrolet Cobalts and HHRs, Saturn Ions and Skys, and Pontiac G5s and Solstices.

Asked by Democratic Rep. Diana DeGette of Colorado

whether General Motors had acted in good faith, Friedman replied: "We have an open investigation to answer that question and if we find that they were not, we will hold them accountable."

For her part, DeGette held up a copy of the switch during her opening statement and cited a GM estimate that it could have been fixed for 57 cents.

Republican Rep. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania, the subcommittee chairman, opened the hearing, citing a litany of

questions that neither GM nor NHTSA has answered and vowed that the committee would get to the bottom of the matter.

Barra was unflappable during more than two hours of testimony, facing a crush of photographers as she sat alone at the witness table, with survivors of some of the fatal crashes seated in the audience just behind her and photos of the victims lined up along the wall.

In her opening statement,

she sought to calm the outrage by announcing that GM has retained the services of Kenneth Feinberg, who oversaw the mega funds that compensated families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, BP's oil drilling disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and the Boston Marathon bombings, to help the company fulfill its "civil and legal responsibilities." But when pressed, she declined to say whether Feinberg would have authority to compensate victims' families.



## US won't send radar data to Honduras in dispute over law to shoot down drug aircraft

By TIM JOHNSON  
MCCLATCHY FOREIGN STAFF (MCT)

The U.S. government has ceased providing Honduras with radar tracking information out of concern that a new policy allowing its forces to shoot down aircraft suspected of hauling narcotics does not have enough safeguards to prevent error.

A statement from the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa distributed Tuesday said other U.S.-financed counternarcotics programs would not be affected, but that Washington already has ceased sharing certain types of information and assistance with Honduras.

A policy to shoot down drug-laden aircraft has come into favor and fallen out of favor in

the past in Latin America, depending partly on the mood in Washington.

Honduran legislators in mid-January approved a law that authorized the nation's air force to shoot down suspected drug planes on express orders of the defense minister. The law also limits night flights in the country and restricts flights through certain Caribbean provinces commonly used by narcotics smugglers bringing cocaine north from the Andean region.

With its long, sparsely populated Mosquito Coast, Honduras is a major transit country for cocaine moving from Andean countries to the United States.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman, Stephen J. Posivak, said in a

statement that the Obama administration would review the Honduran law to determine if aspects "are not compatible with U.S. laws that govern certain types of information and assistance that would support an aerial intercept by the Honduran government."

Posivak indicated that the decision to cease radar tracking data was unlikely to affect cocaine flows to the United States because "80 to 90 percent of illegal drugs that enter Honduras (do so) via maritime routes," and not by air.

Bolivia, which grows coca used in making cocaine and serves as a transit nation for drugs flowing to Brazil, Argentina and even on to Africa and Europe, is also on the cusp of enacting a law to permit the

downing of suspect aircraft, although it lacks a sophisticated radar system. The bill already passed the lower house of the Bolivian Congress and is awaiting final Senate approval.

Programs to shoot down cocaine-laden planes have been marked by dramatic success and tragedy.

At U.S. urging, Peru and Colombia in 1994 began using U.S. aerial intelligence to follow smuggling aircraft. Until 2001, Peru is believed to have shot at least 30 aircraft out of the sky, shutting down a key air link for traffickers between Peru's coca fields and drug processing laboratories in Colombia's eastern jungles.

Contractors employed by the Central Intelligence Agency operating in surveillance

aircraft worked closely with Peru's air force to identify suspect planes.

The program came to a dramatic halt in April 2001 when a CIA contract team aboard a surveillance plane working in tandem with a Peruvian fighter jet gave the thumbs-up to shooting down a Cessna over the Amazon. Aboard the Cessna was an American Christian missionary family. A mother and her 7-month-old daughter were killed. The pilot, wounded in the legs, and the father and a son survived an emergency landing.

Some regional security experts said the halting of radar intelligence sharing by Washington might not curb the

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## SPORTS

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## Thompson banking on big spring



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON  
Redshirt sophomore Gary Thompson comes away from the play with an interception during the Herd's game against ECU last season. Thompson had two interceptions in that game.

By BRAXTON CRISP  
THE PARTHENON

A season ago, Marshall University went from being one of the statistically worst defenses in the country to being one of the best. There were some players who fans were accustomed to seeing on the field such as Monterius Lovett, but also some new players.

One new member of the thundering Herd defense who had a surprising year is defensive end Gary Thompson. In his first spring practice with the Herd, Thompson said he is doing whatever he can to get better for the 2014 season, including adding some weight to his 227-pound frame from a year ago.

"I've been able to hit the weight room every day and now that camp has started, every other day," Thompson said.

Thompson said he has gained nearly 15 pounds since the Herd's Military Bowl victory in December, and the added weight will help him be more complete as a defensive end.

"It will help me on the runs because I'm undersized," Thompson said. "[I can now bring down] bigger backs and handle the 300-pound linemen."

Marshall defensive ends coach Sean Cronin said every pound of muscle Thompson can add will be beneficial toward being a solid defensive end.

"Gary is a shorter guy and he holds the edge of our defense," Cronin said. "He needs to be strong and he needs to be able to block out and hold the edge of our defense. He's already an exceptional guy in terms of speed, so for him to put on the weight, it just shows that he's trying to become more of an

all-around player."

Thompson put that speed on display in the Herd's game against East Carolina University in 2013, when he nearly got to Pirates quarterback Shane Carden, then intercepted Carden's desperation pass attempt to avoid a sack and took the ball into the end zone.

Despite impressive plays like that, and the added weight, Cronin said Thompson has yet to blossom into the defensive end he can possibly be.

"He's not even begun to tap his potential," Cronin said. "He has to have a great spring. He has to do better in practice and really come along for us because he's nowhere near the player he's capable of being."

"Part of it is he needs to get bigger and stronger, and he's done that part of it, and now out here at practice he needs to become a dominant player on the field."

Cronin emphasized the transformation into the kind of player he thinks Thompson can be will not happen overnight.

"He's just a young player and a lot of times it takes D-linemen a couple of years to develop," Cronin said. "He's still developing, even though he played a lot for us last year, he can play a lot better than he's played. That's what I look forward to; it's exciting to think of what he's capable of."

Now that the Herd has gone to wearing full pads in practice, the coaching staff will have an opportunity to evaluate how the added strength of Thompson changes his game.

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## Herd takes midweek matchup against Akron

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On a warm Tuesday afternoon, Marshall baseball hosted its first midweek home game of 2014 at the Kennedy Center Route 2 Field as the Herd took on Akron.

The Herd took the lead in the 2nd inning off of four hits and then added to its lead in the 3rd inning to seal its first midweek win of the year at 5-2 over the Zips.

The Herd improved to 9-16 on the season, while Akron fell to 12-12.

The Zips attacked first, scoring in the 1st inning after outfielder Josh Havrilak singled and stole two bases to put him on third. He then scored off a wild pitch.

Marshall evened the score in its first time at the plate, when freshman Corey Bird scored on a sacrifice fly from Herd RBI leader Eric Escobedo.

The Herd took the lead the next inning, when catcher Matt Reed led off with a single and advanced on a sacrifice and single by

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## Herd offensive line mix of experience, potential

By WILL VANCE  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Marshall University football team in 2013, winning the battle in the trenches was a key to a 10-4 campaign. The offensive line surrendered only 26 sacks, less than two a game, and paved the way for the first 1,000-yard rusher in the program since 2009 and nearly 2,900 total rushing yards.

One of the keys for the Herd during 2014 spring practice is

rebuilding the unit, which lost three starters to graduation, including both tackles. Luckily for the Herd, offensive line coach Alex Mirabal has a solid anchor to build around in redshirt senior Chris Jasperse, a four-year starter at center.

"He's got old eyes and experience," Mirabal said of Jasperse. "It's like having a coach on the field."

The 6-foot-4-inch, 290 pound Jasperse has been a consistent

anchor the Herd offensive line for four years and is among the Herd's most promising NFL prospect. Senior quarterback Rakeem Cato, who has taken nearly every snap of his career from Jasperse, said his success could be partly attributed to the consistency Jasperse provides.

"It's just been a blessing to have my center all four years," Cato said. "Me and [Jasperse] are on the same page and we see the same things with the

defense, as far as blitzing. He's been a great center all of my four years."

One would think that Jasperse would feel pressure having the most experience by far in a relatively young unit. Jasperse said, however, the evolution of leadership is making him more comfortable than ever.

"I feel less pressure now, I've got more guys around me that are leaders," Jasperse said. "Last year there was only a couple of us and now I've got two juniors at tackle who lead just as much as I do."

Those two tackles, Clint Van Horn and Sebastian Johansson, have some experience under their belts as well. Van Horn, a native of Beckley, came in and played at tackle down the stretch for the Herd last season due to injury. Johansson, known as "Big Swede," started at left guard last season and will be moving to left tackle. Mirabal said that for Johansson, the move will be nothing.

"You're talking about a kid who moved from Sweden to Kentucky and now to West Virginia," Mirabal said of Johansson. "So [moving to left tackle] pales in comparison to the real moves he's made in his life."

Left tackle was a difficult position for the Herd to fill last season, using three different starters. Mirabal is confident Johansson has what it takes to solidify the crucial position.

"We've got a real left tackle in Sebastian Johansson," Mirabal said. "That was a worry coming in [to spring practice], just because of the unknown, but after



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Redshirt junior Sebastian "Big Swede" Johansson works through a drill during spring practice at Joan C. Edwards Stadium last Saturday.

three practices I've got zero doubts that not only can he play left tackle, but he can flourish."

At the guard positions, redshirt senior Blake Brooks and sophomore Michael Selbe have a leg up on the starting positions after playing for most of the Herd's win in the 2014 Military Bowl. Jasperse said their play in the bowl game gave

their teammates confidence they were starting material.

"They performed and showed that they could step in and be the guys this year," Jasperse said. "They're continuing to get better every day."

Mirabal said the Military Bowl time was just part of

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RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON  
Redshirt senior Chris Jasperse prepares to snap the ball against Gardner-Webb last season.

# OPINION

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EDITORIAL

## Sexual assault reform necessary for colleges

Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) wrote letters to Attorney General Eric Holder and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan asking for detailed information on how the Education Department and Justice Department enforce laws regulating how colleges handle sexual violence.

McCaskill, a former sex crimes prosecutor, recently led an effort to reform how the United States military handles sexual assault.

"I fear that, like the U.S. military, we're going to find problems on college campuses just as systemic as our troops faced - including very low reporting due to lack of protections and resources," McCaskill said in a statement.

McCaskill is right to search for answers and resolutions because the problem is

more dire than most tend to realize.

Take The University of Missouri. In 2010, Sasha Menu Courey, a member of the swim team, claimed one or more members of the football team had raped her. Records show Menu Courey shared this information with a rape crisis counselor, a campus therapist, a campus nurse, two doctors and an athletic department administrator.

Despite the amount of people privy to Menu Courey's claims, The University of Missouri did not investigate or tell law enforcement officials about the alleged rape. Menu Courey committed suicide in 2011.

There are other cases similar to Menu Courey's where colleges and universities have attempted to downplay rape

allegations by encouraging the victim to keep quiet and questioning, "Are you sure it was rape?"

Instead of dismissing claims of sexual assault, victims should be treated with the upmost sensitivity. When colleges and universities try to discourage victims from coming forward it sends a message that sexual assault is acceptable.

Furthermore, it makes those that have been victims of sexual assault question what happened and if they were, in fact, sexually assaulted. Instead of beginning the healing process, the victims continue to suffer.

Hopefully, McCaskill will be successful in her effort to reform how sexual assault is handled at the collegiate level, and rape culture can continue to be eliminated.

Online Polls

## You Can Be Herd

How far will The University of Kentucky make it in the Final Four?

National Champions  
Lose in the championship game  
Lose in the semi-finals

How is your NCAA March Madness bracket looking?

Awful. 37%  
Not too bad. 19%  
I didn't make one. 44%

Voice your opinion. It is your right. Answer our poll at [www.marshallparthenon.com](http://www.marshallparthenon.com) or tweet us your answer at @MUParthenon.

COLUMN

## Labor turmoil in college athletics

By DAN K. THOMASSON  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE (MCT)

Bob was a dirt poor kid from Pensacola, Fla., when he won a scholarship for football at a Division One school in Mississippi. He had grown up in the kind of poverty most of us can hardly imagine and the scholarship was a Godsend — the only way he could imagine going to college.

There was only one hitch. He had absolutely no money, beyond the room and board provided by the university and he had no legal way of getting it. He couldn't buy a hamburger nor afford to go to a movie or to get his bad teeth fixed. His family had nothing and the time he spent on the football field and keeping up his grades and the restrictions imposed by the NCAA precluded him from working.

While others around him were enjoying at least some semblance of college social life, the small amount of free time afforded him was spent in his dorm room. He increasingly believed he was in prison. He saw only one way out. He quit the team and dropped out of school. He found a job and enrolled in a much cheaper community college program. He was frugal, living in a tiny room and washing dishes at an all-night restaurant for his food.

It took Bob three years and working two jobs to complete a two-year course at the community college. But he saved enough money to enroll at a large university in his home state and complete his education in journalism with honors. He had a substantial career and ultimately made it here as a correspondent for a major newspaper.

This story, as sad or inspirational as it may seem depending on one's point of view, goes to the heart of the increasing turmoil over whether college athletes should be compensated beyond the cost of their education for their contribution to the millions of dollars in revenues their hard work produces for their universities. It is one of the thorniest issues college administrators and the NCAA face. A ruling from a regional National Labor Relations Board member that

football players at prestigious Northwestern University are actually employees of the institution and can legally unionize has opened the door to a full-blown debate and more.

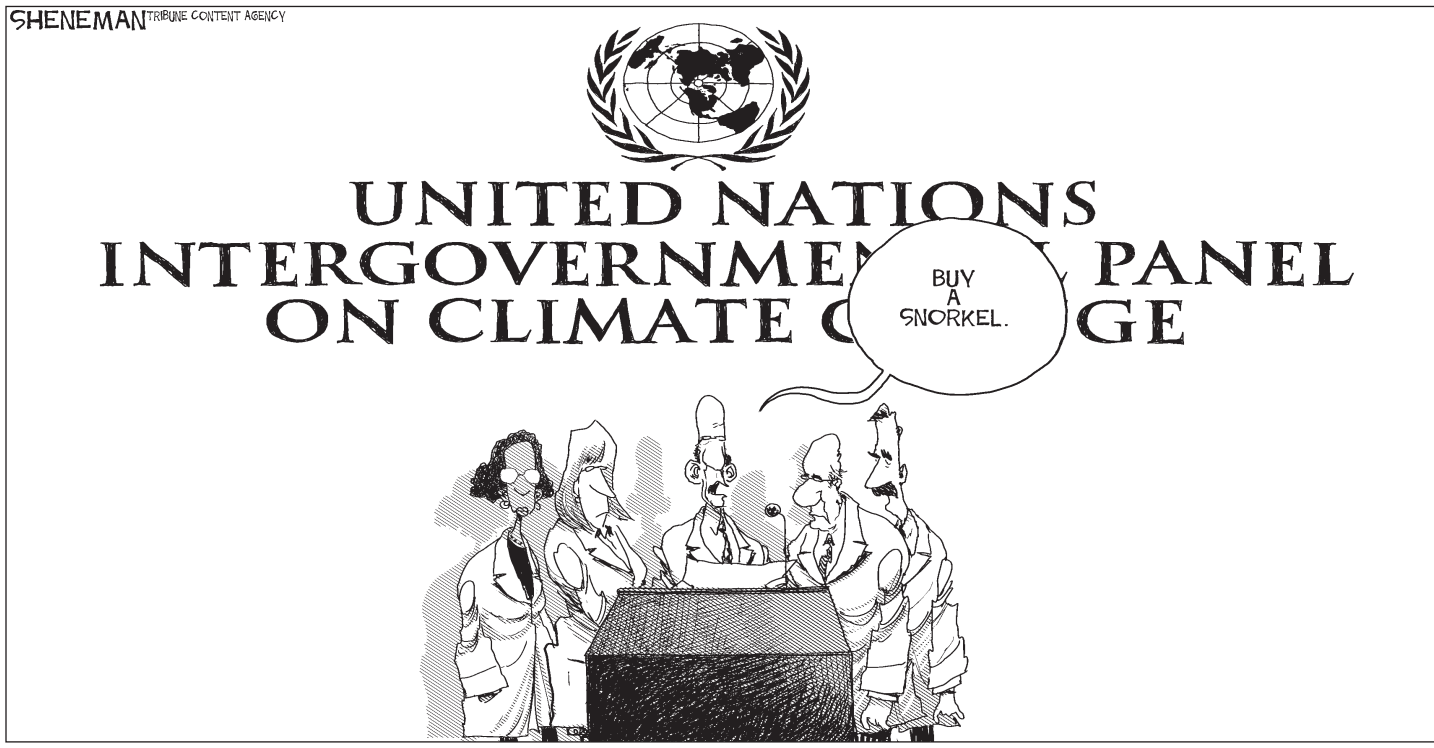
As the father of three boys who received "full ride" football scholarships at Division One schools, I sometimes wonder who is exploiting whom — the universities or the athletes, especially when basketball players frequently parlay a semester and a half into a fortune in the NBA.

But those who manage to make it to the professional ranks in football, basketball, baseball and hockey and now soccer are still a small percentage compared to the number competing at the top tier schools where the money flows often in torrents from sold-out stadiums and arenas, concessions, and television mainly from football and basketball. That doesn't count what a winning athletic team stimulates from alums for other programs. The so-called "welfare sports" including most women's and men's programs, even baseball, don't pay their own ways. Some schools are dropping them.

The NCAA's attitude about all this is that "student athletes" are substantially rewarded for their efforts by the payment of tuition and room and board, particularly now when college costs rise every year. That's a legitimate argument, but is it a moral one?

Would a small stipend to Bob — even \$5 a week at that time — have kept him in school and made a huge difference in his life? And what about the delayed expenses later in life because of injuries sustained on the playing field? Should a fund be established to compensate for these injuries? Should all participants in the revenue sports be paid the same? Or should they be paid on a sliding scale of their importance?

These questions and a thousand more are looming in the highly charged atmosphere of big time college athletics. I would like to ask Bob about this but sadly he passed away at a far too early age a number of years ago.



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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

## Religious freedom is a personal freedom

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS (MCT)

It is hard to imagine anyone, from conservative to liberal, who would want their employer's religious beliefs imposed on their workforce or insurance coverage. Religious freedom is a personal freedom, not an employer choice.

For that reason, the U.S. Supreme Court should reject Hobby Lobby's claim that providing employees with certain contraceptive coverage under the Affordable Care Act violates the company's religious liberty. It doesn't. A firm run by executives with deep religious convictions is not the same as a church or religious nonprofit organization.

The owners of Oklahoma-based Hobby Lobby and Pennsylvania-based Conestoga Wood Specialties are challenging the health care act's requirement that their firms offer insurance covering drugs and devices that they contend end human life after conception. While the firms' owners don't oppose all contraceptives, they say covering such drugs and devices forces them to violate their religious beliefs against taking a human life.

The deep-seated personal convictions

of Hobby Lobby's executives and Conestoga's Mennonite owners are not in question. What is at issue is whether a private, profit-making business can dictate religious beliefs on employees, a point Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ruth Bader Ginsburg zeroed in on during oral arguments in the case last week. Sotomayor bluntly asked, "How does a corporation exercise religion?" Kagan then said corporations might claim religious objections to laws banning sexual discrimination, child labor, minimum wage and family leave.

They're right. Extending the religious rights of individuals to corporations that don't have an explicit religious mission would have unintended, far-reaching consequences on both secular and religious freedoms. For example, what makes a craft chain like Hobby Lobby different from a tech company or a bank, whose bosses have deep religious convictions but otherwise operate as a secular firm? Based on an owner's leanings, some companies might deny coverage for vaccinations and blood transfusions on religious grounds, holding employees

hostage to management's personal beliefs and depriving employees of choice. With all due respect, these decisions are best left up to each employee and their own conscience.

Two years ago, another dispute arose over Affordable Care Act mandates requiring the Catholic Church and other religious institutions to include birth control in health coverage plans. We urged the federal government to find a way to acknowledge the unique religious missions of those institutions while making sure their employees have access to insurance coverage, even if by a third party. Our guiding principle was fairness and balance, the same principle we think the court should apply in the Hobby Lobby case.

Individuals have long cited religious reasons for opposing all sorts of laws, and the courts have worked through cases very carefully to preserve balance. Extending conscientious objector status to secular corporations would be a mistake. Religious freedom is an individual right, and the justices should affirm this principle.

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the development for Selbe and Brooks. "One of the benefits of going to a bowl game is getting 15 bowl practices, and that's basically another spring practice," Mirabal said. "Our two starting guards at the time, [Alex] Schooler and Johansson, got hurt, so those guys got first team reps for almost 15 days, so it was more than just the bowl game." With an offensive line that ranges greatly in experience, Mirabal said he has developed a duel approach to practice.

"We're trying to work on the intricacies of the game with the older guys and with the younger guys, we're trying to make them physical and tough," Mirabal said. "We do the same drills and everything, but more what I'm looking for from the younger guys is more of a toughening and a physicality, from the older guys I'm looking for refinement of technique." Coach Mirabal and the offensive line will continue to build consistency during spring practice in preparation for the Green and White scrimmage. **Will Vance can be contacted at vance162@marshall.edu.**

**Redshirt senior center Chris Jasperse (60) and redshirt senior guard Blake Brooks (right) congratulates graduated running back Essray Taliaferro after a touchdown during the 2013 Military Bowl in Annapolis, Md.**

# Long Island student accepted at all 8 Ivy League schools

By ZACHARY R. DOWDY  
NEWSDAY (MCT)

Seventeen-year-old Kwasi Enin of Shirley, N.Y., took a shot at — and won — what amounts to an academic royal flush: He applied to and was accepted at all eight Ivy League schools. But the William Floyd High School senior said he never thought he'd land slots in the class of 2018 at Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania and Yale. He hasn't decided where he'll attend, but would cross Long Island Sound to attend Yale in New Haven, Conn., depending on the financial aid package offered. Kwasi said he thought he'd just give it the old college try and "maybe two or three of them" would bite, he said. The eight Ivy League colleges are among the nation's most selective institutions of higher education. As an example of what Kwasi accomplished, Harvard has one of the lowest

acceptance rates in the country at just 5.9 percent for the fall of 2014 — 2,023 students out of 34,295 applicants. For Kwasi, applying to a competitive college wasn't exactly a gamble. He has an SAT score of 2,250 out of 2,400, which places him in the 99th percentile for all students taking the exam. He has taken and scored high on many Advanced Placement exams. He is an athlete, a shot putter, in fact, and his baritone voice can belt out a tune when he's not playing viola for the school orchestra. Still, he said, "I've never heard of someone getting all eight." He has now surpassed the accomplishments of some of his uncles and cousins, who were accepted to several Ivies. "I always thought they were far better than me academically," Kwasi said. He began hearing from each of the schools on March 27, the date when tens of thousands of anxious students log

onto the schools' websites to see if they have been accepted. Kwasi had already been accepted to Princeton in December, but he hoped to make the cut at a few more. Brown: Yes. Columbia: Yes. Cornell: Yes. And the yesses kept coming. "I was like — this can't be happening." By session's end, about 5 p.m., he had checked six Ivy League schools and then received an email at about 5:30 p.m. from Harvard — a school he thought would never accept him. "It has to be the one to reject me," he said as he sat in his high school library Monday, still incredulous. "They're Harvard." And if that was not enough, he also gained acceptance to Duke University, Stony Brook University, SUNY Geneseo and Binghamton University. Administrators at William Floyd were proud but not surprised by Kwasi's perfect Ivy League acceptance rate, saying he is an academic standout.

**WAUGAMAN**

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Under the Waugaman-Mangus administration, many improvements and changes will be proposed for implementation. Some of those include creating a student initiative website, expanding of student group funding, creating student discount cards with local businesses, creation of events to evaluate the performance of the Senate and Executive Branch and the addition of a temporary international seat in SGA. More details about these initiatives

will come as the next school years progresses. "The main focal point of our administration will be to get more students involved and to make students' four years here the best four years of their lives," Waugaman said. "We want someone to say a few years down the road, even if it's just one student, that their time at Marshall was the best four years of their life, I feel like we'll have done our jobs. All of our initiatives will seek to advance that goal." **Tyler Pralley can be contacted at pralley@marshall.edu.**

**AMICUS**

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Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District proved to be a similar case, but one which made it to the federal court system. Harvey explained how he was challenged with proving that intelligent design is religion because there are no laws against teaching bad science, as he called it. Harvey began his defense by ordering a subpoena to the publisher of the book used as intelligent design curriculum, "Of Pandas and People," and found that throughout the book creationism was replaced by intelligent design and creator was replaced with intelligent agency. This fact formed the basis of their case. Harvey practices law in Philadelphia. He has handled

a number of cases involving political asylum, the rights of children, religious liberty, science education, organ allocation and free speech. He frequently delivers talks on legal developments and issues. Patricia Proctor is director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy. "This topic of intelligent design is still the subject of much controversy around the nation and issues related to freedom of religion and public education are of great interest to many people," Proctor said in a press release. "I am delighted that we have someone to lecture who has litigated the issue and is deeply knowledgeable about the topic from the perspective of U.S. Constitutional law." **Jocelyn Gibson can be contacted at gibson243@marshall.edu.**

**TRIVIA**

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both semesters to raise money and awareness. In the fall, the group had its turkey bowling event. The group has also had multiple give back nights at various locations in Huntington and recently raffled off two concert tickets to Hunter Hayes. The next give back night is scheduled for April 17 at Chili's. The group will also host a Wine and Design night April 18, where participants will be taught how to paint a picture and enjoy wine. Those who pre-register for the event will pay \$40 a ticket. **Kylee McMullen can be contacted at mcmullen11@marshall.edu.**

**HONDURAS**

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desire of Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez to halt suspect aircraft flying in remote reaches of the nation. Honduras is reported to have bought three Israeli radar systems for \$30 million last year, with delivery in recent weeks. "With that, they won't need to follow U.S. restrictions and protocols. They could be quite trigger happy," said Adam Isacson, who coordinates the regional security policy program at the Washington Office on Latin America, a nonprofit group that promotes human rights and democracy.

**BASEBALL**

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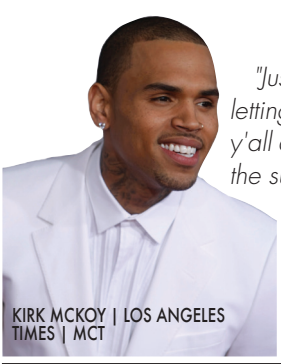
left fielder Robert Fajardo. He then scored on a sacrifice bunt from Bird to give the Herd the 2-1 advantage. Fajardo then scored off a single up the middle from Herd shortstop Sergio Leon, who scored himself on a RBI single from designated hitter Chase Vogelbach. With a 3-1 lead, Marshall plated its final run in the 4th, when first baseman TJ Diffenderfer scored on a single up the middle from Fajardo. Akron added another run in the game in the 5th to make the final score 5-2. Sophomore Sam Hunter picked up his second win in three games, and redshirt sophomore Lance Elder nabbed his first save of the year after a two-inning, three-strikeout performance. Leon went 3-4 with a run and RBI, while Fajardo went 2-3, also with a run and RBI. Marshall travels to Richmond, Ky. Wednesday to face Eastern Kentucky for its second game of the week.

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### JAILHOUSE APPRECIATION

"Just calling all my fans, letting y'all know I love y'all and thank y'all for all the support. Thank you for everything."  
— Chris Brown's jailhouse call to his fans via on-off girlfriend's Instagram

### LESSONS IN SWAG



Pharrell Williams takes his hat to television as he signs on as coach for the seventh season of NBC's "The Voice." The rest of the judges for the coming fall's show have not been announced.

**"I COULD STAND UP IN FRONT OF, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE, AS A CHARACTER. BUT IF I HAD TO DO IT AS MYSELF AND GIVE A SPEECH, I WOULD BE LIQUID."**

—Johnny Depp

# MJ'S 'XSCAPE'

The new Michael Jackson album will feature eight previously unreleased recordings.

By **TODD MARTENS**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

A new album will once again offer fans a glimpse as to what music lies inside the Michael Jackson vaults. On May 13, Sony's Epic Records will release "Xscape," a collection of eight, previously unreleased Jackson songs.

The album was executive produced by Epic Records Chairman/CEO L.A. Reid, who, according to a Sony press release, curated the album and decided on its final tracklist. A host of recognizable producers worked on the Jackson songs, including the project's lead producer, Timbaland.

The final eight songs were chosen after apparently combing through four decades of material. All the songs on "Xscape" feature completed Jackson vocals, according to the release, but they were retooled. Reid, in the statement, prefers the word "contemporizing," noting that producers did not treat the material as sacrosanct.

"Michael left behind some musical performances that we take great pride in presenting through the vision of music producers that he either worked directly with or expressed strong desire to work with. We are extremely proud and honored to present this music to the world," Reid said in the statement.

Those who prefer to hear the material as Jackson, who died in 2009, left it on the cutting

room floor can pay extra for the deluxe edition of "Xscape," which will also include the eight songs in the original form. The albums will be available for preorder starting Tuesday, and a full tracklist has not yet been revealed.

The title track was said to be written by Jackson and producer Rodney Jerkins, who worked with Jackson on his 2001 album "Invincible." "It is," according to the announcement, "the one track on the album that was 'contemporized' by the producer who recorded it originally in the studio with Michael."

Other producers on the album include the Stargate team (Rihanna), Timbaland pal Jerome "J-Roc" Harmon (Beyoncé) and veteran industry executive John McClain. Epic in 2010 released the posthumous Jackson collection "Michael," an album that featured the "Hold My Hand" duet with Akon.

## TOP 10 BILLBOARD HITS

"SAY SAY SAY"

"BILLIE JEAN"

"I'LL BE THERE"

"BEAT IT"

"ROCK WITH YOU"

"DANCING MACHINE"

"MAN IN THE MIRROR"

"I WANT YOU BACK"

"ABC"

"THE GIRL IS MINE"

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