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LEFT: Fiona Reynolds, left, and Luke Matlock, play Rebecca and George Gibbs respectively in ARTS Resources for the Tri-State's production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" at the ARTS Renaissance Center. TOP RIGHT: Sheila Meade, left, and Amanda Maynus perform as Mrs. Webb and Emily Webb in ARTS Resources for the Tri-State's production of "Our Town." BOTTOM RIGHT: Amanda Maynus performs as Emily Webb in ARTS Resources for the Tri-State's production of "Our Town."

PHOTOS BY KAITLYN CLAY | THE PARTHENON

## No curtain. No scenery. Only acting.

By KAITLYN CLAY  
THE PARTHENON

ARTS Resources for the Tri-State continues its production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Renaissance Ballroom in the old Huntington High School.

The play is performed with no set or props, leaving the main focus on the art of acting.

The play welcomes audience members to be right in the center of the action.

Director Stephen Vance, said because the show is focused solely on acting, it makes it that much more personal of an experience.

"Much like a novel, the audience takes over where the author's words stop," Vance said. "Instead of trying to build a drug store, lively stable, and houses on stage, the audience does that in their mind."

Claire Freeman, an audience member, said it was a play she will not forget.

"I was shocked at the simplicity," Freeman said. "It was great to experience acting that way. It had me imagining sets and scenes. No one is going to have the same experience, and I loved that."

Due to the heavy focus on the acting, the actors had much more time to focus on their roles rather than help with building sets and getting props together.

Vance said the way this play is set up, forces the actors to have no safety net when it comes to their performances.

"If it is established that a window exists in a certain space or that a coffee is sitting in an exact location on a table that can't be seen, everyone has to remain on the same page when referring to those elements," Vance said. "If the world is real to the performers, it is real to the audience. If the world is real to the audience, then the story is real too."

Tickets cost \$30 for those who choose to have dinner and watch the show, and tickets for just the show cost \$15.

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## Facebook group names top 10 restaurants in Huntington

By WILLIAM IZZO  
THE PARTHENON

Internet polls are a way for thousands of people to voice their opinions in an instant. In the case of the Downtown Huntington Facebook page, voters picked the top 10 restaurants in Huntington.

The list includes different types of food, all varying in prices.

More than 3,000 votes were cast, and after an Internet comment section debate, the top three contenders in order are Jim's Steak & Spaghetti, Fat Patty's and Black Sheep Burrito & Brews. Among these restaurants are local favorites like Cam's Ham, La Famiglia and Jewel City Seafood.

Jimmie Carder, manager of Jim's and daughter of the original Jim Tweel said they still love being number one.

"That means we are succeeding at what we are attempting to do, and that is to continue with the quality and consistency that we've always had," Carder said.

Carder said she was thrilled to have this information on Facebook.

"Sometimes we're singled out as being the place for old folks, and it really made me feel good to know that this was done on Facebook," Carder said. "I enjoy being on the same list as these other restaurants."

Jim's is exclusive to Huntington.

Fat Patty's took the second spot on the list.

Ben Johnson, Fat Patty's general manager, said they try to be the best every day.

"We try every day to be excellent," Johnson said. "We try to bring the same service and quality to customers, but I think Jim's has done that for a little bit longer." Johnson said he thinks the list being on social media, is a big way to reach people and they take the Facebook votes very seriously.

Johnson said he hopes Fat Patty's can continue to give the people of Huntington a great experience, but still thinks Fat Patty's will get that number one spot eventually.

Fat Patty's has four locations including the 3rd Avenue Huntington store, one in Barboursville, Teays Valley and Ashland, Kentucky.

Black Sheep Burrito & Brews took the third spot on the list.

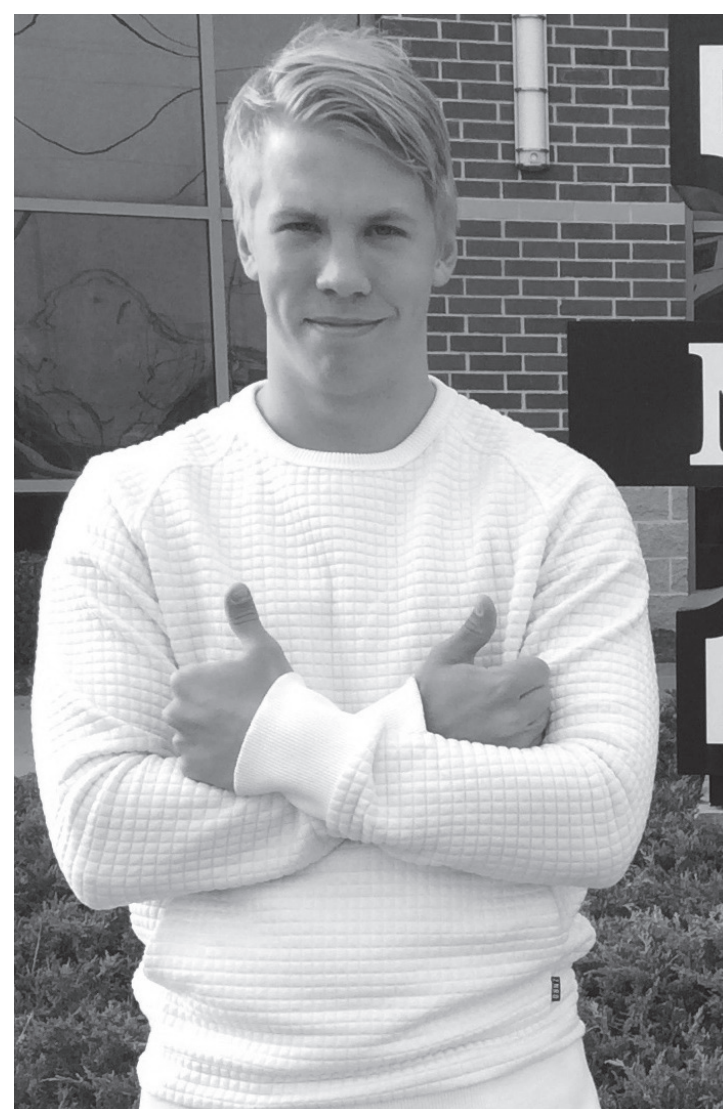
Black Sheep offers a spin on Mexican-style food and offers numerous choices when it comes to craft beers. Black Sheep also features different events including live music and open mic nights.

Black Sheep has two locations including 3rd Avenue and one in Charleston.

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## Top 10 Best Huntington Restaurants

1. Jim's Steak and Spaghetti
2. Fat Patty's
3. Black Sheep Burritos and Brews
4. Jewel City Seafood
5. Classic Cam's Ham
6. 21 at The Frederick
7. Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse
8. Midway Drive In
9. La Famiglia
10. Taste of Asia



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## From Finland to Huntington via couch

Finnish exchange student uses couch surfing to come to Marshall early

By CAITLIN FOWLKES  
THE PARTHENON

Toto Kempainen, originally from Finland, is a physical education major in the Marshall University exchange program.

Kempainen's family traveled from Finland to Miami, Florida, to celebrate his father's 50th birthday before the semester started. He planned on taking a Greyhound bus to Huntington, but at the last minute he had to fly and so arrived earlier than planned.

Kempainen had nowhere to stay, so he logged onto the couchsurfers website and received a reply.

Couchsurfers is a website for people to give up their couch to travelers for the night. Kempainen said a Marshall student from Charleston said she had an open couch.

Kempainen does not even remember her last name, but she picked up Kempainen from the Huntington airport, showed him around town, took him to her home in Charleston, cooked him dinner, drove him back to Marshall and showed him around campus.

"I was so amazed at her hospitality and grateful," Kempainen said.

This was not Kempainen's first time couchsurfing and said about a year ago he and his friends took a trip to Norway and stayed on couches in Sweden.

"I think it's [couchsurfing] a good way to meet new people," Kempainen said.

This isn't Kempainen's first trip to America either. He has also been to New York.

"I love the atmosphere here and the sport culture, especially football," Kempainen said, "I chose the United States because it's so easy to travel, and there's so much culture."

Kempainen has also been to Thailand, Spain, Egypt, the Dominican Republic, Germany, England and Estonia.

Kempainen said he has enjoyed his stay in West Virginia so far. "People here are so polite," Kempainen said. "I don't need skyscrapers and bright lights. I'm very glad to be here."

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# WEEKEND SPORTS

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## HERD WINS

# 69-55

Austin Loop attempts a shot against Rice University Thursday in the Cam Henderson Center. Loop finished with 16 points in the Herd victory.

ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

By **ADAM POLSKY**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University men's basketball extended its win streak to six straight games against Rice University Thursday in the Cam Henderson Center.

The Thundering Herd won in convincing fashion, 69-55, after taking the lead with 4:09 left in the first half and maintaining it for the remainder of the game.

The Herd has now won three of its last four games, and sophomore forward Ryan Taylor has recorded a double-double in all four contests. He led all scorers with 17 points in this matchup and added 11 rebounds to his effort as well.

"I just think it's all coming together. We've had time to learn coach (Dan) D'Antoni's new system," Taylor said. "Three out of our last four is pretty good considering the losing streak we had so it just feels good."

Marshall held Rice to just 36.4 percent from the field for the game, while shooting a season-high 52.9 percent as a team.

Head coach Dan D'Antoni credited the Herd's pick and roll defense, against the Owls and junior point guard Max Guercy, to his opponent's poor shooting percentage.

"Their point guard (Guercy) is small," D'Antoni said. "Usually we are up playing the pick and roll but with him we tried to stay in line with the roll guy, keep the little guy in front and just make him go over top."

Rice leads C-USA with nine three pointers per game, and Marshall is right behind them with an average of eight.

The Herd had the hotter hand in this game, however, finishing 10 of 25 from downtown as opposed to the Owls' 9 of 31.

Redshirt sophomore guard Austin Loop chipped in four of those three pointers for the Herd. Loop said he believes fast breaks help the offense run more efficiently.

"I think it's when we're at our best when we get out and go quick," Loop said.

Nine of the 10 players, who saw floor time for Marshall, recorded at least one basket. Senior center JP Kambola said the offense is designed to create open looks.

"Coach emphasizes the bigs rolling in the paint," Kambola said, "If you roll, when they collapse on a roll, and you kick it out, somebody's going to be open."

The Herd raised its record to 7-16 on the season and 3-7 in C-USA with the win, while the loss drops the Owls to 6-15 and 3-6 in conference.

The Herd will host another team from the Lone Star state Saturday when the University of North Texas visits for the first time this season.

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Thundering Herd guard Justin Edmonds attempts a three-pointer against the Rice University Owls Thursday in the Cam Henderson Center. The win marked the seventh of the season for the Herd.

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## WEEKEND WATCH:

### Opposing players to watch

**Men's Basketball: North Texas @ Marshall (9/7 - 7p.m.)**

**Tennis: Morehead State @ Marshall (9/7 - 11 a.m.) & Eastern Kentucky @ Marshall (9/7 - 5 p.m.)**

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**

#### Men's Basketball: North Texas @ Marshall

Saturday at 7 p.m.

**Jordan Williams, Guard, #23-** Williams is an explosive 6-foot-6 senior guard and leads North Texas in scoring at 15.8 points per game which ranks eighth in C-USA. Williams led the team in scoring as a junior, last season in which he eclipsed the 1,000-point mark for his career. Williams thrives as an athletic finisher in the open court on fast breaks possessing good body control and a variety of effective step-through moves. He is also not shy as a 3-point shooter coming off screens averaging 5.2 3-point attempts per game. His 30 percent shooting clip the past two seasons leaves something to be desired. Williams is also averaging five rebounds per game this season, and he has improved his passing, totaling 46 assists in 20 games this season compared to just 14 in 32 last year.

**Jeremy Combs, Forward, #11-** The 6-foot-7 freshman from Dallas, Texas, is averaging 10.2 PPG this season with a team-high 58.2 field goal percentage. Combs also leads the team in blocks and rebounding at 6.6 per game by utilizing his combination of athletic ability and length. His athleticism and light frame at 195 pounds makes him very effective running the floor as a big man, combining with Williams to give North Texas an explosive one-two punch on fast breaks. Despite Combs' awful free throw shooting (47.5 percent), he is among the most productive and physically gifted freshmen in the conference.

#### Tennis: Morehead State @ Marshall

Saturday at 11 a.m.

**Andrea LeBlanc-** LeBlanc was inconsistent with her performance during Morehead State University's fall season, but in four matches this spring she has a 3-1 singles record. Her most recent victory came in straight sets (6-2, 6-3) against Lindsey Wilson College. LeBlanc also has singles victories at No.62 ranked Louisville in straight sets and a three-set rally against Southern Illinois. LeBlanc and doubles partner, Hayley Wild, lost to the Marshall University doubles team of Kai Broomfield and Rachael Morales by a score of 8-3 when the teams met in the fall season.

#### Tennis: Eastern Kentucky @ Marshall

Saturday at 5 p.m.

**Amandine Faouzi-** The French native has a sparkling overall singles record of 10-2 in her senior season. Faouzi has yet to lose since the calendar flipped to 2015 with three straight singles victories giving her an overall win streak of four. Faouzi started the spring season winning a clutch third-set tiebreaker against Xavier University. She then earned the lone victory in the team's meet at Miami University (Ohio) winning in straight sets 6-4, 7-6. In the team's most recent match, Faouzi earned her second consecutive win in straight sets against visiting University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

# Soul Food Feast honors Black History Month

By **CAITLIN FOWLKES**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is honoring Black History Month with the annual Soul Food Feast at 2 p.m. Sunday in the John Marshall Dining Room.

Maurice Cooley, associate vice president of intercultural affairs, said the event has been sponsored by the Center for African-American Students for more than 25 years.

"Among several of the celebrations for Black History Month, this is one of the most enjoyable for the community," Cooley said.

Traditional soul foods such as fried chicken, barbecue ribs, chitterlings (chitlins), cornbread, mac and cheese, collard greens, sweet potatoes and other dishes will be served.

"For hundreds of years African-Americans have been faith-oriented people," Cooley said. Cooley said traditionally an African-American family would congregate at Grandma's

after church for dinner and these are the foods that would be served.

"This strengthens the cohesion of the family," Cooley said.

The event is celebrated during Black History Month, not only because it is an African-American tradition, but also because soul foods originated with slavery.

When a plantation family ate pig and threw the body away, there were still edible parts left over and slaves would cook the intestines.

The final meal is called chitterlings, or chitlins. This technique is still used today.

The event gives students on campus an opportunity to skip the dining hall and have a home-cooked, buffet style meal.

Adult tickets are \$15, and children and student tickets are \$7.

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Pastor Deonte Jackson of First Baptist Church of Huntington, left and Priscilla Adjei-Baffour, pharmacy student enjoy dinner during the Center for African American Studies' Soul Food Fest Feb. 9, 2014 in the Memorial Student Center.

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# MY BROTHER THE BEAR RETURNS TO BLACK SHEEP

By **KELSIE LIVELY**  
THE PARTHENON

My Brother The Bear will return to Black Sheep Burrito and Brews Saturday to play his second show in Huntington.

Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, Daniel Bayer has been performing full-time since 2012.

He started performing with his bother, and now he is a self-proclaimed one man show.

"It's actually based off some family references," Bayer said. "My last name is Bayer and we've got a big family, like my bothers and sisters and my mom and dad, we always did a family band type thing. So when I started playing music after I got out of the Army, the first person that I played

with was my brother."

Playing up to four instruments at once, Bayer's musical style and storytelling lyrics are a mixture of different genres.

"Kind of like a mid-western folk," Bayer said. "You know, story driven folk."

Bayer said performing alone has its pros and cons.

"I think it's easier to perform," Bayer said. "It sometimes can be trying because you're pretty much the only thing up there, so there's a lot of pressure. If something goes wrong, it's not really easy to hide behind. You just being by yourself, you lose a lot of opportunity for the sound to be a lot fuller and bigger. I think it's a lot more intimate which is kind of an important setting for

my song writing and the stories."

Bayer said his time spent in the Army helped give his lyrics depth with his unique experiences traveling the world.

"Being in the army and being around all kinds of different people from different walks of life. Doing things kind of outside of the norm and being away from family on deployment and things like that, it kind of streams down the song

writing I guess," Bayer said. "It makes the topics and the subjects more poignant and kind of personally important to me."

One challenge Bayer faced throughout his years in the business is booking and playing enough shows to continue his music full time.

"Really it's just been kind of getting enough shows under the belt just so I can kind of keep it going, keep it self sustaining," Bayer said. "The goal is really just to get out on

the road and play for as many people and get the songs out there. When you're first starting out and the shows aren't very big it's kind of hard to do that. So now it's gotten to the point where I can keep it rolling and be in a new place and put tours together."

Bayer said social media has helped him reach his fans all over the country and has allowed him to get first-hand information about the town or city he visits.

"It's pretty cool," Bayer said. "I like the way you can reach a lot of people all around the world and all around the country, and make contacts and network, and things like that, without ever having to go into the town. So you kind of get an idea what it's like, so it's help me out a lot."

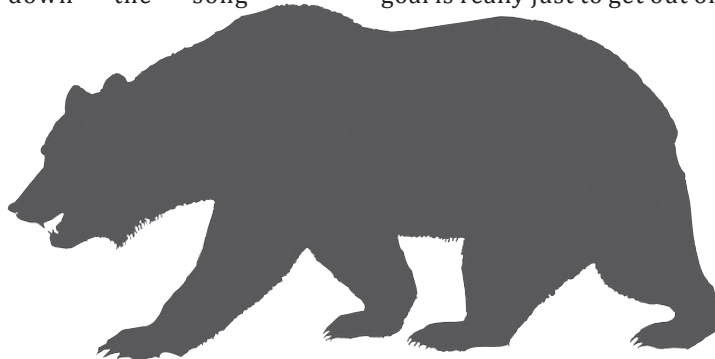
Fairly new to the business

Bayer knows all too well the challenges of breaking into the business and has some advice for young artists trying to make it in the industry.

"Don't get discouraged," Bayer said. "It's really easy to get discouraged," Bayer said. "You know I always say that if you end up playing a show to five people and two of them like it that you would be in the baseball hall of fame with those kind of stats. So, keep at it and if the music is any good people will hear it and you've got to do it because you love it."

Bayer said he is having a lot of success thus far and is enjoying every minute of it.

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# Time for Marshall to really go green

By **KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE**  
THE PARTHENON

More than 110 colleges and universities in more than 30 states are involved in food donations and now it is time for Marshall University to step in.

College campuses have donated 614,615 pounds of food since September 2011.

The Food Recovery Network is a student organization that originated at the University of Maryland after a group of students recognized a waste problem with the amount of food that was being thrown away in colleges.

Within the first year, the group donated about 30,000 meals to local shelters in Washington D.C., and as of May 2014, more than 400,000 pounds of food has been recovered.

Now, Marshall is getting involved.

Marshall student Suzann Al-Qawsmi said she could not believe Marshall did not have a program sooner.

"Last semester my friend sent me a link to a video about how the Food Recovery Network got started,"

Al-Qawsmi said. "After I watched it, I just couldn't believe that Marshall didn't already have a program like that here. It scared me how much food was going to waste and how it didn't seem to really faze many people that it was happening."

That alone was more than enough to make Al-Qawsmi want to get involved.

"I contacted the Food Recovery Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting waste while feeding the needy, and it's been such an amazing experience," Al-Qawsmi said. "What they do is phenomenal and the amount of people that have benefited from the work these students have put forth is phenomenal."

Marshall student Bradley McCoy also supports the movement.

"I heard about it from social media a while back and thought it was an amazing idea, and I think it's really wonderful that it's coming to Marshall," McCoy said. "It's a good opportunity for students who want to get involved. It's a great way to help others, and an even better way

to reach out to the community. It's something that everyone should help with."

Al-Qawsmi said she thinks every school should have this program.

"It's beautiful to think that students just like you and me are contributing to such a big movement that can help so many people," Al-Qawsmi said. "It's a program I think every school should have. There's no reason why people in our community should go hungry while we are just throwing away food."

Al-Qawsmi said the goal of the organization at Marshall is to collect the excess food being thrown away at dining halls and donate to a partner agency.

The idea is students will volunteer to go to the dining halls after they finish serving food for the day, package the leftover food that has not left the kitchen or been in contact with students and deliver the food to Marshall's partner agency.

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It doesn't make much sense to me that so much food gets thrown away, it seems like both those giving and taking would benefit from it."

~LEESA AL-QAWSMI

## SIPS WITH STEVE

Mayor Steve Williams shares coffee and conversation with students for Coffee with the Mayor



Huntington Mayor Steve Williams takes a selfie with Marshall University Interim President Gary White while Student Body President Duncan Waugaman looks on during the Coffee with the Mayor event Thursday in the Memorial Student Center. LEXI BROWNING | THE PARTHENON

By LEXI BROWNING  
THE PARTHENON

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams visited Marshall University Thursday for the first Coffee with the Mayor session of the spring semester.

The series, sponsored by Marshall's Student Government Association, took place inside the Memorial Student Center.

Katie Wright, Marshall graduate student and supporter of Williams' 2012 mayoral campaign, said the Coffee with the Mayor series offers students an opportunity to become acquainted with a local politician.

"I think that it's a good outreach program because a lot of the students... don't really understand how much [Williams] affects things that happen here and in the surrounding area," Wright said.

Wright said her involvement in the campaign allowed her to interact and get to know Williams on a personal basis.

"It's really important for them to connect and understand that he is an approachable person and is able to handle anything that you may throw at him," Wright said.

Interim President Gary White said the program is important for Marshall.

"I think it's a very good program," White said. "It's also a very important program. You can't separate Marshall and the city of Huntington."

White said Williams' forums allowed for student feedback that would otherwise be unheard.

"I think he's highly respected and he has a very distinguished political career," White said. "What he's done for Huntington speaks for itself. I think it's well received by the

students and I think they appreciate the opportunity to have some input."

Williams and White posed for a selfie together before White's departure.

Williams said he is beginning to recognize students who attend his series and enjoys the chance to interact with them on a monthly basis.

"Students here are residents of the city of Huntington," Williams said. "I'm representing each of the students here, and coming on campus is an easy way for me to get a sense as to what's on a student's mind."

Williams laughed while mentioning that this semester marked the fifth semester of his involvement on campus, and said his series had reached its junior year of college.

"[Coffee with the Mayor] started when I was running for office," Williams said. "I realized then that if I wanted to do this I needed to be here, not just asking for votes. I needed to be here to offer help and we've been able to help a lot of people by doing this. I've learned a lot."

Williams said the Coffee series has prompted suggestions to start similar outreaches elsewhere in the city.

"We're talking about having a 'Walk with the Mayor' on the Paul Ambrose Trail [to Health] or in parks throughout the area," Williams said. "I may be in a neighborhood on a certain day and time and then we can just go walking through. It all stemmed from what we started here."

The next Coffee with the Mayor will be March 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. inside the MSC.

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## Rec Center celebrates 6th anniversary Friday

By MIKAELA KEENER  
THE PARTHENON

The Rec Center at Marshall University celebrated its sixth anniversary Thursday with a special all-day event at The Rec.

Community members were invited to join in the celebration with free fitness classes, membership information sessions and a reception.

Michele Muth, assistant director of marketing and memberships said events like this are important.

"Being more ingrained into the community I think is a big thing," Muth said. "I want people to think 'I want to join a gym' and us be an option."

Guests were admitted into the facility for free said Tassy Holley, manager of business services. Those interested in memberships were offered a discount on a one-year membership to the Rec. The memberships were available for anyone affiliated with Marshall.

Holley said 20 percent discounts were offered to members who paid in full. Memberships purchased on Thursday were given their first month of membership for free.

An information session was given from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30

p.m. for any Marshall employee who was interested in information about the Marshall Health Fitness program.

"Anyone that is a Marshall employee or Marshall Health employee that chooses Marshall Health as their medical home with PEIA insurance are eligible to do the Marshall Health Fitness program," Holley said.

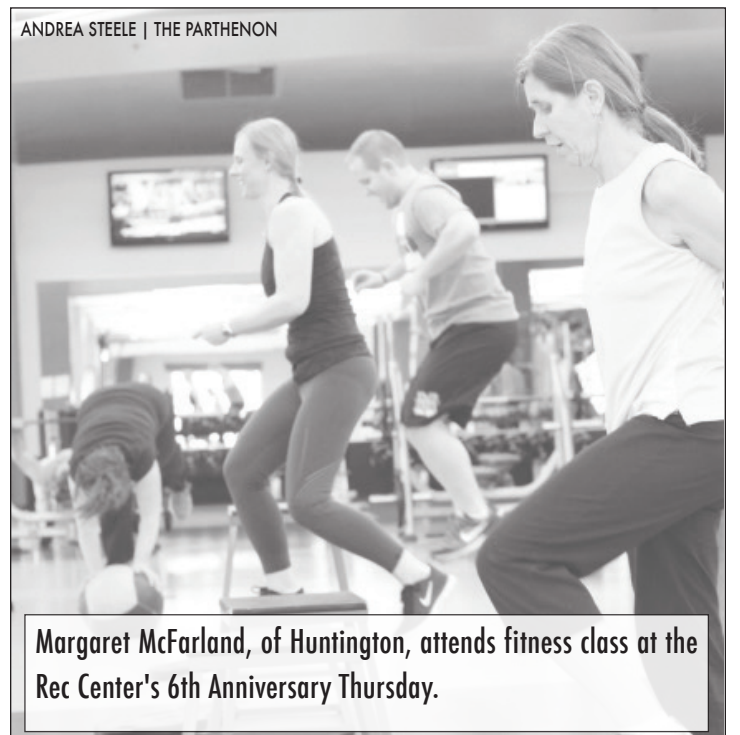
Prizes were given away during the celebration. Anyone who participated in a fitness class received a free water bottle.

Muth said she hoped the celebration would bring in potential members and help expand membership.

"I think a lot of people don't know that we are available and we are open for anyone to come," Muth said. "They think it's just for students and that is not the case. We want the Huntington community, especially the Marshall community, to know that they are welcome as well."

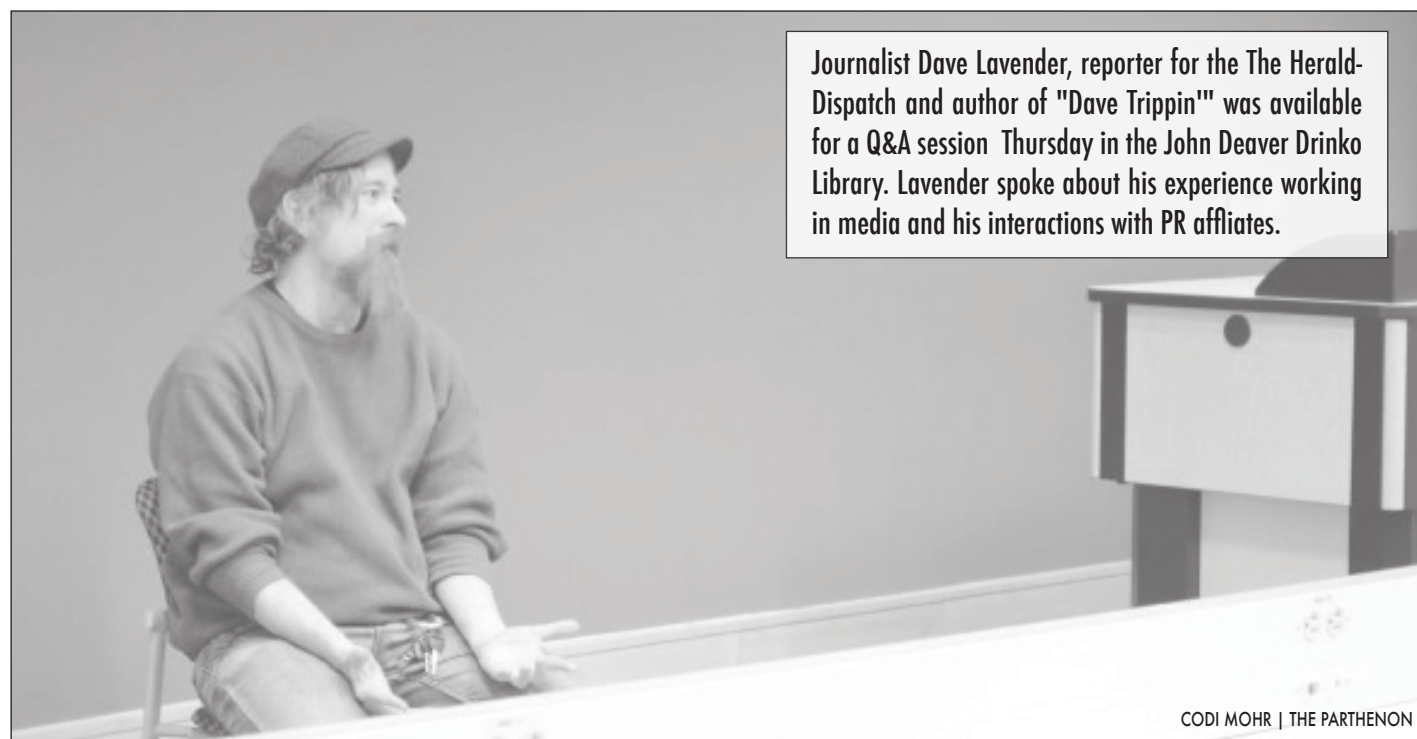
Six free premium and group fitness classes were offered throughout the day. Free try-climbs (rock wall climbs) and a water-training workshop were also available.

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Margaret McFarland, of Huntington, attends fitness class at the Rec Center's 6th Anniversary Thursday. ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

## Herald-Dispatch journalist Dave Lavender shares experiences with PRSSA



Journalist Dave Lavender, reporter for the The Herald-Dispatch and author of "Dave Trippin" was available for a Q&A session Thursday in the John Deaver Drinko Library. Lavender spoke about his experience working in media and his interactions with PR affiliates. CODI MOHR | THE PARTHENON

By NICHOLE HENDERSON  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) had its first event of the semester, "Q&A with PRSSA" Thursday in the John Deaver Drinko Library.

Dave Lavender, features reporter for the Herald-Dispatch, was the event guest speaker, who spoke about his experience working in media and his interactions with public relations affiliates.

"I write entertainment for the Herald-Dispatch, and I also write general features that are kind of lifestyle features," Lavender said. "I kind of cast a wide angle lens on Huntington and the community at large. We do a little bit of travel, a wide range of art, music, and dance and I'm always interviewing people that are coming into town."

Lavender told students he did not always get to write about things he enjoyed, in fact when he first started at the Herald-Dispatch, he had to cover county government and eventually moved up to become a features reporter.

"It's exciting to get to interview

people in our community and to get to learn more about whatever art they do," Lavender said. "I don't care if they are famous or not, some of the best people I've interviewed have been like a quilter or someone who has done something really cool."

Additionally, Lavender worked five different internships before his first job to learn his craft. His internships varied from writing for radio, television, magazines, the newspaper and he wrote his own book, "Dave Trippin."

"The advice I would give to students is to get as much experience as you can, this is a really fun field whether you are in PR or journalism," Lavender said. "I would tell students to get out there and experience things, because in a classroom you can only do but so much, but as you find out, if you go out into the community and cover anything really, it really hones your people skills."

PRSSA hosts the Q&A series to bring in professionals in the PR, broadcast and print medias who can help students get a feel of what life in their field is like outside of school.

Darius Booker, PRSSA president, said the organization helps students prepare for what is to come.

"We are an organization that prepares PR students and other students on campus for the future," Booker said. "We host different kinds of workshops to prepare ourselves and we plan out real life campaigns, which is why PRSSA is a great organization to be a part of."

Booker said PRSSA provides a lot of opportunities for students after they graduate college.

"It gives you the opportunity to network with other people and it can help you get a job, land internship opportunities and provides chances for scholarships," Booker said. "Also, you can attend regional and national conferences and get the chance to meet other students that are in PRSSA across the country."

Booker said there will be more Q&A sessions in the future with a variety of guest speakers in the news media field.

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