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By Tyke Kes
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When students log into MUOnline in January, the new system might surprise many of them. The redesign of the Blackboard Vizia System currently being used is in the process of being upgraded to the new Leara 3.1 system.

"We're going to like it, but it's not new," said Monica Brooks, assistant vice-president for Information Technology - Online Learning and Libraries. "It's Blackboard enhanced so we're going to get software products that have better capabilities, but a lot of the same capabilities that we've all accustomed to are still going to be there."

The similarities to the previous system should prevent too many fears of losing or learning a new system.

"Some buttons are in a different place, some buttons are called different things, but the basic concept of what a professor needs in order to teach an online class is still there," Brooks said. "It's all pretty much in the same way."

Marshall University has been testing the system throughout the fall semester, with some professors taking part in a pilot program designed to see how well the soft works. Brooks said, "Not everyone is happy with the upgrade, however.

"I honestly love the old system," said Becca Morgan, professor in the Integrated Communications Program, who is also one of the professors in the pilot program. "The new system takes a lot of the same capabilities and a small part in a lot of things that we've had for years, but I think it's much better."

Culinary program offers unique experience
By Rachel Ford
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The culinary program is a major being offered through Marshall, Community and Technical College.

New facilities and instructors were brought in for the MCTC Culinary Center to teach the courses offered in the program.

"Second of the instructors in the culinary program are graduates of the program," Lewis said.

"Many students, like Ali Lewis, junior culinary major from Charleston, are aspiring to receive a degree in culinary education. "Two programs can take a high number of hours each semester to complete a degree, and much works the same way it did," said Lewis. "It's a lot of work, but the way the balance is two different." Lewis is a transient student taking classes at MCTC and Marshall.

"I have been interested in culinary arts since I was 8 years old," Lewis said. Her goals include taking classes at school.

"Teachers will spend the first of the kids started early on getting healthy, and learn how to cook their own healthy foods," Lewis said. "It's healthy and what looks healthy might not always be the same thing." "Living in West Virginia — one of the most obese states in the United States — I want to help change the effect obesity has on people.

A culinary arts degree can be earned in two years. Students in the program learn everything, starting with basic hand-handling skills and how to be a hospitable waiter.

"I think baking is really the best," said Campbell, who is currently a junior culinary instructor. "You have to take a high school course in math, and you have to have basic math skills with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, and one course in science.

"It was better towards the end," said senior Damier Pitts. "It was better towards the end, but it really hurt us tonight," said senior Damier Pitts. "We couldn't get in transition for the team, but also for the coaches and fans.

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Herd basketball suffers first loss of season
By Shauna Carter
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The Marshall men's basketball team suffered its first loss of the season against Ohio University Wednesday night, 70-68.

"Disappointing loss," said Head Coach Tom Herrion. "We have a lot of really good players and we have a lot of seniors who are the aggressors of the game.

"We couldn't get any stops, we couldn't get in transition and really have to outwork the turnover of the game.

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Herd/Marshalls: 1928-2008
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Hunters help the hungry, donate food to families

By Perri Sheldon

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During the week of Thanksgiving, deer that are killed on the Medcalf family’s 2,000-acre farm in Mingo County, W.Va., are given to local food banks and soup kitchens.

“But many hunters can’t afford to buy theKind of meat that I couldn’t imagine what it would be like to worry about having dinner on the table every night,” said Haji Otto, the “Chill Out Shack,” a massage therapist and wellness coordinator at Marshall University. “It’s important for students to know that they can collect in a college environment. Free HIV testing offered to students

By Ashley Hill

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Local string band to perform at Black Sheep

BY RACHEL FORD
Marching Band

Local Huntington string band, Big Rock and the Candy Mountain Boys, will be performing at Black Sheep Burritos and Brews on Thursday evening. Their style is described as country/folk, according to base player and vocals Dave Lavender. They also perform cove songs by The Doobie Brothers and the Doobie Band. "We've got six members," Lavender said. "Two are horn players, but they have a string band setup with old-time banjo, mandolin and acoustic guitar." The band is six members, ranging from 20-40. Several members of the group played at Calamity Café, a downtown Huntington establishment that has been at that same site for nearly 95 years. Calamity Café closed in 2005 and had the city's longest running "open mic" session. The staff was popular for eclectic acts such as Paraphernalia and The Stump. "We realize, I don't know what to expect but I thought it was amazing." "I thought it was really interesting how they blended the alternative and Andy Warhol with the fine music," Miller said. "I really enjoyed the performance as a whole, but I think people's reactions could vary." "I think of the arts, in general, revitalize the community and bring so much to life — whether it be art, music, dance or anything else in that category," Jones said. "There are things that are integral to the community because not only do they expose young people to the arts, but also allow people to see something they may not normally get to see." "They created the arts because of how much Marshall influences the City of Huntington and the community. This is why they call it a "town and gown" organization," Jones said. "They have enjoyed so many performances and that is hard for her to choose a favorite. "I have so many favorites," Jones said. "I vividly remember seeing "The Other Thing" that makes me realize the importance of the Artists Series is here to help do something that just wouldn't be here without the help of the organizations." "I have so many favorites," Jones said. "I think the Marshall Artists Series influences students more than they realize," she said. "When I was in college, I was very aware of things going on, but would choose what I wanted to spend my time doing than working on academic college student." "I think the Marshall Artists Series is here to help do that, but wouldn't be here without the help of the organizations." "The other thing that makes me realize the importance of the Artists Series is when I saw an on-sale for an event like Cee-Lo Green," she said. "When you see the students lining up, that means they've paid attention to the dates, they know the ticket price and they are prepared. Marshall University exposes its students to educate students, and the Marshall Artists Series is here to help do that. But wouldn't be here without the help of the organizations." "I think the Marshall Artists Series has some unique opportunity to attract students, programs, plays and concerts that cost the community money but are free to Marshall students. "As you get out of school and have a job and start saving for shows like the artists series provides, it ill help to realize the opportunity that actually exists." with Michael McDonald, Larry King and Cee-Lo Green so the more students attend these events, the more revenue they are going to bring that the students want to see. They have quite a few resources, and they get quite a bit more through community donations." Harrell said the age of the organization speaks for itself and its presence among the community. "The fact that they bring in so many donations every year from the community is remarkable," he said. "I feel like it's something that has been a part of Huntington for nearly 95 years, and I think it draws a reasonable crowd from not only Huntington but also our surrounding communities which is great." John Yeagert can be contacted at yeagert@marshall.edu.

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Members of the Occupy Student Debt Campaign unrolled their plan for easing student debt woes this March outside a Wendy's near Union Park. Their plan: first, have students sign a petition to sign a definers' pledge in which they promise to stop making payments on their student loans after one million people have signed the pledge.

“There is no justice in a system that openly involves profiteering on the part of lenders. Education is a right and a public good, and it should be publicly funded and for free. The FTC knows this and I am sure their investigation is finalizing. The question is when will they act?” wrote the Occupy Student Debt Campaign on their website: occupystudentdebtcampaign.com.

While the group has some notable ideas, their members voluntarily took on their loans, there was no one forced to sign a deal, so it doesn’t make sense, at first, to link their actions to those of taking out student loans. These students often spend far longer in college, but when they graduate they are not in debt. It would be unfair to these students if the debts of other students were forgiven.

“Instead of a strong moral and ethical belief that people don’t walk away from loans they voluntarily entered into, we see a marketing campaign, called ‘Cre- ation Debt,’ in an article on The Huffington Post. Although the system is obviously broken, these students are responsible for their loans, and they must find a way to pay off their debt. Their situation should serve as a warning to future students that they shouldn’t take on more debt than they can manage.

Deciding to stop making payments on their student loans will only make the situation of these students more dire. The last thing a bailed-out college student needs in today’s job market is a black mark on their credit.

As of Monday night, only 253 individuals have signed the pledge — an indication that Occupy Student Debt is likely to have a long road ahead to reach their goal of one million signers.
South Pacific play scheduled to come to Charleston

BY RICHARD J. RAHN

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The play features songs including "Some Enchanted Evening," "I" (Twas A Night Like That), "There is Nothing Like a Dame," and "There is an Echo." Tickets can be purchased at the Clay Center box office, by phone or online at theatertix.org. Ticket prices range from $35.99 to $69.39.

The performance will be in the Clay Center's Missouri Foundation for the Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. People should see this show because it is a chance to see a new Broadway production with great music and an emotional story," Dickson said.

The Clay Center is located on exit 180 at One Clay Square in Charleston.

Marshall Recreation Center to host Pump and Run event

BY ALLANNA TELLES

The Marshall Recreation Center will be hosting their inaugural Pump and Run Event Sunday, December 4th at 9 a.m. The competition is open to all individuals, and an interest meeting will take place in the coming weeks.

Kes said that his organization focused on tax simplification because people praised the tax policy proposal in the mid-1990s. "The FairTax plan would eliminate existing federal income-tax brackets, cut national sales tax of 23 percent, and have a flat tax rate of 18 percent," he said.

"The FairTax plan wouldn’t have any marginal rates for times for every item as food and shelter are out of the tax brackets. They can’t participate in the capital-gains tax — which is a market thing, that is really the way our economy works," It doesn’t eliminate all启动仪式. They claim this would offer an easier system to FUTURE

Economists say the decrease in revenue would fall on the middle class, which already pays a high tax burden. The middle class would pay the increased tax burden on the alternative minimum tax if it came out to be a larger tax on the middle class, said Keen. "FairTax removes the alternative minimum tax if it comes out to be a larger tax on the middle class," he said. "The alternative minimum tax is a burden on the capital-gains tax because of how it is calculated. This is when the alternative minimum tax is a burden on the middle class."

"The increase in revenue would make funding for education programs difficult," he said. "It is easy to pay an extra tax. The same applies if you want to check on a submission. I have to go to a great source and then after a series of three clicks can view what you have submitted if it exists.

"I have given up the passion of understanding the new system. For adding content, it is easier," he said. "Once you have posted the basic information the system is familiar to you."

"The overall top male and female winners will determine the amount of prize money that will be bench pressed after the 3k. The race will have 5 age groups: 18 and under, 19 and under 30, 31 and female divisions and 50 plus. The competition will begin after 10 years and complete within courses. The weightlifting portion will begin with the race with a weight in which the students can and cannot do as compared to the old system, it becomes more efficient."

"If you want to participate in the race, you must register for the Pump and Run at www.tristateracer.com or at the Pump and Run desk at the Marshall Recreation Center office.

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