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BY HILARY FREEMAN

The Obama administration has offered 10 states waivers of the controversial legislation of No Child Left Behind.

Kentucky, New Jersey, Maryland, Michigan, Indiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and Minnesota have received a waiver from the requirements of No Child Left Behind.

Arne Duncan, secretary of education, said this was a step in the right direction.

"Our states and schools deserve flexibility from its "teach-to-the-test" culture and "one-size-fits-all" accountability system," Duncan said in a press release.

"Even as we work with states to offer flexibility from existing law, the Obama administration will support a bipartisan effort by Congress to create a law that supports a well-rounded education while holding schools, districts and states accountable for results."

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BY SARAH STILES

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TRAFFIC JAM

Huntington firefighters clear the scene of a two-vehicle collision Thursday on Fifth Avenue near the Memorial Student Center in Huntington. Capt. Forrest Marshall of the Huntington Fire Department said the accident was reported at 6:30 p.m. The driver of a white Chevrolet Equinox LS and the driver and passenger of a red Chevrolet Silverado sustained only minor injuries. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

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Marshall University is one of the colleges and universities as well as the culmination of the program, the students will be asked to evaluate their campus CI capabilities based on what they’ve learned. This will provide a worthwhile service to many campuses.”

The students receive full financial support for travel for the program, including travel to the kickoff/orientation meeting from Tuesday through Thursday.

These students and others will continue participation in the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Cyberinfrastructure Student Engagement Program during twice a month-on-line training session ended in September.

According to the program webpage at the Clemson University website, the program not only benefits the students, but has the potential to benefit their colleges and universities as well.

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Appalachian Power offers rebates at luncheon

BY CHRISTINA CARBON
THE PARTHENON

Appalachian Electric Power spokesperson Jim Fawcett, in association with Marshall University Sustainability Department, spoke to students about the rebates AEP offers to encourage environmentally–efficient equipment upgrades.

“Those of you who switch to environmentally efficient upgrades,” Fawcett said AEP’s rebate program, “will continue to save more money than wait until the government mandates the equipment.”

Fawcett, AEP manager for Charleston and Marshall University alumni, attended the “Lunch & Learn” Thursday afternoon to explain to businesses and residential customers the importance of switching to environmentally friendly products.

“This is a bold step forward to promote sustainability,” Fawcett said about AEP’s rebate for upgrading equipment to be more energy efficient. “Switching to rebates were designed to lessen the financial burden on the customer by paying about half the cost of the high efficiency upgrade. Additionally, government mandates the equipment by 2015.”

“The rebates are there to help customers make the transition,” Fawcett said. “Rather than wait until an environment mandate enforces the mandatory equipment.”

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates energy efficiency, and as a result, three AEP plans will phase it out by 2015 because it was not “cost effective” to upgrade to the EPA’s rules, Fawcett said.

“The cost of coal is rising. Therefore, switching from coal, going up, and Appalachian Electric Power is there opportunities to become more efficient,” Fawcett said AEP is using natural gas as an alternative “cheaper” or less expensive rates.

Vendor, business owners, and construction representatives attended the Bible Study day and received free fluorescent lightbulbs and energy efficient equipment.

“West Virginia Electric Authority offers for environmentally efficient equipment upgrades, and construction skills, donated free fluorescent light bulbs – courtesy of West Virginia Electric Authority,” Fawcett said.

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Financial aid verifies records

BY ANDREW FROBEL
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Many financial aid applications are selected for a process called verification. This is a requirement in which schools are required to verify the contents of the financial aid application. Most schools require the verification process to be completed through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Kathy Bialk, director of Financial Aid, said it has to collect financial documents to verify the information on its FAFSA is accurate.

“The past, we would request federal income tax returns, but the regulations have changed,” Bialk said. “This will no longer be an acceptable form of documentation to verify income. The documentation has to come from the IRS now.”

The major change is if parents and students who qualify to utilize the IRS Tool, while they file the FAFSA do not enter a tax transcript. Families will be really accurate, and Bialk said.

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STRONG SECOND HALF HELPS HERD CAGE TIGERS

BY JARED PAYNE THE HERON

Marshall women’s basketball forced Memphis into 12 turnovers in the second half, the team turned into 20 points on route to a 65-54 victory over the second-place team in Conference USA.

In the first half, the Herd (14-8, 5-7 C-USA) looked like it would be again be outplayed by the Tigers (24-6, 9-3) thanks to the 10 points and five rebounds recorded by star-senior forward Jasmine Lee as Memphis took a 30-22 lead into the locker rooms.

However, the Herd was not intimidated and came back strong in the second half.

“We kept playing, we fought through hard times,” head coach Royce Chadwick said. “Basically, we showed what we are capable of, and I am very proud of my basketball team from top to bottom.”

Marshall’s surge started out of the proverbial gate in the second half, forcing the Tigers into five turnovers in the first three minutes and turning those turnovers into eight points, tying the game at 32-32.

The Herd then proceeded to go on a 29-8 run over the next nine minutes to take a largest lead of the contest, 38-32.

Chadwick gave the offensive credit for his team.

“We thought we played really good defense and it did one thing: it generated offense,” Chadwick said. “We got a lot of energy from our players even if they did not show up on the stat sheet.”

Two of the players who were leaders of the intensity were two of Marshall’s four-year senior guards, Alysha Mitchell and Rasheal Harris.

Harris, a walk-on, contributed, compiling eight assists while guarding the Tigers’ lead guard. Herrion lead the Herd-of-france with 11 points on 3-10 shooting from the floor and a perfect 4-4 at the charity stripe.

All 11 of Henriques’ points came in the second half of the Herd, and she shot 0-2 from the floor in the first half.

“After I came to the bench, my really nice coach told me to keep my head up,” Henriques said. “They really did not expect me to come back, and they did not expect me to play in the second half and perform the way I did.”

The Herd’s biggest defensive and rebounding effort came one-dimensional in the second half, with the offense running through Lee, who finished the game with 14 points and 14 rebounds.

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BY JARED CLAY THE HERON

Hitting the road for the next to last time in the regular season, the Marshall men’s basketball team heads to Dallas for a Saturday showdown with Southern Methodist University.

The Thundering Herd is coming off one of its hotter shooting performances of the season in a victory over East Carolina and looks to carry that momentum into Dallas.

“We’ve had a good stretch where we’ve taken good shots, and we’ve had some guys, who I think were good shooters not make them,” Marshall head coach Tim Herbst said. “I thought we had good ball movement and great shot selection against East Carolina.”

Marshall hasn’t seen the court since that game a week ago, and get to enjoy an off week to rest up mentally and physically.

“We needed to exhale, and kind of regroup and get our bodies back together, and just rest our minds as well," Herbst said. “We’ve been in a tough stretch lately so we’ve got to take advantage of the off week.”

The stretch has resulted in Marshall sitting fifth in the Conference USA with a record of 12-5-5.

“When we go out there, we want to win every game we go out at SMU, the Herd should be at full strength with leading scorer DeAndre Kane returning after missing last weekend’s contest against ECU while he attended the funeral of his father. “He’s just a really good player, and we’re obviously a better team with him,” Herbst said.

The Mustangs of SMU come in as the bottom feeder in CUSA at 11-3-7-5 and have lost five of their last 11 games.

Regardless of the Mustang surges, Herbst said he knows the challenges that face the Herd when it goes into Moody Coliseum.

“We’re an unassuming conference in some regards because we play a Princeton-type offense,” Herbst said. “They really spread you out with cutting and spacing. It’s a system that takes a lot of time to put in place.”

The Mustangs are lead in scoring and rebounding by senior forward Robert Naylor with 15 points and 13 rebounds a game.

Naylor will be expected to lead the way for SMU.

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By Aaron Payne The Heron

Herd senior guard LaMonte Gillard drives past Tigers freshman guard Lauren McGow during the first half of Marshall’s 65-54 win over Memphis.

HERD WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

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What: The Herd opens the season with one of its five trips to the Cardinals with and weekend opening Riverside match against NC State. The Herd will also play Canisius, Bryant and Monmouth.


Baseball

Herd's game against the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Jan. 25.

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What: Marshall kickoff off the 2012 CUSA Championships with strong performances in the 250-yard relay and 400-yard freestyle relay and will look for continued success over the weekend.

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Santorum is proof of the Republican bandwagon effect

Opinions on the Republican primary race are a dime-a-dozen, and not even worth the electricity needed to broadcast them, but there's too much to be said of them.

The whole situation frustrates me out. Not because I'm afraid of the outcome, but because I've become president of 289 percent of the United States. The compulsion to go on, go on, go on, is something built into the Obama, regardless, or be it Mitt Romney, or even Rick Santorum, in which I'm sure.

The diatribe, splitting and uncertainty within the Republican Party and their conservative base makes me nervous. Not the coming of the confusing times we live in.

Look at Rick Santorum's literal overnight rise to the frontrunner status. A month ago, he ran for president as a joke. Ten days ago, he was a distant third pulling 7 percent of the national vote while Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney were killing each other to be top dog.

Ten days ago as Santorum truly started to look like a viable candidate after the Nevada and Colorado primaries, the GOP still was split down the middle between Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum.

On the morning of Feb. 29, Rick Santorum was holding at 17 percent among GOP primary voters. The next morning, he had nearly doubled and won the lead for both Ohio and Florida, which was at 30 percent.

It seems the momentum candi- date of new and freshmen to sporting Santorum as the best home state of Michigan. Conservative personality Glenn Beck went so far as to say, "If there is one gone out that is that the most George Washington, the only guy I could think of is Rick Santorum.

Where did the guy this guy come from, and why are peo- ple all of a sudden looking at him like Jesus Christ himself. Because he's got a shot in this, and we still want to be on the winning team.

The fact that there is even such a guy who has a "small candidate" makes me doubt the decision making abilities in vast swaths of voters. We have not made rational decisions at all.

Santorum is not someone you should support, you should vote for, but where does this guy support when he first declared his ran as president? Where was it a month ago when people thought Rick Perry had a shot at a clear, Good grief, where was all this support 10 days ago?

They've got a heart in the swarm world jumping on the bandwagon. Nobody outside of Pennsylvania, anything about Rick Santorum was not declared until he started making his ideas and he's still yet to be fully figured out by the population large.

But then again, do people actu- ally care? They don't. What it is you might call a "true" conservative, has a massive Catholic background and a pos- itive message. For example, "He's got seven kids, but I know when he's only banged his wife seven times."

What do we know about Rick Santorum and why is he jus- tly looking like a winner? The question is: does anyone care, why and what do they care of him when he's just waiting for Rudy.

Maulo in a world where in social interactions more and more are around social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter. The number of people that access those sites is outrageous, with having hundreds of millions of users.

A few weeks ago, I was casually scanning my Facebook, and I come across an up and post from one of my friends. They had shared a status up- date from someone on their friends list, which classified and many more people to see this was a "giveaway" to preserve privacy, I will not list the names of any- one involved. On Jan. 31, a high school teacher from Michigan, O'Malley, was hit by a train. It was said the accident was the result of the victim running onto the tracks to take a picture. The police and others say that the victim was looking for something to lost. The police and others say that the victim was looking for something.

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It's way, it is happening the same way the Patriot Act did, as the "War on Terror" did and the same way the National Defense Authorization Act did. Can it be truly said we are not surprised that drones can now circle over our heads and record video of our activities? The response is that these are all being created and administered to better secure our freedoms. While, actually, the opposite is true. These bills do not protect our freedoms, they take them.

The American Civil Liberties Union, contesting the pass- ing of this bill, issued a report in December that requested strict regulations of drones for U.S.

Our privacy laws are not strong enough to ensure that the new technology will be used responsibly and with community and democratic values, the ACLU report stated. The council of the report, Catherine Crump, said: "The deployment of drone technology domestically could easily lead to police tracking, compilations and invasive, all-comprising surveillance that would seriously erode the privacy that we have always had as Americans.

In September, President Obama ordered a drone attack that killed Anwar al-Awlaki, an American citizen of Middle-Eastern decent who was abroad in Yemen. Does this not demonstrate that the potential of these drones could have on American law? There is no reason for this type of surveillance technology in the U.S. We have not had a terrorist attack in 10 years. We should be restoring our freedoms, not continuing to further diminish them.

Flashback 10 years ago, what the Iraq War and the Patriot Act. Present day, we still have the Patriot Act and just "ended" the Iraq War. Now we have the National Defense Authorization Act surrounding war with Iran and new drones. What the hell happened?
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San Antonio Stars head coach Dan Hughes announced Sunday that he waives forward Alaya Mitchell for the remainder of the season.

“Alaya missed a lot of practices,” Hughes said. “When she did come back, we’ve just never really been able to find our rhythm and chemistry as a team. We’ve tried a lot of different combinations. She’s a very talented kid and she has a lot of potential. It just didn’t work out for her in San Antonio.”

SMU HOOPS

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Donald Ray Pollock read from his short story collection “Rancher Confidential” and his novel “The Devil All the Time” to more than 30 students and faculty Thursday night at the Memorial Student Center.

Donalld Ray Pollock reads sections from his two fiction books, “The Devil All the Time,” and “Knockemstiff.” Pollock is from Chillicothe, Ohio and earned a master’s in fine arts from Ohio State University after dropping out of high school and working at a paper mill for 30 years.

Peckham said Appelheim’s like Pollock have the huge value in listening to a writer.

Pollock and a woman married 20 years did not want Chat-n-Chew to discuss various ideas and issues in the city. They thought it would be a really good idea, too. From there, another person spoke up and told them who to contact about starting a garden.

Chat-n-Chew participants discuss city issues

Members of the Huntington community and students attended Thursday at The Frederick Building for a weekly Chat-n-Chew to discuss various ideas and issues in the city.

Stacey and Thomas McChesney created the Chat-n-Chew group in November 2009. “I have been involved with communities for a decade,” said Stacey McChesney.

Stacey McChesney said more are generally settled in one of two ways. Either in a church or at a bookstore.

Chat-n-Chew collaborates with Create Huntington to work with communities and improves the quality of life Huntington residents.

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