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Manchin visits Autism Training Center

BY FRANCES LAZELL
THE PARTHENON

United States Senator Joe Manchin visited the Autism Training Center on Tuesday at Marshall University. The Autism Training Center at Marshall provides students who are underneath the autism spectrum with support in academic and social situations. It serves individuals at Marshall and at statewide level.

Manchin said programs such as the Autism Training Center could change the impact a person with autism has on society.

"With early intervention, proper training for the families and support," Manchin said, "we can turn the person into a functioning adult and somebody who can contribute and give to society."

Barbara Becker-Cottrill, executive director of the West Virginia Autism Training Center, said the program serves approximately 37 students at Marshall and 2,000 individuals statewide.

The college program is sponsored by the Autism Training Center: "We developed the model that we use, and we hire the coordinator with our funds," Cottrill said. "So it is part of the Autism Training Center, but it is a sponsored program that we have at Marshall University. The rest of our work, our main mission, is all throughout the state."

Manchin said through meeting students who have been helped through the Autism Training Center program, he has seen the positive effects programs such as this one can have on students.

"A lot of people don’t understand," Manchin said. "They think when you have these disabilities or challenges it is irreversible."

Manchin said he plans to look into a

Herd outlasts Cougars in 8-point victory

BY JARROD CLAY
THE PARTHENON

In what was truly a tale of two halves, Marshall University’s men’s basketball team picked up its third consecutive victory in a 66-58 comeback win over the Houston Cougars.

After the first half, the Thundering Herd shot just 31 percent from the field and a mere 18 percent from the free throw line and trailed the Cougars 31-23.

"I thought our defense was really, really good pretty much the whole night, but we were so bad offensively in the first half," said Tom Herrion, Marshall head coach. "We had nine turnovers that came out of nowhere, we missed easy baskets around the bucket, we obviously left points on the free throw line. But I’m really proud

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Students have chance to discuss tobacco use Friday at capital

BY BRITANNEE BARTON

Tobacco control and prevention advocates from around West Virginia will meet from 8 a.m. through 2 p.m. Friday at the state capitol to discuss the effects of tobacco use.

Feb. 24 has been elected to be “Tobacco-Free Day” for West Virginia. The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free West Virginia is organizing “Tobacco-Free Day” since 1989. It is a free event for anyone who is interested in learning about tobacco-related issues. This year, many groups will be making presentations and interac-
ting with state officials to discuss tobacco use and how it impacts the state.

Owen Walker, employee of the West Virginia Division of Tobacco Prevention, said he expects Tobacco-free Day to be a beneficial day for all citi-
en, especially students.

“It is an event that all

ows students to speak to your elected officials on to

issues,” Walker said.

“We will be organizing our legislative system at the state capitol for the week of our RAZE youth

ion,” Walker said.

RAZE, a group in which West Virginia’s teens are dedicated to spreading the word about the harmful
effects of tobacco and “tear

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obacco, will be using this year’s tobacco-free day to educate public officials and other West Virginia about the dangers of tobacco

use. Members of RAZE will be creating memo-
rar walls to honor friends and family members who have lost their lives due to tobacco-related illnesses. The memorial walls will be displayed in the capitol’s rotunda for public view throughout the day.

“Although our blood drive is not scheduled at Marshall University, students and the community are encouraged to still par-
ticipate,” Greely said.

HIMG to conduct Blood Drive on Friday

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The Huntington Interna-
tional Medical Group will conduct an American Red Cross Blood Drive from noon through 6 p.m. Friday in the HIMG Community Room.

Party Dickey, spokesperson for HIMG, said their organization has been de-

ciding to host a Red Cross Blood

Drives for five years.

“We have blood drives every two months,” Dickey said. “Individuals are welcome to come and make an ap-

ointment, or walk-ins are welcome.”

According to the Ameri-
can Red Cross website, currently only three out of every 100 people in the

United States, including Marshall University students, donate blood. Jorge Gergely, commun-

ications manager for the American Red Cross, said each blood donation has the potential to help up to three people who need blood transfusions.

“Eight times, we need all types of blood, preferably O type positive and O negative,” Gergely said. “We are seeing high de-
mands in three areas.”

Type O blood is the uni-
versal blood type and is the only blood type that can be transfused to patients with other blood types.

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dents and the community are encouraged to still par-
ticipate,” Greely said.

Deadline to receive financial aid refunds approaching

BY ANDREW FROBEL

This is the last chance for students who receive finan-
cial aid to receive a refund from the spring semester. Marshall students receiv-
ing financial aid in the Spring 2012 semester have been notified that they must accept refunds. Students have had approximately 10 weeks to get a refund from Marshall. Going back to Nov. 7, students have had approximately 108 days to get their refund.

Refund deadlines are first, first 30 days of the refund pe-

od, which is the time period between Jan. 23 and Mar. 21, students have the opportunity to obtain 90 percent of their money back. The second adjustment and withdrawals.

The mid-trimester financial aid recipients must have their accounts

reviewed and approved by the Office of Student Fi-
nancial Assistance before a refund can be issued.

These refunds that eligible students receive are based on refunds for schedule adjustments, with-
drawals and so on,” Collier said. “The refunds can also be issued to students who have been approved for previous three weeks to process,” Collier said.

The amount of aid is calculated on a pro-rated basis, but does not take into account the time of year.

According to Marshall’s Office of the Registrar’s web-

site, students who receive financial assistance cov-

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shall receive a refund in ac-

cordance with the Higher Education Amendments of

1998. Marshall will determine how much Title IV aid a stu-
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of the group, they responded at halftime. They were counseled very aggressively at halftime, and I guess it worked."

"I think we manned up and came out with great energy in the second half," Herrion said. "I thought our defense was really good enough to carry us, and it needed to be.

Marshall had four players in double figures, and leading the way for the Thundering Herd will be guard Damier Pitts with 15 points and 6 assists.

The victory moves Marshall to 17-10 overall and 8-5 in Conference USA. The Herd now sits atop the Conference USA standings.

Herrion said he knows the fans have been along thus far for the Thundering Herd.

"They're offended when we lose," Herrion said. "They're scared or something. They won't get up. They just sit on their butts."
**The cost of applying to college, graduate school is too high**

If you are reading this, chances are you are looking at the ACT, SAT, MCAT or the GRE. You also paid an application fee for the universities you applied to. And you probably shelled out some travel money to come take tours of campuses before you applied to the schools. Here, you were led around by an all-too-happy tour guide and made a final stop at the gift store to purchase a sweatshirt. Between paying to take the entrance exams, paying for the application fee and traveling to see the campus, a fair amount of money has been spent. This is well before you even step into the classroom, and we all know about the expenses that await us there.

The point is, even taking the steps to apply to college is expensive. The MCAT costs $240 to take. The GRE, costs $150 to take. The LSAT costs $170, and the ACT cost around $50 each time. Test prep courses and materials for all these entrance exams can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars if one gets a private tutor. Now let’s be realistic and say that you are going to take these tests multiple times to arrive at a desired score. Now let’s factor in the application fees for colleges and graduate schools. These range from $40 to $100 for undergraduate and graduate programs, medical schools and law schools bring a bit of a hit. At this point, you have spent a fair amount of money just in attempting to get into college.

This economic barrier for applying to institutions of higher education should not be. These expenses, even if not intended, can act as a deterrent for some low-income students who are unable to apply to schools. Attempting to better yourself and further your education by applying to these schools should not be as expensive as it is. It goes without saying that actually being in college or graduate school – with tuition, books, housing, bills, etc. – is much different than just having the opportunity to enroll. Still, the initial process should not be what it is.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Acourt Partenon columnist regarding Rick Santorum characterized his views on abortion as extreme and radical. On the contrary, the deliberate termination of unwanted pregnancies is something millions of women and men are happy to have.

Abortion advocates have attempted to create a very sanitized picture of elective abortion. Their initial process should not be what it is.
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The recommendations were previously presented to the Faculty Senate Ex-

ecutive Committee meeting Feb. 13.

All recommendations presented at the Executive Committee meeting were approved with little discus-

sion between members.

Once the recommendations are approved, they will be given to Stephen Kripp, Marshall University Presi-

dent, for his approval or disappearance.

Thursday’s meeting will include committee reports from legislative affairs, li-

burs, physical facilities and planning, research, stu-

dent conduct and welfare and university functions representatives.

Kripp, Provost Gayle Omanishi and Marty Ameri-

kant, Marshall Board of

Governors Faculty Repre-

sentatives, are also scheduled to present reports.

Karen McNulty, on behalf of the Advisory Council, will give a report at Thurs-

day’s meeting.

Five minutes will be des-

ignated at the end of the meeting for requests to speak to the Senate.

The meeting will be ad-

journed when all agenda

requests for future meetings have been announced.

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Q&A with comedian Demetri Martin

BY DANIEL FREIMARK AND MIA SHAUFFLER

Oregon Daily Emerald, U. Oregon via UWIRE.cOm

Author of “This Is a Book” and star of “Important Things with Demetri Martin” –

Body Shots, a collaboration between the department of art and design, women’s studies, the College of Liberal Arts, the Women’s Center and the department of history, explores themes relating to gender and the body. “Body Shots” will use art, theatre and literature to address women and power.

Director of women’s studies, Greta Rensenbrink, said she thinks “Body Shots” is on its “Telling Jokes in Cold Places” tour. He took some time to speak with the Oregon Daily Emerald about his ongoing tour and his career in comedy.

ODE: What can fans expect from the “Telling Jokes in Cold Places” tour?

DM: I usually do between 75 and 90 minutes. I have a lot of new material, and I think the show is all new material. Yeah, it’s been a while, but we are doing now getting ready to tape this stand-up special in February. I have been writing a lot of stuff – a lot of new bits to try and figure out what I want to put in that special. And I have some new drawings – a lot of new material, and I think the show is all new material.

ODE: Do you think it has been a long time since you have released any new material?

DM: Yeah, it’s been a while, but we are doing new stuff, getting ready to tape this stand-up special in February. I have been writing a lot of stuff – a lot of new bits to try and figure out what I want to put in that special. And I have some new drawings – a lot of new material, and I think the show is all new material.

ODE: What can fans expect from “Telling Jokes in Cold Places?”

DM: It was a smaller tour. He took some time to speak with the Oregon Daily Emerald about his ongoing tour and his career in comedy.

Q: How did you end up going from law school to writing, doing stand-up and comedy?

A: I had tried writing in school and I think I was doing a good job of making people laugh. I went to law school and then I realized it was not for me. I decided to try my hand at stand-up comedy. I started doing stand-up comedy and I loved it. It was so much fun. I had never thought of it as a career before, but it turned out to be something I really enjoyed.

Q: What made you decide to pursue a career in stand-up comedy?

A: I had been doing stand-up comedy in school and I realized it was something I really enjoyed. I also loved being able to make people laugh. It was something that made me feel good about myself and it was something that I could share with other people.

Q: How has your comedy evolved over the years?

A: My comedy has evolved a lot over the years. I started doing stand-up comedy in school and I realized it was something I really enjoyed. I also loved being able to make people laugh. It was something that made me feel good about myself and it was something that I could share with other people.

Q: How does your comedy relate to your personal life?

A: My comedy is very personal. I write about things that are happening in my life and I use my own experiences as material for my stand-up comedy. I think that is what makes my comedy unique.

Q: What advice do you have for someone who is interested in pursuing a career in stand-up comedy?

A: I would advise anyone who is interested in pursuing a career in stand-up comedy to find a way to make people laugh. It is something that is very important to me and it is something that I think is important to all comedians. If you can make people laugh, then you can make a living doing stand-up comedy. It is not easy, but it is possible. It is important to keep working hard and to never give up.

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a comedian?

A: My favorite thing about being a comedian is being able to make people laugh. It is something that I love doing and it is something that I think is important to all comedians. It is something that makes me feel good about myself and it is something that I think is important to all comedians.

Q: What is the most challenging thing about being a comedian?

A: The most challenging thing about being a comedian is being consistent. It is easy to lose steam and it is easy to lose interest. I think it is important to keep working hard and to never give up.

Q: What is the best advice you have ever received about stand-up comedy?

A: My best advice about stand-up comedy is to find a way to make people laugh. It is something that is very important to me and it is something that I think is important to all comedians. If you can make people laugh, then you can make a living doing stand-up comedy. It is not easy, but it is possible. It is important to keep working hard and to never give up.