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## THE PARTHENON

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## Plane crash victims remembered

By KATIE WISE  
THE PARTHENON

Honor, pride and remembrance hung in the air and swelled in the hearts of the individuals who gathered Wednesday at Marshall University to commemorate and pay tribute to those who perished in the 1970 plane crash.

This year's ceremony, which was sponsored and coordinated by the Student Government Association, featured several key speakers including Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp, Head Coach Doc Holliday, Athletic Director Mike Hamrick, Student Body President Ray Harrell Jr. and Mo Lajterman, whose brother was

a Marshall football kicker who perished in the plane crash 42 years ago.

Harrell said the ceremony required a lot of organizing and planning, but was well worth the hard work.

"Our student body has been very supportive and I think it speaks a lot about the feeling here at Marshall," Harrell said. "Our sense of family is not limited to today, it is something that is tangible throughout the year. With the overwhelming amount of support I have seen over the last 24 hours, you would have thought the crash happened yesterday."

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Mo Lajterman, brother of 1970 Marshall kicker and plane crash victim Marcelo Lajterman, delivers the keynote address at the 42nd annual memorial service for the 1970 Marshall University plane crash victims at Marshall's Memorial Fountain on Wednesday.



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## Classes keep students from attending ceremony

By MARCUS CONSTANTINO  
THE PARTHENON

The annual memorial service at Marshall University's Memorial Fountain is a day of healing and remembrance for the Marshall University community. As hundreds stood solemnly in a circle around the fountain to hear the words of keynote speaker Mo Lajterman on Wednesday, students walked nearby with books in hand doing their daily routines — going to and from their classes.

Some passers-by slowed down and listened for a moment, but many students, like Cory Gibbs, sophomore engineering major from Princeton, W.Va., were too inundated with classes to take part in the annual ceremony.

"I went last year and it was a really sentimental experience," Gibbs said. "It really showed what being a part of Marshall is all about. I really wanted to

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## Education Alliance honors Lewis D'Antoni

By DWIGHT JORGE  
THE PARTHENON

He may not be the head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers but he is the coach's coach who spent his life teaching the youth of West Virginia.

The Education Alliance honored Lewis D'Antoni, 99, of Mullins, W.Va. on Wednesday for a lifetime career of teaching and coaching.

Lewis D'Antoni, father of Kathy, Dan, Mike and Mark have had prominent careers in their profession, which go from NBA head coach to lawyer.

Patricia Kusimo, president and chief executive officer of The Education Alliance was thrilled to be honoring Lewis D'Antoni and his family.

"Its incredible that he is 99-years-old," Kusimo said. "He is a coaching legend in West Virginia and most importantly he raised four wonderful children so it shows the power of family."

Kusimo said D'Antoni represents and sets an example for the power of family in West Virginia.

"I think we are living in a time that we have lost that," Kusimo said. "Here is an example of a man and his wife with four kids from Mullins,

W.Va. who became world famous and stayed a first class family."

Education Alliance's vision is for every West Virginia public school student who graduates to be ready to begin a career or pursue additional education and training.

This year, the life work of Lewis D'Antoni represented what it means to be not only a teacher but also a mentor.

"It's unbelievable, it's so great and there are so many people here it's hard for me to believe that such a thing like that can happen," D'Antoni said.

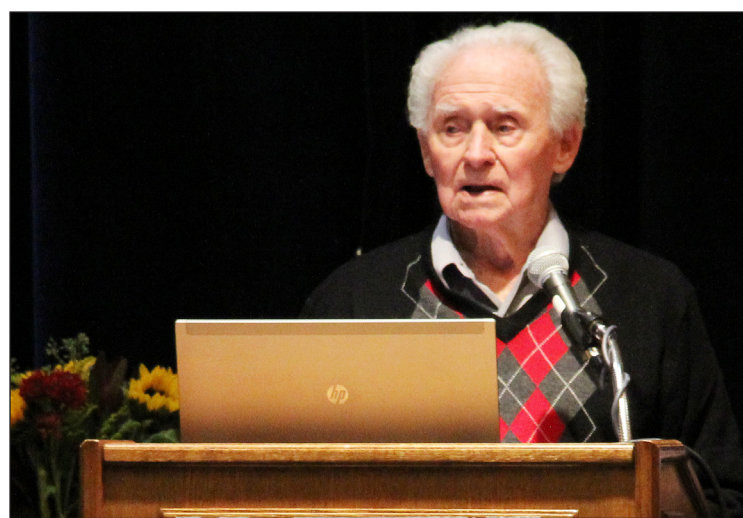
D'Antoni said his close knit family set an example for his coaching career.

"My goal in life was to have kids and raise them so they would enjoy life and get along in life with people," D'Antoni said.

The D'Antoni's spent the night answering questions from the audience and sharing personal family stories.

Among those who honored D'Antoni were Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, Marshall University Athletic Director Mike Hamrick, former students and basketball players.

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LEFT: Lewis D'Antoni, 99-years-old and lifelong West Virginia resident, speaks at an event honoring him and his family on Wednesday at the Marriott Charleston Town Center in Charleston.

BELOW: More than 100 local leaders, community supporters and friends of the D'Antoni family gathered for an event honoring the family Wednesday.

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Nobel Laureate speaks to medical students

By BISHOP NASH  
THE PARTHENON

In the eyes of the world, the Nobel Prize represents recognition for reaching the peak of what an individual can positively contribute to mankind. The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine hosted one such winner, Dr. Gunter Blobel, who spoke before students and faculty on Wednesday afternoon in the Harless Auditorium at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

"I've always liked to go to places that aren't swamped with lectures," Blobel said. "I think it's nice to go to places

like Marshall that aren't on the road map of every speaker."

Blobel was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1999 for his work regarding protein targeting within cells. With his work, Blobel hopes to make advances toward treating conditions such as cancer, schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease.

"People are pressuring for cures," Blobel said. "Of course if you have cancer, you want to be cured. You don't want to wait 20 years until some cure comes along"

According to Blobel, turning cancer into a "chronic" disease similar to HIV/AIDS would be a

step in the right direction. By expanding the life expectancy of the patient, the window of opportunity for treatment is increased.

"If we can do this with cancer, that would be a great achievement," Blobel said.

The German-American biologist also prioritized a more delicate approach to the treatment of cancer. He compared treatments like chemotherapy indiscriminately destroying cancerous and healthy cells to atomic bombs killing innocent bystanders.

"You have to understand much more about the cell and how it works," Blobel said. "We

have learned a great deal but we don't know enough."

Wednesday's speech was aimed to provide medical students, researchers and faculty with a glimpse of what Blobel has experienced during his life of work. His focus was less on endless facts and statistics and more on what someone as distinguished as himself has seen down through time.

"It's primarily giving them an example of somebody who's been in research for 40 years like I have been," Blobel said. "What kind of challenges you meet and how to overcome them."



BLOBEL

One of the students attending was Jordan Egnatoff, senior chemistry major from Milton, W.Va. The aspiring

medical student saw Blobel's visit as sign of Marshall's recent attention to scientific research.

"I think Marshall is definitely going places," Egnatoff said. "There's definitely a great emphasis on science in the past few years."

Egnatoff also linked Marshall's push toward science and medicine under the Kopp administration to the University's ability to schedule decorated speakers like Blobel.

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Cinda, a Marshall University sophomore elementary education major from Parkersburg, W.Va., gives a double red cell donation inside the Memorial Student Center on Wednesday.

MU blood drive to help with Superstorm Sandy shortfall

By ASHLEY KILLINGSWORTH  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University American Red Cross Club hosted a blood drive on campus Wednesday to help make up a blood supply deficit caused by Superstorm Sandy.

Brian Wong, founder and president of the MU American Red Cross Club, stressed the importance of people stepping up to donate and help others in a time of need.

"Hurricanes and disasters usually do affect how well people are able to get to a blood drive," Wong said. "But in unaffected areas its important that people try to arrange time to give blood if they are eligible to do so. The need for blood does not stop in emergency situations."

The club exceeded its original goal to have 63 donors sign up online by having 71 donors sign up.

The club was able to spread the word about the drive by sending multiple

emails to Marshall students' Marshall email account.

Kaytee Weiger, sophomore psychology major from Martinsburg, W. Va., said she found out about the blood drive from a Marshall email and donated because she likes to help people.

"I just kind of wanted to give blood to help whoever," Weiger said. "Just save some people's lives. It's just a nice thing to do."

After Weiger donated for the first time at Marshall University, she signed up to participate in the next MU American Red Cross Club blood drive as well.

Cory Gibbs, sophomore engineering major from Princeton, W. Va., said his professor encouraged students to donate.

"In my calculus class my teacher said he would give extra credit if you went and gave blood," Gibbs said.

However, Gibbs said the extra credit incentive wasn't the only reason he decided to donate.

"I guess it was just an added reason to go," Gibbs said. "I've always wanted to do it anyway. I guess that just kind of pushed me into it, which I'm glad though that it did."

Now that Gibbs has donated once, he said he hopes to continue donating.

"I think I'll probably continue to do it whenever I get the opportunity," Gibbs said.

According to the MU American Red Cross Club, 51 units of blood were collected Wednesday, which surpassed its original goal of 40 to 50 units.

Although Wong was happy to collect 51 units, he hopes people continue to step up and donate throughout the year and not just in times of emergencies.

The MU Red Cross Club will be hosting another blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 6, in the Memorial Student Center.

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Marshall's Residence Life reminds residents of check-out procedure

By MARCUS CONSTANTINO  
THE PARTHENON

As Thanksgiving break approaches and the residence halls prepare to close for the week, Marshall's Department of Housing and Residence Life reminds students to follow proper check-out procedure.

LaKesha Glover, associate director of Housing and Residence Life, said it is important that students check out at the front desk to avoid being charged a \$50 late check-out fee.

"(Check-out is) Sunday, Nov. 18 at noon because we are staying open for the football game," Glover said.

Residents in Twin Towers East and West, Holderby, Buskirk and Commons residence halls must empty their trash, unplug all electrical devices except for refrigerators, turn off heat or air conditioning units (or turn to 68 degrees in Commons halls) and lock doors and windows before leaving. The First Year North and South residence halls will remain open throughout the break.

An e-mail with a full list of move-out requirements was sent to all on-campus residents.

Free break housing will be provided to students who would like to stay in Huntington during break. Break housing is located in Twin Towers East and West residence halls. Those interested in break housing who do not live in Twin Towers East or West may either obtain permission from a resident of those halls to stay in their room for the week or ask for an open room assignment on a first-come, first-serve basis.

During fall and winter breaks, Glover said a new smart classroom will be installed in Twin Towers West residence hall. The classroom will be similar to smart classrooms in the First Year residence halls and will be available to RAs for programming in the halls.

The residence halls will re-open from Thanksgiving break Sunday, Nov. 25 at 9 a.m.

Winter break housing is also available for a fee. Applications are available on the Housing and Residence Life website.

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Surviving sequestration: U.S. military would still be No. 1

MCT DIRECT

FACT: Sequestration would hit the Pentagon hard, but not hard enough to knock the U.S. off its perch as the world's top military spender \_ at least not yet. Those cuts kick in next January should Congress and the White House fail to agree on a plan to reduce the deficit. They would shave \$52.3 billion from

the Pentagon in 2013. That would drop the Defense Department budget to \$643 billion, still dwarfing No. 2 spender China, with its military budget estimated at \$120 billion. Sequestration could spell new cuts to the Pentagon over 10 years totaling \$500 billion \_ on top of a like amount of spending reductions already planned.

Students, faculty to get involved with United Way campaign at Marshall

By SUZANN AL-QAWASMI  
THE PARTHENON

Members of the Marshall University community have the opportunity to help those in need by taking part in a campaign that supports programs and strategies that address problems in the region. The United Way of the River Cities partnered with Marshall to get faculty and students more involved in its efforts.

Jaye Ike, special projects coordinator in the College of Fine Arts and 2012 MU United Way campaign chair, said this year's campaign is already underway. She said they are trying to raise money for the United Way by collecting pledge forms and one-time donations and selling T-shirts.



"You feel like something bigger and greater than yourself when you give back to those who are less fortunate than you," Ike said. "United Way is such a great organization in that they focus

on education. We want to fix long-term problems from the root of the issue—not just put a Band-Aid on it."

Ike said faculty and staff can contribute to the campaign by filling out the pledge forms they received via campus mail. She said everyone is also welcome donate through the campaign website, which can be accessed through Marshall's homepage. She said "The Herd Lives United" T-shirts are also available on the site.

"\$1 per paycheck can change someone's life. Think about that," Ike said. "Most of us wouldn't even realize that \$1 was missing from our paycheck, and for someone else it could be a life-changer."

Ike said the goal is for Marshall to raise \$35,000 for United Way by the

end of the year. She said thirty percent of United Way dollars go toward ensuring that individuals and families in crisis have food, shelter and medications, and the other seventy go toward funding programs that work toward creating long-term solutions to serious issues, such as substance abuse and child obesity.

Aja Smith, junior biology and chemistry major from Ripley, W. Va., said she has been active with United Way for several years through Marshall's student government. She said she wanted to continue student government's partnership with United Way and now serves as the student representative on the United Way committee.

"I think it is highly important that the

United Way continues to be a part of Marshall University," Smith said. "While college students might not be able to give in the form of monetary means, they are most certainly willing to volunteer their time to better the community that encompasses their campus."

She said United Way's goal right now is to publicize their current campaigns to Marshall students and hopefully find some students interested in volunteering. She said she thinks it is really important for students to get involved since the MU United Way campaign is focused on creating a better community in this area that so many people call home.





	C-USA		Overall	
EAST DIVISION	W	L	W	L
UCF	6	0	8	2
EAST CAROLINA	5	1	6	4
MARSHALL	3	3	4	6
UAB	2	4	3	7
MEMPHIS	2	4	2	8
SOUTHERN MISS	0	6	0	10

# SPORTS

	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
TULSA	6	0	8	2
SMU	4	2	5	5
HOUSTON	3	3	4	6
RICE	2	4	4	6
TULANE	2	4	2	8
UTEP	1	5	2	8



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## Rone making a splash in C-USA

### Colorado native earns back-to-back conference honors

By LAKE MOREHOUSE  
THE PARTHENON

Senior Lauren Rone of the Marshall women's diving team was awarded Conference USA Diver of the Week on Tuesday. Rone has now won the award for the second consecutive week.

Rone swept both of the diving events in which she competed for the second straight week, while also managing to break the one-meter school record at Marshall.

Rone has now collected three C-USA Diver of the Week awards while at Marshall, ranking her among the best to ever hit the pool for the Thundering Herd.

In the three-meter event, Rone posted her personal best with a score of 275.70.

The Aurora, Colo. native said she has felt comfortable with her diving the past two meets, which were in her home pool inside the Cam Henderson Center.

"Both of the meets have been at home which definitely gave me a huge advantage," Rone said. "I could just be relaxed when competing because I'm so used to practicing there."

Rone said her recent success has come from her committed offseason training and workouts over the past two years.

"I have pretty much given up all of my weekends and summers and stayed in Huntington training with Jim (Zagaria)," Rone said. "I've gotten to spend one-on-one time getting coached by him and it's really paid off."

Jim Zagaria is the head diving coach at Marshall and began coaching Rone halfway through her freshman season.

Zagaria said Rone is deserving of her accolades and her uncanny work ethic fuels her success.

"Lauren is a kid that works hard for everything that she's got," Zagaria said. "She's not necessarily the most naturally talented kid, but

Rone said she is very grateful to have Zagaria as a coach and his teachings have gotten her to where she is as an athlete.

"I wouldn't be able to do any of this without him," Rone said. "I owe absolutely every part of my accomplishments to him and I'm just so lucky and blessed to have him as a coach."

Zangaria said the improvements Rone is showing are fueled by her out-of-the-pool adjustments.

"She committed to lifting all year around," Zangaria said. "She focused on healthy eating and living. A combination of all of those things have really sparked her achievements."

Rone and Zagaria both agreed that they have built more than just a standard coach-diver relationship over the years.

"I feel we are great friends," Zagaria said. "We can always talk about what's going on in her personal life if need be. She's a great kid."

Rone said whenever she is having a tough day, Zagaria, along with her family and friends, are always there to pick her up.

Rone is set to graduate in May. Zagaria said he is very proud to see his diver make her next step in life, but it will be emotional for him to see her go.

"I'm going to be really sad when graduation comes and she leaves," Zangaria said. "She's by far the best diver I've ever coached, and the most accomplished as well."

Marshall swimming and diving will take a couple of weeks off to rest before competing in their next meet. The Thundering Herd is set to compete at the Miami Invitational in Oxford, Ohio Nov. 29.

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## D'Antoni brothers take L.A. by storm

By JEREMY JOHNSON  
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In Wyoming County, W.Va., lies the small town of Mullens where the run-and-gun style basketball offense began. Lewis D'Antoni, father of new Los Angeles Lakers Head Coach Mike D'Antoni, was a high school coach in Mullens and was the originator of the run-and-gun offense his son has made famous with the Phoenix Suns, New York Knicks and the USA Olympic team.

Now, Mike D'Antoni has been hired as the head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers and his father said he is proud of the opportunity that his son has.

"Someone told me that and I thought they were joking," Lewis D'Antoni said. "It means so much to me and the town of Mullen's and also my older son (Dan D'Antoni) is an assistant there. It's unbelievable they come from a small town like that and now coaches with one of the best teams in the NBA."

Dan D'Antoni is set to be an assistant with Mike and said coaching with his brother has been something the two love to do.

"Coaching has been a part of our life," Dan D'Antoni said. "Coaching is coaching. Both of us enjoy it. The important thing is that he is getting to coach and has a good team. It is going to be fun. Hopefully

we can be successful and now it is Go Lakers!"

Dan D'Antoni said he is set to fly to Los Angeles Thursday morning to join his brother with the Lakers. Dan D'Antoni said that luck is only part of the equation.

"You're lucky when the door opens up and you're talented if you can stay, and we are going to see how long we can go," said a chuckling Dan D'Antoni.

Lewis D'Antoni was honored Wednesday night for his work as an educator in West Virginia by the Education Alliance in Charleston, W.Va. Mike D'Antoni answered a few questions via Skype to a crowd of people at the Marriott Town Center. Mike D'Antoni was asked if his brother Dan was a better basketball player than himself. Dan D'Antoni swiftly responded that Mike has never beaten him. Mike D'Antoni quickly silenced his older brother.

"He has not signed his contract out here in L.A. yet," Mike D'Antoni said via skype.

The D'Antoni family said on Wednesday night it is happy for the opportunity that Mike has with the Lakers. From small town to the big stage, Mike D'Antoni and brother Dan D'Antoni are ready for the challenge ahead.

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## MU preparing for soccer complex construction

By SARAH HAGERTY  
THE PARTHENON

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex is scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m.

According to a press release from the Marshall University Athletic Department, the location for the ceremony will take place on the tarmac area located outside of Gate C on the west side of the Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Parking will be available on the west side of the lot and is free to anyone who wants to attend

the ceremony.

"The soccer stadium will accommodate seating for 1,000 people and will not only be used by the Marshall men's and women's soccer teams, but also by soccer teams all over the Tri-State area," John Sutherland, executive director for Big Green, said in a previous interview. "We've talked about building new facilities for our athletic teams and it's exciting to know that it's finally becoming real."

According to the press release, former Herd player,

Chad Pennington, is expected to attend the ceremony. He serves as co-chair of the Vision Campaign, a \$30 million fundraising campaign for the new athletic facilities.

The press release states the soccer complex will be about 12,000 square feet in size and will have coaches' offices, ticket offices, locker rooms and a concession area. There will also be a 47 space parking lot and a press box for all media.

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## Letter from Head Coach Tom Herrion

Dear Marshall Maniacs/Students,

I would like to wish each and every one of you an early Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all are competing at a high level in the classroom during this fall semester. The holidays are knocking at our door, but basketball season is upon us. I am really excited to have our tremendous student body back and fired up for basketball as we kickoff our 2012-13 campaign. We are two games into our season and we just returned home from a very tough loss at Villanova, a member of the Big East Conference. Our men played with extreme effort and we learned a great deal about the future of our team. We are extremely pleased with the progress and the direction of our basketball team.

As we took the floor at The Pavilion at Villanova just minutes before tipoff, I realized how lucky we were to have a home court atmosphere like we do at the Cam Henderson Center. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that we can create the toughest home court environment in the country, but simply we need your help! While we recognize that our student attendance was substantially elevated during the 2011-12 season, we need you to spread the word and encourage your fellow students to attend.

Also, I challenge each and every one of you to match my enthusiasm and drive that I display during each game while coaching your basketball team. From the second the lights go out and the glow sticks crack all the way until the final buzzer, we need you to be our sixth man. This new attitude and Thundering Herd pride must become habit. It is my responsibility to see that each and every one of my players are up to the challenge and ready to compete at the highest level night in and night out when they take the floor and with your encouragement, this process becomes easier.

We are excited with the start of our season, but we recognize that we have numerous challenges that lie ahead. Our staff and players are not afraid of any challenge as you see in our schedule with games at defending national champion Kentucky, in Charleston vs. WVU, at home vs. Nevada, and national powerhouse Memphis. When I arrived on Marshall's campus two years ago, I promised to build something special, a program for our students and community to rally behind and be proud of and I intend to keep my promise.

Have a great semester, finish strong.

Go HERD!  
Coach Herrion



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Column

Time heals all wounds

By HENRY CULVYHOUSE  
COLUMNIST

I want to start today's column with a little bit of frankness about myself. I'd like to think of myself as logical guy who is never really moved by emotion or whimsy. I am in no way cold, callous or cruel nor am I the type to willingly spark controversy. Finally, I want to make an important point to note that the vast majority of this column is directed at the student body and is no way, shape or form directed at Marshall University's alumni or the Huntington community.

Now these disclaimers are out of the way, I want to delve into what happened yesterday, namely, the 42nd annual commemoration of the 1970 Marshall Plane Crash.

I could not imagine the pain and agony the friends and families went through following the crash. To lose a loved one unexpectedly is always a shock; it leaves one numb and lost. I watched yesterday's ceremony solemnly, reflecting on how such a tragedy must have felt to the community.

However, I wondered how long must a community be reminded of a tragedy. Forty-two years have passed since these young athletes died; why must we continue to be reminded? Or to put it more precisely, why must this display of pageantry continue?

I'm willing to hedge my bets the vast majority of those at yesterday's ceremony not only had nothing to do with this tragedy, but were probably born about two decades after the fact. In their heart of hearts, I doubt if they truly felt the loss of those who were alive and well when the plane went down.

The old cliché goes, "Time heals all wounds." Well, I say 42 years is healing enough.

Our nation has learned to deal with tragedy. Every year, the news mentions the dates of our national tragedies, from Pearl Harbor to Oklahoma City, from JFK to 9/11. However, as the years pass, there's less pageantry involved, for the simple fact that less and less people are around who remember when it happened. We're reminded, but not too much. Even 9/11 wasn't observed much this year; the NY Times didn't even put it on the front page.

But the ceremony is a long-standing tradition at Marshall. Mountaineers burn couches, Yale has the Skull and Crossbones and Marshall has this crash. It's the sort of thing that we carry on, like Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Like many traditions, this ceremony, I argue, has become devoid of meaning. The students who attended weren't here when this happened; they had nothing to do with it. It's a duty, something we always do and that's that. However, as the years pass, it loses its power. I can see how in the decade that followed the crash, the campus community bound themselves together in solidarity but at this point, it's just a motion we go through every year.

However, there is much to be learned from this ceremony and the story it tells. Despite the loss, Marshall was able to pull together and build a pretty successful football program in the years following the crash. The Thundering Herd was resilient, came together and carried on for years to come.

The point I'm trying to get to is this; why must the Herd constantly be cast in this shadow of reaction? Our campus rhetoric indicates that we are constantly battling this tragedy. Instead, let's just call a spade a spade and acknowledge our student body has nothing to be reacting to here, just for the simple fact that we were not around. Let's instead look toward the future of this university, not in with the lenses of grief, but with the optimism of an institution who is looking for bountiful success. We are Marshall because we want to be Marshall. The phoenix rises from the ashes new and after flying through blue skies, stops looking at the fire he came from.

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ONLINE POLLS

Do you think the Thundering Herd will win its final two games and become bowl-eligible?

■ Yes  
■ No

The following are the results from the most recent poll question: Following Colorado's decision to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, do you think the rest of the nation should follow suit?

■ Yes 51% - 28 votes  
■ No 49% - 27 votes

Visit [marshallparthenon.com](http://marshallparthenon.com) to share your opinion.

Editorial

Lone Star State seeks lone star status

With nearly 100,000 signatures on its petition to secede from the United States, Texas wins as the state with the most crazy people.

When a petition on We The People gains 25,000 signatures, the Obama administration will review and respond, so hopefully we will see some official responses soon – though it's doubtful they will be as entertaining as the idiotic drivels on the petitions.

Louisiana, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee have joined Texas in their quests to have their voices heard as they each collected more than 30,000 signatures.

Even at the high point of the stupidity, a bright light of hope shines near the heart of Texas - as people in Austin have started a petition to secede from Texas and remain part of the United States.

Thank you Austin for proving even though you live in a state where there are a ridiculous number of people who are such babies, they want to break away from their country because they are either ignorant, racist, plain stupid or a combination of all three, it is possible to stay sane and not associate with the crazies.

Best of all, there are Facebook groups calling for Texas to just go back to Mexico if it wants to leave the United States so badly – who would have thought Facebook would be the new center of intelligent thought in the modern world.

Now the very act of wanting to secede from your nation is not in itself stupid. It worked out pretty well for the United States when

we had enough of British rule and put our foot down. But that was a different story. Wanting to gain independence because you are being ruled by a monarchy from across an ocean is a bit different than not liking the guy democratically elected to lead your nation.

And that's where the stupidity of epic proportions comes in.

The really sad thing is the people who should be seeking psychiatric help instead of signing petitions are the vocal majority. The happy people, or even those who are simply complacent, typically stay silent and only come out to defend.

Perhaps it is time the ones who realize the current administration is not lead by a monster actually speak up and say:

Being a Muslim (which Obama is not by the way) is not a bad thing, Socialism has its merits if you're not too wrapped up in your own ignorance to see them and renewable resources are the way of the future.

The truly ridiculous thing is – the people wishing to secede are not making a statement against President Obama and his administration. They are making a statement against the democratic process and the majority that voted to keep Obama in office.

And if there are that many people who hate democracy that much, perhaps we should just let them pack their bags and leave – assuming there is a government out there crazy enough to take them.

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Column

Obama reelection generates little interest in Afghanistan

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KABUL, Afghanistan -- The war in Afghanistan played little or no role in the presidential campaign. So it should come as no surprise that the re-election of President Barak Obama has generated little or no interest in this country.

While combat forces are scheduled to remain in Afghanistan until the end of 2014, it appears to many here that the United States and its coalition partners already have one foot out the door.

Fatana Gailani, director of the Afghan Women Society, spoke of the general frustration felt by many here.

"Obama speaks of major positive changes in Afghanistan over the past four years, but there's been no tangible change for the Afghan people," she said. "The war continues, narcotics production has risen, and more than one million Afghans have become addicts. Furthermore, no attention has been paid to

reconstruction or to the Afghan economy. The situation of women is worse now than it was four years ago. I therefore believe Obama's policies have failed Afghanistan."

Moin Marastial, deputy head of the opposition Right and Justice Party, faulted the United States for negotiating with the Taliban and for failing to adequately train and equip the Afghan armed forces.

"The Democrats' policies have generally been better than those the Republicans pursued in the region – but not with regard to Afghanistan," he said. "The United States paid the Afghan government vast amounts of money to talk to the Taliban by means of the High Peace Council .... They (insurgents) will never want peace. Obama should have spotted that disconnect."

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mojahed said the American leader should pull his troops out of Afghanistan and focus instead on domestic concerns.

Others say the Obama administration has been hamstrung

by its continuing support for President Hamid Karzai.

"Obama's policies in Afghanistan have not been carried through successfully because his vision differs from Karzai's," said political analyst Ahmad Sayid. "A difficult relationship has developed."

Sayid said it's important that in its second term, the Obama administration prevent Karzai and his supporters from dominating the presidential election, scheduled for 2014.

Karzai spokesman Siamak Herawi acknowledged that the U.S.-Afghan relations experienced some turbulence during Obama's first term. But, he said, none of the problems was really serious and many had been resolved.

Herawi noted that the two countries had signed a strategic pact, international troops were beginning their phased withdrawal and international donor conferences had resulted in new aid pledges.

But Ramazan Bashardost, a member of parliament, voiced bitterness at what he sees as a

tiny elite profiting from that international aid.

A very few have become "billionaires on the taxes paid by poor Americans. They own luxury palaces and their children drive \$100,000 cars, at a time when the U.S. has 15 million unemployed and 50 million others short of food," Bashardost said. "As for the other Afghanistan, with a population of 26 million, Obama has delivered nothing in the past four years other than poverty, war, civilian deaths, unemployment, lack of security and disaster. He failed there."

Faizollah Jalal, a law lecturer at Kabul University, offered mixed praise for Obama's handling of Afghanistan.

"He pursued liberal policies; he dealt patiently with the sometimes harsh positions taken by the Afghan president, and he passed over in silence the broken promises (from Karzai) to curb corruption, eradicate poppy cultivation and end trafficking — all in order to avoid creating tensions in the relationship," he said.



## Remembered

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Every Nov. 14, students, faculty, community members and guests congregate around the Memorial Fountain at Marshall's Memorial Student Center Plaza to pay homage and hear heartfelt speeches given in honor of the 36 players, nine coaches and administrators, 25 fans and five crew members who were lost, but never forgotten in the worst disaster in university history.

Kopp said that he is proud to see the outpouring of support shown each and every year at Marshall and nationwide.

"Each year it is heartwarming to see the support that this event draws from our community," Kopp said. "Many families were touched directly and indirectly by the plane crash and I think it is important for all of us to get together and remember.

"I think it is important for everyone here to hear the individual stories because it is the stories that connect us. It seems like every place I go, someone has a story that connects back to the plane crash and that is the common thread that binds us and keeps us strong."

Chilling temperatures were not the only culprit causing goose bumps among audience members. Speeches like Mo Lajterman's pulled at the heartstrings and gave an inside look into a family deeply devastated by the repercussions of the plane crash.

"The voice on the radio confirmed that the crash was indeed the Marshall University football team, within a few minutes my world fell apart," Lajterman said. "My dad approached me with tears in his eyes, gave me a big hug and told me I had lost my best friend."



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Students and members of the community gather at the 42nd annual memorial service for the 1970 Marshall University plane crash victims at Marshall's Memorial Fountain on Wednesday.

Lajterman said it may have been forty-two years ago the airliner tragically collided into a hillside just short of the Tri-State Airport, but the community, university and those affiliated with Marshall at the time of the crash still feel the pain like it was yesterday.

"That is the thing about accidents, no matter how many years go by, it still feels like yesterday - where you were, and the emotions you felt come flooding back," Lajterman said.

He also said if there was one message he would like to get across, it would be to never forget and always remember the

team of 1970.

"Our kids will remember, their kids will remember and there will be generation after generation that will never forgot and I am happy that Marshall will never let that happen," Lajterman said.

The commemorative service concluded with the placing of 75 honorary, white roses and the laying of the memorial wreath upon the Memorial Fountain. The fountain, which is a constant reminder of the precious lives lost on that crisp fall evening in 1970, will remain silent until next spring.

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# Appalachian poets read works at Marshall

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A pair of poets from either side of the Ohio River presented their works and signed copies of their books in Marshall's Birke Art Gallery on Wednesday night. Ohio native Neil Carpathios and West Virginia's Crystal Good came to campus on a double bill as part of this semesters A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series.

Good, a Charleston resident, is a member of the "Afrilachian" (African-American-Appalachian) Poets, and has been published in Pluck! The Journal for Afrilachian Culture and Appalachian Heritage. In 2005, then Gov. Joe Manchin recognized this self-described

"valley girl" as a West Virginia Innovative Artist.

Good began the evening with a new poem about the Upper Big Branch mining disaster. However, she lightened the mood in subsequent selections as she flaunted her "redneck swagger" in poems on Nascar, Rand, West Virginia, quantum physics, redneck life and smoking marijuana with former Marshall football standout Randy Moss.

Carpathios, who serves as the Coordinator of Creative Writing at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio, has authored of three books of poetry. His "Playground of Flesh," "At the Axis of Imponderables" and "Beyond the

Bones" have all garnered him acclaim. Carpathios also writes a column for The Portsmouth Daily Times, "Let's Talk Poetry," in which he highlights and advocates appreciation for area poets and their works.

He opened with a piece about art written by A.E. Stringer, the man for whom the series is named, and continued with his unique, often humorous, musings on a diverse range of topics. Everything from angels, family and love to faculty meetings, solitude and drawing bodacious and voluptuous women was covered in the reading.

The Birke Art Gallery was filled for the occasion. English professor and series

coordinator Rachael Peckham was impressed with the attendance by students.

"It was a phenomenal turnout," Peckham said following the event. "I think it was the best attended of all the events we have done."

"It shows that if you bring artists and writers to campus students will take advantage of that," Peckham said.

The series continues on Dec. 14 when faculty member from Marshall's Department of English gather to present their creative work in the Drinko Library Atrium. The event, like all in the series is free and open to the public.

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## Campaign

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"Some Marshall students are from the surrounding areas of Huntington, but most come from places around the state, nation or world. Most cannot travel home every weekend, which makes Huntington their home away from home," Smith said. "The United Way tries to better the community that Marshall students live in, which is why I feel that it is beneficial for students to participate in the program."

Ike said she is hopeful for the success of the campaign. She said the committee has worked hard and their hope is that the Marshall community will help them reach their goal.

"If I had a personal goal, it would be 100 percent participation," Ike said. "\$1, \$100, or \$1,000—just something that makes the commitment. Something that says 'The Herd Lives United.'"

Members of the Marshall community can contribute to the campaign by donating online at [www.marshall.edu/unitedway](http://www.marshall.edu/unitedway).

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# Israel launches massive attack on Gaza, kills key Hamas leader

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JERUSALEM — Israeli aircraft and warships struck dozens of targets across the Gaza Strip on Wednesday in the opening hours of what military officials in Jerusalem said could be a days-long military operation. The attacks left at least one senior Hamas leader dead and terrorized tens of thousands of Gaza residents in the strip's densely populated urban centers.

Palestinian medics reported that at least seven people had been killed and more than 20 wounded in airstrikes. Medics at Gaza's Shifa Hospital identified one of those killed as a 5-year-old girl.

"We don't know where to run. Every neighborhood is being hit now, every area," Mazar Abu Hizma, a 31-year-old father of two, told McClatchy Newspapers by phone. "My children are crying, my wife is crying, but we don't know where to run. We don't know where is safe."

Dubbed Operation Pillar of Defense, the assault was the toughest Israeli military action in Gaza in four years. Israeli military officials said the campaign could continue for "days or longer."

The assault drew international reaction, with Egypt

recalling its ambassador to Israel in protest, while the United States blamed Hamas for triggering the violence and backed Israel.

"We support Israel's right to defend itself, and we encourage Israel to continue to take every effort to avoid civilian casualties," State Department spokesman Mark Toner said in a statement.

There were concerns that the violence could spiral, with Israel facing renewed threats on its northern and southern borders. Militants in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula fired several rockets into Israel on Wednesday morning. Earlier this week, Syrian mortar fire landed in Israel, leading Israel to retaliate and hit a Syrian army post.

Israeli officials didn't divulge the campaign's precise goals, but their comments suggested that Israel intended to weaken Hamas, whose Gaza government has been receiving wider recognition recently, including an unprecedented visit last month by the emir of Qatar.

"We need to solve the 'Hamas problem' in Gaza," said a senior official of the Israel Defense Forces in southern Israel, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity under

the military's ground rules.

The opening shots of the new campaign targeted Ahmed Jabari, the leader of Hamas' military wing. He was killed while he was traveling with his bodyguard in a gray Kia Cerato on a narrow street in Gaza City. Within the hour, at least four other targets in Gaza were hit.

Militants in Gaza vowed to retaliate with volleys of missiles, prompting Israeli officials to close schools and public offices in southern Israel indefinitely and to urge civilians to stay close to bomb shelters. Residents of southern Israeli cities reported that air raid sirens could be heard late into the night. At least one volley of missiles was fired in the direction of Dimona, the site of one of Israel's nuclear reactors.

"We will continue to strike in Gaza until our goals are met," IDF spokesman Yuval Mordechai said. "We foresee protracted days of fighting."



## Classes

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go this year but I had an exam right after it. I think it would have ran into the ceremony, so that's why I didn't go."

Students who have class during the ceremony are not eligible for a university excused absence if they miss class for the event. Adam Fridley, chief of staff for Marshall student body president Ray Harrell Jr.'s administration, said he heard many complaints from students in recent days and in the days surrounding last year's ceremony.

Fifty-four students participated in a survey on The Parthenon's Facebook page Wednesday about ceremony attendance. Of the respondents, 43 percent indicated they did not attend the ceremony because they had a class they could not miss, while 28 percent attended because they didn't have class during the ceremony time. Fifteen percent of respondents indicated they skipped class to attend the ceremony and seven percent attended because their professor cancelled class in honor of the event.

"Last year when it first came up after the ceremony, I heard a lot of feedback from students about wanting class at least for that hour dismissed," Fridley said. "So I drafted (a resolution) up in the senate and we put it through unanimously and Ray took it to Kopp and the administration. We took the issue up right away because we thought it was important for students, especially students who want to be there and couldn't be because of a class."

Harrell said he took Senate Bill 69.19, the University-wide Memorial Ceremony Observation bill, to the office of Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp after the bill was passed on Nov. 15, 2011. He said Marshall Provost Gayle Ormiston and other members of the administration discussed the request and determined it would infringe on professors' rights to academic freedom.

"This year, we got even more requests from people that wished they could have been here but couldn't (be) because of class, so I'd like to take the issue up again," Harrell said. "I'd like to work again with the administration to get it passed a board policy that

the university is closed for the hour during the ceremony. I don't know if it's possible but we will definitely look into the issue again and see if there is anything else we can do."

Corley Dennison, associate vice president for academic Affairs and Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Marshall University, said he has also heard many student complaints about the situation, but there are many problems that would have to be taken into consideration when looking at cancelling classes for the memorial service. He said the cancellation of class would put some instructors one session further behind than they normally would be, which could be especially problematic on years when Nov. 14 falls on a Monday because they would be missing out on a class session for Labor Day, the fountain ceremony and Thanksgiving Break.

Dennison said there were also logistical issues to consider.

"I think we had a crowd of 400 or 500 today, so what would happen if that crowd were 3,000?" Dennison said. "Certainly it could be done, but it would change the nature of the ceremony and it would affect the timing of the ceremony."

Harrell believes the loss of a few hours of class time isn't enough of an excuse to prevent students from attending the ceremony.

"The bottom line... this is one day for one hour once a year," Harrell said. "I don't think it's too much to ask for professors to allow their students to come to this, personally. And I'm going to keep advocating as much as I can."

Dennison said there has been some discussion among the administration about closing the university for the duration of the ceremony but no formal action has been taken because no formal request has been received from the SGA.

Dennison, who assumed his new position on July 1, said he was unaware of last year's student senate resolution asking the administration to suspend classes on the day of the ceremony.

Ormiston was unavailable for comment late Wednesday afternoon.

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Bicycle shop offering money for textbooks

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The Huntington Cycle and Sport shop on Fourth Avenue and 15th Street is now offering students a chance to sell their textbooks back.

Tom Peck, the owner of the shop, said he thinks this new business will help them out in the long run.

“We’re a cycling shop so it gets slow during the winter season and this gives us a chance to make extra money and help out financially,” Peck said.

Bill Peck, a mentor who helps out at the shop, said students should take advantage of selling their books back at the cycle shop because they will accept some books the Marshall bookstore will not.

“Some of the book stores won’t accept books that aren’t going to be used next semester and we can take some of those off student’s hands,” Peck said.

They just started the process on Friday so they have only received two books but they have had students come in and ask

about it.

Peck said he got the idea from RemoteBookBuyer.com representatives who came in and asked if he would be interested.

Students can enter the book’s name or serial number into their website and it shows the price of the book he gives to students.

The shop plans to let students sell their books there at any time.

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LEFT, ABOVE: The Huntington Cycle and Sport shop on Fourth Avenue will be buying back textbooks from students.

Taylor Lautner will miss playing Jacob in ‘Twilight’ movies

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LOS ANGELES — It’s well-known that Taylor Lautner has dealt with the physical aspects of playing a werewolf for the “Twilight” movies, but he has also been required to do some very delicate acting.

In “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1,” Jacob (Lautner) imprinted on Bella and Edward’s new baby, Renesmee. It might sound dirty, but it just means the werewolf in him will always be there to keep Renesmee safe.

With “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2,” the finale of the saga, Lautner had to find the line between Jacob being really caring for the young girl and not coming across as creepy.

“I was worried about it. We were very fortunate to have Stephenie Meyer, the author,

on set with us on these last two movies, and I definitely had conversations with her,” Lautner says. “She basically told me, ‘Stop overcomplicating it.’ It’s a lifelong bond between two people. At this point the girl is 10 years old, so it’s more of a protective thing, like a brother/ sister. And that’s really all it is.”

There was an even more awkward moment in filming the finale. (Those of you who don’t like spoilers should skip a few paragraphs.)

To help explain Bella’s transformation to her father, Charlie (Billy Burke), Jacob strips down and changes in front of him into a werewolf. Jacob jokes that it’s always tough to do a scene sans shirt because he tends to be the only one in such a state of undress.

Shooting the scene ended up being pretty funny for the



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Taylor Lautner, left, and Kristen Stewart star in “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2.”

young actor.

“I love Billy Burke to death. He’s one of the coolest people alive,” Lautner says. “I was so nervous to film it, because it was written so hilariously I just wanted it to come across that way.”

Despite ending up playing a role where he takes his shirt off more than a Chippendale

dancer, there were questions about whether Lautner was the right person to play Jacob in the first “Twilight” film.

“I was so focused for that year: I had my eye on one goal and there were a lot of things I had to do in order to get there, but I wasn’t going to let anything happen,” Lautner says.

“I’m thinking back to every day in that gym. Every burger patty that was shoved down my throat. Every protein shake. It was worth it.”

That is an understatement. Lautner went from a scrawny 16-year-old kid from Michigan with a handful of minor credits to being one of the biggest box office draws in recent years, especially if you don’t count the weak reception to his starring role in the 2011 film “Abduction.”

Unless Meyer whips up a new series of books, Lautner will move on to new roles, some that won’t require him to work out. He’ll miss playing the character because he’s always admired the loyalty, persistence and strength Jacob’s shown through the story.

Although he jokes that he can’t remember the first time he met co-star Robert

Pattinson, Lautner says the biggest thing he takes away from the movies is a deep friendship with Pattinson and Kristen Stewart.

“They’re some of my best friends and that won’t go away at all. It will be more difficult because we don’t have the excuse to spend months and months, day after day, with each other,” Lautner says. “But our friendships will go on forever.”

Marshall Atheistic and Secular Society gives students a place to ask questions

By SAMUEL SPECIALE  
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The Marshall Atheistic and Secular Society is a new campus group that seeks to give a place to students who are non-religious or who are questioning their religion and faith.

MASS meets on Sundays at 7 p.m. and Leif Olson, MASS’s president, said they chose to meet at that time because it is satirical of the time of a standard church meeting.

“We like to have intellectual fun,” Olson, an undeclared sophomore, said. “MASS is a place for atheists and skeptics, and just like any other campus group, we want to create a sense of community.”

Olson said MASS has not received the warmest welcome from people on campus and he believes it is because people are misinformed about who atheists actually are.

“Atheism doesn’t detract from the character of an individual,” Olson said. “It just means that they have made a rational choice regarding their religious beliefs.”

Ashley Prichard, a sophomore psychology major, said members of MASS want to give education in order to make people more comfortable with atheist students.

“I think a lot of the tension between theism and atheism comes from a lack of understanding,” Prichard said. “People need to be able to speak their mind—it’s healthy for a diverse campus.”

Prichard said being an atheist on a campus where the majority of students are religious has been difficult.

“I’ve always wanted my voice to be heard,” Prichard said. “MASS gives me an outlet to voice my opinions.”

Prichard said she and fellow members of MASS have strong opinions on matters of faith but they respect every individual and their beliefs.

“I don’t care if someone agrees with me or not because I’m not going to force my beliefs on anyone,” Prichard said. “It’s not my place because it’s not my life to live and it’s not my personal journey.”

Olson said his desire is not to

change people’s minds about their beliefs, but to create a group where questions and doubts are welcomed.

“At Mass, we will not tell you what to think,” Olson said. “We will tell you to think.”

Prichard said respecting people and their opinions, as well as whaving an open mind is crucial for religious and non-religious people to coexist.

“It is okay to ask questions—you don’t have to keep yourself silenced in fear,” Prichard said. “It’s okay to make your presence known regardless of how many people agree or disagree with you, and it’s okay to stand up for what you believe in or don’t believe in.”

Members of MASS encourage religious and non-religious students alike to visit their “Ask And Atheist” table in the Memorial Student Center and hope the discussions will break down barriers and further educate students to accept atheists and people of different religious viewpoints.

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