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Huntington's business growth and development

## WAL-MART SUPERCENTER OPENS

Large crowd in attendance for grand opening day celebration

by REEVES KIRTNER  
news editor

Normally the doors at Wal-Mart are only locked for Christmas; however, they were locked Tuesday evening at six and unlocked for another type of holiday at a new location.

The new Wal-Mart Supercenter opened near Huntington Wednesday morning at 7:30 with customers lined up around the building waiting to get in.

The 208,000 square foot store will employ over 550 employees at its new U.S. 60 location. The initial reaction to most customers as they walk through the doors of the new retail and grocery store is "it's huge!"

Joe Denning, a criminal justice junior from Huntington, said he is excited about the new Wal-Mart.

"It's big and it's got beer on

isle 14," Denning said.

Chris Burdette, a business management junior from Covington, Va., said the new store is a great convenience to him.

"I didn't even know that this was the grand opening," Burdette said. "My roommate and I came into town to take over our apartment for the fall."

Burdette said the location is good for Marshall students and it provides variety since Big Bear went out of business.

Barbara Brookes, personnel manager, said it was a long process getting the new store

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**The effect on other businesses**



photos by Matt Riley  
Brittney Tracey, a sophomore business major, and her mom, Brenda, joke while waiting in line at the new Wal-Mart Supercenter Wednesday.

## WHAT A HOOT!



HOOTERS  
MAKES  
YOU  
HAPPY



photos by Matt Riley  
Corporate Hooters trainer Lauren Erlandson from Green Bay, Wis., serves a group of Marshall students Wednesday at the new Hooters restaurant in Barboursville.

## Hooters opening offers MU students food, fun and funds

by REEVES KIRTNER  
news editor

After a two and a half year effort, the Hooters' owl has landed in Barboursville with wings, beer and the world famous Hooters' girls.

Owners Cuffy York, former Marshall University Football Coach Jim Donnan and Phil Zombos had been trying to purchase the Charleston Hooters but that deal fell through.

"After a lot of asking, a lot of not taking no for an answer and a lot of determination, we finally got a Hooters of Huntington," York said.

The restaurant, located at 6345 E. U.S. 60 Barboursville, opened July 14, and York said he knew the restaurant would do very well in its first week, but it was better than expected.

Marshall students can be seen at the restaurant eating and working.

Melissa Veres, a French education senior

from Hurricane, said the money as a Hooters' waitress is "awesome."

The waitress said she enjoys everything at the restaurant from her coworkers to the standard Hooters' uniform consisting of orange shorts and a white tank top.

"I think the uniforms are awesome because we can get really hot waiting tables and we have the short shorts on," Veres said. "It's summer time and we're trying to be sporty."

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## Kappa Alpha finds it home on Fifth Ave.

by SHEANNA M. SMITH  
reporter

Another Marshall University social fraternity has its Greek letters displayed on a house along fraternity row.

Kappa Alpha Order members signed leases in April and are getting settled into their new home at 1417 Fifth Ave., between Tau Kappa Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity houses. Although work is still underway to renovate the third floor and garage, add four new bathrooms and paint inside the house, the fraternity is proud to have a place to call their own, said David Kluemper, Kappa Alpha House President.

Before moving in the house, the fraternity gathered on the first floor of a four-bedroom house on 17th Street, where four of its members lived, Kluemper said. Now it will have plenty of room to hold alumni, recruitment and social events, he said.

Kappa Alpha hopes its move to fraternity row will not only boost its numbers, but will strengthen the fraternity system as a whole, Kluemper

Please see **HOME, P3**

## Mycroft's Bar and Grill, a Huntington tradition, serves up final last call

Patrons, students saddened by establishment closing down

by KACIE B. DANIELS  
copy editor

Huntington students flocked to Mycroft's last night to pay tribute to the bar's final night of being open for business.

Brett Mount, a junior management major from Milton, said he has been coming to Mycroft's for a year and a half.

"I guess I'll go to 20th Street now, but it's not as good as Mycroft's," Mount said.

Mount was at Mycroft's to celebrate the final mug night, which allows patrons to purchase draft beer for one dollar per mug, no matter what the size.

Rachel Duncan, a sophomore business major from Belfry, Ky., said she has been coming to Mycroft's for about six months.

"I think [the closing] is sad; it's a good bar," Duncan said. "I guess I'll go to Goodfella's now, but they don't have good drink specials."

John Street, a recent Marshall graduate, said he thought the closing was devastating.

"I think it's too bad," Street said. "I wish they could stay open; they've got a good place here. I guess I'll frequent the Union a lot now."

Mike Campbell, former general manager of Mycroft's, said he is blaming the closing on the recent smoking ban implemented in Cabell County.

Mycroft's had been in operation since 1981.



photo by Matt Riley  
A large crowd waits to get in Mycroft's Wednesday night on its last night of operation. It was a packed house as many patrons went outside for breathing room.



## Foreign hostages seized as U.S. death toll rises

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** - A militant group said Wednesday it had taken six more hostages - three Indians, two Kenyans and an Egyptian - and would behead them if their countries did not immediately announce the withdrawal of their citizens from Iraq. The U.S. death toll since the start of the war rose to 900 when a roadside bomb killed a soldier.

In a statement given to The Associated Press, the group, calling itself "The Holders of the Black Banners," said it had abducted the six truckers and would behead one of them every 72 hours starting at 8 p.m. (noon EDT) Wednesday if their nations did not pull out of Iraq and the company they work for did not close its branch here.

"We have warned all the countries, companies, businessmen and truck drivers that those who deal with American cowboy occupiers will be targeted by the fires of the Mujahideen," the statement said. "Here you are once again transporting, goods, weapons and military equipment that backs the U.S. Army."

None of the countries part of the 160,000-member coalition force in Iraq, however, Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi appealed last week to India and Egypt to join the coalition and send troops.

More than 60 foreigners have been taken hostage in Iraq in recent months.

Also Wednesday, U.S. allies Poland, Japan and Bulgaria rejected threats of new attacks by militants if they don't pull their troops out of Iraq.

In violence Wednesday, a car bomb went off in eastern Baghdad, killing four people, witnesses said.

New clashes between U.S. forces and insurgents in a residential area near the city of Ramadi killed five Iraqis and wounded 17 others, said Dr. Mohammed Ali of Ramadi emergency hospital. Some of the casualties occurred when a U.S. military helicopter attacked a building in the area near Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad.

The U.S. death toll as counted by The Associated Press reached 900 with the report by Maj. Neal O'Brien of the 1st Infantry Division, who said the bomb killed

**Pull your troops out of Iraq or you will hear the sounds of explosions that will hit your country, at the time we choose.**

— al-Qaida's European branch

the American soldier shortly after midnight during a patrol in a Bradley fighting vehicle in Duluyah, 45 miles north of Baghdad.

On Tuesday, the military said two U.S. Marines and two U.S. soldiers were killed in Anbar Province, a Sunni-dominated area west of Baghdad. The Marines were killed in separate incidents while conducting "security operations"; one soldier was killed Monday, and a second died Monday of wounds.

Counts of the number of U.S. service members killed in Iraq vary, with some already exceeding the 900 figure. The Pentagon's latest casualty update, released Tuesday before the five deaths, put the death toll at 893 service members, plus two civilian Defense Department employees.

In photos provided to AP with the statement, six of

the hostages are shown standing behind three seated, masked gunmen. One of the hostages holds a paper with the typed names of seven men their nationalities, passport numbers and the registration numbers of the trucks they were driving. The paper is stamped July 20 and the words "Universal Services" were handwritten on top.

Freed Filipino hostage Angelo dela Cruz was reunited Wednesday with his family in the United Arab Emirates, where he will undergo medical checks after his more than two weeks in captivity.

The United States and other coalition allies had criticized Manila for agreeing to withdraw its contingent to save dela Cruz's life.

The same group that kidnapped dela Cruz, the Khaled bin al-Waleed Corps, took aim at Japan. In a Web site posting, the

group said it was the military wing of Tawhid and Jihad, led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

"To the government of Japan: Do what the Philippines has done. By God, nobody will protect you and we are not going to tolerate anybody," said a statement signed by the group. "Lines of cars laden with explosives are awaiting you; we will not stop, God willing."

A Foreign Ministry official in Japan said Tokyo would not withdraw its 500 troops, sent here for medical and reconstruction duty. Japan refused in April to withdraw after three Japanese were kidnapped by Iraqi insurgents. They were released unharmed.

Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov said his country "will not give in to the terrorists' pressure. We will resist."

In Warsaw, Prime Minister Marek Belka said Poland would not consider bringing home its 2,400 troops from Iraq in light of the new threat.

Poland is required by a U.N. resolution to remain in

Iraq until the end of 2005, but Polish leaders haven't determined what role their country will play after that.

An online statement Wednesday from a previously unknown group that identified itself as al-Qaida's European branch contained threats to carry out deadly attacks in Bulgaria and Poland if the two countries don't withdraw from Iraq.

The group said Bulgaria and Poland will "pay the price" just like the United States and Spain did, referring to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and the Madrid train bombings in March.

"To the crusader Bulgarian government, which is allying itself with the Americans, and to the Bulgarian people, we demand, for the last time, that you withdraw Bulgarian troops out of Iraq or we swear we will turn Bulgaria into pools of blood if you don't comply," it said.

The group's statement also warned Belka: "Pull your troops out of Iraq or you will hear the sounds of explosions that will hit your country, at the time we choose."

## Poor relations with Islamic regime turning worse



**WASHINGTON (AP)** - It sounds like an Iraq summer rerun: Weapons of mass destruction. Support for terrorism. Talk of U.N. Security Council action. Hints of a push for regime change.

This time, however, the fuss is not over Iraq but about that country's next-door neighbor, Iran. Recent developments have been unsettling.

Iran's ruling mullahs recently announced resumption of activities that could lead to development of a uranium-based bomb, apparently violating commitments, they made to three European countries last fall.

And now comes word that the bipartisan commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks has concluded that Iran gave al-Qaida hijackers safe passage through the country after training in Afghanistan.

A White House spokesman said Monday there was

no evidence that Iran had prior knowledge of the 9/11 plot. The reported commission finding would appear to reinforce the administration's long-held view that Iran is the world's most active state sponsor of terror.

Amid the stepped up accusations, Iran has been projecting a benign image to the world. Rendi al-Rahim Francke, Iraq's chief representative in Washington, told The Associated Press in an interview on Monday that Iran has played a positive role in the post-Saddam Hussein Iraq. She said Iranian authorities recently captured 200 Afghan fighters who were en route to Iraq.

Iran insists its nuclear program has nothing to do with weapons but with meeting domestic electricity needs. The Bush administration is not buying it.

Shunning direct engagement with Iran for now, the administration is banking on international pressure to induce Iran to roll back its nuclear program.

The administration is pressing Britain, France and Germany to make Iran pay a high price for scuttling the counterproliferation deal they obtained last

fall.

It also has been attempting to persuade fellow members of the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency that it is time to refer Iran's nuclear activities to the U.N. Security Council.

John Bolton, undersecretary of state for arms control, told Congress last month that the Iranian program was a "threat to international peace and security." He said Iran's hard-line Islamic regime, now 25 years old, clearly has a covert program to develop and stockpile chemical weapons and probably has an offensive biological weapons program.

Until about a year ago, the United States maintained a low-key dialogue with Iran, then decided it was a waste of time.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher says a renewed engagement is possible only under certain conditions.

"We're willing to sit down, if the president determines it's in our interest to do so, and if we think there's the opportunity for progress," Boucher said Monday.

But a Council on Foreign Relations task force issued a report contending that the administration must do

more to avert another crisis in the Persian Gulf region.

"The urgency of the concerns surrounding 1/8Iran's 3/8 policies mandates the United States to deal with the current regime rather than wait for it to fall," said the report, co-chaired by former national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and former CIA director Robert Gates.

Brzezinski told reporters on Monday that engagement with Iran would be a useful step even if it produced no results because it would mold greater international solidarity in opposition to Iran.

Gates said the U.S. military attack against Iran must never be ruled out. But, he said, the costs of any such step would be exorbitant because key nuclear weapons sites are located in or near large civilian populations.

He added that a U.S. military attack would galvanize support for the Tehran government across the country. Iranian authorities, he said, could retaliate by destabilizing neighboring Iraq and Afghanistan, countries in which, he noted, the United States has an undeniable strategic stake.

## Abusive chicken farmer suspended from W.Va. plant

**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** - A supplier for Kentucky Fried Chicken suspended a worker without pay and is investigating three others after an animal rights group released video of workers kicking, stomping and slamming birds at a West Virginia plant.

Pilgrim's Pride also has ordered managers at all 25 of its plants to take time out on each shift to educate workers about animal welfare policies, company President and Chief Operating Officer O.B. Goolsby said. Afterward, employees who handle live birds must sign a document saying they understand the zero-tolerance policy.

The company is committed to humane treatment and will ensure that all factories follow rules designed to "eliminate unnecessary harm and suffering," Goolsby said.

Dan Shannon, spokesman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, applauded the disciplinary action at a news conference in Louisville, Ky., Wednesday but said it doesn't solve the problem.

"It's a step in the right direction," he said, "but it's all part of the Band-Aid approach."

A PETA investigator secretly videotaped mistreatment at a plant in Moorefield between October and May, then released it this week on the Internet as part of a campaign against one of the company's buyers, Kentucky Fried Chicken.

PETA said its investigator also obtained eyewitness testimony about employees "spraying birds' beaks off, spray painting their faces, twisting their heads off, spitting tobacco into their mouths and eyes, and breaking them in half - all while the birds are still alive."

PETA wants Hardy County Prosecutor Lucas See to charge workers and managers at the plant with animal cruelty, but See said Wednesday he has not finished viewing the videotapes. Once he does, he may ask local authorities to initiate their own investigation. See said he would not rely solely on PETA's documentation.

Under state law, employees

found to have tortured the birds could be charged with a felony animal cruelty, which carries a prison sentence of one to three years and as much as \$5,000 in fines.

Officials of Louisville, Ky.-based Yum! Brands Inc., the parent of KFC, have said they would stop buying chickens from the West Virginia plant unless assured the abuse has stopped. KFC also has hired an inspector at the plant to prevent future abuse.

But PETA urged Yum! Brands CEO David Novak to step down, saying he has not done enough to stop the abuse of animals at the company's suppliers.

"Mr. Novak is incapable of addressing this issue," Shannon said. "KFC seems to be good at sending out carefully crafted press releases while failing to stop the abuse of animals."

Calls to Yum! Brands were not immediately returned Wednesday.

PETA has been pressuring KFC since last year, when it sued the company and called for a boycott, demanding that KFC require suppliers to

treat animals more humanely.

Pilgrim's Pride, however, said the incident at its plant is being used against KFC unfairly.

"KFC is a valued customer, and it's important to understand that these allegations are totally unrelated to KFC," Goolsby said.

Pilgrim's Pride is the second-largest poultry producer in the United States and Mexico, with more than 40,000 employees at facilities in 17 states, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

It is forming an independent task force to monitor its investigation and has asked animal welfare expert Temple Grandin, an associate professor of animal science at Colorado State University, to help evaluate the Moorefield factory. Grandin is also listed on the KFC Web site as a member of the Yum! Brands Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

Pilgrim's Pride spokesman Ray Atkinson could not say Wednesday when its evaluation or investigation might be complete.

## U.S. joins Olympic Games security

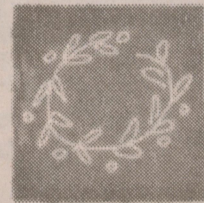
**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Responding to a request from Greece, the United States has committed 400 American special forces soldiers to the job of helping protect the Olympic Games next month, a U.S. counterterrorism official said Wednesday.

It is not yet decided whether the armed soldiers would be in Athens, on the nearby island of Crete or remain on alert in Europe, where they are based in Germany, the official said. The United States is in the process of discussing with

the Greek government where the soldiers will be positioned, the official said.

The decision on where to send the soldiers is mostly up to the Greek government but will be made jointly with Gen. James Jones, the top NATO commander who also is commander of U.S. forces in Europe, said the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

There will be up to 50 U.S. communications and other liaison personnel assigned to the Games, the official said.



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# Wal-Mart: Area grocers react to opening

by REEVES KIRTNER  
news editor

As Wal-Mart shoppers get accustomed to the grand opening of the 208,000 square food Supercenter, area grocers are also reacting to their new competition.

Over the years, Wal-Mart has been accused of hurting local businesses because the retail giant has a stronghold over a

number of different goods. Cheryl Ryder, assistant store manager of the Tower Food Fair in Barboursville, said she expects a decline at first, but not in the long run. Tower Food Fair has survived strong competition from a neighboring Kroger for the last six years.

"We're well established in the Barboursville area and our prices are com-

petitive," Ryder said. "In fact, when Kroger opened we had one of our biggest weeks because people didn't now we were here until they went to Kroger and saw us."

"If Kroger was any indication we'll be fine," Ryder said. "But I think it will hurt other people more than us."

Butch Dudding, Foodland store manager in Huntington, like Ryder

said he expects an initial decline in business. He said business was a little below normal on the supercenters' first day in business.

Dudding is still confident in his grocery store.

"I think the older cliental will stay here because they don't want to venture to a bigger store."

He said a lot of his younger customers might venture to the super-

center but will come back after trying the new retail and grocery store.

Brittney Tracy, a business sophomore from Huntington, shopped in the new Wal-Mart Wednesday afternoon and said she normally shops at Kroger but might change her ways.

"If I'm already here for something else, I might as well go ahead and good food," Tracy said.

Another Wal-Mart Supercenter, similar to the new one on U.S. 60, will open in September just above the Huntington Mall in Barboursville. Ryder said Tower Food Fair should do fine after that location opens.

"With so much congestion near the mall already, especially during the holiday season, I think people are going to get angry," Ryder said.

# Huntington Outdoor Theater to present final showing of play "Footloose"

by SHEANNA M. SMITH  
reporter

Marshall University students have one more week-end to watch local actors cut footloose.

The Huntington Outdoor Theater, or HOT, will wrap up this year's show "Footloose" with three more performances July 23, 24 and 25 at 8:30 p.m. in Huntington's Ritter Park Amphitheater.

The 1984 "Footloose" storyline revolves around a mother and a son who move to a town where partying and dancing are against the law. As the son and his friends fight to change the law, community parents struggle to trust their children to act responsibly.

"This has a meaningful plotline," said Patti Shaver, vice president and managing director of HOT. "But energy is really the word for this show."

The upbeat music and dance numbers are why

Shaver thinks this musical will appeal to Marshall students. The "Footloose" music is nothing like HOT audiences heard in "Hello Dolly" or "Annie Get Your Gun," she said. The audience will recognize more contemporary songs like "Let's Hear it for the Boy" and "Almost Paradise."

"It's more like a rock concert from the 1980s," said Victoria Landgrave, a Marshall sophomore who plays leading Ariel Moore.

Many of the cast members will also be familiar to showgoers, Shaver said. The HOT state is home to local actors, including Marshall students like Landgrave.

Landgrave, a music education major who has lived in Huntington the past 10 years, said she sees her role in "Footloose" as a chance to add experience to her professional resume and star in one of her favorite Broadway shows, she said.

Tickets are available at the



photo courtesy of Patti Shaver

"Footloose," a production by the Huntington Outdoor Theater, concludes this weekend, with shows on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for students.

gate each night at 6 p.m. and cost \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors 65 and older and children aged five to 12. Admission is free for children younger than five. Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

The children's pre-show, "The Rockin' 50s and 60s,"

features performances from children aged seven to 14 and begins at 7 p.m. It is followed by the general pre-show showcasing local instrumental and vocal talent of all ages.

Audience members should bring lawn chairs or blankets.

## HOOTERS

From page 1

Many Marshall students have made their way to the restaurant.

Paul Howard, a criminal justice freshman from Williamson, said he has already eaten at the new Hooters five times.

"I love it. You get something good to eat, you have good looking girls and you don't have to drive to Charleston," Howard said.

Amber Smith, a counseling junior from St. Albans, said Hooters is a place for men, women and families.

"It's just a fun environment," Smith said. "You can go anywhere and see worse things."

Former Thundering Herd Quarterback Byron

Leftwich will be at the new Hooters today from 4 to 6 p.m. signing Hooters T-shirts.

York said Hooters' waitresses and cooks will be at every Marshall home football game serving wings.

York said the restaurant is a great place to watch sporting events with seven plasma televisions and four 32-inch televisions.

Lauren Erlandson, a marketing senior at the University of Wisconsin, and 11 other waitresses are members of the Hooters' corporate training team that help train new waitresses at new locations.

Erlandson said the Hooters in Barboursville has the same customers as other locations because the concept is the same all over the world.

## BOOTH

From page 1

what will happen when I come to college."

Among other activities, the Booth Scholars have received training on how to use their free laptops, taken a public speaking class, participated in athletic events and worked on e-portfolios that teach them about resume writing, Barbour said.

Next week, said Barbour, the group of freshmen scholars currently in attendance will be joined by sophomore.

junior and senior Booth Scholars. Upcoming activities include swimming and tennis lessons, a leadership course, a luau, an etiquette dinner and college preparatory courses.

Barbour said the camp has been a success thus far. "When [the students] first came, most of them were homesick and did not know one another," Barbour said. "Since then, they've learned to interact better and they all seem to really enjoy it."

This is the first year the program has been conducted at Marshall. It originated at Pikeville

College, but branched off to include Marshall when it became evident the Wayne County students wanted to attend Marshall.

Students attending the program must be residents of Wayne County. They are required to have a 3.0 gpa and score at least a 60 percent or higher on their SAT 9 tests.

Students are selected for the program the summer of their eighth grade year and participate each summer until they are seniors in high school.

The program comes to a close July 31.

## OPENING

From page 1

**WAL-MART**  
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open for business.

"We came in here June 12 and there was nothing but the floors and the walls and our associates put everything together from the floor up," Brookes said.

Tina McIntosh, store manager, said the stocking process continued late into Tuesday night.

Brookes has been with Wal-Mart for 15 years and her work includes opening two supercenters. She said she opened a store in Virginia and the new one near Huntington doesn't even compare because of the new setup and available merchandise.

A similar Supercenter is opening near the Huntington Mall in mid-September and it will also employ over 550 employees.

The new Wal-Mart will feature a hair salon, a tire and lube center, a McDonald's a photo lab and self-checkout lanes.

## HOME

From page 1

said.

"All the major fraternities around here have houses," he said. "We can help build them up and they can help build us up." Eight of Marshall's ten traditional fraternities reside in houses along Fifth Avenue.

Although when joining a fraternity, men don't join to live in a house—they join a group with similar values and interests—houses make it easier for members to gather, said Andy Hermansdorfer, Marshall director of Student Activities and Greek Affairs.

"One of the good experiences about being in fraternity are the times spent with a roommate or in a place to just hang out," Hermansdorfer said.

Kluemper does not think the house will cause any problems for the fraternity.

"With rewards come responsibility," Kluemper said. "We will act responsibly and go by our organization's guidelines."

Kappa Alpha alumni and community members are in the process of setting up a housing corporation that will decide in five years whether the fraternity wants to purchase the house it is in or start looking for another one, Kluemper said. Five members live in the house this summer and seven to nine more plan to move in this fall, he said. The house's capacity is about 16 people.

Kappa Alpha became the first national fraternity on Marshall's campus in 1927. The chapter lost its charter in the early 1980s and returned to campus in 2000, Hermansdorfer said. The new house is Kappa Alpha's second house on campus; it occupied Sigma Alpha Epsilon's current house on Fifth Avenue until KA lost its charter, he said.

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## Area growth is a welcome sight to the concerned eye

For a town that once seemed to be in a downward spiral, Huntington's development seems to be booming and maybe even on the verge of explosion.

The downtown Huntington area is preparing to welcome Pullman Square and Kinetic Park. The Route 60 area has just welcomed a new Wal-Mart Supercenter, a new Hooters restaurant, and it is preparing to welcome another Wal-Mart Supercenter.

These new additions will not only give the area more job opportunities and stimulate the local economy, but they will also offer many local residents a reason to stay in the Huntington area for entertainment, shopping and business.

These new editions are a welcome sight to many residents who have seen the local businesses dwindle as the railroad industry, that once flooded the downtown, has now slowed to a trickle.

This effort to bring more business to the area will not only help our city and local residents, but it will also help Marshall University.

Marshall has been called a "suitcase campus," and this means students don't stay here on the weekends. Marshall students, if not local, usually pack their bags and head home on the weekends. This has been attributed to the lack of entertainment the city offers when classes are over.

With the addition of Pullman Square in downtown Huntington, students won't be faced with the lack of options. They will be able to go to a 16 screen movie theater, a comedy club or a variety of shops.

Students also now have the convenience of a Wal-Mart Supercenter, just a few minute drive from campus.

Recently, the Route 60 area has seen the addition of a new plaza where the Gateway Hotel used to sit and the new Merritt's Creek Farm shopping center, which is home to Starbucks and Target.

These places not only give students something to do, but they also offer jobs to students who don't yet have a college degree. These stores and restaurants are typically the places that are willing to hire students and work around their schedules.

The Parthenon staff believes the business growth the Huntington area has seen and continues to see is definitely positive for the economy, the residents and the city, but it is also very positive to something that has always been a large part of Huntington-Marshall University.

These new businesses may give a reason for more students to go to school in Huntington, stay in Huntington and cause Huntington to leave a lasting impression in these peoples' minds.

## Kirtley clarifies recent editorial

The parthenon editorial, "University ID Cards Causing Campus-Wide Confusion," dated Thursday, July 15, 2004 creates a number of misconceptions concerning the Marshall University One Card. I am forwarding responses to statements made in the editorial in an effort to provide some clarification.

1. "Financial aid refunds are also automatically deposited in the HigherOne Account unless we specify that we do not want the refund deposited into the account."

Response: Our students maintain complete control on the method of disbursement of their financial aid refunds. Funds are never deposited to the OneAccount to the OneAccount unless the student has selected the OneAccount option.

2. "The HigherOne web site is quick to tell us that it takes much longer to receive refunds if we get them as a paper check rather than deposited into the account."

Response: Actual funds are never immediately available at the time financial aid is credited to the student's account. The process to drawdown revenue from the funding source and

then create and mail a paper check to our students is a more timely process than directly depositing their refund into the OneAccount or to the account of their choice.

3. "While it's great to have an ATM on campus, what are we supposed to do if we are not on campus and we need money?"

Response: The OneAccount is an FDIC insured checking account with a debit card function. IF activated, the MasterCard Debit is accepted.

4. "If you want to receive a paper bank statement each month, it's going to cost you three dollars each month."

Response: The OneAccount is an FDIC insured checking account similar to checking accounts offered at any local bank. Most banks offer debit card functionality, on-line banking and charge fees for specified services.

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5. "Are they debit cards? ID Cards? Both? According to the ID Office, the card functions as both."

Response: The card does not arrive to the student as an active ID card or active Debit card. The new ID card serves as the student's official university ID card and must be activated on the MarshallUOne.com web site. The debit card function is optional, and the

students have a choice on whether or not this option is selected.

6. "If you lose your HigherOne card, you're going to have to cough up \$30.00."

Response: The approved replacement card fee is \$20.00. The fee is similar or below replacement card fees at many other colleges and universities.

7. "The cards are sent to the permanent address the ID office has on file. If that address happens to not be the one we are residing, the cards are returned and destroyed because of the banking capabilities. Then we are forced to buy a new one."

Response: The cards are forwarded to the permanent address on file with the university. It is a student's responsibility to have a correct address on file and to report any address changes to the Registrar's office.

8. "Also, with the card came the wonderful new student ID number. The nine-digit number is now how we are identified on campus, rather than by our Social Security Number."

Response: The change in the ID number was addressed to protect our students, faculty and staff against the growing crime of identity theft by using a person's Social Security Number.

**-Karen Kirtley**  
assistant vice president  
for administration

## Bush's falsities will have lethal consequences

While some of President Bush's misrepresentations will have more lethal consequences, perhaps no distortion will have a greater impact that his promise to be a "uniter not a divider." Nothing in the Bush administration has been further from reality.

Today, as a country, we are more divided and polarized than at any time in our history. The divide between the confrontable rich and the struggling middle class is more pronounced than ever. Dialog between black Americans and white Americans is almost nonexistent. The most vulnerable in our society have suffered from Bush's policies.

President Bush's campaign for re-election is based almost entirely on negative ads rather than advancing his vision for America's future.

One of the reasons that I am most impressed with John Kerry is his focus on "one America." America needs someone who will bring us together rather than continuing to divide us as President Bush has done.

We can continue to be the divided America that President Bush has cultivated, or we can become a united country by electing John Kerry and John Edwards. The choice is ours.

**-Perry Bryant**  
Charleston

## Gay marriage debate needs creative end

**By Matt Ford**  
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**(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** — While the debate over same-sex marriage has been emphatic this past week, the halls of the Benton County government buildings have been quieter than most. In fact, since late last March,

Benton County has been out of the marriage business altogether.

The Oregon county stopped issuing marriage licenses to all couples, regardless of sexual orientation, until the state comes to a consensus on the issue.

While they came to their decision based on a commitment to anti-discrimination laws, I think their decision raises another interesting question in the marriage debate.

Maybe our government shouldn't be dealing in marriage at all.

After all, most of the debate last week has centered on the religious traditions of the institution of marriage.

Are we not a society founded on a strict adherence to the separation of church and state?

Marriage is the only religious sacrament that is so deeply imbedded in our laws and policies. I received no tax breaks or extension of my civil rights upon my confirmation, and neither did my friends on their Bah Mitzvahs.

Instead, the government uses the age of 18 to apply the rights and responsibilities associated with adulthood to all American citizens.

Our government has its way of recognizing adulthood, and each religion has their own separate way of celebrating adulthood.

So how did marriage, with so much religious tradition associated with it, become so prevalent in our law and government?

To put it simply, economics.

While the many traditions of marriage have been discussed over the past week, the one that predates them all is the tradition of marriage for the sake of economic stability. For centuries, most marriages in the world were arranged, with or without the approval of those to be wed to ensure economic security between families.

Tax breaks, inheritance laws, visiting rights and many other laws are molded

to support families and people who have committed to each other not only emotionally, but also financially.

This support that we give to families and committed relationships strengthens our nation and its economy by encouraging a shared dependency.

Would it not be appropriate to give that same level of support to homosexual couples that have committed to a life of co-dependency?

Unfortunately, this part of the debate hasn't made its way to the table very often. Even Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), one of the leaders in the push for the marriage amendment last week, noted that in some cases there is a need for civil reform. He cited the restrictions on visiting rights and other hospital procedures for same-sex partners.

So how does the government provide equal civil services to all committed couples without trampling on the religious traditions of marriage?

Here is my solution:

We play the semantics game. We take the word marriage out of every line of every policy and law on the books. We replace it with "civil contract," or for those who really

like law speak, a binding acknowledgment of commitment for the propriety of civil services and other blah blah blah.

Marriage now belongs solely to religions — they decide who they want to marry and how. Separation of church and state is resumed, and the church can retain the definition of "marriage."

The "civil contracts" work because, unlike "civil unions," there isn't the question of separate but unequal. Every citizen is subject to the same contract.

While we are at it, let's make these contracts more binding. Put a stop to Britney Spears-style drive-thru weddings. If you want to get a divorce, you have to do 500 hours of community service or something.

I know what you are thinking. This idea is ridiculous and will never work.

True. But it is no less crazy than trying to amend the Constitution before looking at realistic solutions.

Whatever solution is made, it's going to take more creativity than we have seen lately to guarantee equal rights for all without federal imposition on traditional religious values.

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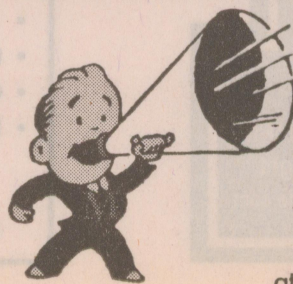
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# Knable to continue hoops career in Europe

Former Marshall standout center signs deal with Europe's BBC Etzella

by **MATT RILEY**  
executive editor

Catie Knable, Marshall's second most prolific rebounder in women's basketball history, will get a chance to show the world her skills.

Knable, the 6-foot-2 center from Floyd Knobs, Ind., inked a deal with the Diekirch Basketball League member BBC Etzella based in Ettelbruck, Luxembourg.

No, it's not the WNBA, but it's a chance for the former Herd standout to continue her career on the professional level.

"I'm excited to get over there," Knable said. "I'm looking forward to getting the chance to keep playing and continue to improve my skills."

Knable averaged 9.5 points and 9.2 rebounds per game in 2003-04 for the Herd and was named the team's most valuable player. She was also nicknamed Miss Double-Double for her multiple double figure performances on the court.

Head women's hoops coach for the Herd, Royce Chadwick, said he's very happy that Knable will get the chance to keep playing the game she loves so much.

"We're very excited for her," Chadwick said. "It's a great opportunity for her to go over there and show people what she can do. She's worked extremely hard and

made herself a better basketball player. We're proud of her for that hard work and glad she can continue her career in the pro ranks."

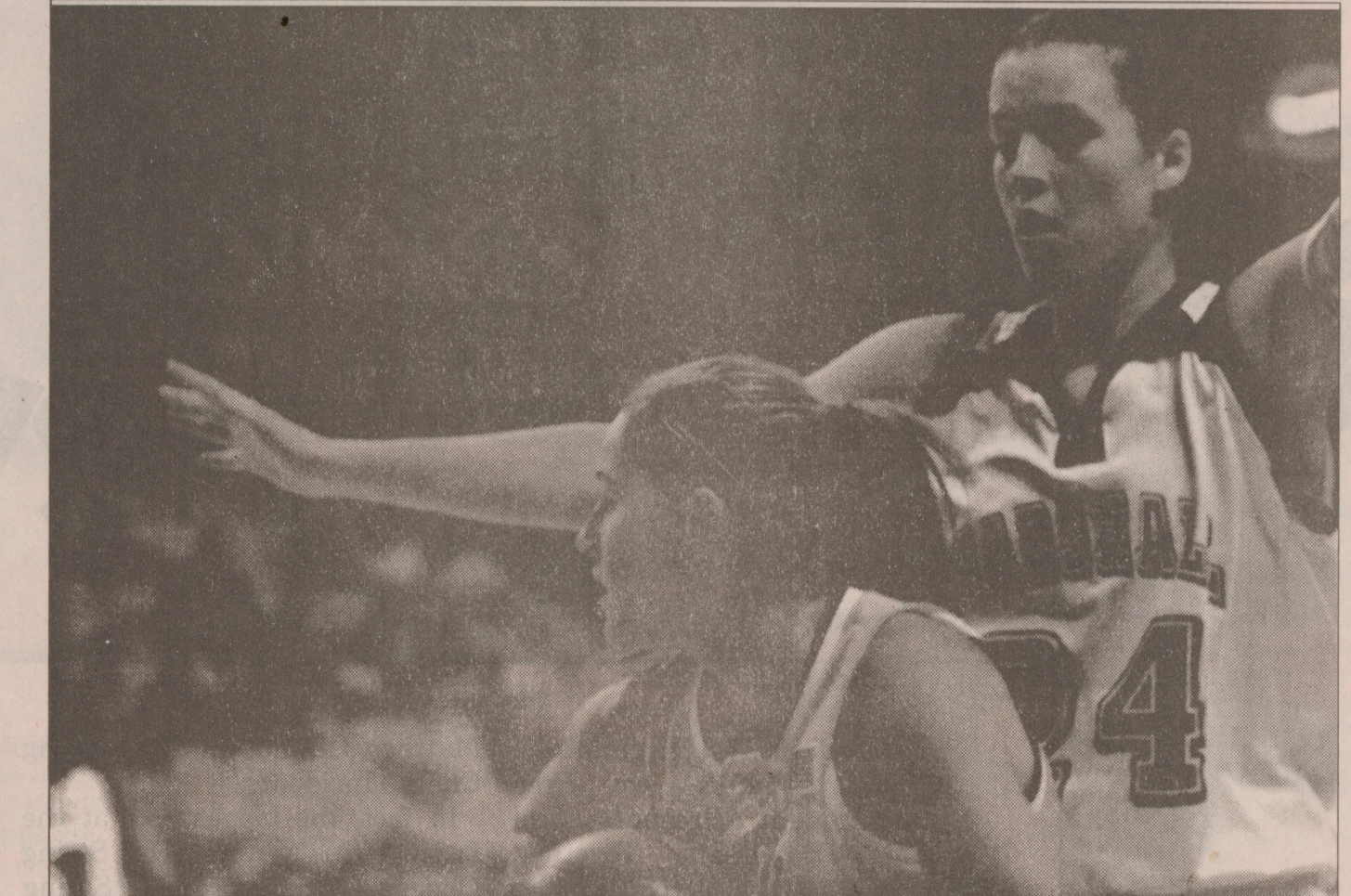
"Knable helped guide the Herd to the semifinals of the Mid-American Conference tournament and said her playing experience at Marshall will benefit her in pro play.

"Everything I learned at Marshall has helped prepare me for what I'm about to experience," Knable said. "I've been taught well on and off the court with great teammates and tremendous coaches and that will benefit me greatly."

Knable signed a one-year deal and plans to head to Europe in mid-August. She will be the only American player on the roster. Knable played in Europe earlier this summer with Athletes in Action on a 10-game tour of Poland.

"I'm a little worried about the language barrier, and it's totally different over there," Knable said. "But I'm sure it's going to be quite a learning experience and fun because I'll be doing what I love."

Knable is back at home in Indiana this summer and she continues to work on her game by shooting around, running and working out daily to prepare for the month-long training camp when



Knable is the Thundering Herd's second all-time leading rebounder with 910 rebounds in her career. The 6'2" Center/Forward also holds Marshall's fourth best three-point percentage connecting on 35.7 percent of her shots from beyond the arc.

she gets to Europe.

"You always have the dream and until you get closer and closer to it you don't realize it can happen, now I'm getting the chance," Knable said.

"I've tried to improve each year and get better and it's worked out. The great thing about basketball is that it's a whole team effort and you're never in it alone."



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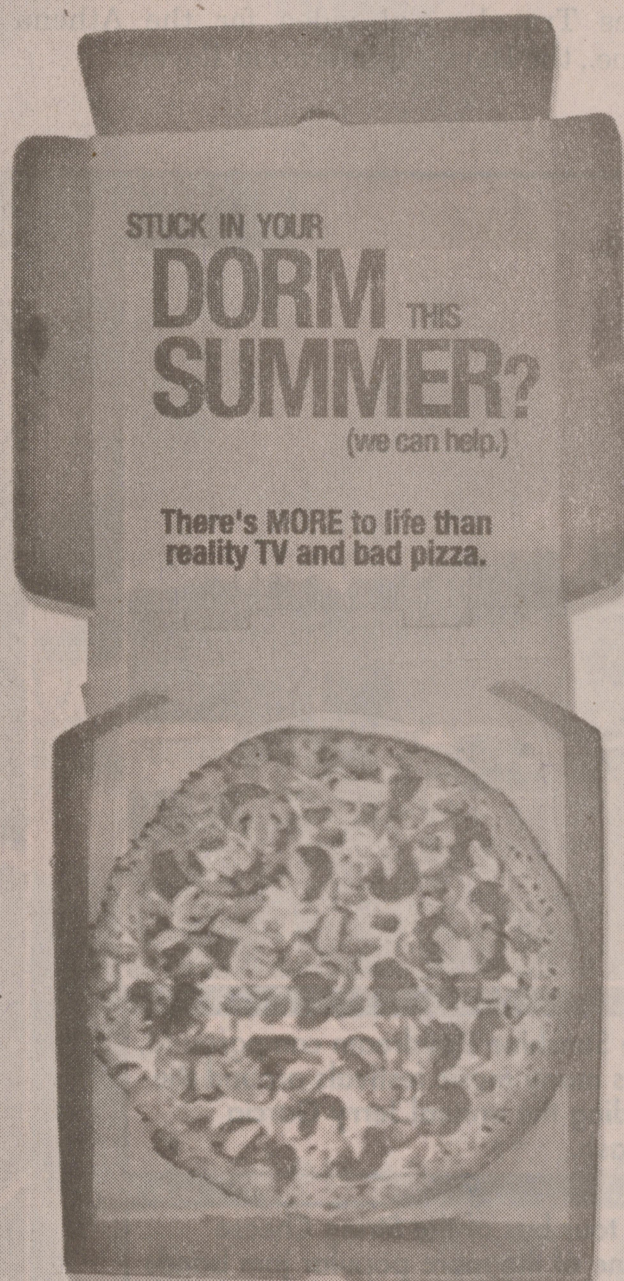
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# daydream believer

by Ashley Perks, Life editor

Woodstock in West Virginia? Almost, thanks to Free Entertainment Presents and Sunshine Daydream. Together, they've created a festival worthy of the 'jam band' movement. The 19th Annual Jerry Garcia Birthday Bash is being held August 5 - 8 at the Sunshine Daydream Campground in Terra Alta, W. Va.

But what is a jam band? Jam bands generally place a lot of emphasis on live stage shows with extended improvisations, called 'jamming' According to the Web site [jambands.com](http://jambands.com), the definition of a jam band "references a rich palette of sounds and textures. These groups share a collective penchant for improvisation, a commitment to songcraft and a propensity to cross genre boundaries, drawing from a range of traditions including blues, bluegrass, funk, jazz, rock, psychedelia and even techno."

The first jam band is widely agreed upon - the Grateful Dead. Other jam bands can loosely include Phish, Blues Traveler, Widespread Panic, moe., the Dave

Matthews Band, and the String Cheese Incident.

In fact, the biggest act at the festival this year is The String Cheese Incident. The String Cheese Incident is hard to describe, though their music is definitely an eclectic mix of bluegrass, jazz, latin, and rock. The members of the String Cheese Incident are from a small town in Colorado. They've been playing together since 1993, and they are still going strong. The String Cheese Incident is playing four sets for the festival - one Friday night, one Saturday night, and two Sunday night.

Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, another well-known and critically acclaimed band, are also appearing at the festival. Comprised of highly talented musicians, the Flecktones have a style made up of jazz, bluegrass, and reggae melodies. The Flecktones have played at many music festivals, including Bonnaroo, and their song "Turtle Rock" is featured in a promotional video for the Athena Mars Exploration Rovers.

The festival, held yearly at the Sunshine Daydream campground, is the brainchild of Trip McClenny, the owner of the campground. Lauren Barford of Ariel Publicity, the publicity firm behind the festival, said she has been to the festival in previous years. "It's a very small venue right in the middle of the hills of West Virginia," she said. "It's beautiful." This is the 19th year the festival has been in existence.

The Jerry Garcia Birthday Bash is well known amongst jam band fans, and it draws a crowd of anywhere from 300 to 4000 fans each year. This year, however, they're expecting a little more. "With String Cheese Incident and Bela Fleck, that will draw a bunch of people," Barford said.

Advance tickets for the festival are on sale for \$75.00 by calling 304-789-2292 or by visiting <http://www.musictoday.com>. Tickets at the gate are \$90.00. Parking and camping for four days is an extra \$5.00 per person. For more information on the venue... or tickets, visit <http://www.sunshinedreams.com>.



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above: The Sunshine Daydream campground, which hosts many music festivals around the year, including the annual Jerry Garcia Birthday Bash.

right: The tour bus of the String Cheese Incident, one of the more popular jam bands on the circuit. Hula hoops are also one of the favorite toys of the festival.



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