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CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

These three-subject notebooks from All By Students are free for Marshall students and are available in the student affairs office on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Free notebooks still available for MU students

BY BROOKS TAYLOR
THE PARTHENON

Marshall students have no excuse for not taking notes in class this semester. All By Students, an organization trying to give every college student in America a free notebook, donated 7,725 notebooks to Marshall.

Daniel Martz, the chief executive officer of All By Students, said the project started at Northwestern University three years ago.

"The thought process is that college students get a lot of promotional products in the mailbox. A lot of stuff with branding on it, and it usually ends up by the trash can," Martz said. "We found the products had limited usefulness."

A group of students at Northwestern University tried to figure out a way to get companies' advertising out while making it useful for students.

The three-subject notebooks, which have a Marshall logo on the front, are paid for by ads. The notebooks also have information about Marshall on the first eight pages, including useful phone numbers and a campus map.

Steve Hensley, Marshall's dean of student affairs, said he hopes the notebooks help students become better in the classroom.

"In being an efficient student, it just seems to help. We can write things down," Hensley said.

Hensley recalled his college days and how taking notes helped him.

"If I wrote things down a few times, I had a better chance of remembering it," Hensley said.

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SGA ready to begin black history month

BY LOGAN BUSH
THE PARTHENON

With February fast approaching, the Student Government Association is getting activities ready to commemorate Black History Month.

There will be four events, one each week of the month, where students can join in the celebration of Black History Month.

The first week there will be a chronological art and photo display in Drinko Library starting with the history of African-Americans and culminating with the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Many of the pictures will be by African-American artists.

The photographs and paintings will be paired with captions that will describe the scene and mood of the pictures.

Matt James, SGA president, is trying to get some works in the exhibition from Bluefield State College, a historically black college. James is from Bluefield and is trying to create a connection between the two schools to make the collaboration possible.

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Faculty senate approves new degree

Medical imaging degree brings debate from MCTC

BY MEGAN BRYANT
THE PARTHENON

Marshall Faculty Senate members approved the College of Health Professions' Intent-to-Plan statement for a Cooperative Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging on Thursday.

Shortie McKinney, dean of the College of Health Professions, said an associate degree is already offered through the Marshall Community and Technical College. McKinney said she believes the new degree will offer many more opportunities to students in advanced training.

"I think that it is a fantastic program," McKinney said. "It's going to allow the students to be at the fore-

front of their fields. There are only 27 other bachelor programs nationally, and it is excellent for us to join them."

McKinney said passage by the Faculty Senate was a very important step in approval of this program, and once approved by President Stephen Kopp and the Marshall Board of Governors, the college anticipates starting the program in the fall semester.

Mike McComas, mathematics and science program coordinator at Marshall Community and Technical College, said he questioned the faculty's level of education for the new degree.

"I am appalled that they are going to allow people with bachelor's degrees to teach bachelor's degree students," McComas said. "I think education is good for anyone, but I think this goes against the state."

McKinney said Rita Fisher will be the director of the new degree program and that she has plenty of experience to lead. McKinney added the other faculty members will be

people with bachelor's degrees who are working on their master's degree. McKinney said St. Mary's Medical Center is working with them and they expect the new degree program will succeed.

Another issue addressed at the Faculty Senate meeting was the developing changes to the summer sessions at Marshall.

Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said a committee came up with recommendations from long standing concerns about the summer sessions. Ormiston said the summer sessions were unclear to students.

"We want to help students get summer classes they need," Ormiston said. "We want to make them transferable to satisfy degree requirements."

Ormiston said there will be four summer sessions, and the summer courses have to be able to pay for

"I am appalled that they are going to allow people with bachelor's degrees to teach bachelor's degree students."

Mike McComas

Mathematics and science program coordinator at Marshall Community and Technical College

themselves. Ormiston said Marshall lost a considerable amount of money and it needs to make a budget plan that doesn't cut across two fiscal years.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be 4 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

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40th Annual MU Jazz Festival kicks off



CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Brandon Leroy, left, belts out a solo on his alto saxophone during the Bridgeport High School Jazz Ensemble's performance Thursday evening for the 40th Annual Jazz Festival. Amanda Wilshire and Kayleigh Swanson, above, focus in with their saxophones during the performance. The 40th Annual Jazz Festival, presented by Marshall University's Department of Music, kicked off Thursday night at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse with performances by the Bridgeport High School Jazz Ensemble and Bluetrane, Marshall's Faculty Jazz Combo. It continues through Saturday. See Page 6 for more information.

Marshall hosts first technical conference

BY SOLOMON FIZER
THE PARTHENON

Engineers from across the U.S. attended the first annual Premiere Winter Technical Conference at the Marshall University Memorial Student Center on Thursday.

The event was hosted by the Marshall student chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers. The group was introduced at Marshall in 2006 and is a professional organization that encompasses all the various programs including civil, electrical, mechanical and chemical engineering. The group has 30 engineering students and three faculty members.

This is Corey Weaver's third technical conference. Weaver, a civil engineering major from Beckley, W.Va., and Society of American Military Engineers president, attended two conferences as a student at West Virginia University Institute of Technology and

hosted the event Thursday.

He said he has been anticipating this event for quite some time in hopes that Marshall engineering students can benefit from the experiences of the engineers in attendance.

"We have been very excited for this event," Weaver said. "For students it's a very good opportunity to network because there will be the engineering firms and organizations like the Department of Highways and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and so they get a chance to speak to them and possibly get good job opportunities."

"Students also get to hear practicing engineers and what they do and what's out there in the world instead of just hearing the theory behind it in class."

Richard McCormick, Marshall engineering professor, is one of the people involved in the Society of American Military Engineers program.



CARA KUECK | FOR THE PARTHENON

Corey Weaver, president of the Marshall student chapter of the American Society of Military Engineers, joins about 100 professional engineers during the first annual Premiere Winter Technical Conference at Marshall on Thursday.

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EDITORIAL

Donations down despite reports

In the current economic crisis, many businesses and organizations are experiencing reduced income. Marshall University is no exception.

Donations to The Marshall University Foundation, which manages gifts to the school, have decreased about 15 percent in the last six months, according to an Associated Press article Wednesday.

However, Ron Area, the foundation's chief executive officer and Ed Zimmerman, director of planned giving, told a reporter for The Parthenon in October that donations had remained steady despite the economy.

If they have known about the downward trend, the foundation representatives should not have misled reporters. Area told The Parthenon that scholarship funds had not been damaged. But the AP reported that Area is worried money might not be available for scholarships, which were "under water" after a 24 percent fall in the portfolio the foundation uses interest from to pay for the awards.

Measures should be taken to protect the scholarship funds already awarded to students. They have earned this money and it has already been promised to them. Area said the scholarships are his priority, but there are no guarantees that the foundation can cover them.

Area said the foundation plans ahead for economic downturns. Hopefully, the foundation has done enough to maintain funds for its current projects throughout the recession.

Thankfully, donors are still making an effort to give what they can. Area told the AP more checks came in than usual at the end of the year even though the amount was smaller. We appreciate this willingness to support Marshall even when it is difficult and encourage the community to donate to the foundation.

Correction: In Wednesday's editorial, it was incorrectly stated that essential staff do not receive sick or personal days. The editorial meant to mention time and a half pay a possible floating holiday for essential staff workers on campus.

Guidelines for letters to the editor

Please keep letters to the editor at 300 words or fewer. They must be saved in Microsoft Word and sent as an attachment. Longer letters may be used as guest columns at the editor's discretion. Guest column status will not be given at the author's request. All letters must be signed and include an address or phone number for confirmation. Letters may be edited for grammar, libelous statements, available space or factual errors. Compelling letters posted on The Parthenon Web site, www.marshallparthenon.com, can be printed at the discretion of the editors.

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Did you get a free Marshall University notebook?

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- B) No
- C) I didn't know about them

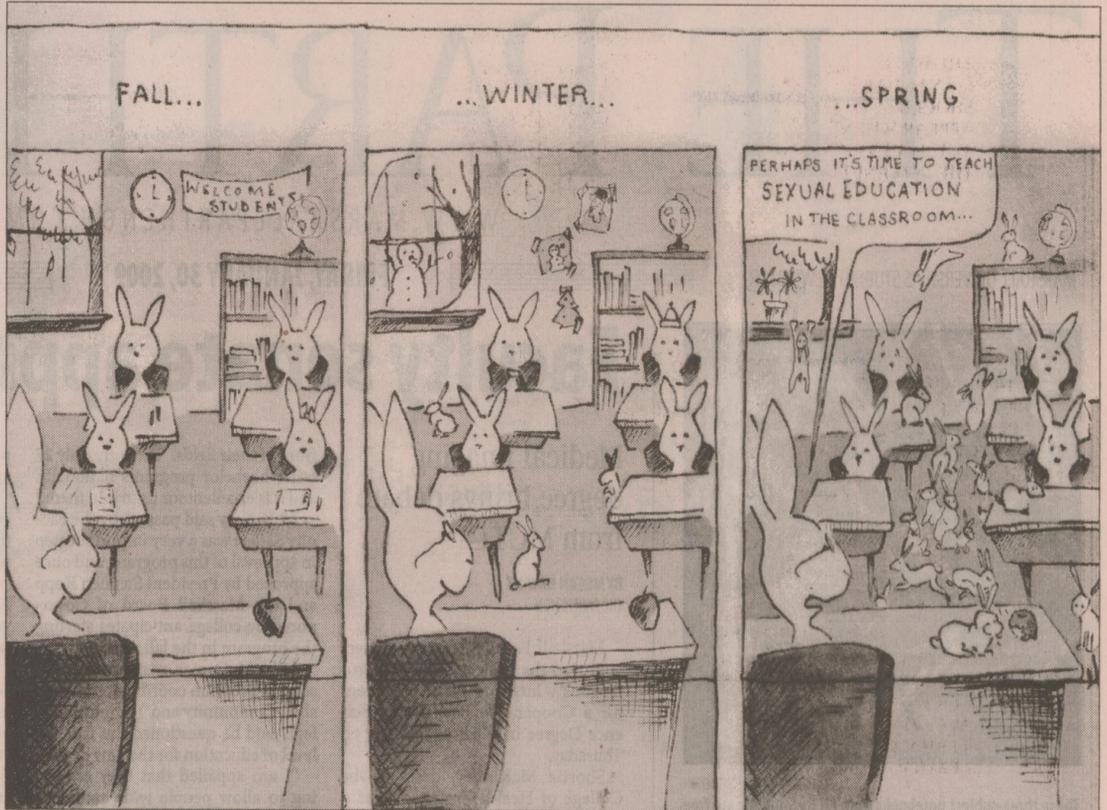
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Previous poll

If snow could be a different color, what should it be?

Kelly green..... 45%
Yellow..... 10%
Light blue..... 33%
Pink..... 12%

EDITORIAL CARTOON | ERIN FELTON | THINK OUTSIDE THE SIDEWALK



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VOICE OF REASON | Jerrod Laber

Obama's stimulus not the answer

There is absolutely no denying that our economy is in bad shape. The worst it's been in decades.

Largely brought on by the subprime mortgage crisis and the ensuing "credit crunch," the current situation is particularly scary by record numbers of home foreclosures and the highest unemployment rate the country has seen in more than 15 years.

The housing crisis was caused by banks granting mortgage loans to borrowers who did not necessarily have the ability to repay them. Rising prices then caused delinquencies to go up and securities the mortgages backed to lose the greater portion of their value. This led to huge losses on the part of banks and other financial institutions, thereby constricting available credit here in the U.S. and around the world.

Add everything together and extrapolate it, and you get where we're at now.

The government's solution to these problems from the very beginning has been to dramatically increase spending.

Former President George W. Bush's more than \$700 billion bailout hit, but then missed badly. While granting tax rebates to the middle class ranging from \$300 to \$1,200, the greatest portion of the package went toward loans to banks and financial firms, aimed at keeping them from going under.

Bailouts were a bad idea from the beginning and make no sense economically. Giving America's tax dollars, with no oversight and regulations, to those whose bad business practices got them in a jam only delays the inevitable. The loan gives a short-lived jolt, but ultimately, with no change in procedure, it does nothing.

The tax rebates' purpose was to put cash directly into the pockets of the consumer. Well, the money made it there. But the problem

was that's where it stayed. Pessimism on the part of the public rendered the efforts ineffective, as most people saw no reason to spend it. Anyone who did most

likely put it toward bills and other necessities, as the middle class the money went to are among the hardest hit by everything.

President Barack Obama's recovery plan is relatively similar to that of Bush. Ideological in nature, the difference lies in the way the money will be used. But the belief is still that we can eventually spend our way out of the recession.

Massive government spending could provide the energy shot that leads to short-term job creation, provided it's used right. But it's

not maintainable in the long run. And since this isn't the 1930s and we're now the world's largest debtor nation, instead of creditor, it basically becomes writing a check that we can't cash. Isn't that kind of what got us into this mess in the first place?

The largest part of Obama's plan involves tax rebates, just the same as Bush. But with the economy worse than it was just last year, to assume Americans are going to act differently with this money isn't much more than wishful thinking.

We need a real stimulus, not an agenda, that focuses on the long term as well as the short.

Obama's program is somewhat like putting the economy on steroids. It might (though it's unlikely) produce the desired results at first. But over time, we'll realize it wasn't such a wise idea.

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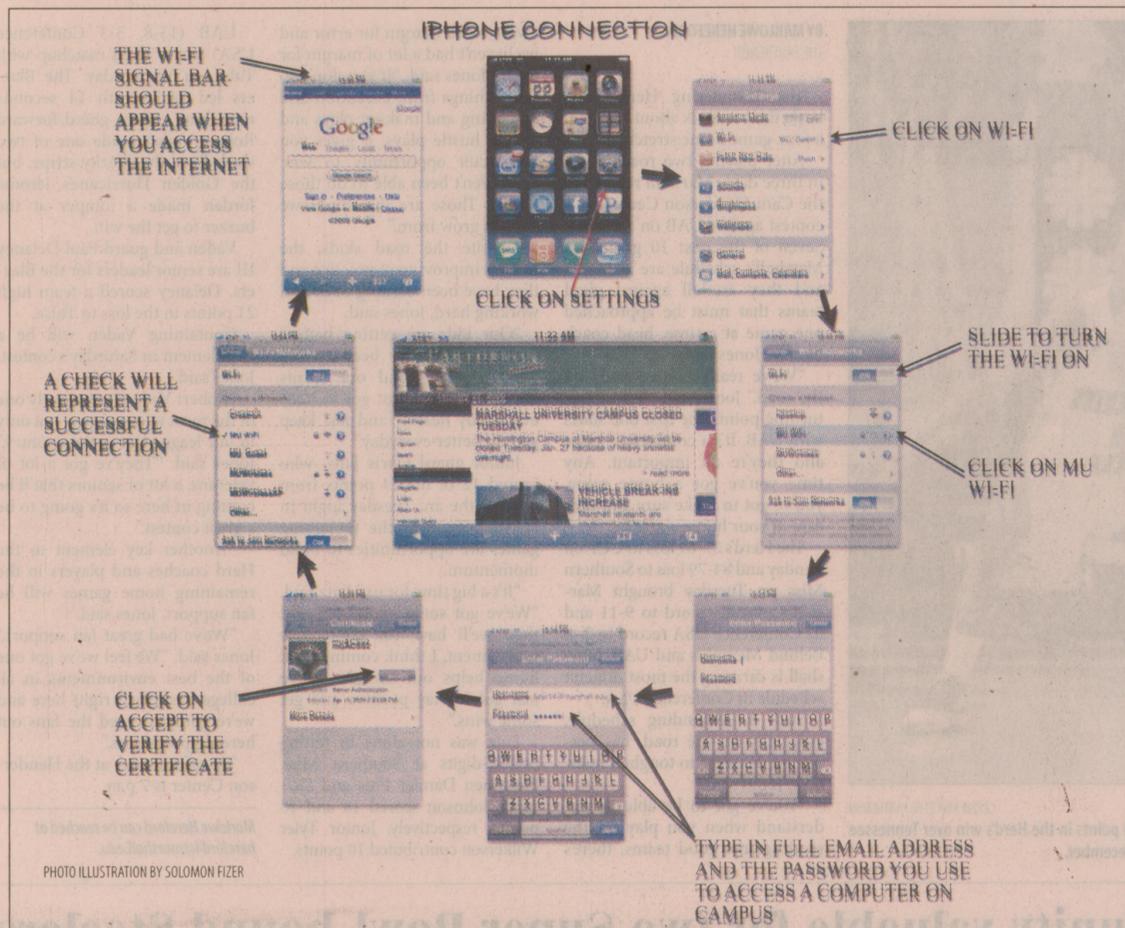
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Daily News Quotation

"As my children pointed out, in Chicago, school is never canceled. In fact, my 7-year-old pointed out that you'd go outside for recess. You wouldn't even stay indoors. So, I don't know. We're going to have to try to apply some flinty Chicago toughness." — President Barack Obama on Washington, D.C., closing schools because of icy roads.

How to keep your iPhone connected



BY SOLOMON FIZER
THE PARTHENON

iPhone users can now get their phones connected to Marshall's network with the MU WiFi wireless connection.

This process should take less than three minutes to complete and when finished you can surf the Web just as fast as your laptop or the computers on Marshall's campus.

First, you need to make sure that your iPhone has at least the 2.0 firmware version. If you do not have this version just connect the iPhone to iTunes and click on the check for updates button to get the newest firmware update for iPhone. The current version is 2.2.1.

After this step is completed,

you are ready to begin the connection process. On the home screen of your iPhone, click on the button labeled settings. On the settings screen there should be a slide that says Wi-Fi. Click on that slide.

Make sure your Wi-Fi is turned on. You can do this by sliding the switch on your screen. When your Wi-Fi is on, your phone will automatically find all the wireless networks within range. The phone may have already connected to MU-Wireless AP because that network is not secured. You need to select the network that says MU Wi-Fi.

After clicking on the icon, it should prompt you to enter a username and password. Your username is your Marshall e-

mail address. You have to put the entire e-mail address, not just your login name used to sign in on campus computers. For example, Marshall2009@marshall.edu. Your password is the one you use to login on a computer on campus, not your myMU password.

The next screen that comes up should ask to verify a certificate. Click the accept button and you should now be connected to Marshall's MU WiFi network. If everything is done correctly there should be a check mark beside the MU Wi-Fi tab on the iPhone Wi-Fi screen.

Ted Grant, junior advertising major from Huntington, has owned an iPhone for about a year. He has been patiently waiting to connect his iPhone

to Marshall's network and is relieved that he can get a faster Internet connection on his phone.

"With being connected to MU WiFi, I can look stuff up online quicker and anywhere I need," Grant said. "It's more convenient and faster for me to use whenever I'm on campus. Using my iPhone is much easier than going to the computer lab, plus I can get online anywhere."

If your iPhone is having problems finding MU WiFi, try going through this process at the Drinko Library or the Student Center.

For any further assistance call the MU Help Desk at 304-696-3200.

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Committee aims to update Marshall Plan

New core classes will create different requirements for incoming students

BY MEGAN BRYANT
THE PARTHENON

The Core Foundations Ad Hoc Committee is looking to add new core classes that will redesign and update the Marshall Plan and create new requirements for incoming students.

The committee had an all day meeting Jan. 24 to coordinate its ideas and to become organized on how far they have come and to modify the framework.

Cheryl A. Brown, Core Foundation Ad Hoc Committee chair, said the committee was making major revisions to the core curriculum so it will be based around fundamental thinking domains. At the center, the curriculum will be teaching critical thinking skills.

"We are trying to change to what the core curriculum ought to be exposing to students," Brown said. "The goal is for it to all work together. My goal for the committee is to have something by March to give to the faculty senate for them to vote on."

Brown said another important element the committee was trying to address was making classes more transportable through different colleges and to make sure the classes were something everybody needed.

Robert Bookwalter, chair of

the Department of Communications Studies and committee member, said the committee as a whole has the goal of reviewing the general education curriculum to see about redesigning it for the 21st century.

"I think we are trying to design something that has a much greater emphasis on critical thinking and a more unified core, where the Marshall Plan is a kind of a piecemeal," Bookwalter said. "We aren't abandoning the principles of the Marshall Plan completely."

Bookwalter said critical thinking is the most important focus, but they are trying to promote several types of thinking that graduates need in order to succeed in

their careers.

"Incoming students will see a core curriculum that is more unified and easier to navigate," Bookwalter said. "I think that it is important to note that we are trying to coordinate our ideas but we still have a lot of work to do."

Bookwalter said the meeting Saturday was to assess how far the committee has come and it really gave them the chance to organize their thinking into a plan that has enough structure for people to respond to and modify it into a system everyone at Marshall can support.

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Car maintenance important in winter

KATIE HARPER
THE PARTHENON

Winter's freezing temperatures can shorten a car's life if proper preventive measures are not taken.

Everett Carter, a retail parts professional at Advanced Auto Parts, said taking steps to ensure proper car maintenance could eliminate the weather's negative effect on cars.

"A tuned and well-maintained car will not see the affects of winter," Carter said. "If you neglect a car, then you'll see short and long term consequences."

Carter said regularly refilling antifreeze could lengthen the life of cars.

"If antifreeze isn't properly maintained, then the engine will freeze and won't start," he said.

By keeping tires in top condition, students can prevent some accidents.

"You have to keep tire pressure right," Carter said. "If they're overinflated, they'll spin out more. Tires also need to maintain good tread during the winter."

Carter said the most frequent car problem he sees in the winter is dead batteries.

"The extreme cold is hard on batteries," Carter said.

Dewey Harmon, the store manager of Goodyear Auto Services, said windshield wiper blades are one of the most commonly overlooked and weather sensitive part of a car.

"People forget to lift their wiper blades before they use them when

it's cold," Harmon said. "This makes the wiper blade's motor burn out."

Harmon said regular car maintenance should be part of every student's budget.

"You need to get your antifreeze, water fluid and air filters checked," Harmon said. "Also, you need to get regular oil changes."

With the current conditions of Huntington's streets, Carter said his best advice to students is to keep their cars off the road.

According to the National Weather Service, this week-end's weather may allow roads to thaw and create safer driving conditions.

Today's high is expected to reach 28 degrees with an anticipated low of 13 degrees.

There is a 50 percent chance of snow with possible accumulation up to one inch.

Saturday's temperatures are expected to reach a high of 34 degrees and get as low as 27 degrees.

Sunday is predicted to bring warmer, sunnier weather with a high of 48 and a low of 32 degrees.

With the end of winter's cold at an unforeseeable distance, Carter said students should prepare their cars for the worst conditions.

"Proper maintenance, like oil changes, is the lifeline of a car," Carter said. "My car has close to 300,000 miles thanks to proper maintenance."

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With the recent string of bad weather, one of the big problems facing students is the maintenance of their cars. Students should maintain their car's antifreeze, change a bad battery and make sure tires are properly inflated. These tips will ensure safe travels when driving on the roads this winter.

KATIE HARPER | THE PARTHENON

THURSDAY'S SCORES

NBA

Cavaliers 88, Magic 99
Spurs, Suns—late

NHL

Devils 4, Bruins 3 (OT)
Lightning 2, Hurricanes 3
Canadiens 1, Panthers 5
Islanders 5, Thrashers 4
Stars 4, Red Wings 2
Senators 3, Blues 1
Maple Leafs 7, Avalanche 4
Blackhawks, Kings—late
Coyotes, Sharks—late

NCAA BB

Clemson 86, Virginia Tech 82
Alabama 80, Arkansas 89
Illinois 36, Minnesota 59
Rutgers 67, Seton Hall 70
California, UCLA—late
St. Mary's, Gonzaga—late

SPORTS BRIEFS

Herd women lose road contest to Southern Miss

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—Down 17 points at the half, the Thundering Herd women's basketball team made a second half rally, taking the lead on two occasions, but it was not enough as Southern Miss came away with a 70-64 win Thursday evening at Reed Green Coliseum.

Tymikki Crook led the Herd (12-8, 5-2 C-USA) with 20 points, 15 coming in the second half.

The Golden Eagles (13-7, 6-1 C-USA) were outscored by the Herd, 22-8, in the first eight minutes of the second half. Marshall grabbed its first lead since the opening minute with 3:30 left in the game, but a late three and four made free throws put USM on top for good.

Southern Miss dominated the first half, taking a 39-22 halftime lead.

The Herd regrouped at the half and opened the second stanza on a 10-2 run. Eight straight points by Casey Baker, including two straight treys, brought the Herd back within 11, 41-30.

With 6:20 remaining in the game, a jumper by Chantelle Handy knotted the game at 51-51, the first tie since the game was 4-4 in the opening minutes. A three by Tanesha Washington put the Golden Eagles back on top, 54-51, but Alix Barnette hit a trey on the next trip down the floor to tie it back up. Washington struck right back for USM, hitting her second straight three-pointer to take the lead right back.

After a bucket by Crook and a foul, she had a chance to tie the game at 59, but after missing the shot, Handy grabbed the board and a Hammond shot put MU up 60-59, its first lead since 2-0. The lead was swapped back-and-forth, and with 1:59 left, a Crook shot put MU up 64-63.

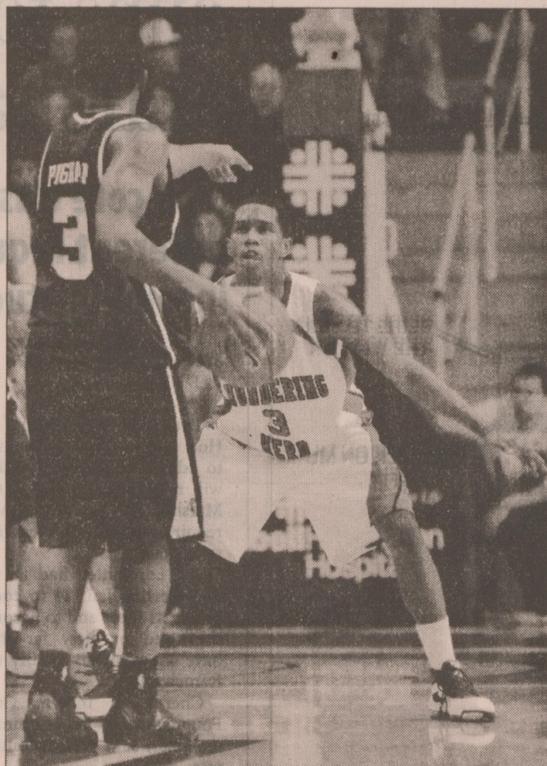
On the next trip down the floor, a three by Kendra Reed proved to be the difference, putting the Golden Eagles up for good. They hit four late free throws to clinch the 70-64 win.

Marshall won the battle of the boards 34-32 after being outrebounded by eight in the first half. It also tallied 24 points in the paint while holding USM to 22. The Golden Eagles finished with the shooting advantage, 49.1-42.9.

The Thundering Herd will wrap up its two-game road trip at UCF on Saturday. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. at the UCF Arena.

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Marshall to take on UAB in first of four home games



CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Freshman guard Damier Pitts scored 14 points in the Herd's win over Tennessee State at the Cam Henderson Center in December.

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD
THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Herd men's basketball team is about to begin a four-game home stretch.

After playing two road games in three days, Marshall returns to the Cam Henderson Center for a contest against UAB on Saturday. Seven of the next 10 games on Marshall's schedule are at home, and they are all against good teams that must be approached one game at a time, head coach Donnie Jones said.

"We've really battled hard on the road," Jones said. "It's a huge turning point. The first one starts with UAB. It's a conference game and they're all important. Any time you've got a home game, you've got to make sure you take care of your home court."

The Herd's 87-69 loss to UCF on Sunday and 84-79 loss to Southern Miss on Tuesday brought Marshall's overall record to 9-11 and its Conference USA record to 2-4. Behind Memphis and UAB, Marshall is carrying the most difficult schedule in Conference USA.

Such a demanding schedule, especially on the road, has permitted the team to toughen mentally, Jones said.

"You've got to be able to understand when you play on the road against good teams, there's

a very small margin for error and we haven't had a lot of margin for error," Jones said. "If you don't do those things from execution and defending and making plays and all the hustle plays, it gives you a difficult opportunity to win. We haven't been able to do those things. Those are the things we have to grow from."

Despite the road skids, the team is improving in practice and they have been coming back and working hard, Jones said.

"Our kids are getting better," Jones said. "We've been having good practices and our spirits are good. We've just got to keep everybody healthy and just keep getting better everyday."

Junior guard Chris Lutz, who scored 12 of his 14 points from beyond the arc Tuesday night in Hattiesburg, said the remaining games are opportunities to build momentum.

"It's a big time for us," Lutz said. "We've got some games left and then we'll have the conference tournament. I think coming back home helps our morale. We've just got to stay positive and get some wins."

Lutz was not alone in hitting double-digits at Southern Miss. Freshmen Damier Pitts and Shaquille Johnson scored 18 and 16 points, respectively. Junior Tyler Wilkerson contributed 10 points.

UAB (13-8, 3-3 Conference USA) lost a 75-74 matchup with Tulsa on Wednesday. The Blazers led 74-73 with 14 seconds remaining after guard/forward Robert Vaden made one of two shots from the charity stripe, but the Golden Hurricane's Jerome Jordan made a jumper at the buzzer to get the win.

Vaden and guard Paul Delaney III are senior leaders for the Blazers. Delaney scored a team high 21 points in the loss to Tulsa.

Containing Vaden will be a key element in Saturday's contest, Jones said.

"Robert Vaden is obviously one of the most talented guys not only in our league but in the country," Jones said. "They've got a lot of veterans, a lot of seniors that'll be coming in here so it's going to be a great contest."

Another key element to the Herd coaches and players in the remaining home games will be fan support, Jones said.

"We've had great fan support," Jones said. "We feel we've got one of the best environments in all college basketball right here and we're going to need the fans out here supporting us."

Tip off Saturday at the Henderson Center is 7 p.m.

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Herd community valuable for two Super Bowl-bound Steelers

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD
THE PARTHENON

The Pittsburgh Steelers are one win away from getting their sixth Super Bowl ring. Former Herd players Doug Legursky and Byron Leftwich have taken two different journeys to reach football's biggest game.

Legursky played for Marshall from 2004 to 2008 and is in his first year of professional football. He has spent the 2008-09 season on the Steelers practice squad. Leftwich was the seventh pick in the first round of the 2003 NFL Draft. After four seasons in Jacksonville, he was signed by Atlanta in September 2007. Leftwich was signed to Pittsburgh in August after being released by the Falcons in February 2008.

Members of WMUL, MU Report and The Parthenon attended media day in Pittsburgh on Jan. 22 to talk to the former Herd players about their first season with the Steelers, about what the championship means to them and their ties to the Marshall community.

Legursky said the team atmosphere has been full of various emotions since getting the bid to Super Bowl XLIII.

"It's a little nerve wracking but it makes you feel good at the same time knowing you've put all this work in and it's all going to come down to one week," Legursky said.

For Leftwich, this is a chance to get a Super Bowl ring of his own and achieve the success of other former Herd players. Among those

is recent retiree Troy Brown, who played 15 seasons with the New England Patriots and became their all-time leading receiver.

"I always joke with Troy," Leftwich said with a laugh. "Hopefully I can get one because Troy has so many. I always try to tell him to share and let me get one but we've got an opportunity to get one. It'd be a special thing for me."

Both players expressed gratitude to be able to reach this point in their careers.

Leftwich said playing for Pittsburgh has allowed him to make a comeback from injuries and show everyone how much progress he has made.

"I think now the difference is I've got an opportunity just to be healthy for a change. Not having those surgeries, not doing no rehab," Leftwich said. "I have an opportunity to show everybody else that I am healthy. It's just a blessing for me to be in this situation, to be on a team like this and try to contribute in the ways that I can contribute to help this football team."

When asked what he does to contribute to Pittsburgh victories, Leftwich laughed and said, "I can't tell you. Some stuff is meant to be secret."

Making it to the Super Bowl as a first year professional player is living a dream, Legursky said.

"I think anybody in the pros probably the Super Bowl is not too far out of reach but its something you never really think about," Legursky said. "It's everyone's dream to be in a Super Bowl and not that

many people in their career get to play in a Super Bowl. Hopefully I'll be able to make it back there when I'm a starter someday."

Perhaps what makes this journey such a significant one is the fan support from the Marshall community that has maintained over the years.

"The guys from Beckley to Marshall to here have so much support for me and I just appreciate them so much," Legursky said. "I give back to them every time I can and they help me out too."

"This Super Bowl is not just for me," Leftwich said. "It's for the neighborhood I grew up in, its for the college Marshall, all the people, all my fans, my friends and family, all the coaches that ever coached me."

"There's so many people who helped me along the way, so many people that kicked me in the butt when I needed to be kicked in the butt and patted me on the back when I needed to be patted on the back. I still talk to those people and I can only imagine how many people I've met by going to Marshall that I still keep in touch with to this day. When they say we bleed green, that really does mean something."

Pittsburgh will face off against the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium on Sunday. The game will be televised by NBC. Kick off in Tampa is scheduled for 6:28 p.m.

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FILE PHOTOS
(above) Byron Leftwich passed for 249 yards in the 2002 GMAC Bowl where they won 38-15 over Louisville. He was named Most Valuable Player of the game. (right) Doug Legursky started 36 consecutive games for the Herd. He was a three-time Rimington Trophy Watch List selection and played in the 2008 Hula Bowl.



Coach Kay Yow's story raises cancer awareness, hope for patients



ANDREW RAMPACHER
Rampacher's Rumbblings

Rite-Aid and a bottle of DayQuil. What Kay Yow dealt with over the past 22 years could not be cured. Not with a pill, not with a box of tissues, not even with the support of the entire college basketball community.

Yow, the decorated former N.C. State women's basketball coach, died last Saturday morning after a two-decade bout with breast cancer.

While I was under the weather this week, I laid around and watched ESPN until I realized listening to Skip Bayless probably wasn't good treatment for a headache.

While Yow's back was up

against the wall versus the fight of her life, she was busy collecting milestone after milestone: coaching the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in 1988, guiding the Wolfpack to the Final Four in 1998, being inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000 and collecting her 700th career victory in 2007.

Not bad. Her Marshall counterpart, Royce Chadwick, only met Yow once, but it is a meeting that remains fresh in his 50-year-old mind.

"I went to a Final Four many, many years ago and she'd been at N.C. State about eight or 10 years," Chadwick said. "I introduced myself to her and she took the time to visit with me at a time when I was just a pup in the business, coaching high school."

"She was just that kind of person. She would say 'Hello' to everybody. Everybody was important to her... She was just one of those folks who did things right."

Chadwick has done many things right over his 25 years in college basketball. But not even

his 500 career wins could surpass what he did shortly after he heard the news of Yow's passing.

In a move that was second nature to him, Chadwick had his players drop their traditional black and white Nike accessories for pink socks, wristbands and headbands prior to Marshall's noon tip with Memphis last Saturday.

"We wanted to let everybody know that we are very much going to miss her," he said. "And we wanted her to know that she is truly up there in heaven looking down upon us and we wanted to make people aware."

"Let's find a cure."

Yow went searching for that cure as soon as she was diagnosed, becoming an active voice for the disease as the president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Up until her passing, she was able to gain more support throughout the coaching ranks. Legends of the game such as Connecticut's Geno Auriemma and Tennessee's Pat Summitt all came together to form the Kay Yow WBCA Cancer Fund in December of 2007.

"It's not about the W's and L's," Chadwick said. "It's about the things that she was able to do and the inspiration she was able to bring to all of her players and all the people coaching this sport."

"She transcended our sport to the point where she's going to bring awareness to others, finding cures and doing things that are going to make some differences to ward this off."

"She was just bigger than the sport." Bigger than the sport by her mere presence and larger than life by her mere courage, Kay Yow joins a list of numerous unique and special individuals who have their lives taken away

by cancer each day. I'll quote Chadwick again, "Let's find a cure."

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Orthopedic residency program off to fast start

BY MYRIAH HISAM
THE PARTHENON

The School of Medicine's Orthopedic Residency Program is exceeding expectations in its first full year at Marshall University.

Two classes of residents are now in the five-year program, and the interviewing process for the next class of students has started.

Dr. Ali Oliashirazi, chairman of Marshall's department of orthopedics, said the toughest residency program to get accepted into is orthopedics. When he interviews potential students, he said he wants the students to not only be good at what they do, but also to be able to teach

it as well.

"The six residents we have now are the elite," he said. "They are the top of the top and come with exceptional recommendations."

Even though the program faced a tough approval process, Oliashirazi said this is the only residency program to be approved at Marshall since 1995.

"They said they've looked into many different residency programs before and they just didn't have it," he said. "So they

"It is phenomenal from top to bottom. I have not seen any glitches that I would expect to see in a first-year program."

Hans Bengtson
second-year resident at the Marshall School of Medicine

said I shouldn't hold my breath."

The program was approved and accepted the first class of residents for the training year in summer 2008.

"Outstanding" is the one word Hans Bengtson, a second-year resident, used to describe the program.

Bengtson, a graduate of the Medical College of Wisconsin, said he thinks the program is a major success.

"It is phenomenal from top to bot-

tom," he said. "I have not seen any glitches that I would expect to see in a first-year program."

The orthopedic program has only lost one faculty member in its lifetime.

"The member thought the grass was greener on the other side but then he realized it was just grass," Oliashirazi said. "He is looking to return to Marshall in April."

Oliashirazi said he believes the staff in the program is talented.

"We truly picked people we wanted and it shows," he said. "We have a very loyal and stable faculty."

Each resident accepted into the program is required to do a project that will change the community. This year that project is constructing a Habitat House

with hopes of being finished by summer, Bengtson said.

The residents also collect money for the Harmony House, which provides services for the homeless. Every Thursday, money collected from around the hospital is used to provide the house with whatever items are needed, Oliashirazi said.

"Of all programs I came across, no one else had a community aspect and I really like that," Bengtson said.

The residents plan to host an "Iron Chef" competition in April as well as other fundraisers for the Habitat House.

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New Multicultural Ambassadors



The Office of Multicultural Affairs recently chose 10 leadership ambassadors from a broad range of cultural backgrounds to serve as the official student voices to promote educational awareness and diversity in the Marshall and Huntington communities. The students selected are: (back row) Will Edwards, Paula Gonzalez, Cody Collins, Todd Parks, Nathan Holbrook (seated) Whitely Mayo, Carla Ramirez, Mercy Mwangi, Tiara Carper and Joshua Wood.

CONFERENCE

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McCormick said he hopes that students used this opportunity to talk to professionals and see what it is like and how the market is going. McCormick said that WVU Tech has held 44 conferences like this so far, West Virginia University has caught on in the previous years and so has Fairmont State University. However, no one at this end of this state has hosted a technical conference.

"The conference is a good chance for students to sit down and talk to professionals and see what's happening with their jobs," McCormick said. "We are just getting started, but Huntington has been on the fringes with WV Tech having theirs in Montgomery, WVU started theirs a few years ago in Flatwoods and Fairmont's is all the way in Fairmont, so this end of the state is somewhat out of the main stream when it comes to these types of profession engineering continuing education opportunities."

"We thought there should be a fairly good market for student to get into this and start their own technical conference."

Cara Kueck, senior civil engineering major from Dallas, has been in the program since the beginning. Kueck will receive her degree in civil engineering in December and is undecided on what she will do after graduating. Kueck said this was a good opportunity for her and the other engineering students to learn about the profession and she hopes that more people will want to join the program.

"I think that this a good education experience for the professionals here and the students," Kueck said. "We encourage people to join our SAME group and the engineering department because engineering is a growing field, and our department is always looking for new people to be a part of it. Our department continues to grow and we want to keep students interested in engineering here at Marshall."

More than 100 people attended the conference, including 30 Marshall engineering students, six faculty members and more

than 60 engineers and guests. The Society of American Military Engineers hopes this is just one of many technical conferences Marshall will host. The event is beneficial to members of the group and the engineers that attend.

The Society of American Military Engineers charged \$125 for professional engineers and \$150 for non-professional engineers who attended the conference. They also received a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Highways for hosting the event. The engineers are required by the state engineering board to have 15 hours of continuing education a year, and the Winter Technical Conference accounts for six of those hours.

Society of American Military Engineers are currently working the annual West Point Bridge Design Contest. The group will travel to various high schools across the state and try to get students interested in engineering at Marshall.

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Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich thrown out of office by senate

BY CHRISTOPHER WILLS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Gov. Rod Blagojevich was thrown out of office Thursday without a single lawmaker rising in his defense, ending a nearly two-month crisis that erupted with his arrest on charges he tried to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

Blagojevich becomes the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed by impeachment.

After a four-day trial, the Illinois Senate voted 59-0 to convict him of abuse of power, automatically ousting the second-term Democrat. In a second identical vote, lawmakers further barred Blagojevich from ever holding public office in the state again.

"He failed the test of character. He is beneath the dignity of the state of Illinois. He is no longer worthy to be our governor," said Sen. Matt Murphy, a Republican from suburban Chicago.

Blagojevich's troubles are not over. Federal prosecutors are drawing up an indictment against him on corruption charges.

Outside his Chicago home Thursday night, Blagojevich vowed to "keep fighting to clear my name," and added: "Give me a chance to show you that I haven't let you down."

"I love the people of Illinois today more than I ever have before," he said.

Democratic Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, one of Blagojevich's critics, was promptly sworn in as governor.

Blagojevich, 52, had boycotted the first three days of the im-

peachment trial, calling the proceedings a kangaroo court. But on Thursday, he went before the Senate to beg for his job, delivering a 47-minute plea that was, by turns, defiant, humble and sentimental.

He argued, again, that he did nothing wrong, and warned that his impeachment would set a "dangerous and chilling precedent."

"You haven't proved a crime, and you can't because it didn't happen," Blagojevich told the lawmakers. "How can you throw a governor out of office with insufficient and incomplete evidence?"

The verdict brought to an end what one lawmaker branded "the freak show" in Illinois. Over the past few weeks, Blagojevich found himself isolated, with almost the entire political establishment lined up against him. The furor paralyzed state government and made Blagojevich and his helmet of lush, dark hair a punchline from coast to coast.

Many ordinary Illinoisans were glad to see him go.

"It's very embarrassing. I think it's a shame that with our city and Illinois, everybody thinks we're all corrupt," Gene Ciepierski, 54, said after watching the trial's conclusion on a TV at Chicago's beloved Billy Goat Tavern. "To think he would do something like that, it hurts more than anything."

In a solemn scene, more than 30 lawmakers rose one by one on the Senate floor to accuse Blagojevich of abusing his office and embarrassing the state. They denounced him as a hypocrite, saying he cynically tried to enrich himself.

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NOTEBOOKS

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All By Students is also trying to save students money.

"If you think about it, a notebook with a branded logo on it can cost anywhere from \$6 to \$10," Martz said. "If we do 10,000 notebooks on one campus, that's around \$80,000 in free school supplies."

All By Students is currently serving 150 campuses nationwide, and is looking to expand, Martz said.

Logan Williams, junior marketing major from Ona, W.Va., is one of the students who has saved money because of the program.

"I think it's great," Williams

said. "I didn't have to go out and spend \$5 on a notebook. It helps save students money and is very convenient."

The notebooks were distributed through several organizations on campus including the Greek system, international students, athletic programs and the admissions office.

Hensley said there are about 1,000 notebooks remaining and any student wanting one can stop by the student affairs office, located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center. The notebooks will also be handed out on the first floor of the student center in the coming weeks.

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SGA

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The second or third week of the month will be the Fight Against Ignorance and Racism, or F.A.I.R., forum where all students are invited to talk about race and race-related issues.

"We're going to invite all students and especially Greek students since they are large in numbers," James said. "We really want this forum to be highly attended."

SGA is also going to schedule a Martin Luther King look-alike who puts on a one-man show where he monologues the important events in King's life.

To commemorate his life a memorial service for King will be held the last week of February.

James and SGA Vice President Sean Hornbuckle said they want to start a tradition where SGA puts on several events for Black History Month.

"During the campaign, Sean and I heard more than a few times that the students should do more for Black History Month," James said.

Putting all of these events together has been difficult with such little time between

the start of the semester and the beginning of February.

SGA has not been able to get all of its members together to discuss these events because of circumstances beyond their control. They do not meet the first week of the semester, the second week's meeting was canceled because of the inauguration of Obama and the snow storm canceled this week's meeting.

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Sergio Mendes to headline
Department of Music's
40th Annual Jazz Festival

BY SARAH O'CONNELL
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Department of Music kicked off its 40th Annual Jazz Festival at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on Jan. 29.

This year's festival is dedicated in honor of J.D. Folsom, founder of the Marshall Jazz Ensemble. It ends on Jan. 31 with a performance from Sergio Mendes. Mendes is an award-winning Brazilian recording artist known for his mix of Latin and jazz melodies.

The festival began on Thursday at 8 p.m. with a performance from the Bridgeport High School band and Bluetrane, Marshall's faculty jazz sextet.

It continues today featuring a performance from the Marshall Jazz Ensemble with Dave Dickey, a professional trombonist who often performs with jazz musicians.

"This allows the public to experience jazz music and also gives students the chance to showcase their music," said Ed Bingham, professor and director of jazz studies at Marshall. "We hope that people will come out and have a good time."

On Saturday at 2 p.m. Mendes will be featured in a master class for the event. This will include a Q-and-A session with Mendes in which he will discuss his career in music over the past 50 years.

At 7 p.m. the Thundering Herd All-Stars will give a free performance at the Frederick Hotel. This band

highlights high school students from across the state who have been selected by their band directors. Students begin practicing Thursday evening and continue through their performance on Saturday.

"The musicians will play a lot of different styles of jazz music," said Sean Parsons, assistant professor of jazz studies at Marshall. "It will be a fun time and we are encouraging people to attend."

All events are open to the public. Admission for each day is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Students who have a Marshall ID will gain free admission.

At 8 p.m. Saturday Mendes will perform at the Keith-Albee Theatre as part of the Marshall Artists Series. Tickets are \$60 and \$45. Marshall students with an ID can receive one free ticket each. Tickets can be purchased at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse box office, or by calling 696-6656.

Preparation for the festival began last summer. Organizers Bingham and Parsons wanted to have time to schedule performers and venues.

The department also wants to encourage alumni to attend the festival. Organizers began contacting alumni last summer through e-mail, direct mail and Facebook.

The alumni association also helped to find out how to get in touch with people. Bingham and Parsons shared responsibilities with the Department of Fine Arts, the President's Office and the Marshall Artists Series.

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Getting ready for Oscar

The Academy Award nominations were released last Friday, and I am definitely in the movie mood.

I am especially excited and impressed with this year's nominees and I have made it my mission to watch all the major films nominated before The Oscars on Feb. 22.

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Frost/Nixon," "Milk," "The Reader" and "Slumdog Millionaire" are nominated for Best Picture. Of these, I have seen "Benjamin Button" and "Slumdog" and will be watching "Frost/Nixon" tonight.

Neither "Milk" nor "The Reader" are playing anywhere near Huntington, which really just bums me out.

I really want Brad Pitt to win Best Actor for "Benjamin Button," but that could just be my biased love for him in a leather jacket riding a motorcycle in one of the scenes from the film — sigh.

Along with Pitt, Richard Jen-



Kayla Queen
LIFE EDITOR

kins was nominated for "The Visitor," Frank Langella for "Frost/Nixon," Sean Penn for "Milk" and Mickey Rourke for "The Wrestler."

Also, I am particularly excited about the Best Actress nominees, because they are all just wonderful.

Angelina Jolie devastated and moved me in "Changeling." Meryl Streep was witty and strong in "Doubt," which a friend of mine, Kristin Steele, pinpointed as "like reading a book."

Kate Winslet is nominated for her role in "The Reader" and is flawless in everything she does, and even though I have yet to see it, I doubt it could be anything but stunning.

In "Rachel Getting Married," Anne Hathaway shows a side very different from any of her previous roles and it looks like my kind of dark film.

And I have no idea who Melissa Leo is, but she is nominated for "Frozen River" and it looks great.

Like with Pitt, I am equally biased to who will win Best Supporting Actor. Heath Ledger is nominated for his performance in "The Dark Knight," and my teenage crush still holds true even after Ledger's unfortunate death. I will always remember Ledger with the movies he

left behind.

Other nominees for Best Supporting Actor are Josh Brolin in "Milk," Robert Downey Jr. in "Tropic Thunder," Philip Seymour Hoffman in "Doubt" and Michael Shannon in "Revolutionary Road."

The Best Supporting Actress nominees include Amy Adams, who I love, in "Doubt," Penelope Cruz in "Vicky Christina Barcelona," Viola Davis in "Doubt," Taraji P. Henson in "Benjamin Button" and Marissa Tomei in "The Wrestler."

The directors of all the nominated movies should be feeling pretty good, too. Best Directing nominees are David Fincher for "Benjamin Button," Ron Howard for "Frost/Nixon," Gus Van Sant for "Milk," Stephen Daldry for "The Reader" and Danny Boyle for "Slumdog Millionaire."

Also, just throwing this out there, I hope "WALL-E" wins for Best Animated Feature. It was a wonderfully uplifting movie with deeper meaning than most people would think a Disney movie might have.

You can check the complete list of nominees at oscar.com.

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This art is featured on the cover of the new album "Encanto" (Enchantment) by Brazilian jazz artist Sergio Mendes. He will perform for the 40th Annual Jazz Festival hosted by the Marshall University Department of Music on Jan. 31.

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