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Steelers win their record sixth title in final minute

BY BARRY WILNER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Their Steel Curtain shredded, Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh offense ended a Super Bowl of incredible swings with a final-minute touchdown for a historic victory.

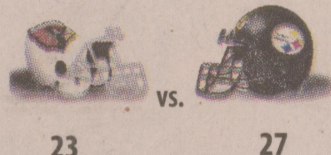
Santonio Holmes made a brilliant 6-yard catch deep in the right corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining Sunday night, lifting the Steelers to a record-setting sixth Super Bowl win, 27-23 over the Arizona Cardinals.

It was one of the most thrilling finishes to the NFL title game, certainly equaling last year's upset by the New York Giants that ended with Plaxico Burress' TD catch — with 35 seconds left, too.

But this one was even wilder.

The Steelers (15-4), winning their second Super Bowl in four seasons, led 20-7 in the fourth quarter, only to see Kurt Warner and the Cardinals stage a remarkable rally to go in front 23-20 with 2:37 remaining.

Warner hit All-Pro receiver Larry Fitzgerald in stride for a 64-yard touchdown with 2:37 left. Already owning a slew of postseason receiving marks this year, Fitzgerald sped down the middle of the field, watching himself outrun the Steelers on the huge video screen.



Super Bowl XLIII
Raymond James Stadium,
Tampa, Fla.

Fitzgerald could only watch from the sideline as Roethlisberger engineered a 78-yard drive to win it in what resembled Heinz Field South. With waves of twirling Terrible Towels turning Raymond James Stadium into a black-and-gold tableau — Steelers fans supporting their beloved team, the economy be damned — Pittsburgh's offense rescued the title.

Holmes was selected the game's MVP. "Great players step up in big-time games to make plays," Holmes said. "I kind of lost a little composure, you

know, but I knew our defense would give us a chance to make it back."

The stunning swings overshadowed James Harrison's record 100-yard interception return for a touchdown to end the first half. That looked like the signature play until the final quarter, when both teams shook off apparent knockout punches to throw haymakers of their own.

Big Ben and Holmes struck the last blow, and when Warner fumbled in the final seconds, the Cardinals' dream of winning their first NFL crown since 1947 were gone.

"I said it's now or never, I told the guys all the film study you put in doesn't matter unless you do it now," Roethlisberger said. "I'm really proud of the way they responded."

The Cardinals (12-8), playing in their first Super Bowl and first championship game of any kind since 1948, lost their composure after Harrison's heroics. And they couldn't get Fitzgerald free until very late. But boy did he get free.

The All-Pro who already had set a postseason record for yards receiving and had five touchdowns in the playoffs was a nonentity until an 87-yard fourth-quarter drive he capped with a leaping 1-yard catch over Ike Taylor. He made four receptions on that series on which Warner hit all eight passes for all the yards.

And then he struck swiftly for the 64-yarder that put Arizona within minutes of a remarkable victory.

A victory that didn't happen because the Steelers are as resilient as they come.

Marshall edged in overtime Humphrey's last-second shot falls just short

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD
THE PARTHENON

A game featuring two teams coming off losses and young starters versus veterans made for an evening of intensity in the Cam Henderson Center.

The Marshall University men's basketball team took a 75-73 loss to UAB in overtime in front of a crowd of 5,831 Saturday night. A desperation 3-point shot by senior forward Markel Humphrey glanced off the front of the rim with one second remaining in overtime, ending any chance of a repeat buzzer beater like the one that happened Jan. 21 against SMU.

"I'm thankful that Tyler (Wilkerson) believed in me to give me the ball down the stretch," Humphrey said. "I thought it had the chance of going in. I shot it with confidence, but you can't make them all."

Marshall (9-12, 2-5 C-USA) was up 69-66, but a wide open 3-pointer by

UAB's Lawrence Kinnard with 29 seconds remaining from the top of the key tied the game. Damier Pitts missed a shot at the end of regulation, sending the game to overtime.

UAB (14-8, 4-3) delivered in overtime leading 75-73 with a chance to ice the game on a pair of Aaron Johnson free throws following Kinnard blocking a Humphrey layup on the left baseline. Johnson missed both charity shots, but Humphrey released the last second 3-pointer that fell short, sealing the win for the Blazers.

The Blazers were led by Paul Delaney III's 19 points. Preseason conference player of the year Robert Vaden scored 18 points and Kinnard had 16. Humphrey's season-high 20 points led the Herd. Octavius Spann contributed a career-high 14 points and 10 rebounds and Wilkerson scored 13 points with 13 rebounds.

UAB head coach Mike Davis said Sat-

urday's game was no easy contest for his team.

"This game tonight was one of the hardest fought games that we've been in," Davis said. "We knew that they would be a really good team on the offensive glass."

Spann said he did not hold back when Marshall head coach Donnie Jones asked him to start.

"I just try to play as hard as I can every game," Spann said. "Sometimes my numbers don't show up, but I just thought I gave it my all. I had my teammates' back and they had mine."

Jones also commended Spann's efforts as a starter.

"I've been very proud of his work ethic and his attitude," Jones said. "He did a lot of good things for our team and had a double-double today."

Jones said the contest was a test for the younger members of the Herd roster.

"I thought they played hard tonight. We had our chances," Jones said. "It was a tough night for our young guys going against four and five year players, and UAB is a very good basketball team."

The Herd must now set its sights on the next contest, a home game against Tulsa on Wednesday. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Cam Henderson Center.

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The Marshall Maniacs, left, were out in full force Saturday night along with a season-high 5,831 fans at the Cam Henderson Center.
Markel Humphrey, right, glides to the rim over UAB's Channing Toney for two of his season-high 20 points. UAB ended up with the 75-73 overtime win Saturday night.



Super Bowl or Recession Bowl?

BY BEN WALKER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla.—Lena Chamra leaned in for a closer look at the gray pull-over jacket with the sharp Super Bowl logo. It was exactly what she wanted, and she stared for a full minute, then walked away.

No sale. "I liked it a lot, but not at \$145," she said inside the lobby at the NFL's headquarters hotel. Back home in Raleigh, N.C., that's her electric bill.

"My husband lost his job two months ago, so I'm watching everything," she said. "I will freeze before I pay \$145. We don't have that money right now."

She's not alone, prompting many

fans to wonder: Super Bowl or Recession Bowl?

Sunday's matchup between rough-and-tumble Pittsburgh and surprising Arizona was certainly intriguing — Dynasty vs. Doormat, with the Steelers capturing their record sixth Super Bowl title.

But with the nation slogging through its worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, there was buzz America's No. 1 sporting event could be played to empty seats.

Hotels had vacant rooms, restaurants had empty tables. A gala at the aquarium hosted by former star Warren Sapp slashed the price in half once it started.

In Washington, Barack Obama

took time out from work on his economic stimulus plan to throw a Super Bowl party for 15 lawmakers. The new president held some incentive for the players, too, with the customary invitation for the winning team to visit the White House.

"Everybody is excited about our new president. Being the first African-American president, it's a great time in our country," Steelers linebacker James Farrior said. "We definitely want to be the first team to go meet him after the Super Bowl."

Some of the usual trappings were missing.

In July, Darren Diaz began showing Playboy representatives some potential locations for its annual bash. But no money, no bunny. The

magazine canceled its party last month.

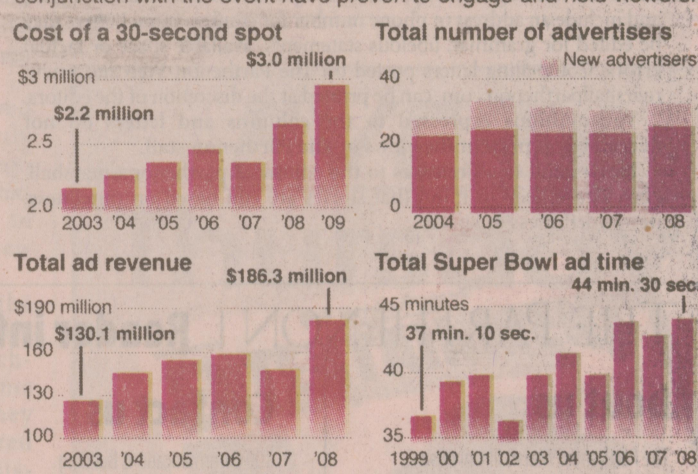
"They were in the process of deciding," said Diaz, whose family has run a catering business since 1924. "It's a shame. Had this Super Bowl been held four months earlier, this probably would have never been an issue."

The trick was trying to fill the stadium. Brokers and scalpers still had plenty of tickets left the day before the game.

The NFL, the richest sports league in America, readily admits it's feeling the crunch. Several people wandered by a huge picture in the media center of the Dallas Cowboys' new \$1.1 billion, 100,000-seat stadium and wondered whether they'd fill it for the Super Bowl in two years.

Selling Super Bowl Sunday

The Super Bowl endures as the premier venue for advertising. Although ad rates are expensive, the commercials shown in conjunction with the event have proven to engage and hold viewers.



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EDITORIAL

The editorial board of The Stanford Daily, Stanford

Education worth investment

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives passed President Obama's \$819 billion economic stimulus package. The package included \$150 billion for education spending, an enormous increase for a federal government that has traditionally delegated education funding to state and local governments. Although this may seem like a drastic measure, the editorial board supports the increased funding for education and believes it is necessary for the long-term security of our economy.

First of all, the stimulus package will directly impact the lives of some Stanford students by providing a \$16 billion increase in funding for Pell Grants, a financial aid program for students with the greatest economic need. At a time when it is increasingly difficult to be competitive in the job market, the government must do all that it can to help Americans afford higher education.

According to the Department of Education Web site, the average Pell Grant currently is only about \$3000 — barely enough to make a dent in the cost of a college education. An increase for this program is desperately needed, and will help more students afford college as well as assist universities such as Stanford in maintaining their own commitments to financial aid. The stimulus package will also provide support to other college financial aid and work-study programs.

The bulk of the education stimulus money, however, will provide assistance to public primary and secondary schools throughout the country. Although they will not directly impact Stanford students, the editorial board is equally supportive of these funding measures.

According to The New York Times, one point of contention about the education stimulus is that it will provide funding for construction projects meant to rebuild the infrastructure of many public schools. These sorts of physical improvements have traditionally been funded through state and local tax and bond measures. However, given the recent decline in property values and the budget crunches being faced by state and local governments, the editorial board supports the decision of the federal government to help fix our crumbling schools. School renovations also have the capacity to create jobs in the construction industry.

The stimulus package also appropriately targets education funding towards the most vulnerable students. It will increase funding for Title I programs for low-income students, as well as special education and Head Start. These programs too often disproportionately suffer from budget cuts, and although newspaper headlines continue to focus on the downfall of Wall Street tycoons and large investment banks, the burden of the bad economy falls hardest on families who are already struggling. Ensuring that students from low-income families continue to have educational opportunities is surely a good use of the stimulus dollars.

The New York Times also pointed out that several provisions in the package provide windfall benefits to student lending companies. The editorial board hopes that members of Congress and President Obama will do their best to eliminate needless measures and corporate welfare from the stimulus package. As a whole, however, we believe that the increase in education funding is necessary and appropriate, and we hope that the legislation is passed by the Senate and signed into law as soon as possible.

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ERIN FELTON | THINK OUTSIDE THE SIDEWALK



PARSONS' PULPIT | Joshua R. Parsons

Always smiling, part two: Empathy

Sen. Patrick Leahy, portraying an unidentified gentleman at Bruce Wayne's party for the new District Attorney Harvey Dent, replies to the green-haired man, "We are not intimidated by thugs." The Joker momentarily contemplates this man's facial mien before replying, "You remind me of my father; I hated my father."

With The Joker's knife blade seeking a new victim, Rachel Dawes interrupts by stepping forward. The Joker comments ostentatiously on her beauty and notes her nervous nature. He asks, drawing close, "Is it the scars? Wanna know how I got them?"

After forcefully compelling Dawes to look at him, he explains tenderly, "I had a wife, beautiful like you." His wife gambled and got "in deep with the sharks," yet she thought he need not "worry" and to just "smile more." When the sharks collected their returns out of her facial assets, the young couple had "no money for surgeries."

His wife did not handle the scars well; moreover, he "just want(ed) to see her smile again"

and for her to know he did not "care about the scars." So, he inserted into his mouth a razor, thusly scaring himself, but because of this she would not even look of him. She eventually just leaves.

The Joker mentions he found understanding, "Now, I see the funny side — now, I am always smiling."

With understanding that through caring, physically and emotionally, for the traumatized one also becomes such himself we learn the infectious and destructive nature of trauma.

Giacomo Rizzolatti, a neuroscientist at the University of Parma, states, "Mirror neurons" — neurons that fire both in the respond to an individual's actions and in the observations of these acts by another — "allow us to grasp the minds of others, not through conceptual reasoning, but through direct simulation. By feeling, not by thinking."

These simulations are what allow one individual to share in another's joys and/or another's sadness. It is these mirror neurons that direct us in our emotional comprehension of

others, particularly, through "empathy."

"And if you see me choke up, in emotional distress from striking out at home plate," Marco Iacoboni, a neuroscientist at the University of California, Los Angeles, exemplifies, "you automatically have empathy for me. You know how I feel because you literally feel what I am feeling."

Empathy, in general, as Jean Decety, a neuroscientist at University of Chicago, explains begins with the involuntary "shared emotion."

"This is something that is hard-wired into our brains — the capacity to automatically perceive and share others' feelings." He notes, how when a baby hears another cry how it begins to cry as well.

"People of all ages," Decety continues, "will unconsciously mimic the facial expressions



Joshua R. Parsons
COLUMNIST

of those they see." Difficult it is to refrain from laughing, when among a crowd of a jovial character.

When an individual loses his or herself in another's pain, Decety explains, the self experiences "personal distress." The "other-oriented" nature of empathy is put to the side and "personal distress turns inward."

So, basically one now forfeits his or her ability to assist in the recovery or treatment of the other. The scars The Joker's wife received, in consequence for her own actions, and then compounded and internalized by his love for her leaves him equally scarred. It is through the trauma, in direct relation to his empathy and compassion, that he now faces the world, at large.

Interestingly, how the traumatized despises the traumatized, as in his wife's leaving, after he eventually becomes the same as she.

Just curious how trauma is passed from one to another, as simply as a joke or even just a smile, if only it faded as soon.

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THE UNREPENTANT CONSERVATIVE | Jennifer Chapman

Hard to find any early criticism of Obama

Only 13 full days into his presidency, the anointed one has already issued the GOP an ultimatum. President Barack Obama told Republican leaders they need to quit listening to conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh in order to get along with Democrats and his entire administration.

He invited these Republicans to the White House to discuss (attempt to persuade them to vote for) the nearly \$1 trillion stimulus bill. His comments came after Limbaugh broadcast on his radio show, "I hope (Obama) fails."

But Obama wasn't the only one to cry over hurt feelings. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee posted an online petition against Limbaugh calling his comment an "outrageous Obama attack." The Web site encourages people to "express outrage" about Limbaugh's "attacks" on the President because, in liberal opinion, his comments were anti-American and politically incorrect.

What these Democrats, as well as Obama, have seemed to conveniently let slip their

minds, however, are the last four (or more) years of the U.S. presidency. Numerous satirical books have been published with the single intent of making fun of President George W. Bush.

Michael Moore undoubtedly made millions distributing his skewed opinion in books and movies to Americans who clearly have too much money to spend. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who happens to be a Democrat, recently called Bush "a total failure."

Especially in the last two years of Bush's administration, it was commonplace for Americans to have this type of hate speech against the president splattered across the bumpers of their gas-guzzling, non-economically friendly sport utility vehicles, stuck in the grounds of their front yards and pinned to the shirts on their backs.

Were any of these actions petitioned? Were any of them even discouraged? Of course not. It was politically correct and certainly America-approved to express outraged attacks against Bush. Sadly, it

"It was politically correct and certainly America-approved to express outraged attacks against Bush. Sadly, it was often even applauded."

was often even applauded. So why is it different with Obama? How is it acceptable to bash the president on Jan. 19, but not on Jan. 20?

I wholeheartedly believe Limbaugh does not truly want Obama to fail. Nor do I, nor do most people who did not vote for "change" last November. What is generated from the Oval Office and the chambers of Congress inevitably will affect everyone regardless of party affiliation.

But, concurring with Limbaugh, it will be beneficial to all Americans if Obama does fail early on. He has become a god, a savior — but he is human. There is not a single presidential administration that has not had serious flaws and mistakes, and Obama is

certainly not exempt. But I'm afraid the rest of the country believes that he is.

Because he is believed to be unsusceptible to failure, he has been put on a higher podium than his predecessors. He has gained an enormous amount of respect that has quickly created a prohibition of opinion and free speech regarding him. If a sour word is said about Obama, it becomes racism and hate speech.

But let's be fair, because we are a fair country. If we can hate speech one, we can hate speech another. Wipe the tears, Obama, and straighten that backbone. There is more where that came from.

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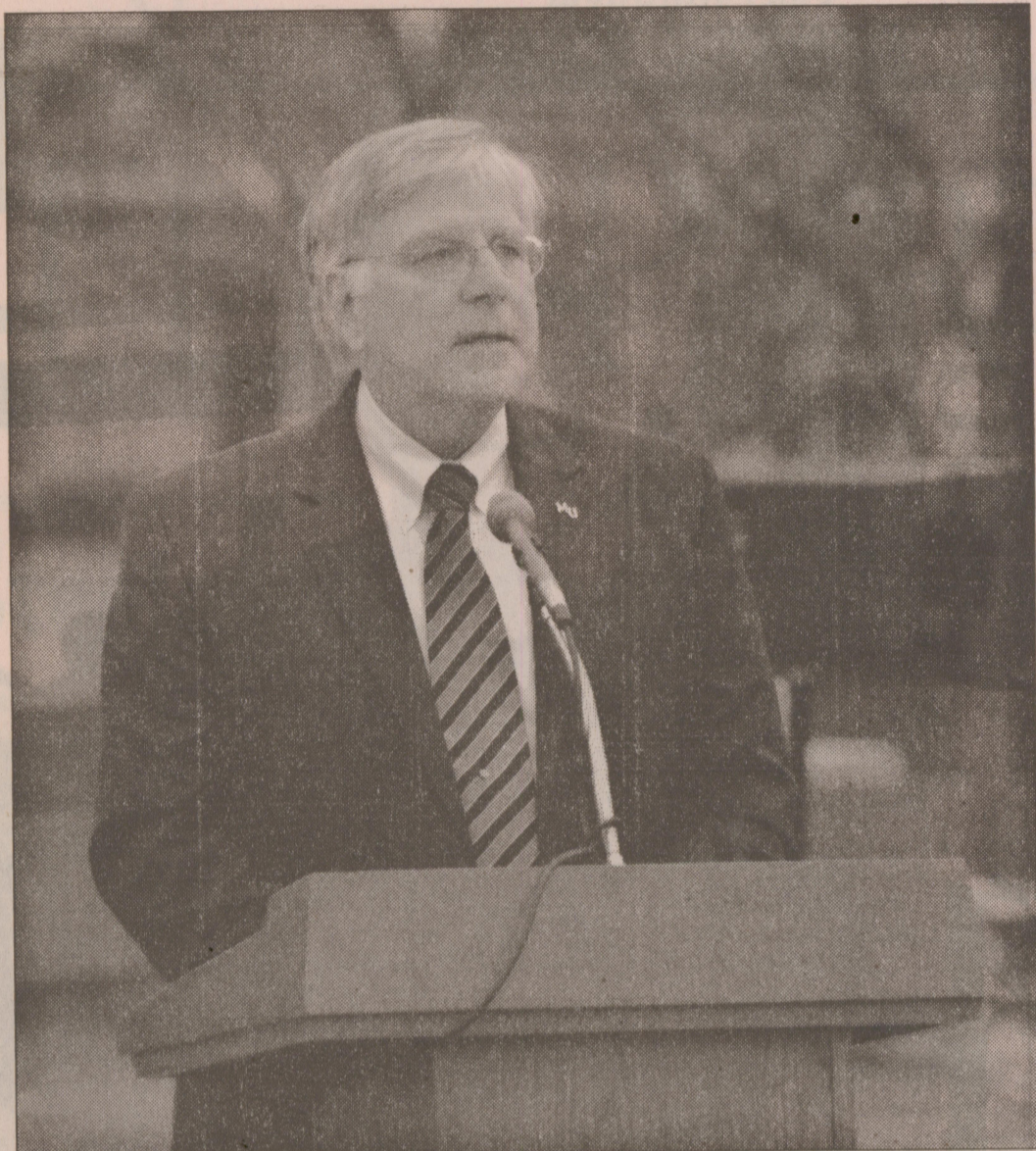
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"I absolutely, clearly, love playing here. You guys root for me so much. I don't get that everywhere. So thank you so much." — Serena Williams after she defeated Dinara Safina in the final of the Australian Open, capturing her 10th Grand Slam singles title.



President Stephen Kopp was recently given a pay increase of up to \$92,220. The pay raise has had many members of the Marshall faculty questioning their pay and how it should be raised as well to get closer to the national average.

Kopp's pay raise has left faculty asking questions

Faculty pay 'well under national average'

BY MEGAN BRYANT
THE PARTHENON

A pay increase of up to \$92,220 for Marshall University President Stephen Kopp has left some faculty and staff wondering about their own salaries.

The Higher Education Policy Commission earlier this year authorized a five-year contract that increased Kopp's salary from \$232,780 to \$275,000 plus bonuses of up to \$50,000 from the Marshall University Foundation. The package also includes a compensation plan that is still being finalized by the Board of Governors.

Board of Governors faculty representative Monica G. Brooks said one of the main arguments for the pay increase was to make Kopp's salary comparable to the national average of presidents at other four-year institutions across the nation. Brooks said several members of faculty and staff are under that national average as well.

Brooks said she represents

the faculty and was aware the pay raise for Kopp would be unpopular among faculty members.

"Several faculty members feel he is an outstanding president," Brooks said. "And they would have been happy to support a 3 percent raise which is similar to what the faculty gets."

Brooks said the faculty members also felt the timing was bad because of the national economic situation. Brooks added that a recent petition to fully fund the staff salary schedule was not approved this year because of a lack of funding.

Cam Brammer, Faculty Senate chair woman, said she would like to continue to have good relations with administration and now has the faculty's salaries as the main issue.

"I am pleased that he received the raise he did," Brammer said. "I hope that the faculty and staff salaries are fully funded and are raised to their peer institutions. Faculty wants to see their pay raised and a 3 percent raise does not bring us to

our peer institutions."

Kopp said he thought it was important to note that the Marshall Board of Governors came to him and wanted him to stay at Marshall University for at least another five years, so the board put together a compensation plan and asked him to consider it.

"I felt the proposal they presented to me was very reasonable," Kopp said to The Parthenon. "I thought it was very considerate in terms of where we are, the accomplishments and my proven track record here at Marshall and what we have been able to accomplish here in basically three years, which in many people's feedback that I've received, they can't remember a time when this university has been booming at this pace."

Kopp said he appreciated the confidence the Board of Governors had in him and he wants to move forward and continue to see Marshall grow and thrive.

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Students showing concern about job availability

BY KELLY CHRISTIAN
THE PARTHENON

Unemployment is becoming an all-too-familiar headline in national and local news as businesses both small and large close and industry jobs take a hit as the economy sours.

Some Marshall students show concern as more job layoffs occur nationally and locally as they are looking to enter employment for part-time work, or even after graduation.

Randy Tibbetts, junior business major, works part time for Advance Auto Parts and said he is concerned about future employment opportunities.

"I'm not so worried about keeping my job now because it's part-time, but I am worried about when I get out (of college)," Tibbetts said.

Finding another field of study other than business could be an option because of the worry of job availability, he said.

"I'm not really sure I want to keep doing what I'm doing. I've already switched my major once," he said.

Rachel Groves, a freshman pre-second-

ary education major, said she has been applying for part-time jobs in retail but hasn't been hired because of the economy.

"A lot of people explained they couldn't hire because of the economy. I've applied to every store at Pullman Square, and nobody's hiring," Groves said.

But Groves said she's not too concerned about job availability in her future career field.

"I'm not really worried for a job after graduation because there will always be a need for teachers," she said.

Some businesses in and around the Huntington Mall, such as Circuit City, B. Moss and KB Toys have closed or are closing, and other places such as AK Steel and West Virginia Steel have cut jobs. WORKFORCE West Virginia, an agency of the Department of Commerce, recently reported in a news release that West Virginia unemployment rates rose in December 2008.

Rachel Johnson, senior exercise science and pre-chiropractic major, said she and nine other employees were affected by the closure of B. Moss. Four of the 10 who worked there are students. Johnson said that she was going to drop down to part-time anyway, so this

"A lot of people explained they couldn't hire because of the economy."

Rachel Groves
Freshman pre-secondary education major

job wasn't a major loss for her.

"I particularly haven't been looking (for a job) because it's my last semester," Johnson said.

She also said that she hasn't really kept in touch with her former co-workers, but as far as she knows, they haven't been able to find jobs yet.

Margi MacDuff, marketing director at the Huntington Mall, said she isn't sure how many people were affected by the stores' closings and that each store handles its own hiring.

"Typically, the times students apply for jobs is around October for the holidays," MacDuff said. She said that the first months of the year are typically slow for those seek-

ing jobs.

Meanwhile, some students said that they aren't so worried about job availability because of economic problems.

Claire Walker, freshman accounting major, said she recently quit her job.

"I just wanted to focus on school to keep my scholarship," Walker said.

She also said that she wasn't concerned about finding a job in the future if she needed to.

Craig Ratanamorn, senior marketing major, said that he can't work right now because he's an athlete, but usually works in the summer. Ratanamorn also said he wasn't worried about job availability.

Students may find the recent downturn in the economy and the number of job layoffs disheartening, but some options still remain for those seeking jobs.

The Career Services Center on Marshall University's campus offers students and alumni assistance in finding full-time and part-time jobs and internships. The service also provides Marshall Job Trax on its Web site, which is like Marshall's version of career services, said.

"Employers seek us to post jobs there," Hogsett said.

Even though layoffs and business closings have occurred in the Tri-State, Hogsett said that they have seen a minimal increase of undergraduate students using their services.

"We have seen an increase in alumni using our services," Hogsett said. "We are concerned students aren't taking advantage of our services."

The Career Services Center has scheduled a spring career expo for Feb. 25, where employers will come to campus to accept applications and interview students for a variety of job positions.

Hogsett said that 63 employers as of Jan. 29 were signed up and registered for the career expo. She said that most employers are looking for entry-level positions, and some companies will offer internships and summer employment opportunities, while others will look to hire workers with previous experience. She also said that she expects a good turnout of employers.

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Suspect tries to run over MU police officer

BY ANGELA SANDSTROM
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall police officer was nearly struck by a car as a suspect tried to flee from campus Jan. 29.

Kenneth Ray Buskirk, Jr. was charged with attempted first-degree murder and fleeing from an officer in a vehicle.

The incident started when dispatch was alerted about a potential robbery in Gullickson Hall. A pop machine was broken into and a pry bar was found at the scene.

Officers arrived to find two white males exiting the building from the 18th Street doors who fit descriptions from dispatch. When officers identified

themselves, the subjects proceeded to run inside. Officers chased after them.

Upon exiting the building, both suspects got into a blue Volkswagen. The officer hit the rear windshield several times to get their attention and ordered them to stop what they were doing. The driver then put the vehicle in reverse and began to back up. The officer was able to push off of the car and jump out of the way.

The officer then drew his service pistol, approached the vehicle and opened the driver's door, telling the man to stop. The driver put the car into drive and drove off with the officer still holding onto the door. The suspects ran the red light at the intersection of 18th Street and Third Avenue.

Officers identified the man driving as Kenneth Ray Buskirk, Jr.

Buskirk has been of special interest to Marshall Police from previous encounters.

Chief Jim Terry explained that there are several individuals who have caused problems in the past. Names and jail photos have been distributed on campus and workers were advised to contact the police if they are seen.

"To be honest, we have a list of about eight to 10 people that we've been arresting over the last three years for various crimes committed on this campus," Terry said. "We're dealing with the same suspects over and over and over again."

Once these suspects are arrested they are given a trespass notice. This means

that if they return to campus, they can be arrested for trespassing on university property.

"We're doing everything we can to try and break this ring up," Terry said.

Terry requested not to release the name of the officer involved in the incident but said other than an injury to the right hand, he was fine.

Two other unidentified men and an unidentified woman were also in the vehicle. Buskirk was arrested at his home by Cabell County Home Confinement officers. He was taken to magistrate court then transported and lodged in Western Regional Jail.

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MCTC ask students for help with new location

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Despite winter weather issues, students still came to voice their opinions about Marshall Community and Technical College's new site location.

Marshall Community and Technical College held a student forum Thursday in the Memorial Student Center. The forum was set up to gain students' input on what they felt were important things to keep in mind when the Marshall Community and Technical College chooses its new site.

Carol Perry, executive dean of Marshall Community and Technical College, explained to students how to fill out the chart ranking different aspects

such as location, parking and identity. Perry said she valued the students' opinions and wanted their views on what they thought about possible site locations.

"It's important to get everyone's input," Perry said. "It helps students feel a sense of ownership to Marshall Community and Technical College."

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Executive Dean The Marshall Community Technical College

though the weather conditions weren't very favorable she still felt the meeting was a success.

Among the students who came was Matthew Chambers, junior network administration major from Charleston.

"I've been to a couple of other colleges," Chambers said. "I like Marshall Community and Technical College because they have a great help factor for students."

Chambers said he liked that Marshall Community and Technical College wanted to know how the students felt about the new site location.

"I think it's very good that they are seeking the students' opinion," Chambers said. "I think the most important thing is keeping it in the area."

The staff of Marshall Commu-

nity and Technical College said it wants to seek the best location and wants to keep the students' best interests in mind when finding the new site location.

The student forum allowed the staff to find out exactly what the students want from their new campus and what they feel needs to be kept in mind when choosing the new location.

Perry said she was glad the students came to give Marshall Community and Technical College an idea of some of the important issues they think should be considered when the site location is discussed.

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Center for African-American Students Programs hosts Soul Food Feast in John Marshall Dining Hall

BY SARA YOKE
THE PARTHENON

Over 125 people filled the John Marshall Dining Room with conversation and laughter on Sunday during the annual Soul Food Feast.

The Center for African-American Students Programs used their annual dinner to kick start African-American History Month and provided an opportunity to enjoy a full dinner.

Fran Jackson, assistant for the center, said she believes the break from cold, icy weather encouraged her to come to the event, which has been in existence for at least 22 years.

"Marshall is an educational academy, and it's really important for such an academy to promote cultural events," said Dr. Maurice Cooley, director of the center.

Marshall supports social gatherings like the Soul Food Feast, despite its informality.

"They show a strong regard for promoting things along the lines of diversity, arts and culture," Cooley said.

Todd Parks, English graduate student from Madison, W.Va., attended an ambassadors meeting, which is part of the Multicultural Affairs department, when he caught word of the dinner.

"I heard Dr. Cooley talking about the feast this week. He sounded really excited about it, and it sounded fun," Parks said.

The food didn't keep him away either. "They got a really good turnout! Nothing brings people together like food," said Sara Blevins, graduate English major from Lesage, W.Va.

Food like fried chicken, barbecued ribs, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, potato salad and cornbread were commonplace to most, but chitterlings caused a disturbance.

Chitterlings are part of the small intestine of a pig and are common in southern cooking.

"I'm glad I tried them, but I'm not psyched about finishing them," Parks said. "I've tried worse things though, like anchovies and alligator and snake."

"I enjoyed everything I ate," McCuskey said. "I tried the chitterlings, but they are not something I think I will eat on a regular basis."

Marshall has encouraged a comfortable environment for families to interact with students, Cooley said.

About three-fourths of those enjoying the food

were families from Huntington, many who arrived after church on Sunday morning.

Those attending spanned all age groups, from a stubborn woman with tiny spectacles who refused help hanging up her fur coat, to a young girl flouncing about in a tutu and snow boots.

"Everyone was rather jovial. I briefly talked to a lady in line," said Brenton McCuskey, junior engineering major from St. Albans, W.Va.

Sundays are a traditional day for African-American families to join in fellowship after church and eat together.

Often a grandmother would spend all Saturday night cooking and wake up early Sunday morning to finish preparing a meal for 15 to 18 family members.

"People would eat all over the whole house, in the kitchen, the front porch, the back porch. The dining room wouldn't hold everyone," Cooley said.

The rise of technology and busy schedules has interfered with the tradition of gathering as family and eating meals, Cooley said.

Events like the Soul Food Feast, which is modeled after the traditional Sunday meal, maintain the cohesiveness among African-American families.

"The food makes it pretty nice, too," Cooley said. "The people sitting around these tables are not always a daily group of friends who have daily contact. It gives people a chance to see each other again. It restores friendships and keeps those vibes among people."

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The Soul Food Feast at the John Marshall Dining Room drew more than 125 people Sunday and offered home cooked foods like fried chicken and barbecued ribs. The event was sponsored by the Center for African-American Students Programs.

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WORD of the Week

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Pronunciation — i-KLEK-tik
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Definition — selecting or using from various sources; broad in acceptance of ideas and sources
Synonyms — diverse, universal, mixed
Sentence — Her music collection included an eclectic mix of artists and genres.