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Marshall junior guard Alix Barnette drives to the basket during Sunday's game versus Southern Miss.

Marshall falls in 'Jam the Cam'

Herd lets lead slip by in sixth-straight loss

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER
THE PARTHENON

In order for the Southern Miss women's basketball team to win games, it usually needs a lot of Love. And on the day after Valentine's Day, the Golden Eagles had plenty of it.

Junior forward Pauline Love had 10 points, 11 rebounds and five assists as Southern Miss handed Marshall its sixth consecutive loss, 69-61, in front of more than 3,500 fired-up fans Sunday at the Cam Henderson Center.

The Cam was somewhat jammed and the Thundering Herd only somewhat controlled the game.

A Chantelle Handy layup and free

throw put Marshall (12-13, 5-7 Conference USA) ahead 39-30 with 12:04 remaining in the second half, but Southern Miss (17-8, 10-2) ended the contest on a 39-22 run.

"I thought they made some big-time shots," Marshall head coach Royce Chadwick said of the Golden Eagles' furious rally. "(Stephanie) Helgeson made a couple of shots, and Pauline Love made some shots. We were playing pretty good defense but they

were able to hit those shots."

Helgeson entered the game as Conference USA's most notorious shot blocker, but left letting the Herd know she could rule the paint on offense too. The 6-foot-4 junior scored all 17 of her points in the game's final ten minutes.

"I thought they made some big-time shots ... We were playing pretty good defense but they were able to hit those shots."

Royce Chadwick
Marshall head coach

"(Helgeson) is a very good basketball player," Chadwick said. "And we tried several different things from full fronting her to shoving her off the block to try to dig down and double team her. She really rose to the occasion and made some things happen."

Taking charge in the post came easy for Helgeson once her competition began to dwindle. Both of the Herd's power forwards, Tynikki Crook and Keona Brooks, were in foul trouble the entire afternoon, opening the lane for Southern Miss to run its hi-low offense efficiently.

Love to Helgeson became a routine combination as the game wore on.

"Ty being in foul trouble, I thought it effected her aggressiveness,"

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PHOTOS BY CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON
Students don pink attire as part of college basketball's effort to bring awareness to breast cancer research. More than 3,500 attended the game.

Autism workshop expalins approaches

BY SARA YOKE
THE PARTHENON

Dr. Monika Suchowierska of the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities in Poland visited Marshall's campus last week to speak about autism.

Suchowierska gave a workshop for professionals and students called Applied Behavior Analysis in the Treatment of Preschoolers with Autism on Wednesday. Thursday, she gave a presentation about methods to teach language skills to autistic children. About 35 people including students, Marshall faculty members and community members attended the event.

Her visit was part of The Atlantis Program, supported by The Department of Education and The European Commission. It provides opportunities for faculty and student exchanges between The Warsaw School of Social Psychology, The University of Debrecen in Budapest, Hungary and Marshall University.

Marshall's point of contact is Dr. Joe Wyatt, a psychology professor at Marshall. He arranged Suchowierska's second visit and has lectured in Warsaw before.

Autism is a developmental disorder of the brain in which the individual has difficulty communicating and socializing with others, according to The West Virginia Autism Training Center.

In West Virginia, one student out of 232 had autism during the 2006-07 academic year, according to fightingautism.com. A 2007 Centers for Disease Control report found that one in 150 children in the United

States have autism.

Early symptoms of autism are observed in children as young as 2. An absence in developmental stages such as speaking, social interaction and interest in playing are early indications of autism. There is no known cause of autism or a cure.

"The word autism was coined by a Swiss man in 1911. It comes from the Greek word 'autos' for self or alone," Suchowierska said.

Suchowierska said there are three main differences to approaching autism in Poland and the United States.

Access to therapy is readily available in the U.S., and an understanding of the effectiveness of applied behavioral analysis interventions or ABA exists, Suchowierska said.

These early interventions often involve building skills that a developing child normally would typically learn without any intensity.

"The second difference is that the interventions are well known and unquestioned," Suchowierska said. "In Poland, that is not the case. ABA it is still being regarded as experimental and parents are very suspicious. Some think it is cold, it's mechanical, it makes robots out of people and that is a huge misunderstanding."

Suchowierska established a center for children with autism in 2005. Parents are discouraged when they learn the behavioral analysis approach is a long process, with hard work on the part of therapists and themselves, but no guarantees of success.

"My child is precious to me, and I want to learn everything I can to help her talk to me. That's my first goal."

Lindsay Edwards
Ashland, Ky.

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MELISSA ISON |
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(Right) Rudolf Burcl, associate professor of chemistry, holds a bag of water with a pencil through it above a boy's head, demonstrating various experiments for Boy Scouts hoping to earn a merit badge in chemistry.

(Below) Burcl holds a soft drink can over a flame during Boy Scout Merit Badge College Day on Saturday. Scouts each chose two of 36 sessions to attend with Marshall professors.

Professors help Boy Scouts earn badges

BY MELISSA ISON
THE PARTHENON

More than 300 Boy Scouts took over the Marshall campus Saturday as they participated in the Boy Scout Merit Badge College Day.

The annual event gave the Scouts the opportunity to learn from professors and professionals from a variety of fields at the university and to earn two of three-dozen possible badges for the day. It also gave Marshall the chance to show the university to many young people, Scout leaders and parents.

"This is a great opportunity for us to showcase the university," Marshall University President Stephen Kopp said. "For the young people, many of them who have never been on a university campus before have the experience of being here and seeing this is a good place with good people. For some of them that are older, this is an opportunity for them to get

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Obama must close business loopholes

Sometimes it seems as though big government and big business work hand-in-hand. Now big businesses are faltering, trying to catch themselves on the pavement and instead are winding up with wounds on their hands and knees. They're begging for Band-Aids, and the government, like a good mother, is willing to help them heal if they promise not to run anymore.

Big business, like any child, is too mischievous to stop running — always looking for a loophole.

The businesses have asked for the Band-Aids, and so far half of all the bailout money has been shelled out with no questions asked and no real words of advice. As the government prepares to hand out part two of the money, it's decided it will also deal out some warnings and guidelines.

"Don't run."

According to a Feb. 4 article in The New York Times, President Barack Obama's plan would set a "\$500,000 cap on cash compensation for the most senior executives, curtail severance pay when top executives left a company, restrict cashing in on stock incentives until government assistance was repaid and prod corporate boards to closely scrutinize luxury perquisites like private jets and country club memberships."

In essence, the government doesn't want big business executives to be rewarded for their companies' failing. It makes sense. Why should the people in charge of a company's demise continue to be paid outrageously high amounts? It's well above the average cost of living, and the working man who keeps the company grinding day to day is laid off with hardly a fraction of what the bigwigs get.

The problem is these companies have managed to find plenty of loopholes to still get the money they believe they deserve or — more accurately — the money they're used to having for the lifestyles they're used to living.

The largest participants in the first half of the bailout program paid chief executives, according to the most recent figures in 2007, an average compensation of \$11 million, reported The New York Times. This includes salary, bonus and benefits. The bulk of that figure is these new rules set by the government — \$7.4 million.

These new rules are by the government only to businesses seeking this second half of the bailout money. If companies from the first half decide they need more, they will now have to abide by these salary cap restrictions.

Obama was sure to point out that he is not trying to keep anyone from the American Dream by cutting their salaries, but it is no one's dream to lose his or her job while the executives are still sitting pretty. And let's be honest, \$500,000 is nothing to sneeze at.

The plan forces companies to think hard about whether they wish to ask the government for money. Because executives don't get to receive their old paychecks until they return the money they borrowed from taxpayers, there's lots of incentive to fix their companies' problems.

Lets hope businesses play by the rules and don't find ways to keep their paychecks high while the stocks remain low. Lets hope they walk when the government tells them not to run.

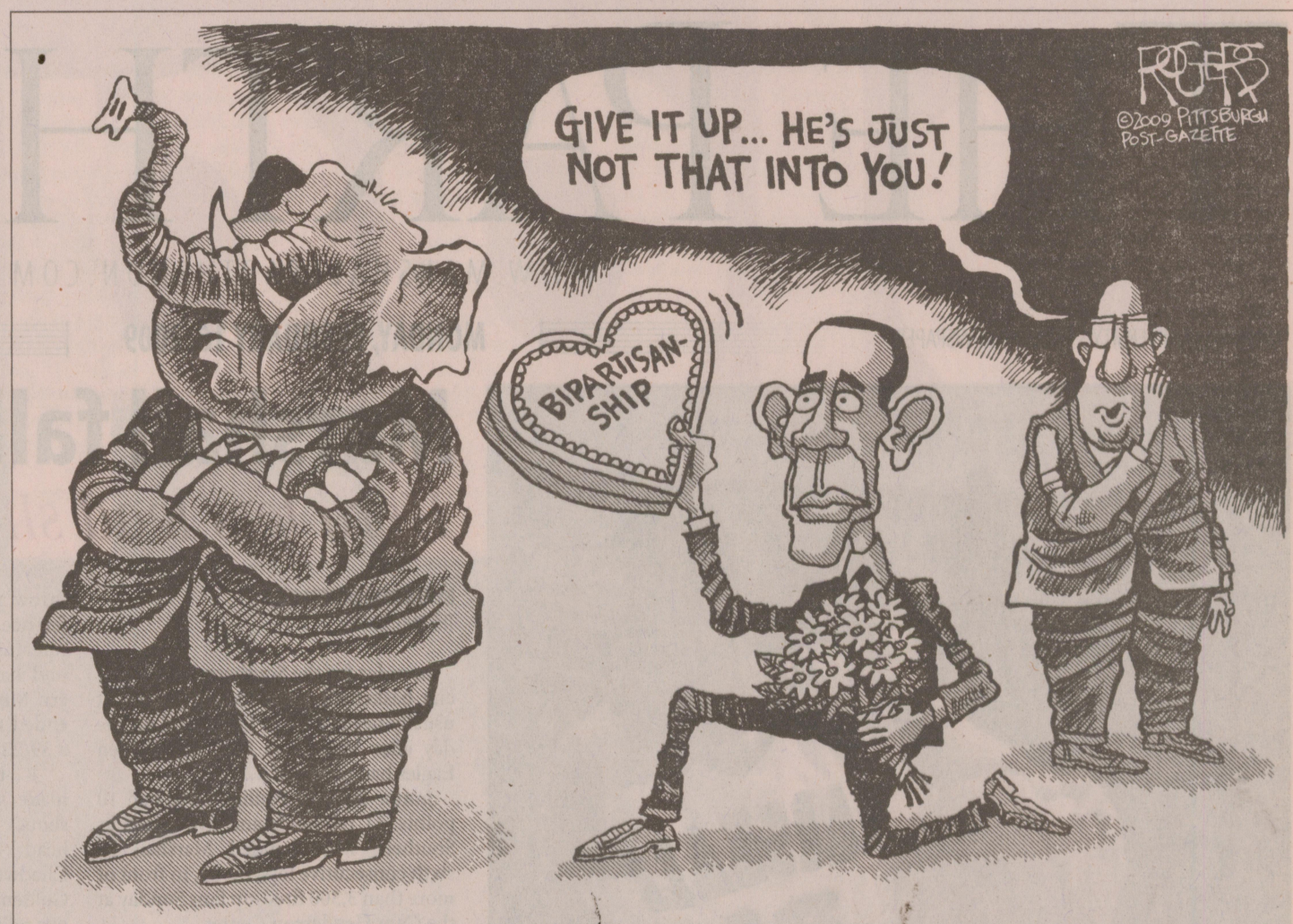
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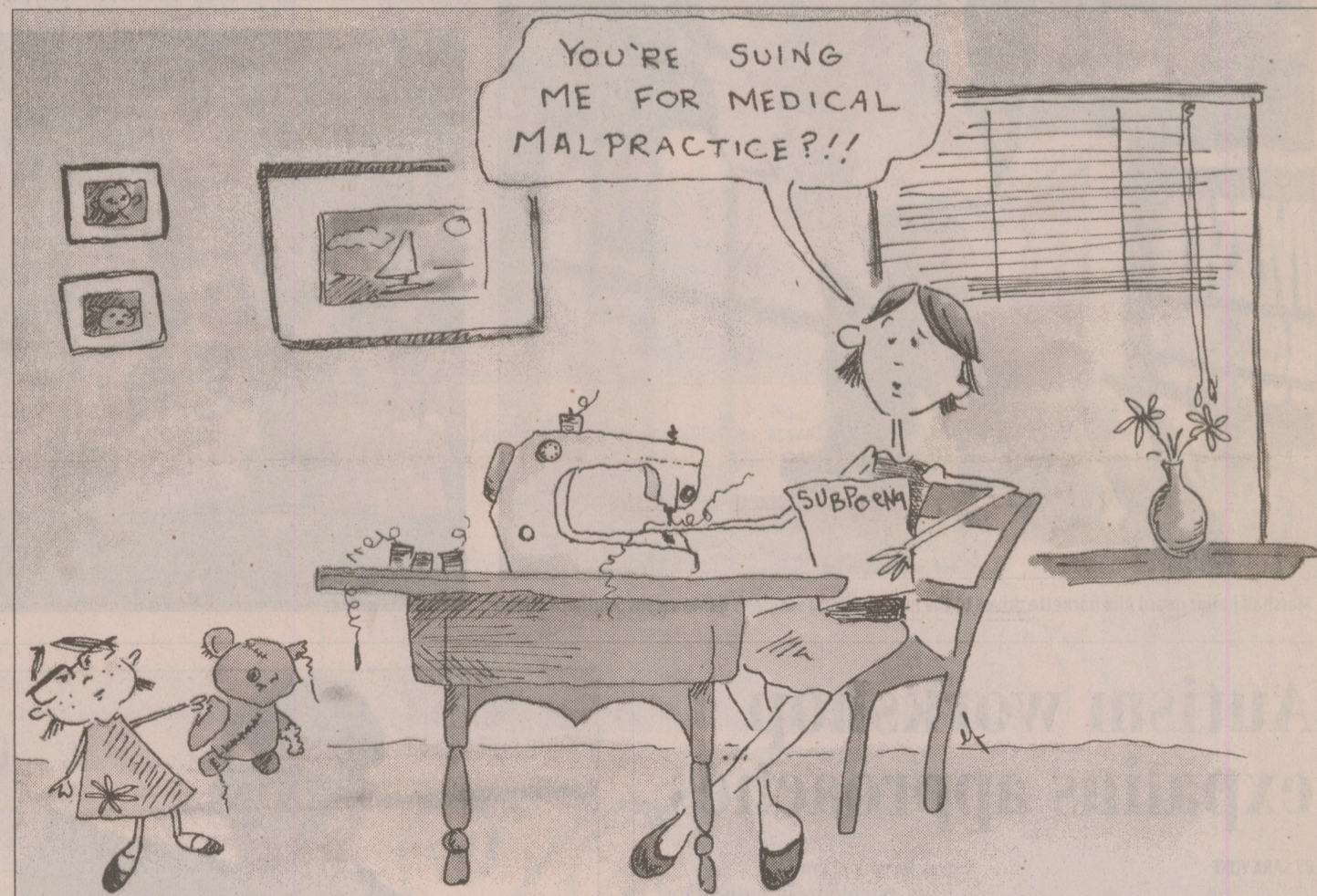
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THE UNREPENTANT CONSERVATIVE | Jennifer Chapman

Stimulus bill enough to churn stomachs

The Spending (Stimulus) Bill passed the Senate and now lies on President Barack Obama's desk waiting for the last signature needed to hurl the U.S. almost \$1 trillion deeper in debt. No doubt he will pass the thing — it is his baby.

But spending billions of dollars in places that the majority of the country will never see is no way to stimulate the economy and revitalize its fiscal foundation. Even after the bailout last year when banks received oodles of money to keep them afloat and were able to offer services to their customers, people are still denied loans because the financial institutions are now being careful about where they put their money.

Executive jets and weekend retreats are certainly a responsible way to even the bailout money.

And even credit card companies are increasing interest rates and jacking-up minimum payments just because "times are hard."

Well, get in line.

Clearly stimulus plans do not work. Yet, the anointed one in-

sists this bill is imperative to the survival of our country.

Apparently, \$650 million allocated to pay for digital TV conversion coupons is necessary to keep our country rolling. Television is ridiculously important to Americans (Not excluding myself — I'd die if I couldn't watch my episodes of "House" or "The Office" every week). But here's the point: it is necessary to have a television to be able to watch the programs that come through cable or a satellite dish.

The government is not purchasing plasmas and flat screens for so people can watch their weekly programs. So why must the government (taxpayers) pay for the necessary upgrade to digital television? If it is important enough to an individual, he or she will do it on their own.

It is simply, and disgustingly, wasteful spending. We're paying \$400 million for global-warming research and another \$2.4 billion for carbon-capture demonstrations. I wish I could explain how that money will drag my country

out of a recession, however, I simply cannot.

Up to \$1 billion will be allocated for summer activities for youth up to 24 years old. The last time I was involved in any summer activity other than work was probably sometime in high school. And even then, my parents shelled out money they probably did not have so that I could participate.

But aren't parents supposed to financially support their children? Well, society now depends on the government (again, taxpayers) to pay for everything. For example, refer to the unemployed Californian mother-of-six who recently gave birth to octuplets.

While other children in their early 20s are using their summer to de-stress on government-allocated funding, I like many others will be working just to pay bills, including the thousands of dollars accrued in student loans over the years.

I'm out of luck on the \$16 billion in the stimulus bill for student financial aid, at which

I'm sure I would have never had a chance anyway. I'm not a minority, so I am excluded from tuition help.

The list of sickening spending goes on and on and, unfortunately, there is nothing anyone can do about it now. It passed the House without a single Republican vote (conservatives elected these people for a reason).

In the Senate it became a little more disgusting. Needing 60 votes to pass, the bill was held for hours so Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, could return from home to cast the deciding vote.

The rules of voting in Congress are if you are not physically present during the voting times, you do not cast a vote. I guess rules can be stretched when the ones in majority want something.

It is certainly sad, and I'm sorry to say this is only the beginning. From the mouth of Marshall alumnus and uber-conservative Caleb Gibson, welcome to the United States of Obamaca.

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"The whole sky was lit up orange. All the sudden, there was a big bang, and the house shook." — Bob Dworak, who lives less than a mile from where Continental Connection Flight 3407 crashed in Clarence, N.Y.

HEART program ready to expand

BY KRISTEN HARKER
THE PARTHENON

With a record high in the number of tutors and schools it reaches, the HEART tutoring program is looking to expand its services beyond West Virginia borders.

Hendrick Enterprise America Reads Tutoring, or HEART, is a program that is designed to help elementary and middle school age children in the classroom while providing work experience for Marshall students. Though the average number usually ranges from about 17 to 18 tutors in about 10 schools, HEART has grown to employ 26 tutors in

14 schools this semester, a number the Graduate Director, Todd Parks, is happy to see.

This is Parks' third year with the program, and his first as graduate director. While out in the field tutoring students, Parks said he used the experience to network with various teachers, principals and board members. Although the program could be beneficial to education majors when trying to get jobs, it is open to any Marshall student with a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Leslie Collins, assistant director for the program, spent both semesters last year working with students at Guyan-

dote Elementary School.

"As an education major, this was the best thing I could do for myself because it has given me hands-on experience with the kids while allowing me to meet and mingle with teachers in the area," Collins said.

Collins spent about six hours a day, two days a week, working with 20 to 25 students per day. Upon arrival, Collins met with teachers at the school to see which children she would be working with and what subject areas needed the most emphasis.

Parks and Collins are working with the Career Services Center to expand the program to Ohio

and Kentucky area schools as well as other learning centers. They are planning to include Chesapeake and South Point schools, and Ebenezer Learning Center in Huntington this fall.

Aside from looking to make additions to the list of schools and centers the HEART tutoring program includes, Parks said the Career Services Center is also setting up resume building workshops exclusively for students applying to the program next semester, because resumes will be a new requirement for placement.

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WORKSHOPS

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"They are tempted with promising outcomes if they pay such and such amount," she said. "They come back six months, a year later to us. It's a huge amount of wasted time for children that young."

Applied behavioral analysis is a discipline as well as a therapy. The main goal is to help people solve their problems and issues by adjusting environmental conditions that will eventually shape acceptable behavior.

Behavioral psychology is used in business management, correction facilities, public safety coaching and even to help patients relax in the dentist chair.

"We look at the world and people behave through the lens interaction of the human and the environment," Suchowierska said.

The West Virginia Autism Training Center philosophy is that "individuals with autism can lead happy, productive lives and deserve the same quality of life that others without disabilities enjoy. The most effective way to support individuals with autism in en-

joying quality life experiences is through the commitment, hard work, creativity and problem solving efforts of a team of people."

"One of the nuances of teaching language is making it over the top with enthusiasm, being dramatic and theatrical," Wyatt said.

It's important to vary methods so the child does not become bored or tired, Suchowierska said.

"My child is precious to me, and I want to learn everything I can to help her talk to me. That's my first goal," said Lindsay Edwards of Ashland, Ky. She came to listen to Suchowierska give the speech about language Thursday.

Wyatt doesn't have a great knowledge of art, but he compared Suchowierska's presentation to being enlightened of the brush strokes and colors used in a painting.

"I walked away with a greater appreciation," Wyatt said. "I think it's a good event that she's here. People come away understanding more about autism and behavioral ideas."

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CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON
Above: Chantelle Handy goes to the rim Sunday afternoon against Southern Miss. Handy had 15 points in the losing effort.

BASKETBALL

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Chadwick said. "Once we were able to get her through the storm and get her playing good defense, I thought that it would come back around for us. But by that time, Helgeson had her momentum going."

Although her five fouls limited her to just 24 minutes, Crook did make her presence felt, pouring in 12 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Her frontcourt mate, Handy, scored 15 and had seven rebounds.

But it was the little things that Southern Miss did and Marshall didn't that led to the final result, Chadwick said.

"We tried to make sure we had opportunities to attack the rim with our guards or get the ball to Ty and let her make some plays down low," he said. "We posted Chantelle up and I thought we got good things every time we were able to get that look but (Southern Miss) did a good job defensively, switch-

ing and stuff and taking us out of our rhythm.

"We had some opportunities, I thought, to make some shots that just didn't go and sometimes that happens."

Alix Barnette made things happen with 18 points to pace Marshall in scoring for the third consecutive game, displaying to the home fans a scorer's mentality that will be needed as the Herd hits the stretch run before the C-USA Tournament.

Marshall's next step is to regain the same confidence that it had before going on its current six-game skid.

Alyssa Hammond said that shouldn't be a problem.

"I think we still going go into every game thinking, 'OK, if we play our game, we're going to get this,'" Hammond said. "It's just the mentality of our team. The next game we have we'll be like, 'We got this.'"

The next game is Friday at UAB.

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Right: The Marshall fans work themselves into a frenzy in front of the cameras. The game was televised on ESPN2.

Pastors want ban on same-sex marriage

BY LAWRENCE MESSINA
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON—West Virginia legislators should expect a push for a constitutional amendment ruling out same-sex marriage, in the absence of new programs or big-ticket proposals during this budget-conscious session.

The Family Policy Council of West Virginia began the drive last year, when it unsuccessfully tried to pressure Gov. Joe Manchin to add the topic to a special session.

The evangelical Christian group enlisted more than 70 ministers in its cause, and won a supportive resolution from the state's Southern Baptist Convention.

More recently, a Web site has been soliciting donations from West Virginians and asking pastors to quiz their lawmakers on the issue.

The site, wv4marriage.com, was launched last month and features an online form so clergy can report their results. While the site's owner is not apparent from its pages, the contact listed on its domain registration is CampaignSecrets.com, a Georgia firm that bills itself as "focused exclusively on electing Republicans to local office."

Officials with the company did not respond to requests for comment Friday. Asked whether the Family Policy Council was involved with the new Web campaign, council President Jeremy Dys said he was aware of it.

"I know who they are and I've been in contact with them," Dys said during a Friday phone in-

terview. "Stay tuned on that."

Dys later said his group controlled the site, and said he contracted with the GOP-aligned company for the necessary Web-hosting services because of its affordable rates.

"Forgive me for sounding coy on the phone," Dys said later in an e-mail to an Associated Press reporter. "I had intended to release that information next week, and your call caught me a little off-guard."

Dys said the council's campaign is bolstered by a 2008 poll it commissioned of 513 registered voters. Conducted by Advantage Inc., a Republican survey firm, it found 73 percent "likely" to vote for "a ballot initiative that defined marriage as 'only a union of one man and one woman.'"

"The people of West Virginia want to define marriage for themselves," Dys said. "They don't want a judge doing it for them."

West Virginia ignores all same-sex marriages granted elsewhere, under a 2000 law that also declares marriage "designed to be a loving and lifelong union between a woman and a man" on all license applications.

Manchin invoked those provisions when rebuffing the Family Policy Council last year. His fellow Democrats in the Legislature, who hold majorities in both houses, have argued during earlier debates that they preclude the need for a constitutional amendment. Dys finds their stance unpersuasive.

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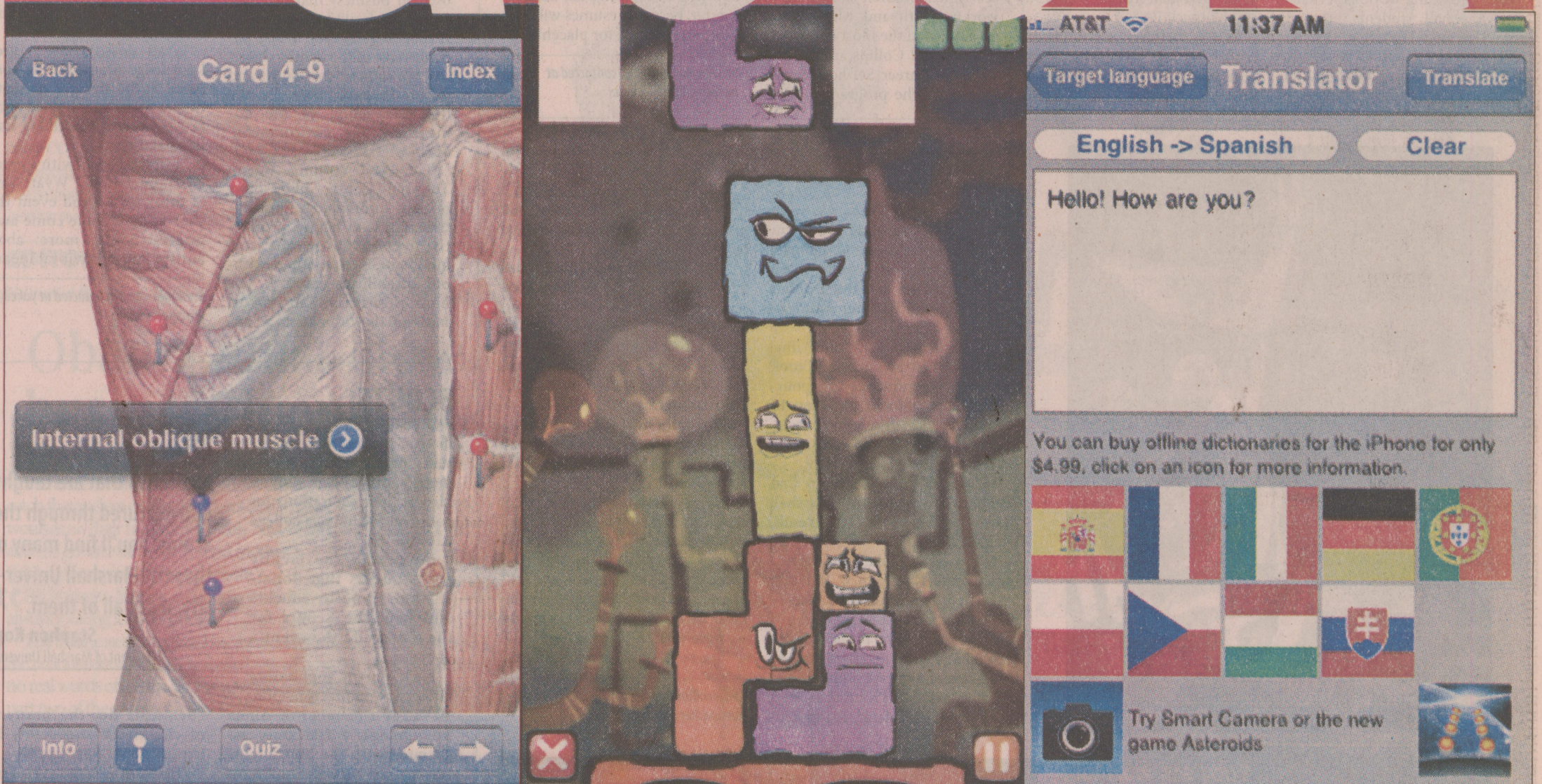
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Apple offers more than 15,000 applications that can be downloaded onto the iPhone or iPod. Medical information, games and language translation are among these applications, as well as thousands of others for virtually every subject or interest.

BY SOLOMON FIZER The Parthenon

Since the release of the iPhone 3G in July, it has quickly become one of the most popular mobile devices among all ages. At launch, the hype surrounding the iPhone 3G was the price drop from \$500 to \$199 for the base model. Now the attention has turned to all of the applications this phone can process.

There are so many applications to choose from that it becomes a challenge to find the one that benefits users the most. For most students, Facebook has become the most popular application to have on the iPhone.

Adam Spriggs, senior biomedical major from Logan, W.Va., has put Facebook at the top of his applications list. Spriggs said he likes the Facebook application because it makes it easier for him to stay connected with his friends at any time.

"Unless I am sleeping or showering, I'm on my iPhone doing something," Spriggs said. "However, my favorite application would have to be Facebook. Having it on my iPhone makes it easier for me to communicate with my friends no matter where I am at."

Apple's Web site claims that the iPhone now has more than 15,000 applications that can be downloaded to the phone from iTunes. Third-party developers, who purchased the software development kit from Apple before the original EDGE iPhone was launched, made most of the applications that are downloadable today.

Apple released the software development kit as a way for companies to create a software program that would be beneficial to their businesses and also for

people to create programs that both they and others around the world could enjoy.

The iPhone has applications to satisfy almost any user. Applications such as current weather conditions, books, places to eat, medical information, a flashlight and sports scores can be downloaded to the phone. Some applications are free and some must be purchased. Apple gave the third-party developers the option to charge iPhone users for applications.

The iPhone appeals to students and faculty alike. Terry Hapney, public relations professor at the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, said he does not have one specific application he enjoys, but because his iPhone can have so many different applications it has made his life easier.

"I like being able to communicate with students, colleagues, friends and family members very quickly and with ease," Hapney said. "I also like the fact that it brought together a number of items, such as e-mail, Web access, a camera, a calendar, phone, calculator, iPod and text messaging that I was using separately, into one piece of technology. It's made my life easier as a result."

After owning an iPhone for two years, Hapney said he would not purchase any other type of mobile phone and recommends the iPhone to anyone.

"I really don't need to try any other phones on the market, as the iPhone does everything I need a mobile communications device to do," Hapney said. "It is very easy to use, and now that I've used it for two years I cannot imagine life without it."

Even though the iPhone can do so much, there is always room for improvement.

"Not being able to change the ring tone for the text messages is one of the things they need to change," said Timmy Ellis, junior psychology major from Wayne, W.Va., "I also wish that it could send and receive pictures on the phone, not in an e-mail."

Breanne Endicott, elementary education major from Barboursville, W.Va., said her biggest pet peeve concerning the iPhone was the small keyboard when text messaging.

"I text a lot and wish it could turn sideways and text with large keys," Endicott said. "The applications that are supposed to do this don't work."

There are three different versions of the iPhone 3G. The base model is black and can store up to 8 gigabytes of memory. The 16-gigabyte model comes in white and black. The base model costs \$199 with a two-year contract with AT&T and \$299 for the 16 gigabyte model.

Either way it is sliced, the hype that surrounds the iPhone is simply that it is not just a phone, or an MP3 player; it is anything users want it to be.

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WORD of the Week

banter..ban•ter

Pronunciation — [ban-ter]

Function — noun

Definition — an exchange of light, playful, teasing remarks; good-natured raillery.

Synonyms — chitchat, gossip, joshing

Sentence — Their banter and mockery made the man uneasy and nervous in front of the woman he admired.