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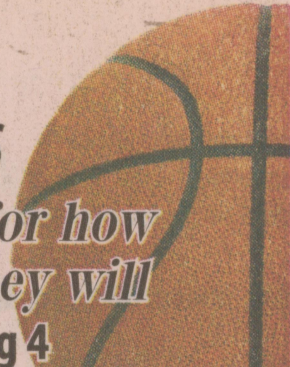
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MSHA targets 15 mining operations

BY TIM HUBER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON—The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration said Monday it has warned 15 mining operations to clean up their health and safety practices or face stricter enforcement.

The agency said the 13 coal mines, a dirt processing plant and a gold mine have been cited repeatedly for "significant and substantial" violations that could have caused serious injuries or illnesses.

"Hopefully, these operations will use this opportunity to incorporate needed improvements into their safety and health programs," said Michael Davis, MSHA deputy assistant secretary for op-

erations, in a statement.

Those mining operations are supposed to craft plans for reducing violations and will be monitored closely by health and safety inspectors for 90 days.

If they improve, MSHA said they won't be listed as having a pattern of violations, which leads to greater scrutiny and tougher disciplinary action.

Among other things, the designation allows MSHA to interrupt production by ordering workers to leave a mine until a serious violation is corrected.

The agency has issued similar warnings to more than 40 U.S. mining operations since mid-2007, including 16 last June. Those mines reduced their serious violation rates by an average of 74.81 per-

cent, MSHA said.

Among the operations warned are two mines and a processing plant controlled by Richmond, Va.-based Massey Energy Co., the nation's fourth-largest coal producer by revenue.

Massey issued a statement noting that several of its operations have been warned in the past and all were able to correct problems.

"As we have done before, Massey will review all documents upon which the potential pattern of violations was based, discuss the violations with the MSHA District Manager and take corrective actions," the company said in a prepared statement.

The agency also singled out Richmond, Va.-based James River Coal Co.

about its Blue Diamond Coal Co.'s mine No. 77. A James River spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Hidden Splendor Resources Inc. has been cited hundreds of times a year for violations at its Horizon mine 11 miles west of Helper, Utah, according to MSHA.

Hidden Splendor is a subsidiary of Salt Lake City-based America West Resources Inc., whose chief executive, Dan Baker, didn't return phone calls Monday from The Associated Press. An assistant said the company was preparing a response.

Five of the mines are located in Kentucky, four in West Virginia and three in Virginia. The agency also warned the dirt processing plant in California and a Nevada gold mine.



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KAYLIN ADKINS | THE PARTHENON

International students enjoy food and conversation at the international table at Giovanni's on Third Avenue every Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tools available for international students

BY KAYLIN ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

Many international students encounter difficulties when they leave their homelands and study abroad in the United States. However, there are events and resources that can help them improve communication skills at Marshall.

The International Students' Organization and the Center for International Programs gives more than 500 students from 62 countries opportunities to communicate with one another, said Nancy Person, director of the Center for International Programs.

Bintou Diaio, freshman business and economics major from Bamako, Mali, and ISO president, said international students are invited to an international table at Giovanni's on Third Avenue every Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

She said the table gives the students a way to experience various cultures and know what's going on in the Marshall community and beyond.

"It gives them a chance to communicate with one another," Person said. "When they're there, most of them will speak English because a lot of them don't speak the other person's language. So, it's basically just practicing communication, getting out of the classroom and meeting one another and just having a good time."

Pedro Agenjo, sophomore business and economics major from Santander, Spain, said the table helps international students realize they are not alone in a new country.

"It helps you fit into the university," Agenjo said. "You realize you're not the only (international student) here. You know what's going on, and it helps you not feel left out. It integrates you into the Marshall community."

Dong Huynh, second-year civil engineering graduate student from Da Nang, Vietnam, said the table has helped him understand those other cultures and how to communicate with others about his own country.

"I will see a lot of people from different countries and a lot of cultures," Huynh said. "I learn a lot about the American food and the American culture. I think that's very useful."

Diaio said about 30 students gather each Friday for free pizza and drinks. She said the CIP pays for the event each week and all students just need to pay a \$2 tip. Diaio said international students like to bring guests as well.

"We sometimes have international students who bring their American friends because they like meeting people from different countries."

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CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Thomas Awiapo shares his story of growing up hungry in Ghana.

Hunger survivor speaks on campus

BY SARA YOKE
THE PARTHENON

Many parents fight a nightly battle with their children, bawling over less than favorable dinner choices.

The young picky eaters cry over the taste, smell and general visual disgust of food ranging from broccoli to beats.

Thomas Awiapo of Catholic Relief Services reminded an audience of about 20 Monday evening that there are children crying across the continent of Africa because there is no food.

The Marshall Newman Center hosted Awiapo as a guest speaker as part of Operation Rice Bowl, a Catholic Relief Ser-

vice program centered on the time of Lent.

It promotes education concerning poverty and hunger overseas and donations to those in need. Prayer and fasting are part of the program.

Awiapo was born in Ghana, a country in Africa that is smaller than Texas. His village was without electricity, running water and health facilities. Awiapo walked barefoot for 15 years of his life.

Both his parents were illiterate, and because records and documents did not exist in his village Awiapo recreated his date of birth for a passport.

Awiapo and his three brothers became orphans after their

parents died within two years of each other. Awiapo was not even 10 years old.

"You know the joy of having parents. That is the most irreplaceable gift you can have," Awiapo said.

Hunger was the boys' biggest problem. Meals were never a guarantee.

"We'd battle over a little bowl of food every night," Awiapo said.

He watched his two younger brothers die slowly from malnutrition. His older brother disappeared from the village in despair 30 years ago and Awiapo never saw him again.

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Women have chance to explore outdoors

BY ASHLEY ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

This spring, women in West Virginia will be able to experience the outdoors by attending the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, or BOW, was founded in 1991 by Christine Thomas and was offered at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The first year it was offered, the program had more than 100 participants and has extended nationwide and internationally.

"It's designed to give women an opportunity to have a conducive learning environment for non-traditional activities," said Kim Beach-Shaffer, supervisor of Marshall's Outdoor Pursuits program and West Virginia volunteer state advocate. "It's not just backpacking and canoeing, it's also firearms and outdoor survival."

Billie Shearer, West Virginia BOW coordinator, said the program is set up so women can learn more about things to do in the outdoors.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is offered in 40 states. In West Virginia it started in the fall of 1997 and now is available twice a year, in the fall and the spring.

Beach-Shaffer said the fall program is always located at Watoga State Park in Marlinton, W.Va., while the spring program moves about the state.

"We've had it at North Bend, Pipestem and Tygart Lake," Beach-Shaffer said. "You can do some things at one BOW program that you can't do at another. It all depends on your natural resources and what's there to offer."

The program is an overnight weekend event. Attendees participate in four sessions that take place throughout the weekend.

Participants can choose from 10 classes during each session, including firearms safety, horseback riding, Dutch oven cooking, fly fishing, bird watching and mountain biking.

Shearer said all the classes are popular with participants but new classes tend to fill up faster.

Beach-Shaffer said she will be teaching wildlife, backpacking overnight and a combined class of introduction to backpacking and respect of environment, Leave No Trace, during the spring 2009 program.

She said participants and instructors stay in cabins during the weekend and each night after dinner there is a special program or campfire.

The age requirement for attending is 18 years and older. Shearer said the ages of participants vary. The majority age is between 40 and 50 years, but the West Virginia BOW program has had people from 18 to 80 years attend.

Beach-Shaffer said college student attendance at the BOW program is on the upswing.

"When I first started attending it was mostly middle aged and older, but in the past couple of years I've seen the age lower and lower," Beach-Shaffer said.

The spring 2009 program will be located at Pipestem State Park in Pipestem, W.Va., from April 17 to 19 with a registration deadline of March 31. The fee to attend is \$150.

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Outdoors Info

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EDITORIAL

Vote in SGA elections

In the 2008 presidential election, youths turned out to vote in record numbers. But the importance of voting isn't exclusive to the presidential race. Student ballots can make a difference in the state, locally and on campus.

Marshall's Student Government election begins today, and students should maintain the enthusiasm that they had for the presidential race by turning out to vote for student body leaders.

There are three teams of candidates running for president and vice president. Each has strong ideas worth considering.

Current Vice President Sean Hornbuckle is vying for the presidential seat with running mate Lashawna Sampson. The team plans to encourage student involvement and interaction by creating opportunities for campus organizations to come together and providing incentives to students who join them.

Also running for student body president is Tim Ward with running mate Cat Staley. Safety on campus, encouraging healthful decisions and proper spending of the green fee funds are on their platform. They also promise transparency in SGA proceedings.

Presidential candidate Randy Tomblin and running mate Kati Bailey plan to encourage student involvement by maintaining an updated Web site to track organization meetings and providing housing exemptions for students to join the Greek community.

Each of the teams offers ideas that benefit the Marshall community. Senators from each college will also be selected. The student body should take the time to consider the candidates' promises and make the effort to vote.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center and Marshall Recreation Center. Stop by between classes and cast a ballot.

Guidelines for letters to the editor

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Online poll

Are you disappointed in Marshall basketball's early tournament exit?

- A) Yes
- B) No
- C) Not sure

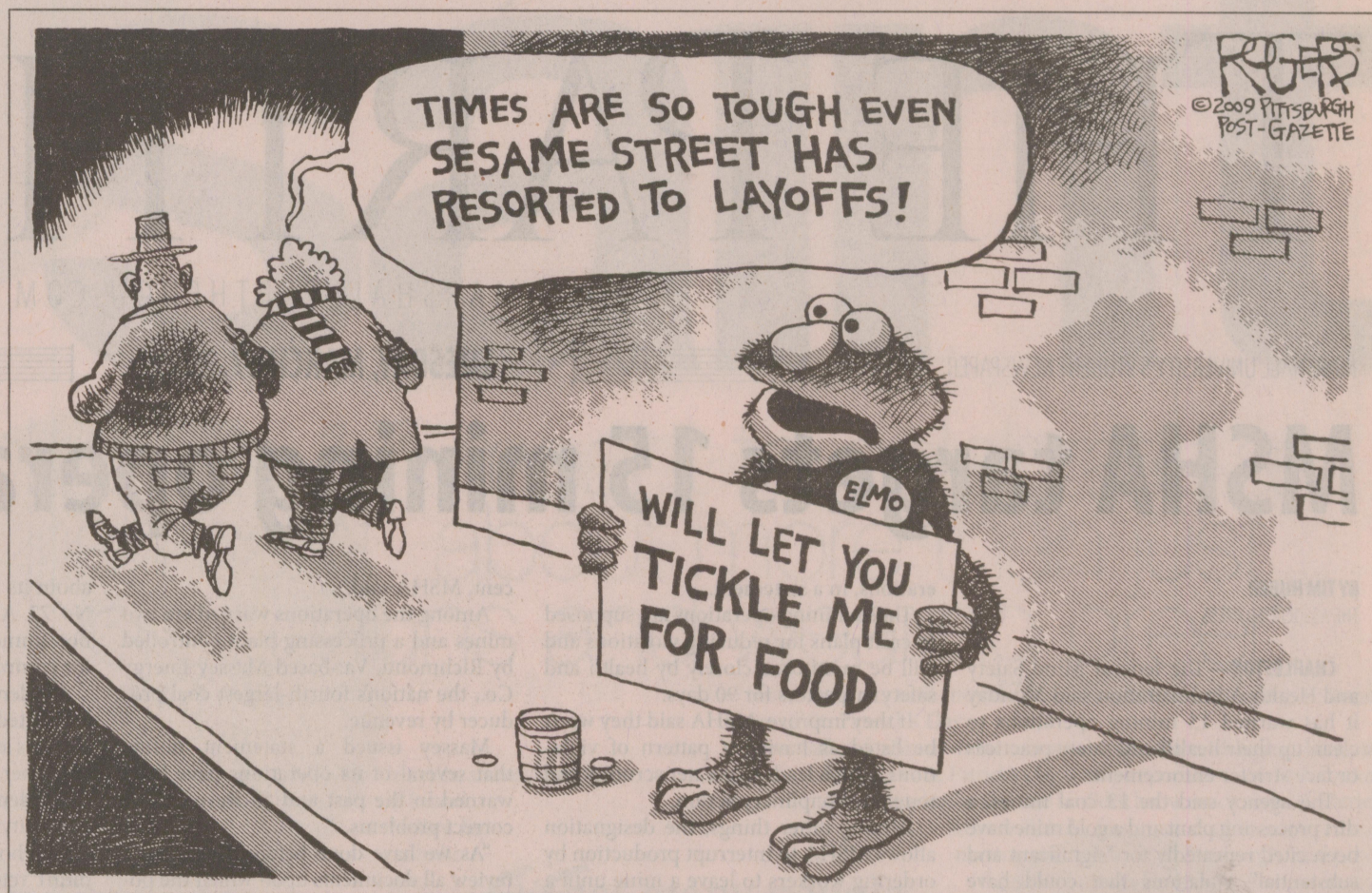
Previous poll

Do you believe in miracles?

Yes 68%
No 27%
Not sure 5%

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THE COMMON CAUSE | JAY ROUDEBUSH

New form of patriotism in America

Conservatives have lost their right to use Sept. 11, 2001 as a rally cry. Do not tell us to come together as a people like we did on Sept. 12, 2001.

The conservative Republican Party led by President George W. Bush destroyed the hope that brought us together on Sept. 12.

Together we hoped, dreamed and stood strong for the great republic to rise from the tragedies of the lives lost in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. We hoped that the enemy would see justice, we dreamed of a world without such hate and terrorism and we stood strong together in the ideals that founded this great nation — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which Rush Limbaugh could not remember at the Conservative Political Action Conference meeting.

Americans and the entire world felt some of the pain that the families who lost loved ones on Sept. 11 suffered. I know exactly where I was, and I know



JAY ROUDEBUSH
Columnist

they saw opportunity.

The American people wanted justice. We wanted a chance to see the criminals who attacked our nation brought to justice. The Bush administration gave us Afghanistan. They went after Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden and his cronies deserved this attack, but many innocent people were lost by both Afghanistan and the United States of America.

The Bush administration used Sept. 11 to take away our Constitutional rights under the USA Patriot Act.

many of you do as well. We did not see opportunity. We saw suffering, and we wanted justice.

The administration didn't see it the way we did. Surely they felt pain, but obviously

They used 9/11 to tell us we were in immediate danger. They told us it would happen again if we didn't support these new laws. It was unpatriotic to not support these laws.

The Iraq war was sold to us as an immediate threat. The Bush administration used misinformation to suggest that Saddam Hussein was involved with 9/11 and that he had weapons of mass destruction. They said we would suffer attacks again if we didn't support this war. It was unpatriotic to not support the war in Iraq, the Republicans said.

Today the Karl Roves of the world are telling us that President Bush kept us safe with these policies. They have forgotten whose was supposed to be in the captains chair (instead of perpetually on vacation) when 9/11 happened. George W. Bush was president on 9/11. No one else was president. Just him.

Republicans should not tell us now to remember 9/11. Don't tell us we must come

together. For eight long years under Bush you ruled over this nation like it was your evangelical play toy, running a crusade around the world, insisting it was to fight terrorism. Our rights were removed under your "patriotism," innocent people on both sides died under your "patriotism" and our trust and economy was broken under your "patriotism." All of this under the battle cry of 9/11.

The new administration and the millions and millions that came out to support it have a new kind of patriotism. It is love for free choice and respect for the individual. It is hope for the restoration of all Constitutional rights to every citizen.

Our patriotism is about honesty, trust, hope and togetherness. We don't need your hate, lies and greed or what you call patriotism. A new day has dawned in America.

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IMRAN SYED | Michigan Daily | The University of Michigan

Textbooks require more than 'trendiness'

When I saw a small, unfamiliar textbook lying on the coffee table at home a couple of weeks ago, I didn't think too much of it. My mother is a sociology professor and honestly, I've seen too many editions of too many sociology texts lying around the house. But this book was different.

I can describe it to you, but to really know what I'm talking about, go to amazon.com and look it up: "SOC" by Jon Witt. With a flashy cover that's more "Teen Vogue" than any textbook in your school bag, the book even had those little blurbs that magazine covers have about the stories inside. Sure, instead of "20 bright beauty ideas to try" or "Spring fashion at every price!" this cover had bits like "Sociology is a verb," but exciting nonetheless. Right?

Falling for the gimmick, I began flipping through the book. Introducing the author was a fill-in-the-blanks questionnaire with scribbly answers, similar to the American Express magazine ads featuring celebrities such as Jerry Seinfeld. Every so often, features like "Pop Soc" and "At the Movies" crop up, just in case you can't understand, for example, the concept of "The Individual and Society" without a Harry Potter

reference. Capping it all off was a back cover inviting students to check out the author's blog.

Dude's got a blog!

Why would a publisher feel the need to make a textbook that resembles a magazine? Luckily, the book's inside flap had the answer, which I'll relay by paraphrasing it in the language the publisher clearly supposes students are always using: Being totally hip to modern trends, the straight-up phat publisher rocked the illest research, and, like, kicked it with some student interviews and what not.

How very dope.

The publisher's research indicated that students feel textbooks are "boring," "outdated" and "irrelevant to me." But throw in some Beyoncé, "Juno" and Kanye, and boom — relevance city. The publisher is just trying to understand its consumers and give them what they want. What could ever be wrong with that?

Well, plenty — not the least of which is that a college education simply must not devolve to the studied consumerization of cable news or designer handbags. Dictating what you already understand kind of defeats the purpose of an education, no? Simply put, as a col-

lege student, I felt insulted by the assumptions at work in the creation of "SOC."

I don't need gimmicks to read my textbooks, and I definitely don't need Diddy or iPhone references every other page to stay engaged. I know publishing is a business and selling is the game, but we'd all be better off if education didn't go the way of a Mr. Alan's "\$29-or-two-for-\$50" sale.

The central question is simple. Is education something we bring down to our level, or should we work up to its level? If education is about the betterment of individuals, then surely the latter is the smarter choice. The philosophy at work in "SOC," however, is clearly the former, because publishers have incentives to advertise their products as responsive to students' needs. Professors and students must not falter in their duty to decide which products improve the educational experience and which ones are simply ploys to feign responsiveness for the sake of better book sales.

There's an old book in my basement that I took from my elementary school years ago when the book was about to be thrown out. Printed in 1937, "Where Our Ways of Living Come From" is a sociology

text of sorts. In the introduction, it says it provides a new approach to grade school social studies that eliminates older materials that students found meaningless. Sound familiar?

Flipping through the old book, I found that the thinking that went into it isn't so different from "SOC." The authors of "Our Ways of Living" also tried to target their audience better by making the book more appealing and interesting.

The difference is that they did it by rewriting the material, by broadening the perspectives presented and by suggesting and tying in-classroom activities. "SOC" doesn't seem to do any of those: It's simply a repackaging of the same textual material with snazzy celeb photos and multiple uses of the word "blog."

Nevertheless, "SOC" may still be as competently written a textbook as any that I've recycled for my mother. It's simply that I worry about the philosophy behind its creation. While we benefit from the personalization of many things, I'm not sure Twitterizing education is going to work out so well for any of us.

And, in case you're interested, I too am still trying to figure out how sociology is a verb.

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Daily News Quotation

"This is a journey that hurts — a journey that makes no sense to us," Clarendau said. "How do we face the valley of the shadow of death? We hold onto God." — Rev. Mike Clarendau to mourners of two of the 11 victims slain in the 24-mile killing spree by gunman Michael McLendon in Alabama.

Online records: Survey finds many states lagging

BY DAVID CRARY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans can easily learn about their state songs and state flowers with a quick search on the Internet, but most will have a harder time checking whether their children's school buses are safe or a local gas station is charging too much.

A 50-state survey of government information accessible online, conducted as part of the annual Sunshine Week campaign, found that while official records are increasingly available on the Internet, some important information is missing.

To conduct the survey, teams of journalists and journalism students scanned government Web sites in every state to look for 20 kinds of public records. The results were released Sunday at the start of Sunshine Week, a national initiative by journalism organizations to focus on open government and access to information.

Surveyors assessed factors such as if the information was up-to-date and clearly linked, if full reports or only summaries were available, and whether viewing and downloading were free.

"Digital technologies can be a great catalyst for democracy, but the state of access today is quite uneven," said Charles Davis, executive director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, one of the groups overseeing the survey.

"The future of freedom of information is online access; and states have a long way to go to fulfill the promise of electronic self-governance," he said.

Also involved in the project were Sunshine Week, the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Freedom of Information Committee and the Society of Professional Journalists' FOI Committee.

The surveyed categories included school test scores, financial disclosures, audit reports, transportation projects, fraudulent registration of business names, disciplinary actions against lawyers and physicians and inspection reports for hospitals, nursing homes, child care centers, bridges, school buildings and

school buses.

The information least likely to be found online were death certificates, found on the Web sites of only five states, and gas pump overcharge records, available online in eight states. Also infrequently posted online were schools building inspections and safety ratings, which are posted by only nine states, and school bus inspection reports, which 13 states posted.

"People should be able to find inspection records for their schools online," said David Cuillier, FOI Committee chairman for the Society of Professional Journalists. "And the government shouldn't be charging people for death certificates and other records."

Information found most often online were statewide school test scores, available in all states, and Department of Transportation projects, posted in 48 states. Campaign finance data and disciplinary actions against physicians were available in 47 states.

The only state found to provide information online in all 20 categories was Texas. New Jersey was second with 18, North Carolina third with 17.

The state with the sparsest information online was Mississippi. It posted only DOT projects, fictitious business registrations, school test scores and campaign finance data. Though it did post some information about hospitals and nursing homes, surveyors said these were perfunctory lists, not inspection reports.

Mississippi's low ranking is linked both to tight budgets in many state agencies and to the state's relative lack of home computers. It ranks near the bottom in

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FOI Committee chairman for the Society of Professional Journalists

percentage of households with Internet access, providing some agencies with a rationale for not investing more funds in online initiatives.

Marty Wiseman, director of Mississippi State University's John C. Stennis Institute of Government, said any progress that state officials did make toward online access might be limited as long as many Mississippi homes lacked high-speed Internet service.

"It's starting to be assumed that people will have some form of Internet access — and there are rural areas in Mississippi and other states that don't," he said. "There's going to be a rural-urban gulf as far as access to government is concerned."

North Carolina was rated one of the best states at posting records online, but the survey said they are often hard to find, infrequently updated and available only piecemeal.

For example, the main state government Web site lists hospitals, schools and nursing homes, but details about safety inspection of those institutions aren't posted. A visitor to the site can make an online request for some records, such as safety reports on child care centers, but the records themselves are mailed — a process that can take weeks.

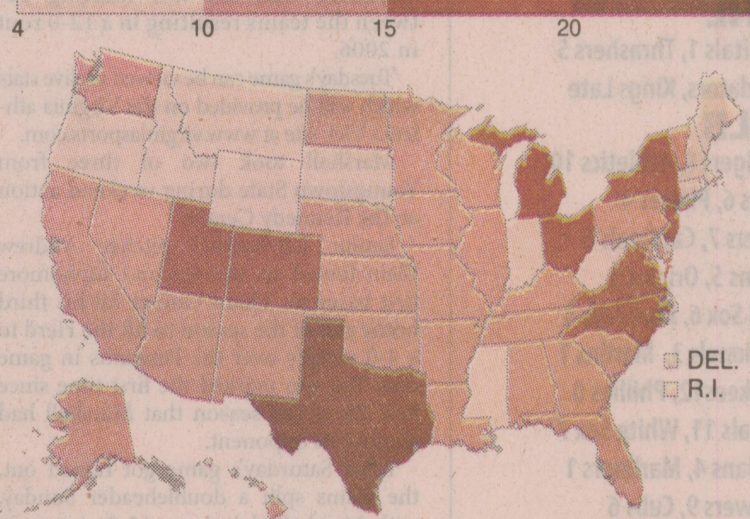
Mike McCabe, director of the watchdog group Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, credited his state with making more records easily accessible online but cited a financial-disclosure law that might deter some people seeking information.

"If you want to see one of these reports, your name, the requester, is revealed to

Limiting access to information

A survey of government information available online found that while more official records are being posted on the Internet, some important information is missing.

Public record categories viewed online for free



NOTE: Includes categories such as school test scores, financial disclosures, audit reports, disciplinary actions against lawyers and physicians and inspection reports

SOURCE: Sunshine Week

AP

the public official. That has a chilling effect for many citizens," he said. "A lot of people may not want their state legislator to know they are looking into their financial holdings. An attorney may not want a judge to know he is looking at his financial holdings."

Tennessee was among many states getting mixed reviews — surveyors said it has no comprehensive database for state spending and doesn't put a variety of inspection reports online, including those for hospitals, child care centers and school buses and buildings.

"Tennessee has made some improvements on fiscal transparency," said Frank Gibson, executive director of the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government. "But it is still in the horse-and-buggy days in providing information that the

public needs on health and safety."

The surveys were conducted by newspaper and broadcast journalists, journalism students, state press associations, and reporters and editors from The Associated Press.

"This is the first comprehensive survey of its kind," said ASNE FOI Committee co-chair Andy Alexander. "It tells us that many states understand that digitizing public records is key to open government in the 21st century. But it also tells us that, with a few exceptions, states have a long way to go before they become truly transparent."

While acknowledging that states are under fiscal stress, Alexander said providing public records online is "the smart thing to do" states are saving money because no civil servant is needed to process each information request.

Police Blotter

The following information is provided by the
Marshall University Police Department.

BY ANGELA SUNDSTROM
THE PARTHENON

Spotted

Robert Wayne Rodriguez, 24 of Huntington, was arrested March 1 at approximately 8:51 p.m. after being recognized at Speedway by employees. Rodriguez had felony warrants issued against him by MUPD for the fraudulent use of a university credit card. Officers arrived at the store and detained Rodriguez who then pulled away as if to go to the door. He was taken to the floor and handcuffed. Rodriguez went before the magistrate and was placed on a \$35,000 bond. He was then taken to Western Regional Jail. Rodriguez was charged with obstruction, intimidation and retaliation against an officer as well as being issued a Marshall University trespassing warrant.

Always Leave a Tip

James W. Butcher, 26 of Huntington, was arrested Feb. 4 at 6:44 p.m. after officers responded to a problem on the east side of the third avenue parking garage. Police met an associate athletic director and Butcher, an A-1 security guard. The director said that Butcher had been asking for tips to enter the parking garage. After a search, it was discovered Butcher had \$73 in cash on him which he admitted to collecting from patrons. He had two bench warrants out for him for failure to appear from Cabell County Court and Huntington Police Court. Butcher was arrested in connection with those warrants and transferred to MUPD for booking. He was later taken to the magistrate's office to sign himself out on the state charge. Butcher was then transported and lodged in Western Regional Jail until a city judge could see him for the Huntington Police warrant.

Probation

A patron of the Marshall University Recreation Center reported that employees were conspiring against him. The first incident happened several weeks before when the complainant got into a verbal argument with another pa-

tron on the second floor at 6:38 a.m. The second happened March 3 at 7 a.m. when he tried to enter the recreation center and accidentally got into the pay line rather than the member line. He said workers looked at the computer screen in a strange manner when they swiped his card. He asked the workers if there was a problem and they said no. The complainant later received an email from the director saying he was on probation. The complainant wants to have a judicial affairs meeting on the matter.

Missing Property

A woman reported her passport and several other documents missing March 2. The items were last seen in the Career Services building Feb. 20. It is believed they were taken from that building. There are no suspects at this time.

Armed Robbery

Two or three unknown men reportedly robbed a man at gunpoint March 3 when he was crossing Maple Avenue in the 1800 block. The attack occurred between 11:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. The complainant was returning from buying food when the suspects approached from behind, hitting the victim and causing him to fall forward. Two males grabbed his arms, pulled them behind his back and asked for everything in his pockets. The complainant handed over his wallet and cell phone. The person, reportedly holding a gun, told the victim not to turn around for 10 to 15 seconds. The complainant heard the suspects run away. He never saw their faces or a weapon.

Larceny

An unknown person took an electronic top-loading instrument from an office in the science building at 5 p.m. March 2. The complainant said he secured his office Feb. 27 and returned at 9 a.m. March 2 to discover his office door unlocked and the instrument gone. The biology department bought the item for \$1,287 in November. There are no suspects at this time.

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Displaying character



CORY JACKSON | THE PARTHENON

Scott Wilde, an artist from South Weymouth, Mass., sketches a caricature of Kelly Kutzavitch, freshman marketing major from Pittsburgh. His visit Monday was sponsored and coordinated by the Student Activities Programming Board.

Applied Cognitive Psychology proposes doodling increases attention

BY ANDREW STECKLING
THE DAILY VIDEETTE | ILLINOIS STATE U.

A new study published in Applied Cognitive Psychology has proposed that those who doodle while listening to a dull message are able to retain more information than non-doodlers.

The study showed that those who were asked to doodle while listening to a rather boring voice message were able to remember more specific details from the message than those who simply listened to the message itself.

Jackie Andrade, the study's publisher, concluded that out of the total 16 pieces of information in the study, those who doodled recalled seven and a half

pieces of information, or 29 percent more information than the 5.8 pieces of information recalled by the non-doodlers.

According to Aaron Benjamin, psychology professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, no connection was apparent.

"It's hard to say what kind of connection can be physically made between the brain and this study without further research," he said.

The study, conducted in a quiet room in southern England, asked the 40 participants to listen to a two-and-a-half minute tape of a rambling and false voice message that invited the listener to a 21st birthday party.

In the message, the host talks about some-

one's sick cat, her redecorated kitchen, the weather, someone's new house and a vacation that involved museums and rain. Half of the participants were asked to shade in squares and circles while listening to the message, while all were asked to write down the names of those coming to the party while the tape played.

According to a TIME article about the study, doodling requires just enough effort to keep one from daydreaming, meaning the brain will spend enough energy to stop it from daydreaming, but not too much to make one not pay attention.

According to Andrade, daydreaming requires much of the brain's processing power, also known as

"executive cognitions." She said, for instance, when one daydreams of a vacation, it tends to lead to potential destinations, financing the trip, and if the flight or the hotel room can be upgraded.

Illinois State University sophomore psychology major Amanda Dinkelman said that there is a relationship between memory and certain auditory cues.

"Those who doodle can associate the word, either the place or the name, with what they were doing at the time," she said. "Say if you were listening to music. You remember the last place you were when you listened to that song."

"Because of that link, it's easier to remember what the word or name was."

SPORTS

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Receiver's toxology report could take over a week

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—Miami Beach police are awaiting the toxicology report for Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth before releasing information into his car accident that killed a pedestrian.

Police spokesman Juan Sanchez said Monday that the routine blood work had not made it to the lab yet. Sanchez said results are expected to be released by the end of the week.

Authorities said Stallworth was headed toward the beach when he hit 59-year-old Mario Reyes with his Bentley on Saturday morning on a busy causeway linking Miami and Miami Beach.

Stallworth was cooperating with police and no charges have been filed. A message seeking comment was left on the voicemail of his agent, Drew Rosenhaus.

Miami-Dade County property records show Stallworth owns two condos in a building on Biscayne Boulevard in Miami not far from the causeway.

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No. 7 Virginia up next for Herd baseball

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Marshall (7-8) travels to Charlottesville, Va. for the first time since 2006 for a Tuesday afternoon contest at No. 7 Virginia (15-0). Tuesday's contest marks the second midweek tilt against a nationally ranked team in as many weeks.

The Herd is 0-9 all-time against the Cavaliers with the last meeting between the teams resulting in a 12-0 rout in 2006.

Tuesday's game can be viewed via live stats which will be provided on the Virginia athletics Web site at www.virginiaspports.com.

Marshall took two of three from Youngstown State during weekend action at The Kennedy Center.

Senior left-handed pitcher Andrew Blain tossed six innings and sophomore first baseman Victor Gomez hit his third home run of the season to lift the Herd to a 4-0 victory over the Penguins in game one. The win marked the first time since Feb. 29 of last season that Marshall had shutout its opponent.

After Saturday's game got rained out, the teams split a doubleheader Sunday, with Marshall claiming a 15-2 victory in game one and the Penguins avoiding the sweep with a 2-1 decision in seven innings in game two.

In game one, Marshall enjoyed an impressive display of offense, plating 15 runs on 14 hits.

Marshall starter Dan Straily earned

the game one win for his first decision of the season to up his record to 1-0. Rhett Stafford hit a grand slam while Nate Lape and Thor Meeks each homering in the convincing win.

Game two saw an impressive display of pitching by both sides until Marshall broke the scoreless tie in the bottom of the third inning when sophomore shortstop Kenny Socorro drove Stafford home with a one-out single to left field.

The Penguins took a 2-1 lead in the seventh and used a strikeout and a game-clinching double play to seal the game two victory.

The seventh-ranked Cavaliers (College Baseball Newspaper) enter Tuesday's game with four starters in its lineup batting over .400 for the season, four hitters with three homers and four players with 20-plus RBIs.

Virginia has also stolen 38 bases on the season, led by Phil Gosselin's eight swipes in nine attempts.

Andrew Carraway will get the start for Virginia on Tuesday. He is 3-0 with an ERA of 1.47 in four appearances (two starts) so far this season. He has issued 12 strikeouts in 15.0 innings pitched and is holding opponents to a .159 batting average.

Marshall then returns home for a Wednesday afternoon matchup against West Virginia State at The Kennedy Center. The Herd owns a 49-14-1 life-time record against WV State.



KYLE HOBSTETTER | THE PARTHENON

Senior outfielder Nate Lape, shown taking a big swing against Youngstown State, is looking to help Marshall take its first big win of the season. The Herd travels to Charlottesville, Va., to take on No. 7 Virginia today.

Taking a look at this year's March Madness

With the start of the NCAA Tournament just two days away, The School of Journalism asked some of its sports fanatics about how this year's tournament will play out, what upsets to look out for, what players will dominate and who will be cutting down the nets in Detroit.

Participants:

Adam Cavalier: WMUL Sports Staff/Host of Trash Talk Sports

Final Four: Louisville, Memphis, Pitt, Oklahoma

National Champions: Louisville

Tom Bragg: Columnist: "Third and a Mile"/ Host of Trash Talk Sports

Final Four: Louisville, Memphis, Duke, North Carolina

National Champions: Louisville

Andrew Rampacher: Columnist: "Rampacher's Rumbblings"

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Kyle Hobstetter: News Editor
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National Champions: Louisville

Bobby Iddings: WMUL Sports
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National Champions: Oklahoma

Upset Special:

Cavalier: Cleveland St. over Wake Forest

Hobstetter: Northern Iowa over Purdue

Iddings: North Dakota State over Kansas

Bragg: Purdue over UConn in West Semifinals

Rampacher: Western Kentucky over Illinois

Toughest Region

Rampacher — East Region: It features the tournament's best pure big man (Pitt's Dajuan Blair), the best tournament coach (Duke's Mike Krzyzewski) and the best home court advantage (Villanova playing in Philly).

Hobstetter — West: Two possible No. 1 seeds in UConn and Memphis, Regular Season Pac-10 champs in Washington and The Big 12 champs in Missouri, good luck with that.

Best First Round Game

Bragg — California vs. Maryland

Rampacher — LSU vs. Butler: A pair of teams with Sweet 16 potential get matched up in the first game of the tournament. The winner will give North Carolina fits.

Cavalier — WVU vs. Dayton: I pick thw Flyers by the way, purely on principle.

Iddings — California vs. Maryland

Player who will dominate

Iddings — Blake Griffin (Oklahoma): Player of the year, all I have to say

Hobstetter — Josh Heytvelt (Gonzaga): Underrated big man with range. If he meets UNC in the Sweet 16 he will give Hansbrough fits.

Rampacher — Tyreke Evans (Memphis): Memphis has not lost since John Callapari put the fab frosh at point guard.

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Stem cell order to boost UC Berkeley research

BY ANNA WIDDOWSON
DAILY CALIFORNIAN | UC-BERKELEY

An executive order to allow federal funding for increased human embryonic stem-cell research may expand opportunities for UC Berkeley professors conducting studies in the field.

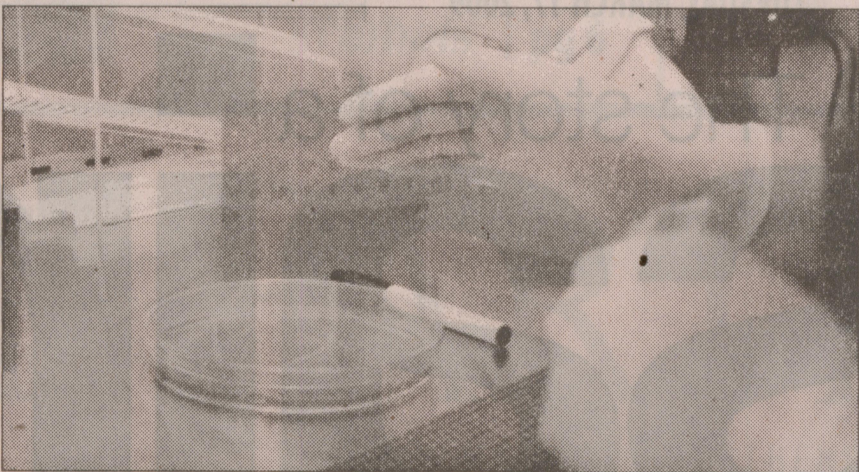
The order, signed March 9 by President Barack Obama, overturns a 2001 Bush administration policy that restricted research using federal funding to 60 registered embryonic stem-cell lines.

Now, researchers will be able to use funding from the National Institutes of Health for research on any pre-existing stem-cell lines.

While the order does not directly provide more funding to institutions conducting research, the stimulus package passed earlier this month gave an additional \$10 billion to the institute, \$25 million of which could go directly to embryonic stem-cell research, said Randy Schekman, director of the Berkeley Stem Cell Center.

Schekman said the order represents a new federal attitude toward science.

"We've suffered for seven years under an



ANNE MARIE SCHULER | DAILY CALIFORNIAN

President Barack Obama's order last week that overturned a Bush administration policy on stem cell research may display a new attitude in Washington D.C. concerning the controversial topic.

influence that is dictated by religion rather than science," he said. "Obama's decision reverses what many of us in the scientific field thought was a wrong decision."

Researchers value embryonic stem cells for their potential to create any or-

gan or tissue in the human body, an important function for the study of diseases and medicine.

Schekman said congressional action is still required to use federal funding to derive new stem-cell lines, but he expects Congress to vote on the matter soon.

There are currently 11 professors on the UC Berkeley campus who conduct research on human embryonic stem cells, according to Lily Mirels, an administrator at the Berkeley Stem Cell Center, which began in 2004.

"The order removes a lot of the barriers currently in place against stem-cell research," she said. "It will make it possible for researchers to use a wider range of stem-cell lines and in more labs ... before, there were plenty of researchers on campus who opted out because it was too much of a hassle."

Under the Bush administration's policy, researchers could not use federally funded equipment or labs for stem-cell research.

Moreover, to conduct any investigation outside the registered stem-cell lines-which Schekman said deteriorated with time and experimentation-researchers had to seek private funds.

In California, this includes funding from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, established in 2004 with the passage of Proposition 71,

which sought to promote stem cell based cures for diseases.

UC Berkeley receives close to \$35 million a year from the institute.

Mirels and Schekman expect controversy over the expansion of stem-cell research on campus, although the order maintained policies regarding the ethical derivation of cells.

"There's a lot of debate about whether or not you are destroying human life," Mirels said. "But there is consensus that the people donating the embryos should understand what is going to be done with them."

UC spokesperson Chris Harrington said the university is pleased with the order to lift the ban on federal funding.

"Researchers across the university system are already pursuing ground-breaking research that will enhance the lives of Californians," he said. "The president's action, as well as the important work and support of the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine, will allow our researchers to continue to move forward in pursuing this tremendous and potentially life-changing research."

U. Maryland warns against travel to Mexico

BY JEFF NASH AND DANA CETRONE
THE DIAMONDBACK | U. OF MARYLAND

Drug cartel-related violence in Mexico has prompted the U.S. federal government and the University of Maryland to warn students about studying abroad and traveling South of the Border.

The university issued a travel alert for students, faculty and staff warning of increased crime and violence in Mexico and urged travelers to "avoid dangerous situations."

The alert followed one release by the U.S. State Department on Feb. 20 that warned travelers of risks involved with traveling to Mexico because of the recent growth in crime, especially near the United States border, and several unresolved kidnapping cases of U.S. citizens.

The violence has caused some students to reconsider or cancel their spring break or study abroad plans. But travel agency executives and university officials said their programs go to

safe areas in the country.

After Neil Rebele, a senior accounting major, read several government releases and news articles about traveling to Mexico and heard the Mexican government was prone to a sudden collapse, Rebele decided to forgo his trip.

"I went through StudentCity to see if they changed their refund policy, but I'm not hopeful and I spent over \$1,500 on the trip," Rebele said of his experience with a student travel Web site. "I thought it was unnecessary to take the risk of going there. I suggest that anyone who does go to check in with the U.S. (Embassy) in case anything happens."

The violence has been particularly intense in certain areas of Mexico and has involved both drug cartels and Mexican police forces, which some believe to be corrupt. In Cancun, a 4-star retired Mexican Army General was appointed as the region's anti-drug czar last month. Shortly

after, he was found on the side of the highway, his arms and legs broken from torture and riddled with bullets. In Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, more than 1,600 murders were committed last year.

But Todd Steinberg, the owner of Xtreme Trips, a travel agency geared toward college students, said he doesn't think the increasingly unstable situation in Mexico is unusual or will cause students to change their plans.

"These warnings are issued with regularity on a seasonal basis," Steinberg said. "Every year we receive a moderate influx of questions and concerns from parents and students, however the nature of these calls is purely informational. Students rarely ever cancel their trip."

Yet one of the students deciding to forgo his trip is senior communication major Paul Friedman, who said safety is his top priority.

HUNGER

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"A child asked me, 'Why don't you Google him?' I asked what Google was," Awaiapo said. "I wish I could just Google him up."

The Christian Relief Center built a school in Awaiapo's village when he was about 12, providing snacks and lunches for any child willing to attend.

"I didn't know what school was," Awaiapo said. "It wasn't my cup of tea. I'd go for that snack then sneak off. The teachers became wiser and would teach before giving me food. They held me hostage. You were sentenced to another class if you wanted lunch. Now I have my graduate degree in public administration."

Awaiapo continued his education, eventually coming to study at California State University in a five year Master's degree program.

"Education is the answer. Education is liberation," Awaiapo said.

Awaiapo asked the audience not to take food and clean water for granted. As a child, he competed with animals for water at an unclean river miles from his home.

As he has traveled, Awaiapo has eaten lunch with many children. When he sees leftover food thrown in the garbage, he has flashbacks to his brothers who died simply because there was no food.

Awaiapo is married and has four children in Ghana, including a daughter born the day after he left for the speaking tour in mid-January. The three older children attend school in Ghana and consider English their first language.

"I can provide a snack, a lunch and even dinner for them because someone helped me," Awaiapo said. "I'm just one of millions of children who has benefited from Catholic Relief Services."

"I've put on 10 pounds since I got here. If I see french fries on a menu, it's over. I have to eat as much as I can before I get back."

Awaiapo said he does not want

to make anyone feel guilty when they hear his story.

"I can't make anyone feel guilty for being blessed by God. I just ask what they do with that blessing," Awaiapo said.

Catholic Relief Services does disaster relief and developmental work including digging wells, sanitation, health care and education in more than 100 countries, working with local, non-governmental partnerships.

"In the wake of violent conflict, we do peaceful work," Nora Collins of Catholic Relief Service said.

Deacon Todd Garland of The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston always thought of Catholic Relief Services as a great organization, but never felt personally involved until Awaiapo personally thanked the individuals present.

"I am a beneficiary of love, justice and compassion. One snack changed my life," Awaiapo said.

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Mid-Ohio Valley Center given \$190,000 for nursing lab

The Marshall University Mid-Ohio Valley Center is has been awarded a \$190,000 federal grant to update its nursing lab.

U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito had been working on the bill for the last year and it was finally approved this week.

"We are very happy to be working with Congresswoman Capito on this project," said Homer Preece, director of MOVCC.

The money will be used to update technology in the nursing

lab and buy a simulation mannequin. The mannequin imitates symptoms to teach students how to diagnose patients.

"We can actually simulate certain situations," said Deanna Pope, assistant professor of nursing. "It's going to improve our students' exposures in certain situations."

Pope said although students get time working in a hospital, they do not always encounter every situation that they will come across in their career. Using this technology can

help simulate situations that are less frequent.

Preece said he thinks the renovations will help MOVCC create a more well-rounded nursing student.

"It's going to allow another opportunity for our students to get more hands-on experience. to be more well educated and to use cutting edge technology," Preece said. "This will make them a better student and a better nurse."

INTERNATIONAL

FROM PAGE 1

For example, they could have a Spanish major and they want to meet people from South America," Diao said.

In addition to the international table, Person said the CIP produces a newsletter each month to keep international students informed about new regulations and activities. The

newsletter includes a profile on one international student per month and tidbits about American life.

Person said the newsletter is sent to students through the international listserv, which reaches thousands of people, including international alumni who have returned to their home countries. Person said international students use the listserv to communicate with each other as well. In

some cases, students will post photos of cars they need to sell before returning to their home countries.

Diao and Person said international students use Facebook and MySpace to communicate. Diao said international students also plan parties at Pecker's nightclub every Friday night.

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NASA: Space station is safe from satellite debris

BY MARCIA DUNN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.—NASA gave the all-clear to the international space station Monday, telling its astronauts they would not need to steer away from an orbiting piece of satellite junk.

Experts had been keeping close tabs on the debris all day, at one point believing it might pass within a half-mile of the space station Tuesday, just ahead of the shuttle Discovery's arrival.

But as they studied the path of the debris from an old busted-up Soviet satellite, engineers ascertained it would remain at a safe distance.

A maneuver by the space station would have forced Discovery to adjust its course for docking late Tuesday afternoon. The shuttle is delivering one last set of solar wings for the station.

Mission Control radioed up the good news to both space crews early Monday evening.

"That makes things easier for (the station) and for us as well," Mission Control told the shuttle astronauts.

On Thursday, the three space station residents had to move into their emergency getaway capsule because another piece of space junk came uncomfortably close 220 miles above Earth. In that case, there was short notice and the astronauts did not have enough time to steer out of the way.

LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team, said the back-to-back debris threats were random.

"It's part of the business. It comes with the territory," Cain

told reporters.

NASA has moved the space station to dodge debris eight times in the past, most recently in August. Generally, engines on the Russian living quarters or the attached Russian supply ships are fired to alter the path of the entire station. It's a relatively easy job, but uses up precious fuel.

The debris this time was from a Soviet military satellite called Kosmos 1275, which broke up somewhat mysteriously shortly after its 1981 launch. NASA orbital debris scientist Mark Matney said it may have crashed with another object that wasn't being tracked, although the Russians believe a battery explosion did the satellite in. In any event, the result was a cloud of 310 pieces of debris that slowly are falling into lower orbits, he said.

Meanwhile, on board Discovery, the seven astronauts conducted an in-depth inspection of their ship's wings and nose with a laser-tipped boom Monday afternoon. It's standard procedure the day after launch to check for any damage that may have occurred during liftoff.

Cain said it appears, at least initially, as though Discovery made it through the launch "very, very clean."

A preliminary review of the launch video showed nothing of significance coming off Discovery's external fuel tank and striking the spaceship Sunday evening. Debris has been an overriding concern for NASA since a chunk of foam insulation broke off the external fuel tank and cracked open Columbia's wing in 2003. The shuttle broke apart during re-entry, and all seven astronauts were killed.

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The story of a saint

March 17 meant to celebrate an Irish saint, about more than just leprechauns and wearing green

BY SHANNON MILLER
THE PARTHENON

St. Patrick's Day is a holiday surrounded by myths and traditional symbols, but its true focus is the patron saint of Ireland.

"He was one of the great saints," said the Rev. Jim Sobus, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Huntington. "He was a fearless spreader of the Gospel."

Sobus said St. Patrick was sent by the pope to evangelize the pagan Celts and put his life on the line. He was from Roman Britain, a part of the Roman Empire.

"What many people don't know is that he was the father of the practice of going to confession in private," Sobus said. "People used to go out in the public square to confess their sins."

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Sobus said his church will be holding a special mass in St. Patrick's honor.

According to AmericanCatholic.org, St. Patrick was captured by Irish raiders at the age of 16 then sold as a slave and escaped to France after six years. He made a spiritual conversion during the time he was held captive and was later consecrated bishop. "His great desire was to proclaim the Good News to the Irish," the Web site said.

Many legends surround St. Patrick. According to AmericanCatholic.org, one legend said Patrick stood on the top of a hill and used a staff to banish all the snakes from Ireland.

Some students said they don't know the meaning or importance of St. Patrick's Day.

Peter Gallus, freshman music education major from Memphis, Tenn., said he believes St. Patrick's Day is only important to the Irish community, but he also said he didn't know much about St. Patrick.

Kristen Bobuk, freshman double major in engineering and music from Pittsburgh, said people think St. Patrick's Day isn't important because they don't know anything about it. She said to celebrate the holiday she might wear a green shirt.

"I have green socks that say 'Kiss me, I'm Irish,'" Bobuk said.

According to history.com, many symbols that people now connect to St. Patrick's Day are merely symbols of Irish tradition. For example, the shamrock, known by the Celts as a "seamroy," was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland that symbolizes spring's rebirth. The Irish wore a shamrock as a symbol of their Irish heritage when the English seized Irish land and made laws against Catholicism and speaking the Irish language, the Web site said.

The leprechaun, another Irish symbol connected to St. Patrick's Day, comes from the Celtic belief in fairies, according to history.com. In Celtic folklore, leprechauns were known to mend the shoes of other fairies. They were ill tempered and known for being tricky in order to protect their treasures.

What many people don't know is that he was the father of the practice of going to confession in private. People used to go out in the public square to confess their sins.

The Rev. Jim Sobus, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

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