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History can indicate how economic pinch may progress in future

Editor's Note

This article is part of a series concerning the fundamentals of the economic crisis

BY KELLY CHRISTIAN
THE PARTHENON

As the familiar saying goes, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

Knowing the economic history of the United States can help many people understand the differences and similarities between the current recession versus past recessions and the Great Depression.

The United States is now in the 17th month of the longest economic recession since World War II. While many people might worry what depth the financial crisis will reach before the economy sees brighter days, unemployment statistics and other factors show the current downturn is unique from past economic problems.

"There are so many dimensions to a recession — the length, the severity of it, in other words, how far you've dropped. Different sectors are impacted in different ways," said Roger Adkins, professor of finance and economics at Marshall.

Harlan Smith, professor of finance and economics at Marshall, said for the government to declare a recession there must be an overall decline in production and total unemployment that lasts for a few months. Smith said past recessions were declared after at least six straight months of decline. The last recession the nation experienced was in 2001, and it lasted eight months.

"We have to wait for the data to come in to know for sure," he said. "Economists want to collect all the data before throwing the term 'recession' around, to get it right, because it's a strong word that can hurt a lot of people (and it) scares a lot of people."

Smith said the difference between a recession and depression is that a depression is a severe recession that lasts several years.

Adkins said 41 months of downturn were measured during the Great Depression.

"We still have a long way to go to catch up with the Great Depression," Adkins said. "I hope we don't."

The unemployment rate for March, released Friday, stands at 8.5 percent. Adkins said the new unemployment rate still isn't the worst the nation has seen, referring to the unemployment rate of the 1982 recession. He said the 1982 unemployment rate reached more than 10 percent and is the highest unemployment has been since the Great Depression.

"So far, the labor market here hasn't been hit that hard, at least in terms of the statistics," Adkins said. "Now if you add in some other things, then maybe it's as bad. There might be more people now who

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Up 'til break of dawn



CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Students form a line to grab snacks during the Up 'til Dawn event held Monday at the Memorial Student Center. The event is held on campuses across the country to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Event raises money for children fighting cancer

BY KAYLIN ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

A little bit can go a long way.

The Marshall community was able to donate to a cause close to many people's hearts and support children suffering from cancer and other diseases Monday evening.

The Up 'til Dawn event, held from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center, promoted the cause and invited guests to write letters to family and friends asking for donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Donations were also welcomed at the event.

"They (St. Jude) have 60 patients and 160 outpatients that they treat every day," said Hayley Brabson, sophomore elementary education major from Piketon, Ohio and president of the Marshall Up 'til Dawn subchapter. "And their cost of running every day is crazy. It's

Everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer. It's something you can bring home."

Hayley Brabson
President of the Marshall University Up 'til Dawn subchapter

like, over \$100,000 to run every day. And all of that is by donations. With just us helping, we can take care of one person's expenses for that day."

During the event, a band played a variety of songs as guests played "Singed Out" and "Don't Forget the Lyrics" games, participated in a mock Mr. and Ms. Marshall pageant and enjoyed refreshments. Guests also received prizes such as iPods, digital cameras and gift cards. However, the fun atmosphere did not take away from the serious cause.

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TurboTax FAFSA provides students with big time saver

BY AMANDA WHITE
THE PARTHENON

New software has been designed to help students and their families fill out Free Application for Federal Student Aid forms.

Intuit Inc., the corporation that created TurboTax and Quicken, has created TurboTax FAFSA, a program that takes the information put on tax forms and transfers it to FAFSA forms.

The software was developed after Marshall University President Stephen Kopp suggested developing a more "user friendly" way of filling out FAFSA forms to Intuit President and CEO Brad Smith.

"With TurboTax FAFSA, up to half of the information a student needs to complete the FAFSA form can be automatically transferred right to their FAFSA," Smith said.

"There really hasn't been a technological solution for that up to this point," said Arnold Miller, assistant vice president for information and technology at Marshall.

"This product is good for everybody concerned," Kopp said. "Marshall University and the state of West Virginia are taking the lead with a major corporation to facilitate access to federal financial aid, while at the same time helping aspiring West Virginia students achieve the dream of pursuing a college education."

According to www.fafsa.ed.gov, Federal Student Aid uses the FAFSA to determine an applicant's expected family contribution. Universities use this information to prepare students' financial aid packages.

According to "Marshall Guide to Student Scholarships and Financial Assistance," found on the Financial Aid department's Web page, the FAFSA must be submitted in order for students to be considered for financial aid, including grants, loans and student employment.

Kathy Bialk, director of student financial assistance, said Marshall played an instrumental role by giving recommendations after using a prototype of the software.

"I think it's going in the right direction," Bialk said. "I really think it's a huge step towards simplification."

Currently, the software produces a printed copy of the FAFSA forms that needs to be sent to the Department of Education. Bialk said that this is one of the weaknesses of the program.

"I would really like to see the product have the ability to send it electronically," she said. She also said she would not have endorsed the product unless it was free for students.

"From the standpoint of the student, I definitely think it needs to be free," Bialk said.

Although this program was designed to make the FAFSA process easier, some students on campus do not think there is a need for it.

"Every time I use it, I just follow the instructions and fill out the paperwork," said James Ross, junior respiratory care major from Monrovia, Liberia. "I haven't had any difficulties."

Caitlin Huffman, junior criminal justice major from Charleston, said the FAFSA can be time consuming, but TurboTax FAFSA took less time.

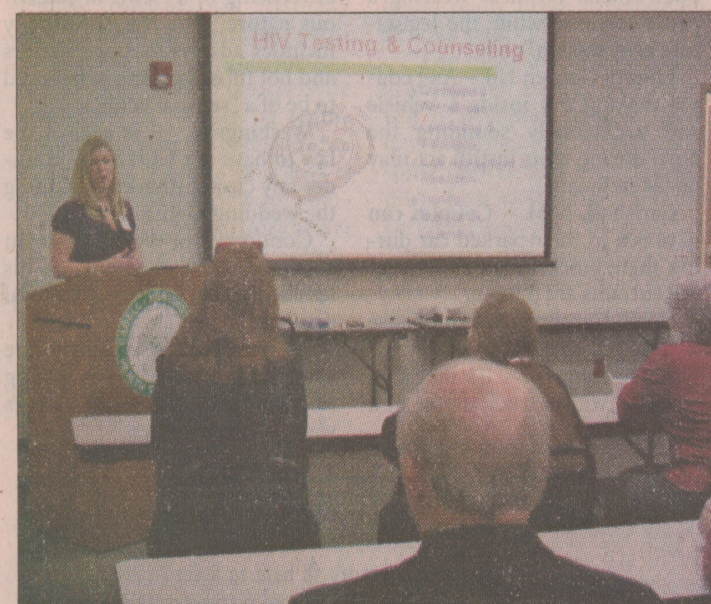
"It helped a lot, actually," she said.

"I think that the fear is the unknown," Bialk said. "If you don't have familiarity with something, it's intimidating."

Bialk also said that she felt TurboTax FAFSA is a "user-friendly" and interactive program to help students get through the process.

"I think it has a lot of promise," she said. Students can use TurboTax FAFSA for free by going to <https://fafsa.intuit.com/marshall>.

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ANGELA SUNDSTROM | THE PARTHENON

Jennifer Walls, nursing director of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, speaks about the testing and screenings available to citizens in the area.

Public Health Week attempts to raise awareness

BY ANGELA SUNDSTROM
THE PARTHENON

The Cabell-Huntington Health Department is educating people about how to maintain a healthful lifestyle.

Several awareness events are planned for National Public Health Week, which is April 6 through April 10.

According to the American Public Health Association, life expectancy in the United States has reached a record high of about 78 years. However, the majority of European countries, as well as Japan, Guam, Jordan and South Korea, rank higher.

Elizabeth Ayers, public health educator, said the department will be offering several ways for Huntington residents to become informed this week.

"We're offering breast and cervical problem education on Tuesday," Ayers said. "Wednes-

day is the tobacco coalition and Thursday a hand washing station will be set-up in the department."

One of the newest additions is Walk-It-Up, a physical activity program promoting 30 minutes of walking each day.

"We encourage people to join walking clubs," Ayers said. "We also have an online wellness blog in which they can keep track of their minutes."

Two walks are scheduled for this week. One is set for Wednesday, where community members are invited to join health department employees.

A walk will also take place on Marshall's campus at noon today. President Stephen Kopp and men's basketball coach Donnie Jones will participate.

Huntington Mayor Kim Wolfe said education is always important when it comes to staying healthy, but circumstances can make

that difficult.

"Some people in our rural areas may not have the advantage of being close to the hospitals," Wolfe said. "I think the health department does a great job of reaching out to them."

Not wanting to be all talk and no substance, Wolfe played in the Troy Brown Fantasy Football Camp's flag football game Saturday.

"I don't know if that made me healthier, but I survived," he said.

The majority of the players were younger than Wolfe, but Wolfe said he wanted to set the standard for others. That meant getting in better shape.

"Troy and Chad (Pennington) always challenge us to be in better shape the next year. Troy wants me back so that gives

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EDITORIAL

Be cautious, take preventative action

Consequences to overlooking warning signs can be tragic

More than 50 people have been killed in seven mass shootings in America during the past month. This statistic is alarming at best, and students are reminded to be cautious. While there is no way to prepare for such a tragic event, we should all be aware of those around us and do our best to stop these situations from occurring by reaching out to those who need it.

It is unfortunate that anyone ever feels like the only option is to harm other people. The best we can do is try to lessen these feelings by being nice to one another.

Though such events are often unforeseeable, sometimes a person shows signs of depression or rage before they decide to act. Experts have reported to the Associated Press that people commonly resort to these methods when dealing with loss.

If you notice someone who is experiencing a painful loss or seems to have trouble dealing with his or her life's stress, try to help the person handle it appropriately. One option is to make a referral to Marshall's counseling services.

Although it can be difficult, if someone seems to be expressing unnecessary rage or having threatening or self-destructive thoughts, it should be reported to the appropriate authorities. It is better to err on the side of caution. It cannot hurt to receive extra help, but not receiving any when it is desperately needed can have devastating consequences.

Do not brush off possible warning signs; the only way to prevent tragedy is to be cautious and ensure those who need help receive it.

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- A) Yes, successfully
- B) Nobody fell for it
- C) No
- D) That's childish
- E) It was April Fool's Day?

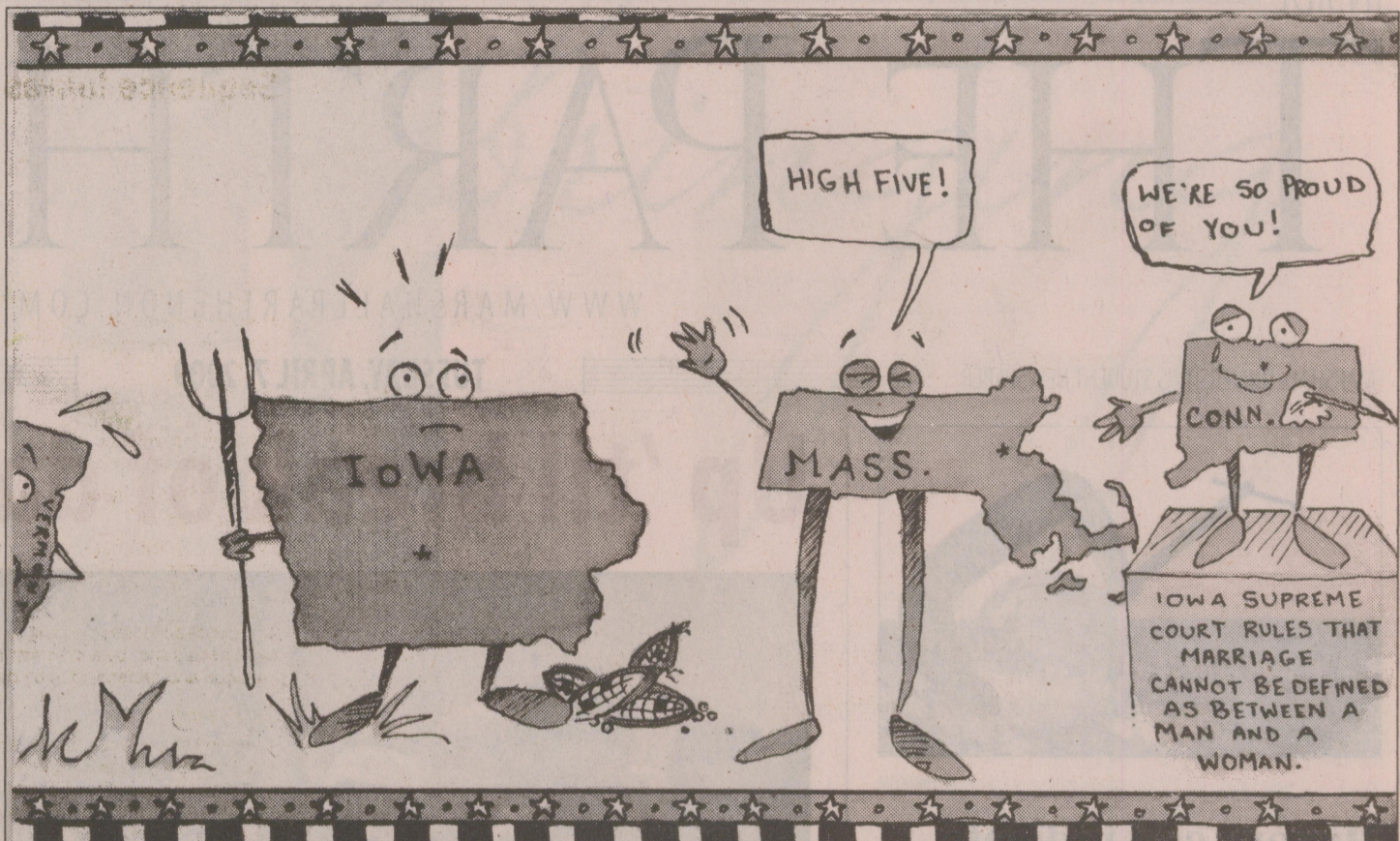
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Previous poll

What did you do for Spring Break?

Took a trip.....23%
Rested at home.....45%
Homework.....10%
Had to work.....22%

ERIN FELTON | THINK OUTSIDE THE SIDEWALK



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Offbeat sex laws good for a laugh

There are quite a few wonky sex laws floating around America, some of them originating from antique social protocols, and some... well, it is curious as to how they became laws in the first place.

You know SOMEONE had to do it, offend someone and therefore have it outlawed.

Amuse yourself by reading some of the best...

Alabama - It's against the law for a man to seduce "a chaste woman by means of temptation, deception, arts, flattery or a promise of marriage."

Fairbanks, Alaska - Moose are not allowed to have sex on city streets.

Arizona - Women can go topless in public since breasts aren't deemed private parts.

Bakersfield, Calif. - Anyone having intercourse with Satan must use a condom.

District of Columbia - Engaging in any sexual position other than missionary is illegal.

Florida - Unmarried (single, divorced, widowed) women cannot parachute on Sunday or she shall risk arrest, fine and/or jailing.

Georgia - Sexual intercourse between unmarried couples is illegal.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho - It's

safe to make love while parked. Police officers aren't allowed to walk up and knock on the window. Any suspicious officer who thinks that sex is taking place must drive up from behind, honk his horn three times and wait approximately two minutes before getting out of his car to investigate.

Oblong, Ill. - Making love while hunting or fishing on your wedding day is illegal.

Ames, Iowa - After making love, a husband isn't allowed to take more than three gulps of beer while lying in bed with his wife or holding her in his arms.

Kansas City, Kan. - Women who go out on the streets alone at night can be arrested under an obscure 1901 city ordinance. Any unattended females can be picked up by the police if they are "in the streets or any public place without lawful business and without giving a good accounting of themselves."

Kentucky - "No female shall appear in a bathing suit on any highway within this state unless she be escorted by at least two officers or unless she be armed with a club."

Louisiana - You can streak as long as you can prove to a court beyond a doubt that you had no "lascivious intent."

Massachusetts - It is illegal to have sex with a rodeo clown in the presence of horses.

Maryville, Mo. - Women are prohibited from wearing corsets, because "the privilege of admiring the curvaceous, unencumbered body of a young woman should not be denied to the normal, red-blooded American male."

Hastings, Neb. - The owner of every hotel is required to provide each guest with a clean and pressed nightshirt. No couple, even if they are married, may sleep together in the nude. Nor may they have sex unless they are wearing one of these clean, white cotton nightshirts.

Nevada - "It is illegal for any member of the legislature to conduct official business wearing a penis costume while the legislature is in session."

Liberty Corner, N.J. - Any couple making out inside a vehicle and accidentally sounding the horn during their lustful act may be taken to jail.

Carlsbad, N.M. - Couples can have sex in their parked car during their lunch break as long as the curtains are drawn.

North Carolina - It's an offense to have sex in a graveyard.

Harrisburg, Pa. - It's illegal to have sex with a truck driver in a tollbooth.

South Carolina - Any building that houses more than four adult women who are not related by birth to one another can be considered a brothel.

Sioux Falls, S.D. - In hotels, every room is required to have twin beds. And the beds must always be a minimum of two feet apart when a couple rents a room for only one night, and it's illegal to make love on the floor between the beds.

Dyersburg, Tenn. - A lady may not call a gentleman for a date.

Kingsville, Texas - Two pigs may not have sex on the city's airport property.

Beauville, Vt. - It is unlawful for a road map to be printed and sold or given away if it contains advertising of a "lewd or lascivious nature." The ban specifically includes ads for massage parlors and hot tubs, as both are believed to be of a "sensual bent."

Washington - It is against the law to have sex with a virgin under any circumstances (including the wedding night).

Connorsville, Wis. - No man shall shoot off a gun while his female partner is having a sexual orgasm.

Newcastle, Wyo. - Couples are specifically banned from having sex while standing inside a store's walk-in meat freezer.

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Daily News Quotation

"She just try so hard to learn English so she could go to work and get a better life here. But I guess it doesn't seem like a better place here, you know?" — Tina Nguyen on her sister-in-law, Lan Ho Huynh, a Vietnamese immigrant who was killed along with 12 others when a gunman opened fire in a classroom at the American Civic Association in Binghamton, N.Y.

Letter said to be from NY killer forecast slayings

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BINGHAMTON, N.Y.—The man who gunned down 13 people in an immigrant center thought police had harassed him for years, even spreading rumors about him and touching him in his sleep, and apparently was intent on killing people before returning "to the dust of the earth," according to a rambling letter in broken English mailed to a TV station the day of the massacre.

The letter's authenticity could not immediately be verified Monday, but the city of Binghamton said it was reviewing the material as "evidence in the investigation." The letter was mailed to News 10 Now in Syracuse and postmarked Friday, the day Vietnamese immigrant Jiverly Wong stormed into the American Civic Association and went on a rampage before killing himself.

"I am Jiverly Wong Shooting the people," the letter begins.

The letter was dated March 18, more than two weeks before the shooting. It included photos of Wong smiling with two guns, a gun permit and his driver's license. The envelope carried three stamps: two Purple Hearts

and a Liberty Bell.

The letter ends with him saying he can't "accept my poor life," that he is taking on the job of a judge and will "cut my poor life." He writes "at least two people with me go to return to the dust of the earth."

Police speculated Wong, who was ethnically Chinese but was from Vietnam, was angry over losing a job and frustrated about his poor English skills.

"I am sorry I know a little English," the letter reads.

It indicates a delusional man obsessed with unidentified police he says taunted him and tortured him, even going into his room, watching him sleep and touching him while he slept. The letter says police stole money from his wallet and stopped their cars in front of him 32 times in efforts to make him crash into them.

"I never hit the car," the letter states.

In a statement, the city of Binghamton, which is about 140 miles northwest of New York City, said it was reviewing the letter but would release no further comment about it until a press briefing scheduled for Tuesday.

Police Chief Joseph Zikuski told the TV station that police would ask mental health profes-

sionals to analyze the letter. He said behavioral experts from the FBI suggested "something like this might happen."

"It's not a complete surprise to us whatsoever," he said.

In staccato bursts, the letter writer strings together a tale of police harassment following him from California to New York.

"Many time from 1990 to 1997 at the day time ... cop exploit unknown English and went to my house knock the door for harass and domineer," it reads. "Of course during that time cop coined something was not true about me and spread a rumour nasty like the California cop."

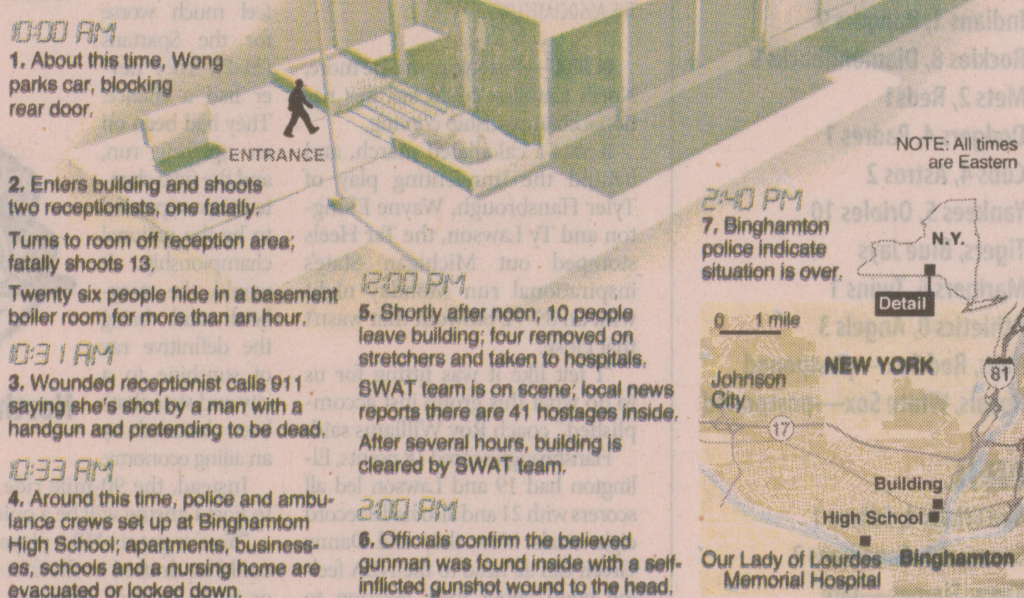
Wong, 41, spent several years in California, where in 1992 he was arrested on a bad-check charge. It was in California, where he drove a truck, that he divorced his wife Xiu Ping Jiang in 2006. He returned to Binghamton the next year.

The writer expresses frustration over losing his job at a vacuum manufacturer.

"Right now I still get unemployment benefit of the company Shop Vac Endicott," he says. "New York State Department of Labor was cheat and unpaid from December 1st 2008 to December 28th 2008 I already claim weekly

Sequence leaves dozens searching for quick cover

At 5 p.m. on Friday, the Binghamton police chief announced Jiverly Wong had killed 13 people and left four in critical condition after a shooting rampage.



SOURCE: ESRI

benefit from that date." The letter rambles disjointedly. "Let talk about when I live in California," it reads. "Such as... cop used 24 hours the technique

of ultramodern and camera for burn the chemical in my house. For switch the channel time ... For adjust the fan. For made me upbreathable. For made me

vomit. For connect the music into my ear." The letter, neatly written in capital letters, ends with: "And you have a nice day."

Dumpster diving



One of the many squirrels on campus makes a jump into a garbage can on campus for a treat.

CARRIEKIRK | THE PARTHENON

Information gathering, computer skills to be tested on Assessment Day

BY PAM THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

Assessment Day organizers will use the new I-skills exam, a standardized test used to monitor student learning, to measure student information and computer competency skills.

Monica Brooks, director of MUOnline, said the exam demonstrates how well students perform in seven major content areas.

"We will learn how well students use information to communicate, how well they use information to gather appropriate research tools and how well students use those tools to communicate the appropriate information," Brooks said.

The information literacy and embedded librarian projects are used to get professional librarians to provide assistance to faculty by team-teaching research components in courses. Brooks said this is to help students develop better skills in a few different areas including topic selection, proper source citation and appropriate database use.

This semester, 12 classrooms have an embedded librarian. Every student in an embedded classroom is invited to take the I-exam to see if having a librarian

“It is important to participate because electronic info permeates all aspects of our life, including our social life. As informed citizens, we need to know how to navigate this information because there is so much of it and so much more being added every day.”

Monica Brooks
Director of MUOnline

in the class helps, Brooks said. Brooks said she hopes all first year students will be involved with an embedded program at some point.

"If we have evidence telling us the embedded librarian program is working, I think we could really make this happen," Brooks said.

"The most immediate instant gratification benefit is that the test is designed to give librarians and information specialists some matrix that help us determine how well we are teaching certain concepts," Brooks said. "We want our students to have the best skills possible so the test gives us the means for determining the areas we need to concentrate on."

Mary Beth Reynolds, director of assessment, said the I-skills exam is composed of three 45

minute sessions that will be given Wednesday. Session A begins at 9 a.m., session B begins at noon and session C begins at 2 p.m. All exams will be given in Drinko Library presentation room 349. Snacks will be provided and all participants will be entered into a drawing to win an iPod touch, Reynolds said.

"It is important to participate because electronic info permeates all aspects of our life, including our social life," Brooks said. "As informed citizens, we need to know how to navigate this information because there is so much of it and so much more is being added every day. If you have good foundational skills then you will never regret having them."

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Brown enters plea in beating case

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES—Chris Brown has pleaded not guilty Monday to threatening and assaulting his girlfriend, fellow music superstar Rihanna.

The 19-year-old R&B singer appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom alongside his lawyer, Mark Geragos.

Brown entered his plea, speaking in a soft voice, while

his mother sat in the first row, red-eyed.

He was charged in March by Los Angeles County prosecutors with felony assault likely to cause great bodily injury and making criminal threats. He was arrested nearly a month earlier after police said he was involved in an early morning altercation with a woman who identified the "Run It!" singer as her attacker.

Court records list Brown's vic-

tim as "Robyn F" Rihanna's real name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty.

The 21-year-old "Umbrella" singer was represented by attorney Donald Etra, who said after the hearing the singer was in "fine spirits" and spending time with her family in Barbados.

Etra also said Rihanna is hoping a deal can be worked out before a preliminary hearing or trial, but that she will testify if required to.

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These girls have to walk miles and miles. They spend up to 30 hours a week carrying water and going to get water. Their villages don't have a well, so they have to (leave) their village to get it.

Kati Bailey, sophomore nursing major, campus organizer of Be Hope 2 Her.

PHOTO COURTESY BE HOPE 2 HER

A young girl spends her time collecting water. In some African villages, women and girls spend up to 30 hours a week gathering water.

THE FACTS about water sanitation

- 1.1 billion people do not have access to clean drinking water.
- Girls and women spend an average of three hours collecting and carrying water each day.
- The average American individual uses 170 to 176 gallons of water at home each day.
- The average African family uses about five gallons of water each day. However, the daily requirement for sanitation, bathing and cooking needs, as well as for assuring survival, is about 13.2 gallons per person.
- A person needs four to five gallons of water each day to survive.
- Lack of sanitation is the world's leading cause of infection.
- Approximately 80 percent of all diseases and more than one-third of deaths in developing countries are caused by the consumption of contaminated water.
- At any given time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from water-related disease.
- Every 15 seconds, a child dies from water-related disease.
- Only 62 percent of the world's population has access to improved sanitation.
- Water-related diseases kill more children under the age of five than any other cause.
- Without food a person can live for weeks, but without water only a few days.



PHOTO COURTESY BE HOPE 2 HER

A group of women walk to get water and carry large, heavy buckets on their heads.

Bringing HOPE

Students get involved with Be Hope 2 Her, an on-campus event that brings awareness to the need for clean water to women in Africa

BY WHITNEY BURDETTE
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students will participate in an experimental event designed to raise awareness for the need of sanitary drinking water in rural Africa.

Be Hope 2 Her, or BH2O, is sponsored by Nuru International and will be held April 23 on 11 college campuses across the country. Nuru International is a grassroots organization that meets with leaders of African villages to figure out how to best solve that village's problems.

BH2O's purpose aims to raise awareness about young women and girls who are responsible for carrying water from fresh sources back to rural villages. This keeps them away from school and work, further perpetuating the cycle of poverty.

"These girls have to walk miles and miles," said Kati Bailey, sophomore nursing major from Huntington and campus organizer of Be Hope 2 Her. "They spend up to 30 hours a week carrying water and going to get water. Their villages don't have a well, so they have to (leave) their village to get it."

One of BH2O's goals is to raise money to drill wells in a village in Kenya so residents can have a freshwater source of their own.

According to BH2O's Web site, young girls often drop out of school in order to gather water needed to run their households.

"Their job is spending 20 to 30 hours a week walking back and forth to get water," said Kelly Armstrong, sophomore nursing major from Charleston and event volunteer. "I feel like we should help them so they can maybe do something else with their time and they can go to school and live a different type of life."

The event will begin at 11 a.m. April 23. Female volunteers will dip water into their buckets from a freshwater source then walk around campus for 30 minutes with the buckets on their heads. Male volunteers will pass out pamphlets describing the plight of women in Africa and invite others to attend the rally that will take place on Buskirk Field after the walk, Bailey said.

Bailey said the group's goal is to have 200 women and 250 men registered. If the group meets that goal, outside sponsor will donate \$20,000 to the cause. Registration is open until the day of the event, but females are encouraged to register by April 16 so enough buckets can be ordered. Women

must pay a registration fee of \$5 to cover the cost of the bucket. Men, however, can participate for free.

"If anybody wants to register, please do, because I think it's an excellent event," Bailey said. She also said some male volunteers donated \$5 to cover the cost of a woman who wants to participate but can't pay the fee.

Bailey said the event is a university excused absence and she hopes this will urge more students to participate.

"Nuru specifically planned this event to be in the middle of the day during classes so when people say 'I have class' they can say 'These girls (in Africa) don't have class. They can't have class because they can't go to school because they're carrying water.'"

Although the event is designed to raise awareness about women, men on Marshall's campus are becoming involved.

"The guys have stepped it up almost more than the girls," Bailey said.

Nick Taylor, former Marshall student and event volunteer, said being a man does not prevent him from identifying with the struggles of women.

"BH2O does focus on women and the constant need for clean water, but being a man is not what makes this important to me," Taylor said. "I am involved because I am a human. When working with movements of love, such things as race, beliefs or gender are not what matters."

He said Americans are spoiled by instant gratification, such as turning on a faucet and having access to clean water.

"The fact that there are so many people suffering just to have clean water rips at my heart," Taylor said.

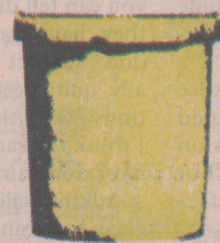
Bailey said Marshall currently has 69 volunteers, the most of any university involved with the event. She said she and Armstrong are talking to various campus groups about getting involved.

"SAPB is really interested in helping out," Armstrong said. "We're trying to get a hold of some of the coaches of women's athletic teams and get them involved, too."

Bailey also said she is talking to the Greek Affairs representative about involving sororities and fraternities.

"This is a really great cause, especially for women," Armstrong said. "I feel like it's really meaningful for us. We can go to school and we can work and we don't have to worry (about clean drinking water)."

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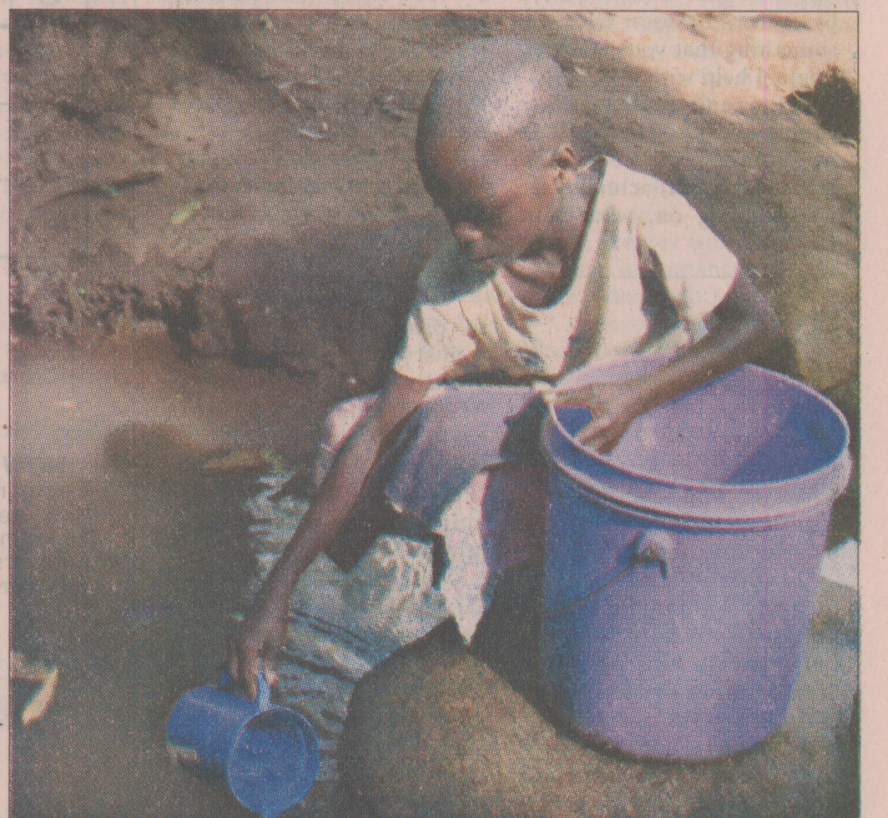


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For hours every day, a young girl collects unsanitary water her family needs to survive.