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### History can indicate how economic pinch may progress in future



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.

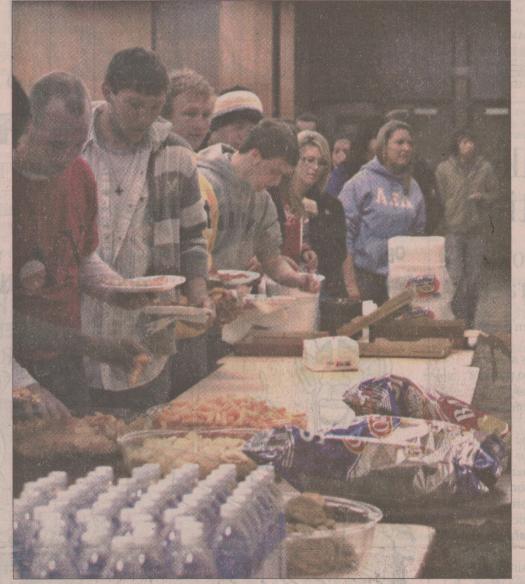
"We still have a long way to go to catch up with the Great Depression," Adkins said. "I hope we don't."

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



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

À 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 from the serious cause.

**Everyone knows some**one 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 "Singled 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

"I think it's a great cause to donate to St. Jude," said Ryan O'Dell, sophomore psychology major from Princeton, W.Va. Just to donate to research is a good thing and shows good

character." Alex Adkins, freshman business management major from Fairfax, Va., said he didn't know much about the cause until he

"As much as you can help out, the better it is," Adkins said. "It goes a long way."

attended the event.

St. Jude is a primary center for research and treatment of pediatric cancer and other diseases. The hospital helps families who cannot pay for their children's treatments by funding them through donations, according to the St. Jude

Up 'til Dawn subchapters in many of the nation's colleges raise money to send to St. Jude

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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

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,"

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

"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

"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 in-

timidating." Bialk also said that she felt TurboTax FAFSA is a "user-friendly" and interactive program to help stu-

dents 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 occuring 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 unforseeable, 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.

### Guidelines for letters to the editor

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## **Online** poll

### Did you pull an April Fool's Day prank?

A) Yes, successfully B) Nobody fell for it

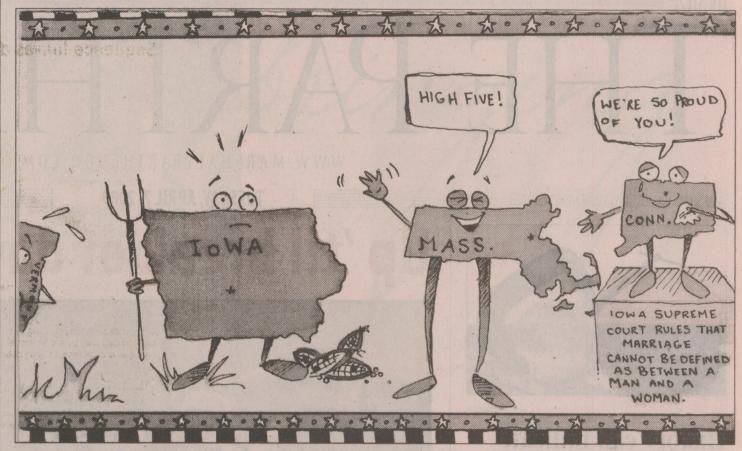
C) No D) That's childish E) It was April Fool's

Vote online at www.marshallparthenon.com **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, redblooded 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

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 air-

port property. Beanville, Vt. - It is unlawful for a road map to be printed and sold or given away if it contains advertising of a "lewd or lascivi-ous 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-inlaw, 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 Binghampton, N.Y.

NOTE: All times

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## 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

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

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

AMERICAN CIVIC

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.

DOD AM 1. About this time, Wong parks car, blocking

rear door

ENTRANCE 2. Enters building and shoots two receptionists, one fatally

Turns to room off reception area fatally shoots 13

Twenty six people hide in a basement boiler room for more than an hour.

3. Wounded receptionist calls 911 saying she's shot by a man with a handgun and pretending to be dead.

4. Around this time, police and ambulance crews set up at Binghamtom

High School; apartments, businesses, schools and a nursing home are evacuated or locked down

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 me unbreathable. For made me

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

5. Shortly after noon, 10 people

leave building; four removed on

stretchers and taken to hospitals

After several hours, building is

6. Officials confirm the believed

gunman was found inside with a self-

inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

cleared by SWAT team

SWAT team is on scene; local news

reports there are 41 hostages inside

vomit. For connect the music into my ear."

High School

The letter, neatly written in capital letters, ends with: "And you have a nice day."



CARRIEKIRK | THE PARTHENON

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

### Information gathering, computer skills to be tested on Assessment Day

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 teamteaching 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 Iexam 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

"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 deter-

mine 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 beings 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 "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 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-

his mother sat in the first row, 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.

## THE PARTHENON

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### **MONDAY'S** SCORES

#### MLB

Pirates 6, Cardinals 4 Nationals 6, Marlins 12 Indians 1, Rangers 9 **Rockies 8, Diamondbacks 9** Mets 2, Reds1 Dodgers 4, Padres 1 Cubs 4, Astros 2 Yankees 5, Orioles 10 Tigers, Blue Jays Mariners 6, Twins 1 Athletics 0, Angels 3 Rays, Red Sox—postponed Royals, White Sox—postponed

#### NHL

Red Wings 4, Sabres 1 Senators 3, Canadiens 2 Kings, Flames—late

**NCAA BB** Michigan State 70, North Carolina 89

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### **Baseball game against Xavier canceled**

Marshall University's scheduled non-conference baseball game at Xavier today has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Thundering Herd will now play a doubleheader on April 29 at Youngstown State beginning at 1 p.m. to make up for today's canceled game. Both games of the twinbill will be seven innings.

HERDZONE.COM

### Women's golf in 14th place after day one of **IU** Invitational

COLUMBUS, Ind .- The Thundering Herd women's golf team stands in 14th place following day one of the IU Invitational.

Two rounds were played on Monday with Marshall shooting a 344 to open up and following that up with a 347.

Larie Lynch was the Herd's top performer on Monday, tying for 51st place. She shot an 84 in both rounds. Lynch finished Monday's action seven strokes ahead of Rachel Halloran, who posted a 173.

Maria Battaglia and Molly Ginger each shot a 175 while Mary Oliver shot a two-round total of 179.

The teams will finish up the event with one round today.

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#### Mets' new bullpen closes out win over Reds

CINCINNATI-No threats, no frets. That new Mets bullpen sure looked good the first time out.

Francisco Rodriguez and his fellow relievers protected a slim lead for Johan Santana, and New York held on Monday for a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds in their season opener.

Daniel Murphy drove in both Mets runs with a homer and a groundout. And on a raw, cold afternoon, New York's rebuilt bullpen was nearly perfect.

Sean Green, J.J. Putz and Rodriguez squashed Cincinnati's lineup, allowing only two balls out of the infield in the final 3 1-3 innings.

After striking out Ramon Hernandez to finish it, Rodriguez looked up at the sky and raised both arms in his familiar celebration. Then, he made sure to keep the game ball as a memento of save No. 1 with the Mets.

It was 37 degrees with light rain at first pitch, which was pushed back by 13 minutes because of conditions that felt even worse to players accustomed to 80-degree days in spring training.

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## North Carolina takes national title

## Tar Heels dominate Spartans for fifth school championship

2009 Division I Men's Basketball Championship

**Ford Field** 

Detroit, Mich.

BY EDDIE PELLS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**DETROIT**—For a year, maybe more, North Carolina could feel this national championship coming.

It was a calculated march, and an uplifting run, behind the unrelenting play of Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington and Ty Lawson, the Tar Heels stomped out Michigan State's inspirational run Monday night with an 89-72 blowout that wasn't that close.

to do what this group just accomplished," coach Roy Williams said.

Hansbrough scored 18 points, Ellington had 19 and Lawson led all scorers with 21 and also had a record eight steals. Now, they and Danny Green can all head to the NBA feeling good about their decision to return to school. They're bringing home Carolina's fifth championship, and the second for Williams.

All those upperclassmen, save Hansbrough, came back in part because their draft prospects didn't look so good. They also didn't want their college careers to end on last year's embarrassing loss to Kansas in the Final Four. That was a dud of a game in which they trailed 40-12 in the first half and Billy Packer was telling CBS viewers it was over.

This time, North Carolina led 36-13 around the time "Dancing With The Stars" was starting on another network. At least nobody knew how that one was going to end.

This game, though, was a slam dunk. Ellington got choked up as he basked in the confetti. Williams gave a shout-out to his mentor, Dean Smith, and he almost started crying, too. Hansbrough was the first to grab one of those "National Champion" T-shirts.

"Sounds like I made a pretty good decision," Hansbrough said. "Nothing beats this feeling right here."

Likewise, it can't feel much worse for the Spartans (31-7). They never had a chance. They had been on and the final chapter was supposed to be the national championship. It would, the storybook said, bring the definitive ray "I felt like it was fitting for us of sunshine to a city and state that's been battered by an ailing economy.

Instead, the 90-mile ride home to East Lansing will be a quiet one.

**North Carolina 89** 

'You've got six NBA players that could be drafted in the first round or early second," Spartans guard Travis Walton said. "You're looking at a team that could probably beat the worst team in the NBA."

The Tar Heels (34-4) were up 55-34 at halftime, breaking a 42-yearold title-game record for biggest lead at the break and setting the mark for most points at the half.

By then, Lawson had already set an NCAA title-game record with seven steals.

"When you play North Carolina, there's nothing you can do," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "Lawson says it all. He does stir the drink." This collection of NBA talent

was too, too much from wire to wire, from the start of the tournament, to the very end. Magic Johnson, Michigan State's Spartan-in-Chief, joined Larry

Bird at center court to present the game ball, a tribute to the 30-year anniversary of their historic matchup and Michigan State's first title. From there, it was pretty much all "Showtime," all the time -

but not for Michigan State. Heck,

Magic didn't even stick around for

the end. He was spotted walking

As for that 98-63 beatdown

Michigan State 70

up the tunnel with 3½ minutes left. Izzo tried to call a timeout to stop the onslaught with 6:45 left in the first half. His team came out and promptly turned it over — one of 14 in the first half, compared to only 12 baskets.

Goran Suton led the Spartans with 17 points, and Kalin Lucas, the Big Ten player of the year, had 14 - most scored once the game was out of hand, which was very early in

Michigan State pulled within 13 a couple times late in the second half, and the crowd of 72,922 mostly pulling for the Spartans tried to make some noise.

But for most of the game, cavernous Ford Field had the atmosphere of a Lions game, save the few thousand Tar Heel fans whose Carolina Blue team put in a much better blue-collar effort than the team that was supposed to pride itself on that.

"I just don't think we did the things we did all year," Izzo said. "When you say that, you take away some credit from North Carolina, and I don't want to do that. It was a combination of us and them, but we need to take some of the blame."

in this same building back on Dec. 3? No fluke. In fact, Detroit might want to give Ford Field a nice, long break. The winless Lions went 0-8 here last season, and there was no halt to the Motor City's misery on

Michigan State

this night. It was, almost literally, over

before it began. Ellington had a double-pump scoop layup and a 3-pointer and Hansbrough spotted up and sank a 14-foot jumper - all in the first 4:25 to put Carolina ahead 17-7. It never got closer.

The Spartans, meanwhile, were having trouble simply getting the ball in after Tar Heel buckets, turning it over that way twice in the first 6 minutes, part of a depressing day that didn't do justice to the effort they put in to get here.

During pregame introductions, Williams walked over to shake hands with Izzo, who was distracted, drawing up a play on the greaseboard in the huddle. He jokingly showed the diagram to Williams - and you know what: It probably wouldn't have mattered.

Izzo conceded in the lead-up to the game that if both teams played their best, Michigan State would lose. He'll never find out if he was right because, while North Carolina was more than ready, the Spartans never showed up.

"The best team won," Izzo said. That's an easy statement to make." Williams joined Jim Calhoun, Billy Donovan and Mike Krzyzewski as the fourth active coach

(13th overall) to win multiple titles. This title came four years after

Carolina pu on his first championship - and for the first time, with a roster full of his own recruits. "Roy Williams is not that good,"

Williams said. "But boy, of Roy's got some big-time players. That's what it takes.

Hansbrough was the only one who knew he wanted to come back from the get-go. He simply loves college, and though his senior season wasn't quite as good as the year before, the ending was much better. Nobody on Michigan State could stop him - no shame there — and he had seven rebounds and two assists to go with the 18 points.

"I desperately wanted this championship for that young man," Williams said. "I know it's corny, but that's who I am."

Lawson was often criticized for not looking to shoot enough, and he sort of went back to his roots in this one. He finished only 3-for-10 from the floor but was a dominating presence, with six assists and a whopping 18 trips to the freethrow line.

Oh, and don't forget Ed Davis. We'll be seeing the 6-10 freshman in the pros with these other guys someday soon. He went 5-for-7 for 11 points with eight rebounds in 14 minutes and may have proven all he needs to, as well.

Overall, North Carolina dominated every matchup on the floor in pretty much every way. The Tar Heels were a unanimous No. 1 in the preseason and became the first UNC team to start and finish at No. 1 since 1982. Michael Jordan was the star of that team.

There may not be any Jordans on this team, but there were plenty of Hansbroughs and Lawsons and Ellingtons — more than enough to finish off a project that seemed destined to end the way it did: On a ladder in Detroit, with scissors and twine in their hands.

KYLE HOBSTETTER | Hangin' with Mr. Hobstetter

## Opening Day brings back memories

In my life, there are three days of the year that I look forward to most.

One of those is Christmas. Another is my birthday. Then there is another day some may not think is a holiday.

It is usually on a Monday. It takes place in more than 15 major cities and attracts more than a million people.

That day is opening day of major league baseball. Monday, I made my yearly

trip to Cincinnati to watch my favorite team, the Reds, struggle to get hits against Mets ace Johan Santana.

In between innings as I was sitting in 30 degree weather accompanied by rain, sleet



about what I consider an honorary holiday. I remember as

I began to

reminisce

a kid, when the first day of baseball season came around my dad would leave work for an hour, pick me up from school and take me home so I could watch the game.

Then there was the 2000 game. I was there when Ken Griffey Jr. came home to Cincinnati. It was one of the

biggest applauses for a player I had heard. You can't imagine the goose bumps I felt. Throughout the crowd you. could feel the anticipation. The season didn't end well, but for one moment, Reds fans thought championship.

Then there was the first game at the new stadium, Great American Ballpark.

I was there as the Reds took in the Pirates in the new home for baseball in Cincinnati.

I saw former president George H.W. Bush throw a horrible pitch to home plate, and my team get destroyed by a usually wretched team in the Pirates, but I was watching history being made. Cincinnati for the first time in 32 years had a new place to play. The 2007 game probably

brought one of the most heartwarming experiences I have ever had. Not only opening day, but a baseball game in general.

Josh Hamilton made one of the greatest comebacks in sports history as he stepped up to bat in the bottom eighth. Hamilton had come back from drug addiction, and his pinch hit appearance for the Reds brought the crowd to a standing ovation for 22 seconds. I was one of the people standing up, watching this young man hopefully start his new life.

As I saw tears in people's

eyes and a young man who had so much promise rise from his problems with substance abuse finally conquer his demons, I realized it was probably my greatest opening day moment.

Opening day is one of the greatest days in sports. Everyone's team is undefeated, everyone has optimism and everyone always has baseball on their minds.

Even if your favorite team is miles away, you should experience the pageantry and excitement that is Opening Day. Believe me, you will have memories that last a lifetime.

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## Wilson, Pirates rock Cardinals closer in 9th

BY R.B. FALLSTROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Jack Wilson waited until the Pittsburgh Pirates were down to their last strike before coming through.

Wilson's three-run double on an 0-2 fastball capped a four-run ninth inning off hard-throwing Jason Motte, leading Pittsburgh to an opening 6-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals. "That first one, he blew by me

pretty easily," Wilson said. "Then I kind of stayed back and it felt pretty good. Just try to get it out there, put it in play, and then you have a chance.'

In a game played in 41-degree chill, Ryan Ludwick broke a 2-2 tie with a leadoff homer in the eighth off Tyler Yates, and David Freese added a sacrifice fly off John Grabow (1-0) for a 4-2 lead.

Freddy Sanchez led off the ninth with a double off Motte, who won a three-way battle for the closer's job in spring training. Adam La-Roche singled in a run with two outs, pinch-hitter Eric Hinske doubled LaRoche to third and

Brandon Moss was hit by a pitch before Wilson's drive to left-center. Motte, a former catcher who

moved to the mound in 2006, had a 1.46 ERA and five saves in spring training after debuting last season with an 0.82 ERA in 11 games with the Cardinals. His fastball has been timed

in the high 90s but when Motte got behind in the count, it wasn't nearly as effective. He refused to blame the weather or nerves from playing in front of a sellout crowd "It's just one of those things," Motte

said. "You go out there and have a bad outing, you can come back out there tomorrow and be the hero. You've just got to put it all behind you." St. Louis didn't warm up any-

one until after Wilson's hit. Wilson had been 0-for-4 with two strikeouts and a popup. He

batted .170 in spring training with a homer and three RBIs in 21 games. "He's got a new approach up there and I don't think he felt that comfortable in spring training," manager John Russell

said. "Hopefully, this will help

him to relax."

Matt Capps pitched the ninth for the save, sealing the third straight opening-day win for the Pirates, who have finished last in the NL Central in three of the last four seasons. Nyjer Morgan had three hits and two RBIs as the Pirates overcame three errors.

Albert Pujols was 3-for-4 with an intentional walk for the Cardinals. He is batting .419 hitter (13-for-31) with two homers, four doubles and 10 RBIs in nine openers. Adam Wainwright made his

first official opening day start, a year after he pitched in an opener that was wiped out by rain after three innings.

He allowed two runs and four hits in 5 1-3 innings, and he combined to strike out (seven) or walk (five) nearly half his 25 batters. While the strikeouts were one shy of his career best, he matched his high for walks, set in his final start last season. He even walked Pirates starter Paul Maholm on four pitches.

After Pittsburgh stranded five runners in the first two innings, St. Louis went ahead in the third on run-scoring singles by Khalil

Greene and Ludwick following the first of LaRoche's two errors at third.

Wainwright walked his last two hitters, and Morgan hit a two-run single off Trever Miller. Maholm, a career .139 hitter coming in, walked against Josh Kinney in the sixth.

"It's not what I wanted, that's for sure," Wainwright said. "I wanted to carry my team deeper into the game, and I didn't."

Maholm had a team-high nine wins last year, the lowest total for a Pirates staff leader since 1981, and moved one slot ahead of '08

opening day starter Ian Snell and two slots ahead of Zach Duke ('07) in the rotation.



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## Among 4-year-olds, 1 in 5 obese, study finds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO—A striking new study says almost 1 in 5 American 4-year-olds is obese, and the rate is alarmingly higher among American Indian children, with nearly a third of them obese.

Researchers were surprised to see differences by race at such an

Overall, more than half a million 4-year-olds are obese, the study suggests. Obesity is more common in Hispanic and black youngsters, too, but the disparity is most startling in American Indians, whose rate is almost double that of whites.

The lead author of the study said that rate is worrisome among children so young, even in a population at higher risk for obesity because of other health problems and economic disadvantages.

"The magnitude of these differences was larger than we expected, and it is surprising to see differences by racial groups present so early in childhood," said Sarah Anderson, Ohio State University public health researcher. She conducted the research with Temple University's Dr. Robert Whitaker.

Dr. Glenn Flores, pediatrics and public health professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, said the research is an important contribution to studies documenting racial and ethnic disparities in children's weight.

'The cumulative evidence is alarming because within just a few decades, America will become a 'minority majority' nation," said Flores, who was not involved in the new research... Without interventions, the next generation "will be at very high

### **Preschool obesity**

A new study says 18 percent of preschoolers are obese, with higher percentages among most minorities.

Prevalence of obesity

American Indian/ 31 2% Native Alaskan

Hispanic 22.0 Black, non- 20.8 Hispanic

White, non- 15.9 Hispanic Asian 12.8

SOURCE: National Center for Education Statistics

risk" for heart disease, high blood pressure, cancers, joint diseases and other problems connected with obesity.

The study is an analysis of na-

spending," Adkins said. "Fiscal-

policy is where the president and

the Congress will be changing

spending, taxes and transferred

payments to impact spending.

Fiscal policy was then not what

we know today, nor did mon-

etary policy was conducted in

the same way as today. Today it

is really designed to move the

economy, in those days, the pro-

cess wasn't understood that well."

Edward Jones, said other contrib-

uting factors to the Depression

versus today's recession include

FDIC insurance, unemployment

didn't have and the government

was not proactive then," Hall

said. "A lot of what we have right

now is a crisis of confidence and

not so much a crisis of propor-

tions of things during the Great

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Depression."

There were a lot of things we

insurance and social security.

John Hall, financial advisor with

tionally representative height and weight data on 8,550 preschoolers born in 2001. Children were measured in their homes and were part of a study conducted by the government's National Center for Education Statistics. The results appear in Monday's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

Almost 13 percent of Asian children were obese, along with 16 percent of whites, almost 21 percent of blacks, 22 percent of Hispanics, and 31 percent of American Indians.

Children were considered obese if their body-mass index, a height-weight ratio, was in the 95th percentile or higher based on government BMI growth charts. For 4-year-olds, that would be a BMI of about 18.

For example, a girl who is 41/2 years old, 40 inches tall and 42 pounds would have a BMI of

about 18, weighing 4 pounds more than the government's upper limit for that age, height and gender.

Some previous studies of young children did not distinguish between kids who were merely overweight versus obese, or they examined fewer racial groups.

The current study looked only at obesity and a specific age group. Anderson called it the first analysis of national obesity rates in preschool kids in the five ethnic or racial groups.

The researchers did not examine reasons for the disparities, but several theories were offered.

Flores cited higher rates of diabetes in American Indians, and also Hispanics, which scientists believe may be due to genetic differences.

Also, other factors that can increase obesity risks tend to be more common among minorities, including poverty, less edu-

cated parents, and diets high in fat and calories, Flores said.

Jessica Burger, member of the Little River Ottawa tribe and health director of a tribal clinic in Manistee, Mich., said many children at her clinic are overweight or obese, including preschoolers.

Burger, a nurse, said one culprit is gestational diabetes, which occurs during a mother's pregnancy. That increases children's chances of becoming overweight and is almost twice as common in American Indian women, compared with whites.

She also blamed the federal commodity program for lowincome people that many American Indian families receive. The offerings include lots of pastas, rice and other high-carbohydrate foods which contribute to what Burger said is often called a "com-

## Robbery backfires when suspect shoots partner at MTSU

BY BYRON WILKES

SIDELINES | MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE U.

An attempted armed robbery and murder at Middle Tennessee University's Terrace Nov. 3 ended when a suspect accidentally shot one of his accomplices as they fled after a struggle with the victim.

Police responded to apartment G1 of Middle Tennessee State University student Tremayne DeJuan Johnson, sophomore business major, at 910 Brown Dr. a little before midnight, and arrested 5 individuals at 3:30 a.m. in connection with the alleged crimes, according to Murfreesboro Police Department Public Information Officer Kyle Evans.

"There were two juveniles and three

others, one of whom is at Vanderbilt, involved with the incident," Evans said.

"The three individuals who approached the apartment were all wearing face masks when they barged in, causing the owner of the apartment to struggle with them before the weapon discharged the

According to police reports, three suspects were identified as Deonday Antwon Evans, 19 of 1969 Old Castle Dr.; Lisa Marie Watson, 21 of 350 Tremont Dr. and Edward Pope, 19 of 2709 Calias Court. Pope was struck by shots fired by one of the suspects as they fled Johnson's apartment.

Deonday Evans, Watson and the two juveniles, 16 and 17, have all been charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, attempted first-degree murder and reckless endangerment with a weapon after confessing to police that they went to the apartment to commit a robbery. Their bond is set at \$700,000.

According to police reports, Detective Edward Gorham responded to a home invasion when the victim, Johnson, told him that three men wearing masks, later identified as Deonday Evans, Pope and one of the juveniles, barged into his home. Pope then allegedly pointed a gun at him when Johnson grabbed his arm, struggling with him before the gun went off and struck a wall.

Watson and the other juvenile waited in the car while the other suspects approached the apartment.

Police reports state that as the three suspects fled the apartment, Deonday Evans was most likely to have been the one who turned around and fired three shots at the apartment, striking Pope in the process. Pope was then taken to the Vanderbilt University Medical Center for treatment of his wounds.

In an e-mail sent to faculty, director of News and Public Affairs Tom Tozer implied the Nov. 3 incident could possibly be connected with the shooting of MTSU student Shashanka Pulluru two weeks ago, which happened about 600 yards from the apartment.

"There is some speculation that the two incidents are connected ... This is

the same area where a shooting took place two weeks ago in which an MTSU student was shot while walking to his apartment," the e-mail said. The two juveniles are being held at the Rutherford County Juvenile Detention Center, and hearings for them were held Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m. Deonday Evans and Watson are slated to appear in General Sessions Court Jan. 12, according to police.

'We've seen an incident like this earlier in the proximity of this incident," said Support Lieutenant Jim Fanguy. "We sent the e-mail [to faculty] because the victim was an MTSU student and we wanted to make sure everyone knew in accordance with the Jeanne Cleary Act."

### RECESSION

have part-time work who want full-time, and we don't include those people in the official unemployment rate."

Adkins said there were many factors that contributed to both the Great Depression and the current recession, but there wasn't one particular factor to blame.

"There are many stories that are told about the Great Depression," he said. "We do know that the Federal Reserve in 1929, I think it was, raised interest rates because they wanted to cool off the stock market. But what that did also, it slowed down construction and the sell of automobiles, the durable good, but that did not cause the downturn. The stock market crash took away some wealth, created some uncertainty, but again we had just as big a decline in the stock market initially around 1987 and didn't have even a little recession. out of that."

Adkins said questions are already being raised about today's recession and what legislation affected the economy.

"So the Depression was 70 years back, but it ended and

we're still looking at it and trying to understand it and explain it," Adkins said. "That just says the economy is so complex that you can tell different stories and they have validity to them. I don't suspect that we'll ever really quite resolve all the questions about the Depression and I think the same is true with today's downturn."

Adkins said a major difference between today's recession and the Great Depression is the Federal Reserve failed to act as a lender of last resort during the

The Fed has really stepped in and done the job I think it's sup posed to do," Adkins said. "The real issue may be with the Treasury Department. This is where they, in effect, are in new territory to a very great extent along with the Fed, but in many ways, what the Fed is doing today is traditional Fed activity.

Adkins said understanding fiscal and monetary policy and how the government is using both policies differently now than during the Depression is the major difference.

"Monetary policy is where the Federal Reserve alters the money supply, changing interest rates, which alters

## Jobless benefits bill progresses amid concerns

**BY LAWRENCE MESSINA** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON— Amid concerns about the resulting cost to business, the House Judiciary committee voted Monday to advance proposed charges to West Virginia employers and workers meant to reinforce jobless benefits funding.

The Senate-passed measure would levy special assessments on employers as well as workers to shore up the unemployment compensation trust fund. It would also increase the tax employers already pay into the fund, and link it to changes in wages.

House Judiciary tweaked the bill's tax timetable, while removing language meant to curb benefits arising from labor disputes. Monday's non-unanimous endorsement sends the

measure to the House Finance Committee, which plans to hold a Wednesday public hearing on it.

The fund provides temporary benefits to jobless West Virginians while they seek new work. The bill would trigger the special assessments if the fund's balance dips below \$180 million.

State officials believe the fund hit that threshold last month, falling to an estimated \$170 million. Citing the ongoing recession and anemic revenues, Unemployment Compensation Director Michael Moore predicts its health will as of March 20.

only get worse. "If we don't do anything, we're going to go broke, probably before the end of the year," Moore told the committee. "Unless the economy turns around, I don't think there's any question about it."

The state's jobless rate increased from 4.3 percent in November to 6 percent in February, when adjusted for seasonal hiring trends. The state was providing benefits to more than 30,140 workers as of March 14, the latest period for available figures, a 42 percent increase from that point last year.

The troubled economy has bankrupted unemployment programs in 14 states, including neighboring Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania, forcing them to borrow federal funds totaling nearly \$6 billion

Gov. Joe Manchin proposed the pending bill to avoid that fate for West Virginia, which saw its fund become insolvent in the 1980s. Several committee members invoked that painful episode to urge support for the measure.

### DAWN

so children may have a chance to grow up and attend college themselves. One of the main goals is to eliminate childhood cancers, according to the St. Jude Web site.

"Everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer," Brabson said. "It's something that you can bring home. I help with other organizations and we (help) other countries. It's easy to send money to another country. Here, you can actually see what's going on, what your

to improve,"

Wolfe said he believes

Huntington is generally a

healthy city, but not perfect.

he said. "I think we will do

better, from the health de-

partment to the board of

education, to the university

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"I think we can do better,"

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Wolfe said.

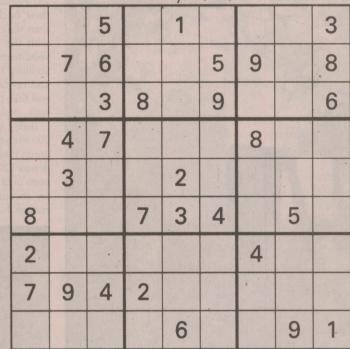
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money is going to because you likely know someone with cancer. It's just really good to help and give back."

Brabson said she hopes the Marshall subchapter raises at least \$25,000 this year and said the members collected \$14,000 prior to the Up 'til Dawn event. The subchapter raised \$21,000 last spring. Brabson said the St. Jude cause is the official fraternity and sorority philanthropy and said the Up 'til Dawn executive board plans the event close to Greek Week each spring semester.

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tington as the country's most unhealthy city several months ago was a surprise to many. However, Wolfe sees it as an opportunity at sundstrom@marshall.edu.

to prove that Huntington is just the opposite of un-

"Sometimes when those rankings come out, it will motivate you," he said. "People in this area are opinionated and determined."

Wolfe hopes Harris Riverfront Park will become a new place to congregate.

"People on their lunch hour can feel free to walk down to the river," he said. "It will be a safe, clean environment. It's all coming together."

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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

bhope2her.org

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, sophonursing more from major Huntington campus organizer Be Hope 2 Her. 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

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 be-

coming involved. "The guys have stepped it up almost more than the girls," Bai-

ley 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 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 gen-

der 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.

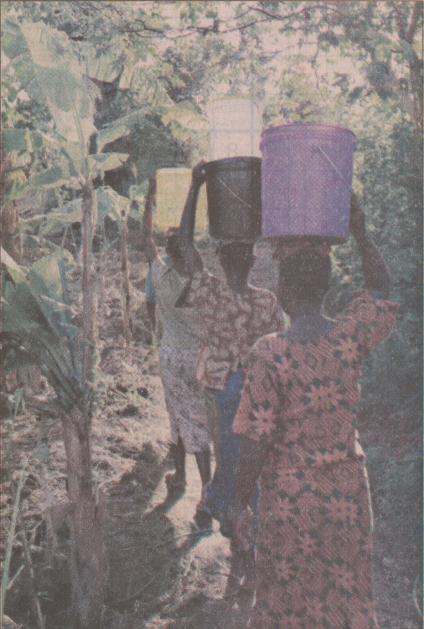
Bailey said Marshall currently has 69 volunteers, the most of any university involved with the event. She said she and Armstrong are talking to various campus groups about getting involved.

"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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well, so they have to (leave) their village to get it.

Kati Bailey, sophomore nursing major,

campus organizer of 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.

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



•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

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 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

•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.

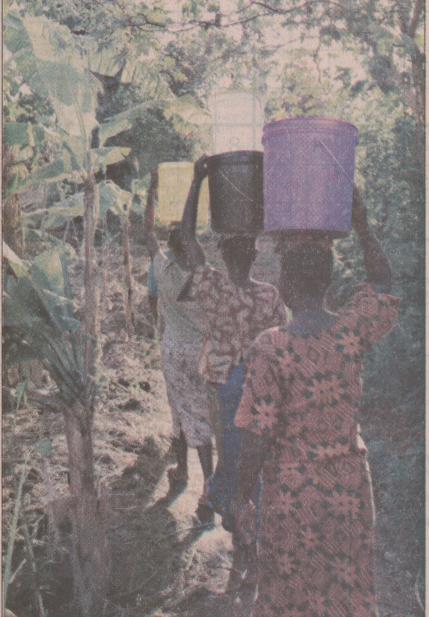


PHOTO COURTESY BE HOPE 2 HER A group of women walk to get water and carry large, heavy buckets on their heads.

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