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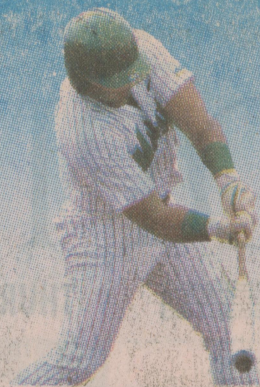
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Students provide feedback during Assessment Day

BY PAM THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

Classes were canceled Wednesday, but students did not necessarily have the day off. The fourth annual Assessment Day brought students and faculty together to learn how to make a better Marshall University.

Mary Beth Reynolds, director of assessment, said the first half of the day was used for faculty to work on assessment plans. Student assessment activities did not begin until 11 a.m.

Susan Thomas-Frank, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Disorders, said she spent the morning doing her own assessment activities. "We were looking at our individual ac-

“Overall it was a very successful day, and I think one message my groups said was they wish they had more opportunities during the year to talk openly with each other.”

Susan Thomas-Frank

Assistant professor, Department of communication disorders

complishments over the year and then combining them into a departmental type of assessment for the best possible outcome," Thomas-Frank said.

Reynolds said the afternoon gave students the opportunity to engage and provide feedback about various on-campus programs and departments. Many departments held focus groups to sit down with students and talk about positive and negative aspects of

that particular department, Reynolds said.

Reynolds said a number of departments were involved with the students including The College of Business, College of Education and Human Services, College of Fine Arts, College of Health Professions, College of Information Technology and Engineering, College of Liberal Arts, College of Science, Graduate School of Education and Professional

Development, Marshall Community and Technical College and the School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Thomas-Frank said the Department of Communication Disorders had individual focus groups for each class rank, including first and second year graduate students. Thomas-Frank said the purpose of the focus group was to ask each group of students similar questions to compare freshmen's experiences with those of students who have completed more of the program.

"Overall it was a very successful day, and I think one message my groups said was they wish they had more opportunities during the year to talk openly with each other," Thomas-Frank said. "Sometimes as a group they wanted to chat with us, and we threw out ideas on how this

can happen in the future."

Reynolds said no preliminary numbers for participation have been brought to her yet, but she should have some information Tuesday. The prize-winners will also be announced at this time.

"People ask sometimes 'What is the point of Assessment Day?'" Reynolds said. "What I like to do is start by explaining what the purpose of assessment is and to emphasize assessment at Marshall is more than just Assessment Day. Assessment is continuously going on all year at Marshall and we have a lot of assessment initiatives that don't happen on assessment day."

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Gay Pride Week activities planned

BY SARA YOKE
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University LAMBDA Society's Pride Week to promote equality and support for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and straight communities of Marshall University will begin Friday.

The week of April 10 through April 17 will include different events that will reflect goals of the LAMBDA society and provide humorous interactions and academic discussions.

A charity drag show starts things off at 7 p.m. Friday in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre. Drag queens from downtown club Stonewall and members of LAMBDA will make an appearance.

"Sarah Palin will be there," said Jo Troller, sophomore biology major from Sidney, Ohio. He pointed at himself with a laugh.

The first 200 people will be admitted free, but a donation jar will be available. A \$5 donation will pay the cover fee at Stonewall Friday night.

LAMBDA will advertise the reasons behind Pride Week on Monday with fliers and a booth in the Memorial Student Center. There will also be an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. on Buskirk Field.

The Day of Silence, a day in which supporters of gay rights do not speak, is normally recognized nationally April 17. Universities usually see a lot of participation from their students on this day.

LAMBDA is hosting Marshall's Day of Silence April 15, however, because the annual date conflicts with the closing event of Pride Week.

"I think it's more effective to be quiet because with speaking, people have to choose to listen," said Whitney Myers, freshman psychology major from Ridgeley, W.Va. "If you're silent, if they want something from you, they can't get it. By just being quiet you make a loud statement."

Participants usually wear buttons or stickers explaining their silence that reflects how bullying and harassment leads to silence. The silence will be broken at 4 p.m. on Buskirk Field with a collective screaming session.

Members of LAMBDA will be thanking anyone wearing jeans for supporting gay rights Wednesday. This will be done to show anyone who doesn't like that recognition will feel like homosexuals do when harassed for being who they are, Myers said.

The history of gay rights activism around Marshall's campus will be the topic of a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Thursday in Corby Hall.

The panel will include history professors Greta Resenbrink and Kat Williams and psychology professor Keith Beard.

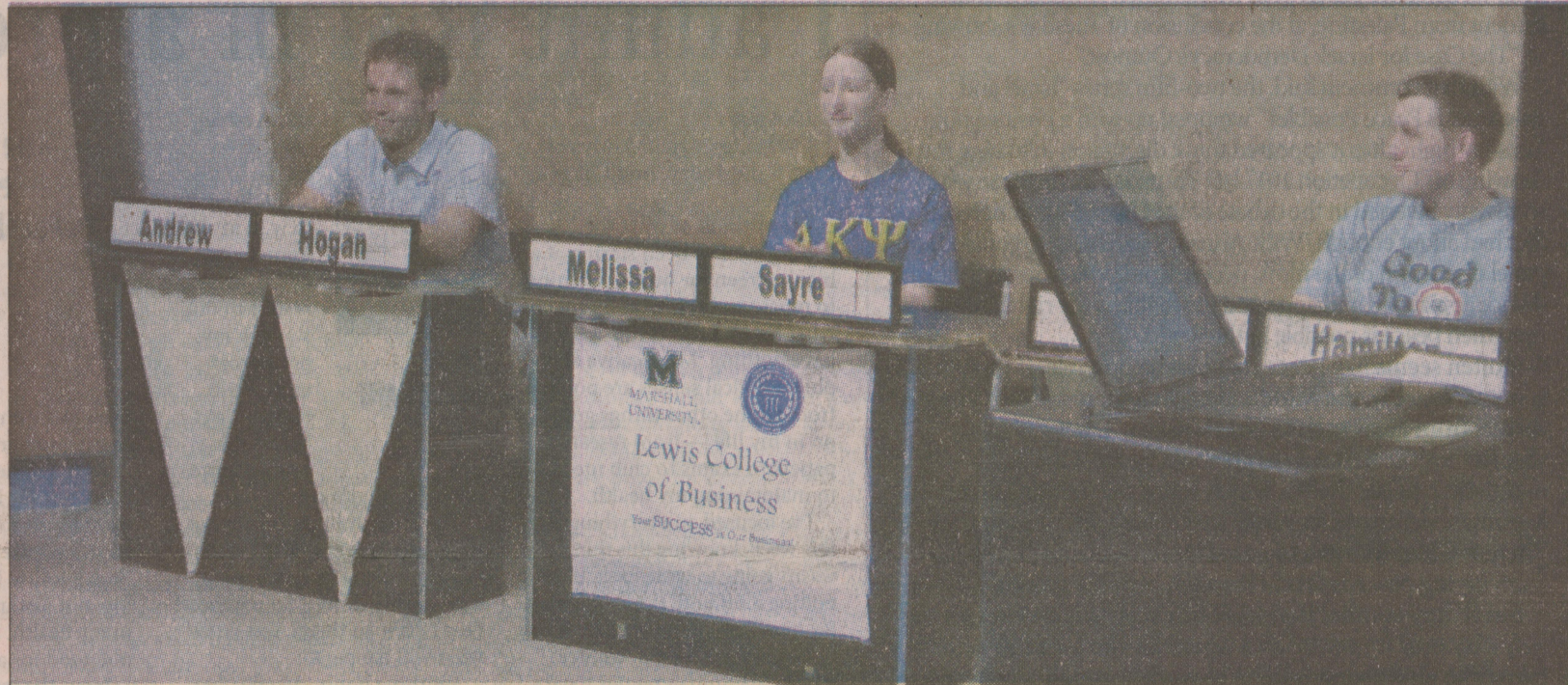
Donations from the week's events will be divided between the LAMBDA Society fund and three causes supported by the group, including local homeless shelters.

"Forty percent of those who are homeless are homosexual," Troller said. "That's overwhelming."

The week will end at 3 p.m. Friday, April 17 with a public cook out at Ritter Park. There will also be a kick-ball game.

"It's just kind of a thank you for the support we hope to have all week," Myers said.

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KELLY CHRISTIAN | THE PARTHENON

Andrew Hogan, Melissa Sayre and Nathan Hamilton compete as contestants in the "Lewis College of Business: Battle of the Business Club All-Stars."

Business clubs compete in trivia game show

BY KELLY CHRISTIAN
THE PARTHENON

Three contestants from the Lewis College of Business competed in the college's first game show Wednesday.

Students who competed in "Lewis College of Business: Battle of the Business Club All-Stars" include Andrew Hogan, graduate student representing Beta Gamma Sigma, Nathan Hamilton of Beta Alpha Psi and Melissa Sayre, business management and psychology major representing Alpha Kappa Psi. Jamie LoFiego, host of "Up Late," was the

host of the game show.

Alissa Sikula, graduate assistant in the college of business, said she thought the game show would be fun and entertaining and an opportunity for the organizations within the Lewis College Of Business to work together and communicate better.

"This is the first time in a long time everyone has come together," Sikula said. "(It's) a good showcase of the college of business."

LoFiego said Ben Eng, graduate assistant in the Lewis College of Business, approached him with the

idea of the show.

"We've talked about the show since late February, early March," LoFiego said. "Ben produced it and came up with the questions."

LoFiego said that he and Eng both decided to keep the show's format easy and simple. The game show is 30 minutes long and includes three rounds of business trivia questions and stock ticker symbol questions.

Hogan said he wasn't nervous about participating and that it was a good way to show off the college of business.

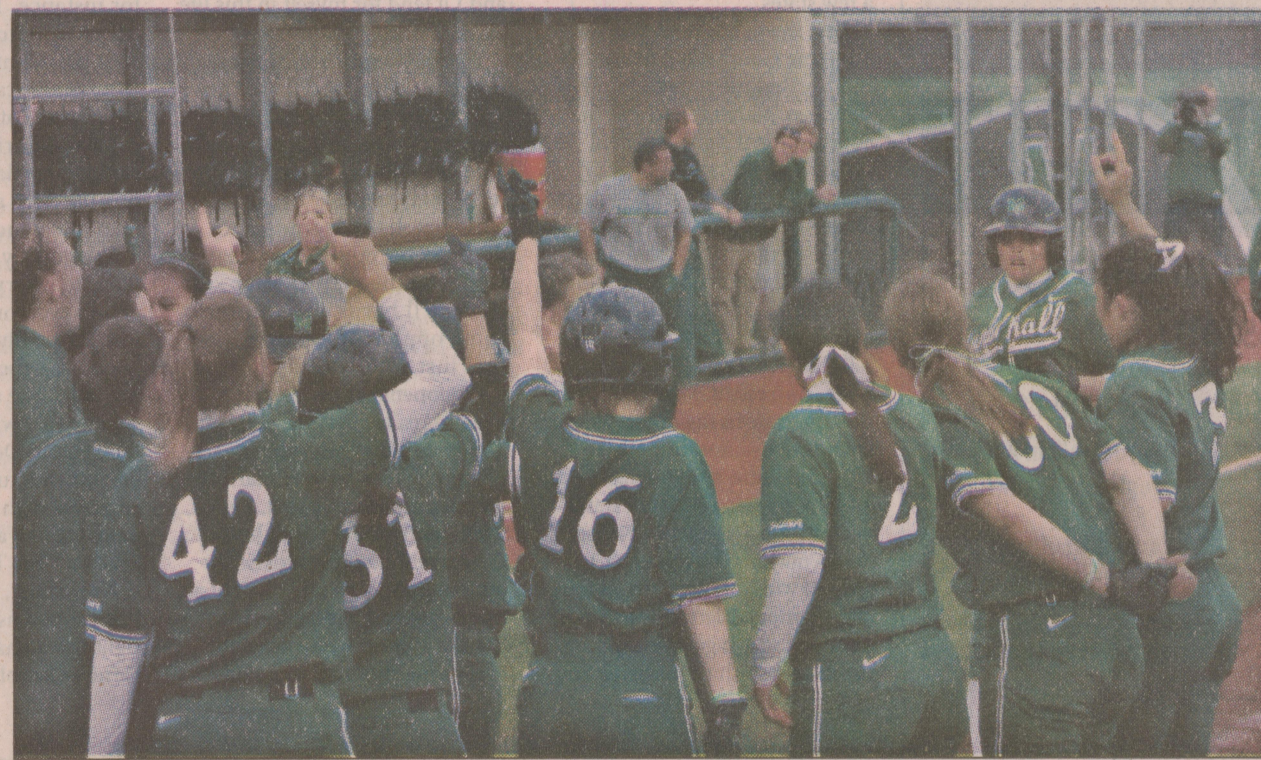
"As a graduate student finishing in

May, I think it's a good way to get the word out about the quality of education that Marshall's business school offers," he said.

Sayre said she had a lot of fun. "It was a great way to get our organizations seen and to show how much I don't know," she said.

The game show will premiere during the Lewis College Of Business' 40th anniversary celebration when the new Corby Hall lounge is unveiled April 24.

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Celebration

KYLE HOBSTETTER | THE PARTHENON

Marshall softball players welcome Kelly Neilson after she hits a home run Wednesday against Radford during the second game of a doubleheader. Marshall won both games.

Editor's Note

Read more about the softball team's double win on page 4.

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EDITORIAL

Work together for possible peace

"If we can do anything, just pray to what god you believe in so we can have peace," said Mohammed Ahmed, graduate student from Palestine, at the conclusion of Tuesday's showing of "The Case for Israel: Democracy's Outpost."

With that comment said, the two-film series "Israel and Palestine: Is Peace Possible?" wrapped up with a positive note Tuesday night after it appeared frank discussion following the showing of "Occupation 101" last Thursday made those who were truly invested in the debate of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict had about enough. With Ahmed's statement to conclude a panel discussion of the films, people from both sides in the audience applauded and appeared to see that if the right attitude is used then peace is possible in the world.

It often seems like peace may not be possible. If there is not violence in the Middle East then there are looming threats from areas such as North Korea. There are many theories for the best way to go about peace. One is the democratic peace theory, which states that nations that have legitimate democracies rarely make war with one another. There is Ghandi's form of peace in non-violence and pacifism, saying peace is found through people's actions.

But in any conflict that has both sides so fervent in a belief, whatever it may be and wherever the location is, will take time and strong leaders to work through any peace negotiations. It will also take two opposing sides being able to work with one another.

President Barack Obama said Tuesday he believed peace in the Middle East was possible but added Israelis and Palestinians must make compromises. Perhaps there does not have to be full agreement on both sides, but they must be able to work side by side for the possibility of peace.

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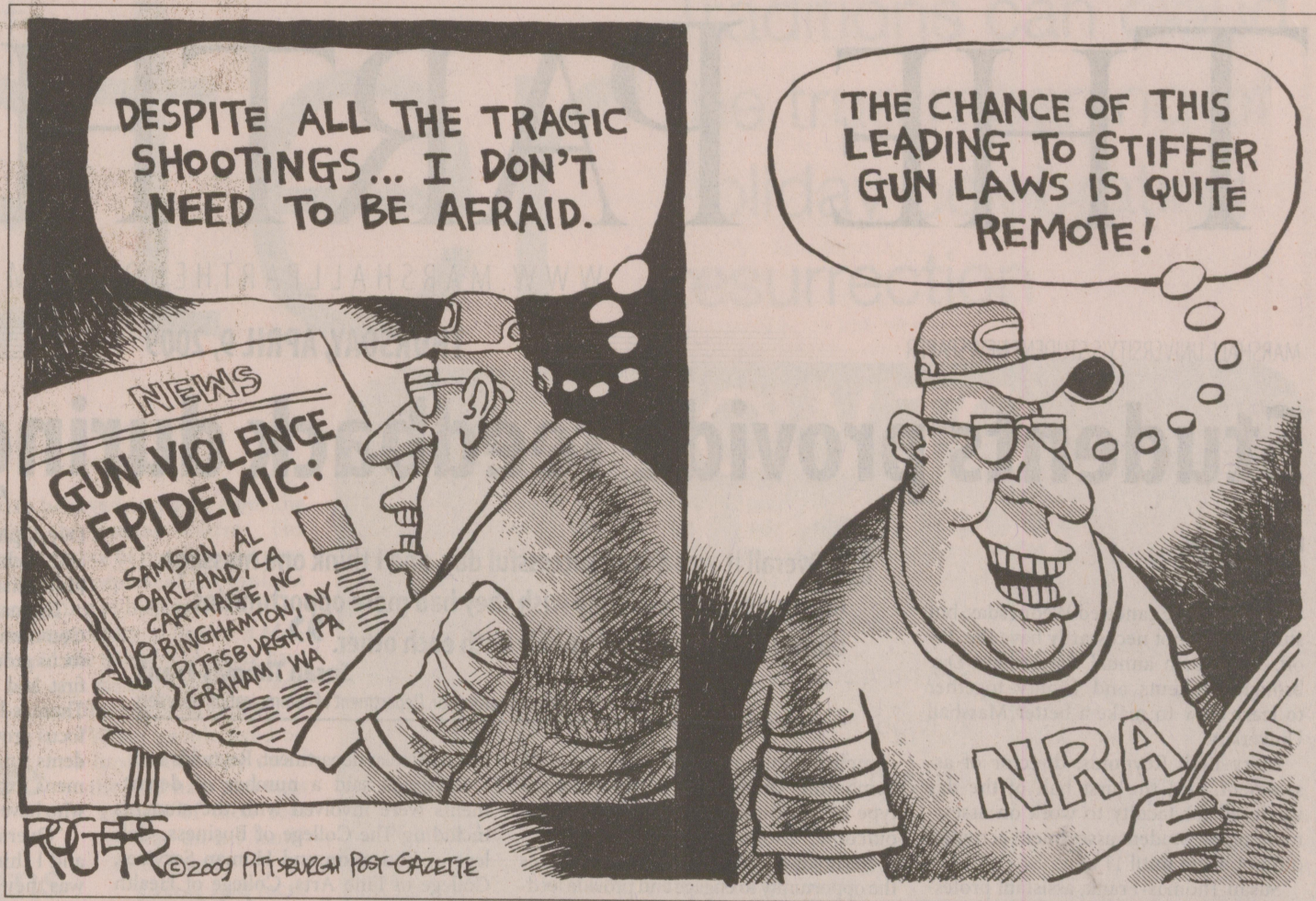
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SO, HERE'S THE THING | CALEB WHISENANT

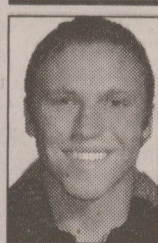
I admit it, I'm a procrastinator

It's 4 a.m.
I've yet to go to bed. My column is due today. And I have a problem.

I can't think of what the "Thing" is. I've been staring at a blank screen for hours, listening to music and trying to figure out what my "Thing" is this week. I have nothing. My creative and philosophical senses are pooped from all the other things going on in my life — from research papers to exams to club meetings to maintaining my health.

I've focused on everything else this week, knowing this thing wasn't going to write itself, but still putting it off until the last minute. So, here I am, unprepared.

It really makes me wonder why some human beings have a natural inclination to procrastinate. I'm just as guilty as anyone. The quick five-second Facebook status change turns into hours of looking at other people's pictures, updating my profile and looking for new Flair pieces for my Flair application. Or there is the random trip to McDonald's for coffee that leads me driving



CALEB WHISENANT
Columnist

down street after street trying to find something new in my hometown, and it always results in not starting my homework until 2 a.m. on the night before a big exam. Come on, we've all done it.

The crazy thing is that every time I do it, every time I catch myself drifting to Facebook, I consciously think, "Stop it, now! Don't even go there! You know what will happen!"

Yet three hours, 46 new Flair pieces and 25 songs later, I find myself trying to force my brain to clear its thoughts and focus on homework.

What kills me even more, though, is that up until this point, it's not been a problem. I've somehow managed to work my way up (no pun intended) to procrastination royalty, and I've

been lucky enough to still be able to get good grades.

At the same time, I'm not an idiot. I know it's going to catch up with me for a few reasons. First, because it always does. Second, because I can feel it happening, not just in school, but also in my health. Sleepless nights are not good for anyone.

Now, the truly funny thing is (and I think it may account some for my ability to sustain decent grades) when I want to put something off, and Facebook and random road trips around Huntington start losing their luster, which is happening more often than not this semester, I find myself opting out of writing a paper that's due in a week and

instead studying for an exam that's a month down the road.

Either way, though, no matter what, here I stand, or sit rather (and wishing I were laying down), completely unprepared for this column.

So, here's the thing. Next time, I will be prepared. There will be no more procrastination for me, at least not when it comes to this column. I signed on to give one "thing" each week, and from this moment on, I will do just that.

Whether 4,000 people take the time to read it or just four, I will have my "thing" together next time.

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JUSTIN HUGGINS | ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT | UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Same-sex marriage no threat to phantom family unit

Gay marriage seems to be everywhere these days, and yet it's almost nowhere as well. As a polarizing issue, it draws a good amount of attention from the press and politicians. But still, same-sex marriage is legal in only a few states.

Last week, however, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the state's ban on same-sex marriage violates the constitutional rights of equal protection. On April 24 Iowa will join Massachusetts and Connecticut as the only states that permit same-sex marriage.

In similar news, the Vermont Legislature voted on Tuesday to override the governor's veto of a bill that permits same-sex marriage. As a result, Vermont is now the first state in the union where lawmakers — not the courts — legalized same-sex marriage. Add another tally to the list of states permitting same-sex marriage.

Of course, some folks aren't pleased with this news out of Iowa and Vermont. Many opponents of same-sex marriage base their arguments on two things: religion and

"the family unit."

The religious argument against gay marriage is a perfectly fine one. It's simple enough, too. But at the end of the day your religious beliefs should have no bearing on my life. Save yourself and I'll fend for myself in this life and the next.

The arguments that really perplex me, though, are those that relate to this concept of the quintessential family unit. The general argument seems to be that same-sex marriage will somehow degrade and destroy the family unit that serves as the pillar of our society. It'll harm the children, some opponents scream, and that just won't do.

Opponents of gay marriage need to realize that the sacrosanct family unit they envision is a phantom. They say gay marriage threatens the family unit. I ask what family unit? We all know the current divorce statistics in our country — roughly half of all marriages end in divorce. Dad has the kids on weekends and every other holiday, mom has

them during the week. Just a big happy family, eh? Families exist, yes, but there is no generic "family unit" machine that churns out beautiful, intelligent, successful children.

Take the case of Bristol Palin, for instance. The 18-year-old daughter of former Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin caused quite a stir when news of her pregnancy came out during last year's campaign. Many hailed her as a pro-life hero and a champion of teen pregnancy.

She quickly announced her plans to marry her boyfriend, and to everyone's delight the nuclear family would prevail.

But alas, the family unit was not to be. She and her boyfriend split up following the birth of their son in December. The breakup has turned ugly, too, complete with fingerpointing, name-calling and even an appearance on "The Tyra Banks Show."

If anything, the case of Bristol Palin shows us that there's no right way to have a family. Families are often non-traditional

— single parents, divorced parents, adopted children, foster children, children raised by aunts, uncles, grandparents and on and on. Families aren't cookie-cutter. Some are even downright dysfunctional. But all the same, a family is a family, period.

Saying that the family unit — the happily married mom and dad with their 2.3 biological children — is the ideal severely undermines the many "atypical" families that exist and function just as well in our society. Family is the ideal.

As long as wolves aren't raising our kids, I think they're going to make it in this strange world of ours.

Quite simply, gay marriage won't harm the ideal of the family unit any more than heterosexual marriage currently does, mainly because the family unit is a flexible entity without any correct formula for success.

Gay marriage is here to stay, and it's coming to a state near you. But don't fret, the family — in all its diverse forms — is here to stay as well.

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Daily News Quotation

"It is time for us to transition to the Iraqis. They need to take responsibility for their country." — President Barack Obama in his five-minute address to troops in Baghdad.

SGA president ready to step down, stay at Marshall

BY LOGAN BUSH
THE PARTHENON

This is the last month Matt James will serve as student body president, but he is not just going to fade away.

James has been active in the Student Government Association since serving as Senate Associate his freshmen year. He was elected as senator for the College of Science for three consecutive years and has also served as president pro-tempore, parliamentarian and community service chair. He lost a close presidential race to Dominique Elmore in 2007.

"If I could go back in time I wouldn't change the outcome of that election," James said. "I gained so much more in losing, as I was able to stay on and lead the Senate during Dominique's term as president."

James said he gained a friend in Elmore while working with her and her administration.

James will graduate in May

with a degree in biological sciences and minors in chemistry and political science. He will attend Marshall University Graduate College in the fall to pursue a master's degree.

James will continue to be seen around campus even after he graduates. Next year he will serve as student representative on the Marshall University Board of Governors and will work as a graduation assistant in Student Affairs.

President-elect Sean Hornbuckle has selected James to join his administration as chief of staff next year.

"I look forward to this position because it allows me to use the knowledge and experience I have gained over the past year," James said.

Having fun and not taking things too seriously are some pieces of advice James has for Hornbuckle.

"Remember all of the individuals who helped you achieve

this distinction and honor them through consistent effort," James said.

Learning how to work with different people is one of the lessons James has taken away from his time as president.

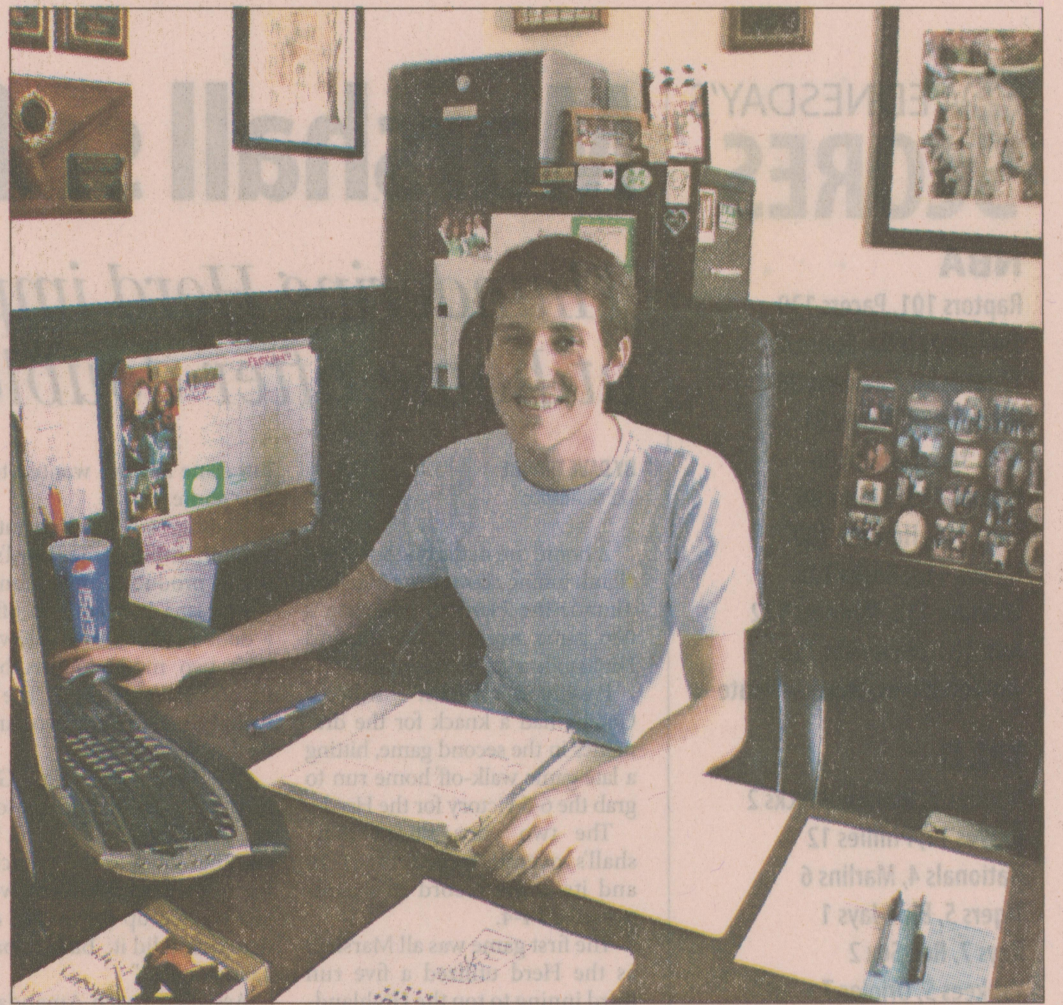
"It is often times those individuals you disagree with most that you inevitably learn more from," James said.

After his time at Marshall is complete, James said he is interested in higher education, leadership and counseling. He also wants to use these next two years to prepare for the PCAT and hopefully be accepted into a pharmacy program.

The students, staff and faculty he has worked with during the past year are what James said he would miss the most. But there is one aspect he won't miss: the hours.

"Now I can get a little bit more sleep," he said.

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CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Student Body President Matt James will step down at the end of this semester but will stay at Marshall to pursue a master's degree and serve as student representative on the Marshall Board of Governors.

Obama looking at cooling air to fight warming

Engineering a cooler planet

Scientists are contemplating last-ditch efforts to slow climate change, ranging from artificial trees that would reduce carbon dioxide emissions to seeding the atmosphere with sulfur-dioxide blocking particles.

- High-altitude balloon:** Sub-micrometer sulfate particles would last up to two years.
- Volcano effect:** Proposals: Using balloons, jet engines and artillery to put millions of tons of sulfates in the stratosphere — reflecting solar radiation to cool the troposphere. This would mimic the cooling effects of a volcanic eruption. Problems: Expensive; no effect on carbon dioxide; could cause drying of the Mediterranean and the Mideast.
- Artificial trees:** Proposal: Use industrial size artificial trees to filter 90,000 tons of carbon dioxide from the wind per year. Each tree can filter 8.6 pounds of CO2 per second which would be transported to a processing facility and then stored. Problems: Separation, transportation and disposal costs are high; leakage a risk to humans, ecosystems.

SOURCES: Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change; NASA; Roger Angel, University of Arizona; Richard Conroy, University of Utah; Michael Mann, Pennsylvania State University; Klaus Lackner, Columbia University

SETH BORENSTEIN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Tinkering with Earth's climate to chill runaway global warming — a radical idea once dismissed out of hand — is being discussed by the White House as a potential emergency option, the president's new science adviser said Wednesday.

That's because global warming is happening so rapidly, John Holdren told The Associated Press in his first interview since being confirmed last month.

The concept of using technology to purposely cool the climate is called geoengineering. One option raised by Holdren and proposed by a Nobel Prize-winning scientist includes shooting pollution particles into the upper atmosphere to reflect the sun's rays.

Using such an experimental measure is only being thought of as a last resort, Holdren said.

"It's got to be looked at," he said. "We don't have the luxury ... of ruling any approach off the table."

His concern is that the United States and other nations won't slow global

warming fast enough and that several "tipping points" could be fast approaching. Once these milestones are reached, such as complete loss of summer sea ice in the Arctic, it increases chances of "really intolerable consequences," he said.

Twice in a half-hour interview, Holdren compared global warming to being "in a car with bad brakes driving toward a cliff in the fog."

He and many experts believe warming of a few degrees more would lead to disastrous drought conditions and food shortages in some regions and rising seas and more powerful coastal storms in others.

At first, Holdren characterized the potential need to technologically tinker with the climate as just his personal view. However, he went on to say he has raised it in administration discussions.

"We're talking about all these issues in the White House," Holdren said. "There's a very vigorous process going on of discussing all the options for addressing the energy climate challenge."

Holdren said discussions include Cabinet officials and heads of sub-Cabinet

level agencies, such as NASA and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The 65-year-old physicist is far from alone in taking geoengineering seriously. The National Academy of Sciences is making it the subject of the first workshop in its new climate challenges program for policymakers, scientists and the public.

The British Parliament has also discussed the idea. At an international meeting of climate scientists last month in Copenhagen, 15 talks dealt with different aspects of geoengineering.

The American Meteorological Society is crafting a policy statement that says "it is prudent to consider geoengineering's potential, to understand its limits and to avoid rash deployment."

Last week, Princeton scientist Robert Socolow told the National Academy that geoengineering should be an available option in case climate worsens dramatically.

Holdren, a 1981 winner of a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant, outlined these possible geoengineering options: — Shooting sulfur particles (like those produced by power plants and volca-

noes, for example) into the upper atmosphere, an idea that gained steam when it was proposed by Nobel laureate Paul Crutzen in 2006. It would be "basically mimicking the effect of volcanoes in screening out the incoming sunlight," Holdren said.

— Creating artificial "trees" — giant towers that suck carbon dioxide out of the air and store it.

The first approach would "try to produce a cooling effect to offset the heating effect of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases," Holdren said.

But he said there could be grave side effects. Studies suggest that might include eating away a large chunk of the ozone layer above the poles and causing the Mediterranean and the Mideast to be much drier.

And those are just the predicted problems. Scientists say they worry about side effects they don't anticipate.

While the idea could strike some people as too risky, the Obama administration could get unusual support on the idea from groups that have often denied the harm of global warming in the past.

US Crew retakes seized ship from Somali pirates

BY KATHARINE HOURELD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAIROBI, Kenya—In a riveting high-seas drama, an unarmed American crew wrested control of their U.S.-flagged cargo ship from Somali pirates Wednesday and sent them fleeing to a lifeboat with the captain as hostage.

A U.S. warship and at least six others were speeding toward the ship as crew members negotiated with the pirates for the return of the captain.

Details of the day's events emerged sporadically as members of the crew were reached by satellite phone, providing a glimpse of the maneuvering.

A sailor who spoke to The Associated Press said the entire 20-member crew had been taken hostage but managed to seize one pirate and then successfully

negotiate their own release. The man did not identify himself during the brief conversation.

The crisis played out hundreds of miles off the coast of Somalia — one of the most lawless nations on earth. President Barack Obama was following the situation closely, foreign policy adviser Dennis McDonough said.

The Maersk Alabama was the sixth vessel seized by Somalis pirates in a week. Pirates have staged 66 attacks since January, and they are still holding 14 ships and 260 crew members as hostages, according to the International Maritime Bureau, a watchdog group based in Kuala Lumpur.

Somalia's 1,900-mile (3,057-kilometer) long coastline borders one of the world's busiest shipping lanes and offers a perfect haven to the heavily armed pirate gangs. They often dress in mili-

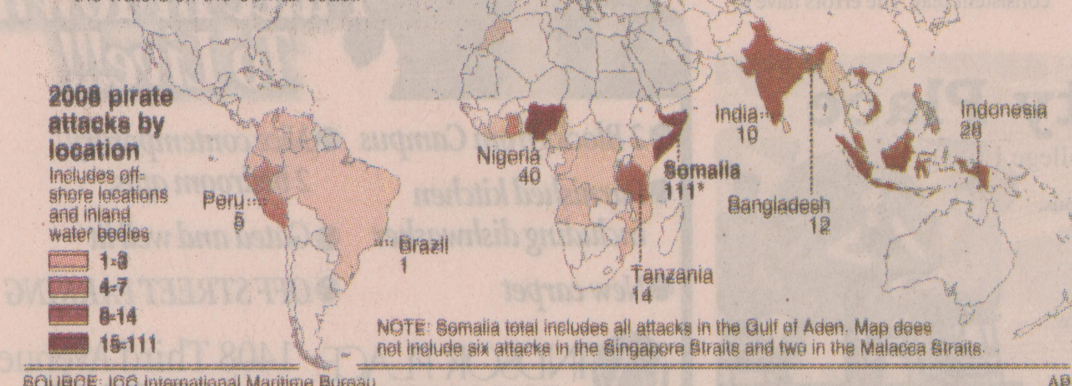
tary fatigues and use GPS systems and satellite phones to coordinate attacks from small, fast speedboats resupplied by a larger "mother ship."

The pirates usually use rocket propelled grenades, anti-tank rocket launchers and automatic weapons to capture large, slow-moving vessels like the U.S.-flagged 17,000-ton Maersk Alabama, which was carrying food aid from USAID and other agencies to help malnourished people in Uganda and Somalia.

According to reports from the crew, the pirates sank their boat when they boarded the ship and the captain talked them into getting off the vessel using one of its lifeboats. The crew held one of the pirates hostage for 12 hours. They returned him in an attempted swap for the captain, but the pirates reneged on the deal.

Lawless waters

More than a third of the world's pirate attacks in 2008 occurred in the waters off the Somali coast.



Holy Cross priests object to Obama invitation

BY BYKEN KUSMER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Ten priests from the order that founded the University of Notre Dame say the school risks its "true soul" and could distance itself from the Roman Catholic Church by inviting President Barack Obama to campus next month.

The members of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, which helps run the university, asked the Rev. John Jenkins, the Holy Cross priest who serves as Notre Dame's president, and the university's board of fellows to reconsider the invitation to

Obama because he supports

abortion rights. "Failure to do so will damage the integrity of the institution," said the letter published Wednesday in the Notre Dame Observer.

Notre Dame announced last month that Obama would deliver the university's May 17 commencement address and receive an honorary degree. The decision by the nation's best-known Catholic university sparked widespread anger among many Catholics who said Notre Dame should not honor someone whose policies on abortion and embryonic stem-cell research

clash with core church teachings on human life.

Hundreds of abortion opponents protested on campus Sunday, and the priests said the invitation has opened a "fissure" between Notre Dame and many bishops. More than a dozen bishops have denounced Obama's appearance, including Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Jenkins has said the university does not condone all of Obama's policies, and spokesman Dennis Brown has said Notre Dame does not plan to rescind the invitation.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Herd tennis edged by Virginia Tech

BLACKSBURG, Va.—The Marshall University women's tennis team's senior pair of Kellie Schmitt and Karolina Soor upset the No. 56 ranked team of Jessica Brouwer and Holly Johnson in the 4-3 team loss to Virginia Tech on Wednesday evening at the Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center.

"We did a great job in the doubles matches," Marshall head coach John Mercer said. "In singles play, it came down to close points and we just couldn't finish. We have had trouble pushing through those points this season."

The No. 64 Thundering Herd fell to 11-10 overall while the Hokies improved to 11-10 on the season. Virginia Tech's victory ended the Herd's four-match winning streak and the Hokies six-match losing streak.

The Hokies started doubles play with an 8-3 victory at the No. 2 position. The Herd's pair of Jessica Keener and Deanna Bailey fell to Martha Blakely and Inga Beermann.

Schmitt and Soor took an 8-5 victory over the ranked pair of Brouwer and Johnson at the No. 1 position. With the doubles victory, Schmitt has improved her doubles record so far this season to 14-6, which places her two victories away from becoming the Herd's top career doubles player.

The Herd's duo of Thaddea Lock and Catherine Kellner secured the doubles point with a 9-7 decision over Yasmin Hamza and Abbey Walker at the No. 3 mark.

The Herd's Isabell Raich fell to Brouwer, 6-3, 6-0, at the No. 2 slot. Rauscher then defeated Bailey 7-5, 7-6 at the No. 5 position.

Virginia Tech's Johnson took a 7-5, 6-2 decision over Kellner at the No. 6 mark. Playing the No. 3 position, Soor fell to Blakely, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, in the clinching point for the Hokies.

"We will work hard in practice to fix our errors," Mercer said. "We will hopefully put all the pieces together for the end of the regular season and into the conference tournament."

The Herd is 3-4 at home, 7-5 away and 1-1 at neutral sites so far this season.

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Marshall softball sweeps Radford

Thundering Herd improves to 14-4 at home after doubleheader wins

BY DAVE TRAUBE
THE PARTHENON

A home run in the bottom of the eighth inning allowed the Marshall Thundering Herd to complete a two game sweep of the Radford Highlanders on Wednesday.

Freshman catcher Rebecca Gamby had a knack for the dramatics in the second game, hitting a late game walk-off home run to grab the 6-5 victory for the Herd.

The two wins raised Marshall's overall record to 21-10 and its home record to an impressive 14-4.

The first game was all Marshall as the Herd utilized a five run third inning to top the Highlanders 8-2.

Junior pitcher Katie Murpree continued to play well for the Herd, giving up only two runs over seven innings while scattering nine hits. Senior Rachel Sofie went 2-for-3, with three RBIs to lead the Marshall offense in the first contest.

While any win is a treat, Gamby's late game heroics helped the second one take the cake.

"(My mindset) going up there was just get a base hit and hit the ball hard," Gamby said. "I know I have people behind me that can get the job done, too. I think we picked up the intensity because we needed to get the

job done and we wanted to win this game."

Trailing 4-2 heading into the seventh inning, the Herd's bats finally produced some thunder.

Marcena Bertoldo led off with a double, which was followed up with two more doubles by Sofie and Kelly Nielson. The Herd would go on to score two runs and tie the game.

"Me and (Rebecca) Gamby start off a lot of innings together," Bertoldo said. "I think it was coming down to the crunch and we needed to (perform well). I just walked up there with confidence and did it. Back to back to back doubles."

Assistant coach Amanda Williams said the contest was a battle to the end because the team didn't start the way it would have liked.

"I don't think the girls came out swinging like they should have in the second game," Williams said. "We were watching a lot of strikes. We, as a (coaching) staff, knew the girls would make adjustments and that they would come through eventually."

"They brought some fire in that seventh inning, and we got what we needed for that international (tie breaker) rule."

The international tiebreaker rule is a unique rule for softball. If the game goes beyond the

usual seven innings, the last batter out for each team is allowed to start on second base when their team is at the plate in the eighth inning. The Herd managed to utilize this opportunity to the fullest.

Gamby's home run was the third of the game for the Herd, which also got long balls from Alianna Telles and Rachael Nielson. Williams said that while the team never counts on home runs, it easily has the capability to produce them.

"I think one through nine (in the lineup), anybody can hit a home run and we have seen that," Williams said. "We don't have as many home runs as some other teams, but we are getting the quality at bats when they are needed. Getting what we need is what has made us successful, recently."

From here Marshall will do something it has seldom done this season — play a road game. The Herd's streak of 18 straight home games will come to an end Friday when it will travel to Florida to play the Knights of UCF.

The Herd will return home quickly though, with a home doubleheader next Tuesday with former Mid-American Conference foe Miami of Ohio.

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KYLE HOBSTETTER | THE PARTHENON

Freshman Rebecca Gamby waits for the pitch in Marshall's home contest against Radford. Gamby's walk off home run in the eighth inning of game two lifted the Herd to victory.

Baseball drops road contest to Kent State



RICK HAYE | FOR THE PARTHENON

Sophomore Ben Jurevicius swings in Marshall's 15-10 loss to Kent State at the Kennedy Center on March 10.

TOM BRAGG | Third and a Mile

Herd baseball not living up to expectations

If you think the getting a stadium built for the Marshall baseball team gives head coach Jeff Waggoner a headache, imagine the migraine he probably has when trying to figure this team out.

The Herd fell Kent State 13-2 Wednesday, dropping its record to 13-18. When the season began, this team had aspirations of reaching an NCAA Regional tournament.

With a little more than a month left in the season, it looks like the Herd will be home again this post-season (unless of course it wins the Conference USA tournament).

The obvious question is: What happened? Marshall had all the momentum in the world coming off last season's run to the C-USA title game and has failed to live up to expectations.

Nate Lape, the Preseason C-USA Player of the Year, has failed to meet lofty expectations. As of Monday, Lape did not rank in the top-10 of any major offensive statistical categories in C-USA. I'm not a baseball coach, but that is not the kind of production you want out of your star player.

Adam Yeager, last season's NCAA stolen bases leader, is third



TOM BRAGG
Third and a Mile

committed 20 errors — the most in C-USA and eight more than No. 2 on that list.

Also leading C-USA in a category that is not good is Herd catcher Kevin Shackelford. The Marshall

backstop is tied atop the league with eight passed balls allowed.

Those reasons, plus playing in one of, if not the best, baseball conferences in America, will get a team to a 13-18 record.

The Herd does do some things well, though.

Pitching ace Dan Straily currently ranks fourth in C-USA with a 2.37 ERA and is eighth in the league in opponents' batting average (.247).

Victor Gomez is tied for sixth in C-USA with eight home runs and is fourth in total bases with 78.

What it will take to turn this team in to a consistent winner is consistent play. The errors have to

HERDZONE.COM

KENT, Ohio—Sophomore catcher Victor Gomez and redshirt freshman left fielder Rhett Stafford each went deep, but Kent State scored 13 runs on 14 hits to pace the Golden Flashes to a 13-2 victory over the Thundering Herd in Wednesday's nonconference baseball game at Schoonover Stadium.

With the loss, Marshall slips to 13-18 on the season, while Kent State improves its record to 22-6 overall.

After Kent State plated a run in the bottom of the first frame, the teams played two scoreless innings of baseball before Gomez tied the game with a solo shot to right field with one out in the top of the fourth. Stafford then gave the Herd a 2-1 lead in the top of the fifth with a leadoff homer to right field.

From there, Kent State answered with five runs in the bottom of the fifth by an RBI single from Greg Rohan, an RBI walk from Brad Winter and a two-run double off the bat of Ryan Mitchell.

The Golden Flashes scored a run in the bottom of the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Jimmy Rider before Kent State used five hits and an error to cross the dish six more times.

Marshall freshman starter Mike Mason pitched the first four innings, allowing one run on four hits, while striking out five in the no decision. Sophomore Shane Farrell suffered the loss and falls to 0-6 on the season.

Kent State starter Ryan Mace earned the victory, tossing five innings with a pair of strikeouts. He did give up both Marshall runs and allowed three of the Herd's five hits, but improved his record to 2-1 on the season.

Robert Sabo pitched two innings of scoreless relief for the Golden Flashes, tallying three strikeouts, while Jon Pokorny and Kyle McMillen each added an inning of shutout relief.

Senior second baseman Adam Yeager and sophomore centerfielder Ben Jurevicius each had base-hits in the game while freshman pinch-hitter Alfredo Brito added a two-bagger to round out the Marshall offensive effort.

Marshall returns to Conference USA action with a three-game set with UAB beginning Friday at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston. Friday's contest is slated for 2:05 p.m. with Saturday's contest set for noon. Sunday's first-pitch is set at 1 p.m.



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Rock for Wishes Benefit Show
Shamrock's Pub

Friday, April 10

Graduate Recital: Esin Gunduz, composition
Jomie Jazz Ensemble Room 4 p.m.

Graduate Recital: Sean Coughlin
Jomie Jazz Forum 7 p.m.

Reds baseball trip
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Charity Drag Show
Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre, 7 p.m.

"Why is Contemporary Art So Weird?"
Huntington Museum of Art 7 p.m.

Black Diamond Heavies, The Good Fight
The V Club \$7 10 p.m.

The Real Molloy, Groova Scape, Ladybird
Shamrock's Pub 8 p.m.

Sir Boy, Bad Employees, Jordan Andrew Jefferson, DJ Loki
Club Echo 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 11

Junior Recital: Dan Ellis, trombone
Jomie Jazz Forum 8 p.m.

Indoor Demolition Derby
Big Sandy Superstore Arena

The Family Conspiracy, The Rabble Rousers, FOZ
Shamrock's Pub 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 12

Easter Rumpage
304 Wrestling
The V Club \$2 8 p.m.

Monday, April 13

Natalie Grant: The Make it Matter Tour
Paramount Arts Center 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

12:00 Jazz Ensemble
Smith Music Hall 8 p.m.

Senior Recital: Jeff Blair, composition
Jomie Jazz Ensemble Room 8 p.m.

Senior Exhibition Reception
Birke Art Gallery

*American Red Cross Blood Drive
Campus Christian Center, 1 a.m.-5 p.m. through April 15

Wednesday, April 15

Guitar Ensemble
Smith Music Hall 8 p.m.

J.M. Kanes, Aiama Royal, Quiete, Love Muffin
Club Echo 9 p.m.

*Event continues, multiple days

US attends nuclear talks with Iran

MATTHEW LEE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The Obama administration said Wednesday it will participate directly in group talks with Iran over its suspect nuclear program, another significant shift from President George W. Bush's policy toward a nation he labeled part of an axis of evil.

The State Department said the United States would be at the table "from now on" when senior diplomats from the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany meet with Iranian officials to discuss the nuclear issue. The Bush administration had generally shunned such meetings, although it attended one last year.

"We believe that pursuing very careful engagement on a range of issues that affect our interests and the interests of the world with Iran makes sense," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters. "There is nothing more important than trying to convince Iran to cease its efforts to obtain a nuclear weapon."

State Department spokesman Robert Wood said the decision was conveyed to representatives of Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia by the third-ranking U.S. diplomat, William Burns, at a Wednesday meeting in London. That group announced earlier that it would invite Iran to attend a new session aimed at breaking a deadlock in the talks.

"If Iran accepts, we hope this will be the occasion to seriously engage Iran on how to break the logjam of recent years and work in a cooperative manner to resolve the outstand-

ing international concerns about its nuclear program," Wood said.

Wood said the administration wants a diplomatic resolution to the nuclear issue and believes that requires "a willingness to engage directly with each other." He added that "we hope that the government of Iran chooses to reciprocate."

The invitation is to be sent to the Iranians by European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana. No time frame was given for a date of the meeting.

Prior to word from State, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Iran's hard-line president, said that his country "welcomes a hand extended to it should it really and truly be based on honesty, justice and respect." The remark, made in a speech broadcast live on state television, was one of the strongest signals yet that Tehran might respond positively to President Barack Obama's calls for dialogue.

The United States and Iran have not had diplomatic relations since the 1979 Islamic Revolution and subsequent hostage taking at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. In 2002, Bush cited Iran along with North Korea and Iraq when he described an "axis of evil" constituted by governments that he said supported terrorism and sought weapons of mass destruction.

Official exchanges between the U.S. and Iran have largely been limited to talks over security in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The difficulty in easing tensions between Tehran and Washington were made apparent when Iranian authorities said Wednesday that a detained American journalist in Iran has

been charged with espionage.

The administration has been pressing for Roxana Saberi's release since she was detained more than two months ago. Clinton said U.S. officials were "deeply concerned" by word that she will face trial next week. "We wish for her speedy release and return to her family," Clinton said.

The United States and some of its allies accuse Iran of seeking to build a nuclear weapon, a claim that Iran denies. Tehran insists it has the right to develop reactor fuel using enrichment for civilian energy purposes.

Throughout the London negotiations, the allied group has offered Iran a package of incentives to stop enriching and reprocessing uranium. Tehran has thus far rebuffed the offer in the face of three rounds of economic, trade and financial sanctions by the U.N. Security Council.

Individual countries, led by the United States and members of the European Union, have also imposed their own sanctions on Iran.

Obama has acted on his campaign statements that he would open direct talks with Iran. Obama's aides invited Tehran to an international meeting on Afghanistan late last month — where U.S. officials delivered a written message to Iranian diplomats politely asking for information about detained and missing Americans in the country, including Saberi.

Also last month, Obama recorded a video address to the Iranian people, saying the U.S. is prepared to end years of strained relations if Tehran shows down its bellicose rhetoric.

PROMISE fund limit advanced

CHARLESTON—The House Education Committee doesn't want the PROMISE college scholarship to increase its test score requirement.

The committee advanced a Senate-passed bill Tuesday that would limit the annual scholarships to \$4,750. It also kept the provision increasing the program's lottery funding by \$2 million.

But it removed language that strongly encouraged PROMISE to hike its minimum composite ACT test score from 22 to 23.

Other amendments exempt the high school Class of 2009, and add Salem International University to eligible private colleges.

The committee also amended the bill to include a House-passed measure that aims to add faculty to the governing boards of public colleges and universities.

The legislation aims to curb the cost of PROMISE. The merit-based program expects to spend more than \$40 million sending West Virginians to college this year. It now covers full tuition and fees at public institutions.

Student birth control costs may drop

BY MEGAN OREAR
THE DAILY CARDINAL | U. WISCONSIN

The cost of birth control for college students could decrease under the Affordable Birth Control Act, a provision of the federal spending bill signed into law by President Obama last month.

In 2005, Congress passed the Deficit Reduction Act, which inadvertently eliminated the discounts on contraceptives pharmaceutical companies could offer to family planning clinics and student health services, causing the cost of birth control to climb for many students.

"By all accounts it was completely a mistake," state Rep. Kelda Helen Roys, D-Madison, said. "I think it was just an oversight in drafting it, but it's one of those things that once it went through, it never got fixed because their agenda was too busy."

The new bill restores incentives for popular brands to provide discounts to students, but University Health Services Executive Director Sarah Van Orman said she is not sure if the pharmaceutical industry will be willing to do this again.

Many students switched over to less expensive generic brands, but Van Orman said because the prices of some popular brands increased, students who could not afford them had access to a much smaller selection.

"It really reduces our options if there's someone that needs a different formulation than what would be available in the generic," she said.

UHS responded to the higher prices by getting more information out about BadgerCare and generic options but saw a drop in birth control prescriptions after prices rose in 2007,

Van Orman said.

Peggy Hamill, state director of Pro-Life Wisconsin, said there is no reason for the government to subsidize hormonal birth-control drugs, which she said are proven to be carcinogenic and accelerate the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

"Our government should not be in the business of paying for and promoting unhealthy behavior," she said, adding that contraceptive drugs can act as abortifacients.

It is not possible to measure how the increased prices affected the number of unwanted

pregnancies, NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin Executive Director Lisa Subeck said. She said she hopes pharmaceutical companies will restore the discounts and NARAL is currently urging them to do so.

Roys said access to birth control is especially important to students.

"I think we just have to see family planning and contraception as part of overall preventative health care, particularly for young people who are in college who want to plan their futures and delay having a family," Roys said.

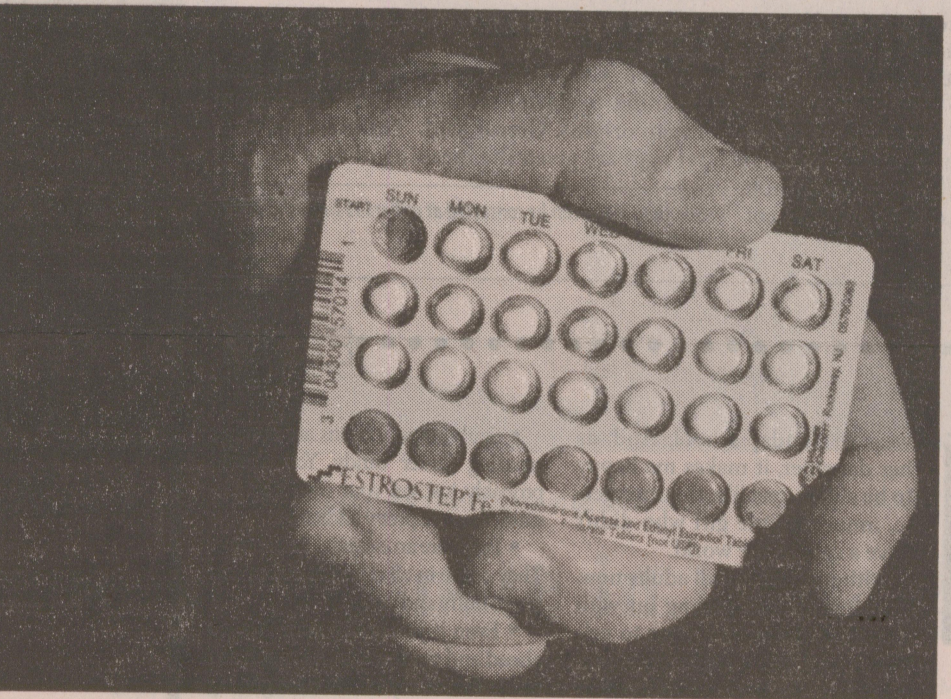


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Engineering, computer programs on rise

According to a Computing Research Association study in mid-March, enrollment in engineering and computer science programs has increased by 8 percent during the 2007-'08 school year.

"There's a definite need in America to increase its numbers in the sciences in general, but computer sciences and engineering in particular," engineering professor Richard D'Amato said.

The engineering program at Elon University currently serves as a dual degree program, allowing students to receive a degree in another major while they study engineering. Typically, according

to D'Amato, this is another science like physics or chemistry.

"It makes for better engineers — not only are they able to calculate and design, but they can also articulate it," he said.

Engineering majors spend three years at Elon, then finish their degrees at larger, more intensive engineering programs.

"Typically they transfer to one of our affiliate schools," D'Amato said. He gave N.C. State, Georgia Tech, University of Pennsylvania and Notre Dame as a few examples.

"We've got some good affiliates," he said.

Noting the fact that the uni-

versity has a rare program in this respect, and that University of Florida has plans to model its dual-degree engineering program after that of Elon's, D'Amato defends the usefulness of a liberal arts education for the first three years of study.

"(Students) see the value of this dual degree. They could have gone directly to N.C. State, but they see the value of starting at a small liberal arts school," he said.

He also said the program "generates better engineers than a four-year education."

FROM THE PENDULUM | ELON UNIVERSITY

Money available at church egg hunt

Students can find extra cash Friday by participating in an on campus Easter egg hunt.

The hunt, sponsored by Baptist Campus Ministries, will start at noon on Buskirk Field. Adam Goodwin, pastor for Baptist Campus Ministries, said several hundred plastic eggs containing tickets for cash prizes up to \$50 will be hidden on the field.

Goodwin said the purpose of the hunt is to promote an Easter service that will be held by Marshall Community Church this Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in the basement of the Marshall Student Center. He said this will be the church's "preview" service, and weekly services will begin in the fall.

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importance of easter

BY SHANNON MILLER
THE PARTHENON

Easter traditions of coloring eggs and receiving gifts from the Easter Bunny are widely celebrated in America, but might overshadow the true meanings of Easter.

David Greear, Campus Light Ministries campus minister, said the importance of Easter lies in the resurrection of Jesus.

"Without the resurrection, there is no proof his sacrifice for our sins was accepted," Greear said.

He said everything Christians believe, all the claims about God and predictions made in the Bible, rests on Christ's resurrection.

Greear said the traditions of coloring eggs and celebrating the Easter bunny come from other cultures and ancient Pagan festivals that celebrated the spring solstice.

"Over time, a lot of things probably got added," Greear said.

According to history.com, the History Channel's Web site, no one is sure of the origin of the holiday's name, but it is thought that it derives from the name of a Pagan goddess, Eastre, who was the goddess of fertility. A festival was celebrated every year in her honor on the day of the vernal equinox.

The traditions of the Easter Bunny and col-

ored eggs are also believed to come from the festival celebrating the goddess Eastre. The Easter rabbit was a symbol of fertility, and eggs were brightly painted to represent the sunlight of springtime, according to history.com.

Laura Diener, professor of history at Marshall, said the tradition of eating ham and eggs during Easter is a tradition from medieval England.

"When people lived on a lord's land they owed the lord ham and eggs as part of their rent to stay on his land," Diener said.

Greear said focus on Easter traditions might distract people, especially children, from the true meaning of the holiday.

"The resurrection gets drowned out," he said.

Greear said he thinks it's not bad for children to participate in coloring eggs and egg hunts as long as they are aware of the Christian beliefs of Easter. He said he emphasizes the resurrection of Jesus as the true meaning of Easter to his own children.

"I make sure they know the Easter Bunny isn't real," he said.

Some Christians try to give a Christian meaning to Easter traditions that come from Pagan origins, Greear said. For example, Easter eggs are given the meaning of new life.

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David Greear,
Campus Light Ministries
campus minister.

Traditions can cloud the true meaning of holiday celebrating resurrection

HOW TO Color Easter eggs

You'll need:

- eggs
- white vinegar
- food coloring
- small bowls
- water

Step One:

Hard boil the eggs. If you don't know how to do this, ask your mom or Google it.

Step Two:

Mix 1/2 cup of water and one tablespoon of vinegar for each color.

Step Three:

Add some food coloring to each bowl of water/vinegar mixture.

Step Four:

Make sure the eggs have cooled, then start dipping them into the mixtures. You can use a spoon to dip them in and out of the dye.

The more times you dip them, the darker the color will be. You can get fancy with

markers, glitter or stickers, too, if you're feeling jazzy.

Step Five:

Hide the eggs and have a hunt with your friends. Make sure you find them all, though — hard boiled eggs smell pretty bad after a few days.

Step Six:

Enjoy your Easter holiday with family or friends!

Ideas

Easter

Even though I'm 20 years old, my mom still gets me an Easter basket. She also gets one for my boyfriend, who is 23. She got him a kite one year — yes, a kite. She loves this holiday, not only for the obvious reason, that it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, but also because she can pretend her kids are still just kids, and not young adults with a million responsibilities of their own. We still color Easter eggs on the Saturday before, we still get up early to open our grass-filled, cellophane-wrapped baskets (mine is the pink one) and she always makes sure we have something new to



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wear to Sunday school. And, as her daughter, it makes me happy to be able to feel like that energetic, innocent little girl who didn't have a care in the world.

Although we are all adults now, growing up and getting on with our lives, Easter is a time to celebrate and put a smile on someone's face. So, here are a few ideas from my mother to bring out the kid in you on Easter.

- Get some bubbles. Go to Wal-Mart and get a big gallon sized jug of bubbles. Sit on the porch with your friends and blow bubbles. I swear it will make your day.

- Two words — Resse's eggs. Yeah, they're not the healthiest snack choice, but they are so good, and if you're only eating them once a year, I'm sure you'll live. Put them in the freezer for a while if you really want them to taste good.

- Starburst jelly beans are another amazing Easter candy. You should probably just get your own bag, because they are pretty addictive.

- Peeps are an essential Easter treat. They come in all different colors and are so fluffy and sweet.

- Even if you are in your 20s, go ahead and get the kite. As much as I made fun of my mother for getting my twenty-something boyfriend a little boy kite, it was a blast at the beach that summer. On the perfect windy day, go to the park and try it out. It will be fun, I promise.

- Go to church. Even if you aren't a very religious or spiritual person, church will make you feel good on such an important holiday. Also, seeing little kids dressed in frilly dresses and tiny clip-on ties will most definitely put a smile on your face.

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Fashion Feature

Looks for guys

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Guys, the cargo shorts and T-shirts are comfortable, but if you really want to make an impression on that girl you have your eye on, than you should think about stepping up your look.

Not only will the girls give you more attention, but it will give you more confidence in yourself to make the move to ask her out.

Most people find that when they dress better they also get more respect from others.

Now that you're out of high school, it's time to think about making a change in your wardrobe that will carry you through the rest of your college career and the process of job searching afterwards.

Casual Date Look:

Pairing a cool, cotton button-down with your favorite jeans is a great look for a casual evening. Roll up the sleeves and put



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a graphic tee underneath for a more put-together look.

A pair of Sperrys, or boat shoes, will be comfortable yet fashionable. If it's cool outside add a sweater overtop, and think about adding a funky watch to give the look some visual interest.

You can be sure that your date won't be disappointed when you show up in this outfit.

Everyday Casual:

The casual look needs to be taken up a notch or two; casual shouldn't mean you look like you just rolled out of bed.

You can still wear the cargo shorts but wear them with a button-down or a polo shirt. Layering pieces, such as polos or T-shirts, is a good way to look put-together without making much effort.

A pair of non-athletic sneakers or casual loafers will give you the same functionality and comfort as tennis shoes but with a more sophisticated flair.

Top the look off with a pair of aviator sunglasses, this trendy item isn't just for Tom Cruise and the rest of the "Top Gun" cast.

The Dressy Look:

From time to time, everyone has events they must attend where they have to wear formal attire.

Whether a sport coat or suit is appropriate for the occasion, the most important thing is the fit of the jacket.

The shoulder seams should be even with the point of your shoulder, and the sleeves should reach the top of your hand when your arm is hanging by your side.

Dress pants should rest on top of the shoe, and make sure dress shoes are polished and in good condition.

Don't be afraid of mixing subtle patterns, consider a pinstripe a neutral.

Fashion doesn't have to be complicated. Making over your look is often just a matter of shopping in your own closet and pairing different items together that you previously hadn't considered.

You might be surprised how differently people will treat you when you dress more professionally and look like you take more pride in yourself. You never know you just might receive more positive attention from that girl you've been after.

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