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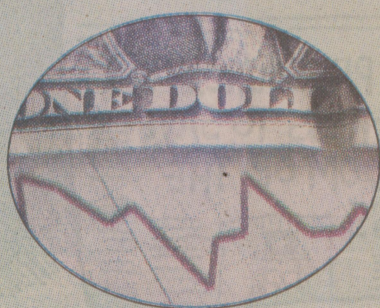
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The Recession of 2009 Strictly personal



More people forced to go to soup kitchens

BY PAM THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

Because of the failing economy more people in the Tri-State are turning to soup kitchens and other alternatives to find food.

Lynn Clagg, public relations coordinator of the Huntington City Mission, said the soup kitchen is serving 20 percent more people this year than this time last year. Clagg said she can see an obvious increase in the services utilized by both men and women.

The Huntington Area Food Bank is one of Huntington City Mission's largest food suppliers. Brooke Ash, public relations coordinator for the Huntington Area Food Bank, said she has noticed a drop in both food and monetary donations to the food bank in the past few months.

"Food prices have gone up, electric prices have gone up, jobs are being cut back and when you add these all together, families' budgets are reduced," Ash said. "There is less expendable income available for charities. Companies are cutting back on costs and producing less, so there is not that extra, which wasn't needed before, to be given to food banks."

Ash said the Huntington City Mission's increase in new clients



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>> Editor's Note: The Great Recession of 2009 is strictly personal. With the American economy in disarray, if not free fall, several of Marshall's journalism students this spring set about documenting the Tri-State's economic casualties in personal terms — how the downturn affects them and their friends and relatives. This series of stories allows student journalists to put a spotlight on the real impact of the recession. We've relaxed normal journalistic conventions — which require separating reporters from sources and events and telling stories through the eyes of others. Instead, these reporters will discuss the impact of the most serious economic problems since the Great Depression through their own eyes and through their own voices. More stories will run in the series in the following weeks.



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Natalie Gibbs, printmaking major from Huntington, said she plans on returning to school for a graduate degree rather than getting a job right after graduation. "I'm applying to different schools with a master's in fine arts, because Marshall only offers a bachelor's

Showcasing artistic talents

Five display works in capstone exhibit

THE PARTHENON STAFF

Five fine arts majors had the opportunity to present their best works Tuesday through their senior capstone projects.

This show was the fourth installment in a series of five capstone exhibitions in the Birke Art Gallery this spring.

Allyson Eyermann, senior ceramics major from Ashland, Ky., said she plans to take her ceramics skills to a professional level.

"Eventually, I hope to become a studio potter," Eyermann said.

However, Eyermann said her interest in teaching may guide her career into other areas.

"I've taught elementary art in the past and really enjoyed it," Eyermann said. "I'd be happy with anything dealing with teaching or studio pottery."

Eyermann said her artistic inspirations drove her to create pieces that reflect her personal life.

"I'm inspired by rejuvenation, springtime and plants, but my true inspiration is my son," Eyermann said. "When he was born, I took some time off school. So my experiences with him are behind my theme of the celebration of the creation of life."

Eyermann said her favorite piece is a reflection of that theme and a precursor to future work.

"The Sea Pod Blossoms begin as eggs, but I slowly open them into petals," Eyermann said. "They're one of my newer pieces, but a nice springboard for future pieces."

Melissa McCloud, senior photography and sculpture major from Huntington, said she plans on returning to school for a graduate degree rather than getting a job right after graduation.

"I'm applying to different schools with a master's in fine arts, because Marshall only offers a bachelor's

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University offers low-cost study abroad trip to Canada

BY KAYLIN ADKINS
THE PARTHENON

Some students cannot fathom studying abroad in today's difficult economic times. However, one study abroad program is trying to change that mentality.

Students have a chance to gain international experience and receive academic credit for a study abroad program in Canada scheduled for May 16 to May 24. The program, sponsored by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, will cost students \$325.

The Introduction to the Political and Cultural Identity of Canada and Quebec program will allow students to learn about governance, trade, environmental issues and multicultural issues in Canada, said Clark Egnor, executive

director of the Center for International Programs.

"We were trying to design a program that was very affordable," Egnor said. "We were also thinking about the safety issues because a lot of parents are afraid to send their kids abroad because of what they see on the news — that there are terrorists everywhere. So, we wanted a program parents can't say 'no' to. They can't say, 'Oh, you're going to Canada. That's a dangerous place.'"

"Also, in Quebec, they speak French, so it's exotic enough that it will give students a very different experience. They're going to be stepping outside their own language zone, and it (Quebec City) looks like Europe," Egnor said.

Egnor said Marshall, West Virginia State University and West Virginia State

University collaborated to design the program with grant money. Professors from the three universities and the Université de Laval in Quebec City will lecture to students during the program. Students will receive one hour of academic credit and will visit museums and other sites to enhance their understanding, Egnor said.

"It'll be a program that is just very rich in learning and directed by professors," Egnor said. "The goal is to get students to see things from different perspectives — to see it from a U.S. perspective and also through the Canadian (perspective). A lot of these students don't have passports. They've never traveled abroad. So, just the experience of going across an international border I think will be a thrill for

some of these students."

The program was originally aimed at freshmen to convince them to consider studying abroad later in their college careers. However, Egnor said all Marshall students are now encouraged to apply. He said the application deadline is Friday.

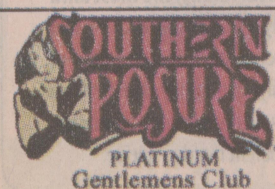
Kylie Gallagher, study abroad adviser, said students should consider study abroad programs to prepare themselves for the future, but she said that goal is sometimes hampered by other factors.

"I think the problem is a lot of people just aren't aware of how valuable that kind of experience is for them," Gallagher said.

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EDITORIAL

All affected by economy personally

America is going through very intriguing economic times that people are dealing with in their own individual ways. That is why The Parthenon is currently running a series of stories called "The Recession of 2009 — Strictly Personal" for the next two weeks concerning our writer's experiences with the biggest economic downturn of our generation. It is an attempt to show that the current recession is not some abstract problem but something that affects family, friends and individual students.

The recent Pulitzer Prizes were announced Monday and one category of stories was conspicuously absent — reports on the economy, especially before the downtrend began early in 2008. One can tell the media missed the boat on what would become the fall of the economy when The Wall Street Journal, the nation's most respected daily financial papers, is left off the Pulitzer Prize list.

Those in the media may have not been on the ball on what would come, and people cannot go back in time to out Bernard Madoff or the irresponsible nature of AIG sooner, but that does not mean media cannot try to help the current situation. We believe a lot of the healing as a whole comes when people understand others' stories. This is what The Parthenon is trying to accomplish with the "Strictly Personal" series of stories. Our stories will include family members, friends and co-workers being let go from their jobs. Other entities such as charitable organizations are suffering from fewer donations as people have less expendable income.

Certainly many people, including college students, will be cutting back on spending and what they can and cannot do. By cutting back it does not mean every person has to eat Ramen noodles for dinner four times a week, even if it is a staple of student dining.

Ways to save are numerous for people who have to at this time. Shopping for a new product on Ebay could lead to a greater deal than searching on Amazon. The same is true when shopping for something as essential as clothing. A trip to Gabriel's or even a rummage sale, such as the one being held on Marshall's campus April 24 that will benefit local Ronald McDonald charities, can possibly save hundreds of dollars and be just as fulfilling to one's wardrobe if the search is done just right.

In the past, a cheap date might mean no luck for the future, but now a simple date is almost a necessity. And although it may feel like you are back in high school, packing your own lunch to take to class can end up saving \$10 to \$20 per week when compared to dining at fast food restaurants or the student center.

These ways of cutting back are not exhaustive, and we are sure you have your own ways to save just as you have your own stories about how the economy is affecting you. We encourage you to share your stories with us. Send your letters to parthenon@marshall.edu. We believe understanding how we are all affected can bring us closer together.

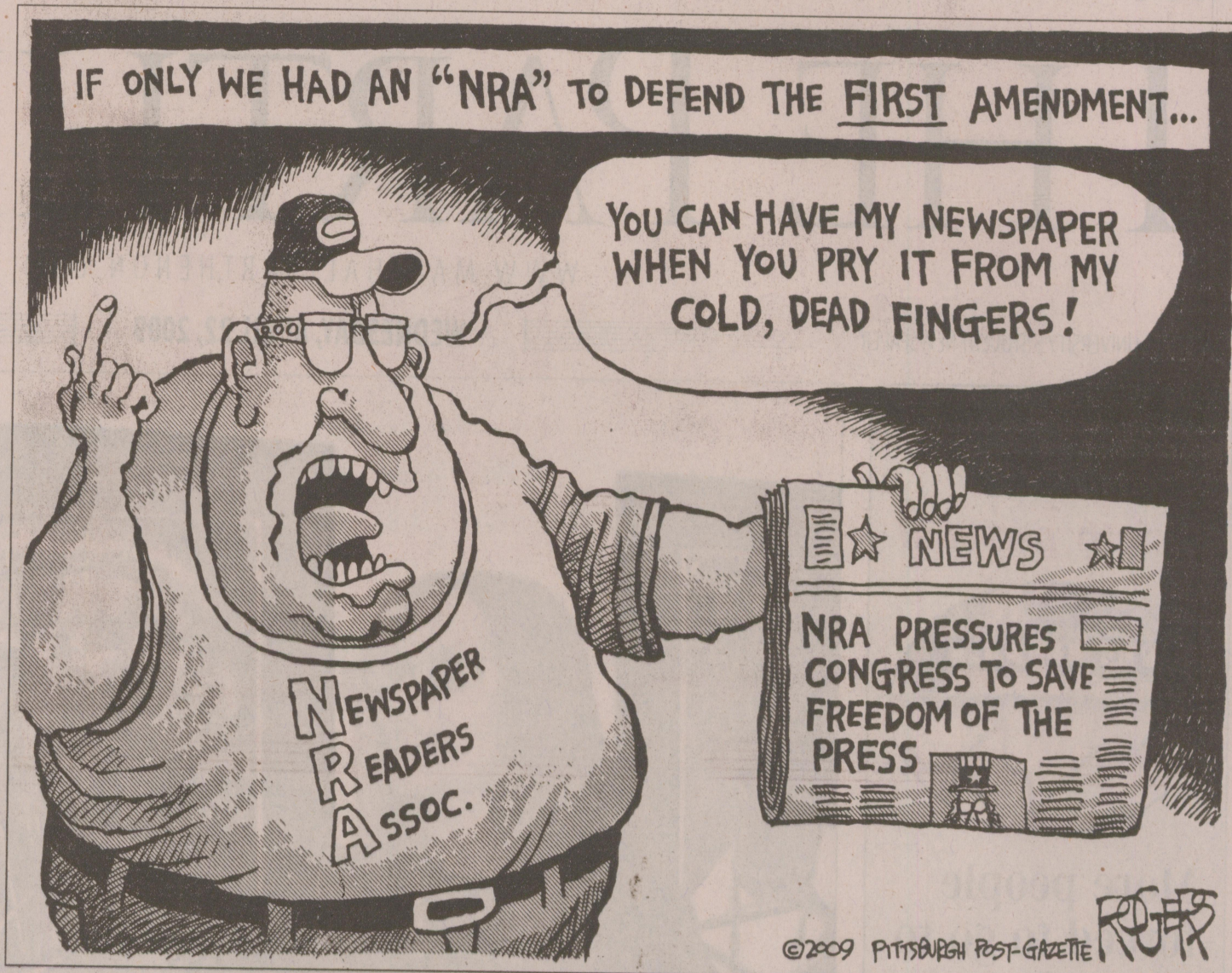
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INSIGHTS BY AYRES | Emily Ayres

A solution to the unnecessary

Since tuning in a couple weeks ago, I've continued watching TV and have stumbled upon more revelations. Who knew the tube could have so much impact in stimulating my mind?

In my last column I wrote how I noticed a lot of commercials focus on the idea of prolonging death. My solution for that problem was Jesus Christ, the only one who holds the keys of death and takes away the default of Hell for us as sinners. With acceptance of him, the fear of dying goes away.

This week, I experienced a new perspective from television. This could result from the much different environment I was in than last weekend while watching TV. Last time I was curled peacefully on my bed, enjoying some time away from class and thoughts of work. Oh, if that could have only lasted longer.

This time it was Monday night and I was at work after a very stressful school day. The TV was on and occasionally I'd glance at it to distract me from my tasks. At this time I came to the conclusion, a very obvious one that many commercials are highly unnecessary. These are the exact words I exclaimed after hearing a "Viva



Emily Ayres
COLUMNIST

heebee-jeebies. Haven't you ever found yourself caught in a room with your father or mother while one of these commercials is playing and just had goose bumps all over? Those are some of the most embarrassing moments of my life!

I call these commercials unnecessary because we all are pretty likely to know about these products anyway. The problems are pretty much common sense and happen to all people. Also, anybody who doesn't know anything about personal hygiene or taking care of the needs of their regular body functions probably can't afford to be watching TV anyway.

So, these commercials got me thinking TV isn't the only place where we tend to focus and give

Viagra" ad reverberate across the room. Totally unnecessary!

And the guys' ads are not the only ones that give me a problem. The commercials on deodorant and on women's menstrual cycles just give me the

attention to the unnecessary things in life. Plenty of us worry ourselves to death about money, relationships, school, work and everything else. We women, I know, can get up extra early on school days to make ourselves look gorgeous every day in hopes of attracting the right guy. Then, we waste precious class lectures eyeing up the guys in class for hopefulness.

And this economy! Boy, has it birthed a whole string of worries. We wonder if we'll lose our current job, and if we do, how we will find another and how we will support our families? There are many questions to ask.

Plus, we stress over grades, complain about teachers, calculate our feeble salaries to see if we can get the latest iPhone every body has and so much more. We have so many extra thoughts scrambling around in our heads that are completely unnecessary to have.

What is worrying going to do? I ask myself this question a lot. Sure, it's good for some things. Worrying is a sure sign you care about your studies or anything else that is important and nags at you to get the things that need getting accomplished done. But

mostly, worries can do nothing for us. All they can bring is a lot of heartaches, headaches and tears.

But, I have found a solution to all of these worries and it is the same as last weeks', more or less. When we accept Jesus Christ, he not only gets rid of Hell for us. We can have faith that He is taking care of us in our lives.

I was in tears a couple days ago because I let the stress of school overcome me. I would have drowned in my tears if it weren't for God. In a relationship with God you allow Him to work in your life and since He knows all about you, because He created you, He knows exactly what you need and what to provide for you when you have those very rough days.

God has given me a strong Christian boyfriend who supports me when I'm blue, and I have a strong fellowship of Christian friends who I have met in Campus Crusade for Christ. Plus, God is a God of love and ultimate goodness, and he is the source of all peace and happiness that evades our lives.

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YOUR THOUGHTS | Letters to the Editor

Huntington needs fresh approach to development

While driving through town I noticed something that I have been thinking about for some time now and would like to express my opinion.

As with most old cities, ritual and tradition have very strong roots and Huntington is no exception. During the 1970s Huntington was a thriving, well-established town by the Ohio River with a popular college in Marshall University. Family-owned businesses and a major artery for water, rail and highway transportation made Huntington very popular among tourists. Since then it seems this city has been stuck and is afraid to invest in the future.

It was these local businesses that pushed the Huntington Mall away from Huntington and

toward eastern Cabell County in Barboersville because they feared profits from their businesses going to the new mall.

Because Huntington didn't think about investing in the future of its city it has yet to recover.

Today, Barboersville enjoys the benefits of this decision with tax advantages and revenue coming its way because of the open-mindedness and risk taking of leaders in the Barboersville community who invested in the future. Huntington on the other hand has been stuck in place and declining. Family-owned businesses have survived but the revenue is just enough to fix the poor infrastructure (old signs, burnout traffic lights, cracked sidewalks and street potholes).

So what can Huntington do to fix this problem? The development of Pullman Square showed

Huntington was starting to try and attract more people back downtown. Years ago Harris Riverfront Park was developed, and with it boating and summer concerts were formed. Marshall University's research and development sector, especially in the medical field, is improving every day.

Marshall is upgrading its campus with a new science building, engineering building, recreation center and has an alumni center under construction. Groups are forming whose main concern is the investment in the development of downtown Huntington. Plans include: renovation of the flood wall, refurbishing of the older buildings architecture and the continued investment into various downtown properties.

With the development of all these ideas more jobs will be available, which in turn means more people coming into this city

and more college students staying around this area after graduation instead of venturing elsewhere.

As you can see, Huntington realizes an investment into upgrading its city is much needed and there are people who are trying to make this happen. In January 2009, we elected a new city administration and mayor who are willing to hear the voice of Huntington and take all the measures necessary to improve our city.

I think the past is the past and we need to look forward to the future. We can't be scared of change and any change for Huntington, in my opinion, will only help our city. Although these changes will be costly and the economic benefits will not be seen for some time, all of the components are in place for an investment like this.

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"I can't tell you how heartsick I am. This is the most wonderful family, the most kind and loving family. I'm astounded." — said Mary Opulente Krener, next-door neighbor of the Parentes family. The family of four from Long Island was found dead in what authorities believe was an apparent murder-suicide.



Members of Marshall's ROTC and guests listen to Medal of Honor recipient Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams speak at ROTC's annual Dining Out event Tuesday in the Don Morris Room. Williams received the Medal of Honor for his service in World War II.

CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

ROTC welcomes Medal of Honor recipient

BY BROOKS TAYLOR
THE PARTHENON

Medal of Honor recipient Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams challenged Marshall's ROTC cadets to put others above themselves at the ROTC Dining Out event on Tuesday.

"It's your generation to whom the torch has been passed," Williams said. "Carry it high and carry it well, future generations are depending on you."

The event, held in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center was a celebration for the ROTC program and what the cadets have accomplished during the past year.

Williams received his Medal of Honor for his actions at the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. Williams' Medal of Honor citation reads in part, "Corporal Williams' aggressive fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty throughout this fiercely contested action sus-

tain and enhance the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Williams told cadets they were handed two gifts when they were born.

"One was the gift of life, for good or ill," Williams said. "The other was the gift of freedom, paid for by someone else."

"We could not earn or purchase those gifts. They were given to us free, yet with a responsibility on our part," he said.

Lt. Col. Jason Horne, professor of military science, said the cadets would only benefit from having Williams on hand to speak.

"Someone of that magnitude, who has earned the ultimate honor that the military has to bestow on someone, there is nothing but good that can come from that," Horne said. "Him being around cadets and them celebrating him and the experiences he brings to us."

Cadet Battalion Commander Jabail Akut, exercise science ma-

jor from Queens, N.Y., said he was more than honored to hear Williams speak.

"It means a lot to have him here with us. Him being a Medal of Honor recipient in the last Great War, you kind of feel a little bit humbled," Akut said.

Akut said he hopes the cadets learned as much from Williams as he did.

"I hope above anything else they understand what it means not only to rise to the call of duty but go beyond it," Akut said. "It's nothing you ever learn from being in a classroom, it's something you realize you need to do and that's the one thing I hope they realize they need to do it and it must be done."

Horne said although Williams was the highlight of the night, the event was a training event for the cadets.

"The purpose of the event is to build morale and esprit de corps," Horne said. "When they go out into the field they will

participate in these events, probably once a year, maybe more than that, and as a new officer or lieutenant they will be in charge of putting this event on. So, this is a training event for them. They plan it, they budget it. They did the preparation. They are solely in charge of the event."

In addition to Williams speaking, the cadets received their yearly awards and scholarships, ate dinner and viewed slide-shows that highlighted the year in ROTC.

After quoting people such as John F. Kennedy, Harry S. Truman and Neil Armstrong, Williams told the cadets to achieve greatness.

"There are individuals in this room that will one day make history," Williams said. "Perhaps become a great general, a great leader in space or a great teacher of others."

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Addressing the 'mass' of Maniacs

BY SOLOMON FIZER
THE PARTHENON

A speech given by women's basketball coach Royce Chadwick highlighted the 2nd Annual Marshall Maniac Rewards Night on Tuesday.

More than 20 members of the Marshall Maniacs were in attendance as Chadwick took the stage to praise the organizations' support this season.

"The one want in life I think is to make a difference," Chadwick said. "And you do make a difference to the women's basketball team."

Chadwick recalled his first women's Final Four at Rupp Arena where fans were asked to sit on one side of the stadium so it appeared more people were in attendance.

"Where women's basketball started in that day to where it is now, where we play in sold out arenas for our national championship game, I think that's where you (the Maniacs) are," Chadwick said. "You have a good base, now you are trying to build on that to

come up and really get your organization going."

Chadwick said when he goes to Conference USA meetings, coaches will come to him and mention something about the Maniacs cheering on the baseline.

"If this group right here comes to our game, you will make a difference because you will be noticed by the opponents," Chadwick said. "If you are noticed by the opponent then that gives us a chance to go out there and take advantage of the distraction and we appreciate that immensely."

Chadwick said next year the women's basketball team plans to be more involved with the Maniac organization.

"We want to reward the Maniacs for attendance at our games," Chadwick said. "We want to be more involved in your organization. You tell me what you want to do and we will try to make it happen."

Anthony Mahone, senior

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SOLOMON FIZER | THE PARTHENON

Women's basketball Head Coach Royce Chadwick speaks with members of the Marshall Maniacs, who had their annual Rewards Night to honor the most dedicated Maniacs.



SOLOMON FIZER | THE PARTHENON

Assistant Athletic Trainer Jennifer Butler wraps an athlete's feet after one of many Marshall University athletic practices. Athletic trainers for baseball and softball help keep student athletes in top physical shape.

Athletic trainers keep athletes ready and able

BY SOLOMON FIZER
THE PARTHENON

Athletic trainers from the Marshall University softball and baseball programs are rehabilitating 20 injured athletes with three weeks remaining in the spring sports season.

Assistant Athletic Trainer Jennifer Butler works with athletes every day who struggle with re-occurring injuries such as labral tears, rotator cuff tendonitis and shoulder dislocation.

"These injuries can occur from repeated throwing, especially in pitchers, but can also occur from a shoulder dislocation or when the shoulder comes slightly out of socket," Butler said.

Butler said during the process of rehabilitation, the hardest thing for athletes to overcome is patience.

"Athletes always try to return to activity prematurely because they start to feel bet-

ter and they believe that they are healed when in reality the injury is still in the healing process," Butler said. "A lot of times athletes are anxious to return to play because they believe they will lose a starting spot or they just cannot stand having to sit out."

Butler said there are always some athletes who do not want to go through rehab and would rather deal with the pain.

"I tell them that they will not be playing sports their whole life," Butler said. "So let's take care of this injury now before it gets to bad and it limits them later in life."

The Arthroscopy Association of North America Web site said the labrum is a soft ring of cartilage tissue surrounding the shoulder socket. The shoulder labrum is an anchor for the ligaments that hook the bones together. A labral tear may occur because of injury or overuse. A labral

tear may also occur when the shoulder dislocates (comes out of the socket).

Situations such as Alex Rodriguez's hip injury, Butler said, are not as frequent as a labral tear in the shoulder.

"A-Rod's hip injury is a labral tear of the hip joint," Butler said. "As a result of the tear, fluid from inside the joint leaked through the tear and formed a cyst. Labral tears of the hip are not as frequent as labral tears of the shoulder because the hip is a much more stable joint, but I have seen a hip labral tear in an athlete before."

The athlete had stepped down wrong on an indoor track while sprinting in an indoor track meet."

Butler has been a certified trainer for four years and was a student athletic trainer before becoming certified.

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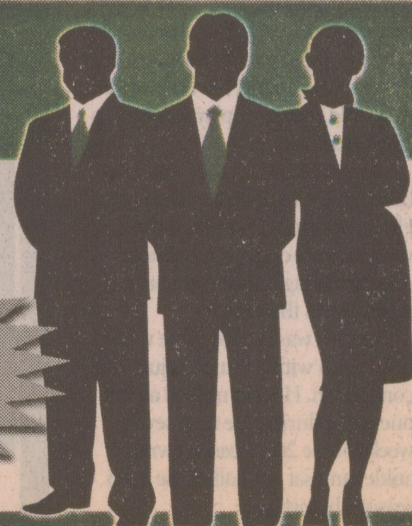
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TUESDAY'S SCORES

NBA Playoffs

Pistons 82, Cavaliers 94
Rockets, Trail Blazers—late
Jazz, Lakers—late

MLB

Marlins 2, Pirates 3
Rangers 5, Blue Jays 4
Brewers 4, Phillies 11
Athletics 3, Yankees 5
Royals 7, Indians 8
White Sox 3, Orioles 10
Braves 3, Nationals 4
Reds 2, Cubs 7
Dodgers 5, Astros 8
Mets 4, Cardinals 6
Rockies, Diamondbacks—late
Tigers, Angels—late
Rays, Mariners—late
Padres, Giants—late
Twins, Red Sox—postponed

NHL

Red Wings 4, Blue Jackets 1
Penguins 3, Flyers 1
Devils 3, Hurricanes 4
Canucks 3, Blues 2 (OT)
Sharks, Ducks—late

SPORTS BRIEFS

Herd men's golf finishes 11th at C-USA Championships

SORRENTO, Fla.—Marshall University's men's golf team finished 11th at the Conference USA Men's Golf Championship that concluded Tuesday at the Red Tail Golf Club in Sorrento, Fla.

Nationally-ranked UCF won the team championship with a three-round total of 847 with the Knight's Simon Ward also taking medalist honors with a 205.

Marshall shot a three round total of 921 and junior Christian Brand, a Charleston native, led the team with a 225 firing rounds of 76, 72 and 77.

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Pirates' Doumit to miss eight to 10 weeks after wrist surgery

PITTSBURGH—Pittsburgh catcher Ryan Doumit needs an operation to repair a broken bone in his right wrist and will be out for at least eight to 10 weeks. The injury significantly weakens the Pirates at their thinnest position.

Doumit's operation is scheduled for Thursday, when pins will be inserted into his broken scaphoid bone to fuse it.

Doumit, who led NL catchers with a .318 average last season, fractured the wrist bone while batting in Sunday's 11-1 loss to Atlanta. He initially stayed in the game and did not believe the injury was serious, but he began experiencing pain later that night.

Doumit had an MRI exam Monday and a CT scan Tuesday that revealed the fracture. He will be re-examined in about a month to determine when he can start rehabilitation, which cannot begin until the bone starts to heal.

"This is something I didn't see coming," Doumit said. "You do everything you can in the offseason to prepare. ... To have something like this, it's devastating. No one wants to be told they can't play for eight to 10 weeks."

Doumit is hitting .244 with two homers and nine RBIs this season. He signed an \$11.5 million three-year contract during the offseason despite having numerous injury problems in the past.

Doumit was out for three weeks last season with a thumb injury and concussion. He also missed all but one game during the final seven weeks of the 2007 season (wrist, ankle) and sat out half of the 2006 season (hamstring).

Murphree strengthens Herd pitching

Transfer recorded more than 50 wins in two years prior to Marshall

BY JONAS SWECKER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University softball team currently stands at 24-15 overall, 9-6 in Conference USA and has been backed by three strong starting pitchers. A standout junior college transfer completed that trio for the Herd.

Marshall pitcher Katie Murphree transferred to Marshall for her junior season after spending two seasons at Santa Fe Community College in Florida.

While pitching at Santa Fe, Murphree set numerous school records including 36 wins and the lowest ERA at 0.88 in 2008. She recorded more than 50 wins in her two seasons at Santa Fe and was recognized by the NJCAA as one of the best 16 players in the country in 2008.

"My experience at Santa Fe was definitely a good one," Murphree said. "The girls were great, the coaches were great and we had a great chemistry and work ethic. Those things helped lead us to the conference championship, state championship and the national runner-up title."

Murphree said while visiting Marshall she saw the same characteristics she had grown accustomed to.

"I took that experience from Santa Fe and I saw it here at Marshall," she said. "I saw the chemistry and that all the girls and everybody were working hard. The coaching staff was also one of the best that I had ever seen or worked with."

So far this season, Murphree has recorded the lowest ERA of the Herd at 2.68, is tied with Autumn Mitchell for wins at nine and has recorded two saves and 73 strikeouts.

"It would be an amazing experience to be able to win a conference championship at both levels. It would be even more amazing to go to regionals and be successful there as well."

Katie Murphree
Marshall softball pitcher

"Having Katie as a leader and as an ace pitcher is one thing that's helped this team," Marshall pitching coach Randi Nielson said. "She brings that experience no matter what level, and she's a hard worker. She studies the hitters and she's prepared for every game and I think that makes a world of difference."

While Murphree experienced great success during her time at Santa Fe, she said she knew coming to Division I would present an entirely new challenge.

"I just put all my faith in my coaches to prepare me, especially coach Nielson, to pitch at this level and to face these kinds of batters," she said. "Obviously she did really well with me and Autumn with the success that we've had so far this season."

When Murphree made the decision to transfer to Marshall the Herd completed a special trio of pitchers that compliment one another well.

"We're definitely a great pitching team," Murphree said. "Autumn is leading in strikeouts (102) because her movement is just crazy and Caitlyn (Jackson) is able to get all the batters to

pop-up. When batters are able to get on I have the ability to locate my pitches to get others to ground out and sometimes into double plays."

Murphree's job hasn't been strictly limited to starting, however. The coaching staff has shown the willingness and confidence to use her in relief and even in save opportunities.

"It's definitely different mentally but physically you still have to play to the top of your game, do what you need to do to get the outs and what you need to do to finish the game," Murphree said. "I enjoy both aspects of it. I like being able to come in and finish an inning and also be able to pitch a complete game."

Murphree said she is excited about the possibility of helping Marshall reach a C-USA Championship the same way she helped Santa Fe Community College make a championship run.

"It would be an amazing experience to be able to win a conference championship at both levels," she said. "It would be even more amazing to go to regionals and be successful there as well."

Murphree said she plans to end the season on a strong point and looks forward to all the opportunities for success.

The team is now preparing for its final homestretch of the season. The Herd will face Morehead State for a doubleheader Thursday and C-USA opponent East Carolina in a three-game series Saturday and Sunday.

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FILE PHOTO BY CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Marshall junior pitcher Katie Murphree prepares to release a pitch against UTEP on March 15 at Dot Hicks Field. The Herd defeated the Miners in a doubleheader by scores of 8-5 and 8-0.

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in fine arts," McCloud said. "I'm hoping to teach (at) the university level after that."

McCloud said her theme of female idiosyncrasy awareness is reflective of her personal belief that it is intrinsically encoded with higher visions of truth and beauty.

McCloud said her favorite piece, Ascension, is a reflection of her life struggles and lessons.

"Ascension is reflective of my fight against cancer and my own spiritual journey."

McCloud said she thinks the personal nature of the piece will make it popular.

"I feel that Ascension was a very personal piece to create, but that is why so many people can relate to it," McCloud said. "The more of yourself you put into a piece, the more people can tell."

Shawn Hurst, graphic design major from Barboursville, W.Va., said he questioned his ability to compete against other artists because he is colorblind. He said not being able to differentiate colors has taught him to look at the structure of art rather than color.

"Basically, what I'm trying to show here is when you have completed a work of art, a lot of times you don't get to see the structure that lays underneath it," Hurst said.

Hurst said he was nervous going into the exhibit because he wasn't sure how viewers would interpret his art. However, he said he received a lot of positive feedback, and he was impressed to see his work in a gallery.

"It's nice to see my work in a professional environment," he said.

Hurst plans to get a job as a graphic designer or Web designer

after graduating.

Lauren Ware, printmaking major from Barboursville, W.Va., used her art to represent the stereotypes women face. Her pieces are made from linoleum cuts, wood cuts and sewing.

Ware's favorite piece, Clothesline, also is her newest piece.

"It think it represents a lot of the ideas I was trying to convey, and to me, it shows how my art has matured over the past four or five years," she said.

Ware plans to eventually pursue a master's of fine arts degree, and would like to teach art at the university level.

Natalie Gibbs, printmaking major from Huntington, said printmaking has provided an outlet to control her Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

"Before I found printmaking, and more specifically linocuts, I always had this control problem," Gibbs said. "It took so long to create anything and it completely just ruined it for me because I burned myself out or couldn't get it done on deadline."

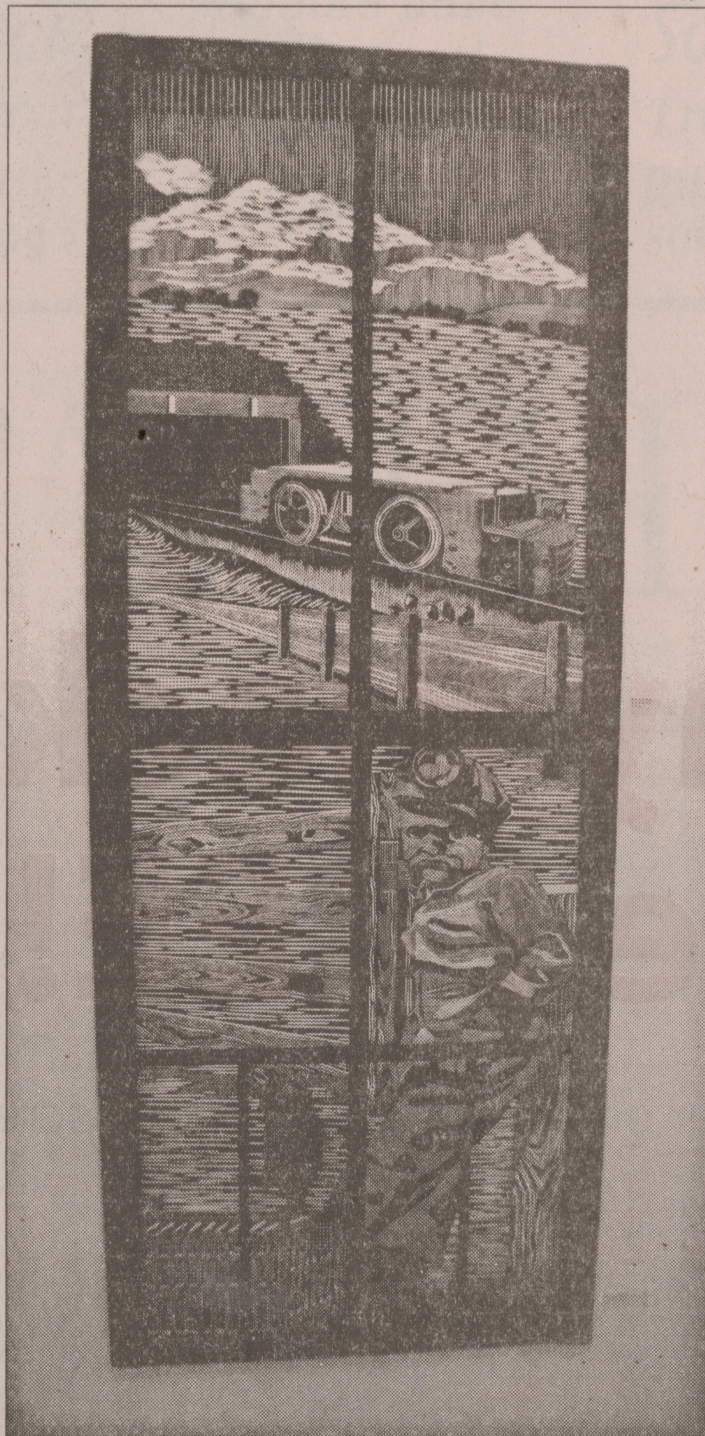
Many of Gibbs' pieces feature birds and windows. She said she started developing a theme around birds last semester and began branching out.

"I started to say 'what can birds do? What can windows do? How can I branch this out?' So I ended up with a complete body of work," she said.

Gibbs said she wants to be rich and famous and not a starving artist. She said she plans to return to school for a master's degree, then begin a career as a museum curator.

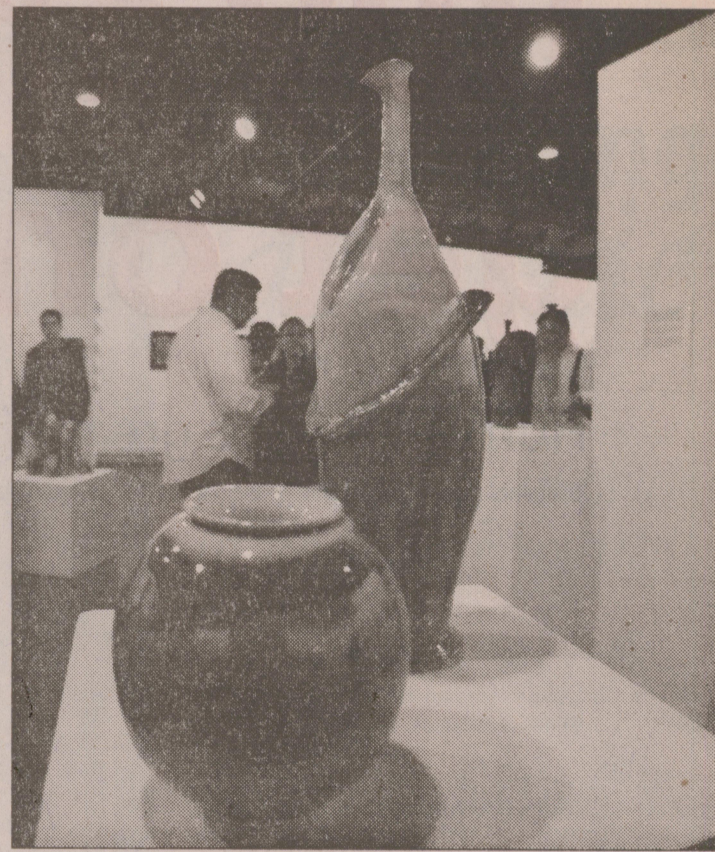
"Hopefully I can do my art on the side and be a professional artist and work at a museum," Gibbs said.

The fourth group will wrap up their capstone exhibition Thursday.



Artworks by five seniors are on display at the fourth senior capstone exhibit at the Birke Art Gallery.

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Senator blasts Guantanamo plan

BY ANDREW O. SELSKY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—President Barack Obama came under fire Tuesday for including \$80 million to close Guantanamo in a massive funding request to fight America's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The \$83.4 billion request to Congress was submitted April 9, when lawmakers were on break over the Easter holidays. Tucked into the 99-page bill were a few paragraphs about Guantanamo — including a request for funds for foreign countries that accept prisoners. U.S. efforts to have other countries take in detainees have largely been a flop — stoking fears the men will end up in America.

"The administration needs to tell the American people

what it plans to do with these men if they close Guantanamo," U.S. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said on the Senate floor Tuesday. He pointed out that two years ago the Senate voted 94-3 against sending detainees to the U.S.

McConnell opposes closing Guantanamo.

"Foreign countries have thus far been unwilling to take them in any significant numbers," he said. "And even if countries were willing to take them, there's an increasing probability that some of these murderers would return to the battlefield."

Military Families United, a military family advocacy organization, predicted the inclusion of money to close Guantanamo in the war-funding request "will significantly delay the passage

of this legislation and delay our troops from getting the funding they need and deserve."

"Funding for our troops cannot be made contingent on funding for an unrelated and politically divisive issue like the closure of Guantanamo Bay," the group said.

McConnell spokesman Don Stewart said Republicans are looking at ways to strip the Guantanamo money from the funding bill. There is no move afoot to block the entire funding bill because "this is money for our troops," Stewart said.

Obama seeks \$30 million in Justice Department funding to shut down the Guantanamo detention center, review U.S. detention and interrogation procedures and fund future litigation.

MANIACS

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accounting major and Maniacs president, has been with the organization for three years and said that although the turnout was low, he hopes more students will get involved with the Maniac program and participate in sporting events.

"I'm pleased that the amount of people that showed up were the people who made it every event this year," Mahone said.

Mahone said when he joined the organization there were more than 150 students involved. The Maniacs have over 850 members this year.

"I love Marshall and I love the Maniacs but we need student involvement," Mahone said.

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includes people who have never visited a soup kitchen before for help. Ash said when someone loses their job and applies for food stamps, it takes a couple of weeks for the family to start receiving benefits.

"Families cannot wait a couple of weeks to feed their children," Ash said. "They are turning to food pantries and soup kitchens in the meantime to ensure they have food."

Ronda Crouse is one person who is using the Huntington City Mission for help through a hard time. Crouse said she has been depending on the Huntington City Mission since De-

cember, when she was released from prison. She has not found a job yet.

Crouse said times are hard, but she is getting a lot of support from the services the city mission has to offer.

"Other than eating here, I use a service called the Harmony House," Crouse said. "This is a place where we can have dental work done, have coffee and this program helps us look for a place to live and work."

Crouse said she has established a lot of relationships through the city mission and the services have helped her and others immensely.

Pam Thomas is a public relations major. She can be reached at thomas281@marshall.edu.

Have an event for the
... weekly calendar?

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Honors Student Association sponsors 5K run

THE PARTHENON

For the first time, Marshall University Honors Student Association is sponsoring a 5K run at 8 a.m. April 25.

According to the race pamphlet, early registration for the race ends Wednesday. Registration costs \$10. Late registration lasts until the day of the race and costs \$15.

The pamphlet says the 5K will begin and end at the Big Sandy Superstore located on Third Avenue. The course is flat, which makes for a good source of exercise for walkers and runners of all

capacities.

The pamphlet says all registration fees will be used to fund a new scholarship in remembrance of an honors student who passed away last fall. Funds generated will help the Marshall University Honors Program continue to grow and allow for the student's memory to live on in the community and on campus.

The pamphlet says the age divisions will be as follows: 19 and under, 20 - 29, 30 - 39, 40 - 49, 50 - 59 and 60 and up. A top male and female will win overall. There will also be a male and female winner from each

Sierra Coalition hosts Earth Day events

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Sierra Student Coalition will celebrate Earth Day today with a variety of events on campus.

The Sierra Student Coalition is a student organization dedicated to improving the university's energy consumption and implementing recycling programs.

The events will kick off at 11 a.m. today on Buskirk Field with music from the Good Ol' Boys and a Girl, a local bluegrass band. Organizations devoted to sustainability will be

present on Buskirk Field, along with composting demonstrations and poster displays until 2 p.m. on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

Highlights of the day's events include updates about recycling on campus and the student initiated Green Fee as well as presentations by representatives from the Mingo County JOBS project and the Coal River Mountain Watch.

For more information on the University's Earth Day events, contact Lauren Kemp at 412-735-9492.

Trip to France offered during spring break

A recruitment meeting for a week-long trip to Paris next spring break will be hosted at 8 p.m. Thursday in Smith Hall 411. The trip is open to students, faculty and alumni.

The trip costs \$2,301 for participants and \$2,301 for those over 24.

A \$95 enrollment fee is due upon enrollment for the trip.

Lauren Prone, representative from EF Tours, will be available during the meeting to answer questions and assist with signing up for the trip.

Refreshments will be available at the meeting.

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