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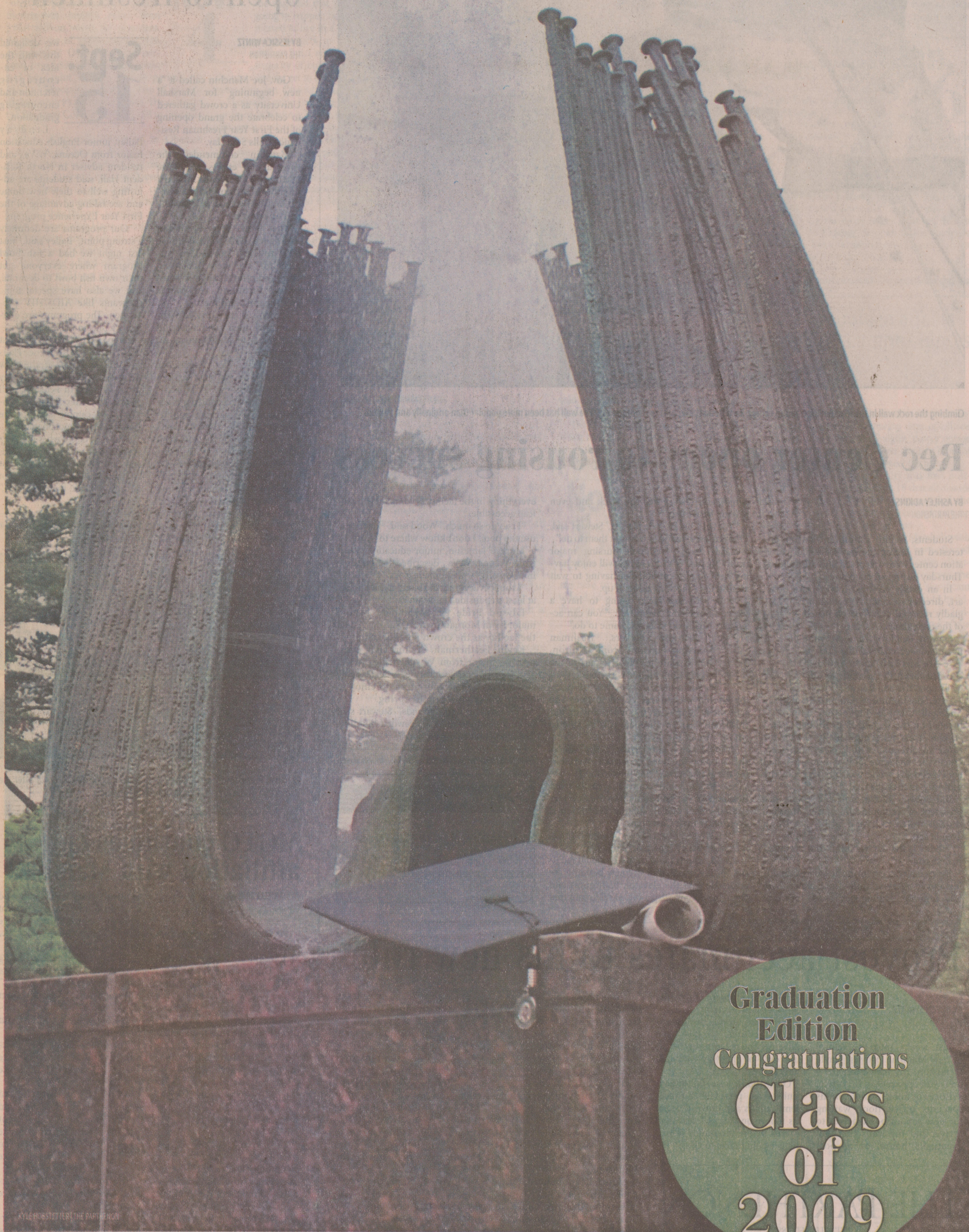
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Graduation  
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Congratulations  
**Class  
of  
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## Nearly 2,600 students to graduate from Marshall University

Nearly 2,600 students will graduate from Marshall University on Saturday, May 9 when the university celebrates its 172nd commencement at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m.

Among the 2,592 students receiving degrees are 1,457 undergraduates, 970 graduates, 52 from the School of Medicine and 113 who will receive associate degrees.

Registrar Roberta Ferguson said 535 students will graduate with honors. Eighty-three will graduate summa cum laude (3.85

to 4.0 GPA), 169 magna cum laude (3.6 to 3.84 GPA), and 270 cum laude (3.3 to 3.59 GPA). One student receiving an associate degree will graduate with high honors, and 12 associate degree recipients will graduate with honors.

Marshall will continue a practice that began in 2006 of recognizing individually each graduate who attends commencement. Each graduate will walk to the area in front of the stage, where his or her name will be announced and he

or she will receive congratulations and a scroll from the Marshall Alumni Association. Anyone who has earned a degree since July 2008 may participate in commencement.

Marshall also will recognize its graduating honor students during commencement. Based on tentative grade point averages calculated through seven semesters, nine students have completed or will complete their baccalaureate degrees with perfect 4.0 GPAs. One already is assured

of a 4.0, while the other eight — all May graduates will learn their final GPAs after commencement.

Former Marshall football and academic All-American Chad Pennington will deliver the commencement address and receive a Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree. Pennington, well known for his charity work, leadership, community service and philanthropy, currently is the starting quarterback for the NFL's Miami Dolphins.



# >>> A year in... Marshall Changes <<<



CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Climbing the rock wall in the Marshall Recreation Center, Zach Beckett prepares to reach the top. The wall has been more popular than originally anticipated.

## Rec Center opens to rousing success

BY ASHLEY ADKINS  
THE PARTHENON

Students, faculty, alumni and anyone interested in seeing the new Marshall recreation center were welcomed into the building Thursday during an open house.

In an overly crowded lobby, Dave Stewart, director of campus recreation, gladly received everyone on behalf of the recreation center.

Stewart, employees and everyone in attendance chanted the famous "We Are Marshall" cheer and then counted down the seconds to officially open the building at 2 p.m.

After the countdown, approximately 25 Marshall Campus Recreation employees located on the second floor lounge tossed several stress relieving balls in the air for those in attendance to collect and keep. Once the welcome and countdown had concluded everyone was free to roam the building as they pleased.

Bill Bissett, chief of staff and senior vice president of communications, said Marshall students voted to have a facility like this a decade ago.

"Today is the day we fulfill that promise," Bissett said.

Everyone was exploring the entire building and in every section of the center there was a group scoping out a new piece of

equipment, testing out the track and even playing basketball.

"The students are here playing," Stewart said. "They're doing just what we want them to do."

Kandi Stepp, freshman nursing major from Oceana, W.Va., said she will enjoy having new equipment and not having to wait around for a machine to open up.

"We're never going to have a problem," Stepp said. "You can actually do what you came to do."

Brittany Bowers, freshman nursing major from Kidron, Ohio, said her favorite part of the recreation center is the basketball court because she will be playing in the intramural co-ed league. She said she is happy that it opened during her freshman year because she will be able to get full use of the facility.

"It looks like it never existed," Stepp said as she stood on the third floor track overlooking the gym courts. "This is amazing."

Josh Wood, senior counseling major from Romney, W.Va., said going into the new recreation center and looking at everything is even better than Christmas.

"This is better than I've ever imagined. This is more than what I expected," Wood said.

Wood, who is handicapped, said all facilities for the disabled in the new building are great. He said the elevator, bathrooms and changing rooms are roomy. He also said that

everything in the facility is completely handicap accessible.

"I can do so much," Wood said. "I can even use the pool. I don't know where to start."

Morgan Jameson, junior education major from Vienna, W.Va., described the building in one word — phenomenal.

"I think every student should use it once or at least step inside," Jameson said.

Edward Pride IV, sophomore history major from Morgantown, W.Va., described the facility as the crown jewel of campus.

Kevin Leatherman, senior civil engineering major from Wardensville, W.Va., said he thinks the facility is indescribable and wishes he had more time to enjoy it, but he will graduate in the spring.

"We want to make friends," Stewart said as he looked around the crowded building. "And look how many we have."

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### >>> Editor's Note

By the end of April, nearly 70,000 people had used the Recreation Center. The facility has yet to be officially named.

## New residence halls open to freshmen

BY JESSICA WINTZ  
THE PARTHENON

Gov. Joe Manchin called it "a new beginning" for Marshall University as a crowd gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the First Year Freshman Residence Halls Saturday.

Manchin commended the construction efforts that have taken place on campus in recent months. Manchin said the project finished ahead of schedule and on budget.

The First Year Freshmen Residence Halls, which house 800 students, opened in August for the new incoming class and offer a range of amenities, including classrooms and theatre equipment.

Students share a private bathroom with their roommate and have access to study lounges on each floor.

The First Year Experience program offers support services and programs that help freshmen find success during their first year of college. It is specifically designed for those students who are transitioning from high school to college.

"We want these students who come in not only finish their first year, but their second year and work to complete their degree," Marshall University President Stephen Kopp said. "The most important part of this project is

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we designed this with the idea of encouraging retention and encouraging graduation."

Lindsay Bailey, junior English education major from Oceana, W.Va., and resident adviser in North Resident Hall, said students are adjusting well to their new home and are taking advantage of the First Year Experience program.

"Our programs are definitely a strong point," Bailey said. "Just last night we had a fish bowl program where everyone got their own fish bowl to decorate, and we also have special topic programs like AIDS/HIV prevention. The programs are definitely a plus in the building."

Kopp said he believes the First Year Experience Residence Halls and the addition of the new wellness and recreational facility slated to open in February will promote a better sense of community on campus and provide a more social atmosphere.

"Most certainly what happens in the classroom is very important, but it is also important to have activities and sense of purpose outside the classroom," Kopp said.

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RICK HAYE | FOR THE PARTHENON

Marshall President Stephen Kopp gives a tour to Gov. Joe Manchin after the dedication of the First Year Freshmen Residence Halls.

## MCTC continues cutting affiliation with Marshall

BY DANIELLE JORDAN  
THE PARTHENON

Finalization of the separation between Marshall Community and Technical College and Marshall University will result in MCTC losing the Marshall name.

The split was approved at the MCTC Board of Governors meeting March 12, but with that approval came the stipulation of the Marshall name being removed from Marshall Community and Technical College Agreement was reached between the two institutions that the name to be removed by July 1, 2010.

The West Virginia state legislature split all community and technical colleges from four-year institutions throughout West Virginia in 2001. The passing of House Bill 3215 brought about the split between MCTC and Marshall University.

Keith Cotroneo, president of MCTC, said students who are set to graduate this spring will not be affected by the name change.

"Students who are enrolled by June 30, 2010 will still have Marshall on their diploma," Cotroneo said. "After that, Marshall has to be taken out."

MCTC alumni who have the Marshall name on their diplomas will not be affected by the

removal either. Cotroneo said it might follow the example of another community college split by legislation to find a new name for MCTC.

"We've talked about using a consultant like Blue Ridge (from Weyers Cave, Va.) did," Cotroneo said. "The consultant would come in and take surveys from students, faculty and community members."

Cotroneo said the community and technical college is trying to keep the acronym MCTC.

"I think board members recognized the time we've spent branding the name MCTC," Cotroneo said. "We would like to try to keep it."

The MCTC split from Marshall University has been a source of confusion for students.

The MCTC Board of Governors announced at its meeting Feb. 20 that the split has been settled. However, some students are unaware of all the facts behind the split. Terry Collison, early childhood education and American Sign Language major from Point Pleasant, W.Va., said she knew about the split, but hadn't heard any more information from MCTC.

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## Provost acclimates to his new role

BY DEVEN SWARTZ  
THE PARTHENON

Just weeks into the tenure of new Marshall provost Gayle Ormiston, the transition period is still apparent in his office.

Boxes of books still lie on his spacious office floor waiting for new sets of bookshelves to arrive, and the walls that will eventually house art or por-

traits are still barren in white paint with green trim.

While he awaits his house-keeping chores, he has been extremely busy learning the ins and outs of the way Marshall runs things.

Ormiston, whose full title is senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, began his tenure on Aug. 19, less than a week before thousands of students would return to class.

It was impossible to begin his job sooner, Ormiston said, because he needed to help his former employer, Kent State, transition to a new associate provost for faculty affairs and curriculum. Ormiston held that position since 2002 as part of a 19-year career at Kent State that included a six-year stint as the chair of the Department of Philosophy.

Marshall announced Ormiston's hiring in a July 10 press release, giving him and Kent State about six weeks for the transition.

Despite the short prep time, Ormiston said he already feels comfortable in his new role.

"It's not, 'when will I know about the university?' I already know about the university," Ormiston said. "I understand how universities work. They're not that different from one another."

Ormiston received his B.A. in philosophy from Kent State

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in 1972, his master's in philosophy from Kent State in 1973 and his Ph.D. in philosophy in 1981.

Ormiston took over the provost position from Dr. Sarah Denman, who retired in May after 33 years at Marshall, including the last nine as provost. Ormiston said he had a chance to meet Denman only briefly, but has heard from many in the Marshall community that she was loved on campus.

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### >>> Editor's Note

After getting acquainted at Marshall, Ormiston focused his attention on student retention and was vital in restructuring summer schedules because of budget concerns.

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# Retiring professor wins award

BY RYAN BLOOMFIELD  
THE PARTHENON

Forty-two years of work can gain someone valuable experience, but for one professor at Marshall, it has gained something more.

Art professor Michael Cornfeld has worked hard and dedicated valuable time as professor and faculty member for four decades, and it has finally paid off.

Cornfeld will retire from Marshall June 30, but still plans to remain involved with the art department.

After many years of teaching and volunteering with a variety of organizations such as the Huntington Museum of Art and the Marshall Artist Series, Cornfeld has won The Herald-Dispatch Award for the Arts. The award is one of five Citizen Awards presented annually by The Herald-Dispatch to honor citizenship, volunteer efforts and accomplishments in business, athletics and the arts. Cornfeld said he was shocked to win such an outstanding award.

"I was very surprised," Cornfeld said. "This is sort of the icing on the cake for my career, and a very rich icing I didn't expect."

Don Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts, has worked with Cornfeld for more than 10 years and nominated him for the award. Van Horn said he nominated Cornfeld because he has given 42 years of his life to the arts in Huntington.

"Michael has been a steady and positive presence in the community, not to mention the university, and that is worth recognizing," Van Horn said. "The College of Fine Arts is a vital part of the arts scene in our region and Michael's recognition simply underscores the importance of the role the college has in the quality of life in the Tri-State."

Cornfeld grew up near Syracuse, N.Y., and graduated from high school in Owensboro, Ky. He came to Marshall in 1967 as an assistant pro-

fessor and has been teaching drawing and weaving since then. He has created art throughout his life and has helped students gain confidence and passion about their works.

Many of his pieces have been displayed at the Huntington Museum of Art, the Culture Center in Charleston and the Birke Art Gallery. He also has works on display in Chase Bank on Fifth Avenue and Java Joint on Third Avenue. In January, the Birke Art Gallery displayed "The Michael Cornfeld and Alumni Exhibition" that included drawings created by Cornfeld and artwork provided by more than 25 of his former students.

He has been the associate dean for the College of Fine Arts since 2004 and served as the chair for the Department of Art and Design. He started at the Huntington Museum of Art museum in 2001 as a volunteer docent and has been a member of The Huntington Museum of Art Board of Trustees and Collection Committee for more than seven years.

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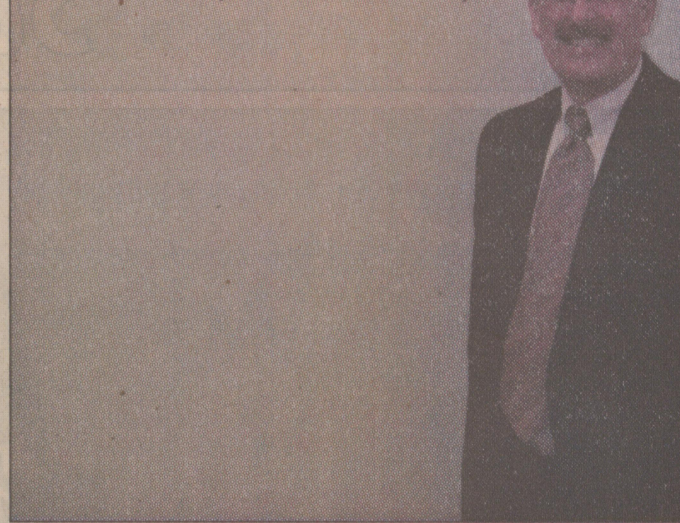


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Michael Cornfeld, retiring arts professor, received The Herald-Dispatch Award for the Arts for his exemplary work as a volunteer and proponent of the arts in the community.



RICK HAYE | FOR THE PARTHENON  
The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's new teaching and clinical center is unveiled. The building was named in honor of Sen. Robert C. Byrd's wife, Erma Ora Byrd.

## Byrd addresses Marshall for opening of new teaching, clinical center

BY DAVE TRAUBE  
THE PARTHENON

It is difficult to travel anywhere in West Virginia and not see a federally funded project Sen. Robert C. Byrd has not had a hand in bringing to the Mountain State. Marshall University honored Byrd on Thursday by naming the new clinical center in honor of his late wife, Erma.

Confined to a wheelchair at age 91, Byrd's mere presence in Huntington was enough to cause multiple standing ovations and countless rounds of applause from more than 200 people in attendance at the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center. The senator even showed his sense of humor by shouting out, "Yeah, Nick!" when Marshall President Stephen Kopp introduced fellow state politician Rep. Nick Joe Rahall.

Rahall talked about Erma Byrd's legacy. Rahall said she,

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as well as all wives and mothers, were important caregivers and if she were alive today,

she would approve of her husband's actions. Rahall speculated that she would say, "Job well done, big daddy," in reference to Byrd's work around West Virginia.

When it was finally time for Sen. Byrd to address the crowd, he began feebly but seemed to gain strength as he went along. Byrd's words transferred the audience's focus from his aged body to his powerful intellect and jovial nature.

Many of Byrd's remarks were on the importance of good health and health care.

"Good health is the greatest of God's blessings," Byrd said. "It is my hope that this new \$23 million clinical center will pro-



RICK HAYE | FOR THE PARTHENON

Sen. Robert C. Byrd raises his arms in celebration at the dedication ceremony for the new teaching and clinical center for the medical school.

vide the tools needed to make a significant difference in improving the quality of life for all West Virginians."

Joaquin Llado, first year medical student from Beckley, W.Va., said it was a great honor for Byrd to take the time to speak to students and faculty.

"This building was a great help for us," Llado said. "The learning and teaching opportunities that it provides are unique and something you can't get anywhere else."

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MARILYN TESTERMAN-HAYE | FOR THE PARTHENON

## Tail of the tape

Earlier this year, the Marshall University Alumni Association teamed up with university personnel and the Huntington community to raise money for a "Marco Make-Over." The money raised was used to redesign two new Marco uniforms at a cost of \$9,000. Marco's latest design change was unveiled at the Homecoming game against UCF on Nov. 15. Marco is now more muscular than the previous design. A poll was conducted at marshallparthenon.com the week of Marco's new unveiling. 487 responders did not like the new look, 71 enjoyed Marco's new style and 25 did not care. Despite early impressions, Marco is growing on the Marshall faithful.

### Clothing

**Old:** Known for Marshall T-shirts and football jerseys. Often lacked pants, but he is a buffalo.

**New:** Has three outfits: football jersey, basketball warm-up gear, and a formal white tuxedo.

### Feet

**Old:** Hooves, making walking up and down arena steps a concern.

**New:** Tennis shoes for mobility.

### Overall look

**Old:** More of a cuddly look. Darker eyes. Flat, rounded hands.

**New:** Large brown eyes, longer snout and nose, claws for hands (for whatever reason).

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## Student Achievement &lt;&lt;&lt;



At the Empty Bowls event, Mrs. West Virginia International Misty McMinn and WCHS reporter Bryant Somerville pass out soup to patrons.

## Empty Bowls raises hope, money for area food bank

THE PARTHENON

Huntington Area Food Bank Director Jon Rickey couldn't stop smiling Tuesday.

Nearly 800 students and community members from Huntington attended the sixth annual Empty Bowls event at the First Presbyterian Church, according to a news release. The event raised nearly \$18,000 for the Huntington Area Food Bank, a nonprofit food distribution center that provides food to soup kitchens, emergency relief shelters and other hunger programs throughout the Tri-State.

"With the economy the way it is right now, words cannot express how elated I am at the turnout we have seen," Rickey said. "I'm thrilled at what the Marshall stu-

dents have done to help feed the hungry people, because that's what this is all about."

This year's event raised the most money for the food bank since its inception, according to campaign organizers. The total donations to Empty Bowls surpassed the goal of \$12,000 for 2009. Students from the College of Fine Arts and W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications helped organize the event.

Rickey said this was a record turnout with 300 more people attending this year than last year. The doors opened to the public at 10:30 a.m. and closed at 3 p.m., and anyone who donated \$12 received a soup lunch donated by

area restaurants and a ceramic bowl, handmade by students in the Keramos Student Pottery Guild at Marshall.

In addition to receiving lunch, the nearly 800 people in attendance at Empty Bowls had the opportunity to bid on dozens of items at a silent auction. Some of the items included gift baskets from local businesses, sports memorabilia autographed by Marshall athletes and coaches and even signed photographs of Brad Paisley and Taylor Swift.

Rickey said last year's campaign received more than \$9,000 in donations, and with an increase this year in bowl sales alone, it will only make the Huntington Area Food Bank's job as well as his own that much easier in feeding the 85,000 to 90,000 hungry people living in the Tri-State area.

## New SGA president elected

BY LOGAN BUSH  
THE PARTHENON

Speaking to friends, family and supporters, Student Body President Sean Hornbuckle promised in his inaugural address that voters were correct in electing him into office.

"We (Hornbuckle and Student Body Vice President LaShawna Sampson) assure you that you made the right choice and one year from now I promise, you will be glad you made that decision to check Hornbuckle/Sampson," Hornbuckle said.

Hornbuckle gave his predecessor, Matt James, responsibility for giving him the

confidence to run for president.

"He told me coming into the job that I had the qualities to be president and that's why he wanted me to be his vice president," Hornbuckle said. "Working with Matt James last year was a blessing."

Hornbuckle served as student body vice president for the 2008-09 academic year and has been involved with the Student Government Association throughout his career at Marshall.

Hornbuckle said he and Sampson have goals they would like to achieve during their administration and will follow examples from last year to

achieve those goals.

In what has become somewhat of a tradition, Hornbuckle concluded his inaugural address as he has every SGA Senate meeting this year with a few inspirational quotes, or "Sean's Words of Wisdom" as they have come to be known.

"I pledge to you that I will do my best in making sure that I seek your input and concerns in trying to make this a better experience for all of us," he said.

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## Notable Quotables A year in Marshall Quotes

**"I wanted to come do this because I feel very plugged into the educational endeavors of the university."**

CNN Reporter and Marshall Alum Joe Johns after speaking to SOJMC students.

**"We are here to remember the lives of those who died way too young. If we stop celebrating, their memory is lost."**

President Stephen Kopp during the annual shut down of the Memorial Fountain.

**"The show was great. It's a beautiful theater and a really well run show. I'm just grateful that I could come."**

Comedian Jim Gaffigan after his show at the Keith Albee theatre on Oct. 1.

**"I will always be WE ARE MARSHALL for the rest of my life."**

Ernest Makulilo, Professor of Global Connections: Discover Africa

**"I think board members recognized the time we've spent branding the name MCTC. We would like to try to keep it."**

President of MCTC Keith Cotroneo, on being forced to change the name of MCTC.

**"I'm having a hard time finding the words to describe it."**

Daniel Hager, coordinator for the Marshall University Students for Barack Obama after Obama was announced 2008 president-elect.

## Miss W.Va. comes home

BY MYRIAH HISAM  
THE PARTHENON

Eight days straight without seeing the light of day is not something you'd expect from a beauty queen, let alone anyone else.

But for Marshall University graduate Jessi Pierson, that's exactly how her trip to Las Vegas went — eight days of working dawn to dusk in darkness plus 10 more of what she calls the best experience of her life.

Pierson was crowned Miss West Virginia USA, which led her to the Miss USA 2009 pageant in Las Vegas on April 19.

She said the first six months of her reign was to prepare for the Miss USA pageant and said when she got there, it wasn't anything close to a vacation.

"It was hard work the entire time, we didn't get a break at all," Pierson said. "It was crazy because sometimes we were busy until like two in the morning then we'd be up again at five."

All that practice paid off on the final night when Pierson was first named to the top 15 and then to the top 10.

"My entire goal was to make the top 15 and everything after that was icing on the cake," she said.

Pierson was also named Miss Photogenic, which was voted on by viewers weeks before the competition, based on photos posted online.

"It was the people in West Virginia and all of my support back home that voted for me," she said. "So winning photogenic was huge for me."

"I tried, I won and I bawled my eyes out," she said.

Pierson will continue to represent West Virginia until she crowns the new queen in October. She said she plans to return to Marshall to get her master's degree.

"I got a few contacts after the pageant of different modeling agencies that were interested in me," she said. "So I'm going to get in contact with those connections, but until then, I'll be substitute teaching in Cabell County."

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# Student goes walking for Darfur

BY MEGAN BRYANT  
FOR THE PARTHENON

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In an attempt to feed her passion for helping others, a sophomore nursing major from Huntington created an unofficial student group at Marshall University that aims to increase understanding and raise money for the victims of the genocide in Darfur.

Kati Bailey, creator of The Darfur: Breaking the Silence, said the main goal of the group is to educate, not only Marshall students, but also people of the community about what is going on in Darfur.

"I want to raise awareness of the crisis in Darfur," Bailey said. "I hope that they will want to help out and become a part of it."

Darfur is a region in Sudan about the size of Texas. In 2003, two groups rebelled against the Khartoum government. The government launched a campaign in response that affected millions of innocent civilians.



BAILEY

The 2 million civilians who fled from the genocide rely on help from international aid to survive.

That is where the group Darfur: Breaking the Silence works to help out.

"It isn't right that people have to die and no one cares because of where they live," Bailey said.

An event that the group sponsored was the barefoot walk.

Members of the group and others who wanted to participate walked on campus barefoot for an entire day.

The group did this in an attempt to raise awareness of how the refugees of Darfur walk barefoot every day.

All the proceeds raised went to help feed the children of Darfur and send 100 pairs of shoes to refugees.

Bailey said she was hoping a lot of people would come and gain from the experience.

"It is to literally educate everyone in the community and show how they can make a difference,"

Bailey said.

She said people want to help out and contribute, but that they don't know how, and that is what the group is designed to do.

"We provide people with a way to make a difference," Bailey said.

The money will be used to send rice and water to the refugees.

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## Editor's Note

Kati Bailey continues to organize events to support the cause of helping Darfur. In April she helped organize the event "Be Hope 2 Her," in which she led over 109 female students in carrying buckets of water in a walk around campus. The event was to bring awareness to the lack of clean water in the Darfur area. She will be traveling to Swaziland, Africa on May 29 and will stay until July 29.

# Homecoming 2008



AUDREY HAMOY | THE PARTHENON

Students show off floats in the annual Marshall Homecoming Parade. Student organizations shared the roads with the year's homecoming court, led by Ms. Marshall Stephanie Perry and Mr. Marshall Sean Hornbuckle.



ANDREW RAMSPACHER | THE PARTHENON

Luke Strimer, left, Jimmy Mathias and Peter Underwood, make up the Herd Hooligans, the make-shift cheer section that brought noise to Marshall's home softball games.

# Herd Hooligans bring noise, funk to softball

BY JONAS SWECKER  
THE PARTHENON

They have appeared at every Marshall University softball home game this season, making as much noise as they can to bring excitement to other fans and the home team.

Their names are Peter Underwood, Chris Andrews, Luke Strimer and Jimmy Mathias, collectively known as the Herd Hooligans.

Their tools of the trade include a bass drum, turkey call, cowbell, a makeshift snare drum fashioned from an old frying pan and their voices. Their cheering section of choice has taken root just beyond the left field wall at Dot Hicks Field.

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"Basically this all started because Jimmy, Chris, Luke and myself, who are the original Hooligans, all go to FCA on Tuesday nights," Underwood said. "Coach (Shonda) Stanton and her husband, Joe, head up FCA. Quite a few of the girls come out,

so we thought it was only right to come out and support them because we're good friends."

According to its Web site, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is the largest Christian sports organization in the world and reaches out to 356,250 people on 7,125 campuses.

Marshall head softball coach Shonda Stanton said she thinks the

Hooligans are having a positive impact in more ways than just pumping up the team and the crowd.

Underwood is from London England, which is where he said the Hooligans get their soccer inspiration.

"We have a lot of soccer fans and we always take drums out to the matches," he said. "We make a lot of noise and sing a lot of chants and it really brings the team up."

Herd senior left fielder Rachel Sofie said she enjoys having all of the noise going on while she's on the field.

"I think it definitely pumps me just to have people out there supporting us and going crazy like we do," Sofie said.

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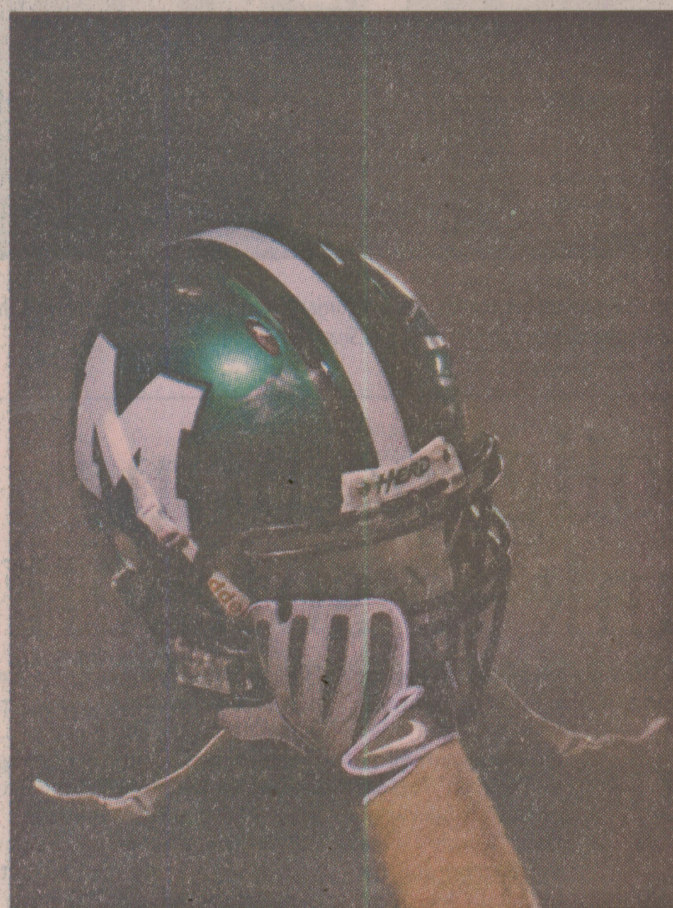
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## >>> A year in ... Herd sports

### Marshall defeats Houston at home



The Thundering Herd football team donned green helmets in its 37-23 win over Houston on October 28.

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER  
THE PARTHENON

After three straight losses, Marshall head football coach Mark Snyder changed the Thundering Herd's identity before the game started — literally — with green helmets. His players then went out and changed the direction of Marshall's season.

Backed by astingy defense and a ball control offense, the Herd stymied Houston 37-23 Oct. 28 in front of 20,716 in attendance at Joan C. Edwards Stadium to climb right back into the race for the Conference USA East Division crown.

After stopping a high-octane Houston attack on its first possession, Marshall took over its second possession on its own 18-yard line with 10:41 to play in the first quarter.

What transpired was a 13-play drive taking 5:32, highlighted by nine running plays and topped off with a Craig Ratanamorn 28-yard field goal.

"If you look at the ebb and flow of the game, the offense was controlling time of possession, and we were able to stay fresh," Snyder said. "I felt that was a big key tonight."

The Cougar offense showed its first signs of life midway through the first half, when junior kicker Ben Bell booted a 22-yard field goal,

finishing a 12-play, 64-yard drive.

Four minutes later, junior kicker Craig Ratanamorn tacked on his third field goal of the first half giving the Herd a 16-3 lead heading into halftime.

Going with the theme of the night, it was the defense who set up the Herd offense early in the third quarter when senior linebacker Maurice Kitchens picked up a mishandled handoff in the Cougar backfield and took it the other way for 80 yards.

Houston made the game interesting late in the fourth quarter with a 59-yard Keenum touchdown toss to Kierrie Johnson and a 2-yard run by Bryce Beall. But in the end, it was too much Marshall offensive firepower for the Cougars to catch up.

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Oct. 28

#### >>> Editor's Note

The 2008 Marshall football team concluded with a record of 4-8 and sixth place finish in the C-USA East Division.



Marshall senior forward Markel Humphrey kisses the middle of the Cam Henderson Center floor after his final game March 4 against Rice. Humphrey is the only player in Marshall basketball history to be ranked in the top 20 for accumulating more than 1,300 points, 600 rebounds and 100 assists.

### Humphrey's full court stunner lifts Herd to win

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD  
THE PARTHENON

Some trends are worth sustaining. The 4,634 in attendance at the Cam Henderson Center on Jan. 21 saw living proof of why Marshall's series with SMU has featured margins of victory by a mere 2.3 points.

The Marshall men's basketball

team extended its winning streak to 4-0 all time against SMU by way of a last-second shot from three-quarters court to take a 53-50 decision over the Mustangs in thrilling fashion.

Senior forward Markel Humphrey's 3-pointer, reminiscent of last season's buzzer-beater from Mark Dorris, sealed the win for the Herd from an esti-

mated 75 feet.

"I didn't even know. I just threw it up," Humphrey said. "I just got the rebound and I thought the clock was running out and I heard Pitts yelling at me so I took a couple dribbles and just threw it up."

Marshall put the first points on the board with a layup from junior Tyler Wilkerson. SMU quickly answered with a 3-point shot by Derek Williams. Marshall built as much as a nine point lead despite a somewhat slow and low-scoring first half for both teams.

Scoring went back and forth until SMU tied the game at 38-38 with a layup from Paul McCoy.

The game was tied again at the 8:18 minute mark and SMU built a five point lead. Lutz and Mouhammad Faye made 3-pointers to tie the game for the final time with 1:48 remaining. The Herd and Mustangs had several missed shots in the closing seconds leading up to the game-winning 3-pointer by Humphrey.

SMU head coach Matt Doherty said the series with Marshall has elevated to a rivalry status because of such close games.

"I'm proud of my team," Doherty said. "We had a winning performance, we just didn't win the game. I thought we had a great second half and showed some toughness."

Marshall head basketball coach Jones said no one else is more deserving of such a win than Humphrey.

"He's worked so hard and he's been through a lot of stuff here injury-wise and he continues to come out and just fight, fight, fight," Jones

said. "That's by far the longest shot I've ever experienced that somebody's made."

The challenging schedule has also given the team more motivation and reason to believe in themselves, Jones said.

"We've been talking to those guys about faith, about believing and about working hard and things will come," Jones said. "You get on runs, when you can

stop pushing that steel ball back up the mountaintop. Instead of just falling down and its got you on your back, you've got to fight and just keep pushing it up to the top and that's what this team's working on."

For Humphrey, the victory will be preserved in another form: the basketball that made the game-winning shot.

Holding the ball in his lap, Humphrey smiled and said, "I'm keeping it."

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#### >>> Editor's Note

Humphrey's buzzer beater was one of eight basketball highlights in the running for Pontiac's Game Changing Performance. The Thundering Herd finished the 2008-09 season with a 15-17 record, falling 60-59 to Rice in the C-USA Tournament opener.

### Keener, Soor and Schmitt reflect on years with Herd

BY JONAS SWECKER  
THE PARTHENON

As the regular season for the Marshall tennis team came to a close Saturday with wins over Louisville and Pittsburgh, so did the regular season careers of three accomplished seniors.

Jessica Keener, Karolina Soor and Kellie Schmitt were honored prior to their final home matches of their accomplishments during their tenures at Marshall.

"It's been a great class. It's been more than we could have asked for," said Marshall head coach John Mercer. "They are all great student-athletes on and off the court. We'll really miss them."

Keener, Soor and Schmitt, who is ranked No. 76 nationally, dominated the season closer with a 4-3 win over Louisville and a 6-1 win over Pittsburgh.

"It's been so fast," Soor said. "It's hard to understand that it was my last home match. I was really excited to play and it was good to finish it off

with four good wins. I've tried to work really hard since the first day I came and always do my best and I think it's really paid off."

"We had a big crowd to hear all of our accomplishments we had," Schmitt said. "It's been a good four years for all three of us. It's pretty exciting and sad at the same time, but we were trying to have a lot of fun with it."

Keener also won a doubles match against Pittsburgh with teammate Deanna Bailey and finished off her senior season with a singles win of her own.

"It kind of finally hit me that we were seniors," Keener said. "It was a nice moment to be recognized for accomplishments here. I will definitely miss it."

As of the final home match, Keener stood at No. 13 in career singles, tied at No. 16 in career doubles, No. 21 in career doubles percentage and tied at No. 18 in

combined winning percentage. She is also a three-time recipient of the ITA All-American Scholar Athlete award, two-time Conference USA All-American Team and the 2007 C-USA academic medal honoree.

Soor stood at No. 11 in career singles, No. 6 in career doubles, No. 13 in career doubles percentage, No. 6 in career victories and No. 15 in combined winning percentage. She has been selected C-USA Player of the Week twice in her career and has earned the doubles team all-conference C-USA honor and the doubles team of C-USA championship award following last season.

Kellie Schmitt, who has been ranked nationally in singles play for three years, has also had an impressive career at Marshall. She ranks at the top of the Herd record book in three of the six categories.

Schmitt is No. 1 in career singles victories with 126, career singles per-

centage with .780 and career overall victories with 234. She is also tied at No. 2 with Anna Mitina for career doubles victories, No. 9 in career doubles percentage and No. 3 in combined winning percentage.

Schmitt has participated in the NCAA tournament for three seasons and is a three-time recipient of the C-USA Player of the Year honor. She also won the C-USA Freshman of the Year award and was honored with the Dr. Dorothy Hicks Award for Marshall University Female Athlete of the Year in 2008.

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#### >>> Editor's Note

Herd tennis fell to Tulsa in the C-USA quarterfinals, concluding the 2008-09 season with a 14-11 record.

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# Handy's heroics send Herd to Conference USA semis

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER  
THE PARTHENON

**NEW ORLEANS**—Some 10 minutes after the shot of her life, Chantelle Handy was still breathing heavy and her hands were still vividly shaking.

Handy drained a 17-footer with three seconds remaining in overtime to give No. 7 Marshall a dramatic, come-from-behind 72-70 victory over No. 2 UTEP in a Conference USA quarterfinal game at Fogelman Arena on Friday.

"It's March," Handy said ever so nonchalantly about her late-game heroics. "We have to step up especially in a game like that. It's an amazing feeling."

After turning a nine-point deficit into a one point lead in a span of six minutes with an electrifying 18-7 run, the Herd allowed UTEP's two-time C-USA Player of the Year Jareica Hughes

to drive the length of the floor and lay in an uncontested gimme with six seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 59.

And then came overtime.

March 6  
Marshall drew first blood when Handy finished a perfectly executed play off the extra session's tip. But on the ensuing Miner possession, the Herd may have suffered its biggest blow. Senior guard Casey Baker, who knocked down two clutch 3-pointers to ignite Marshall's late rally before overtime, was called for a reach-in foul. It was Baker's fifth.

As she left the floor, her hands were cemented on her head in bitter frustration. That could have been her last image in a Marshall uniform. But her teammates weren't about to let their lone senior go out like that.

Looking like the savvy player she replaced, freshman guard Tania Wal-

ters laced a 12-footer within 90 seconds of entering the game to move Marshall to within one after UTEP had gone on a mini 7-2 run.

But the roller coaster ending continued as the Miners' Fannie Goodwin put back a Hughes' misfire into the net to extend the UTEP lead to 68-65. The ice water in Handy's veins started to show next when Alix Barnette found the Durham, England, native wide open in the left corner for a 3-pointer that had money written all over it. The Herd and the Miners were tied at 68.

Next came a Marshall defensive stop followed by a Tynikki Crook lay-in with 52 seconds remaining that gave her team a slim two-point lead until Hughes threw another thorn in the Herd's side some 20 seconds later.

Showing incredible body control, Hughes hung in the air just long enough to draw contact and a foul on a missed 3-pointer from the left wing. The 75 percent free throw shooter hit just two of three, forcing another tie

and setting up Handy's dramatics.

Walters found her open in nearly the same spot Barnette hit her just minutes before. And with one flick of the wrist, Handy sent Marshall into the C-USA semifinals.

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FILE PHOTO BY CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON

Junior guard Chantelle Handy scored 15 points against UTEP on March 6.

## Nothing soft about Marshall softball

BY DAVE TRAUBE  
THE PARTHENON

An 8-4 conference record has the Marshall University softball team sitting in third place in the Conference USA standings. In a conference known for its competitiveness, there is nothing soft about this year's softball team.

An example of this is the team's ability to bounce back from losses, demonstrated March 14 when the Herd fought back from a 7-0 deficit in game one of its doubleheader against Miami before finally losing 8-6; followed by a 10-1 Marshall victory in game two.

The team went on an offensive explosion in the second contest, batting .500 for the game while holding the RedHawks to only three hits in 16 at-bats.

Leading Conference USA with a .305 team batting average, the Herd has been getting it done offensively all season. The offensive production doesn't just come at the plate, however, as Marshall has also stolen 94 bases this year-55 more than its opponents.

"If you look at our numbers, anyone can steal a base," assistant coach Amanda Williams said. "That just creates pressure (for other teams) and there are a lot of options that we have."

The aggressive play has paid off so far this season for Marshall. On a team that has only 26 home runs, as opposed to UTEP's league high of 52, speed makes up for lack of power.

"(Team speed) is something that we are trying to get back to," Williams said. "That's the type of ball that we like to play here; that aggressive 'go get it' style."

Another reason the offense has been so good is the selective eye Herd hitters have at the plate. Marshall has only struck out 130 times this season, which is 70 less than its opponents. In a game known for stats, it's hard not to put two and two together when taking a look at the team's offensive numbers.

Not to be left out, the pitching staff has also played well for Marshall. The staff has a team earned run average of 3.06, and gives the coaches plenty of variety to choose from.

"We have three different pitchers that have three different styles of pitching," Williams said. "Caitlyn (Jackson) throws a little bit harder. Katie (Murphree) has a great curve and then you have Autumn (Mitchell) who comes with a back door curve that makes hitters

look kind of silly."

To be the catcher for such a diverse group of pitchers is a job in itself. It's a foundational position for a team that values taking care of the ball on defense and making plays.

Freshman catcher Rebecca Gamby said adapting to different styles of the pitching staff has been a bit of a learning curve but has come easier with time.

"It's always rough in the beginning when you're first trying to figure out each pitcher," Gamby said. "You get used to your pitchers and you know what they want to throw and you know what to expect from them."

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March 15

### Editor's Note

Herd softball defeated UCF 2-1 in the opening round of the C-USA Tournament on May 7. The Herd fell to Tulsa on Friday by a score of 6-4. Marshall finished the season the season 31-19.

## From the stands to press row

My room is full of memories.

Those memories are in the form of stat sheets, box scores and media guides I've collected since January. I can pick up any of them and instantly recall what the game was like, who had the best night and the best quotes from the postgame press conference.

Those items will forever preserve the semester where I lived my dream as sports editor.

Within 48 hours, I saw Markel Humphrey shoot a 74-foot-buzzer beater worthy of No. 1 play on SportsCenter, and I interviewed eventual Super Bowl champions Doug Legursky and Byron Leftwich in Pittsburgh.

I traveled to Memphis, Tenn., in March with assistant sports editor Dave Traube and photo editor Carrie Kirk to cover the Conference USA men's basketball tournament. Although the Herd's season ended all too soon with a first round loss, I will never forget the amazing ribs we ate at Blues City Café, the humor of lodging at Court Street Inn and

the lofty view from the overflow press seats in the FedExForum. My first road assignment fueled my desire to travel frequently in my long term sports writing career.

The "finale" of my endeavors was the Green and White game on April 26, featuring recognition of the 1999 Herd and a well-received speech by Chad Pennington. It was my first time in the Ernie Salvatore Press Box and hopefully not the last.

This semester brought new friends from my sports staff. I commend them for their motivation and ever present "go-to" attitude. I established contacts with several coaches and athletes and I hope I served them well. I also gained colleagues from working alongside veteran journalists whose articles I have read regularly in the three years I have lived here.

The ups and downs were well worth it because I thoroughly loved my job. I look back with no regrets and the knowledge that I gave complete effort from beginning to end. That being said, I believe there is still much more I have left to accomplish.

My byline will still be around, although my coverage will be different. As for the press box, I will be back.

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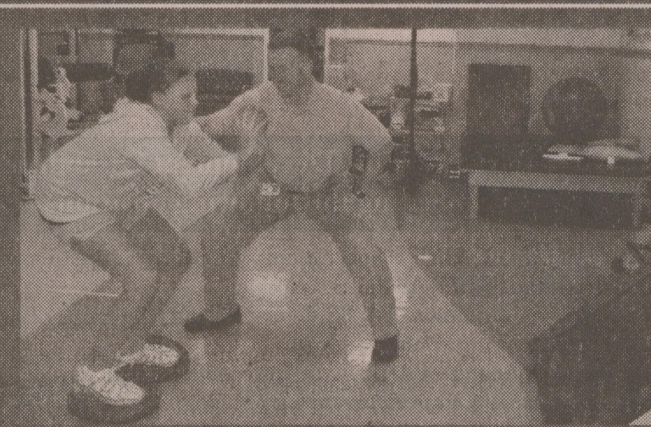
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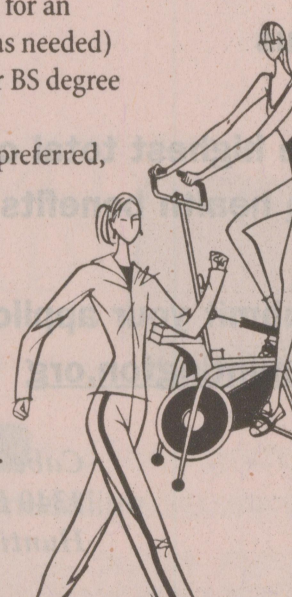
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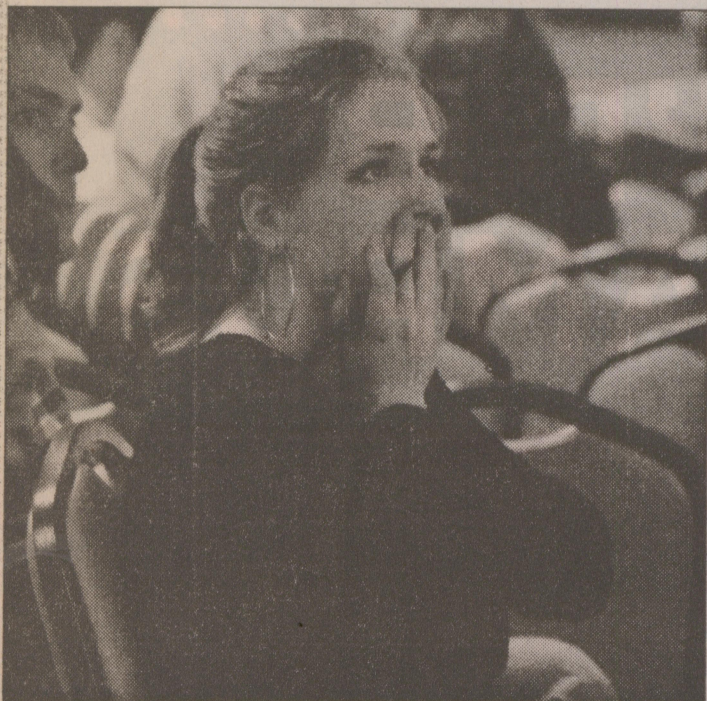
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## Film screening causes controversy



PHOTOS BY CARRIE KIRK | THE PARTHENON  
Briana McElfish, senior psychology and counseling major from Scott Depot, W.Va., shows shock at the pro-Palestinian film "Occupation 101."

BY AMANDA WHITE  
THE PARTHENON

The showing of a controversial documentary at Marshall University has caused concern throughout Huntington's Jewish community, despite attempts by the College of Liberal Arts to create an unbiased academic forum.

The documentary entitled "Occupation 101: Voices of the Silenced Majority" has won multiple awards at film festivals but has also been criticized by the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America as an overly biased film.

To protect against a biased event, COLA showed a second movie entitled "The Case for Israel: Democracy's Outpost." Marybeth Beller, associate dean of COLA, also created a panel of

three Marshall professors who answered questions following each film.

The panel included David Mills, associate professor of history specializing in Middle Eastern history, Richard Garnett, associate professor of sociology who teaches classes in Holocaust studies, social movements, genocide and social theory and Stephen Cooper, associate professor of communication studies who specializes in media analysis. Beller will serve as moderator.

"Occupation 101" was shown at 7 p.m. April 2 and "The Case for Israel" was screened at 7 p.m. April 7. Both films were shown in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center.

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## Financial crisis affects unemployment rates

BY DIANA CALLE  
THE PARTHENON

As the country faces an economic crisis, students can also be affected now and in the future.

Harlan M. Smith, economics professor at Marshall, said the current economic crisis would affect Marshall students in two key ways: jobs and access to credit.

"When it comes to jobs, the economy will likely experience slow growth and rising unemployment into the near future," Smith said. "This means fewer job opportunities for students while in school and fewer job opportunities after graduation."

Stratford Douglas, associate professor of economics at West Virginia University, said unemployment might be a problem in the future.

"Conventional wisdom now is that we're not going to be looking at Great Depression levels of un-

employment, which was around 25 percent, but it might be around 10 percent which does mean hard times," Douglas said.

Smith said in case of a stock market crash, students should prepare by settling their credit card debt. As financial institutions struggle in today's economy, credit card companies may decide to raise interest rates, raise minimum payments due or reduce credit limits in the hopes of earning more profit, Smith said.

"Now it is not the time to run up more credit card debt," Smith said. "Now is the time to pay off your credit card debt as much as possible."

"Credit card debt is the most expensive kind of debt that you can have, so that needs to be paid down," Douglas said.

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## Green fee passes with 69 percent of student vote

BY HANNA FRANCIS  
THE PARTHENON

Forget the white — Marshall is going green.

While the results for Mr. and Ms. Marshall will not be announced until the homecoming game, the result of the green fee was announced Nov. 11 when the polls closed at 4 p.m.

Students got the chance to vote on the campus wide recycling initiative Nov. 10 and Nov. 11 when they logged into MyMU to cast their homecoming ballot. According to results, 2,479 students voted — and the response was yes.

According to Student Government Association bylaws, 66 percent of voters must vote yes for the fee to pass. SGA President Matt James and Dean of Students Steve Hensley said the green fee passed with 69 percent.

"Marshall is doing something the EPA says no one else is doing," Lalena Price, the university's communications coordinator, said. "We're giving the students a voice and a vote."

Price said Marshall is the only college where students have proposed a fee like this, voted and then passed it.

A member of the Sierra Student Coalition contacted Price, who is now the chair of the Marshall University Green Committee, for help in the early stages of the plan, but Price said the early stages weren't that long ago.

"We're really proud of our students," Price said. "They worked extremely hard in a short period of time to educate their peers about the green fee."

Lauren Kemp, member of the Sierra Student Coalition, said her brain was still trying to process the victory of the vote.

The number for yes votes was 1,717, while 762 students voted no.

Full-time, fee-paying students at Marshall can now expect an extra \$5 tacked onto tuition per semester starting in the fall semester.

Hensley said he estimates there are 10,000 full time, fee-paying students on campus. That means next semester, in addition to a \$65,000 grant James said the university has been approved for, the recycling initiative will have \$115,000 in the bank to get this movement going.

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## Obama reads book by professor

BY HANNA FRANCIS  
THE PARTHENON

One professor at Marshall University has the ear of President-elect Barack Obama, figuratively of course.

Jean Edward Smith is the John Marshall political science professor at Marshall and an esteemed biographer. His latest book, "FDR," has gained national attention after being mentioned by Obama.

In an interview on "60 Minutes" Sunday, Nov. 17, Obama opened up about a book he is reading in preparation for the White House.

"There's a new book out about FDR's first 100 days," Obama said. "And what you see in FDR that I hope my team can emulate is not always getting it right, but projecting a sense of confidence, and a willingness to try things."

Obama did not say the title of the book or who authored it, leaving Internet bloggers and newspapers to speculation.

According to The New York Times, a spokesman for Obama

said Monday that Obama was referring to two books. One of the books was written by Newsweek's Jonathan Alter and covers Franklin Delano Roosevelt's first 100 days in office. The second, by Smith, addresses Roosevelt's

entire run as president, including his administration's task of dealing with the Great Depression.

George Davis, assistant professor of political science at Marshall, said it does not come as a shock to him that Smith's book

would be read by Obama.

"It doesn't surprise me because I think his biographies are pretty well respected," Davis said. "He's gotten a lot of notoriety nationally and internationally."

Davis also said while having Smith here at Marshall is good for the university, it is also good for the students.

"A good thing that he has brought to the university is that he's really allowed his students to participate in the process of his research and thinking through ideas," Davis said.

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# Students react to historic election

BY JESSICA WINTZ  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall students joined the national celebration Nov. 4 as Illinois Sen. Barack Obama was elected the nation's 44th president.

When Obama is inaugurated Jan. 20, 2009, with Delaware Sen. Joe Biden as his vice president, Democrats will control both the White House and Congress for the first time since 1994.

In terms of turnout, Americans voted in record numbers. Rock-thevote.com reports more than 133.3 million voted for president. At the time of publication, CNN.com reports Obama has 53 percent, or 63,896,968 popular votes, and Sen. John McCain has 46 percent, or 56,412,952 popular votes based on 98 percent of the country's precincts tallied. The count in the Electoral College is 349 to 163 in Obama's favor.

While thousands celebrated in Obama's hometown of Chicago, Marshall students celebrated as they watched election results in the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday night.

For Daniel Hager, chapter coordinator for Marshall University Students for Barack Obama, the Illinois senator's presidential victory comes after Hager spent the past year campaigning and working with other students to spread Obama's message for change.

"I'm having a hard time finding the words to describe it," Hager said about Obama's victory. "It absolutely blows me away to just know how far we've come and how much work has

been put into it. I couldn't even believe we had a projected winner by 11 p.m."

Hager said he and other supporters were nervous as the election results began to come in, as members of Marshall University Students for Barack Obama watched with other students gathered in the student center. After Obama was declared the projected winner, he said all of the hard work the group put in was worth the time and effort.

"I was always cautiously optimistic," Hager said. "I never wanted to get cocky; I never wanted to assume this was in the bag and that this was definitely going to happen because we are very blessed to live in a democracy where everyone gets to make their own choice. But I am so thankful that a majority of our country has made a decision and we get to experience at least four years with Sen. Obama as our president."

Hannah Taylor, freshman psychology major from Wheeling, W.Va., said while she did not get actively involved in campaigning for Obama, she is pleased with the results.

"There was such an excitement in watching history happen," Taylor said. "Even if you didn't vote for Obama, you cannot help but recognize that this generation witnessed one of the most historical milestones in the last few years."

David Miller, junior history major from Charleston said that he and his roommate danced and screamed for joy in their apartment when they heard Obama's announcement.

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SUDREY HAMOY  
THE PARTHENON  
A student colors in states as results are announced on Election Day.

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BY KATIE HARPER  
THE PARTHENON

A mounting blanket of snow and ice and predictions of more to come caused Marshall University officials to close campuses Jan. 26 to ensure the safety of faculty and students.

"Safety of the students is always our first concern," said Bill Bissett, Marshall University chief of staff and senior vice president of communications. "When we hear of these conditions, we immediately begin determining what to do."

Bissett said the mixture of Tuesday's freezing temperatures and a moderate amount of accumulation made campus closure a necessity, not a luxury.

A closure of Marshall's campus is scarce, and Bissett said the last time it occurred was in during former President J. Wade Gilley's time at Marshall University. According to Parthenon archives, the last recorded closure of Marshall occurred in January of 1994. The winter storm caused a two-day cancellation.

"It's a great rarity for us to close," Bissett said. "We'd rather be open to the students, but the late afternoon freezes assured us we made the right decision."

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## Power outage affects classes, campus closes

BY DEVEN SWARTZ  
THE PARTHENON

A power outage at Marshall made it two consecutive university operating days of missed classes. Both Sept. 22's lengthy power outage and Sept. 18's 15-hour power drought brought university activities to a screeching halt.

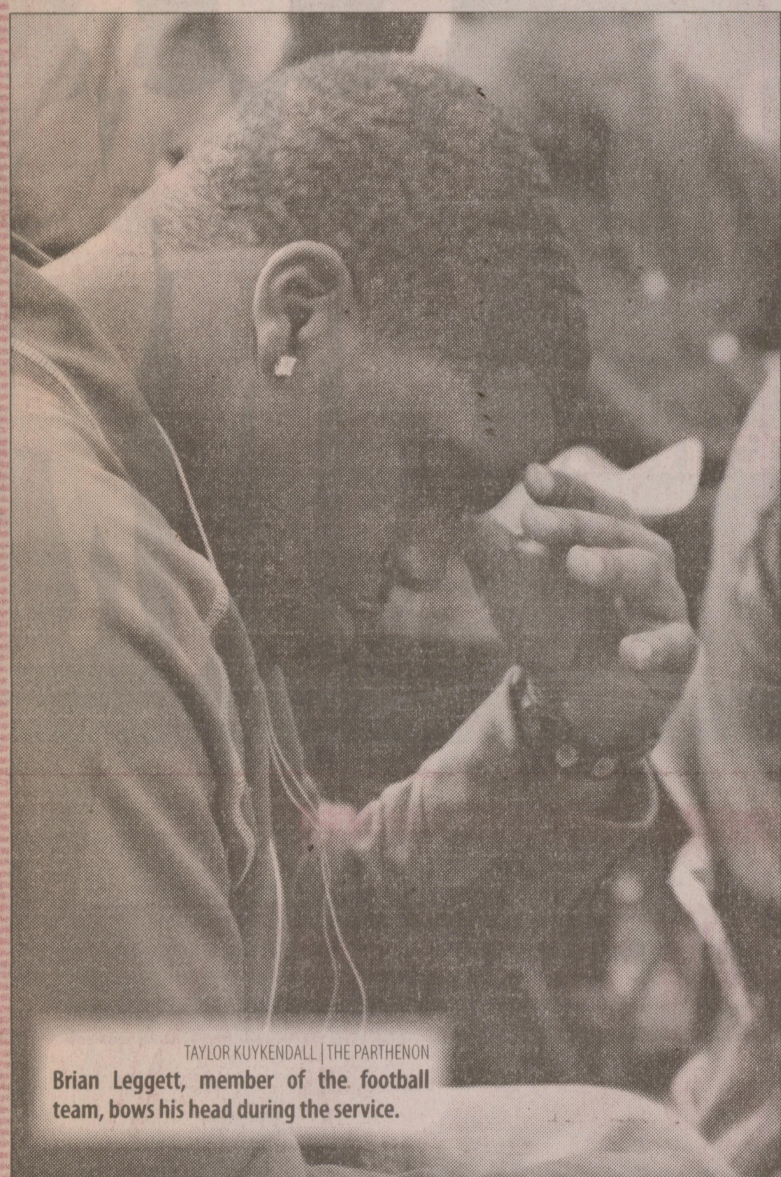
The Marshall community was first notified around 1:30 p.m. Sept. 18 that all classes were canceled. The university notified the media, sent emergency texts and put up signs on doors around campus.

Appalachian Power serves Marshall with four circuits, and both outages have affected the same circuit so far, Mark Cutlip, director of the physical plant, said. However, the affected circuit is Marshall's most significant electrical artery, supplying power to 15 buildings on the Huntington campus, including all the classroom buildings, some of the residence halls, the Memorial Student Center and the Cam Henderson Center, Cutlip said.

At least two people were reported as stuck in elevators in Twin Towers West, Corbly Hall and Smith Hall when the power outage hit, but they were out within minutes and neither suffered injuries, said Brian Carrico, Marshall director of safety.

The power failure also knocked out three traffic lights on Third Avenue between 18th Street and Hal Greer Boulevard. The rest of the traffic lights surrounding campus, including those on Fifth Avenue, continued working.

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TAYLOR KUYKENDALL | THE PARTHENON

Brian Leggett, member of the football team, bows his head during the service.

## Memorial honors lost

BY TAYLOR KUYKENDALL  
THE PARTHENON

Three brothers and their cousin traveled from New Jersey to Huntington to place a rose at the Memorial Fountain at Marshall University.

Tito Lajterman, Mo Lajterman, Abe Lajterman and Adrian Steingart came to Marshall University's annual memorial service for the 75 Marshall football players, fans, coaches and flight crew who lost their lives in a plane crash 38 years ago on Nov. 14, 1970. They came to honor Marcelo Lajterman, Marshall's former sophomore kicker who died in the crash.

"We drove nine hours to get here, it is very serious to us," Abe Lajterman said. "It's tough. We all get very emotional, but now we have a common goal that we are all able to stay strong for."

The family has started the Marcelo Lajterman Memorial Scholarship Fund. They said they hope to raise money to send an aspiring Division IAA through Division III kicker or punter to college. The family also said it hopes to set up an endowment at Marshall University.

"We always wanted to get closer to our brother," Mo Lajterman said. "As long as we remember, he never dies. As long as we remember, he's still here."

Adrian Steingart said they appreciated the "We Are Marshall" movie, but they wish that it could have been more personal.

"It's all about learning to move on and it helped," Steingart said. "I wish it would have

told more about their lives as individuals, but I understand."

The family placed flowers by the fountain when Marcelo Lajterman's name was called from the list of those memorialized. Then the water, which spouted to the top of the fountain, was cut off for the winter.

Marshall University President Stephen Kopp stressed the importance of the ceremony. "There is a real power in remembering," Kopp said. "We

are here to remember the lives of those who died way too young. If we stop celebrating their memory is lost."

Kopp said the memorial service is not just about honoring the lives of those lost in the plane crash.

"It's very powerful and emotional because we not only see the loss of their life, but how precious life is for all of us," Kopp said.

The family of Marcelo Lajterman continued its remembrance service after the water was turned off. They returned to Holderby Hall, where they were able to see the room where Marcelo Lajterman lived before the crash.

"We are starting to feel like a part of the Marshall family," Abe Lajterman said. "Every year we come here and we learn how to deal with the pain. How to deal with the loss."

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## MU professor discovers dino

BY SOLOMON FIZER  
THE PARTHENON

A professor in the Marshall University College of Science will be credited with the discovery of a new kind of Plesiosaur that was found during his trip to Wyoming last summer.

Robin O'Keefe, assistant professor in the biology department, discovered the remains of a 185-million year old Plesiosaur during his trip to Wyoming Big Horn Basin located near Laramie, Wyo. O'Keefe consistently visited the site for five years before making the discovery.

"I wanted to go out in the desert and search for buried treasure," O'Keefe said. "The real payoff is knowing that you've made a contribution that's going to last after you do. People can talk about this thing 200 years from now but the name is Tatenectes laramienesis O'Keefe."

The name Tatenectes laramienesis originates from Laramie, a town in Wyoming near the location where the fossil was found.

The fossil was named in honor of Marion and Inez Tate who were benefactors of the Tate Geological Museum at Casper College in Casper, Wyo. Tatenectes means "Tate's Diver."

A \$14,000 grant from National Geographic helped fund the project. This Plesiosaur is the first of its kind and National Geographic will credit O'Keefe for the discovery when he submits it for publication.

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## Jim Gaffigan packs Keith-Albee

BY STEPHANIE BARTRAM  
THE PARTHENON

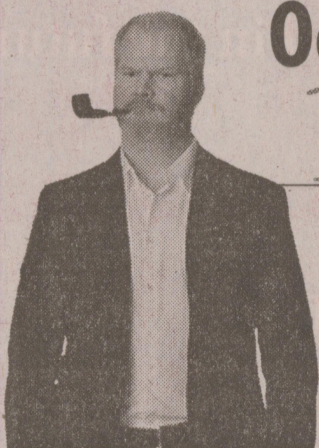
Comedian Jim Gaffigan took the stage "takin' on the man" at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center Oct. 1 to entertain a packed house of 2,400.

The show opened with Gaffigan asking himself a number of questions criticizing his appearance saying, "How large is his head? Is he storing another head inside his head? He could be a mascot," and "I thought he would be paler, at least as pale as that CD where he looks like a pedophile."

Gaffigan also poked fun at his own fame and success of his earlier material.

"When is this guy going to start doing some normal jokes?"

Gaffigan said. "I just came to hear that damn Hot Pocket joke." Gaffigan had the crowd laughing with jokes about escalators, the Waffle House, a medley of



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bacon jokes and jokes about bowling saying, "If you're sweating while you're bowling, you're out of shape. And if you're out of shape and you're bowling, you're probably a professional bowler."

The Hot Pocket jokes, which were the crowd favorites of the night, came from some of Gaffigan's previous material; "I've never wanted a Hot Pocket, then afterward said, 'I'm glad I ate that.'"

Just like every show, Gaffigan stayed to do a meet-and-greet with the audience, taking photos and signing autographs.

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## Board bans animals in campus buildings

BY BROOKS TAYLOR  
THE PARTHENON

Animals are no longer permitted in buildings on Marshall's campus.

The Marshall University Board of Governors voted yes April 30 to policy GA-15, which bans domestic animals in campus buildings.

Marshall University President Stephen Kopp said the policy, which goes into effect immediately, addresses several issues.

"One, it's a public health issue," Kopp said. "The way it has been in the past, anybody can bring any animal into any building on campus. It's also a safety issue because of the fact that as much as we love our pets, pets don't always love everybody."

So I think it's a sound practice."

The policy did not pass unanimously. The faculty representative to the board, Monica Brooks, voted against the policy. "Several members of the faculty had written me letters and called me in regard to the animal policy, so I voted accordingly," she said.

Brooks said there were several concerns from faculty members. "In several departments, there are faculty pets who are kind of part of the department," Brooks said.

She also said there were some concerns about educational

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purposes, especially with early childhood education, an issue Kopp addressed in the meeting.

"I think it is important to emphasize that there is a loophole in the policy that in special circumstances we are in power to make exceptions, so it's not hard and fast," Kopp said.

"We have a child academy on campus and they have projects and programs that involve bringing animals into the classroom," Kopp said. "Clearly they clear it with the parents, but the point is whether they are doing that in the classroom as part of a class project or learning module ... they need permission to do that, and we can grant that."

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