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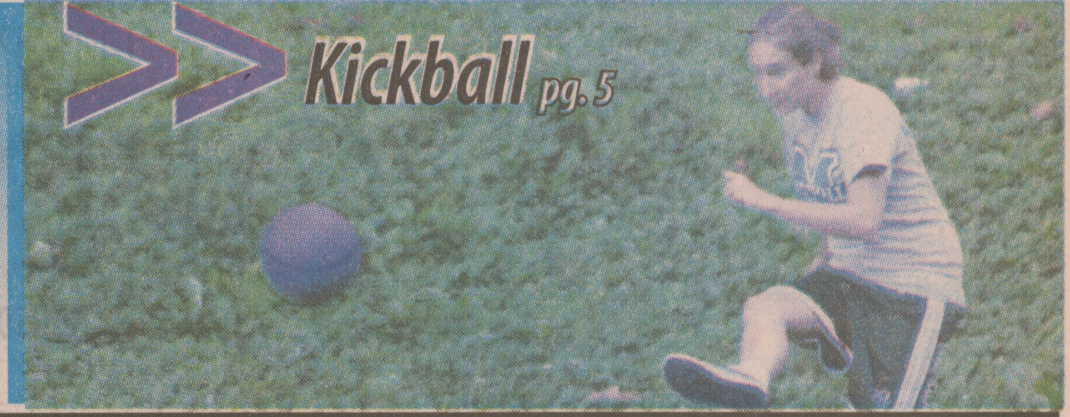
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Campaign launched to cover repair costs

Christian center needs funding to remain open

BY SAMIR ABDEL-AZIZ
THE PARTHENON

The Campus Christian Center board of directors is launching a new \$430,000 campaign in order to repair the facility.

The center hopes to get the money through applying for grants and seeking contributions through the mail.

"When the Christian Center was organized, they had a fundraiser to create an endowment fund," said Travie Ross, office manager of the Campus Christian Center. "The last several years, we have exceeded the income of the center, and the fund was nearly depleted."

An endowment fund is a savings account, which is designated for certain uses such as operating expenses and large repairs.

Ross said the center had just enough money for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters.

She said the money will be used to renovate the bathrooms and the chapel to make them more handicap-accessible.

"It is one of our first priorities," Ross said. "We want everyone to feel welcome and to use our building."

In addition, the center will use the money for roof repair and air conditioning.

The center was built in 1961 and has offices for

six different religious organizations, including Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) and People Reaching Out With Love (PROWL).

"The center has been a great asset to the campus and to my ministry," said Adam Goodwin, director of BCM. "It is good to be where the students are."

Ross said if the new campaign should fail, then the Campus Christian Center will be forced to close.

"All the organizations would continue but things would be very different if the center closed," said Dana Sutton, director of PROWL. "I think there would be a loss. The location is incredible. We are on a regular path between the dorms and the student center."

Sutton said that many students come to the center in times of need, such as when there is a death in the family or after a recent break-up.

Ross said the center has already begun to see fruit for their efforts as it has received a grant from The Huntington Foundation and has also received money from its mail campaign.

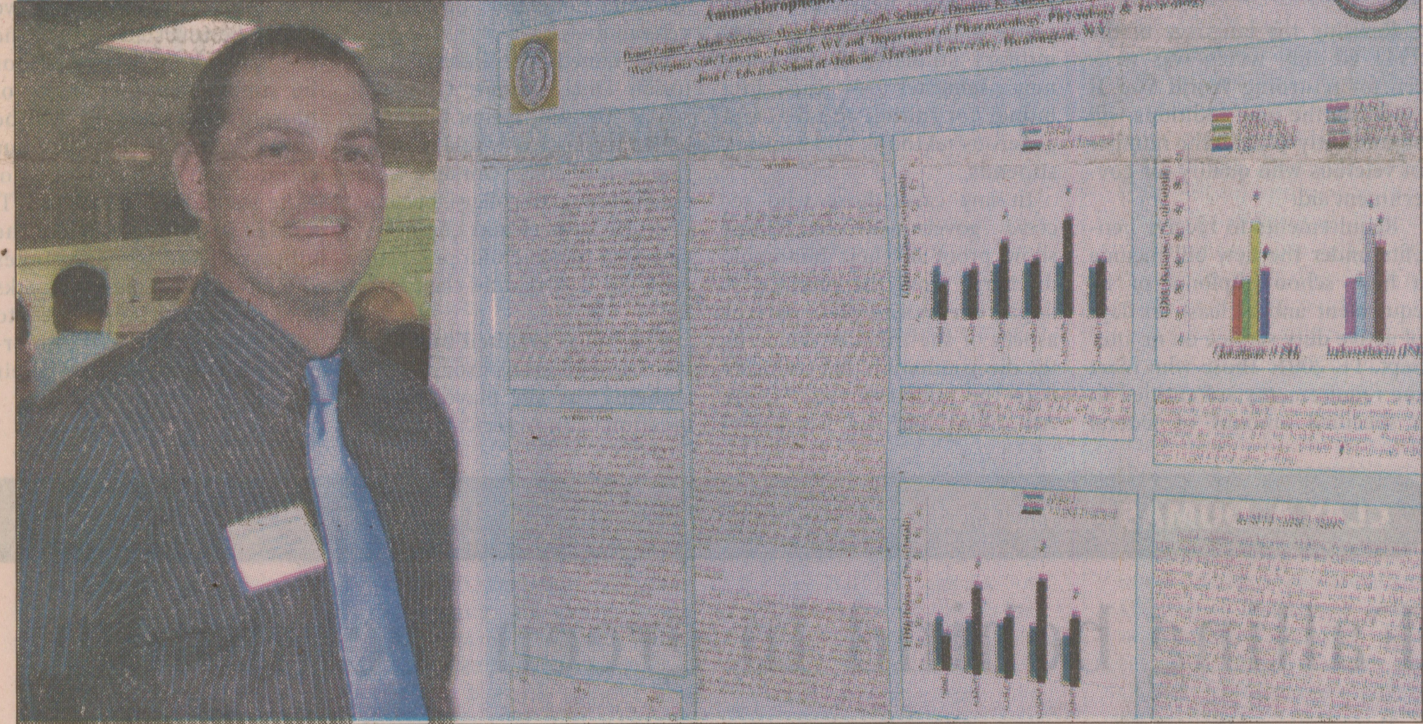
"I'm very surprised," Sutton said. "There have been early substantial contributions, and they have really stood up to meet this need. Things look to be getting better, which is amazing, especially with the economy as bad as it has been. God seems to be blessing us in our efforts."

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COURTESY OF THE CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

The Campus Christian Center launched a \$430,000 campaign to repair the facility, and if they don't get more funding, they will be forced to close after this year.



Dan Palmer from West Virginia State University shows his display for the 8th Annual Summer Research Symposium.

COURTESY OF ELSA MANGIARUA

Marshall hosts Annual Research Symposium

BY SAMIR ABDEL-AZIZ
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University will be hosting the 8th Annual Summer Research Symposium, which is part of the research network called WV-INBRE, today.

The event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be held in the Memorial Student Center. 180 researchers and students from different universities and colleges from around West Virginia will attend the event.

According to the press release, the keynote speaker will be Darryle Schoepp, Ph.D. He is

a former Marshall faculty member who now leads research at the pharmaceutical company, Merck and Company, as the senior vice president and neuroscience franchise head. Schoepp will speak on new drug therapies on the horizon for treating diseases of the central nervous system.

"This is a great opportunity for the state," said Dr. Elsa Mangiarua, symposium coordinator. "This event brings students from all over the state to create friendships and find partners for research."

Mangiarua said that having a partner is essential to getting funds for students to work on their projects.

"Students might not have very many opportunities to collaborate," Mangiarua said. "So this allows people to find the right partners for them."

There will be 66 posters displayed for the event. The posters are large pieces of paper that explain different kinds of research that each individual student did. It contains an introduction, explains what a student did, why a student did what they did, the results of a research and conclusions the student was able to reach using the research.

Mangiarua said the goal of the symposium will be to increase the number of students that do biomedical research by having them interact on an equal level with professors, researchers and scientists.

"For the students, it will be their first time to see scientists," Mangiarua said. "There is such an energy that you get from them. It's palpable. Not only can you enjoy the science,

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Rec center fee raised to cover utility costs

BY SHEA ANDERSON
THE PARTHENON

The recreation center fees increased nearly \$20 this semester to help cover rising utility costs.

The increase was included in the overall tuition increase for the 2009-10 school year. It was raised from \$150 to \$169.50.

"With a building of this size that has tremendous utility needs, such as the water for the pool and electricity for everything from lighting to the number of workout machines within the structure, it is difficult to properly anticipate what all of the utility costs will be," said Bill Bissett, senior vice president of communications and chief of staff at Marshall.

Utility costs for the center from February to June totaled \$56,000. The estimated cost for electricity for the next year is \$124,000, and gas is estimated to reach \$87,000. Dave Stewart, director of the recreation center, said these estimates would exceed the center's budget if costs continued to increase.

"You have to look at it as a startup business," Stewart said. "Starting businesses under any circumstances is difficult, but it's especially challenging in the current economic situation."

Bissett said estimates have been reviewed thoroughly and he is confident the \$19.50 increase will be able to cover the cost.

"Double-digit increases are anticipated in both water and electric costs for our state and it

would be irresponsible to try and raise this fee in the middle of the semester," he said.

Measures are being taken to keep costs down. Stewart said the center is undergoing adjustments to ensure it uses as little energy as possible to maximize savings.

One goal of the updates is to ensure various sections of the center can use different amounts of electricity, so areas of the center that aren't being used during certain times or don't require as much aren't wasting energy.

"We are working with subcontractors to maximize savings," Stewart said. "It will be a sophisticated and complex system."

Though the cost is increasing, so are the offerings at the center. This summer, the facility added a practice field for sports practices. They also began Outdoor Pursuits trips, and the goal is to offer four trips per semester to students.

In the fall, more intramural sports will also be available. Soccer, ultimate disc, kickball and whiffleball are among the tentative offerings. More instructional courses are also expected to be available.

"We anticipate that anybody who has to pay extra might not be happy," Stewart said. "But I'm sure students will realize the benefits are here. It's a quality facility with quality service."

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FILE PHOTO

A student uses the recreation center's climbing wall.

Summer Research Symposium schedule

- 9 a.m. - Registration and Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. - Opening Remarks by Dr. Gary Rankin, Principal Investigator for WV-INBRE
Oral Presentations by WV-INBRE Participants
- 9:45 a.m. - Dr. Robert Harris, West Virginia State University, "Microarray Analysis of Gene Expression in Mechanically Stretched Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells"
- 10 a.m. - Dr. Luke Huggins, West Virginia Wesleyan College, "Using ethnobotany to discover novel cytotoxic compounds from local and tropical plants"
- 10:15 a.m. - Amelia Lloyd, University of Charleston, WV-INBRE Summer Intern, "Proteolysis of MucA and alginate production by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*"
- 10:30 a.m. - Jordan Beckett, West Virginia

- Wesleyan College, WV-INBRE Summer Intern, "Correlations between Chronic Depression and Peripheral Vascular Function: A Translational Approach"
- 11:00 a.m. - Donald Weller, University of Charleston, WV-INBRE Summer Intern, "Nicotinic receptor signaling in retinal angiogenesis"
- 11:15 a.m. - Elizabeth H. Pierson, Wheeling Jesuit University, WV-INBRE Summer Intern, "Comparative Immunofluorescent Analysis of Tumor Cell Leading Edge Properties and Susceptibility to *Pseudomonas Type III Secretion*"
Keynote Speaker
- 11:30 a.m. - Darryle D. Schoepp, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Neuroscience Franchise Head, Merck and Company, "New Drug Therapies for CNS Diseases: What is on the Horizon?"
- 12:25 p.m. Poster Session

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EDITORIAL

Recreational center increase is sad but necessary

While we know that a lot of people may not want to hear this, the recent increase in the cost of Marshall University's Recreational Center should be expected.

The cost of utilities has gone up, however the rec center offers new services, is adding new playing fields and a variety of such things.

Like with any new project, there are wrinkles to be ironed out. One such thing is the cost of powering the facility. The of electricity and other items necessary to the facility's operation amounted to more than expected.

Instead of trying to slide this by or add the cost late, the university should be commended for including the added cost in our semester fees rather than just charging us separately.

After adding the \$19.50 increase to student's fees in a semester, we are still able to utilize state-of-the-art facilities at a price of much less than \$200.

In order to make the rec center a Marshall staple, there must sadly be an increase in cost. With the economy not looking like it'll be getting better any time soon, we will have to make a choice between getting great services for a higher than we like price, or we will have to forgo these amazing new facilities.

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I'M NOT GOING TO LET ANY GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRAT GET BETWEEN ME AND MY DOCTOR!



ROBERTO CERVANTES | Daily Texan, U. Texas

A GI bill for Generation Y

This fall, colleges may find themselves dealing with an issue that's been largely kept at bay for some 60 years. The Post-9/11 Veteran Educational Assistance Act, signed by President George W. Bush last June, will go into effect on Aug. 1 — leading to a massive overhaul of the nation's laws regarding educational opportunities for returning veterans.

Revising the language of the 1944 GI Bill, which was written for returning World War II veterans, the new additions will significantly expand the number of veterans who qualify for government aid.

Requirements to receive benefits under the new bill include a high school diploma or its equivalent and at least 90 days of active duty service on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Those who meet the requirements are entitled to a specified amount of federal

funding that corresponds with the amount of time they served in uniform. A veteran who served for at least 36 months, for example, could receive the maximum amount of benefits, while a veteran with at least a year of duty could receive 60 percent of the benefits available.

Wherever returning veterans fall on the scale, their federal aid will touch nearly every expense of college life that non-military students dread every new semester — including money for tuition and fees and generous textbook and housing stipends.

In any case, those who receive government aid must show proof of their honorable discharge from the military. A largely overlooked yet important aspect of the this law concerns the discrimination that connects it to the military's 1993 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law, which dis-

honorably discharges openly gay and lesbian service members. As Congress and the White House move — ever so slowly — to repeal the discriminatory Clinton-era law, they must remain mindful that the law forbids extending the benefits to the thousands of gay and lesbian veterans who have as much a right to receive government funding as any straight, honorably discharged veteran does.

As famed presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said, "[The bill] meant that blue collar workers, a whole generation of blue collar workers, were enabled to go to college, become doctors, lawyers and engineers, and that their children would grow up in a middle class family."

The bill is credited by historians and veterans groups alike as being the key player in the creation of an American middle

class whose actions continue to affect every following generation. It meant, for example, that going to college after high school would become the norm for many nation's youth, as it is today. As college enrollment boomed in the '60s, it brought with it a rise of student activism that undoubtedly shaped the campus we walk today.

As university students, we should be invested in how the new law is implemented for the simple fact that many of the returning veterans will be in our age range. They are our friends from high school who, while we chose to come to UT, decided instead to enlist in the military. They were the ones who, after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, felt compelled to fight the nebulous and immoral enemy that attacked their nation.

CLAY A. DUMAS | Harvard Crimson, Harvard

Falling behind in green technology

This summer I'm interning at the San Francisco offices of a Chinese solar panel company, which by some measures is the biggest manufacturer of solar photovoltaic panels in the world. For a couple years I have avidly followed the course of climate legislation in the United States as well as in the international community, but getting to watch that debate unfold from within the "green economy" bubble has been an eye-opening experience, made all the more interesting by the fact that my employer is Chinese. In brief, the last couple of months have left me with the strong impression that unless America begins making massive investments in renewable energy and pledges sharp cuts in emissions, we are effectively dropping out of the race to become the world's leading provider of these technologies.

Whatever your thoughts on the causes of climate change, the irrefutable fact is that enough people around the world are sold on the threat of global warming, as well the long term problems from the air pollution, dwindling supply and ever-increasing costs of fossil fuels, that trillions of dollars are going to be spent over the

course of the next century on renewable energy technologies. No country, nor even any American state, can expect to stake a leading position in this emerging industry unless there is a strong base of domestic consumption underpinning the industry. One person who seems to have gotten the message Governor Rick Perry seems to have gotten that message, along with his Republican cohorts in Texas, some of whom remain unconvinced that global warming is even a man-made threat to the planet but are nonetheless aggressively seeking to attract high-tech renewable energy companies.

The U.S. currently trails Japan, Europe, and China in the number of top renewable energy companies. America currently ranks third behind Germany and Japan in installed solar capacity, and is first by a slim margin in installed wind capacity, ahead of Germany, a country with less than a third of our population. The American Clean Energy and Security act (ACES), the federal climate and energy legislation under consideration this summer, which has cleared the House, but is likely to be watered down, if it ever passes the Senate,

would aim for between 12 and 15 percent renewable energy by 2020. If other countries follow through with already-existing commitments, in 2020 we'll be well behind all of Europe, Japan, and China in installed renewable energy (as a percentage of our total energy demand). The company I'm working for, like many solar photovoltaic companies, has relied on sales in Germany and, until the market collapsed, Spain. It is thought that the Chinese market for photovoltaic panels could grow tenfold by 2020.

In the debate over ACES, the Republicans and coal-state Democrats opposing or at least seeking to neuter the legislation repeatedly speak about the competitive disadvantage America will suffer if it takes the lead in fossil fuel regulation, particularly in relation to a still developing country but major rival such as China. The Chinese are actively pursuing a beefed up version of what Republicans like to call an all-of-the-above energy policy. Yes, plenty of coal-fired power plants, but also generous emphasis on wind, solar, and nuclear. It appears as though China will have little difficulty surpassing its 15 percent renewable energy

target by 2020, and will end up closer to 18 percent—between three and six percent more than the U.S. To give just one example, the so-called "Three Gorges of Wind" project—named after the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest—aims to produce 20 gigawatts of electricity by 2020, and is merely one of six similarly-sized projects currently in development. To give you a sense of how big that is, the entire U.S. today has 29 gigawatts of installed wind power. Oil-tycoon-cum-wind-power-magnate T. Boone Pickens' roadmap for energy independence, the "Pickens' Plan," which got so much press last summer, involves only four gigawatts of wind.

America, which only very recently ceded the title of "top carbon-emitter" to China after a century of unchallenged dominance, and is still living down the Bush administration's rejection of the Kyoto treaty, seems poised to position itself as an also-ran in perhaps the most critical industry for the future world economy, despite the best efforts of the Obama administration. It is troglodytes in Congress who are putting America at a "competitive disadvantage" vis a vis China.

Online poll

What do you think about the rec center increase?

A) It's necessary
B) It's unnecessary
C) Little bit of both

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Weekly News Quotation
"Nobody's the boss or the occupier." — U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates on the ground-level relationship between U.S. and Iraqi forces.

Fife and Drum Corps to perform in New York City

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University's John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps will travel to New York City for a performance at the National Flute Association convention's closing ceremonies Aug. 16. The convention begins Aug. 13 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel at Times Square.

"This is an extraordinary honor to be selected to perform before the largest congregation of flutists in the world," said Dr. Wendell Dobbs, professor of music at Marshall and leader of the corps. "We are very pleased the university and its supporters have made this opportunity possible for our students. The convention features back-to-back events on every sort of musical topic. In addition to performing, this is a wonderful occasion for our students to experience a much larger world."

The National Flute Association has more than 6,000 members worldwide and hosts an annual convention each August in a different American city. Organizers believe this year's convention will be one of

the best attended due to the location and the honoring of Sir James Galway with the association's lifetime achievement award.

At the closing ceremonies, the corps will perform a suite of tunes, historical in significance to New York City. "Lafayette's Grand March and Quick Step" was written in 1824 by New York publisher and flutist Edward Riley in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette's triumphal return to America. Arriving first in New York City in August, this hero of the American Revolution visited all 24 states during the course of the following year. More than 60 towns and counties in the eastern United States were named in his honor after the visit.

The John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps at Marshall University was formed in August 2007 as an initiative of the John Deaver Drinko Academy and the College of Fine Arts at Marshall University. The group specializes in music from the era of Chief Justice John Marshall and wears uniforms styled after those of the era of the American Revolution.



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Marshall's Fife and Drum Corps will be performing a suite of New York City historical tunes at The National Flute Association Convention in August.



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Children's musical performance classes offered during the fall

BY SHEA ANDERSON
THE PARTHENON

Registration is open for "Time For Music," classes in the fall, which are offered to children from birth to five years old.

The classes focus on live musical performances as a learning tool.

"The focus is to use music to work on the five domains of development and stimulate children," said Joni Pappas, director of the program. "The main goal is to engage children musically in development and show parents what they can do at home with music throughout the routine of the day."

Classes are available to children in four age groups: babies, toddlers, three's and preschool. They are once a week for 15 weeks beginning Aug. 24, and they last 45 minutes each.

The classes for babies from birth to 18 months are Mondays at 10 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Toddler courses, for children from 18 to 36 months old, are

Mondays at 9 a.m. and 5:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. The three-year-old classes are Monday at 11 a.m. and Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. Children ages four to five can attend the pre-school classes on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

The program is for both parents and children, and the focus is on American folk tunes.

"American folk is very functional," Pappas said. "They're meant to entertain and help children develop and grow. It's become a lost art with music being taken out of the school system. But it's simple and straightforward so it is easy to learn, and it's catchy and easy for an untrained vocalist to sing."

Pappas said the genre also makes it easy for her to perform the music live instead of having to use recorded pieces, though she said she sometimes incorporates classical and jazz songs.

In addition to live music, another element of the classes is using props and dancing to become involved with the music.

Amy Saunders, a parent with two children who have been involved in the classes and will be enrolled in the fall, said both of her children enjoyed playing instruments the most, and they looked more forward to the music sessions than to the sports they play.

"I see a lot of benefit in it for my kids," she said. "One of my children was premature, so it has been a great benefit for his speech. They get to sing and learn different sounds in a fun way. I've seen tremendous progress."

Pappas offered eight five-week sessions during the summer, but there was such a demand for the class that she increased the number of courses to 11. She said she hopes for a similar response in the fall.

Registration is \$150 for those who register before Aug. 1, and \$160 after that date. Parents can register by contacting Pappas at 304-697-0211 or pappasj@marshall.edu.

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Space shuttle inspected before landing

BY MARCIA DUNN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts uncovered no noticeable flaws in the thermal shielding of their ship Wednesday following an in-depth inspection with lasers and cameras.

Flight director Tony Cecacci said a preliminary look at the images beamed down found nothing amiss, and everything was on track for Friday's planned landing. But he cautioned that 20 hours usually are needed to analyze all the data.

The survey of the wings and nose, which took almost all morning, is standard before a shuttle returns to Earth. Endeavour's successful space station construction mission is due to end Friday morning.

NASA wants to make sure the most vulnerable parts of Endeavour's heat shield were not pierced by micrometeorites or space junk during the past two weeks in orbit.

The astronauts used a laser-tipped boom to check for damage. It's the same tool used to check for launch damage early in the flight; nothing serious was detected back then despite an unusual loss of insulating foam from the fuel tank.

NASA added all these extra safety checks when

shuttle flights resumed two years after the 2003 Columbia disaster. A hole in Columbia's left wing, caused by flying foam, led to its destruction during re-entry.

Wednesday's job wrapped up work, once and for all, with the shuttle's robot arm, which held the inspection boom and all the laser and camera sensors.

"It's been a long one," shuttle commander Mark Polansky said, referring to the 16-day mission. "I think we're happy to be done."

Endeavour and its crew of seven left the international space station Tuesday after delivering and installing fresh batteries, big spare parts and a porch for Japan's science lab to hold outdoor experiments. Five spacewalks were carried out.

As the inspection was under way, an unmanned Russian vessel carrying several thousand pounds of water, oxygen and other supplies docked at the station, despite a last-minute problem.

The craft wasn't lined up right for the linkup, so the automatic approach was nixed and commander Gennady Padalka had to manually guide it in. NASA officials said their Russian counterparts would investigate what went wrong.

Mission Control praised Padalka for his "tremendous" effort.

Deal with 'Blue Dogs' sets up health care vote

BY DAVID ESPO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After weeks of turmoil, House Democrats reached a shaky peace with the party's rebellious rank-and-file conservatives Wednesday to clear the cost of a vote in September on sweeping health care legislation.

Bipartisan Senate negotiators reported progress, too, on a bill said to extend coverage to 95 percent of all Americans without raising federal deficits.

"We're on the edge, we're almost there," said Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, the senior Republican involved in the secretive talks, although a fellow GOP participant, Sen. Mike Enzi of Wyoming, dissented strongly.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Finance Committee, said preliminary estimates from congressional budget experts showed the cost of the emerging Senate plan was below \$900 billion and would result in an increase in employer-sponsored insurance — conclusions that may reassure critics who fear a bloated bill that prompts businesses to abandon the coverage they currently provide.

Across the Capitol, House Democratic leaders gave in — at least temporarily — to numerous demands from rank-and-file rebels, so-called Blue Dogs from the conservative wing of the party who had been blocking the bill's passage in the last of three committees.

The House changes, which drew immediate opposition from liberal lawmakers, would reduce the federal subsidies designed to help lower-income families afford insurance, exempt additional businesses from a requirement to offer insurance to their workers and change the terms of a government insurance option.

At their core, both the House bill and the plan under negotiation in the Senate are designed to meet President Barack Obama's goals of spreading health coverage to millions who now lack it, while slowing the skyrocketing growth in health care costs nationally.

Obama has placed the issue atop his domestic agenda, and as recently as two weeks ago was pressing the House and Senate insistently to pass separate bills by the end of July or early August.

The White House issued a statement praising the development in the House, and with appearances in North Carolina and Virginia, the president sought to minimize the significance of the slippage in his timetable.

"We did give them a deadline, and sort of we missed that deadline. But that's OK," Obama said. "We don't want to just do it quickly, we want to do it right."

In his appearances, Obama stressed that any legislation he signs will include numerous consumer protections, including a ban on insurance company denials of coverage based on pre-existing medical conditions. A White House fact sheet left room for insurers to continue charging higher premiums based on prior health problems.

Rep. Mike Ross of Arkansas, a leader of conservative and moderate "Blue Dog" Democrats, said the changes agreed to by the leadership in the House bill would reduce costs in the bill by about \$100 billion over 10 years. But the new break for small businesses, among other changes, also increased costs substantially, so it wasn't clear that the deal actually generated net savings.

While Baucus reported the Senate Finance measure carried a price tag of under \$1 trillion, congressional officials said it included only the cost of the first year of a 10-year, \$245 billion program to increase doctor fees under Medicare. House Democrats used a similar sleight of hand, excluding the entire \$245 billion when claiming their measure wouldn't add to the deficit.

The House deal was worked out over hours of talks that involved not only Democratic leaders

but also White House officials eager to advance the bill. Senior congressional aides cast it as a temporary deal, saying leaders had not committed to support it once the bill advances to the floor of the House in the fall.

As word of the agreement spread, liberals fired back. "We do not support this," said Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., co-chair of the Progressive Caucus. "I think they have no idea how many people are against this. They can't possibly be taking us seriously if they're going to bring this forward."

Plans to convene the Energy and Commerce Committee for a vote slipped until Thursday as leaders sought to allay concerns of liberals.

"We just need to get everybody on board," said Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., who chairs the panel's subcommittee on health.

Whatever the longer-term budgetary or political ramifications, Democrats said the way was now clear for the committee to approve its portion of the legislation, the last step before it comes to the floor for a vote.

"We're hoping to get a bill out before we leave ... this week," said Rep. Henry Waxman, D-California, the panel's chairman.

In the Senate, Baucus, Grassley and two other senators from each party have been negotiating for weeks in hopes of agreeing on compromise legislation. Both men face considerable pressure from their respective parties — Baucus not to stray too far from Democratic objectives, Grassley not to hand the president a political victory.

Republican Sen. Enzi dissented strongly from any impression that a deal was imminent.

"There are big issues that haven't been resolved. We haven't even gotten to the little issues," he told reporters. He also minimized the importance of Baucus' claim, saying the Congressional Budget Office has yet to provide a cost estimate "because no precise bill language is available yet."

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has given Baucus months to see compromise

across party lines is possible, and he told reporters during the day he expects a bipartisan plan to emerge.

The pace of decisions appears to have accelerated in recent days, with negotiators all but settling on a tax on high-cost insurance plans to help pay for the bill, as well as a new mechanism designed to curtail the growth of Medicare over the next 10 years and beyond.

Nor is any bipartisan recommendation likely to include a requirement for large businesses to offer insurance to their workers. Instead, they would have a choice between offering coverage or paying a portion of any government subsidy that noninsured employees would receive.

Like the House bill, the bipartisan proposal under discussion would expand eligibility for Medicaid to 133 percent of the federal poverty level.

It provides for federal subsidies for individuals and families up to 300 percent of poverty, less than the 400 percent in the House measure.

Even if the negotiations succeed before the Senate's vacation, it is not clear when the Finance Committee would vote.

The proposal would have to be blended with a more liberal measure that was approved last month by the Senate Health, Education Labor and Pensions Committee. It would then go to the Senate floor, where Democrats have 60-40 majority rather than the 3-3 lineup that Baucus and Grassley have led for months.

House Republican conservatives, relegated to the sidelines of the debate, unveiled a \$700 billion health care plan with tax credits to help defray the cost of insurance.

The GOP bill also would limit jury awards for pain and suffering, and create new courts with specially trained judges to decide medical malpractice claims.

"We're hoping to get a bill out before we leave this week."

Rep. Henry Waxman
D-California

Slate, McClellan, Harvey tabbed by coaches

2009 Preseason All-Conference USA team features a trio of players from the Thundering Herd



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Three Marshall University football players were named to the Conference USA Preseason all-conference team which was announced Tuesday. Tight end Cody Slate, defensive end Albert McClellan and linebacker Mario Harvey were all voted to the pre-season team by the league's 12 head coaches.

Slate, a senior tight end and Mackey Award candidate, enters 2009 with an extensive resume that includes 2,012 career receiving yards and 19 career touchdown receptions.

The 6-4, 225-pound tight end needs only 88 receiving yards to become the all-time leading receiver among tight ends in school history. On Saturday, Slate was a unanimous first-team All-C-USA selection by league media members in a poll conducted by Ted Lewis of the Times Picayune. Slate and Houston quarterback Kase Keenum were the only two players to be unanimous selections at their respective positions.

McClellan, a senior defensive end, is coming off a season in which he was a first-team All-Conference USA selection. He missed the entire 2007 campaign due to a knee injury. McClellan was voted the 2006 C-USA Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league with 19 tackles for loss and 11 sacks that season.

He enters the 2009 season with 30 career tackles for loss and 17 career sacks. He currently ranks seventh on Marshall's all-time career sack leaders list. McClellan was named first-team preseason all-conference by league media members Saturday and finished

second in preseason defensive player of the year voting.

Harvey, a linebacker who is currently listed as a senior, but expected to earn back a year of eligibility due to his academic progress and play as a junior this season, is coming off of a strong 2008 campaign. Harvey led Marshall with 107 total tackles last season and was credited with seven tackles for loss (-42 yards) and 4.5 sacks. In addition, he intercepted a pass, forced two fumbles and recorded two fumble returns. Harvey was also named to the media's All-Conference USA first-team.

Houston junior quarterback Case Keenum, the 2008 Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year, was selected as the 2009 pre-season favorite to win the award this year. East Carolina senior defensive lineman CJ Wilson was named the preseason Defensive Player of the Year, while Tulsa return specialist Damaris Johnson was tabbed as the preseason Special Teams Player of the Year.

Keenum led Houston to 10 wins and a victory in the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl last season, the school's fourth straight bowl game and its first postseason win since 1981. He passed for more than 300 yards in all but one game last season, leading the nation in total offense (5,241 yards), while ranking second in passing yards (5,020) and third in passing touchdowns (44).

The 2007 C-USA Freshman of the Year completed better than 67 percent of his passes (397-of-589) and averaged 403.2 yards per game. With Keenum calling the signals, the Cougars ranked second in the FBS in total offense

at 569.9 yards per game, while averaging 40.6 points per contest.

Wilson helped East Carolina to back-to-back wins over nationally-ranked opponents to start the season and the school's first Conference USA championship at the end of the season.

He led all Pirate linemen with 70 tackles, tied for the Conference USA lead in tackles for loss with 18.5 and was second in the conference with 10.5 sacks. Wilson added five quarterback hurries, one pass breakup and one forced fumble. A first team All-C-USA selection, he recorded at least one sack in nine games and had five or more tackles on eight occasions.

Johnson, a Freshman All-American last season, set a school record with 1,319 return yards. He was Conference USA's leader for all-purpose yardage with 2,201 yards. Johnson, who was the Golden Hurricane's leading pass catcher with 53 receptions and was second for receiving yards with 743, produced 51 plays of more than 20 yards in his first collegiate season.

He set a new school single-game record for kickoff return yards with 211 yards against UTEP, while returning one kick 94 yards for a touchdown in that game.

East Carolina, which features a league-high three defensive players on the preseason All-Conference team, tied with Southern Miss for the most overall pre-season selections with five. Three of the Golden Eagles' selections came on offense, including senior running back Damion Fletcher, the top returning career rusher in the FBS. Houston and Tulsa each had four selections, while Marshall produced three.

2009 Conference USA football coaches preseason awards

Offensive Player of the Year
Case Keenum, QB, Houston
Defensive Player of the Year
C.J. Wilson, DL, East Carolina
Special Teams Player of the Year
Damaris Johnson, KR, Tulsa

First Team Offense
QB Case Keenum, Jr., Houston
RB Bryce Beall, So., Houston
RB Damion Fletcher, Sr., Southern Miss
OL Sean Allen, Sr., East Carolina
OL Carl Barnett, Sr., Houston
OL Ryan Hebert, Sr., Southern Miss
OL Tyler Holmes, So., Tulsa
OL Dominik Riley, Jr., Memphis
OL Jake Seitz, Sr., UAB
WR DeAndre Brown, So., Southern Miss
WR Tyron Carrier, So., Houston
WR Emmanuel Sanders, Sr., SMU
TE Cody Slate, Sr., Marshall

First Team Defense
DL Anthony Gray, Jr., Southern Miss
DL Albert McClellan, Sr., Marshall
DL Bruce Miller, Jr., UCF
DL C.J. Wilson, Sr., East Carolina
LB Mike Bryan, Sr., Tulsa
LB Mario Harvey, Sr., Marshall
LB Nick Johnson, Sr., East Carolina
DB Van Eskridge, Sr., East Carolina
DB Eddie Hicks, Sr., Southern Miss
DB James Lockett, Sr., Tulsa
DB Andrew Sendejo, Sr., Rice
First Team Special Teams
K Ben Hartman, Sr., East Carolina
P Ross Thevenot, Jr., Tulane
KR Damaris Johnson, So., Tulsa
PR D.A. Griffin, Jr., Memphis

Marshall's Cody Slate attempts to break out of a tackle against Southern Miss. last season. The senior tight end is 88 receiving yards by of Marshall's all-time record for tight ends. He was a preseason all-conference selection.

Promotions continue with season ticket sales down

BY CHRIS DUNHAM
THE PARTHENON

Huntington is a college town, but is it a college football town?

Whether the Herd is storming the conference, or behind the pack, the Thundering Herd Ticket Office in the Cam Henderson Center is still trying to fill the seats of Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

With a strong connection between Marshall University and the people of Huntington, the office knows where it needs to focus its marketing efforts.

"One thing about our community is we don't have a huge target market," said Aaron Goebbel, Marshall's assistant athletic director in charge of ticketing. "Being in the Tri-State area is not a hindrance, but it does effect us. Even if you're two miles away in Chesapeake or in Proctorville or in Kentucky, you still have your state alliances. Even though you're a mile away from Marshall, if you're in Kentucky, you're a UK fan. If you're in Ohio, you're an Ohio State fan."

With a familiar market, but uncertain economy, the ticket office did not change its prices from 2008.

"We stuck with our ticket prices from last year," Goebbel said. "Last year, we had a promotion in the end zone where tickets were only \$88 for the entire season. That's \$50 less than what we traditionally sold them for. We're calling that our 'stimulus ticket.' You can't beat it. There's not a better price in

the conference to see a game."

Though the pricing is consistent, ticket sales are anything but. "Last year, we sold about 13,000 (season tickets)," Goebbel said. "This year, we are probably about 15 percent behind where we were come August 1 last year. August is a big month for us. When camp starts back up and we get articles in the paper about what's going on in camp, we'll get a lot more foot traffic at the ticket office."

Another special the department is offering to first-time buyers in two of the chairback sections is a 50 percent discount on the required \$300 donation to the Big Green Scholarship Fund.

Working with the ticket office in promoting this and other specials is MU's marketing department and the sports information department.

Randy Burnside, Marshall's sports information director, assists by sending news releases and announcements concerning events like the "Select a Seat" events or ticket sales.

The sports information department is continuing to develop its Internet promotions through its Web site and social networking sites.

"It's not just kids on campus (we're trying to reach), it's everyone around the globe," Burnside said. "You look at the growth of Facebook and it's just amazing. It's how people are communicating. Any way you can communicate better with your fans, you should utilize it and do whatever you can

to get your messages out to the different constituencies and that's what we're trying to do."

Burnside noted that the Sports Information Department was exploring new avenues for reaching its publics.

"There are a lot more things we're going to be doing in the future to get messages out," Burnside said. "In the past, it has been our Web site (www.herdzone.com), now it's Facebook and Twitter. There's always something waiting around the bend as far as technology goes."

In the shorter term, the current technologies will be used to spread the word about the next "Choose a Seat" event, expected to take place in mid-August, and more surprises on the horizon.

"The event will be like a fan fest," Goebbel said. "Right now, it's still all in the works, but we're looking at inflatables, giveaways and some t-shirts around a scrimmage. We've got some other ideas out there that, once we finalize them, I think the fans will really appreciate them. Hopefully we will get a good crowd out there for the Choose a Seat and the scrimmage."

With an uncertain economy and a team that has won just 22 games the last five years and hasn't posted a winning record since 2003, fans are staying loyal to the Herd.

"With the state of the economy, I salute our fans," Goebbel said. "We have some of the best, most loyal fans. With the state of the



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A billboard promoting the football ticket "Stimulus Package" sits east of Joan C. Edwards stadium. The package is one of a number of promotions The Thundering Herd ticket office is using to sell season tickets for the 2009 season.

program and the economy, the way everyone is sticking with us, I tip my hat to them. It's a special group of people we have around here."

Gobbel is not concerned by the drop in ticket sales, noting that these cycles happen. He pointed

out the 2007 season in which the office sold 19,000 season tickets. That was the last time West Virginia University made the trip from Morgantown to take on the Herd.

The Mountaineers will return to Huntington next season.

"Ticket sales will come around," Goebbel said. "Next year will be better with West Virginia coming back to town. Ticket sales will be just fine."

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Alumni Association, Travel Doctors sponsoring bus trip to Memphis for Herd's C-USA game with Tigers

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The Marshall University Alumni Association is teaming with Travel Doctors to sponsor a deluxe motor-coach trip Sept. 25-26 to Memphis, Tenn., for the Thundering Herd's football game with Memphis.

The Conference USA game kicks off at 1 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Liberty Bowl.

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- Game ticket to the Marshall-Memphis football game
- Bus trip home after the game

The total cost per person varies depending on the number of hotel room occupants: Prices are \$529 per person (single occupancy), \$399 per person (double), \$369 per person (triple) and \$339 per person (quad).

A \$150 per person deposit is required at booking by Aug. 7 and the final payment is due by Sept. 4. Checks may be made payable and mailed to: Travel Doctors Travel Agency, 3554 Teays Valley Road, Suite 112, Hurricane, WV 25526.

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Students get together for kickball, lumberjacking

BY SHEA ANDERSON
THE PARTHENON

Sunday is a day of rest for some—a day of wrapping up the weekend and preparing for the upcoming week. But for one group, Sunday is a day of epic wipeouts, competitive spirit and lumberjacking.

Members of Marshall University's Lambda Society in the spring decided to continue getting together after their end of the year cookout where they played a game of kickball. Now, they invite all of their friends to Ritter Park each week at 7 p.m. to play.

"We just think it's fun," said Chelsea Elmore, a Marshall graduate who suggested the weekly games. "It's kind of funny and silly. It's something to look forward to each week."

Elmore said about 10 to 15 people show up each week, but as many as 25 have attended. They invite anyone to play, including children at the park.

Though it is primarily for fun, the game gets competitive, and sometimes the players are injured.

"We have a few good wipeouts every once in a while," said Chelsea Mills, a senior biology and Japanese major.

"The best one was when Justin (Murphy) kicked the ball and Chelsea (Elmore) caught it. He slammed right into her and it was just this tangled mess. Then Chelsea (Elmore)'s dog, Vivi, ran out and it looked like a little family picture."

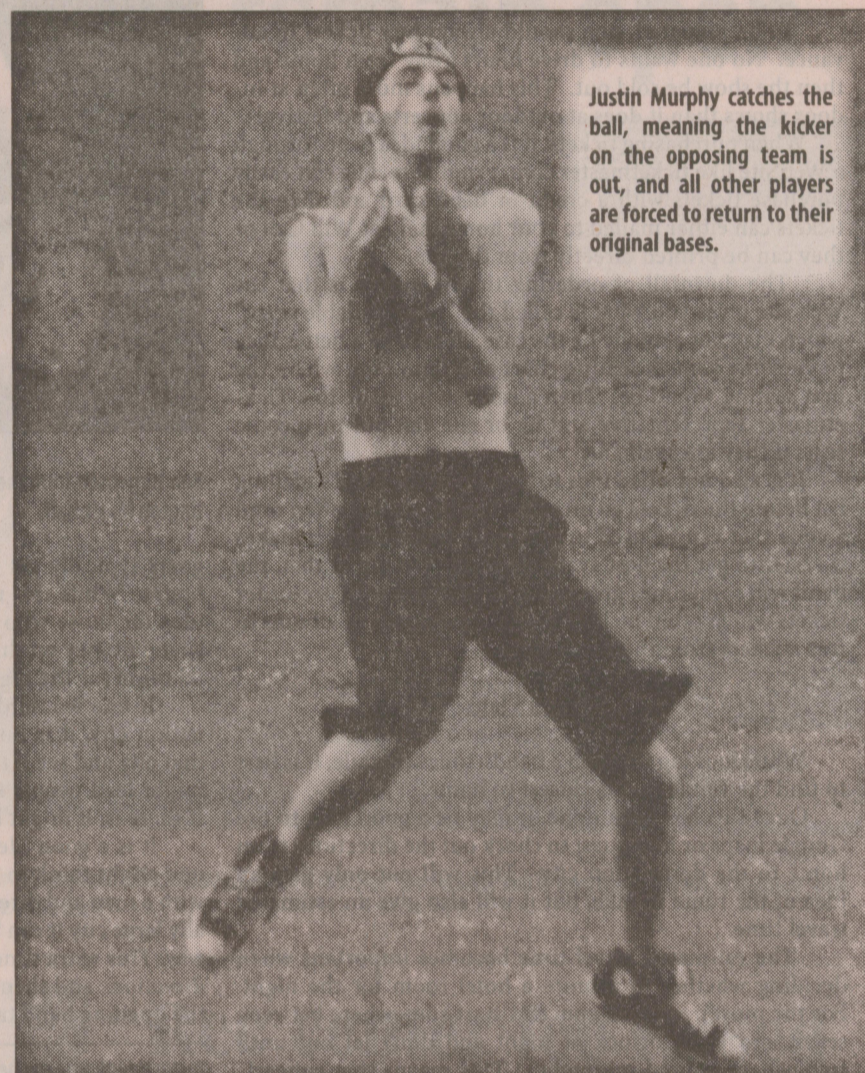
Murphy, a former Marshall student, is known for being injured a lot during kickball, but he said it's all just part of



PHOTOS BY CHRIS DUNHAM | THE PARTHENON
Justin Murphy, left, and Jess George sing songs by the fire at the West Virginia Lumberjack Society meeting.



Kevin Cline pitches the kickball toward home plate.



Justin Murphy catches the ball, meaning the kicker on the opposing team is out, and all other players are forced to return to their original bases.

“It's just something goofy that we're going to look back at with our friends and ask, 'why did I do that? And why did I take that so seriously?'”

Chelsea Mills
Senior biology and Japanese major

kickball. He admitted he is competitive but he also enjoys the game.

"You get to get out the aggression from the week in a friendly, community way so it's not harmful," he said. "It's actually good for you."

Emma Stephens, historian of the Lambda Society, agreed.

"I think it's a wonderful way for everyone to meet others," she said. "It's also a great way for the Lambda community to grow in a healthy way instead of meeting at a party or clubs."

Kevin Cline, adjunct English professor, said his favorite part of the game was

the competitiveness.

"It's sometimes unnecessarily competitive," he said. "We pick the teams at random so the best players tend to get divided up sometimes and some people have good games; some people have bad games. Some people have strengths, and some people have weaknesses. I can kick the ball really far but I can't catch worth a darn."

Cline has been coming to the games since the beginning. He recalled one day before they had bases when they used Diet Pepsi cans.

"After both teams had scored about a dozen runs or so, we were about ready to quit, and I decided I was going to slide into first and literally take first base," he said. He proceeded to drink the can, and did the same for the next two bases.

"When I made it all the way home, I drink home plate as well. And, at the end, I realize in a matter of about two minutes I drank 48 oz of diet Pepsi after exercising for about 2 hours." The incident made Cline sick.

But injuries and sickness aren't the only interesting moments in the game. Jess George recalled another funny memory.

"I was standing at second base—my favorite post—and my friend Ray is standing next to me, and all of the sudden something black just flew and landed next to his leg," she said. "I thought it was a rotten banana peel. I thought AJ (Andrew Maynard) threw it. And it started moving... I thought 'Is that a bat?' And it turns out it was."

The bat is not the only animal to be involved in the game. Mills' corgi Teddy and Elmore's pug Vivi attend every week. Teddy is the Lambda mascot, and the players joke that Vivi is the medic. The two sometimes interrupt the game.

"We have to have puppy time out sometimes, especially when other dogs come and they intermingle," Elmore said.

The group invites anyone to play kickball, including any other animals that would like to join.

In addition to the dogs, the players spend time with farm animals after the game when they go to Mills' house for the meeting of The West Virginia Lumberjack Society.

"The Lumberjack Society is just a place we go after we play kickball and make a bonfire and everyone can just hang out

with each other and enjoy each other's company," said Murphy. "We chop some wood for the fire. You earn your lumberjack name that way."

In order to be given a lumberjack name, society members must chop through an entire piece of wood. Murphy's title is Ferra Jauque Lumber Jack.

The most recent inductee into the society is Kristen Johnson, who was named D'artagnan Finklewood. She said she enjoyed attending each week to meet new people.

"It's just something goofy that we're going to look back at with our friends

and ask, 'why did I do that? And why did I take that so seriously?'" Mills said.

During the bonfire, some of the members dress up in lumberjack attire, including flannel. Elmore and Murphy even bring them decorated hatchets, which were given to them as birthday gifts.

Though the society meetings get cancelled when it rains and the wood is too wet to start a fire, the kickball games have been every week except one, and rain does not interrupt the schedule.

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Chelsea Mills pitches the ball. She said she enjoys coming to kickball each week because she doesn't get to see some of the players otherwise.

Pregnant women front of line for vaccine

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Pregnant women, health care workers and children six months and older should be placed at the front of the line for swine flu vaccinations this fall, a government panel recommended Wednesday.

The panel also said those first vaccinated should include parents and other caregivers of infants; non-elderly adults who have high-risk medical conditions; and young adults ages 19 to 24.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted to set vaccination priorities for those groups Wednesday during a meeting in Atlanta. The panel's recommendations are usually adopted by federal health officials.

The recommendations are designed to address potential limits in vaccine availability this fall if there is heavy demand and limited supplies.

The government estimates that about 120 million swine flu vaccine doses will be available to the public by late October. Roughly 160 million people are in the priority groups considered most vulnerable to infection or most at risk for severe disease.

Although the number recommended to get doses exceeds the projected supply, health officials don't think everyone will run out and get vaccinated. Traditionally, less than half of the people recommended to get seasonal flu shots get them. Only about 15 percent of pregnant women get seasonal flu vaccinations.

If there is ample vaccine, vaccinations also would be recommended for all non-elderly

State has 240 cases of Swine Flu

BY ZACK HAROLD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

West Virginia now has more than 240 confirmed cases of swine flu.

The Center for Disease Control said the Mountain State had 16 new cases of the H1N1 virus for the week of July 18, though the report may be underestimated.

The CDC has provided weekly updates of swine flu infections since April, but says that since very few patients treated for respiratory illness are tested for H1N1 the "true benefit of reporting these numbers to track the course of the epidemic is questionable." The center also said the disease has become so widespread it's become "extremely resource-intensive" for states to tally swine flu cases.

So far, 243 cases have been confirmed in West Virginia, but there have been no deaths.

The CDC now plans to switch to its traditional influenza monitoring system

adults, the panel also voted. And if there's still plenty of vaccine, the swine flu shots and spray doses should be offered to people 65 and older. Fewer illnesses have been reported in the elderly, who appear to have higher levels of immunity to the virus, health experts say. However, the elderly should be pushed to

track the spread of the virus, and only report hospitalizations and deaths each week. It will continue to monitor individual pediatric influenza deaths.

About 44,000 cases of the virus have been reported nationwide, with 302 deaths. Wisconsin still leads the nation in swine flu infections with 6,333 confirmed and probable cases. New York has the most deaths at 63.

An Associated Press report released Friday says about 40 percent of the American public could contract swine flu if the CDC's vaccination campaign and other efforts aren't successful. That means about twice as many people would catch the H1N1 virus than get sick from the normal seasonal flu.

CDC officials have said those numbers would decrease drastically if an effective vaccine were made widely available.

Tests of a vaccine are set to begin soon, and the U.S. could have 180 million doses of the vaccine available by October.

get shots against seasonal flu, which is a significant health risk to older adults.

Panel members say they hope swine flu vaccinations will be opened up quickly. "The only sin is vaccine left in the refrigerator," said Dr. William Schaffner, a Vanderbilt University flu expert, in a comment to the panel.

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but how the life of a scientist can bring to them."

Students who will be presenting at the conference represent the University of Charleston, Bluefield State College, West Virginia State University, West Virginia Wesleyan University, West Liberty

State University, Concord University, Alderson-Broaddus College, Shepherd University, Bethany College and Wheeling Jesuit University.

Mangiarua said faculty from West Virginia State and West Virginia Wesleyan universities will be presenting as well.

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SURVIVING THE SHOW

A guide to planning a rock and roll road trip

BY JUSTIN HAWTHORNE
THE PARTHENON

A true music fan should have no problem with traveling out of town to experience their live performance. For some that are not familiar with all of the ins and outs of attending an event like this, there are some important things you need to know. From the time tickets are purchased until the concert is over, there are important decisions that need to be made.

Purchasing Tickets

To be prepared, one should always buy tickets in advance. No one wants to drive hours away from home and then the show be sold out. This happens more often at indoor shows than it does at outdoor concerts and festivals.

When purchasing tickets, it is a good idea to go through a Web site like ticketmaster.com. From here, one can easily purchase tickets with a credit or debit card and then the tickets can either be mailed to your home, held at Will Call or they can be printed directly from the site.

The downfall of ordering tickets online is that the Web site gives you what is called the "best available seats," which may not actually be the case. It may be a better idea to view the venue's seating chart and figure out where the best seating would be. Then a call can be made to a Ticketmaster representative and he or she can put in specific seats if they are available.

It is also not a bad idea to sign up to the band's mailing list before the tickets go on sale. The bands will often send a code that can be used to pre-order tickets, which makes it easier to get the best available seats. On top of that, the band will sometimes give you special offers with pre-order tickets which often include digital downloads of albums to free stickers from their web store.

Travel Plans

While looking through a band's tour schedule, it is best to find the venue that's closest to home.

Once this has been done, it may be a good idea to use Google maps or Mapquest to check out the directions from home to the destination city. This will not only give an idea of the route to take, but it will also give an estimated travel time.

The estimated travel time becomes important when deciding whether to acquire a hotel room for the night. For the most part, rock concerts start somewhere between seven and eight o'clock at night and don't let out until somewhere around midnight. This means that concert-



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Ben Jorgensen from the band Armor For Sleep performing at the Huntington Music Hall.

goers typically get home in the late night/early morning hours. While this might not be for everyone, it is a good idea for those who are strapped for cash or would rather spend money on that \$30 concert t-shirt rather than a hotel room for the night.

If one would decide to spend the night in the destination city, it is not a bad idea to do a little research on that city and see if there are any other events going on that might lead people to take up those valuable hotel rooms. If there is, it might be a good idea to book ahead of time.

It is a good idea to leave home early, it is easier than one might think to get lost trying to find the venue. Even with a map and directions, being in an unfamiliar and usually large city it can be easy to get turned around or lose the way. This extra time affords the ability to stop and ask for directions and then find the way back to the venue before the opening band takes the stage.

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Newport Music Hall

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Newport Music Hall

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CD101 Presents Arctic Monkeys
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Riverbend Music Center

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US Bank Arena

Jealousy is powerful, potent and pointless

BY SHELLY LORTS
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What makes us human is our ability to feel emotion. Many would argue that women express too many feelings. Sure, we're deeply emotional, but I think that makes us beautiful and endearing; it's what makes us women. But emotions aren't just frivolous indicators of state of mind: they serve an amazing purpose of relating us to one another and making the world a wild, crazy and fascinating place to be. Yes, emotions are a must have ... all but one. Jealousy is the most pointless and painful of human emotions, with the ability to ruin relationships, cause deep pain and turn the sanest people into seething, paranoid psychopaths.

I fully do not believe that jealousy serves any rational purpose. Let's be realistic: your guy is going to have other girls in his life (co-workers, friends, peers...) and you have no right to keep him to yourself. Constant jealousy will only push him further away from you and towards that other girl who makes your stomach drop every time he mentions her name.

Sophia is my closest of friends. Her biggest flaw is an innate ability to believe in the good in people - which of course just leads to her being hurt way too often. She's also loyal to a fault. Sophia is the kind of person who could be in a relationship with the wrong guy, but be so loyal that Mr. Right could come along and she wouldn't even notice. But Sophia has been a bit jaded - every guy she's ever dated has cheated on her in some form. And when I say "in some form" I'm trying to send a message to the guys out there: it's cheating once you've done something that you wouldn't want us to see or know about. One of the

most hurtful scenarios Sophia went through was in the form of an email that her then-boyfriend sent to an old high school friend saying, "I still think that I'm going to marry you. I'll always love you". Ouch.

Needless to say, with all she's been through, Sophia is all too familiar with the potent yet pointless little green monster that appears whenever her leading man is talking to, talking about or texting another girl.

Here's what I know: letting jealousy boil up to the point of upsetting you will only make your boyfriend feel smothered, controlled and worst of all, over it. And let's face it: if he's going to cheat, he's going to cheat. Just because you're holding onto him with an iron grip doesn't mean he'll be faithful. In fact, it probably means he's less likely to be.

So why do we let jealousy permeate so rapidly into our brains when he's talking to another girl? We have guy friends with whom we like to talk and hang out, right? And when we do, we hate it when he goes on about how it annoys him - it makes us feel that we're doing something wrong - but having other friends is not wrong. The truth is that only having same-sex friends is boring, and if we want to be able to hang out with other guys with whom we have no romantic interest, we need to trust that he's doing the same with other girls.

But what happens when people use jealousy as a tool? As a society of young daters, we are all too familiar with the games we play with one another. We're all insecure; we're in our twenties, we don't know who we are yet - it's understandable. The true crime is when we use other people's insecurities against them. We can be so cruel. We've all been there: you're

at a party with your boyfriend (with whom you've had a little squabble) when he goes off and starts talking to another girl. Your stomach sinks, your skin feels cold and a little bubble of something has built up in your throat threatening tears. He's hurting you: no doubt about it. But it's what he wants. You've done it too. Admit it.

It feels good to have someone jealous over us, it might even motivate him to be a little better to you because he knows that you could always find someone else. But when you've been jostled around as much as Sophia has, it only lends itself to countless hours of wondering if he really likes that girl. Has he been texting her? Does she like him? Is he really out playing ball with the boys or is he at her place? Nope. No fun.

There are a few things that we need to learn, things that come with time, with trust and with the wisdom of growing out of our insecurities. We need to learn that letting jealousy control us is bound to lead to heartbreak; if he knows you don't trust him, he'll live up to the reputation. We need to learn not to play on the insecurities of those that we love as a means of making ourselves feel desirable. And we need to learn to trust knowing full well that it could be broken. A relationship will only work if you trust with abandon. But you must brace yourself for being let down.

So next time you find your brain racing with jealousy, stop and take a breath. If he says she's just a friend, then she probably is. If he invites you along when he's going to hang out with her, then you know she's just a friend. And in the case that he is being deceitful and does break your heart? Well, he wasn't worth your time in the first place.

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