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Separation Anxiety

MCTC split affecting many community college students

BY DIANA CALLE
THE PARTHENON

The separation of Marshall University Community and Technical College from Marshall University is still in process and is affecting community college students.

Kara Harshbarger, junior physical therapy assisting major from Milton, W.Va., said she did not find out about

the separation until a few weeks before the start of the Fall 2009 semester.

"I didn't know the college was separating from Marshall when I joined the program," she said. "I found out from a physical therapist who I was volunteering for this summer."

Harshbarger said she received a letter from MCTC a couple of weeks before school started to inform her the college had separated from Marshall.

She had to get a new ID number, new photo ID, and a new e-mail address.

"I felt like a freshman all over again," she said. "I also had to completely re-new my financial aid and they provided me with \$1,000 less than what I got when the college was connected to Marshall."

When MCTC was connected to Marshall, Harshbarger received \$5,500 in financial aid as a freshman,

\$6,500 as a sophomore, and would have received \$7,500 as a junior. However, as a junior in the new community program, Harshbarger will be receiving \$6,500, which has not yet been awarded.

"I know how much I'm receiving, but I don't know when or how I'm going to get it," Harshbarger said.

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MCTC
Marshall Community & Technical College



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KAYLA QUEEN | THE PARTHENON

Marshall Community and Technical College will no longer be associated with Marshall University, and students are dealing with the consequences. The details of the separation are still in progress.

Changes on campus bring safety, comfort

BY BREANNA JONES
THE PARTHENON

With a start of a new semester, things are changing to help with safety and the comfort of students around Marshall's campus.

The Physical Plant department has made major renovations from brighter lighting, computer labs and new lounges for students.

A new lounge was placed in Corby Hall on the first floor. A rehearsal facility for the Marching Band was built on the lower level of the Henderson Center. A computer lab was also added to the biotechnology center.

"I want to make the best facility possible so that students will have what they need when they are on campus," said Mark Cutlip, director of the Physical Plant.

Renovations like concrete repairs, repaved bricks, bench work and more than 24 sidewalks redone make the campus safer and look better.

New construction has also kept the campus

looking good.

"They have done a lot of aesthetically pleasing things that I think the students will enjoy," said Elizabeth Rutherford, administrative secretary of the Physical Plant.

Although there have been many improvements around campus, more is still in progress. Marshall will receive more technically advanced appliances around campus to help conserve power and save money.

Cutlip said the new fan system uses approximately 30 percent less energy than the fan system that was recently replaced.

"Soon you will be able to walk out of the bathroom after washing your hands, without touching anything, because of the new upgrades being placed in the bathroom soon," Cutlip said.

A campus wide emergency lighting upgrade is also in progress for students.

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Free hand sanitizers given out to reduce germs, H1N1 virus

BY WHITNEY HUNTER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University administrators, and other area colleges are preparing to prevent and control the possible spread of the H1N1 virus on campuses this fall.

Marshall University is making personal hand sanitizers available to all students, faculty, and staff. This prevention method is meant to encourage good personal hygiene and maintain health of the community.

"The H1N1 virus is really on the rise because of the warmer weather," said Dr. Randall Peterson, M.D., of Family Practice in Teays Valley. "I just wish more people knew its severity."

He said awareness of symptoms is key to prevention.

According to information in an e-mail from University Communications, H1N1 is an influenza strain that causes illness and symptoms that are very similar to those of the common seasonal flu. Frequent symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, chills and fatigue.

College campuses and other schools are target breeding grounds for virus because it mainly spreads through person-

al contact, Peterson said.

While some students worry about an outbreak on campus, others virus and are not taking much precaution.

"I'm not really doing anything to prevent it, but I am a little nervous about it coming to West Virginia," said Angela Sizemore, junior criminal justice major from Hurricane.

Other colleges and universities are also taking preventative measures. According to a press release, William H. Crouch, Jr., president of Georgetown College, and others throughout Kentucky are supplying their campus with the "best sanitizer on the market."

Crouch said MyClyns is the only non-alcohol personal protection spray that can be used immediately on the most likely part of a person's body where germs enter — the nose and mouth. Also, recent laboratory results show that the solution in MyClyns demonstrates a 99.9 percent reduction in more than 60 pathogens, in as little as 30 seconds.

With proper precautions, Marshall's campus can be just as protected as those using a newer product. Peterson recommends washing hands thoroughly with soap and warm water, keeping

hands away from eyes, nose and mouth, and avoiding contact with those already infected.

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Places to get your free hand sanitizer:

- Student Government Office 2W29B, in Memorial Student Center
- Marshall Recreation Center at 402 Thundering Herd Drive
- Drinko Library
- Public Safety Office at 1801 5th Ave.
- Residence Services
- All Residence Halls
- Athletics
- Physical Plant
- South Charleston Campus
- Mid-Ohio Valley Center



SHULTON SINGER | THE PARTHENON

Construction at the new Alumni Center is only one of the renovations taking place all across campus. From brighter lighting to a new computer lab, many changes are being made to better accommodate students and faculty.

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EDITORIAL

Students should come first

Community College should focus on student needs

In a time where our country is being told to value higher education even more, it seems as if our area has taken a step back in allowing it to be more difficult for people to take their knowledge further by attending college.

The Marshall University Community and Technical College is still planning to separate from Marshall University. But it seems that the real reason for the separation weren't well thought through. The people who run MCTC should remember that when it comes to education, the student is the most important resource, not money or location.

A lot of students, no matter if they are in a community college or four year university, need financial aid to be able to attend. With the departure from Marshall, it appears that students in the MCTC will not be able to receive as much money as before when MCTC was officially part of Marshall. This is not only wrong, but MCTC should try its best to help figure out the problem.

Also, in a time when Marshall students are receiving their financial aid refunds, those who are in the community college have yet to see one dollar of their refunds, which many use to buy books for their classes. Thankfully MCTC solved this problem and has provided book vouchers for the time being.

MCTC was really forced in to this situation without much warning. But the college still should have given students a better warning than it did. With some not even realizing the change until late this summer, many students were surprised by the change not only in name and change in their financial situation and are struggling this semester. For the time being however, these students still attend class on campus and are still in "The Marshall Family." We need to help them out as much as we can.

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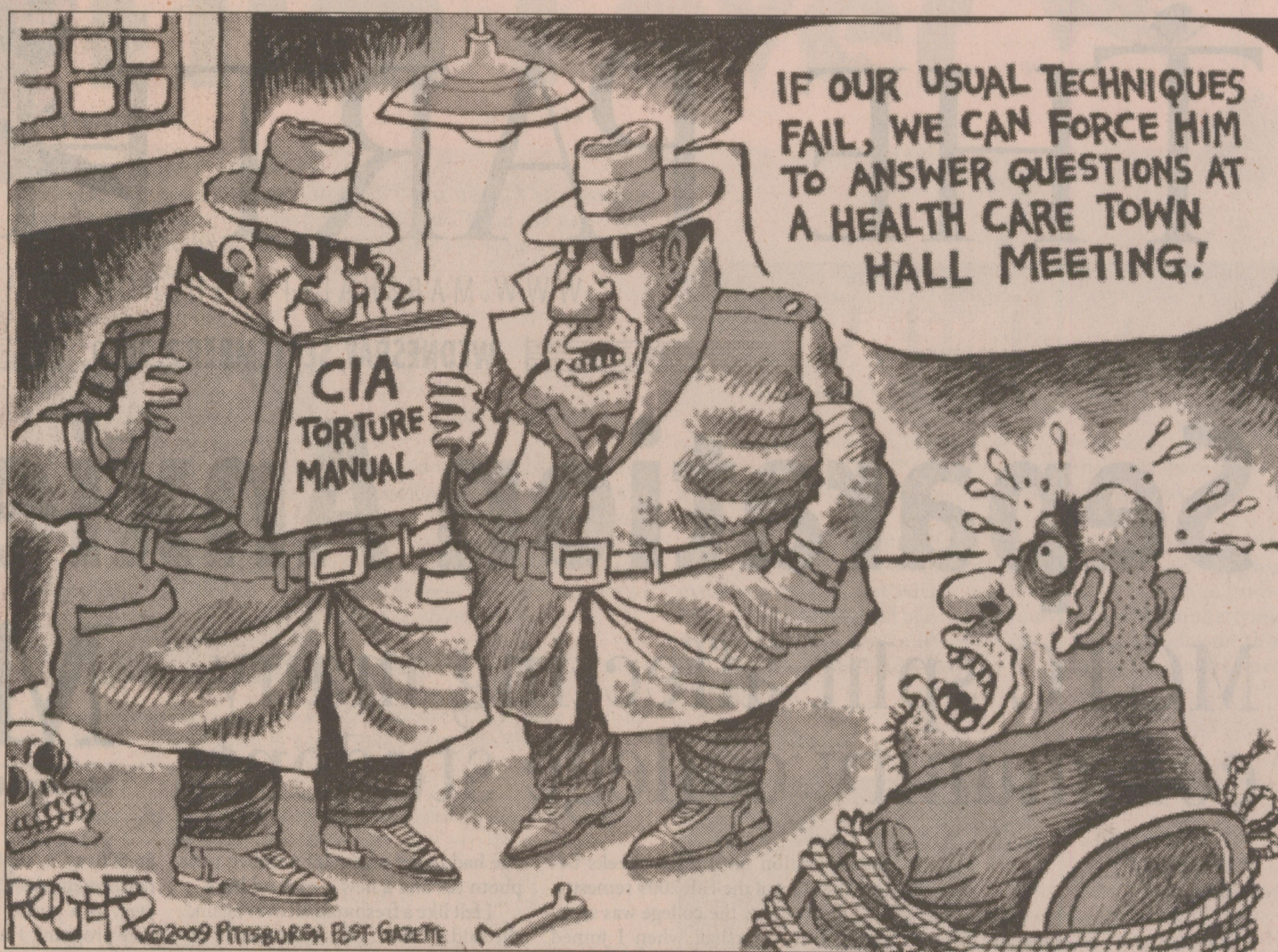
Correction

In yesterday's Parthenon, a photo cutline of one of the photos for the ROTC story on page 5 had an incorrect name

The woman crossing the rope obstacle course is actually Brandi Bush, freshman environmental/earth science major from Huntington.

We apologize for the misprint.

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LIFE, LOVE AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN | Jerrod Laber

Marching Thunder in rare form

So it's that time of year again. The last months of summer begin to wind down, the leaves start to change colors before they make their descent to the earth and students are back to school in full force.

And of course, with the beginning of the academic year comes the excitement of the new year in collegiate sports of our very own Marshall University Thundering Herd.

First on the list is obviously the football team, led by coach Mark Snyder, which will host Southern Illinois this Saturday in the season opener.

Hopes are high this year to say the least for Herd football fans, with the last several seasons leaving an abysmal taste in everyone's mouth.

Many are desperately praying for a return to the 1990s of sorts, a decade where the green and white dominated anyone and everybody they took the field against.

But the football team need not be the only source of excitement in the upcoming season, and as oxymoronic as this may sound, not the only reason to go to the games.



JERROD LABER
COLUMNIST

Anyone reading this right now may find themselves a little confused and wondering, what other reason is there for going to a football game?

The answer lies in none other than the very sound of the Thundering Herd, the Marshall University Marching Thunder.

Now, there are a lot of stereotypes and misconceptions about marching bands out there. But let's just dispel them right away. This school's band rocks. Plain and simple.

And for the persistent non-believer or one who doesn't understand what being in a marching band entails, find someone who either was or is currently a member has been and ask them about it.

Joe Crowe, sophomore music education major who plays snare in the drum line, reflects on the more physically challenging aspects.

"Instead of rushing to concession stand or whatever there is to do at halftime, just stick around for a few minutes and give a listen. It is sure to not disappoint."

"Being a drummer, it becomes very demanding carrying a 20-30 pound drum," he said. "And since we don't condition like an athlete would, the constant stress can cause a lot of injuries, especially to the back."

Despite the pain, after attending the exhibition performance during the Welcome Weekend festivities, this year's Marching Thunder, under the direction of Steve Barnett Ph.D., is truly in rare form.

The pre-game lineup is pretty much the standard repertoire, including such selections as "Home on the Range," the West Virginia medley, "Alma Mater" and "Sons of Marshall."

The halftime routine is a little different this year, consisting of songs by the Doobie Brothers, "Takin' Care of Business" and a brand new southern rock

medley featuring the music of Lynyrd Skynyrd.

They really sound absolutely fantastic, and not paying attention to them during this season's games would be a huge disservice to both you and this university.

Instead of rushing to concession stands or whatever there is to do at halftime, just stick around for a few minutes and give a listen. It is sure to not disappoint.

Crowe makes final appeal to argue both the band's significance and overall quality.

"We invest as much time and effort as anyone to try and put out a great product, which I feel we do. And face it, football games wouldn't be the same without the bands."

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VIEW FROM THE VALLEY | Amanda White

Don't take Freedoms for granted

When we look back at the past few months, we will never be able to forget the celebrity deaths. From Farrah Fawcett to Billy Mays to the King of Pop himself, pop culture icons have dropped like flies.

While Michael Jackson's death brought down several Web sites that were unable to handle the elevated site usage, there were so many more significant deaths that have happened all around the world that no one seems to care about.

Take for example Samar Saed Abdullah. She is an Iraqi citizen on death row, and although she is not dead yet, she might as well be.

When she was accused of murdering her uncle, aunt and cousin four years ago, she was tried and convicted in a single day and



AMANDA WHITE
COLUMNIST

then to death row where she has been living ever since. Wow, what an incredibly quick and honorable justice system, right?

Wrong. The trial refused to address the fact that Samar claimed to

being tortured into confessing to the crime and that she claims to being locked into a closet while her fiancé killed her family and stole money.

Justice? I think not. You may wonder why you should care about a 28-year-old woman who lives halfway around the world.

You may wonder why the injustices of one nation should bother you everyday.

Ted Kennedy died less than one week ago. He was known as the "lion" of the Senate and the savior for any group of people who had their rights trampled on. His brother, John F. Kennedy, urged all Americans to look beyond their backyard and become citizens of the world.

Being citizens of the world, we need to closely examine the many liberties we take for granted every day.

No, our justice system isn't perfect.

But it should be. We should not be able to rest at night until we are sure that every Samar is wrongfully sitting on death row be taken off and every innocent man or woman be let

out of prison.

Do not misunderstand what I am saying - I do not think it is our responsibility to change the justice systems of other countries.

What I do think, however, is that our justice system should reflect all the values symbolized in those colorful fireworks we watch on the Fourth of July.

What I do think is that our liberties should be a representation of America, not golden arches.

We should be the beckoning light of hope for all the innocent victims of the world.

Make a pact with yourself to not take our freedom for granted. It is only through individual commitment that we will be able to make a global change.

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Daily News Quotation

"She sat down at the coffee table and wrote a poem about people behind the doors of steel, an amazing poem for a 9-year-old, ... and a week later she was kidnapped" — Sharon Murch, mother of Michaela Garecht, who has been missing since 1988.

Marshall helping athletes meet NCAA requirements

BY KRISTEN BARRY
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Athletics Compliance is making sure Marshall student athletes meet the National Collegiate Athletic Association's requirements to play this fall.

"This is our busy time of the year," said Derek Gwinn, associate director of athletics for compliance. "We've got our athletes coming back to school. We're making sure academically that they meet all the NCAA requirements so that they are eligible for competition in the fall."

Tara Helton, director of the Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program, said during the spring semester 10 teams had a 3.0 GPA or higher.

"Academically, our athletes had a very strong spring," she said.

"Our GPAs are good," said Robert Bookwalter, NCAA faculty representative. "We've been doing quite well. There's no doubt about that. We've been graduating a lot of athletes."

Football players continue to show improvement in academic requirements every year.

"Football is in great shape," Gwinn said. "Everybody coming back is eligible to play and that's something we're very proud of. Our coaching staff has

done a great job making sure they're going to class and completing all their assignments."

The football players' academic progress is shown by rising grade point averages.

"Our team GPA has been going up every year, which is great," Gwinn said. "So we're just plugging along trying to get kids certified to compete and ready to go for all their seasons."

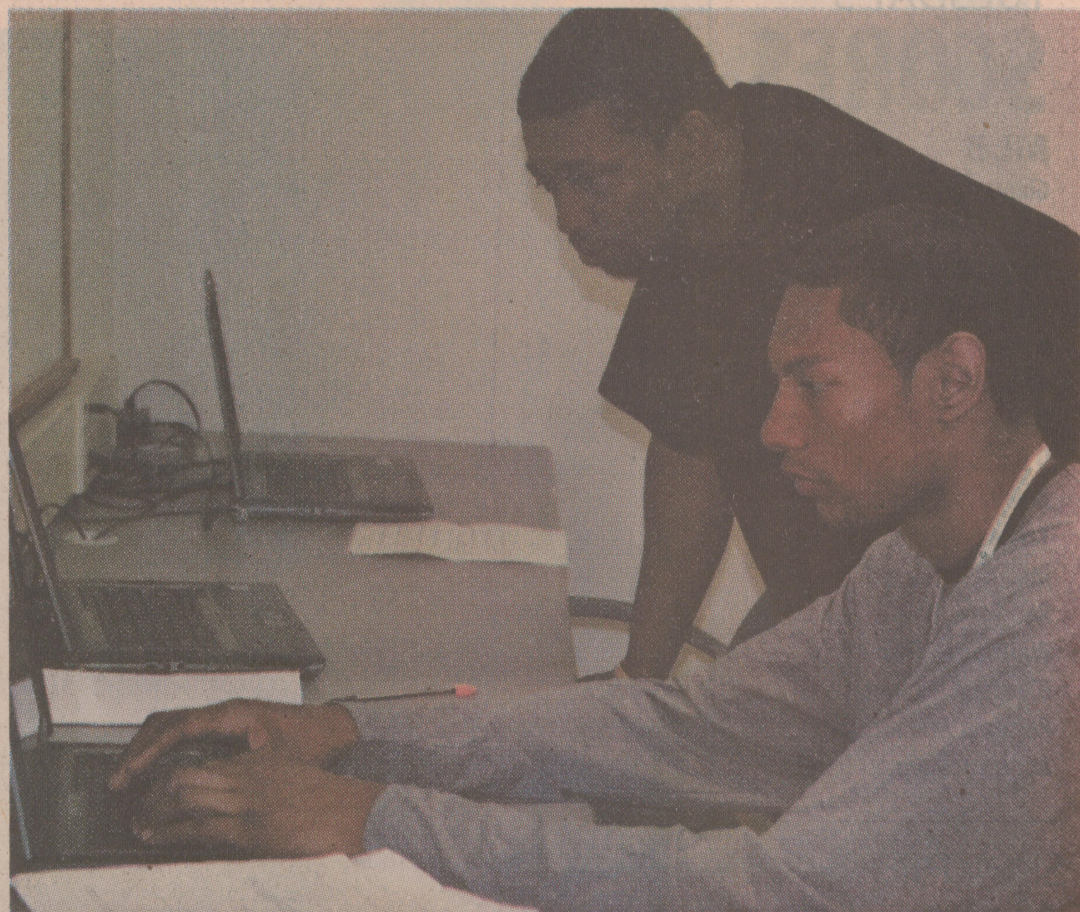
Marshall established three components to ensure student-athletes meet NCAA requirements in order to compete in college sports.

"[They are] academic eligibility, monitoring our Compliance activities and student athlete welfare," Bookwalter said. "Part of my job is to look at the policies and the practices that we have at Marshall both on the academic side and the athletic side of the university and see to it that student athletes are given the best opportunity to succeed."

Bookwalter said once his department has certified members of a particular team, the athletes are eligible to play for the entire semester.

"A student athlete is sort of presumed to remain eligible as long as they want to stay here and as long as they meet the rules," he said.

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SHOLTON SINGER | THE PARTHENON

Eladio Espinosa, front, sophomore basketball player from North Carolina, and Darryl Merthie, senior basketball player from Sanford, Fla., study at the Buck Harless center on Marshall's campus. In the Spring 2008 semester, 10 teams had GPAs of 3.0 or higher.

Business organization wins at national competition

BY DEANNA BAILEY
THE PARTHENON

Beta Alpha Psi will receive \$1,000 in September after winning a national competition in New York earlier this month.

Max Billmyer, a graduate student working on his master of business administration degree with an emphasis in Accounting, won a research project at the national Beta Alpha Psi meeting "Project Run With It" in Brooklyn, N.Y. Students selected to this project were required to solve real life financial and technological problems of three non-profit organizations.

For his project, Billmyer gave rec-

ommendations on how to increase membership of the Arts and Business Council of New York and to redesign their Web site.

"They had seven areas that needed fixed or suggestions," Max Billmyer said. "We concentrated on increasing business membership and in doing so touched on the other areas. We made sure to keep it short and simple and to the point."

Billmyer was one of only 60 students selected to take part in the competition.

"Since this was on the national level, winning the award was great exposure for not only the Lewis College of Business but for Marshall as well," Billmyer said.

"Max has a real knack for it," said

“It is part of our mission statement to help with our community.”

Tyler Rowland
President,
Beta Alpha Psi

Tyler Rowland, president of Beta Alpha Psi. "He takes a lot of pride in the organization and works really hard at what he does."

"They represented Marshall University and the Lewis College of Business well, and I feel that they will continue to achieve great success in their future professional careers," said Amanda Thompson-Abbott, faculty adviser for Beta Alpha Psi.

The money is currently being invested in a regional meeting in March. Marshall will be co-hosting the meeting with University of Pittsburgh in Washington D.C. Members are hoping to invest some of the money in community service.

"It is a part of our mission statement to help with our community; members have a responsibility to the public,"

Rowland said. "Right now the money is being invested to this regional meeting, but I hope we can use it for the community as well."

"We are looking to achieve gold star standing this year or sometime next year," Thompson-Abbott said. "We are continuously receiving superior status, so our next step is to achieve gold star status - which means being one of the best 15 chapters in the nation."

Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary organization that benefits all business students currently and after college.

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KYLE HOBSTETTER | THE PARTHENON

Students mingle with one another at Harambee, an event sponsored by the Center for African-American Students' Programs.

African-American organizations welcome freshmen, transfer students

BY EMILY AYRES
THE PARTHENON

In an effort to make new students to Marshall University feel more comfortable, the Center for African American Students' Programs hosted a welcome reception Tuesday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center for black freshmen and transfer students.

The event was titled Harambee, which is Swahili for "all pulling together."

"[It's where] a person lives in a community, they're taken care by the community," said Maurice Cooley, director of the program, when describing what the name meant to him.

Students learned about the many organizations under the Center of African American Students' Programs, including the Black Greek Organizations, the Black United Students' Organization, My Brother's Keeper and My Sister's Keeper.

Members from each organization introduced themselves and told a little about their program to the students.

"I think it's great that Marshall supports specific programs that represent different subsections of the student body," said Maurice Lockridge, professor from the Lewis College of Business. "I believe it helps in the university's efforts of student retention."

At the reception, students were able to mingle with representatives from most of the colleges in the university. Deans from several colleges were in attendance.

Members of the women's basketball team, men's

basketball team and assistant coach, the Provost Office, Financial Aid Office, SGA President Lashawna Sampson and study abroad adviser Kylie Gallagher also attended.

"I thought it was tremendous for the kids to get out and meet the different organizations," said Darren Tillis, assistant coach of the men's basketball team. "It's good for our athletes to get out and meet the student body."

Some of the members from the sports teams, even though the event wasn't directly geared towards them, took some information home.

Eladio Espinosa, basketball player and sophomore business major from North Carolina, said he was glad he came to the reception because he didn't know about the various organizations.

Angelica Harris and Raechele Gray, both members of the women's basketball team, said if these informational events were spread around campus and not just by the student center, many students would be more aware and go to them.

Freshmen in attendance also took the opportunity to learn more about the university while its representatives were all in one place.

"It was pretty informative," said Erika Roberts, freshman criminal justice major from Wheeling, Ohio. "I'm still adjusting to the programs, but for the most part I feel I could go to any organization if I wanted to know more."

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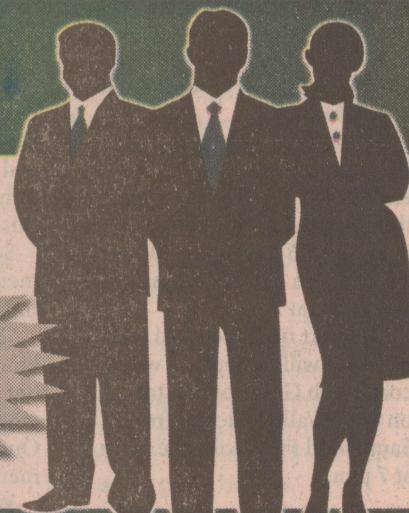
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Pirates 5, Reds 11
Astros 1, Cubs 4
Brewers 6, Cardinals 7
Mets 3, Rockies 8
Nationals at Padres (late)
D'Backs at Dodgers (late)
Blue Jays 2, Rangers 5 (1)
Yankees 9, Orioles 6
Indians 5, Tigers 8
Red Sox 8, Rays 4
White Sox 3, Twins 4
Blue Jays 2, Rangers 5 (2)
Royals at Athletics (late)
Angels at Mariners (late)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball set to spike with Charleston

The Marshall volleyball team will take the court against Charleston in a non-conference tilt for the Herd's home opener at 7 p.m. tonight inside the Cam Henderson Center.

MU returns to the Mountain State after sporting a perfect 3-0 record at the Hofstra/Asics Invitational in Hempstead, N.Y., to capture the tournament championship. The Herd knocked off Binghamton, Rhode Island and tournament-host Hofstra.

Elizabeth Herman, an outside hitter, was awarded Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week, along with tournament MVP honors from the Hofstra/Asics Invitational. During the three matches, Herman averaged 4.73 kills-per-set, totaled 22 digs and six blocks, while hitting at a .273 attacking clip.

Liz Fleming and Ryanne Milligan lead the Herd in assists and digs per set, while Herman owns the top average in kills.

Charleston (0-4) comes to Huntington after dropping four matches at the Carson-Newman Tournament in Jefferson City, Tenn. Katie Williams enters her sophomore year after earning the Freshman Player of the Year in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

MU holds a 27-4 all-time record against Charleston.

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Men's soccer falls at Bowling Green

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio—The Marshall University men's soccer team dropped its 2009 season opener Tuesday at the hands of the Bowling Green 2-0 at Cochrane Field.

Despite outshooting the Falcons 14-11, the Herd was unable to find the back of the net, while BGSU netted two goals, one in each half.

The Falcons struck first when Cameron Hepple's free kick from just beyond the 18-yard-box streaked past MU keeper Greg Walter just 14 minutes into the contest.

Marshall came out offensively minded in the second half as it outshot BGSU 9-5. However, the Falcons' second half goalkeeper, Dylan Schoettley, was credited with just one save.

The Falcons' Chris Jurtofski would add an insurance goal in the 71st minute as Bowling Green (1-0) went on to claim a 2-0 victory.

Marshall (0-1) heads to the Belmont Invitational this weekend in Nashville, Tenn., where they face Belmont of Friday night at 8:15 p.m. and end the weekend on Sunday against Lipscomb at 2 p.m.

The next time the Herd will be home will be Sept. 15 when coach Bob Gray's bunch takes on Ohio Valley. Kickoff from Sam Hood Field will take place at 7 p.m.

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Marshall head football coach Mark Snyder waits patiently for a question to be asked Tuesday during his news conference. Snyder and the Thundering Herd will open up the season Saturday versus Southern Illinois at Edwards Stadium.

KYLE HOBSTETTER | THE PARTHENON

Herd looks to go up early Saturday

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER
THE PARTHENON

It was the last question of the first news conference of the season, but it gave the most telling answer.

Before Marshall sports information director Randy Burnside could call the Mark Snyder Q-and-A session quits Tuesday afternoon, Herd Insider's Woody Woodrum piped up with a question he'd been waiting to ask all day.

"If you win the coin flip, you will ...?" asked Woodrum, leading the Thundering Herd coach on.

"Ohh, Woody, I knew you were going to put me on the spot," responded Snyder.

And then the coach paused and looked straight into the assembled crop of media members and delivered a powerful statement.

"If we win the flip boys, we're going on offense."

It's certainly an intriguing statement considering the doubt surrounding the Marshall offense going into Saturday's opener against Southern Illinois.

First, there's the issue at quarterback. Junior Brian Anderson, who has as all of two career starts and has thrown four career interceptions and has lost two fumbles compared to just three touchdown passes, is penciled in as the starter.

But Snyder pointed to the last of those two starts, a three touchdown performance last November versus Tulsa, as reason for optimism.

"The good thing that settles me down a little bit is that he had a chance to do it actually in a game last year," Snyder said. "As a mat-

ter of fact, (it was) our last game.

"I think he's just continued that progress. I don't think he'll have the deer-in-the-headlights look come Saturday."

That look on Anderson's face was pretty obvious two years ago when he made his first career start against New Hampshire. The then-freshman completed just 7 of 14 passes for 58 yards and threw an interception before being pulled at halftime with Marshall trailing 24-0.

But two years later comes a more confident Anderson cropped with a more talented receiving corps.

"We have space guys, we have deep threats, and we have tall guys," Snyder said of Anderson's aerial weapons.

Among that group is a player who probably defines all three of those characteristics. Senior tight end Cody Slate has the crisp route-running ability to get into space, the speed to get down the field and has good size in his 6-foot-4, 229-pound frame. And if his credentials don't make him seem impressive enough, Snyder said he's only improved since last season.

"Sunday night (at practice) he had an unbelievable night," he said. "I have been blessed to be around some wonderful players in my life. I had to sit up there Sunday night and say 'wow' three times about Cody Slate. He's faster, he's catching the ball, he's blocking better. I am looking for him to have a very special year."

SEE OFFENSE | PAGE 7

Youthful men's golf team eager to tee off

BY WILL SELBEE
THE PARTHENON

Practice rounds have begun for the Thundering Herd men's golf team, and like most Division I sports, players on the team don't have an offseason. However, this year the team faces more challenges than just the golf course.

"I'm optimistic about the team this year," Marshall coach Joe Feaganes said. "We're going to be relatively young. I'm redshirting our No. 1 player, Christian Brand."

Brand, a senior from Charleston, W.Va, has started all three years at Marshall and was chosen Conference USA Freshman of the Year in 2006.

"He changed majors and since he was going to be here his fifth year anyway, we made the decision he would redshirt and play his fourth year in the fall of 2010," Feaganes said.

With the No. 1 spot on the team opening up, it will require underclassmen to step up and fill the void.

Marshall has one senior returning in Phil DiLorenzo, two juniors in Bennett Boyer and Dustin Cutlip and three sophomores who started last season — Ryan Brookshire, Bosten Miller and Carson Schambach. The Herd also has freshman Aaron Boggs and Nathan Kerns, who won the Ohio Junior Amateur Championship over the summer.

"We're expecting all these guys to step up their game quite a bit to make up for not having Christian Brand in the lineup," Feaganes said. "A lot of our guys have had productive summers and I really feel like we are going to have a very competitive team this year."

Schambach spent his summer practicing and even getting a few lessons.

"During the summer I did kind of take a break from golf but I did play in the West Virginia Amateur, West Virginia Open and a few local tournaments," Schambach said.

With the demanding schedule of practicing golf every day and competing in major tour-

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Joe Feaganes
Marshall head men's golf coach

naments all over the East Coast, players really have to rely on their time management abilities.

"College is tough with golf, so you have to work on time management, working with the tutoring program and making sure you're on top of all your subjects," Schambach said.

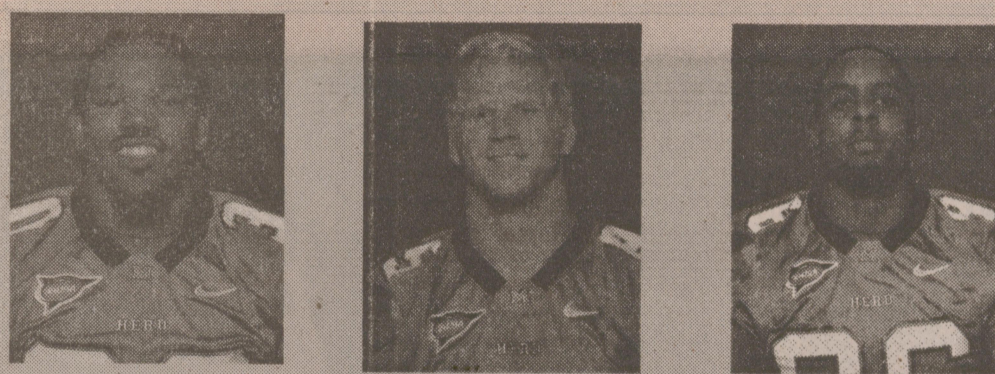
The team plays four tournaments in the fall and six tournaments in the spring, counting the conference championship.

Feaganes said they like to have as much competition as possible.

"My philosophy is to try to enter us in the best tournaments and (play against) the toughest competition we can, which can go both ways," he said. "But you don't know how good you are unless you play the best. Conference USA is a very tough golf conference — Houston, UAB, East Carolina — its big time."

Marshall opens its season Sept. 26-27 at the Wolverine Fall Classic at Radrick Farms Golf Club in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Walk raises awareness of celiac disease

BY KATIE FOWLER
THE PARTHENON

The Making Tracks for Celiac Awareness Walk raised more than \$5,500, Sunday, with help from over 100 walkers.

Cabell-Huntington Hospital and the West Virginia branch of the Gluten Intolerance Group hosted the event.

Approximately 110 walkers came out to show their support and raise awareness for the campaign.

Karen Daniel, West Virginia support group leader for the Gluten Intolerance Group and mother of a celiac child, said this year's turn out was an increase from the previous two years.

"All the proceeds stay local," Daniel said. "We offer free screenings every year to people at risk for celiac, supply educational materials to doctors' offices, pharmacists, dietitians, etc."

Alex Kerns of Hurricane was a participant in Sunday's walk.

"This is my first time participating in the Making Tracks for Celiac Awareness Walk," Kerns said. "A close friend has the disease, so it is important for me to come out and support."

Three million Americans have celiac disease, and 2,910,000 do not even know they have it, according to the Gluten Intolerance Group Web site.

Yoram Elitsur, professor of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and medical advisor of the W.Va. Gluten Intolerance Group, said

many do not recognize the disease. "It is an allergy intolerant disease that is diagnosed anywhere from 2 years of age to 50 years old," Elitsur said. "The small intestine is affected when patients with the disease consume wheat, barley and rye products."

Elitsur said there is no cure for the disease.

"Celiac disease is genetic, and we do not know the gene that links to this disease," Elitsur said. "Patients must follow the gluten-free diet to prevent a reaction."

Joe Khoury, an adult gastroenterologist, said the goal is to increase awareness of the disease.

"It is often misdiagnosed, and the result of the misdiagnoses can be cancer of the small bowel called lymphoma," Khoury said.

Sara Hedges, sophomore biomedical science major, said she was diagnosed last fall with the disease. She said her best advice is to find a management plan that works for you.

"I am always conscience of how food in the dining halls is prepared. If it contains an allergen, I either do not eat it or ask for it to be prepared differently," Hedges said. "Almost everything contains wheat so this can be tricky, but there is almost always some alternative."

Proceeds will go toward the new celiac section in the medical library for Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and WVU, Daniels said.

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Participants in the third annual Making Tracks for Celiac Awareness Walk ranged from all ages. Those who were too young to walk opted for strollers instead while several walkers even brought their dogs along to help raise both awareness and more than \$5,500.

'Thunder on the River' raises money for Red Cross

BY JAYME MEADOWS
THE PARTHENON

The fourth annual fundraising event for the American Red Cross, "Thunder on the River," was this past Saturday at the Harris Riverfront Park.

"We have a fundraiser once a year," said Becky Howard, community development coordinator for the American Red Cross, "and with such a big budget it is important for us to raise enough money to assist and help victims with house fires, flooding or other

er natural disasters."

Howard has spent the last two years volunteering, and this is her first year managing and organizing "Thunder on the River."

"We raised roughly \$30,000 this year after expenses," Howard said. "Our sponsorships were up from last year and so was our auctions. We raised about \$30,000 in sponsorships and between \$7,000 and \$8,000 in auctions."

Over 67,000 disasters are reported nationally and include floods, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes and other natural and man-

"We want to make the community aware and show them how to get involved with the Red Cross"

Becky Howard

Community Development Coordinator, American Red Cross

made disasters, according to the Central West Virginia Chapter American Red Cross Web site.

Over 400 of these disasters are in the local central chapter including Cabell, Lincoln, Wayne and Mason Counties in West Virginia and Lawrence County, Ohio.

"People need to remember charities are struggling because of the economy," said Ginny Lares, volunteer for the American Red Cross, "and this fundraiser brings in the necessary money we need to fund the organization and provide victims with necessities."

All proceeds raised will go to

local victims of any natural or man-made disasters this year.

"The Red Cross does more than just donate blood. We are very involved with the community," Lares said. "It is our job to provide immediate and individual assistance to victims."

The American Red Cross spent about \$100,00 last year assisting victims.

"We want to make the community aware and show them how to get involved with the Red Cross," Howard said.

Dinner and other refreshments

were provided Saturday as well as live entertainment. Anyone who purchased a ticket was automatically entered in a drawing for a four-day, four-night vacation to the Bahamas.

Other gifts donated to the Red Cross were auctioned off at the "Thunder on the River."

In attendance was former football coach Bobby Pruett as the honorary guest speaker, WSAZ's Tim Irr and Keith Morehouse and WKEE's Jim Davis and Sheila Redling.

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2009 Marshall Football Preview THIS FRIDAY



New E-Surveys help freshman find their acceptance at Marshall

BY STACI STANDIFORD
THE PARTHENON

A new Web-enabled survey will be available to freshmen students through their Marshall e-mail accounts Sept. 10.

This survey was created with the national program, MAP-Works (Making Achievement Possible) and will help students identify their strengths and weaknesses and connect them with faculty who can help.

Funded by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, MAP-Works is currently being used by three West Virginia universities: West Liberty University, Fairmont State University and now Marshall University.

"The goal of this survey is to improve student success and retention at Marshall University," said Mary Beth Reynolds, director of the Office of Academic Assessment. "We're hoping to do this by helping students to self-assess, to find out what it takes to be successful in college very early on in

their freshman year," Reynolds said. "We understand that success in college is more than academics."

This survey is only one step in the student success and retention plan, which was drafted by the Student Success and Retention Committee under Provost Gayle Ormiston.

This is a plan designed to help the university identify ways to improve its services for students who may be thinking they don't want to continue in the university, Ormiston said.

The MAP-Works survey will post questions to students about their academic careers as well as their social lives and campus connections.

"What we find is that many students who drop out of college, or who leave Marshall, don't do it because they are struggling academically," Reynolds said.

The MAP-Works survey will ask questions about a student's previous and expected grades, his or her involvement in campus activities, time management and social life. Students will have until Sept. 22 to complete the survey.

After the survey is finished, MAP-Works will send students their personal results with a list of faculty members who can help in the areas where they are struggling. The results will also include a list of student organizations that are available on campus, which will allow the student to become more involved and integrated in campus activity.

A midterm survey will be issued in October to identify positive or negative changes in a student's college career, followed by a possible third survey in the fall semester and several in the spring semester.

Although it is not mandatory for freshmen to participate in this survey, they are encouraged to do so.

"It's most helpful to us and to them if they complete the survey," Ormiston said. "If they don't complete the survey, we consider them to be 'at risk' students already because they're not communicating with us."

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First week activities good way for students to fight homesickness

BY MARIA ROMANO
THE PARTHENON

Homesickness hits hard the first week of college.

To help residents battle the freshman blues, the first-year residence halls had an event every evening during the first week of fall semester.

"All programs started with ice-breakers to help facilitate connections between students," said Nicole Liette, assistant general manager of Residence Life for the first-year residence halls.

Several students agreed the programs helped them make new friends and feel more comfortable. Erin Jeffery, freshman criminal justice major from East Bank, W.Va., used the first week's events to her advantage by making new friends.

"I didn't know anyone before

I came here and I did meet some people," Jeffery said.

However, the programs are not just for students who do not know anyone.

"I'm really close with the girls on my floor. We went to the Rec Fest and that was fun," said Samantha Arminio, freshman secondary physical education major.

According to Liette, the first week's events have proven an effective means of battling homesickness.

"There is much more socialization this year. More students in the lobby, outside with their doors open," she said.

Liette added that plenty of residents attended the programs with the smallest group consisting of approximately 20 students.

Students agreed they benefited from attending programs and would recommend keeping the

events for future students

"It really was a good way to meet new people," Arminio said.

The week's events began Friday, Aug. 21 with "Late Nite at the Rec" and ended Friday, Aug. 28 with a water balloon fight between the first-year residence halls.

Other events included "Convocation" Sunday, "Movie Night" Monday, "Rock Out with WMUL" Tuesday, "Game Night" Wednesday and "Ice Cream Social" Thursday.

Though Liette and the residence advisors developed the first week's programs, Liette encourages students to submit ideas for future programs throughout the year in order to continue an increase in participation.

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Snapshots from campus

Members of the Marshall Lacrosse Team play on the new rec center field.



KYLE HOBSTETTER | THE PARTHENON



FILE PHOTO

Congressman Nick Rahall conducts a town hall meeting at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse Monday.

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KYLE HOBSTETTER | THE PARTHENON

Campus Flood band performs outside of the MSC last Saturday during Different Members of the Same Body, a praise event put on by campus ministries.



Harambee offered black transfer and freshman students info on Marshall's colleges and student organizations Tuesday.

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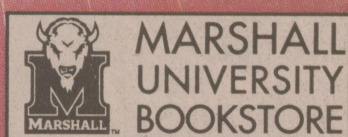
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Film Fest to raise funds for new Paul Ambrose Trail of Health

A fundraiser will be held Sept. 11 to help finance the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian trail that will honor the memory of a Huntington native.

Fit Fest will be on the eight-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks that killed Paul Ambrose, a graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine who worked to bring the issue of obesity to the national forefront.

The event will take place at Ritter Park and will include a 5K walk/run, a fun run and 50 and 100-yard dashes for children. The 5K will be scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Paul Ambrose Trail for Health is a proposed pedestrian and bicycle trail that will connect most of Huntington's parks to the downtown area. It will provide recreational opportunities and alternative transportation routes. The city has received \$319,000 in grants to construct the \$3 million trail, said Brie Salmon, project manager and specialist at the Rahaall Transportation Institute.

The Ambrose Foundation, St. Mary's Medical Center, Cabell-Huntington Hospital and HIMG will sponsor the event.

Registration fees vary and must be received online by Wednesday, Sept. 9. T-shirts will be provided to the first 100 walkers/runners.

An awards ceremony hosted by Ken and Sharon Ambrose will follow the 5K.

and European Union countries. While in Germany, the governor also plans to visit West Virginia's trade office there.

A Manchin spokesman says the delegation expects to depart in late September, and will return after about a week.

Manchin led a state trade mission to Europe in 2006. Most recently, he headed a trade trip to China in late 2007. He began his second term this year.

Mining protesters held on bail in W.Va.

PETTRY BOTTOM, W.Va. (AP) — Two mountaintop removal mining protesters who harnessed themselves to trees for six days at a Massey Energy mine are behind bars on \$25,000 bail.

Nick Stocks and Laura Steepleton were in the Southern Regional Jail on Tuesday, charged with trespass, obstruction and littering for their protest at the Edwright mine in Raleigh County.

The pair camped out on 80-foot-high platforms in two tulip poplars to stop blasting and focus attention on the plight of the mine's neighbors.

They wanted Richmond, Va.-based Massey to pay for health care and home repairs for those people.

Both are affiliated with Climate Ground Zero, which claims Massey security guards started to cut down trees near Steepleton's post Monday afternoon. "They say that when she decided to come down."

Swine flu vaccine may mean more than one

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors don't know yet if it will take one dose or two of vaccine to protect against the new swine flu. Add that to vaccine for the regular winter flu, and it could be a multishot season for a lot of people — or a multisquirt season, for those who choose the FluMist nasal-spray version.

Some possibilities: —One shot: Older adults currently aren't on the priority list to get swine flu vaccine but they should get the seasonal vaccine, which is available.

—Two shots: There's a potential for the regular vaccine in one arm and the swine flu vaccine in the other, if that one requires just one dose.

—Three shots: The swine flu vaccine might require two doses three weeks apart, plus the regular vaccine.

—Four shots: There's even this possibility for some children. Youngsters under 9 who are getting their first-ever regular flu vaccination need two doses of it.

CHANGES

FROM PAGE 1

In the upcoming year, the physical plant wants to add campus wide upgrades for the Americans with Disability Acts restrooms, and paint classrooms and hallways in Corby Hall.

With all of the improvements, Cutlip said, "Marshall is running better than it did, when it was first opened in the 1960's."

People are starting to notice changes around campus as well.

"This is the best I have seen Marshall look, it shines like its new now," said Patrick Evans, junior from Washington, D.C.

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OFFENSE

FROM PAGE 4

But Slate hasn't been the only one of Anderson's targets who has raised Snyder's eyebrows in fall camp. Senior receiver Courtney Edmonson has emerged as a true No. 1 at the position.

"He rose to the occasion," Snyder said. "We said last year that we needed to throw the ball down the field a little more and that we were going to bring an influx of talent in."

"We told him he could either buy in or he wasn't going to play, and Courtney bought in, and he has had a great camp ... I am looking for a really stellar year from him."

That year starts at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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Mass. attorney general is 1st to seek Kennedy seat

BY STEVE LeBLANC
AP POLITICAL WRITER

BOSTON (AP) — The race for the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the death last week of Edward Kennedy got off to a cautious start Tuesday, despite a tight five-month election schedule that leaves little time for campaigning.

By the end of the day just one major candidate — state Attorney General Martha Coakley — opted to take out nomination papers. A campaign aide declined to comment.

Other possible contenders decided to hold back in part to see whether a member of the Kennedy family might decide to enter the race — including Kennedy's widow, Vicki Kennedy or his nephew, the former U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II.

Another possible contender — former U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan — said he is "thinking about" a run for the seat and hopes to make a decision by the end of the week.

Meehan, now chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, is waiting to see whether a Kennedy jumps in. Meehan has \$4.8 million in his federal campaign account, the largest sum of any potential candidate.

"There's a lot of speculation about whether Joe Kennedy or Vicki Kennedy would run and I think either of them would make a great senator," he said. "Certainly if one of the two Kennedy candidates decided to run, I would support them."

Other possible candidates include several members of Massachusetts all-Democratic congressional delegation — Reps. Stephen Lynch, Michael Capuano and Edward Markey. All three have sizable federal campaign war chests, including \$1.3 million for Lynch, \$1.2 million for Capuano and \$2.8 million for Markey as of June 30.

Capuano said he hopes to make a decision in the next week or so, and in the meantime he's reaching out to political allies and completing more mundane tasks like upgrading computers.

"I'm doing my own gut check now," Capuano said. "This is not something I take lightly. I want to make sure there's a legitimate path to victory for me."

Capuano, who has Joe Kennedy's old House seat, suggested he would be unlikely to run if Kennedy seeks the seat.

"If Joe's in it, it's awfully hard to run against someone you respect so much," Capuano said.

Another Democrat weighing a run is Gloucester attorney Edward O'Reilly, who unsuccessfully challenged Sen. John Kerry in last year's Democratic primary.

"I am very seriously considering it. I ran for the same office less than a year ago and received 31 percent of the vote," O'Reilly said.

On the Republican side, potential candidates were even more tightlipped.

Former Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey, former U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan and state Sen. Scott Brown, R-Wrentham, have all been mentioned as possible candidates, but none responded to requests for comment.

Other political figures decided to take their names out of the running.

Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray issued a statement saying that despite receiving "words of encouragement from many supporters suggesting that I consider running for the United States Senate seat," he will keep his day job.

"I look forward to running and winning re-election with Governor Patrick in 2010," Murray said.

Gov. Deval Patrick, in response to a reporter's question on Monday, also snuffed out a suggestion that he might have his eye on the Senate seat, saying he remains focused on his job as governor.

Potential candidates will have to decide fairly quickly if they're in or out given the quick pace of the special election.

The first major deadline, Oct. 20, is less than two months away. That's when candidates vying for their party's nomination must deliver the signatures of at least 10,000 voters to local officials for certification to secure a spot on

the Dec. 8 primary ballot. The final election is just six weeks later on Jan. 19.

Voters are facing their own deadlines. The last day to register for the primary is Nov. 12, and for the general election, the registration deadline is Dec. 30.

While possible candidates have their eye on the special election, Massachusetts lawmakers were gearing up for a public hearing scheduled for Sept. 9 on a contentious bill that would change state law to let the governor make an interim appointment to the seat until the election.

Gov. Patrick supports the change, but House Speaker Robert DeLeo, D-Winthrop, and Senate President Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, haven't said whether they back it.

Democrats are facing charges of hypocrisy from critics who point out that just five years ago, they changed the law to block then-Gov. Mitt Romney from naming a fellow Republican to fill the seat if Kerry, the Democrats' presidential nominee, won his White House campaign.

Before that change, the governor was allowed to appoint a nominee until the next general election. As part of the 2004 change, Democratic lawmakers also blocked the possibility of Romney naming an interim senator.

Patrick said it's unfair to let Massachusetts go five months without two voices in the Senate. He said he'd ask for a guarantee from whoever he named as interim senator not to run in the special election.

National Democratic leaders including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., also support the interim appointment. They say they need as many votes as they can during the debate on President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Kennedy died last week of brain cancer at age 77.

Associated Press writer Andrew Miga in Washington contributed to this report.

Local school makes leap in magazine's rankings

PARKERSBURG — A local school leaped through the U.S. News and World Report annual ranking of colleges and universities in America for 2009.

Ohio Valley University jumped 16 notches from 55 in 2008 in the third tier to 39th in the first tier in the magazine's survey of 96 colleges in the southern region.

"We're actually honored by it," said OVU President E. Keith Stotts.

The 2010 rankings, on the news stands now, was based on several factors including retention of students from freshmen to senior years, graduation rates, student-to-teacher ratios, number of recruited students in the top 25 percent of their high school class and a higher than average rate of rejecting applicants the school doesn't believe will be successful, Stotts said.

The freshman retention rate is 68 percent. The student-teacher ratio at OVU is 16-1 while its rejection rate is 2 percent higher than the average among schools, he said.

The unfortunate perception of the latter is the school is elitist, Stotts said.

"Because we're not," he said. "There are some students who just aren't going to make it."

The school was also ranked third behind the University of Charleston (W.Va.) for the most international students, 9 percent.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg was unranked. Schools with open admissions are not ranked, according to the magazine's criteria, said Connie Dziagwa, spokeswoman for the college. The college's admission rate for the fall is 100 percent, the magazine said.

The retention rate for a community college also is misleading, Dziagwa said. Students attend long enough to gain the skills, training and education for employment or transfer to another college after several years, she said.

In the rankings for other schools in the area and West Virginia, Marietta College was ranked in a tie for No. 6 in the Midwest with Huntington (Ind.) University and Cedarville University, Marietta College earlier this month was ranked by Forbes.com in the top 19 percent at 112, up 56 places from 2008, the first year of that survey.

In the national universities category Ohio University at Athens was ranked 115. Ohio State University at Columbus was ranked 53.

West Virginia University again was in the unranked 66-school third tier of national schools offering doctorates. Its score by peers of 2.5 out of 5 placed it with Kent State, Montana State, Ball State, Bowling Green and New School in New York.

In the ranking for institutions offering master's, Wheeling Jesuit was ranked 18 out of more than 115 schools.

Marshall University ranked number 45 in the list for master's schools, a two-spot drop from 2008.

In the category of schools offering bachelor's, the University of Charleston was ranked 15.

Other rankings in West Virginia were: Alderson-Broaddus College, 21; Davis and Elkins College, 30; Shepherd University, 40; Concord University, 45; and Fairmont State University, 48. Alderson-Broaddus was ranked fifth in best value.

Glenville State College and West Virginia University Institute of Technology were the unranked tier 4. West Liberty State College and Bluefield State College were in tier 3.

Shepherd, Concord and Fairmont State were ranked in the top 10 of public schools offering baccalaureate degrees.

Criteria in that determination included:

- The ratio of quality to price, which is determined by the school's overall score in the 2010 rankings divided by the 2008-2009 net cost to a student receiving an average need-based scholarship or grant.

"The higher the ratio of a school's America's Best Colleges 2010 edition rank to the discounted total cost less the average 2008-2009 academic year need-based scholarship or grant, the better the value," the magazine said.

- Percentage of undergraduate students receiving need-based scholarships or grants during the 2008-2009 academic year.

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MCTC

FROM PAGE 1

"Because the college split from Marshall they were backed up on the financial aid and they are so busy that I can't even get someone to return my calls."

Because MCTC students have not received their financial aid yet, the college gave out book vouchers to cover the cost of books students needed to purchase for their courses.

"I really appreciated the college giving the students book vouchers," Harshbarger said. "It really helped me out a lot since I have not received my financial aid yet."

When asked if it bothered her not being a Marshall student anymore, Harshbarger said the only thing she's disappointed with is not being able to attend football games for free.

"The one big thing that bothers me is not being able to qualify for free game tickets," she said. "I feel like I have been denied my social privileges as a college student just because I'm not considered a Marshall student anymore."

Harshbarger said the separation of the community college from Marshall is not a negative thing, but wishes the financial aid situation had been taken care of in a timely fashion.

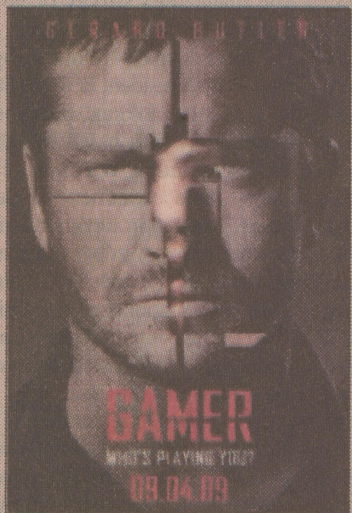
"Other than the financial aid situation, I'm happy with the community college because it provided me with a major that Marshall did not" she said.

Billie Brooks, MCTC dean of student services, Nadine Hamrick, assistant director of financial aid, and Keith Cotroneo, president of MCTC were contacted, but were not available for interviews.

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Fall Film Fever

The University of Southern Florida Oracle staff previews some of this fall's predicted blockbusters.



1 Gamer

Boasting a star-studded cast including John Leguizamo, Ludacris and Terry Crews, the action thriller "Gamer" could make a splash during its opening weekend.

Set in the future, the violent video game "Slayers" gives players full control of a death row inmate in full-scale combat. Kable ("300" star Gerard Butler), the game's most popular character, is wrongfully imprisoned inside the battle and is being controlled by Simon, whose 27-game winning streak catapults him into fame.

Kable strives for freedom so he can reunite with his wife ("The Closer's" Kyra Sedgwick) and exact revenge on the game's creator, Ken Castle ("Paycheck's" Michael Hall).

— Brandon Jones



2 Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs

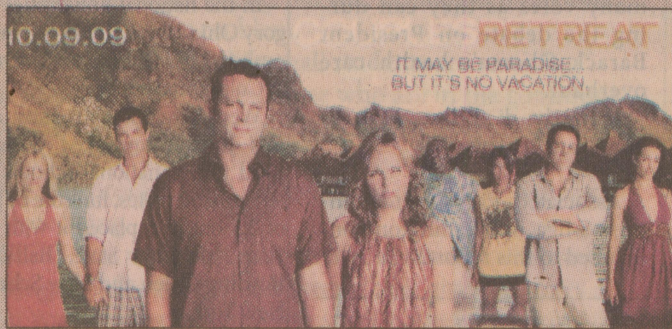
Sony Pictures Animation's latest 3-D motion picture comes in an adaptation of a classic children's book. "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" takes place in the fictional town of "Chewandswallow," where cumulonimbus clouds shower various

food and drink instead of water.

The movie contains a few unique twists not included in the book, but the film's Web site still promises "the most delicious event since macaroni met cheese." Andy Samberg, Anna Faris and Mr. T round out a versatile voice cast.

— Evan Brenner

3 Couples Retreat

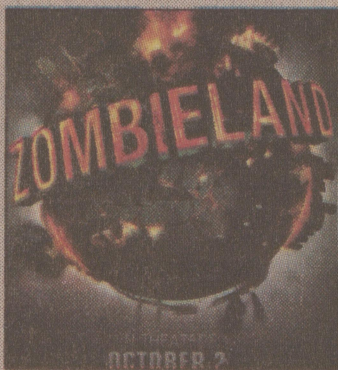


When a couple on the verge of divorce plan to save their marriage by visiting "the Disneyland for adults" in the tropics, some of their friends go along for a leisurely getaway. They soon realize the resort's group discount comes with a price. To take advantage of the fun activities, they have to attend unwanted therapeutic sessions, such as couples' skill building.

Shark bites, nudity, rough massages and a scantily clad yoga instructor will keep the mood light while the movie touches on some real-life problems couples face.

The all-star cast of "Couples Retreat" — including Vince Vaughn ("Wedding Crashers"), Jason Bateman ("Juno") and the new Hollywood hottie Malin Akerman ("Watchmen") — is sure to draw in many moviegoers.

— Shana Johnson



4 Zombieland

Charged with the task of outwitting zombies that have taken over America, Tallahassee ("Semi-Pros" Woody Harrelson) and Columbus ("Adventureland's" Jesse Eisenberg) just can't seem to figure out how to survive each other.

In the action comedy, Tallahassee is out to win the zombie kill of the week, while Columbus just wants to survive. The zombie clean-up duo shows how to survive in a post-apocalyptic world with an unfavored companion.

Sure to please or possibly disgust, "Zombieland" may just help cure any living dead film craving for the year.

— Brandon Jones



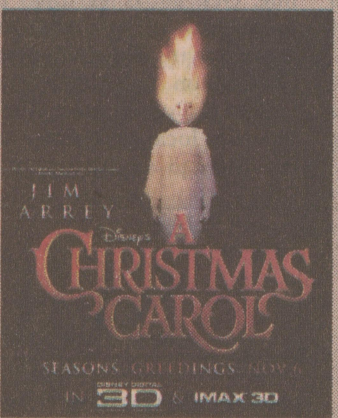
5 Where the Wild Things Are

Since its publication in 1963, "Where the Wild Things Are" has become a beloved story to generations of children. In mid-October, the popular book by Maurice Sendak will make its way to the big screen.

This unique motion picture mixes actors — including Catherine Keener ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") and Mark Ruffalo ("13 Going on 30") — animation and puppeteering together in an imaginative, whimsical tale about the adventures of a boisterous little boy, Max, who runs away from home to a land of fantasy creatures.

Audiences will be intrigued to see the "wild things" step off the pages of childhood memories and come to life on screen.

— Shana Johnson



6 A Christmas Carol

In 2000, Jim Carrey stole Christmas as Dr. Seuss's "Grinch." This year, he'll take on a similar role as the holiday-hating Ebenezer Scrooge from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

In this 3-D animated feature, Scrooge is haunted by three ghosts — also played by Carrey — who take him on a wild ride of redemption through his past, present and future. This story is sure to touch hearts as a timeless classic or a new-age 3-D adventure.

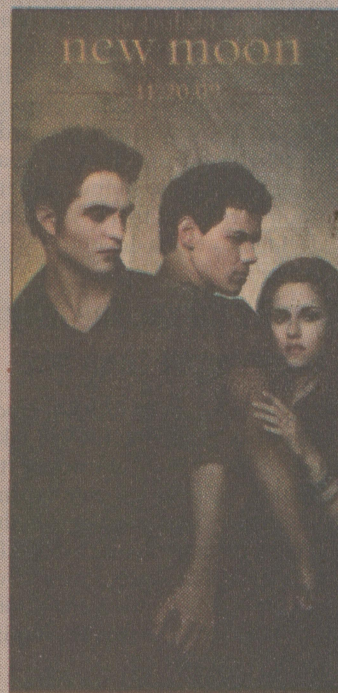
— Joe Polito



Based on the Mayan theory that the world will end Dec. 21, 2012, the movie "2012" tells the story of how the human race struggles to survive after worldwide cataclysmic disasters.

Director Roland Emmerich ("Independence Day," "The Day After Tomorrow"), no stranger to disaster movies, will bring his usual stunning visual effects to "2012." Hollywood and audiences have favored past apocalyptic movies, and that underlying fear of the unknown could make "2012" a big blockbuster this fall. The movie stars John Cusack, Amanda Peet and newcomer Morgan Lily.

— Jillian Fredenhagen



8 The Twilight Saga: New Moon

This November, hopeless romantics and vampire lovers across the country will gather to see "New Moon," the sequel to "Twilight."

When "Twilight" premiered in November 2008, movie theater lines trailed out of front entrances. With the adaption of the second book arriving in theaters in less than three months, fans are getting antsy.

Robert Pattinson plays a lesser role in this movie, and Taylor Lautner — who told MTV he gained almost 30 pounds of muscle for the new movie — is expected to step up to the plate, playing a mysterious, strong and capable boy-toy for Bella (Kristen Stewart).

— Felicia Garda



9 The Princess and the Frog

Students who loved films like "The Little Mermaid" and "Aladdin" will enjoy Disney's new film "The Princess and the Frog" from the same directors, Ron Clements and John Musker.

The old fairytale of a frog turning into a handsome prince is told like never before. Anika Rose ("Dreamgirls") voices the beautiful Princess Tiana, who kisses a frog and gets an unexpected surprise. From the hand-drawn animation to the music provided by Randy Newman, this new blockbuster is sure to be a hit with both young and old alike.

— Rachel Kaylor

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