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## No excuse for Swine Flu ?



Members of the community line up inside the Memorial Student Center to receive flu shots. As of now, students missing a class due to H1N1 would not be able to get an excused absence without a doctor's note.

## Faculty senate meeting scheduled to hash out important H1N1 issues

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students cannot currently obtain an excused absence for suspected H1N1 symptoms without a doctor's note. Faculty senate will meet Sept. 24 to address topics including absences, how to treat ill students living on campus and completing missed assignments in the event of an H1N1 outbreak. No final decisions will be made by university administration until the issues have been discussed. Camilla Brammer, chairwoman of faculty senate and professor of communication studies, said the meeting will also serve an informative purpose and none of the proposals are final.

"It's not concrete yet," Brammer said. "At this point it's kind of fluid until we probably get some more things on paper. The faculty will respond the way the university tells us to respond." Brian Carrico, director of safety and health at Marshall University, said steps have been taken to inform the university about prevention measures. "We handed out the personal hand sanitizers. They're available to everyone," Carrico said. "We have also posted Center for Disease Control posters in restrooms on proper hand washing techniques. We have a prevention Web site also." Included in the plans to be discussed is what measures to take when students and faculty suspect they are experiencing flu-like symptoms.

"The No. 1 thing we're trying to get the message out is if you have flu-like symptoms, stay home," Carrico said. "Students living on campus are urged to contact a family member to take them home to recuperate in a comfortable environment. This approach will also minimize exposure to others. If your family lives too far away, resident students may consider staying with a friend off campus." Going home or leaving campus might not be an option for all students. There will be proposals brought up at the meeting about how to treat students in that situation. Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, said part of the treatment would include isolation.

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## New GI bill takes effect for veterans

BY ERIC DIVITO  
THE PARTHENON

The Post-9/11 GI Bill took effect Aug. 1, bringing many changes for veterans paying for college. "The new GI Bill will pay your tuition and fees up to the highest in-state undergraduate tuition," said Corwyn Payne, veterans certification specialist at Marshall University.

According to GI Bill.com, West Virginia's maximum tuition rate is \$1,592 per term.

The GI Bill also offers a book stipend of \$1,000 per academic school year as well as a cost of living allowance based on the zip code of the school Payne said.

Staff Sgt. Jesse Holt, an Army recruiter in Barboursville, described the bill as an incentive.

Most people are interested in the bill because it often offers more money than someone would get with a full scholarship, he said.

Payne said there are limits to the bill that veterans should pay attention to.

"Just because they went in after 9/11 or served past 9/11 doesn't mean they get the whole benefit," Payne said. "You have to have a minimum of 36 continuous months of service after 9/11 to qualify for the full benefit."

Despite the increase in benefits this year, Payne said the veteran population at Marshall was roughly the same as in years past.

Payne explained that many soldiers wait to go back to school after their service is over.

"A soldier goes into service, they're un-married," Payne said. "They have no children. They come out with children

**“The new GI Bill will pay your tuition and fees up to the highest in-state under graduate tuition.”**

**Corwyn Payne**  
Veterans Certification Specialist  
Marshall University

and a wife or a husband. The most important thing for them at that time is finding the job, the health benefits."

Payne said the majority of Marshall students who draw the full-time active GI bill benefits are single or have been out of the service for a while.

Payne said veterans should not wait too long to take advantage of the bill.

"They need to remember, they only have 15 years from the date of eligibility to use the entire benefit," he said.

This is another change from the old GI Bill, which gave a veteran only 10 years after service.

Payne said it was time for these changes.

"When the first GI Bill came out, it came out for our greatest generation. It came out to actually form the middle class," he said. "Doctors, lawyers, everybody that came out at that time period went to school on that old bill. The new bill is now tailored for this day and age."

"If you ever had any aspirations to go to college and had difficulty paying for it, there is pretty much no reason why you couldn't go to college on the army dollar," Holt said.

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## Conference ready to include autism in daily life situations

BY WHITNEY BURDETTE  
THE PARTHENON

The West Virginia chapter of the Autism Society of America is hosting its annual conference this weekend at the Pullman Plaza Hotel. "Climbing Mountains to Inclusion" aims to show educators and parents ways to help autistic children progress in school.

More than 200 school personnel and parents have preregistered for the conference.

"That's a pretty good turn out, but we do expect more on-site registrations," said Kim Farley, chapter president. "We're expecting close to 300."

The host committee includes members from the West Virginia chapter, Autism Services Center, the Huntington Area Autism Society and WV Autism Training Center at Marshall University.

"Autism is something that one agency or one person cannot address alone," said Barbara Becker-Cot-

trill, executive director of the WV Autism Training Center and chairwoman of the conference. "We very much believe in collaboration and working together to do more than we could do if we were just isolated as an agency."

Huntington has long been considered an autism friendly community. It began in the late 1970s when Ruth Sullivan founded the Autism Services Center to help her autistic son, Becker-Cottrill said.

"So little was known about this and it was very frustrating for parents," Becker-Cottrill said. "I think we have a lot of autism activities in this community and we have a lot of autism services in this community because Dr. Sullivan came and pioneered all of these things."

Farley echoed these thoughts. "The whole state I believe is autism friendly because we've raised so much awareness," she said.

Farley's 14-year-old son is autistic. However, she

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The logo for the "Climbing Mountains to Inclusion" was designed by Miso Bills, a 16-year-old student at Huntington High School, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder. The conference will show parents and teachers how to include children with autism in every day situations.

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### EDITORIAL

## Planning for an outbreak

### Faculty senate meeting to propose flu prevention

In an upcoming faculty senate meeting, one of the tasks will be to discuss what to do in the case of a H1N1 outbreak on campus. Several proposals will be presented to the faculty. For instance, if you are sick, go home to recuperate in a comfortable environment. That makes sense. You obviously want to be at home in your own bed when you are feeling terrible. You want your own blanket, your own pillow and your own mom to take care of you, and you don't feel so bad if you end up getting her sick, too, because she won't get mad at you.

But, if you live really far away from campus, the faculty will suggest you go stay with a friend who lives off campus. Wait, what?

It doesn't make an ounce of sense that while you are running a fever to go stay with someone who isn't sick and take the risk of getting him or her sick, therefore simply extending the cycle of the H1N1 virus.

Another proposal will be to have isolation areas in residence halls in order to keep the sick students away from the well ones. That doesn't really make sense either. It seems that would simply keep all of the sick people sick. Yes, let's just put all the sick people together and let them cough and sneeze all over each other. Why don't we just let them drink after each other, too.

If a student lives on campus and home is too far away, it would make more sense to send the roommate who isn't sick somewhere else to stay while the sick one stays in bed to recuperate. This might prevent the flu from spreading further.

These proposals might make logistical sense, but in reality, the swine flu is going to get people. The best thing you can do is wash your hands. A lot.

### Guidelines for letters to the editor

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON | ERIN FELTON | THINK OUTSIDE THE SIDEWALK



### SO, HERE'S THE THING | Caleb Whisenant

## Show respect, we're in it together

When I started writing this column at the beginning of the Spring 2009 semester, I promised myself two things: I would not put limitations on myself and I would never write about politics. The first promise is self-explanatory. It is a gift everyone should give themselves, whether you are writing a column, painting a picture or trying to find a cure for a terminal illness.

The second promise I made to myself is odd in some ways, primarily in that it seems to contradict the first promise. It is, however, a necessary contradiction.

This promise did not stem from a disliking of politics or a feeling of apathy toward the political institutions and policies that govern our world. In fact, I am very passionate about politics and government and matters of the like. I did not and do not, however, want to use this column as a platform to "politicize" myself or anyone else, for a couple of reasons.

The first reason being that other columnists focus on politics and do so with eloquence far more profound and knowledge



**CALEB WHISENANT**  
COLUMNIST

far more in-depth than I possess. By the time my column is published on Thursdays, people probably would not care much about what I would have to say concerning political issues.

The second reason is that all evidence points to the fact that there is simply something about politics that gets people flustered and angry. Controversy is not my intent. Each week as I sit down to write my column, I do not do so with the goal of upsetting people. My purpose is to share ideas with you, bring enjoyment (and maybe a little enlightenment) to your day and hopefully make you think.

I feel compelled, however, to address (as ambiguously as possible in keeping with the second promise) a problem I see taking root in our society, perhaps most venomously in the realm of politics, but certainly in other areas as well.

The problem is a lack of civility

**"It is in fact a lack of respect for one another that is the real issue. It is the failure on our part to recognize our own humanity in the eyes of someone else."**

when dealing with one another.

From members of the US Congress to professional musicians and athletes to random "fire-and-brimstoners" on campus, there seems to be a growing tendency on our part to interact with one another in a seemingly barbaric manner.

Of course, at the core of the problem is not simply the fact two people disagree. It is in fact a lack of respect for one another that is the real issue. It is the failure on our part to recognize our own humanity in the eyes of someone else. But, beyond that, it is a shortcoming we have that runs much deeper into our consciousness, to the heart of the collective dysfunction of the world: the ego - to wit, the inability on our part to see the truth of human nature and existence.

We fall short of realizing one simple fact, a fact that has been used as a catchphrase time and time again, but never truly understood.

So here's the thing (and, forgive me if this sounds cliché, because I know it does, but there is power in the words to follow). We are one. We are all "we" have. This is it. We share this planet. Astronomer Carl Sagan once stated that our status of solitude in the universe underscores the importance of dealing more kindly with one another.

Just because we disagree with one another does not mean we cannot respect one another and our disagreements.

In his 2008 New Hampshire primary concession speech, President Barack Obama said, "We can disagree without being disagreeable," and I think we can all agree on that.

### THE BROWN-EYED GIRL | Kayla Queen

## Meltdowns don't have to be crazy

It seems to me that people are losing their minds.

It all started with Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., shouting "You lie!" to President Barack Obama on Sept. 9 during his health care address to Congress.

After that, it was all downhill from there.

Serena Williams flipped out on a line judge at the US Open on Saturday, using harsh language and according to the Associated Press, said something about shoving a ball

down the judge's throat. Ouch.

Sunday, Kanye West stole Taylor Swift's thunder at the MTV Video Music Awards when she received the award for Best Female Video.

He jumped up on stage as the 19-year-old singer was about

to thank everyone you thank during an award speech, and took the microphone out of her hand to announce to everyone that "Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time," only to be dissed by the classy Beyonce herself when she gave Swift the chance to "have her moment." Whoa.

Is it the moon? Is it something in the water? What is the deal here? It could be a good thing that so many people feel comfortable with stating

their feelings and beliefs, but isn't it possible to do so without freaking out and embarrassing yourself?

Everyone has meltdowns and emotionally bad moments. I'm sure each of these outbursts happened because of some intense emotion at the time and that each of these people are sorry for their actions. Well, maybe not Kanye.

So next time you are on the verge of a meltdown, just remember "What would Beyonce do?" Stay classy.



**KAYLA QUEEN**  
MANAGING EDITOR

### YOUR THOUGHTS | Letters to the Editor

Actually, Pres. Barack Obama has to get in line behind Presidents Bush and Clinton when it comes to charges of "drinking the Kool-Aid" -- use of the phrase on both ends of the political spectrum seems to have really taken off since the 25th anniversary of the cult murder/suicide tragedy that "inspired" the term.

Whether used in business with the positive connotation of loyalty

or used in politics with the negative connotation of following blindly, the term certainly is a gratingly flippant way to memorialize the needless deaths of more than 900 men, women and children.

**Beverly McCoy**

Marshall University Alumna  
in response to the letter from Jamilla Gates

I am firmly opposed to part of the health care overhaul legislation

submitted by Senator Max Baucus.

He has proposed for all citizens to be required to buy health care insurance. His system would impose heavy fines on individuals who do not comply. It is extremely unethical for our government to force individuals to buy products.

This system would place an unscrupulous burden on all Americans. This initiative would also pave the way for future government mandated personal pur-

chases by way of precedent. I understand the nation's health care system is flawed and I appreciate the legislative efforts to fix it.

However, citizens should be encouraged, not forced, to purchase insurance. This issue affects every American. I urge everyone to immediately write to their congressional representatives and express their opinion regarding this issue.

**Michael Adkins**

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### Daily News Quotation

"She was a very talented animation student. She actually won a scholarship for her work when she was still in high school."  
— Sarah Stockton, public relations director at the Art Institute of Dallas after a student was brutally stabbed in her apartment, but the murder received little to no media attention.



## Course empowers women through self-defense

BY NEERA DOSS  
THE PARTHENON

In the first 10 to 20 minutes of a typical college class, students probably have their notebooks out, ready to take notes. For students who participate in the Rape Aggression Defense System class, that time is spent warming up with stretches and kicks.

RAD is a women-only class offered to Marshall students.

According to the RAD Web site, it is a comprehensive course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk education and risk avoidance.

"This program is unique because it focuses on defense for women, escape and survival is the goal," said Sergeant Angela Howell, RAD instructor.

The course is taught by nationally-certified RAD instructors.

For some students, the class was a priority during scheduling.

"I actually came to college wanting to take this," said Sami Messer, freshman nursing major from Wheelersburg, Ohio. "I didn't really know this program was available."

For other women, taking the RAD class was recommended.

"I was talking to my adviser about classes I needed to take and she suggested this class," said Brittany Ables, freshman nursing major from Yorktown, Va.

According to the National In-

stitute for Justice Web site, college women are more likely to be sexually assaulted than women who do not attend college.

Furthermore, only four in 10 schools offer any sexual assault defense training.

Many female students believe Marshall's RAD program proves to be not only a good time, but also a necessity.

**"No matter how small you are and no matter how weak people tell you you are, you can defend yourself in any situation."**

Brittany Ables  
Freshman nursing major

"I think women being prepared and able to take care of themselves is beneficial and I felt it wasn't a waste of my time."

The class is not only rewarding for females who take part in the program. Instructors find the class equally as satisfying.

"My favorite part about teaching this class is changing women's lives," said Officer Scott Ballou. "They can walk at night or wherever and if something would happen they know what to do."

Howell said on the first day of class, students are asked if they believe they could successfully get away from a harmful situation. Usually no one raises their hand.

At the end of the class, the same question is asked and almost every woman raises her hand.

"It's awesome to be able to see that change and to know we were a part of changing that person's

"I encourage all my female friends to take advantage of this," said Loroen Appar, senior criminal justice major from Ravenswood, W.Va.



Female students practice the "ready stance" during Rape Aggression Defense System, a class that teaches self-defense, escape and survival techniques to women.

life," Howell said. "It's very rewarding."

It's not just participating in class that teaches students.

"You can pick up a lot just by watching them," Appar said. "These two are really great teach-

ers. They work well together."

Besides knowing the moves themselves, students also receive another valuable lesson: confidence.

"No matter how small you are and no matter how weak people

tell you you are, you can defend yourself in any situation," Ables said.

The class is taught every semester in eight-week cycles and is offered as a one-hour credit course.

For any questions about the course, see the RAD Web site at [www.marshall.edu/mupd/rady-system.htm](http://www.marshall.edu/mupd/rady-system.htm).

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## Morgantown natives run cross country for the Herd

BY LUKE WILLIAMS  
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Four members of the Marshall University cross country team hail from the same hometown and high school.

Eric Frohnapfel, 20, a junior chemistry major; Matthew Schiffbauer, 19, a sophomore exercise science major; Chris Cole, 19, a sophomore forensic chemistry major; and Adam Frohnapfel, 18, a freshman athletic training major, ran together on the team of University High School in Morgantown, W.Va.

The four ran under the Frohnapfel brothers' father, as coach at University High School, and have led the school to multiple state championships.

Despite the close proximity to West Virginia University, the four, beginning with Eric, chose

Marshall University.

"Well, WVU cut their men's team in 2003," Adam said.

That's not the only reason.

"All the people who went to WVU just stayed there," Eric said. "I didn't want to follow that regime. I wanted to see a lot of places."

"We wanted to get out of Morgantown," Matt said.

"We got offers for smaller schools, like West Virginia Wesleyan," Adam said.

"We could have been more successful in another division," Eric said. "We're at Marshall for the glamour of it."

Even beyond the normal changes of distance from friends and family, making the transition from Morgantown to Huntington took some getting used to.

"There are a lot of WVU fans on campus, but coming from

where everyone lives for WVU, you kind of have to forget what you've been taught your entire life," Adam said.

The four were greeted by a lot of familiar faces on the cross country team when they reached Marshall.

"Half the team at Marshall is from the same conference as us," Matt said.

"A lot of the guys here ran against us our entire high school careers," Eric said.

"They were already almost friends," Adam said.

The four were very confident in their team, talking in particular about the team's depth.

"This is the deepest team we've had," Adam said.

"This is the best cross country team Marshall's ever had. If one of us is having a bad race, the others are going to move up,"

Matt said.

The four said their most important races for them were the Conference USA Championships and the NCAA Regional Championships.

"They're what we peak up to," Matt said.

"We've got to stay healthy and stay consistent," Adam said.

"Staying focused is important," Eric said. "We've got another month left. Everyone comes in excited and start getting burned out by the middle of October."

"It's kind of like school," Matt said jokingly.

The four hope that this team will be able to raise the reputation of the Marshall University cross-country team.

"We're not as big as the surrounding states," Adam said.

"We've developed a little reputation, but we're not superstars,"

Eric said. "We're also the only Conference USA team in the region."

"We don't have the national-class press," Cole said.

"The best teams recruit nationally and internationally," Adam said. "We don't have the money for full scholarships. You can get some academic scholarships, some running money, and that's about it."

"We don't need to be on a track, but it's hard to recruit for the girl's team without facilities," Eric said.

When asked about why they first took interest in running, Eric and Adam cited their father as their biggest influence.

"My friend Zack needed someone to run with him," Matt said. "His mom made him do it. I realized that my good thing in every sport was speed, so why not do a

sport that was about speed?"

"My situation was more by chance," Cole said. "I was at a summer camp and my friends brought up cross country, and I decided to join the team."

The four said that their lives mostly revolved around cross country for the time being, only occasionally taking the time for activities like tennis, biking, racquetball, handball and basketball.

"Practice kills us," Adam said.

"You go to practice, you go to class, and then you lay around," Eric said.

The four expressed hope for the upcoming season.

"We're all excited, and there's a lot of anticipation," Eric said. "It's going to be an interesting year."

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## Part time job in college can be worthwhile experience

BY HEATHER CRUM  
THE PARTHENON

If a student is strapped for cash, a part-time job is the ticket for now and the future.

Many students think finding an income source that will work with schedules would be difficult, but that is not true.

Jobs in Huntington are college-friendly.

Amber Bentley, student jobs coordinator at Career Services, said there should be no problem finding a job while in college.

"If the student is open to any kind of job, such as the retail or food industry, then finding a part-time job would be no problem," Bentley said. "The part-time job market in Huntington is doing well."

Students may think balancing a job while in college can be difficult, but that is what many students do to earn money.

Bentley also said juggling these tasks will benefit students in the future.

"Working is very important after freshman year," Bentley said. "It shows employers that you can keep up with grades while gaining job experience. If someone can balance that out then they will succeed."

Charmee Smith, sophomore respiratory therapy major who has a part-time job at Victoria's Secret, agrees with Bentley.

"Working a part-time job while in college is hard to balance, but in the end I get cash and experience, which is what I need," Smith said.

Bentley said there are many tips to help job seekers find the job they are looking for.

The first step is to check the JobTrax system.

This system, located on the Career Services Web site, is a program where employers post job opportunities where they will work around schedules.

She also said to be persistent, maintain good contact with the employer and follow up on the occupation.

Networking is also a good way to get a foot in the door.

Go to an employer with a positive attitude. Do not ask if they have an opening, assume they do and approach them with confidence.

JobTrax can be found on their Web site at <http://www.marshall.edu/career-services>.

These employers know that they are seeking college students, therefore are willing to work around agendas.

If you are a college student in need of cash, do something that will pay now and lead to job opportunities later.

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## Student group prepares CARE PACKAGES

BY JENNIFER CHAPMAN  
THE PARTHENON

Friday night, the students of Herd4Christ will be meeting to show support for the troops.

Herd4Christ will meet at the 26th Street Church of Christ to assemble and label care packages for the servicemen and women overseas.

The boxes will include items such as toiletries and skin lotion as well as walkmans, batteries, CDs and movies.

Chris Roberts, campus minister of Herd4Christ, said they have been collecting things to put in them with the help of Marshall students and members of the congregation at the 26th Street Church of Christ.

"This is a way we can serve people who are serving us," Roberts said.

Herd4Christ is a group for Marshall students that does monthly service projects.

Roberts said the group studies scripture and then have an opportunity to apply what they have learned through the service projects.

**"This is a way we can serve people who are serving us."**

Chris Roberts  
Herd4Christ Campus Minister

"We don't want to just read about what we are supposed to do, we want to do it," Roberts said. "We are living out our faith, so to speak."

Herd4Christ also meets during the week for Bible studies, devotionals, church services, meals, movies and other events.

"We offer so many activities," Roberts said. "We try to offer a little bit of everything."

Every Tuesday at 9:15 p.m., the group has a Bible study meeting in the Memorial Student Center. Thursdays the group offers dinner and a movie.

"On Thursday, we offer kind of an escape from campus," Roberts said. "When people get tired of dorm food, we will

give them a home cooked meal and kind of a place to relax and watch a movie and get away from things."

Fridays have the biggest activity during the week. Roberts said it is their "devo."

"We will have a meal for the students, sing songs, have a devotional and do something together," Roberts said. "It varies. Sometimes we'll go bowling. Next Friday we're doing a city-wide scavenger hunt."

The group has 35 to 40 active students.

Elisabeth Hale, sophomore forensic chemistry major from Foley, Ala., has been a part of Herd4Christ for a year and a half. She was introduced to

Herd4Christ by the pastor of her church.

"I have made friends," Hale said, "and most of my friends are now from Herd4Christ."

Roberts said he is involved with the ministry because of the students.

"I do it because I love the kids," Roberts said. "I love the Lord. I see a need there."

Roberts has been involved full time with Herd4Christ since this summer, but said he has been working with the group in some capacity since the conception of the group about five years ago.

Roberts said the benefits of the group are the students having fun together, making good friends and hanging out. Roberts mentioned another advantage of joining the group.

"We actually have quite a few who end up meeting their future spouse and getting married," Roberts said. "I'm not quite sure how to promote that. 'Hey, join Herd4Christ - find a spouse.'"

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## Tales from a displaced fan



**DAVE TRAUBE**  
Fouled Off

Growing up in West Virginia, it's easy to take the beautiful mountains and 70 mph speed limit for granted. Something I never take for granted, however, is my displaced fandom. In other words,

my favorite sports team can be whoever I want it to be. Displaced fans are those sports enthusiasts who do not live in a metropolitan area that boasts a sports franchise.

Obviously, just about the entire state of West Virginia qualifies for such a distinction.

Now displaced fandom is not something everybody wishes for. People from Philly love the Eagles and Phillies (who cares about the 76ers?). And MOST people from Ohio can't get enough of their Cavaliers, Reds, Bengals or Browns.

But what about the rest of us? Must my favorite baseball team be limited to the West Virginia Power or the Bluefield Orioles?

This is where displaced fandom kicks into high gear. In my very humble opinion, the pros far outweigh the cons.

Can you be a Toronto Blue Jays fan, yet live in Boston? Not possible.

But can you be a Texas Rangers fan and live in Ceredo-Keno-va? Of course!

The beauty of not having a team in your geographic area is that any team can be your team; any player can be your favorite.

You don't have to wear a LeBron James jersey just because you live in Cleveland.

You have every freedom in West Virginia to be a Mark "Mad Dog" Madsen fan and sport his jersey around the streets of your town without fear of retribution from the hometown faithful.

Of course, the cons of not having a team in your state are something that must be weighed as well.

Fan gear must be ordered from the Internet in most cases, and long distances must be traveled to see a game. In fact, a displaced fan may never see their team play live.

I have loved the Dallas Cowboys my whole life and have yet to see them in person.

Well, no one ever said life would be easy.

If you go to the ice cream store and order Chocolate Pistachio Nut, that's fine. If Chocolate Pistachio Nut is the only flavor they offer, though, you could have a nagging worry that you might be missing out on something — that having a choice would make the experience better.

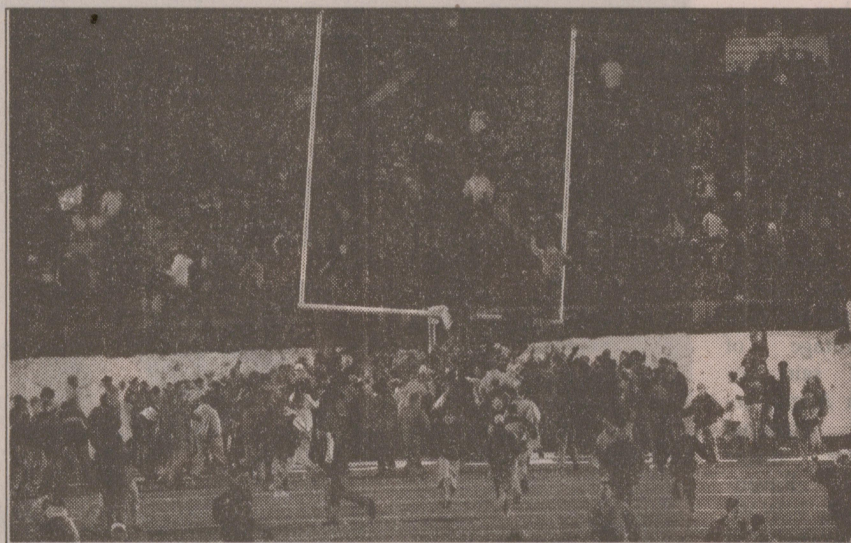
For the displaced fan, every flavor is there for the choosing and, in some ways, it's easier to appreciate all the others too. By not being geographically tied to a team, it's a little easier to enjoy them all.

"Mountaineers are Always Free" goes the state motto.

"Free to support the team of their choice," I might add.

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# MACnificent memories



Left: The late Jonathan Goddard brings down Bowling Green's Omar Jacobs in 2004. Middle: Marshall fans celebrate the 2002 MAC championship. Right: Ahmad Bradshaw siff arms a BG defender in 2004.

## Tom Bragg relives the Herd's dominance of its former conference

Nobody is happier about Marshall's move to Conference USA than I am. So in honor of the Bowling Green Falcons making the trip to Huntington for a Saturday date with the Herd (and because it will be nice to write about winning football for a change), let's take a trip down memory lane and relive some of my favorite Herd moments from its most recent stay in the Mid-American Conference (1997-2004).



**BRAGG**

It was hard to narrow this list down, and please keep in mind these are in no particular order (except the first one). So without further adieu:

**"Pennington to Pinkerton" - Dec. 3 1999 MAC Championship Game vs. Western Michigan**  
The best Marshall team ever had stormed through the regular season undefeated in 1999 (including a win over Clemson on the road), and squared off with Western Michigan in Huntington to decide who would represent the MAC in that season's Motor City Bowl.

The Broncos did not buy in to the hype and came out swinging at Marshall University Stadium that night. By halftime, the WMU lead was 20 (soon to be 23) and Bobby Pruett's boys were staring directly at perhaps the biggest choke-job in school history.

But then No. 10 took over. By the end of the third quarter, Marshall had cut the lead to 23-20 and was on its way to taking the team's first lead of the contest. The Broncos, however, did not fold. WMU took the lead back and with 3:08 remaining punted the ball to the Herd. That's when Pennington, playing his final game in Huntington, led one last drive down the field. No. 10 did not just use his arm though, scrambling for 33-yards (aided by a devastating downfield block by receiver John Cooper) and taking a hit out of bounds that resulted in a

15-yard penalty to set up the dramatic finish.

Pennington took the Herd to the Bronco 1-yard line with 45 seconds to play. On third-and-goal with seven seconds to play, Pruett sent the offense out to win the game, rather than kick a game-tying field goal.

Pennington rolled to his right and found seldom-used tight end Eric Pinkerton in the corner of the end zone for the game winning touchdown. The celebration that ensued was wild.

The best part - I was sitting with my family in the southwest corner of the stadium and the whole thing happened right in front of me. "Pennington to Pinkerton" is one of my favorite MU football memories and easily the Herd's best moment from the MAC.

**Moss' magical sophomore season - 1997**

OK, so it is not exactly a moment, but thinking back to what Randy Gene did in 1997 and then remembering how inept Marshall's passing game has been in recent years can be depressing.

I could go on and on about how Moss was the best player in the country and should have won the Heisman (he finished fourth behind Ryan Leaf, Peyton Manning and Charles Woodson - a motley crew if there ever were one), but the numbers can do the talking.

Moss' 25 touchdown-season was a Division I record, to go along with 96 catches for 1,820 yards and a Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best wide receiver. The Freak's school record 53 touchdown receptions should be safe for a long time. Like him or loathe him, Randy Moss is the most talented player EVER to take the field for the Thundering Herd, period.

**Any MAC Championship game versus Toledo (excluding the 2001 game that never happened as far as I am concerned)**

Again, I know it is not a single moment, but if you were around for the Herd's bitter rivalry with Toledo during the most recent

This remains the only time a goalpost has been torn down in the seven years since I started at Marshall. The Herd beat Toledo in the title game three times (1997, 1998 and 2002). Marshall vs. Toledo meant Pennington, Moss and Leftwich at their best, so any list of best MAC moments has to have the Herd vs. the Rockets on it.

**UCF head coach calls Marshall a bunch of hillbillies, Herd kicks Golden Knights' tail in UCF's MAC debut**

When the then-"Golden" Knights of UCF were on their way in to the MAC, head coach Mike Kruczek was confident UCF would not only do well in their new conference, but it would knock the big, bad Herd off its perch as the superior team in the league. Kruczek said something along the lines of "UCF was going to come to Huntington and teach the hillbillies how to play football."

As you can imagine, this news did not go over so well in Herdville.

Marshall Stadium was rocking and rolling for a Friday night tilt with UCF. There was no shortage of talent on either team, with the Herd sporting Leftwich, Watts, Josh Davis, Steve Scullio and Chris Crocker (to name a few) and UCF with future New England Patriot's choke-artist Asante Samuel roaming the defensive secondary.

Crocker hit a guy so hard his facemask broke and the Herd won 26-21, sending UCF back to the Magic Kingdom with its tail between its legs.

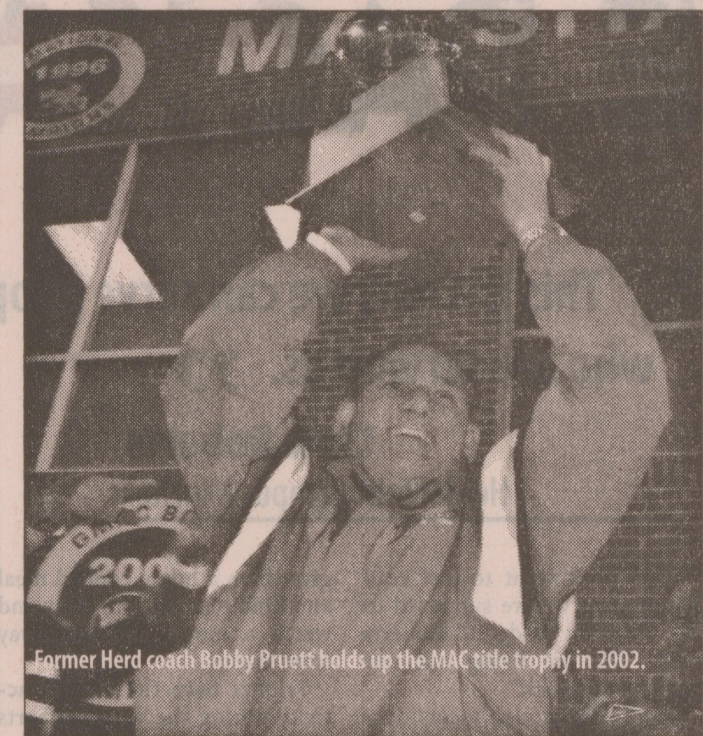
That's only a few of many great memories I have of the Herd's time in the MAC.

E-mail your favorite MAC memories (or any Herd memories) to my e-mail address listed below and I will see what I can do about getting a mailbag style column together for next week.

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# KEEPING 'PATIENTS'



DEANNA BAILEY | THE PARTHENON

Students lined the Memorial Student Center to receive free flu vaccines. Faculty Senate will decide important attendance policies based on H1N1 symptoms.

## H1N1

FROM PAGE 1

"We are going to create an isolation area in the residence halls where students will be put in a place together where they can be isolated from the well population," Hensley said. "If a student moves to the floor where students are ill or isolated together, we will bring food to them. We will try to check on them as best we can."

The proposed isolation procedure reflects measures taken during a recent outbreak at Washington State University, Hensley said.

"Washington State University in the past two weeks has diagnosed 200 students a day," Hensley said. "It has been mild. Every student has recovered well on his or her own without medical treatment, so that's good news."

Students living off campus are another concern to be addressed, Brammer said.

"Pretty much we can keep track of the kids who live on campus," Brammer said. "It's the students who live off campus that are the ones that I think we've got to find some way to make sure they are aware of what's going on."

Proposed plans would not require students to visit a doctor to obtain an excused absence, Hensley said.

Plans for making up assignments from missed classes will also be discussed.

"Students need to contact their professors and tell them, 'I think that I have the flu,'" Brammer said. "A lot of professors will put assignments and things online. I've told my students that if they're ill to contact me and I will send them notes and things through e-mail. If I personally got sick I would e-mail all my students and I would give their assignments online."

There are proposals on how the university would handle a severe H1N1 outbreak, Carrico said.

"Hopefully with all these measures we've put in place we cannot see a kind of large outbreak of flu that we would have to close the university," Carrico said. "However, if things would get to that point, the administration is prepared to take whatever measures that would be best for the students and faculty and community."

Brammer said she anticipates many questions at the meeting but thinks faculty will try to accommodate students as best they can.

"One of the things that I'm going to suggest to faculty is that they give as great a leniency as possible," Brammer said. "When a student is sick, faculty do not in any way want to penalize them for being sick but the student also shares in that responsibility of fulfilling whatever assignments they can."

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## AUTISM

FROM PAGE 1

said his form of autism is hard to classify because of his unique characteristics. He does have the ability to form words, which severely autistic children cannot do. On the other hand, he has behavioral and social deficits, which are trademark traits of the disorder.

Farley said she does not think autism should be classified because it varies from one child to another.

"As a parent, I don't feel like we should classify whether one's high-functioning or lower-functioning," Farley said. "I personally feel like we should just say they have Autism Spectrum Disorder because there's such a range of symptoms."

Becker-Cottrill said there are no tests or blood work to determine if a child is autistic.

"It can be very murky and the hard thing about it is its only diagnosed by behavioral tendencies," she said. "So it's up to an astute diagnostician to know where those lines are and it isn't always easy."

Farley said her son's classmates are understanding of his disorder, but there is still a big need for disability awareness nationwide.

"That's where we have a big need for disability awareness training in general, not just specific to autism, but all disabilities," Farley said.

She said she hopes the conference is a launch pad for disability awareness. And that it is important for educators to work together and be knowledgeable about individual students to ensure that child gets quality education.

"You can really impede the child's progression if everybody doesn't work as a team," Farley said.

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# Student kills intruder with samurai sword

BY PAYAL PATNAIK  
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Johns Hopkins undergraduate John Pontolillo used a samurai sword to kill an intruder in his off-campus residence at the 300 block of E. University Parkway early Tuesday morning.

Police detective Donny Moses of the Baltimore Northern Police District reported that the intruder bled out on the scene.

The senior from Wall, Pa., has not yet been charged with any crime, although investigations remain ongoing, according to Moses.

At around 1:20 a.m., officers were called by a neighbor who reported a suspicious person on the front porch of the home.

"The neighbor reported seeing a black male wearing a black tee shirt on the porch. That person had disappeared from the porch when the Hopkins student searching the house stumbling upon him hiding in the garage," Moses said.

Pontolillo, more commonly known as "Ponts," confronted the intruder after hearing a disturbance in the basement. He went downstairs, armed with a sword.

According to Moses, Ponts confronted the intruder and ordered him to stand still. He also called for police and for help.

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"The intruder lunged at him. The student in panic swung the sword, struck the intruder in the left wrist, partially severing the hand," Moses said.

Senior Andres Contreras heard the incident nearby in his house. "I was in my kitchen at around one something, and all of a sudden I heard someone yell, 'Get down get the f-on the ground.' I knew there were robberies going on [in the neighborhood]. It sounded like police. They kept yelling, 'don't you f-move,'" he said.

"I could hear [the intruder] screaming, [but] I thought he was being roughhoused and was just upset," Contreras added.

Moses confirmed that there had been a burglary earlier that day in the same location, in which two laptops and a Sony PlayStation were stolen.

Ponts's roommate, junior Woody Campbell, was unavailable for comment.

Junior Brandon Doan, who lives a few blocks away walked past the crime scene earlier Wednesday.

"There were a few pools of blood in the back yard and a few blood splatter stains on the garage," he said.

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# Concert at Student Center to raise awareness for domestic violence

THE PARTHENON

Rock Against Rape, a concert designed to raise awareness for domestic violence, will be hosted from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. tonight on the Memorial Student Center plaza.

Contact Rape Crisis Center, a non-profit organization, is sponsoring the concert. According to the organization's Web site, services provided include a 24-hour crisis hotline, support groups, community education and individual counseling.

The Web site also said that the majority of victims in West Virginia know their offender.

Admission is free, but donation buckets will be placed around the concert stage for students who want to donate.

"We will have a suggested donation of \$5," said Todd Parks, graduate student in English and leadership studies from Madison, W.Va. and

Rock Against Rape coordinator. "Donation buckets will be set up on the concert stage and at the tables and people can give what they can."

Five bands are playing at the concert and all have ties to Marshall University.

"All the bands are Marshall affiliated. They are either Marshall students or have been to Marshall before," Parks said.

An alternative to the concert will also be set up in the building.

"Downstairs we are having Guitar Hero set up," Madison LaScola, senior elementary education major from Katy, W.Va., said.

The original plan was to have a Guitar Hero tournament, but not enough students signed up for it.

Last year's event was held at the V-Club in downtown Huntington. HYDROGYN and TBA played the event.

"We're bringing it back to Marshall's campus," Parks said.

# SGA discuss volunteering in weekly meeting, new member sworn in

THE PARTHENON

The Student Government Association met Tuesday to discuss upcoming events and approve the budget.

Volunteering was mentioned for events such as the Media Challenge for Quits on Thursday, and the American Red Cross sponsored Blood Drive coming up on the 22nd and 23rd of this month.

A new member, Addison Michael, was sworn in to join the senate branch of the Student Government Association.

New events for SGA are in the works including a meet the president and vice president in

the plaza.

The SGA discussed disbanding the judicial branch. Steve Hensley, dean of student affairs, said that a lack of cases is the reason to end the branch.

"The judicial branch in the past has been used very little, mainly for election disputes," said Aaron Ryan, SGA campus development director. The goal is to keep members involved rather than having to wait a semester and a half before they have something to do."

Ryan also said that a possible merge with the board from the Office of Judicial Affairs is one option for the future.

# SAPB sponsors free bowling every Thursday night for Marshall students.

THE PARTHENON

The Student Activities Programming Board continues its fourth year of hosting Thunderbowl Thursdays.

Every Thursday night through September, students are invited to bowl free of charge from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Colonial Lanes, which is located at 626 Fifth St. in Huntington.

Students still have time to attend the last two Thunderbowl Thursdays of the month.

SAPB is welcoming all Marshall students to participate in a fun activity with friends.

"Marshall students should come to bowling because first of all it's free," said James Clark, executive member of SAPB. "And second it's a great way of meeting students and making friends."

All students need is their student ID for a night of free bowling. SAPB encourages students to get there early to get a lane.

Students can find out more about SAPB activities by joining the SAPB Facebook group, as well as checking out its Web site at www.marshall.edu/sapb.

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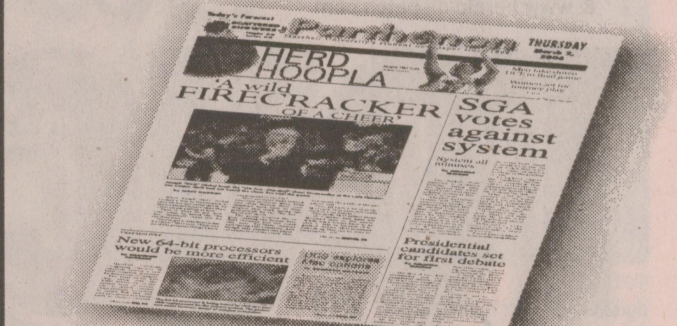
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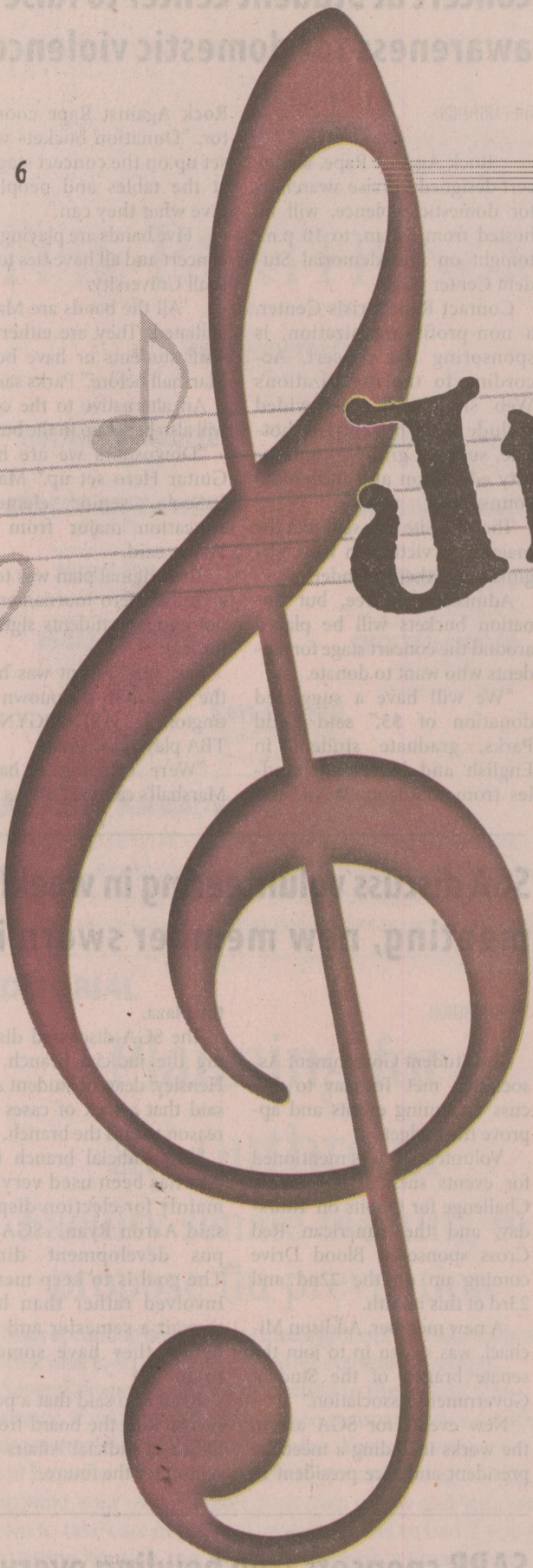


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Bass player Tucker Riggelman, drummer Jordan Hudkins and guitarist Adam Meisterhans form Demon Beat, a band hailing from Shepherdstown, W.Va. Demon Beat will be one of the showcased bands Saturday at the V-Club in Huntington.

BY MICHAEL SPURLOCK  
THE PARTHENON

One of Huntington's most popular venues, the V-Club, helps introduce local bands and artists to the Huntington music scene.

The V-Club has been open for three years and is focused mainly on live music performances. "It has a large outdoor patio for people who don't want the in your face music environment," said Patrick Guthrie, co-owner of the V-Club.

It is owned and operated by a father-son combination.

"Me and my father kinda started this and it's cool to be able to do something like that with your father," Guthrie said.

Guthrie said there are certain things clubs have to have to stay open. Ethics, building relationships with booking agents and building a reputation are important.

"It takes a long time to build up a reputation when it comes to national acts," Guthrie said.

The club usually does a local musician showcase in conjunction with the Herald-Dispatch. The V-Club has done three previous showcases but has yet to do one this fall, although there are plans to hold a showcase in November.

This Saturday's show will feature local bands like Demon Beat, The Receivers and Ladybird. The type of music featured will vary from rock'n'roll to folk-

rock. Demon Beat is a regionally known band from Shepherdstown, W.Va. They are just old-fashioned rock 'n' roll with influences from 1960s garage rock. Their first time playing at the V-Club was last November.

"We pride ourselves on putting on a good live show," said Tucker Riggelman, bass player.

Every show has been packed when Demon Beat comes to play at the V-Club. It's like a party, Riggelman said.

Another band featured on the show is folk-rock band, Ladybird. Two of the members are Marshall University alumni. They are more local than Demon Beat and play the V-Club and Shamrocks frequently.

"If you want to hear some good folk rock with good lyrics and good mood then this is show to come to," Aaron Brown, singer and guitarist, said.

They have only been together for six to eight months and are currently working on a demo.

"What's important to me is setting the right tone and mood in a song. It's a piece of art," Brown said.

The band wants to capture the mood and emotion of the lyrics and to encourage people to try different things.

The show starts Saturday at 10 p.m. at the V-Club. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

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Demon Beat is influenced by bands like Jimi Hendrix Experience, The Black Keys, Bob Dylan, Boston and Thin Lizzy.

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