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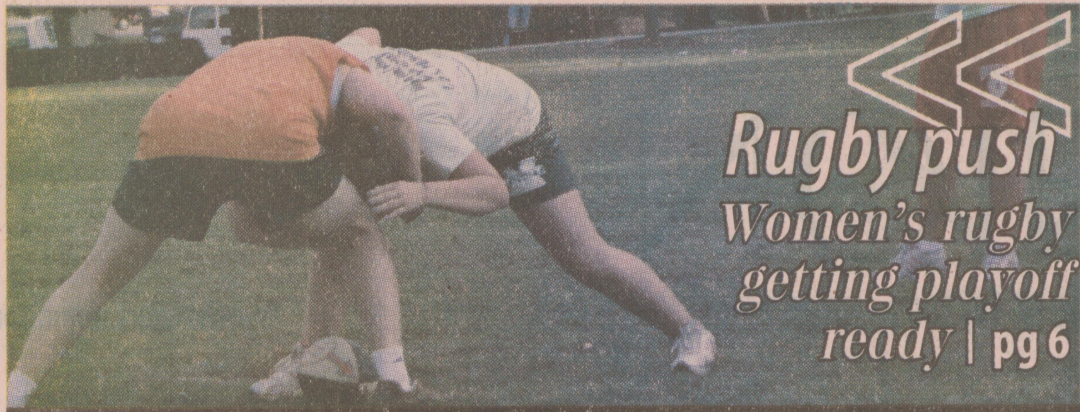
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Accounting program gets internationally accredited

BY DEANNA BAILEY
THE PARTHENON

An international association accredited the Lewis College of Business undergraduate and graduate accounting programs as one of the top accounting programs in the world.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business recognized Marshall's bachelor's and master's in business administration accounting program as one of the top 170 schools in the world for the 2008-2009 academic year.

"It takes three to four years to be inter-

nationally accredited," said Suneel Maheshwari, interim division head of the accountancy and legal environment department. "The accounting department worked very hard to achieve this."

"We have a very high standard accounting program here," said Chong Kim, dean of the business school. "It shows the good job the faculty and students are doing."

At Marshall, according to the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business' Web site, with 55 full time faculty, 87.3 percent of faculty has a doctorate degree and 50 faculty mem-

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bers are considered participating.

"The faculty worked very hard to help receive this accreditation," Maheshwari said. "They have helped developed programs here

and have written publications, which is one of the primary reasons we are accredited."

To be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate School of Business, accounting programs have a list of basic requirements such as development and involvement of the faculty, the design and effectiveness of the curriculum, and the academic preparation and capabilities of entering students. Maheshwari said they went above and beyond.

"There are 15 additional standards that we excelled in such as doubling our relationships with accountants regionally and nationally," Maheshwari said. "Not only

that, we have a very successful alumni in prominent jobs in government positions and corporations who are still involved with our program; we do things like that to help with the accreditation process."

Maheshwari said students benefit the most from the accreditation.

"Students are the direct beneficiary of this accreditation," Maheshwari said. "It improves their learning and increases their job prospects. We have already seen more students declaring to be an accounting major."

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Marshall at UCF

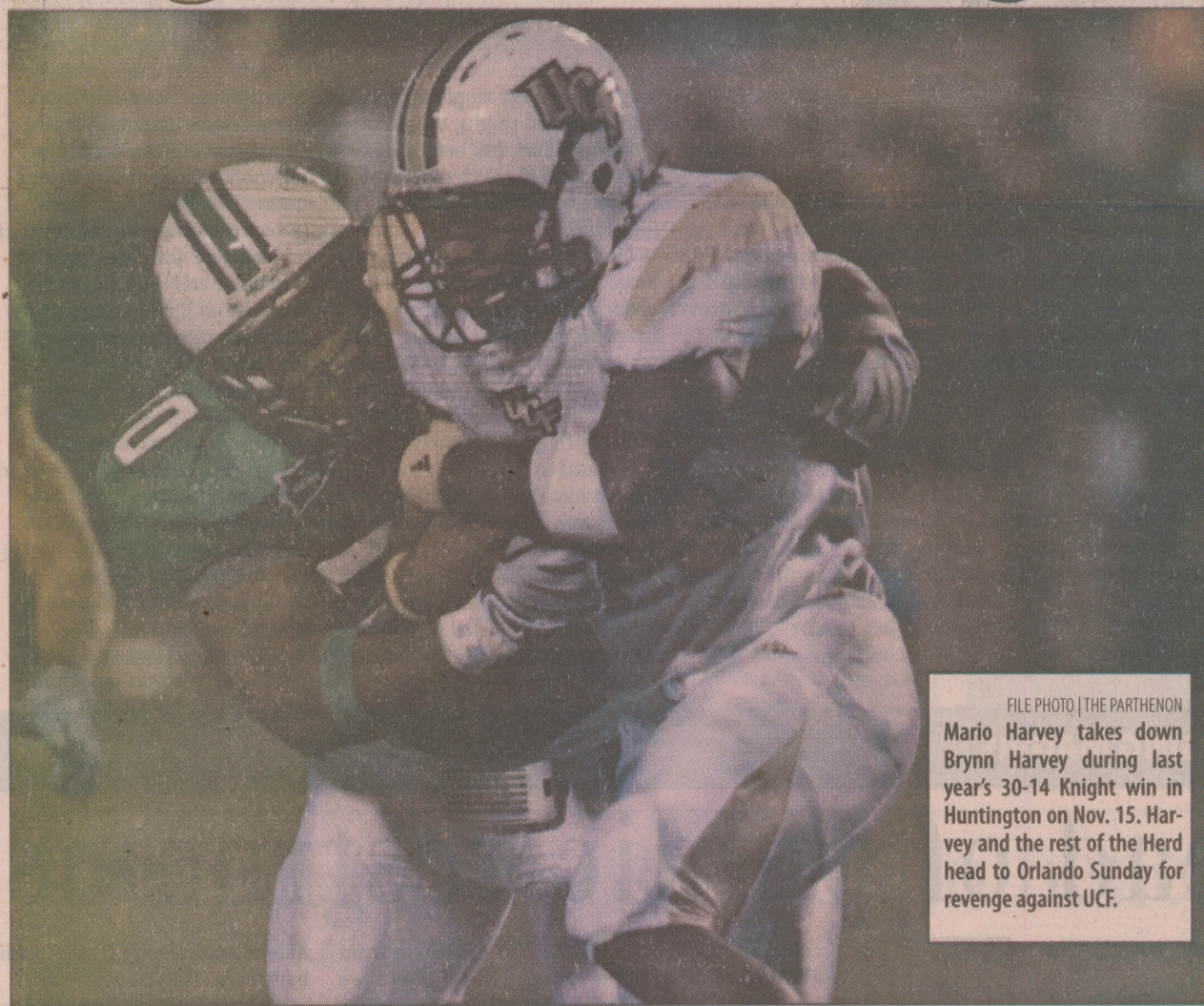
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Fright of the Knight



FILE PHOTO | THE PARTHENON
Mario Harvey takes down Brynn Harvey during last year's 30-14 Knight win in Huntington on Nov. 15. Harvey and the rest of the Herd head to Orlando Sunday for revenge against UCF.

Marshall in for defensive slugfest on primetime television against UCF

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER
THE PARTHENON

Mickey Mouse, cover your eyes. This one might get ugly.

In the shadows of Walt Disney World, Marshall will take on UCF at 8:15 p.m. Sunday at Bright House Networks Stadium.

ESPN will broadcast the game, but don't expect the folks on SportsCenter to show any highlights.

There will be nothing wrong with the product on the field. The Thundering Herd (5-3, 3-1 Conference USA) and the Knights (4-3, 2-2) will actually be competing for position atop C-USA's East Division standings.

It's just how this one will be played out.

Marshall and UCF find themselves in the top-half of nearly every C-USA defensive category. The Herd is yielding a league-best 13.5 points a conference game. The Knights have allowed one opponent to score over 30 points in a game this season and their 19.1 scoring average is tops in C-USA.

Can you say "first to 20 wins?"

"This game is about the fronts," said Marshall head coach Mark Snyder. "These are two pretty good fronts on both sides of the ball — offensively and defensively. The key is, who is going to win the line of scrimmage battle and who is going to hold onto the ball."

"That's what this game is going to come down to."

In other words, if Marshall plays sound, old school football, it will be bowl eligible come midnight Monday.

The Herd certainly has the weaponry to do just that. To keep the ball in its hands for long periods at a time, it can turn to

workhouse running back Darius Marshall. To keep an edge in field position, it can turn to punter Kase Whitehead, who is coming off his best performance of the season last week against UAB. To keep control of the line of scrimmage, it can rely on center Chad Schofield to anchor a veteran offensive line.

"We know what we're getting ourselves into because most of us played against them last year," Schofield said of the Herd's forgettable 30-14 loss to the Knights, ruining Homecoming 2008. "Their front four is active and that just makes room for their linebackers and their safeties roll down in the box and make tackles."

UCF's been doing that with a purpose this year. The Knights' aggressive style has them being frequent visitors to the opposing teams' backfields.

Senior defensive end Jarvis Geathers leads 19 UCF players who recorded a tackle for loss. In all, they've made a C-USA-best 60 tackles for a loss of 279 yards.

"It would be like talking about (Marshall senior defensive end) Albert McClellan and talking about (Marshall junior defensive tackle) Vinny Curry," Snyder said. "There are a bunch of them up there, but (Geathers) is a really good player."

"You can just keep going, there are about four of them. They bring in guys on third down that come off the edge too. They just create tremendous pass rush."

UCF can pressure a quarterback with the best of them, evident by its C-USA-best 23 sacks. But it can also give up the pass with the worst of them, evident by the 243 yards it yields a game through the air.

Last year, pass defense was the least of

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Never in Jeopardy: School of Medicine wins competition

KATIE FOWLER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine won a statewide competition with a 1,191-point lead.

The annual American College of Physicians Doctor's Dilemma competition was earlier this month in Huntington at the Pullman Plaza Hotel.

Four Marshall fourth-year medical students made the team. It competed against West Virginia University's School of Medicine and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Lynne Goebel, physician in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's internal medicine department, has been faculty sponsor of the team for eight years.

"The members are usually recommended by the dean's office," Goebel said. "The team is chosen based on board exams and grades."

Nathan Hill, Brent Glover, Andrea Orvick and Coben Thorn were the four students selected to compete in the Jeopardy-like competition.

Nathan Hill, fourth-year medical student from

Huntington with plans to become a radiologist, said he took this opportunity to compete because he loves trivia.

"It also served as a way to study for my board exams that are on Nov. 9," Hill said. "This is as close to the real Jeopardy as I probably will ever get."

Goebel said the categories tested the team's medical knowledge.

"The questions are given on a student level," Goebel said. "They even had a fun category, doctors on TV."

Hill said the competition was much like Jeopardy on television with a twist.

"We started with one single jeopardy round," Hill said. "This was followed by three double jeopardy rounds. We concluded with a final jeopardy question."

Brent Glover, fourth-year medical student from Pendleton County, W.Va., said the team had a broad knowledge base.

"For example, Andrea is interested in pathology, Nathan studies radiology, Coben wants to do emer-



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICK HAYE

Members of Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, from left to right, Nathan Hill, Coben Thorn, Andrea Orvick, Brent Glover and faculty sponsor Dr. Lynne Goebel hold up the scoreboard from the American College of Physicians Doctor's Dilemma competition.

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EDITORIAL

House needs to work together

Health care is important, but so is unity

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi smiled and gave cameras a big thumbs up Thursday, as democrats unveiled a sweeping health care overhaul that would transform the insurance market, create a government-run insurance plan and levy new taxes on the rich.

While it is a pleasant surprise for the health care reform to actually move forward after being compromised and discussed for the better part of the year, but it is nerve wracking that half of the House of Representatives, representatives who were elected by us, and represent our voice, are still against this.

Yes, health care is needed, but at the same time it is wrong for one political party to be the only party focused on the reform.

Both parties need to step up and learn to make compromises. Democrats need to ask the republicans for their help. While we have a democratic president in office, it does not mean that democrats can forget the other parties' members, because they too are American citizens.

And as for Republicans, they cannot just grumble and flat out reject it. They don't have to agree and they can criticize, but do it constructively. Work together with democrats to come up with a health care reform that is good with everyone.

It seems that Washington has become just a big preschool with kids not wanting to share their toys. We as citizens of this great country should step in and call a timeout.

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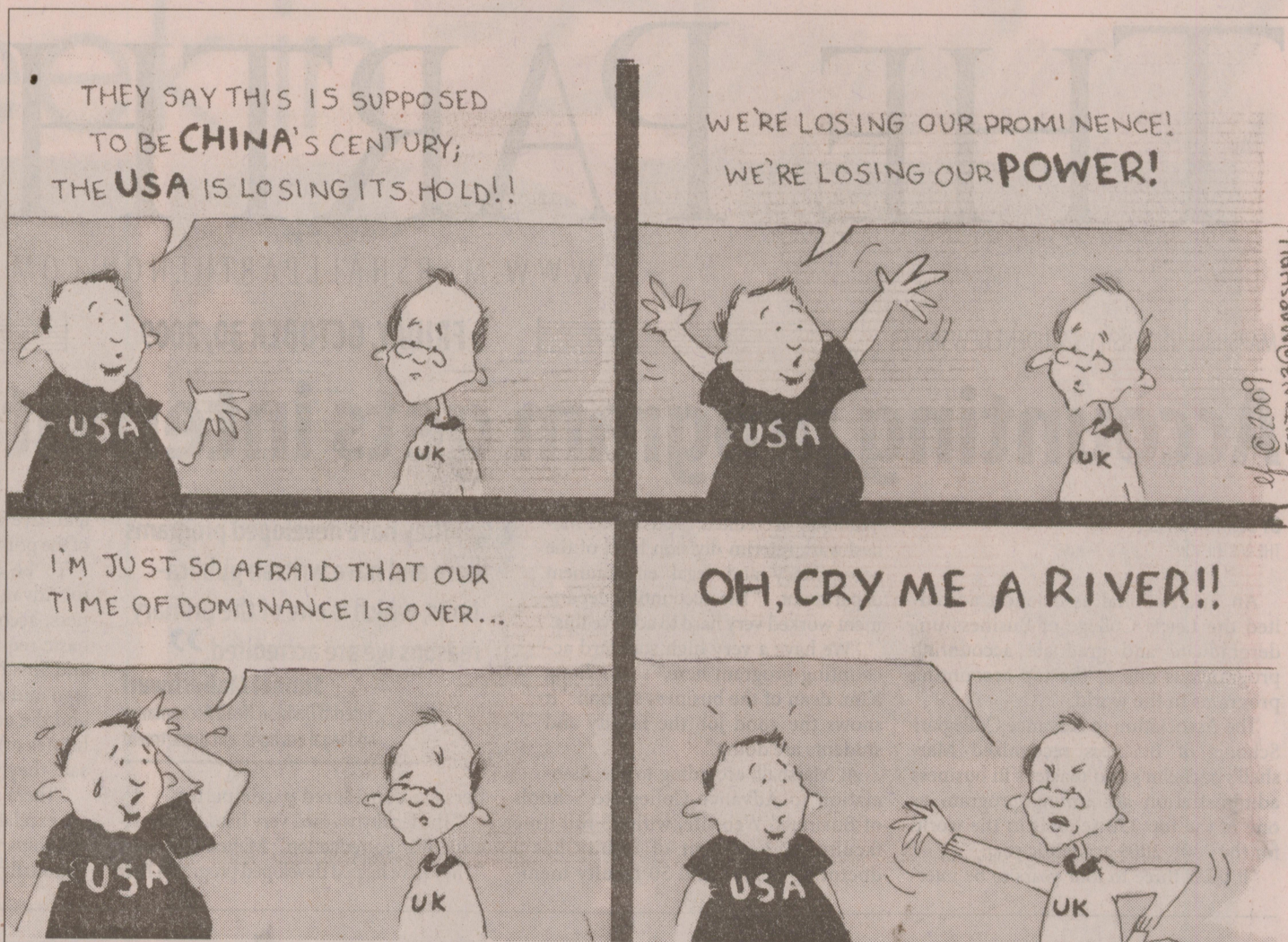
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WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS | Stephen Schelling

And we ran toward the end

And we ran, Elle and I. We had our headphones in, each of us dancing to a different song yet running in concurrence. We ran through the streets of a bustling city that was alive with cars and sounds and people. It made running more interesting because it presented a myriad of obstacles. Every intersection was a game. Do we wait for the safety of a flashing light of a figure outlined in perpetual motion or do we grit our teeth and dash for it? We always dashed for it. Elle would zigzag around light poles, trashcans, mailboxes—whatever presented itself on our course.

Elle and I ran step after step, block after block, mile after mile. My mind kept telling me to stop and my body cried for a break. I had to fight the two, make them coalesce, and tell myself to keep moving, keep waiting for that sensation.

"Can you keep up?" Elle asked. I nodded yes but my mind wondered if my body really could. Running with Elle was always fun though. She was my best friend and running was



STEPHEN SCHELLING
COLUMNIST

something we both loved. Usually we'd talk for the first few miles, catching up on the other's family or current romantic interest. Sometimes I'd sing along to my headphones. This always made Elle laugh and, in turn, made me smile. Running was something between us, a symbol of our friendship. But that wasn't the only reason why we ran. We ran because it was electric, even though that's not how it was the first time I ran. No, first it was agonizing—my muscles groaned, my lungs gasped, and my body ached. But the pain always passed before it lasted, and I would feel like a bird flying for the first time.

"Come on, let's run the stadium stairs," Elle said, excitement beaming in her voice. Before I could groan, my legs

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surged as energy rippled through my calves and thighs, to my ankles and feet. My breathing became automatic with repetition.

That's when the sensation kicked in.

Intensely running for a prolonged period of time released endorphins into my brain and sent nerve impulses to my spinal cord, which then shot through the rest of my body with alarming alacrity. Cutting like a diamond light, it shined through my entirety.

It's hard to describe. I felt like the air, a dancing breeze free from responsibility and worry. It was like I had discovered ambrosia. The angels sang through my veins, blissful notes that traveled along the streams while my heart pounded

the rhythm. It was unlike anything I had ever felt. In Latin, endorphin literally means "a morphine-like substance originating from within the body." It gave me a sense of calm, of relief and a momentary stay against despair. It created analgesia, a life without pain in not only my body, but more importantly, in my mind.

All this running, that way and this, led me into thought. I stopped abruptly and asked myself, was I running from or to something?

"Hey! Are you going to catch up?" Elle yelled back, interrupting me from thought. I looked at her, the thought fading. What was it again? I couldn't remember. I smiled and ran toward her.

THE SINGING MAGPIE | Meghan Arnold

Dread of public restrooms

I have severe issues with bathrooms.

Bathrooms are usually the setting for the most traumatic moments in my life, aside from the gynecologist.

I have no idea why, but it could be a fear for public bathrooms in general. I have always felt like I have to perform well in there.

I know people are judging that performance and if I make a weird, offensive noise or look at someone for too long, some dispatch close by will be informed of my misstep.

Then, a very stern Officer of Bathroom Behaviors will roll his eyes, find my permanent record from grade school and fill out a complete incident report. The poor guy has to write his hands to the bone because of me.

This summer, when the incident in question occurred, my parents and I were on our way home from Massachusetts where we had visited family.

This involved 13 to 15 hours



MEGHAN ARNOLD
COLUMNIST

of constant contact with them, which should have made it awkward and painful enough without having to go to the bathroom every hundred miles. I managed to sleep for the first few hours in an awkward position in the back seat, cocooned in a blanket with my legs above my head, trying to achieve the ultimate sleep position in spite of the fact that I could not lay down horizontally like normal people do.

It is amazing to think of the various ways to try to sleep in the car without actually being horizontal. The possibilities are endless. And you have to get creative when sleeping is one of your few car trip defense mechanisms.

My main problem is that my limbs regularly fall asleep any-

way, so what's to stop them from falling asleep when they are curled in the yoga position above my head as I try to block out the sounds of my parents and Bob Dylan. (I love Bob, but sometimes Theme Time Radio Hour gives me weird dreams.)

Finally, after three hours of acrobatic sleep, we stopped at the second rest area of the day.

It was a normal highway rest stop, complete with a large swath of land to let your furry loved ones play and vending machines that are slightly above the prices of items at gas stations.

As I recall, I didn't have any serious need to go to the bathroom. It was not a life or death situation.

However, I always go to a public bathroom with a sense of foreboding. Like I said before, I have to perform. I have to meet expectations. I cannot stand out. And whatever I do, I cannot giggle at any of the horrendously loud farts.

I must suppress my true self and

hide all personality in the public bathroom. There is protocol.

As I reached toward the door handle, my hand, and almost my face, was quickly squashed by a toothless woman. There was an audible crack as my wrist bent backward.

She had a cigarette and lighter in hand. With her free hand, she quickly pushed me aside to get to where she was allowed to formally destroy herself.

No, really. And I actually stood there with my mouth open thinking "Wow, jerk, are you really not able to wait the extra second to be polite and not injure a stranger or is that cigarette going to resuscitate all of the dying infants in the world?"

I continued to just stand there—door and mouth still agape. A group of people passed, who were all very thankful that I was still holding the door, even if I had a strange look on my face.

And somewhere, some guy rolled his eyes, cracked his knuckles and opened up my file...

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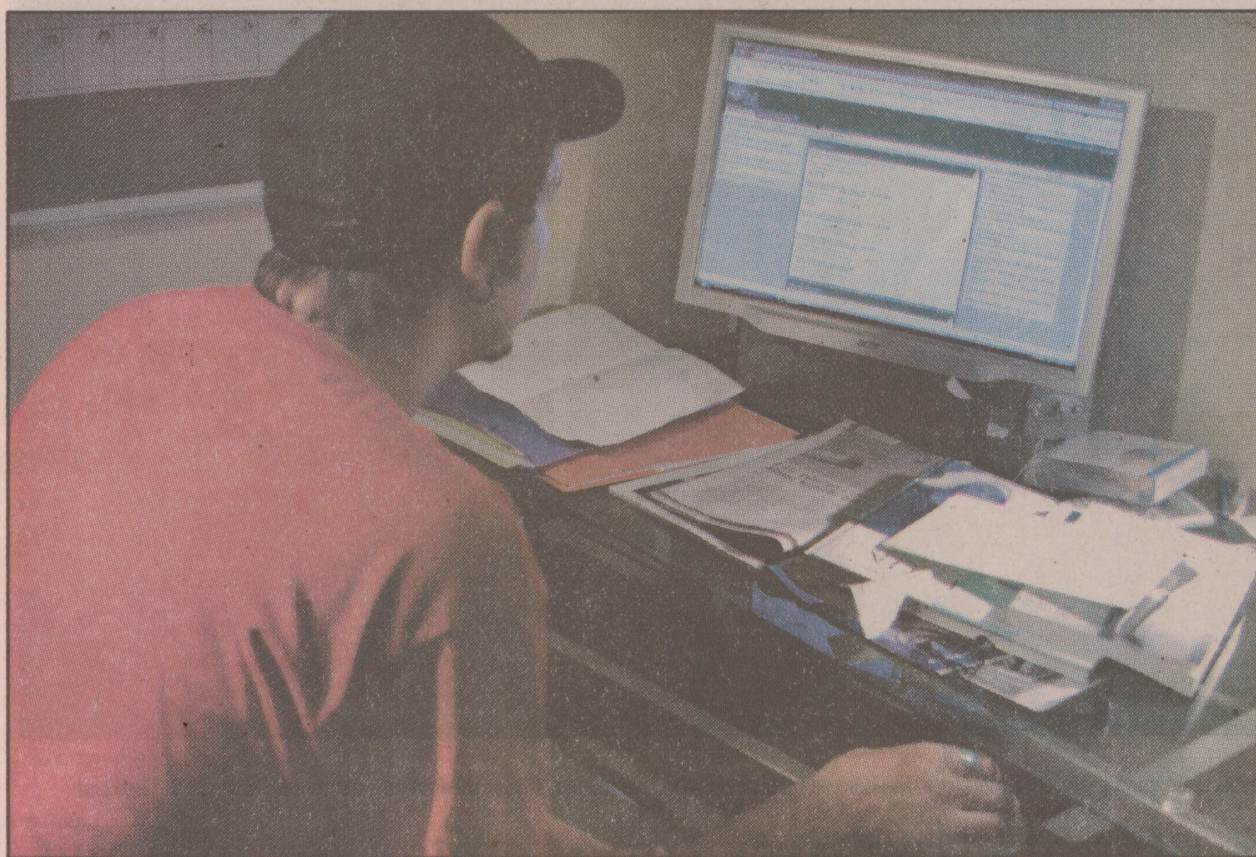
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"It is with great pride and with great humility that we come before you to follow in the footsteps of those who gave our country Social Security and then Medicare — and now universal, quality, affordable health care for all Americans," — Nancy Pelosi said while presenting the House's \$894 billion health care reform package Thursday.

Online courses doubling in popularity among students



Ryan Pigman, senior radiology technician major from Williamson, W.Va., logs on to MU Online. In 2008, more than four million students were taking classes online.

BY DIANA CALLE
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University may no longer need as many classrooms for lectures as students turn to online courses for their education.

A survey of 2,500 colleges and universities conducted by Babson College, College Board and the Sloan Consortium found the number of students taking online courses doubled between 2007 and 2008. In 2008, more than four million students were taking classes online, about 84 percent of them undergraduates.

Jubail Akut, senior exercise physiology major from Queens, N.Y., said he's currently taking one online course because it helps ease the pressure.

"I'm taking 22 credit hours this semester and if I had to take all those classes on campus there is no way I would be able to have a part-time job," Akut said. "With an online course I can work at my own pace and not stress out over it."

In the spring 2010 semester, Marshall is offering 139 online courses for undergraduate and graduate students ranging from art, science, math, journalism, psychology, sociology, religious studies, foreign language, criminal justice and education.

Akut said if it weren't for being able to take classes online, he would not be graduating in December.

"I have an internship on top of my 22 credit hours, and if I had all my classes on campus I would not have had time to complete my internship hours and graduate this fall," Akut said.

Jana Atik, graduate biological sciences student from St. Albans, W.Va., said she finds online classes helpful because students don't have to be on campus for all their classes.

"Students are constantly having to do school work for every class, and by taking an online course I can set my own schedule and manage my time efficiently because I don't have an assignment due every other day for the class," Atik said.

She said though online courses are helpful, she still prefers lectures over online classes.

"In lectures you can let the professor teach you whereas in online classes you have to teach yourself," Atik said. "Plus, in a classroom the professor can monitor the learning process and students get more interaction with them."

Students interested in online courses for spring 2010 can visit www.marshall.edu/muonline/courses/catalog.asp for a list of classes.

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Fundraiser has professor dancing with the stars

BY BREANNA JONES
THE PARTHENON

A professor in the College of Education and Human Resources will make his debut on "Dancing with the Tri-State's Stars," a local event for a good cause.

"Oh I love it," said Dr. Eric Arnold, director of parks and recreations in the college of education. "It has turned into a whole new passion for me. I mean, the other day I was flipping a girl upside down, what else could I ask for? It should be a good show."

Arnold will be participating in the Ebenezer Medical Outreach fundraiser, "Dancing with the Tri-State's Stars," which will be Nov. 7 at the Big Sandy Arena.

The Ebenezer Medical Outreach Foundation has gotten involved with the college of education through work that its graduate assistant's have done with the program.

"I was walking down the hall, and one of the GAs came out and asked me if I would do it and I was all about it," Arnold said.

Sixteen different dances will be performed at the fundraiser, which will include the salsa, cha cha, jive and one other style.

"I've been practicing for a while now, over a month," Arnold said. "I'm getting pretty good at it. You never realize how difficult it is until you do it yourself."

Local professional dancers and leaders of the community from Huntington will be

competing alongside Arnold for the title of Dancing Star of the Tri-State.

The local talent will include retired Marshall football coach Bob Pruett and Mayor of Huntington Kim Wolfe, among many others.

Arnold said he and his dance partner, a renowned performer from Ashland, Ky. who works with Marshall's PTA program, are ready for the big day.

"There's going to be a lot of different people there," Arnold said. "It should be awesome. We all are getting excited about it."

The fundraiser will be assisting the Ebenezer Medical Outreach by serving the thousands of uninsured residents living in the Tri-State area.

The event is intended to captivate some of the "Dancing with the Stars" fever that has fallen over America's public.

All of the performances will be judged based on audience applause.

"We need all the support we can get," Arnold said. "I'm going to really show my skills, but I can't tell you all my tricks."

That is not the only way the college of education is getting involved in this cause. People can get involved by purchasing a ticket or reserving a table for the fundraiser.

"We will be reserving a table," said Rick Robinson, director of development for the college of education. "It's for a good cause

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Sean Adkins, freshman sports management and marketing major from Princeton, W.Va., enjoys a game of pingpong between classes.

SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON

Campaign raises funds to benefit community

BY JAYME MEADOWS
THE PARTHENON

The United Way of the River Cities Annual Fall Campaign has raised \$33,480 of its goal of \$1.4 million.

"This event benefits the community in many ways," said Cassey Bowden, director of resource and development at the United Ways River Cities. "It goes towards our partner organizations as well as helping us to address root causes of problems in the community. Such things as the dropout rate, obesity, adult literacy and basic needs."

Partner organizations of the United Way of the River Cities are Financial Stability of the River Cities, Success by Six and the Cabell County Substance Abuse

Prevention Partnership.

Anne McGee is coordinator of the Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership and said it is a coalition of various agencies, organizations and individuals working to prevent substance abuse in the community.

The prevention partnership does this through education, raising awareness and finding long-term solutions to problems.

"We look at data and where these problems are," McGee said. "For example, prescription drug abuse is a big problem in our community, so we will host an annual drug summit to help prevent this. We want to inform and try to get to the root cause of this problem."

The United Way of the River Cities Fall Campaign

will wrap up Dec. 31.

Anyone still wanting to get involved with the campaign can contact Bowden at the United Way of the River Cities office.

Volunteers can send payments via check, cash or credit card. Some employers are offering payroll deductions. Pledges are also being accepted, which will mean a promised amount of money will reach the United Way of the River Cities during 2010.

"The problems we address affect everyone in the community," McGee said. "It's all about us coming together and pulling our funds to address pressing issues and finding solutions to these problems."

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West Virginia's lack of sleep double national rate

ATLANTA (AP) — Sleepless in Seattle? Hardly. West Virginia is where people are really staying awake, according to the first government study to monitor state-by-state differences in sleeplessness.

West Virginians' lack of sleep was about double the national rate, perhaps a side effect of health problems such as obesity, experts said.

Nearly 1 in 5 West Virginians said they did not get a single good night's sleep in the previous month. The national average was about 1 in 10, according to a federal health survey conducted last year and released Thursday.

Tennessee, Kentucky and Oklahoma also were notably above average in their reported lack of sleep. In contrast, North Dakota had fewer problems sleeping, with only 1 in 13 reporting that degree of sleeplessness.

Health officials do not know the exact reasons for the differences.

"We didn't ask 'Why didn't you get enough rest or sleep?'" said Lela McKnight-Eily, an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who led the study.

But experts noted several possible explanations: West Virginia ranks at or near the bottom of the nation in several important measurements of health, including obesity, smoking, heart disease and the proportion of adults with disabilities. Studies have increasingly

found sleeping problems in people with certain health problems, including obesity.

"You would expect to see poorer sleep within a chronically diseased population," noted Darrel Droblich of the National Sleep Foundation, a nonprofit advocacy and research organization.

Some experts believe sleep-deprived people are more inclined to eat fatty foods during the day.

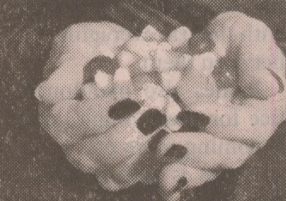
"There's growing evidence sleep deprivation promotes obesity," said Dr. Ronald Chervin, a University of Michigan sleep disorders expert.

Financial stress and odd-hour work shifts can play roles in sleeplessness, too, Chervin added. He suggested those may be contributing factors in West Virginia, an economically depressed state with tens of thousands of people working in coal mining.

Thursday's report was based on results of an annual telephone survey of more than 400,000 Americans, including at least 3,900 in each state. The survey did not include people who use only cell phones.

The results mirrored earlier studies that found women are more likely to have sleeping problems than men, and blacks are more likely than white or Hispanics to get less sleep.

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Non-conference slate represents tough road ahead for Herd hoops

BY WILL SELBEE
THE PARTHENON

Herd basketball practice is well underway as coach Donnie Jones is preparing the 14-man team for its non-conference schedule.

Highlighting that schedule is a game in Chapel Hill, N.C., where the Herd takes on defending national champs, the North Carolina Tarheels.

What an early Christmas gift it would be for the Herd as it takes the floor in the Dean Smith Center on Dec. 22.

Fox Sports South will regionally broadcast the game.

"We're really excited about that game," said junior Terrell Baines. "All of our guys are getting hyped for that game."

Also on the bill for the Herd this year will be its annual game with West Virginia who is ranked ninth in the country in the newly released preseason polls.

West Virginia will be returning a few big names in forwards DaSean Butler and Devin Ebanks. Together, they average almost 30 points a game.

The Mountaineers will have to replace guard Alex Ruoff, who graduated last spring.

"We are, hoping our challenging non-conference schedule will help us prepare for our tough conference games," Jones said.

Marshall will travel to Old Dominion on Nov. 21 for its matchup with the Monarchs who finished 25-10 last season. The team will be returning all five starters with just two seniors on roster.

ODU has also been the high profile program in Virginia the past five seasons with 119 victories for coach Blaine Taylor.

Marshall will welcome Binghamton on Dec. 7, who is coming off its first trip to NCAA tournament last season. Binghamton had a mess on their hands this offseason, having to suspend three of its best players off the team for disciplinary reasons.

Troy will make their way into the Cam Henderson Center on Dec. 12. The Trojans are coming off a 19-13 record. The team will return three players who are averaging double figures.

Marshall will also have its hands full with its matchup against St. Bonaventure on Jan. 2.

St. Bonaventure is returning four of its starters from last year's team that went 15-15. The Bonnies top three scorers will return with the trio averaging 36 points between them.

Baines also mentioned practice for these tough games was becoming more of a team effort as Jones is getting back to the basics.

"Coach Jones is really stressing us to come together this season," Baines said. "He's making us want to better every day."

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ESPN/USA Today Men's Bball Poll

1. Kansas
2. Michigan State
3. Texas
4. North Carolina
5. Kentucky
6. Villanova
7. Purdue
8. Duke
9. West Virginia
10. Butler

Rare opportunity for women's rugby



Marshall women's rugby head coach Dennis Johnson talks to his team during a practice this week. The Herd will compete in the Ashland playoffs for the first time in program history this weekend.

Young program in playoffs for first time, eager for chance

BY WHITNEY HUNTER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University women's rugby team will test its season-long dedication Saturday at the Ashland University playoffs.

"Everything with these girls just clicked this season," said Dennis Johnson, coach of Marshall women's and men's rugby teams. "They've gained experience, we've recruited great athletes and they're playing great rugby."

The women's and men's rugby teams play in the USA Rugby Union, specifically the Ohio Rugby Union. Coached by Dennis Johnson and Allen Wilkins, associate professor of finance, the women's rugby team is seeded No. 2 in their division and

University of Kentucky is No. 1. Johnson said they lost their first game against University of Kentucky then came back with strong wins against Eastern Kentucky University, Wittenburg University of Ohio and Xavier University.

The top two teams from the north and top two teams from the south will compete in the playoffs Saturday hosted by Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio. Johnson has high hopes for the women.

"These girls deserve all the credit in the world," Johnson said. "My goal is I think these girls deserve to and will win the playoffs."

Kasie Ray, women's rugby team president and senior business major from Parkersburg, W.Va., explained the basics of

rugby. Rugby is a mix between football and soccer. It is a full contact sport and no pads are worn. It starts out with a kick off and the ball must always be passed backward. If a player drops or fumbles the ball, players must then start to fight for the ball, pick it up, and move down the field, Ray said.

"To survive a rugby game it just takes dedication and the want to win," Ray said. "It doesn't hurt that bad to be tackled because you learn to fall the right way."

She said advancing to the playoffs for the first time in Marshall rugby history is connected to the team's new coach this season and working on playing as a team.

"As the coach puts it, focus on the game line or advancing yards rather than scoring," Ray said.

"Everybody is doing their own part to make it work."

A common misconception of rugby is only big, tough women can play.

"A lot of people think you have to be big to play," Ray said. "One girl weighs like 100 pounds and is one of the toughest girls on our team. We all just want to play the game and have fun."

"My favorite thing about rugby is having the team there with you. Coming to college you don't have your support system anymore, so we're friends and help each other out. It's good team bonding," Ray said.

"These girls are involved in a highly competitive intercollegiate sport, not a club sport," Johnson said. "This gives the girls a chance to play a competitive college sport without the

demanding schedule like other sports."

Johnson said the rugby team's fall schedule is assigned by USA Rugby and the team can only play those games. The spring allows the team to schedule its own matches and play more tournaments to increase experience and playing time. Early spring is used for training and recruitment and in the fall, players can try out for the varsity team.

"These girls are just playing solid this season," Johnson said. "If anyone has a chance to watch 15 on 15 for 80 minutes of full contact and see how phenomenal these girls play, they would be impressed."

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Young MU soccer player well beyond his years



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RYAN MCLEOD

Marshall freshman midfielder Ryan McLeod is instructed at a youth soccer camp (left). McLeod hangs out with fellow Herd soccer players (left to right: McLeod, Devin Perkins, Mike Hayes and Tom Jackson) outside Edwards Stadium.

BY KRISTEN BARRY
THE PARTHENON

Ryan McLeod is the youngest player on the Marshall Thundering Herd soccer team.

McLeod, 17, came to Huntington from Toronto, Canada, where he lived with his three siblings.

McLeod, a midfielder, said playing with his older teammates at Marshall is not a change for him.

"It's not that different because with my club team I used to play with older people too, so it's basically the same," he said.

He said as soon as he got here this summer, the other soccer players immediately started talking to him and getting him involved with the team.

McLeod said his roommate, Devin Perkins, also a midfielder for the team, has been especially helpful with getting him adjusted to his new way of living.

"He took me under his wing, kind of, and has been a good friend ever since," he said.

Perkins said McLeod is fun to play ball with.

"He's got a lot of spark to him and

since he's so young he's got a lot of potential," Perkins said. "He's got a lot of skill right now so it's only going to get better as time goes on."

McLeod said he started looking at Marshall because one of his former coaches recommended the school to him. Coming to Huntington meant he had to leave his 20-year-old twin siblings and an 11-year-old sister back home.

He describes life here as amazing, although it is different from the big city life he is used to in Canada. "This is a bit of a small town for me, but I'm coping," he said.

Oct. 14, McLeod scored the first goal of his Marshall career. His goal led the Thundering Herd to a 1-0 victory over the University of Charleston.

He said he felt amazing after scoring the goal and described it as "the best feeling so far this whole year."

McLeod said one thing he likes about being at Marshall is how friendly everyone is.

"People are a lot more friendly here. You can walk up to someone that you don't know and have a conversation," he said. "Back home

you couldn't really do that."

In the beginning of the semester, he said it took some adjusting when it came to balancing soccer with his classes.

"I somewhat struggled with it, but now I'm finding my way on the right track," he said.

McLeod said he is undecided of his major right now, but he is considering studying physical therapy or athletic therapy.

McLeod, who has been playing soccer since he was five years old, said he would like to play soccer professionally someday.

"I think I might try a year or two in Europe and see what happens there," he said. "If not, I'll try again in America. Hopefully it works by then, but if not I still have school as a backup. That's the good thing about coming to college in America."

This weekend, McLeod, Perkins and the rest of the Thundering Herd men's soccer team will be travelling to the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

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Yanks even World Series

NEW YORK— Mark Teixeira and Hideki Matsui shook the New York Yankees from their lumber slumber and sent the World Series to Philadelphia all tied up.

Teixeira and Matsui hit solo homers off familiar foe Pedro Martinez, backing a sharp performance by A.J. Burnett and giving the Yankees a 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 2 on Thursday night.

A night after getting stopped by Cliff Lee in the opener 6-1, the Yankees bounced back in an early deficit and won in the Series for the first time since taking a 2-1 lead against Florida in 2003.

The Phillies had been hoping for more than a split but were content.

"I guess I'll have to be," manager Charlie Manuel said.

Light-hitting Matt Stairs put the Phillies on top with an RBI single in the second. Burnett then used a biting curveball to keep Philadelphia from advancing another runner past second base against him.

Teixeira, in an 8-for-44 (.182) postseason slump, tied the score when he led off the fourth with a drive into the Yankees bullpen in right field. Matsui then put New York ahead with two outs in the

sixth, reaching down for a curveball below his knees and driving it a few rows into the seats in right.

Burnett got his first win following three postseason no-decisions for the Yankees, allowing four hits in seven innings and retiring his last eight batters.

Mariano Rivera got six outs for his 38th postseason save, his 10th in World Series play. After the Phillies put two on with one out in the eighth, Game 1 star Chase Utley grounded into an inning-ending double play. He fanned Howard looking starting the ninth -- the Philadelphia slugger's first four-strikeout game since July 21 -- then struck out Stairs with a runner at second to end it.

Philadelphia, seeking to become the NL's first repeat Series champion since the 1975-76 Reds, lost for just the fifth time in 22 postseason games. The Phillies managed three runs in 14 innings off two starters, CC Sabathia and Burnett.

When the Series resumes, Cole Hamels starts Game 3 for the Phillies against Andy Pettitte in an all-lefty matchup. Both teams will be making the trip through New Jersey by train.

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Scholarships sponsored by Honors Student Assoc.

BY STACI STANDIFORD
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Honors Student Association sponsored three scholarships for honors students totaling \$1,000.

The scholarships were funded by the profit from the honors association 5k run, which was sponsored last spring, said Laura Adkins, president of the association. "It raised a little over \$1,000, but we are putting \$1,000 toward the scholarship," Adkins said.

Adkins is a junior chemistry major from Lenore, W.Va.

The scholarship will be divided among three contest winners, Adkins said. The contests include an essay competition, community service project plan and T-shirt designing contest.

All contest entries were due Oct. 26, and the winners will be announced this semester.

The essay contest topic was: "What would you do or say to get people involved with the Honors Program?" The essay's audience was students entering Marshall from high school, students transferring from another institution or students enrolled at Marshall but not involved in the Honors Program, said Mary Moore, assistant director of the Honors Program.

Moore said the honors administrators hope the essay contest provides anecdotes for publication.

The award for the essay contest is \$400, Adkins said.

The community service project scholarship will be awarded to best plan for the annual spring project, Moore said.

"For the community service project, we've decided that we don't want to just raise money, we want to actually have hands-on in the community," Adkins said. "Our community

service project contest is a way for people to give us ideas on what they think the honors department should be doing in our community."

The project that wins will be executed in the spring as the annual service project, Adkins said. Anyone on campus is welcome to participate.

Adkins said the association also hopes to host another 5k run.

The new Honors College dean, Mary Todd, decided the community would be better served by a hands-on project by the association, Adkins said.

The award for the best plan for the community service project is \$400, and the association will award the best T-shirt designer \$200, Adkins said.

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U.S. Senator seeks grants for bans on distracted driving

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia's lawmakers have tried and failed to ban texting and talking on cell phones, but that effort may get a new boost from Washington.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller wants grant money for states that ban texting while driving and that limit cell phone use to devices with handsfree capability.

The West Virginia Democrat introduced legislation to curb distracted driving on Thursday.

Rockefeller says that at any given moment, 11 percent of drivers are holding an electronic device.

He cites federal statistics showing that distracted driving kills and injures thousands of people every year.

Earlier this year, the state House of Delegates voted to restrict cell phone use while driving. The bill died in the Senate.

DANCING

FROM PAGE 3

so I'm excited to see how it is and what Eric has to show. Either way it should be fun."

Tickets have been on sale since Oct. 7 and are at the box office and Ticketmaster.

The Ebenezer Medical Outreach was contacted by The Parthenon but was unavailable for contact at the time.

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SLEEPLESS

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The survey did not ask people how many hours of sleep they got, and different respondents may have had different views of what counted for a good night's sleep. Sleep experts recommend seven to nine hours of sleep each night.

UCF PREVIEW

FROM PAGE 1

Leight head coach George O'Leary's worries. UCF had four seniors starting in the defensive backfield and they produced 18 interceptions.

This year, new starters have produced new results. Through eight games, the Knights have just five picks.

"(The UCF secondary) is hard to exploit because their front seven in so good," Snyder said. "They do have some youth back there, but they are holding on because of their front seven."

That combination of a youthfull secondary, but stout defensive line, which leads C-USA in run defense, points the finger to Marshall's Brian Anderson to produce.

D. Marshall may not have much room to run, but Anderson should have plenty of chances to throw.

Well, that's if the Knights don't get to him to add to their C-USA-leading 23 sacks.

"If you're not going to get time to throw it, then you really can't take advantage of what's going on in the secondary," Anderson said.

Schofield's out to create some déjà vu from last week. UAB,

much like what UCF is projected to do, stacked the box to try to stop D. Marshall, the nation's second leading rusher.

Ahh, but the Blazers forgot about Anderson.

B.A. was able to pick apart UAB for 315 yards and two touchdowns.

"We take great pride in protecting when Brian has to pass," Schofield said. "And when Brian has time, he's going to find open receivers. And as you saw last Saturday, he can make some plays."

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Other game notes: Sunday's game will be the only time this regular season that Marshall will appear on ESPN's family of networks ... The Herd has yet to beat the Knights since joining C-USA ... Twenty-one Marshall players hail from the Sunshine State, making the fight for tickets quite competitive this week. "They've been saving up for this game all year," Snyder said. "The bartering that goes on during the season is comical, but, for our Florida kids, this Sunday is big."

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Austin Smith, freshman psychology major from Gallipolis, Ohio, receives a face mask at Cabell Huntingotn Hospital . The masks are intended to help stop the spread of the flu virus.

COMPETITION

FROM PAGE 1

gency medicine, and I am interested in surgery," Glover said.

Although the team had the lead for most of the competition, it was not an assured win.

Hill said his team did not pull away from the other teams until the last of the double jeopardy rounds.

"It was pretty back and forth between Marshall and WVU," Hill said. "It wouldn't have been im-

possible for them to win had they known the final jeopardy question."

He also said the competition was a good way to showcase the team's talents.

"We have the smallest class size of the other medical school in the state," Hill said. "But we also get a great education here at Marshall."

Goebel said winning the competition is a way for the students to be

recognized for their accomplishments.

Hill said no formal prize was given for winning the competition.

"Marshall is on a bit of a winning streak now," Hill said. "So statewide bragging rights are good enough for us."

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Workout your brain

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EPA: AEP set to test coal-ash site in Mason County

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday it is requiring American Electric Power to conduct safety tests on waste impoundments at a West Virginia coal-burning plant to ensure their structural stability.

Although the impoundments at the Philip Sporn plant aren't considered an immediate failure risk, EPA said it was requiring the tests because the structures have similar designs to one that failed last December in Tennessee.

The agency said it wants AEP to conduct two tests to determine the stability of the impoundments' foundations and walls.

AEP operates a 12.2-acre bottom-ash pond and a 60.5-acre fly-ash pond to hold wastes created by burning coal at the Mason County power plant.

River Sporn is along the Ohio River next to AEP's Mountaineer plant. That plant also operates a fly-ash impoundment, but it isn't part of Thursday's action.

"We think some of these studies have already been performed ... and we'll submit those to EPA," utility spokeswoman Jeri Matheney said. "We'll do any additional studies as needed to satisfy their request."

Matheney said the impoundments underwent an independent review in February, a state Department of Environmental Protection inspection in March

and company inspection in August. A structural integrity and safety review ordered during the state inspection was completed in May, she said.

Brian Long with the DEP's Dam Safety Office said the fly-ash pond inspection revealed slippage on both the east and west walls and areas of seepage at the impoundment's north end.

Long said his office is currently reviewing AEP's plans to address those areas.

EPA said Thursday's action is based on a national review of coal-ash ponds following the Dec. 22 failure of an impoundment operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

An earthen dike holding back a 65-foot-tall mountain of water-covered ash breached, sending some 5.4 million cubic yards of ash and sludge into a lakeside neighborhood and the Emory River.

TVA expects the cleanup will take three or more years and cost \$1 billion.

EPA said ash is used in West Virginia to create and increase the height of the walls surrounding the impoundments.

In June, EPA announced it would look at 44 coal-ash impoundments. The agency said Thursday it has finished reviewing half of them.

The Philip Sporn impoundments are among 18 in West Virginia, Long said.

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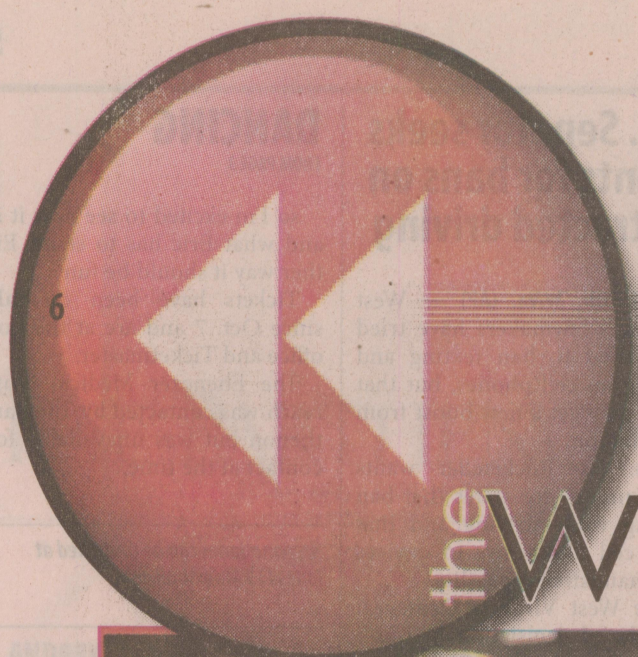
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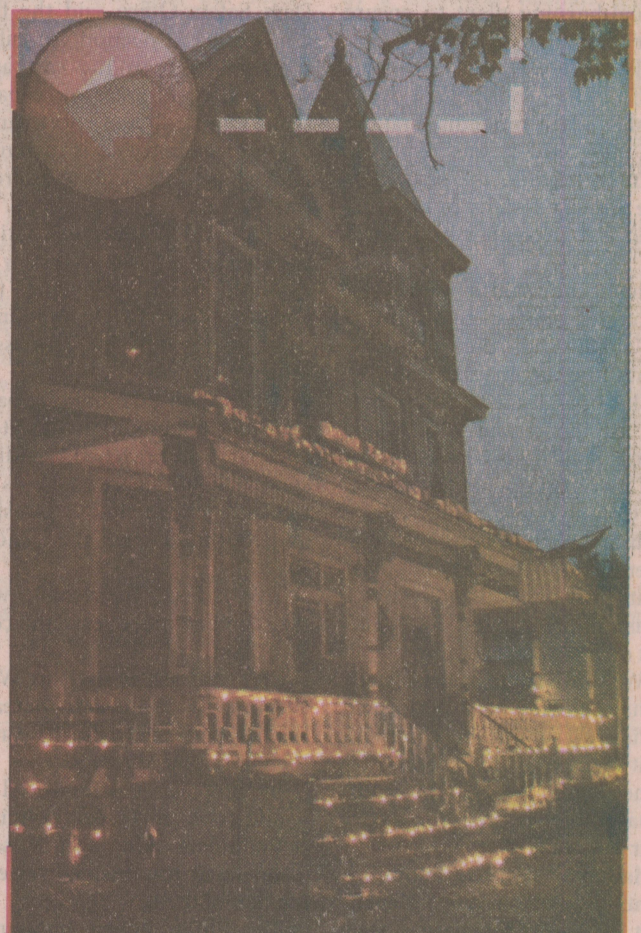
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Students and environmentalists gathered Sunday on Buskirk Field to protest mountaintop removal. The group marched to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers building after the rally. The protest was part of Appalachia Powershift, an event to increase awareness about environmental issues.



SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON
The Herd earned a win against UAB on Saturday with a score of 27-7 at home. Marshall will play UCF on Sunday at 8:15 p.m. in Orlando. With a win, Marshall will be bowl-eligible for the first time since 2004. The team will leave today to make its way to Florida.



SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON
Members of the Marshall University Police Department patrols campus on their bicycles. Marshall took another step toward energy efficiency by providing bicycles and electric carts for its 22 MUPD officers after receiving a grant and new electric golf carts in 2001.



KRISTEN FOOTO | THE PARTHENON
The Pumpkin House in Kenova is a nationally-recognized annual attraction. Owner Ric Griffith plans to be finished carving by Halloween.