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Kindness and academics

H.E.L.P program improves skills, provides friendship to students

BY EMILY AYRES
THE PARTHENON

Friendship is fostered with improved academic performance for students in Marshall University's Higher Education for Learning Problems program, or H.E.L.P.

Located in Myers Hall, the H.E.L.P. program helps individuals with learning disabilities or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder to develop skills in reading, spelling, writing, math, test-taking, organization, memory improvement and self-esteem building, according to the Web site. Students' specific graduation tests and needs can be met in the program's four areas: college, medical, community and law.

Medical H.E.L.P. provides support to students and physicians from medical schools across the U.S. and from foreign countries. The program is a five-week course that is scheduled four times each year.

Law H.E.L.P. is new and aims to have the same structure as Medical H.E.L.P. and Community H.E.L.P. reaches out to students ages six to 18.

Most participants in College H.E.L.P. are enrolled at Marshall and this program has the biggest enrollment with about 200 students applying each year, said Lynne

Weston, director of the H.E.L.P. program. "It's wonderful to see these students capable of graduating college who just need a little extra help," Weston said. "It's a great place to be, and we seem to attract really great tutors."

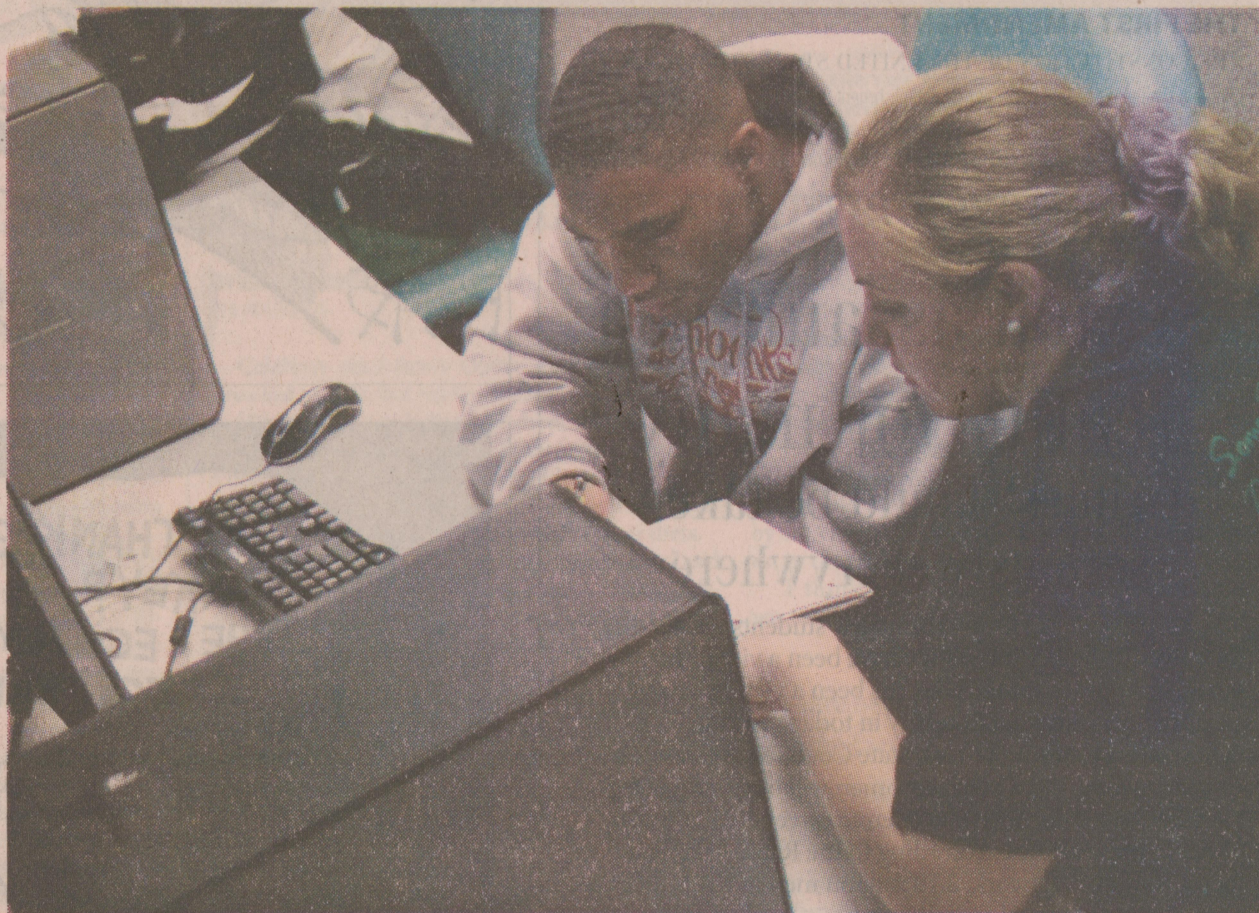
Each program offers one-on-one tutors who are learning disabilities specialists, have a master's degree in reading or learning disabilities or are graduate assistants, Weston said.

College H.E.L.P. includes the remedial program, which concentrates on building students' basic skills in reading, written expression, math and other concerns, according to the Web site.

"We can increase reading rate speed by 100 words per minute, and some will go from a third grade reading level to a sixth grade reading level," said Sara Barker, coordinator of remediation and advisor to the HELPers' Club.

Two hours of remediation a week is required and only one hour a week is required after the first year, Barker said.

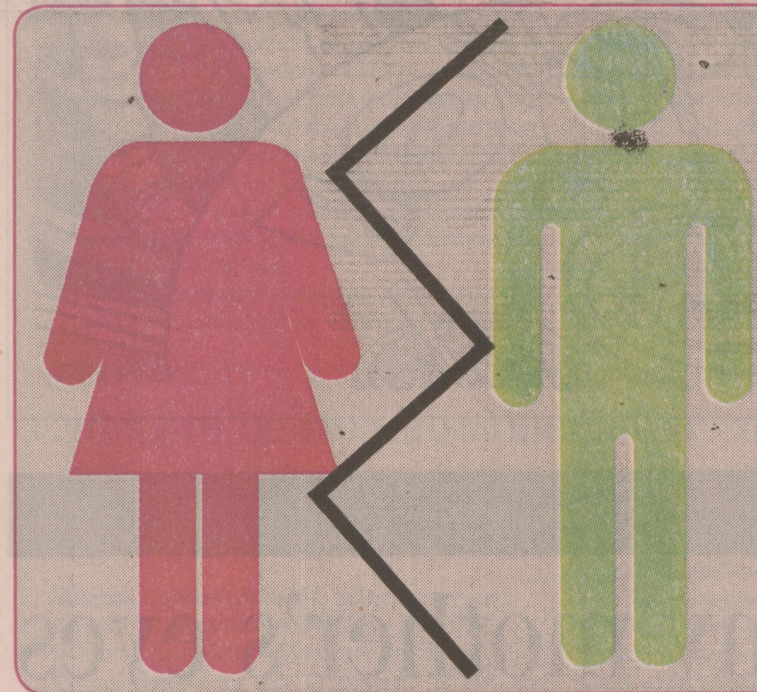
However, some students go for more hours than required because of the love and support shared between students and staff.



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Morrese Green, freshman civil engineering major from Atlanta, receives help from Lauren Lee, graduate exercise science student from Poolesville, Md., and tutor at the H.E.L.P. center where students can come to receive guidance and aid with school work.

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Yes vs. No

>> Editor's Note

The Parthenon conducted research on sexual assault in October and November. Reporters looked into not only facts but also myths conceived on the subject of sexual assault. Reporters talked to Marshall University students, Marshall University and Huntington police departments and organizations designed to help those who have suffered from this crime. While many shy away from this taboo topic, it is one that should be discussed so students can become aware of situations that could lead to sexual assault. Also, we hope to educate students on not only what sexual assault is, but also how officials in Huntington handle this issue and inform students of help they can receive if they are victimized and bring understanding that this can happen to anyone.

Sexual assault victims not represented in statistics

BY KERISSA BENNETT AND KRISTEN FOOTO
THE PARTHENON

Sexual assault statistics for Huntington and Marshall University may not reflect the actual number of victims.

"One thing is, a lot of our sexual assaults happen off-campus, like at bar locations or off-campus apartment locations," said Sgt. Angela Howell of the Marshall University Police Department.

According to the MUPD's Web site, two sexual assault reports have been recorded within the past five years, both of which happened in residence halls.

"Sexual assault is probably the most unreported crime," Howell said. "So two is probably a fair number."

Students who are assaulted off-campus should contact the Huntington Police Department, Howell said.

"MUPD has complete jurisdiction in those matters on their property, however, we work with stuff on their property, also," said Sgt. Kenny Lake of the HPD. "They could call either one, whichever they feel most comfortable with."

According to the HPD's 2008 Annual Report, 17 arrests were made for sex offenses, 12 of which were forcible rape.

Statistics for the past five years were unattainable. A notarized form outlining the use of such statistics is needed to start the search for the documents because it will take a long time to find, said a receptionist at the HPD.

The type of notarized form was never specified. Lake said HPD has the same problem with reports that MUPD has.

"I'd say everywhere there are occurrences that don't get reported," Lake said.

Sharon Webb, Sexual Assault Response Team coordinator for the CONTACT Rape Crisis Center in Huntington, said problems occur in trying to measure an accurate number of sexual assaults.

Defining types of sexual assault

BY JENNIFER CHAPMAN
THE PARTHENON

Sexual assault is a common term, but the types of sexual assault are very specific and can range anywhere from forced intercourse to sexual contact.

Tom Plymale, prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, listed the categories.

"There are a number of degrees of sexual assault and sex crimes," Plymale said. "It starts out at the top as first degree sexual assault. If it is an adult victim, it is a crime that is done with force or threat of force. If you look under the sections with regard to these crimes, there are a number of definitions that describe what sexual contact is, what intercourse is. Intercourse accomplished by force or threat of force is first degree."

According to West Virginia's state code, sexual abuse is sexual contact

without consent and with force or the threat of force, or with a mentally incapacitated person, someone physically helpless or with someone under the age of 16 when the offender is four years older than the victim. Sexual assault is listed as sexual intercourse or intrusion without consent, with force or threat of force, or with victims under age 16 when the offender is older than 16, or if the offender is 14 and the victim is younger than 11, or if the victim is mentally incapacitated or physically helpless.

Under this code, sexual intercourse is vaginal, anal or oral penetration.

West Virginia's state code includes sexual assault by a spouse by force or threat of force.

The highest level of sexual assault carries a sentence of 15 to 35 years in prison.

If someone is assaulted, Plymale said often the person first goes to

the hospital, and the hospital notifies the police.

"There's a mandatory duty to report," Plymale said. "If someone walked into an emergency room and said 'I've been sexually abused,' they are obligated to call the police."

Plymale said there are important things a victim can do to help his or her case.

"Be prompt and be completely forthright," Plymale said. "When I say that, none of us like to tell things about ourselves that may look bad. In other words, a woman may put herself in a compromising situation, like by going to a guy's apartment for example. It doesn't look good, but you need to be honest and tell us everything that happened. It makes our job a lot easier."

"Evidence will disappear and people's memories and stories will change," Plymale said. "The sooner we get investigators talking to all the po-

tential witnesses, the sooner we lock them into what happened. That way stories don't change."

Officer Scott Ballou of the Marshall University Police Department said sexual abuse is one of the most unreported crimes on campus and reporting it quickly is important. He agrees that if it is being reported, doing it quickly is important.

"Evidence is key in sexual assault," Ballou said. "If we can obtain sheets or clothes, stuff like that, that's a huge part of the investigation."

Plymale said on all the charges except one, there is no legal time limit on when a victim can report a sexual assault crime. He said a third degree sexual abuse case is a misdemeanor and has a limit of one year, all others are felonies.

"As a practical matter, you can

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EDITORIAL

Sexual assault is a reality for many Crimes should be taken seriously everywhere

Sexual assault is a reality that many students will face in their lives. Whether it is if they have been a victim themselves, or know someone who has been a victim, sexual assault crimes are a harsh reality in today's world.

According to the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, at least 1 in 4 college women will be the victim of a sexual assault during her academic career. Men are also prone to these crimes. According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, 2.78 million men in the U.S. have been victims of sexual assault or rape.

As you can tell by the numbers, anyone can be a victim. Students should always be aware of their surroundings. This includes their friends. According to the RAINN, more than 80 percent of all sexual assault crimes involved some one who was an acquaintance of the victim. This number is compared to victims of other violent crimes, which is only half.

Even those who feel like a victim don't consider themselves a victim. According to the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, 8.8 percent of college women who were victims of attacks that met the study's definition of rape did not consider what happened to them rape.

Students need to know the facts about this crime. Every person has a voice and should not be silenced because of fear. If it seems like it's wrong than it's wrong. But what's disturbing is this statistic: a survey of high school students, 56 percent of girls and 76 percent of boys [some of whom may be incoming college freshmen] believed forced sex was acceptable under some circumstances. Everyone, no matter

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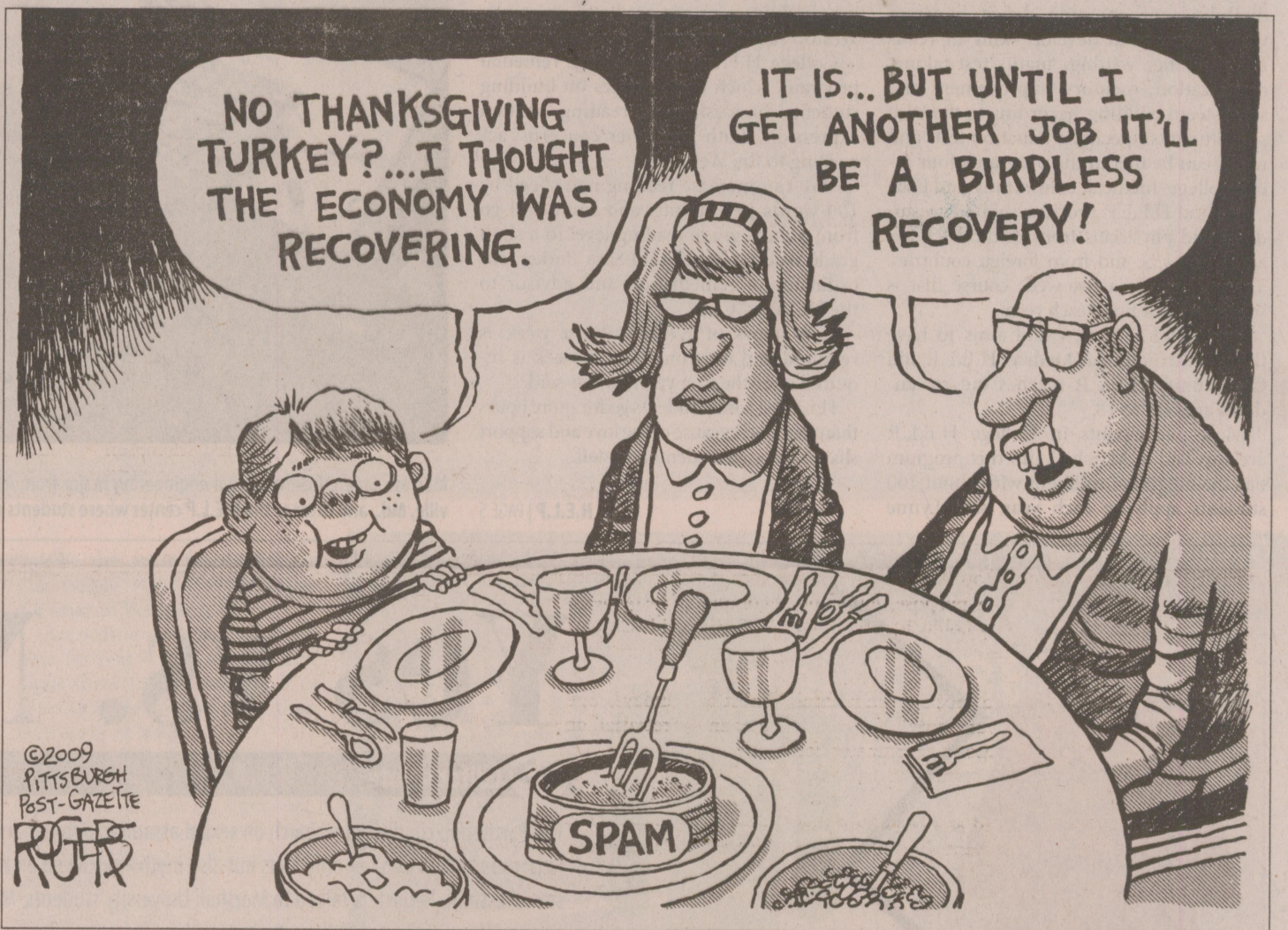
CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of The Parthenon, A headline was wrong. In the story titled "Supreme court hears grade change testimony," the headline should have read "Grand jury hears grade change testimony."

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia did not hear this case or any testimony regarding it. And despite the comment attached to the story, the testimony was not heard in the Supreme Court Chamber.

The case was heard by the Federal Grand jury, we are sorry for the mistake and apologize if we offended anyone.

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SO, HERES THE THING... | Caleb Whisenant

Looking with my mother's eyes

I have my mother's eyes. This I realized after staring at a photograph of myself that was taken on Thanksgiving.

Something about this photo was different. I looked very much the same in it as I do in most photos, yet there was something distinctively different in this image.

My eyes. As I looked into my own, I saw something familiar yet foreign. Familiar in the sense that whatever it was, I had seen it before; foreign in that I had never seen it in my own eyes.

I soon discovered what it was: my mother.

At first it seemed merely in a physical sense, a genetic fact. Stark visual resemblances exist between my mother and me, the eyes not being the least of which. But, then I recognized there was something more to it.

My mother has been the one constant in my life. She



CALEB WHISENANT
COLUMNIST

has been there since Day One and she has been there for me every subsequent day, all 7,432 of them.

She and I find ourselves at a volatile point in our lives. I am moving out into the world, and she is not going with me.

She has a very hard time letting go, and truth be told, I have a hard time watching her let go. I mean, she is my mom, and the best in the world I might add.

Sure, she can be overbearing, and I have lived a very sheltered life because of her excessive protectiveness. There are times she makes me think I would like to rip my ears off of my head, namely when she asks me eight times in a five minute phone

conversation if I am eating and sleeping enough, taking care of myself, coming home anytime soon, etc.

But, again she is a mom, and again, in my biased opinion, there is none better.

If truth can be found in the old adage of the eyes being windows into the soul, then that would explain why I have my mother's eyes. If I may use the cliché, I am who I am because of her. We are different in many ways, and I do not think we will ever completely see eye-to-eye on anything.

But I must admit we are very much alike in some regards, as would be expected for two people who have been around each other for more than two decades.

For me, though, having my mother's eyes means more than biological evidence that I am her son.

It means more than a marker of our history together, a keeper

of memories or a reminder of similarities. For me, it means that I can live my life.

An ancient Greek philosopher once said, and it has been echoed countless times throughout the ages, that the only thing permanent is change. I think given the sun dried nature of change, it would be an accurate statement to make to say we experience change day in and day out.

That's the nature of life. But grounded in where and what and who we come from, we can grow and live without truly leaving that.

So, here's the thing. In a few semesters I will graduate, and I will move away (much to my mother's dismay), to where or what exactly I'm not sure, but I no longer feel the guilt of doing so. And, I know Mom will always be there, just as she always has been.

I only need to look myself in the eyes.

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"Really I do not want to say if they exist or not. What is certain is that there is an investigation under way." — Peru's Interior Minister Octavio Salazar, after its police chief dismissed the head of his criminal investigations unit amid claims that officers fabricated a macabre story about a murderous gang that killed people so it could sell their fat to cosmetics companies.

MOVC offers mock interviews for students

BY HEATHER CRUM
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant, W.Va., is offering workshops to prepare college students for job interviews after graduation.

Sheila Fields, administrative assistant at the MOVC, said the center is bringing community members from the area to interview students who want to participate.

Students choose a job opening from a list provided and apply with a full resume. They are then interviewed for the position.

While each student goes through the interview process, others sit in the classroom and critique the interview.

Fields said practicing interviewing and getting feedback is an effective way to help land a job.

"This helps students study their own strengths and weaknesses and study professionalism in the best way," Fields said. "They are dressing for success and getting the real experience before they have to actually encounter it."

The community members brought in to interview the students were Roxanne Smith, Bill Striklen and Letty Willis.

They are members of MOVC's board of directors.

Striklen said he has been impressed with what he has seen so far.

"I am proud of all of them and they have all done a good job," Striklen said. "The presentations were excellent, although there is always room for improvement."

Striklen makes closing remarks for each session to help improve the students' interviews. His main points are to know the position and the company being applied for, give solid examples to back up statements, and know the list of illegal questions employers cannot ask.

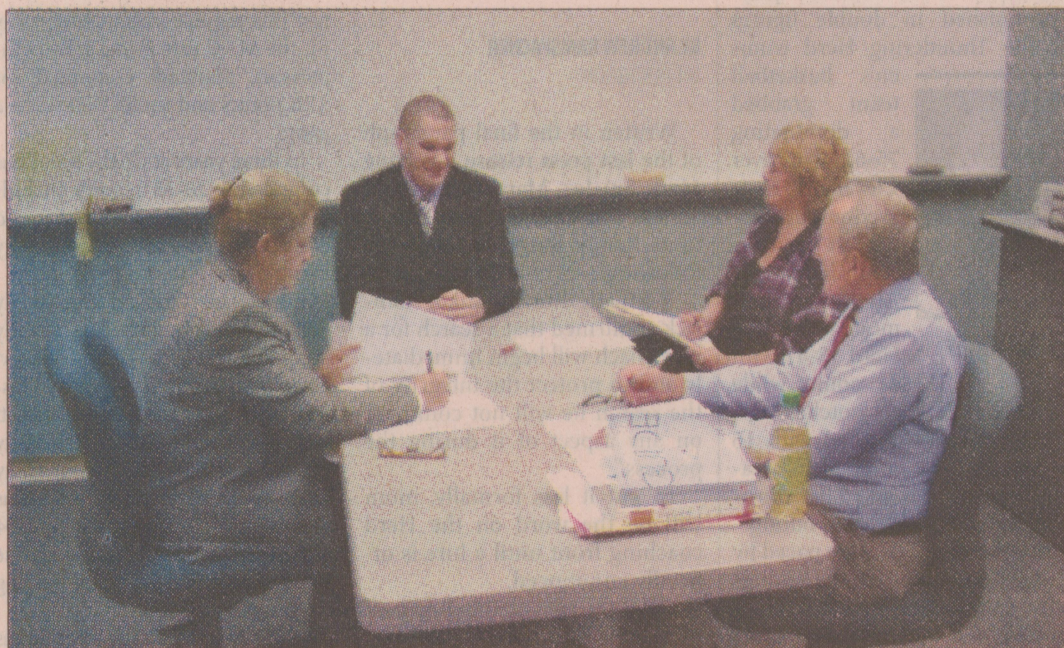
Striklen also said students should develop a strong work ethic while in college because it will show they can get the job done efficiently.

Dustin Peaytt, sophomore nursing student at the MOVC, said he is thankful the center is providing workshops like this one.

"I am a student now, but I won't be forever," Peaytt said. "When it comes to the real world, I will have experience in interviewing because the MOVC offered this critiquing workshop."

The workshops are once a week in Room 126 at the MOVC.

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Dustin Peaytt, sophomore nursing major at MOVC, participates in a mock interview. Members of MOVC's board conduct the interviews, which teach students what to expect when applying for and interviewing for jobs once they graduate.

Some businesses closed Sundays, allows employees time for church

BY JENNIFER CHAPMAN
THE PARTHENON

Some area businesses make it a priority to honor the fourth commandment of the Bible – "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Businesses such as Chick-fil-A and Hobby Lobby are among those who keep their businesses closed on Sundays out of respect for God and respect for their workers.

Dave Bouillion, the store manager of Hobby Lobby in Barboursville, W.Va., said that though Hobby Lobby wasn't always closed Sundays, now all the Hobby Lobby stores go by this policy. Bouillion said he appreciates it.

He said the reason for closing on Sundays is to allow their employees to have time to worship.

"The employees can spend time with their families and go to church," Bouillion said.

Hobby Lobby's statement of purpose, found on the store's Web site, says Hobby Lobby is committed to operating under Biblical principles, and that the owners believe "it is by God's grace and provision that Hobby Lobby has endured. He has been faithful in the past, we trust Him for our future."

Ashleigh Speir, public relations coordinator for Chick-fil-A, said Truett Cathy, owner, did it as a testament to his faith in God.

Speir said Cathy had worked at a restaurant that was open all the time and he wanted to open a res-

taurant that would give his employees a time to rest and a time to worship.

"Knowing week to week they're going to have that Sunday off is something they appreciate across the chain," Speir said.

Speir said that advantage brings employees who share the same ideals to the restaurant.

"To be able to attract quality people to work for us is a benefit," Speir said. "People are the cornerstone of Chick-fil-A. It brings in people wanting to work for a value-based company and allows them to balance family and work."

Speir said being off Sunday hasn't hurt the business.

"Overall, you can tell by our company's sales figures that we often generate more sales per square foot in six days than most stores do in seven," Speir said.

Speir said Cathy is often quoted as saying, "I feel it's the best business decision I've ever made."

As far as customers' opinion of the Sunday closings, Bouillion said Hobby Lobby customers often commend the owners for it.

Speir said Chick-fil-A customers appreciate the restaurant more following a closed day.

"You'll hear people say they crave Chick-fil-A most on Sundays," Speir said, "but it kind of generates an appreciation on Mondays."

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“It brings in people wanting to work for a value-based company and allows them to balance family and work.”

Ashleigh Speir
Public Relations Coordinator,
Chick-fil-A

Program to continue Oliver's work in city

BY WHITNEY BURDETTE
THE PARTHENON

Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver may have left the area last month, but his work continues.

What was once Jamie's Kitchen, located at 911 Third Ave., is now known as Huntington's Kitchen. Oliver gave ownership of the building to Ebenezer Medical Outreach so they could continue to show Huntington residents how to improve their diets.

"Huntington's Kitchen will belong to Huntington," said Ashley Thompson, director of Ebenezer's Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Life program. She said the program will continue to sponsor cooking education classes and open the space for community gatherings and parties.

Thompson said Oliver was very interested in the program and the work it is doing in the community.

Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Life is a seven-week education class geared toward people with chronic illnesses such as diabetes or heart disease, Thompson said. After participants complete the class, they are encouraged to take a fitness test and participate in weekly exercise sessions. The program offers a fresh market to help participants maintain a healthful diet.

"The fresh market will restart in January and it gives our patients an opportunity for free fresh produce if they attend any of the Healthy Lifestyle classes," Thompson said.

Even people who are not associated with the Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Life program are more aware of the foods they eat. Stacy McChesney, former kitchen manager at Jamie's Kitchen, said she became more conscience of what she eats after she worked with Oliver.

"I'm now looking for USDA certified organic foods, not just (generic) organic foods," McChesney said. "I have minimized the amount of canned ingredients I use in recipes and try to buy fresh or frozen ingredients."

McChesney said she has also become more aware of local farmers who produce fresh produce and meat.

"A group of friends and I are getting ready to form a co-op so we can purchase some of these ingredients and split them among ourselves," McChesney said. "We'll be eating fresh West Virginia meat and that will have a positive impact on our diets. We also discovered a fresh vegetable producer in Hur-

ricane, W.Va., and we have already been enjoying some of the fresh greens she has."

Although people like McChesney have become more aware of healthful foods and are changing their eating habits, Thompson said she doesn't think everyone in Huntington is ready to embrace Oliver's methods.

"Once the TV show airs and people start to see, I think people will take that on," Thompson said.

She said city residents may have been offended by an AP article that named the area the unhealthiest in the nation.

"I think we're very sensitive individuals and we take things very personal," Thompson said.

"When Jamie came here and told us we're the fattest, unhealthiest city, it was kind of a shock."

However, Thompson said people who practiced healthy lifestyles prior to Oliver's stay were already aware of overall state of the city's health.

"When you have a passion for a healthy lifestyle, you're already aware of this," she said. "I think what Jamie has done for the city is remark-

able. I think he will really re-energize people and their healthy lifestyle choices."

The TV show Oliver filmed in Huntington is similar to two documentaries he filmed in his native England that also focused on changing a community's dietary habits.

"I have seen Oliver's shows he did in England," McChesney said. "The community in England was so similar to Huntington."

McChesney said both Huntington and the community in England practiced unhealthy lifestyles and had high rates of obesity.

"With obesity come chronic illnesses such as heart disease and diabetes, issues with joints and can also lead to asthma," McChesney said, citing reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

McChesney said it is important to realize that Oliver alone cannot make Huntington a healthier city.

"Jamie cannot save Huntington," McChesney said. "Huntington has to save Huntington. It is up to us as individuals whether we choose to change our unhealthy habits."

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Ashley Thompson
Director, Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Life Program

Cadets to be commissioned after completing ROTC

BY MARLOWE HEREFORD
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's ROTC fall semester concludes with a commission ceremony Dec. 16 at which time six cadets will become 2nd lieutenants.

Completion of an ROTC program is just one route to becoming a commissioned officer. Marshall's cadets are required to complete their undergraduate degrees, take four semesters of military science courses, attend and complete the Leadership Development Assessment course in the summer between their junior and senior years and be physically fit for service, Lt. Col. Jason Horne said.

One of those cadets is David Spencer, senior Web development major from Huntington, who enlisted in the Army before completing his ROTC requirements. With commission comes more leadership, Spencer said.

"When you're enlisted, there's a different set of duties you have," Spencer said. "As an officer, you are held to a higher standard. You're supposed to know regulations. You want to make sure you look good so the soldiers you lead will follow in your footsteps."

Expectations of lieutenants increase with their years of service, Horne said.

"They will go out and be primary platoon leaders in charge of 30 to 75 people," Horne said. "They'll prepare their unit to deploy. Based upon the president's announcement, (deployment) will be in Afghanistan for the next couple years at least. As they progress in the Army, they'll receive more and more responsibility and be in charge of more people, more equipment."

The cadets are informed of their branch of service before commission. Spencer was assigned the ordinance branch to become a transportation officer and two other cadets were selected for military police, Horne said.

After commission, lieutenants

complete the Basic Officer Leader Course and attend the respective school in the nation for their branch for additional training, Horne said.

"Those schools for specific training last anywhere from six months to a year," Horne said. "They'll train and then they'll go out to their unit. They should know within the next few days, probably before the ceremony, what date they're going to attend their school. They may also find out in that time what duty assignment they're going to after that school."

The commission ceremony opens with remarks from a guest speaker. Cadets are called up individually for the administering of the oath of office and the pinning of the bars on the uniforms.

"They raise their right hand and swear that they will support and defend the Constitution, obey the orders of the president," Horne said. "Then we have people that are significant to them—whether it be their spouse, their boyfriend or girlfriend or their parents—come up and pin the bars on them."

After the pinning, the newly commissioned lieutenants perform the ceremonial first salute to enlisted soldiers. The salute is followed by a handshake in which the lieutenant gives a silver dollar to the soldier, a tradition dating back to a time when lieutenants paid non-commissioned officers to train them, Spencer said.

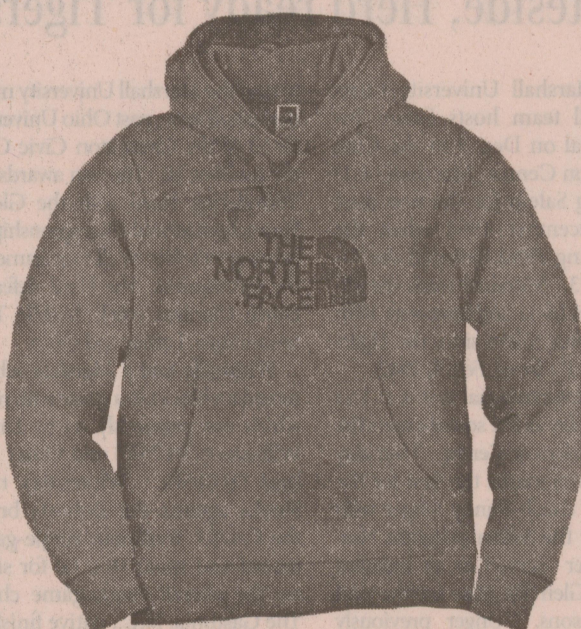
The ceremony concludes with speeches by the lieutenants.

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“As they progress in the Army, they'll receive more and more responsibility and be in charge of more people, more equipment.”

Lt. Col. Jason Horne
Marshall University ROTC

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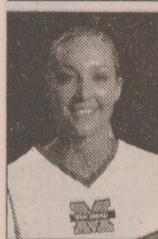
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Women's hoops dominate Vikings

CLEVELAND—Four Marshall players finished in double figures as the Thundering Herd women's basketball team grabbed a dominating 75-61 win over Cleveland State Wednesday evening at the Wolstein Center.



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Alyssa Hammond led the Herd (3-4) with 21 points while Chantelle Handy notched 17. Tynikki Crook finished with 16 as Mystee Dale chipped in a career-best 13. It marked her third consecutive double-digit outing.

The Vikings (2-4) were paced by Angel Roque, who led the Vikings with 16 points. Roque hit 5-of-9 three-point attempts. Stephanie Crosley and Kailey Klein notched 14 apiece.

Marshall opened the game by scoring the first six points over the first 2:10. The lead would make its way to nine points, 11-2, just over two minutes later. Alyssa Hammond was strong in the early going, scoring five points and grabbing three boards over the course of the first five minutes.

After hitting four of its first six shots to start the game, the Herd cooled off, hitting one of its next seven as the Cleveland State offense hit its groove, cutting the lead to three, 13-10. Angel Roque drained a pair of threes in the run to cut into the lead.

The Herd came right back, taking advantage of nine CSU turnovers in the first 11 minutes to push the lead to 12 points, 24-12, with 6:47 remaining in the opening period. Chantelle Handy hit a three while Hammond capped off the run with her fourth bucket of the game.

Two more Handy field goals wrapped up the half for Marshall, who took a 36-25 lead into the locker room. Tynikki Crook led all players with 10 points and eight rebounds in the first half.

Led by junior Mystee Dale, the Herd came out on fire in the second half, hitting six of its first eight field goal attempts to push its lead to 20, 49-29. After Crook scored the first bucket of the period, Dale recorded the next nine Herd points while Handy finished off the run with a fast-break bucket. A trey by Angel Roque of CSU ended the 13-4 run MU run.

Cleveland State would cut the lead to 17 on the Roque trey, but it was all Herd from there. Marshall would see its lead grow to as many as 26 before settling for the 75-61 win.

Marshall led in almost every category in the win, outrebounding the Vikings, 43-29 and outshooting them by a .571-.317 margin.

The post players also made a huge difference. The Herd scored 56 points in the paint while holding the Vikings to just 20. The top three post players for MU, Crook, Hammond and Handy, combined for 54 points. Crook led all players with 14 rebounds, 11 coming on the defensive end. It marked her second double-double of the season.

MU did a solid job of dishing the ball off, tallying a season-high 27 assists. Six Herd players finished with at least three helpers.

The women have six days off until they face George Washington on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. From there, they will travel to Morehead State to face the Eagles on Dec. 18 before returning home two days later to host Tennessee-Martin at 4 p.m. in the second game of a doubleheader with the Marshall men's team.

Who's next to lead the Herd?

BY ANDREW RAMSPACHER
THE PARTHENON

Written in the final paragraph of the last press release involving Mark Snyder, Marshall assistant athletic director for media relations Randy Burnside noted the following:

"(Athletic director Mike) Hamrick confirmed that a search for a new coach will begin immediately and to protect the integrity of the search he will not comment on any aspect of it during the process."

To put it less formally, mum will be the word on the Herd coaching front until a hire is officially announced.

So let the speculating begin.

Local media outlets have targeted more than a handful of candidates, some with Marshall ties, some with West Virginia ties and others with no ties to the program or state.

Butch Jones, Central Michigan: A former WVU receivers coach, Jones would bring what Herd fans have been calling for since Bob Pruett left the Joan C. Edwards sideline — a high-flying offense.

His Chippewas, quarterbacked by Mid-American Conference player of the year Dan LeFevour, scored 34.2 points a game and piled up nearly 420 yards per con-

test this regular season (they play for the MAC title Friday). By comparison, Marshall accounted for 21.8 points and under 360 yards a game.

In three years at CMU, Jones has compiled a 26-13 record, including a 2007 MAC championship and two appearances in the Motor City Bowl.

If Marshall is to land him, it may need to do so quickly. He's already popped up on the wish lists of Bowl Championship Series schools Louisville and Virginia. And if Cincinnati coach Brian Kelly takes the recently vacated Notre Dame job, Jones may be on the Bearcats' radar. Jones was Kelly's offensive coordinator in 2004 at CMU and would likely keep the same system at Cincinnati, making it a smooth transition.

If the Herd does nab him, Jones shouldn't have a hard time quickly memorizing his quarterbacks' name. At CMU, his leading receiver is ironically named Bryan Anderson.

Mickey Matthews, James Madison: While some diehards want Pruett or Jim Donnan back, Matthews seems like the most likely candidate to return to Huntington.

From 1990-95, Matthews was Donnan's defensive coordinator. He spearheaded one of Division I-AA's nastiest defenses. The Herd led the Southern Confer-

ence in total defense four times, including in 1993 when Marshall led the country in that category.

He followed Donnan to Georgia and, soon after took the gig at JMU. In 10 years, his Dukes have won 82 games, including three Colonial Athletic Association titles and the 2004 national championship.

Financially, the Herd seems to have the pull to draw his attention. Matthews makes a pre-incentive yearly salary in \$220,000-range at JMU. That is more than Snyder's \$150,000 base pay, but Hamrick has made it a point to up the ante on the next coach's payday.

"We have to get the salary up to get the candidate we want," Hamrick said.

Paul Petrino, Arkansas: The Charleston Gazette reported this week that the Razorbacks' offensive coordinator is "very" interested in the Marshall job.

He, like Jones, would bring a threat to scoreboard lighting. Under his brother Bobby at Louisville, Petrino was the assistant behind an offense that averaged 41 points a game over the course of four seasons. In his first year at Arkansas, the Razorbacks set a school record for passing yards.

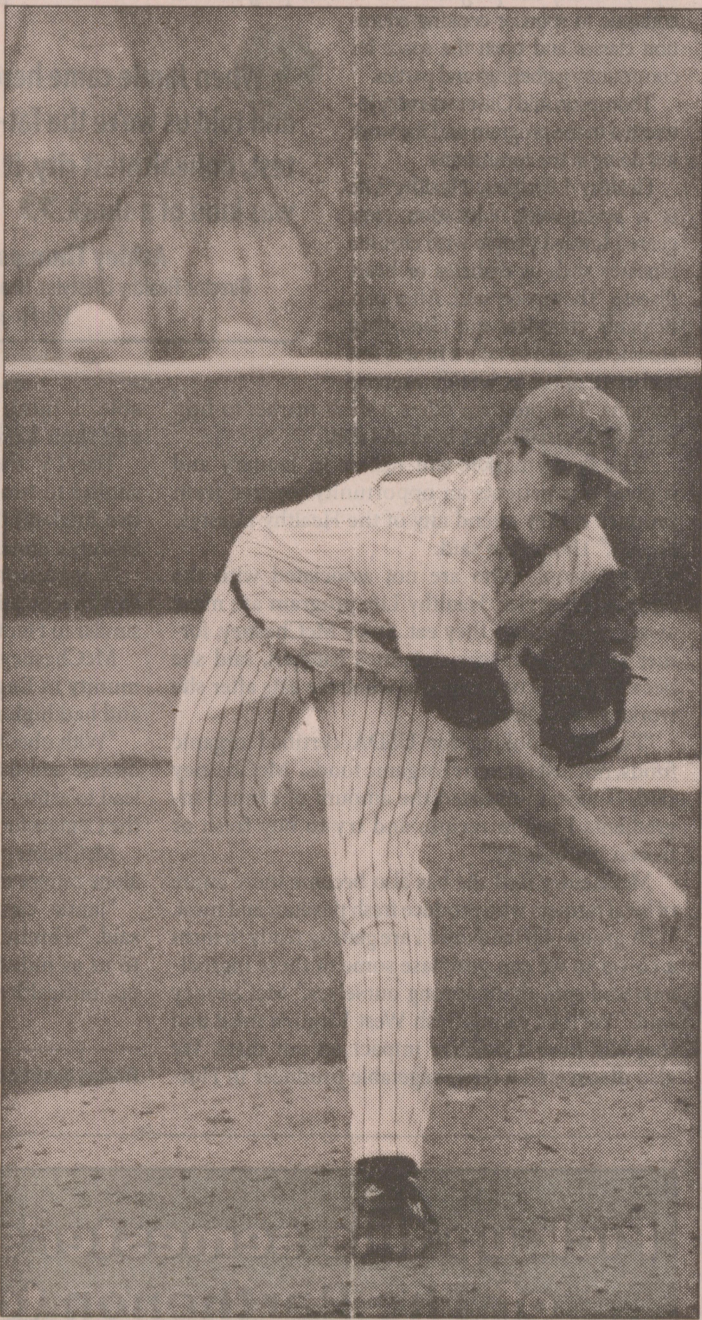
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A cheerleader carries the Marshall flag with him as he runs by the student section at Joan C. Edwards Stadium during MU's final home game

MU pitcher gives meaning to '(B)all in the family'



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Marshall hurler Shane Farrell delivers a pitch during a game last season.

BY KRISTEN FOOTO
THE PARTHENON

Junior baseball player Shane Farrell has pitching in his blood. Farrell grew up in Westlake, Ohio, with his father, mother and two brothers. Farrell said he can't remember a time that didn't include baseball.

"I grew up around it with my dad playing and growing up in a house with brothers," Farrell said. "Sports is something we always did. Baseball was always the first sport we went to play."

Farrell's father was a pitcher at Oklahoma State and has since made a career of the sport. He played professional baseball for the Cleveland Indians, California Angels and Detroit Tigers.

"It was a lot of fun, I mean, we got to be around a lot of interesting people," Farrell said. "We got to grow up in a lot of different parts of the country, which was fun."

In 2007, Farrell's father was hired as the pitching coach of the Boston Red Sox, replacing Dave Wallace.

"I've gotten to meet most of the guys on the team," Farrell said. "It's fun to be around especially when the playoffs are on."

Farrell said even with his father's background in baseball he and his brothers never felt pressure to succeed in the sport.

"It was always our decision on whether we wanted to play sports or not, and which ones to play," Farrell said. "They never wanted us to think there were expectations because of

what my dad did."

The extra support and practice has worked for Farrell. He made five starts and appeared in eight games in 2008.

Farrell said he tries not to let the distance between father and son get in the way of their relationship.

"He always helps me out when I have questions," Farrell said. "He helps a lot over the phone, which can be difficult at times, but we do the best we can."

Farrell's pitching coach, Joe Renner, said that Farrell's father is only part of his success.

"What stood out for me was his command of the strike zone," Renner said. "I'm sure it had a lot to do with his background and his father. There's always going to be a handful of people who help an athlete get to where they are."

Farrell said he doesn't know what the future holds, but he would like baseball to continue to be a part of his life after graduation.

"It's my goal; it's something I've dreamed of doing since I first started playing," Farrell said. "Whether it happens or not, I have no control over that. I'm just looking to have a couple of good last years here at Marshall and we'll see what happens after that."

"I think if he stays healthy he'll have an opportunity to play at the next level," Renner said.

John Farrell, was unable to be reached for an interview.

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Whiteside, Herd ready for Tigers

The Marshall University men's basketball team hosts Salem International on Dec. 3 in the Cam Henderson Center. Marshall (4-1) is playing Salem for the first time since December 1952 when the Thundering Herd defeated the Tigers 96-73. Marshall leads the all-time series 23-11 and have won 10 in a row against Salem since the Tigers defeated MU 64-61 Feb. 5, 1942.

Salem International is 0-4, 0-1 in WVIAC play as the squad enters the Cam Henderson Center. Thursday night's game marks the first for Salem head coach Randy Unger who took over the Salem program Nov. 19. Unger served as an assistant coach at Glenville State for the past three seasons. Unger previously served as the head coach at Lees-McRae College (N.C.) for seven seasons. Sophomore forward Ivan Jovicic is the Tigers' leading scorer as he is averaging 12.3 points per game.

Freshman center Hassan Whiteside posted a career-best game, just missing a triple-double, with 14 points, 17 rebounds and nine blocks

to lead the Marshall University men's basketball team past Ohio University 60-53 at the Charleston Civic Center on Nov. 28. The win awards the Thundering Herd with the Global Sports Invitational Championship by earning victories in all four games of the tournament. The Herd defeated North Carolina A&T, Middle Tennessee State, Lamar and Ohio.

Whiteside tied a Marshall school record for blocks in a game with nine, which was previously set by Latece Williams (11/17/00) and Omar Roland (1/13/90). Whiteside's nine blocks against the Bobcats broke the C-USA freshman single-game record and ranks in a tie for sixth on the overall single-game chart. The Gastonia, N.C., native finished 7-for-11 from the field and tied his career high with 14 points. The 17 boards (11 defensive, six offensive) along with his nine blocks were both personal bests. The game also marked his second consecutive double-double.

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Symphony plays classic set

BY MICHAEL SPURLOCK
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Wind Symphony's performance will feature a set of musical pieces that anyone can enjoy.

The wind symphony is comprised of 55 music majors, which is twice the normal size of a wind symphony.

"This particular concert is a neat one," said Steven Barnett, conductor of the wind symphony. "Instead of a mix of old and new literature, I've selected what I would call classic wind band literature with a lot of top pieces."

The pieces were written by a wide variety of composers. The composers are Alfred Reed, Percy Grainger, John Barnes Chance, Camille Saint-Seans and Herman Bellstadt.

A guest performance by professor Martin Sanders will feature a trumpet solo.

According to Barnett, the encore performance is a special surprise that is sure to be a treat for the audience. He declined to discuss what the surprise was.

"It's such a top quality ensemble that Mr. Barnett and I have chosen," said Greg Richmond, graduate student conductor. "It covers a lot of different styles and there is something there for everyone."

This is the only performance the wind symphony has during the semester. The symphony starts working on the pieces at the beginning of the semester.

"We started working on it this summer by looking at pieces we were going to do this fall," Richmond said. "After every rehearsal we meet and talk about the pieces and

what we need to do to fix them."

The wind symphony has students ranging from freshman to seniors. They must audition during the first week of classes for the wind symphony. It is a music major requirement.

"It is their primary ensemble for the band. All of the music majors are required to try out for the audition but mainly the instrumentalists and percussionists," Barnett said.

"They're one of the best band programs around, and being able to conduct a group that can play this level of difficulty of music is really an opportunity that a lot of people don't get," Richmond said.

The symphony is a basic concert band with instruments such as flutes, clarinets, saxophones, oboes, English horn, trumpets and a percussion section.

"This semester will be really interesting because we are doing a complete concert of just wind band classics," Richmond said. "For some students it is the first time playing some of the pieces."

"For our students, I feel a certain obligation to not just conduct them but to expose them to literature that they need to know and play," Barnett said.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Smith Recital Hall. The performance is free to the public.

"It will be very enjoyable to listen to," Barnett said. "I think Marshall students even without any background in concert music would really enjoy it."

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No indictment from federal grand jury for grade change

THE PARTHENON

Allegations of an alleged grade change at Marshall University were insufficient to persuade a grand jury to hand up an indictment in the matter, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The controversy stemmed from a grade change for Emily Perdue, daughter of West Virginia State Treasurer John Perdue. Professor Laura Wyant assigned two incompletes to Emily Perdue in May. Rosalyn Templeton, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, instructed Emily Perdue over the summer and changed the incompletes to letter grades. Wyant was still listed as the Instructor of Record when Templeton violated the university's Greenbook policy by changing Perdue's grades.

The FBI investigated the matter, Wyant said.

The federal grand jury met Tuesday and Wednesday in Charleston. Wyant and Templeton testified Tuesday.

Wyant said she will not seek further recourse.

Bill Bissett, chief of staff at Marshall University, could not comment on whether Provost Gayle Ormiston had also been subpoenaed to testify.

The U.S. Attorney's Office was unavailable for comment as to who testified.

Perdue's Office was also unavailable for comment.

H.E.L.P

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"We're mentors, advisers, tutors and friends you call at 12 o'clock at night," said Stephanie Kot, masters student in Adult and Technical Education. "Anything you can think of, we deal with it."

The tutors' attention to their students' does not go unreturned. Students write on the whiteboards in tutors' offices, make them cards and leave them notes, said Malissa Lowe, tutor of the year and masters student in arts in teaching.

"It's really hard not to love them; they're really sweet," Lowe said.

"It's like a second family," said Zachary Barker, junior in the H.E.L.P. program majoring in hospitality management from Ona, W.Va. "I know a lot of the people here. When we have problems, we usually talk to each other about them to help each other out. It's a great place to meet new people; they'll take care of you."

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VICTIMS

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"Only 17 percent of sexual assault victims report crimes," Webb said. "It's the most unreported crime for various reasons."

Scott Ballou, Marshall campus police officer, said a lot of crimes are not reported because people are unsure of what things are included in sexual assault.

According to Marshall's Rape Aggression Defense Systems booklet, sexual assault is any unwanted touching, fondling or sexual abuse by force, threat or intimidation. It also includes rape and impaired consent.

"A lot of women don't understand that if they go out and have drinks, and they're intoxicated, and they wake up the next morning and know something happened but they don't really remember, that's sexual assault," Ballou said.

Webb said CONTACT Rape Crisis Center worked with 180 victims in 2008. She also said those 180 people were not all recently assaulted.

Webb said many myths surround sexual assault statistics. She said assaults usually take place in the victim's home or in the home of an acquaintance.

"In general, it's usually a place where people feel comfortable," Webb said. "It's usually not in a dark alley."

Chris Hayslip, a DNA laboratory scientist at Marshall, said 323 rape kits have been sent to Cabell Huntington Hospital in the past 10 years and 213 rape kits have been sent to St. Mary's Hospital in the past nine years. Hayslip could not comment on how many were sent to a forensic lab for testing.

Webb said both hospitals have had 40 sexual assault victims in the past year.

She also said the center has worked with sexual assault victims who were Marshall students.

"I think we do see a little more, because this is a college town," Webb said.

Howell said in any event of sexual assault, the incident should be reported to the police so an investigation can take place. If the person is a rape victim, they should get to the hospital as quickly as possible without changing any clothing. They should also secure the scene of the crime if possible.

"One thing we try to do immediately after they report to us is call out a counselor," Howell said. "The counselor is more familiar with the situation and how to deal with that victim."

"Don't walk alone late at night, don't go alone with a stranger when you've been drinking and could potentially get into a dangerous situation. Part of self-defense is crime prevention. Keep yourself from becoming a victim."

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New York state lawmakers reject gay marriage bill

BY MICHAEL GORMLEY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York lawmakers on Wednesday rejected a bill that would have made their state the sixth to allow gay marriage, stunning advocates who suffered a similar decision by Maine voters just last month.

The New York measure needed 32 votes to pass and failed by a wider-than-expected margin, falling eight votes short in a 24-38 decision by the state Senate. The Assembly had earlier approved the bill, and Gov. David Paterson, perhaps the bill's strongest advocate, had pledged to sign it.

After the vote, Paterson called Wednesday one of his saddest days in 20 years of public service and "the criticized senators who he said support gay marriage but 'didn't have the intestinal

fortitude to vote for it."

Senate sponsor Thomas Duane, a Manhattan Democrat and the Legislature's first openly gay member, expressed anger and disappointment. "I wasn't expecting betrayal," he said.

During debate, Sen. Ruben Diaz, a conservative minister from the Bronx, led the mostly Republican opposition.

"If you put this issue before the voters, the voters will reject it," Diaz said. "Let the people decide."

But Sen. Eric Adams, D-Brooklyn, challenged lawmakers to set aside their religious beliefs and vote for the bill. He asked them to remember that once even slavery was legal.

"When I walk through these doors, my Bible stays out," Adams said.

"That's the wrong statement," Diaz countered later. "You should carry your Bible all the time."

Others told personal stories of friends and relatives who are gay and unable to marry. Many also spoke of grandparents who survived the Holocaust and racism and said they wouldn't want to see gays subjected to such treatment.

Supporters had been hopeful they could eke out a narrow win, or a much closer vote. But afterward, they said private assurances were broken. In the end, a half-dozen Democrats opposed the measure when it was expected only two or three would vote no. While no Republicans supported the bill, most advocates expected it would attract as many as four or five GOP senators.

"This is a loss for every family in New York," said New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn. "This is a loss for every lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender New Yorker."

Oregon couple cutting Christmas tree goes missing, search continues

BY JEFF BARNARD
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP) — Searchers combed dark and snowy forests near the crest of the Cascade Range in southern Oregon on Wednesday night for a couple who told their kids they were off to cut down a special Christmas tree but did not return.

Police said Jennifer, 38, and Keith Lee, 36, of Medford set out Tuesday morning in their electric blue, all-wheel-drive Subaru but told no one where they were going. Keith Lee is diabetic, a relative said.

The couple did tell their four kids, ages 8 to 18, that they hoped to bring back a silvertip fir, a prized tree found only at high elevations.

"We still don't know where they're at, but we're going to spend all night looking," said Jackson County Sheriff's Lt. Pat Rowland. "We'll saturate this area the rest of the night with Sno-Cats and ATVs."

The search focused on the high Cascades between Medford and Klamath Falls after police found a piece of paper in the couple's home with the numbers 140 and 37 written on it, an apparent reference to two highways that intersect at Fish Lake near the crest of the mountains, police Sgt. Mike Budreau said.

"It's cold weather and not a lot of snow, but there's ice out there," making backcountry roads treacherous, Rowland said. "If the car tipped over, it's not going to be easy to spot."

Helicopter and ground searches turned up nothing in the Siskiyou Mountains south of Medford, where the couple got stuck for four hours while getting their tree last year, Budreau said.

A helicopter joined the search in the Cascades until darkness fell, Rowland said.

Like thousands of Oregonians each year, the Lees bought their Christmas tree permit from the local national forest office and headed into the mountains, police said. They first went tree hunting Monday but didn't find what they wanted, so they set out again Tuesday after the kids went to school. Jennifer

Lee asked a friend to pick up their 8-year-old daughter.

Each year, searches are mounted for a few who get stranded or lost while hunting for Christmas trees in Oregon, Rowland said.

Keith Lee's uncle said his nephew was familiar with the woods from frequent camping trips and backcountry motorcycle riding; was good with cars, being the manager of an auto parts store; and always carried a cell phone.

"He loves the woods," Hill said

just before leaving for Medford from Sacramento, Calif., where Keith Lee lived before moving to Oregon two years ago.

"And he loves to rough it a lot. That's why I'm not too worried about him at this point," said Hill, a retired civilian employee on an Air Force base. "But the one who hasn't done a lot of camping is his wife, Jennifer. And what really scares me about him is he's diabetic now. If he forgot his insulin or something like that, it might be dangerous."

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

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imagine the longer you wait, if there was any evidence, it's not going to be gathered," Plymale said. "If a rape kit is not done within a very short period of time after the act was alleged, you're not going to get any physical evidence you can use, absent an article of clothing that might have semen on it or something like that."

Plymale said occasionally people decide to drop their case. He said victims are subjected to a great deal of scrutiny and if they have little evidence, the victims are sometimes reluctant to pursue it.

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Seasonal displays light up Tri-State and beyond

BY KRISTEN FOOTO
THE PARTHENON

Brighten up this holiday season. Whether students are willing to drive great distances or just a few minutes away, multiple light festivals are operating in the Tri-State area.

The closest festival to campus is in Ashland, Ky. The Winter Wonderland of Lights Festival is located in Ashland's Central Park.

"We have all new displays this year with LED lights, which are more energy efficient," said Paula Mayo, coordinator of the Winter Wonderland of Lights Festival. "It takes a good six weeks to set up."

This festival is sponsored by the Ashland Alliance, an economic development organization. This year it is continuing the tradition called "Christmas Card to the Community."

This tradition invites organizations to create a six to eight-foot tall plywood card. This card will have a painted design on the front and a message to the Ashland community inside.

"We thought it would give organizations and businesses an opportunity to participate in Winter Wonderland," Mayo said. "It's a very inexpensive way for organizations to say Merry Christmas to the community."

This festival is free and runs through Jan. 1.

If students are willing to drive a little farther for their holiday cheer, they can go to

Lexington, Ky.

The Southern Lights festival takes place in the Kentucky Horse Park. It is a three-mile driving tour through more than 400 displays and millions of multicolored lights.

This attraction is geared toward the charitable nature of the holidays.

"Southern Lights is a major fundraiser for the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation," said Cindy Rullman of public relations and marketing for Kentucky Horse Park. "The foundation pays for a lot of things to make the time visitors spend here a lot better."

Rullman said the park offers craft vendors, model trains, a doll house display and a special appearance by Santa.

All proceeds from Santa's visitors go toward buying coats and gloves for those who can't afford them, Rullman said.

"There's nothing else like this in the region," Rullman said. "It's almost always voted one of the top 10 attractions in the South."

Southern Lights is open from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Dec. 31. The event has an admission fee, which depends on the size of the vehicle.

The farthest festival away, but

maybe the most worthwhile, is the Winter Festival of Lights at Oglebay in Wheeling, W.Va.

According to America's Best, this festival is the second best light show in the country. It is a six-mile drive over more than 300 acres of land.

Visitors can do more than just see the lights. Musical light displays, garden of light displays, glass blowing, craft making and lodging are all available at Oglebay.

"It has become a holiday tradition for a lot of people," said Caren Knoyer, marketing director for Oglebay. "It is a little more of an experience than just a light show."

The Winter Festival of Lights has been featured on the Travel Channel and has earned many "Best of" titles, Knoyer said.

In its 25th year, more lighting displays are included and energy efficient bulbs are being used as well.

"It's something unique to the area," Knoyer said. "It really just gets you in the holiday spirit."

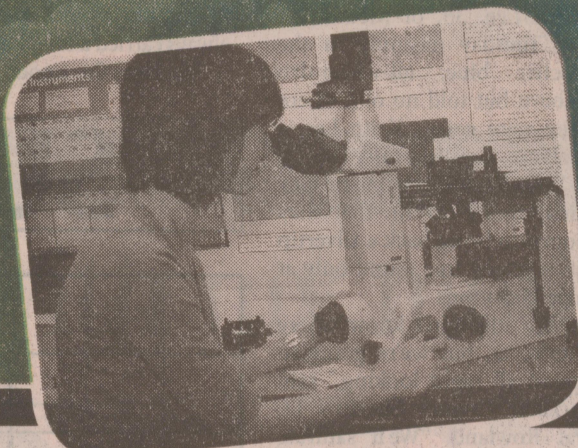
This event does not charge an entrance fee, but instead asks for donations. It is open through Jan. 3.

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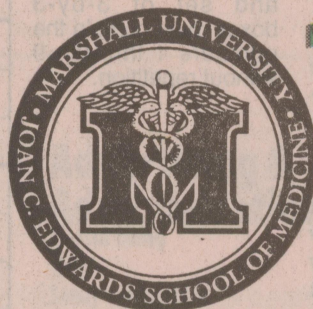
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