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Memphis basketball outlasts Herd

Women also fall to Tigers **Sports, Page 3**

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Yeager Scholarship program prepares for next class despite second round of cuts, lower investment

BY LAURA HATFIELD
THE PARTHENON

For the second year in a row, the Yeager Scholarship program will be operating at 50 percent capacity.

Nicki LoCascio, assistant director of the program, said only six scholars will be chosen this year compared to the twelve scholars chosen in the past because of the downturn of the economy.

"We won't bring a student in unless we can guarantee support for four years and to make sure we can do that," LoCascio said. "We are only bringing in six this year."

LoCascio said the Yeager Scholars program is supported by private funding along with some state funding.

"A majority of the money is private money and it's invested, so when the stock market went down our return on the investments went down," LoCascio said. "We felt it prudent to cut the numbers down to ensure the students would be covered."

The program's mission is to train students for leadership. Seminar classes taught the first two years are used to prepare students to study at

Oxford University.

"The seminar is to give these students skills they will be using not only here at Marshall but at Oxford University in England," LoCascio said. "Students go to Oxford and participate in almost graduate level classes and our seminars have to prepare them for that."

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to cut the numbers down to ensure the students would be covered."

**Nicki LoCascio, assistant director
Yeager Scholarship Program**

LoCascio said students have to be able to write and speak well, research and synthesize material and have knowledge of content in many areas of study.

According to the program's Web site, the seminars will cover communication and computers, humanities, texts and values, theories of science and statistics and history and the arts.

Mary Todd, dean of the Honors College, said each seminar is based on a certain theme.

"The idea of an interdisciplinary seminar is to bring together two disciplinary areas and try to use those to pursue a theme to give students an introduction in the study of those different disciplines," Todd said.

She said the Yeager Scholars have their own

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The Yeager Scholarship Program will only accept six students for the second year because of the economic downturn. In the past, 12 high achieving students were selected as part of the honors program.

Faculty Senate releases results of grade change investigation

BY BREANNA JONES
THE PARTHENON

Dissension is brewing among Marshall University faculty members following a grade change scandal last semester.

A number of judicial procedures have been taken to resolve the issue, but some faculty members still feel like justice has yet to be served.

A report from the Faculty Petition Investigation Ad Hoc Committee was presented to the Faculty Senate and made public at Thursday's meeting.

The report examined and summarized information submitted by all parties involved in the scandal, including a petition signed by 42 faculty members.

The petition, signed on Nov. 2, 2009, asked that an in-house investigation be conducted

concerning the grade change scandal in the College of Education and Human Services.

The report, which resulted from the petition and previous Faculty

Senate meetings, addressed whether or not any policies or procedures were violated.

Though the committee claimed to conduct the investigation strictly by the book, some faculty members still did not agree with the committee's strategy in handling the situation.

"This doesn't address the issue," said Dallas Brozik, he faculty member who presented the original petition. "The committee violated its jurisdiction. They contradict themselves numerous times in the report itself as well."

The report answered questions inquiring if the student completed the assignments, if the student's parents exerted any undue influence

and if any current policies and procedures need to be revised.

Although the report concluded that there was no violation of university policies, the investigation has motivated the university to re-evaluate its policies and procedures for independent study courses.

"The decision is not unexpected," Brozik said.

A May 5, 2009 report stated that the dean of the College of Education, the course instructor, the student in question and a parent of the student examined the work of two other students, even though students' records are supposed to be sealed, Brozik said.

"I think the Faculty Senate really lost some credibility," he said.

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**Brian Morgan, College of Science
senator, addresses the Faculty Senate
on Thursday.**

Engineers discuss Hurricane Katrina, why New Orleans levees failed

BY KRISTEN HAINKEL
THE PARTHENON

Lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina was the subject of a lecture given in the Memorial Student Center on Thursday.

David Sullivan, from the structural design section and Greg Hensley, from the geotechnical section of the Army Corps of Engineering were among the speakers at the second annual Winter Technical Conference hosted by the Society of American Military Engineers.

Sullivan cited the presentation's information from Interagency Performance Evaluation Team, a collaboration of 150 experts from academics,

private industries and government agencies to investigate why the levees failed in New Orleans, leading to widespread flooding after Hurricane Katrina hit the Louisiana coast.

"The main item is a lack of resilience and was a major factor," Sullivan said.

Resilience means when a structure is put under pressure, it can withstand that pressure and will stay in place.

Hensley said in the 1800s, New Orleans was built on marsh, clay and sand, which isn't suitable for constructing buildings.

Sullivan said flooding still would have occurred even if the levees hadn't failed.

Hurricane Katrina hit land at 6:10 a.m. on

August 29, 2005. By 8 a.m., water was already building up on the floodwalls. By 2 p.m., 80 percent of the city was under water.

Hensley said the main type of wall that failed during Hurricane Katrina is called Cantilever Flood Wall, referred to as an I-Wall.

He said the I-Wall rotated backward because of land erosion and water damage. He said another reason the structure failed was because of global instability, when the pressure of water and winds caused the water to break and slide.

Engineers worked to repair the levees. When Hurricane Gustav hit New Orleans in 2008, the structures held up and no flooding occurred in the city.

Sullivan said the engineering world has learned from their mistakes and will work toward better designs in the future.

One professor was pleased with Hensley and Sullivan's lecture.

"They pointed out some of the problems that New Orleans has as an old city," said Rick McCormick, professor of engineering. "It has grown up in an area where a city shouldn't have been built in the first place. On the other hand, because of political reasons, the maintenance wasn't done that should have been done. They looked in to see what was happening and how to fix it."

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CALENDAR

Japanese film fest continues through weekend

Sports

Women's hoops vs. UAB
7 p.m. Sat. | Henderson Center

Women's Tennis
12 p.m. Sat. | Huntington Tennis Club

Entertainment

Mountain Stage with Larry Groce
7 p.m. Sun. | West Virginia Culture Center

Three Days Grace with Breaking Benjamin and Flyleaf
Tues. Feb. 2 | Big Sandy Superstore Arena

CATS
7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 and Feb. 9 | Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center

On campus

Japanese Film Fest
2 p.m. | Drinko Library 402

Carol Ann Barry Performance and Lecture
8 p.m. Thurs. | Smith Music Recital Hall

New movies

Out Today
Edge of Darkness
When in Rome

Fri. Feb. 5
Dear John
From Paris with Love
Frozen



26°
23°

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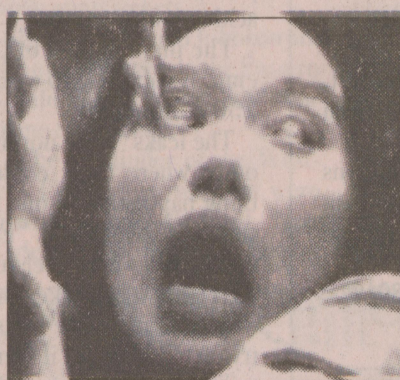
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NBC



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ABC



The Bourne Identity
8:30 p.m.
USA



Medium
9 p.m.
CBS

Campus Christian organization hosts testimonial event

BY KATE MCCLOY
THE PARTHENON

Campus Crusade for Christ had a testimony based event called "I Am" Thursday evening.

Kyle Baughman, senior political science major from Cincinnati, Ohio, said in an earlier interview that the idea for "I Am" came from someone in Campus Crusade for Christ who went on a summer project to prisons to share the gospel.

The meaning behind the event was to see who God truly is, Baughman said in an earlier interview. This was shown by people sharing who they were before knowing God and who they are after coming to know Christ.

The event was followed by a short message about why God identifies himself as "I Am" and how that translates to an individual's identity.

Sean Webb, junior religious studies major from South Point, Ohio, was one of three people who gave a personal testimony.

Webb said he was afraid while giving his testimony because some of the language he used could have offended people at the event.

The offensive words given in his testimony were names he was called by others, Webb said, and as a result, he used those words to refer to himself.

Molly Gallagher, junior physical education and health education major from Morgantown, W.Va., was another student who gave her personal testimony, she said. She said she was scared to share her personal story until she was on stage.

"Once I was up there, all my fear went away," she said.

Gallagher said she has spoken on stage before at Campus Crusade for Christ to discuss trips and other events but this was the first time she had shared a personal testimony with so many people.

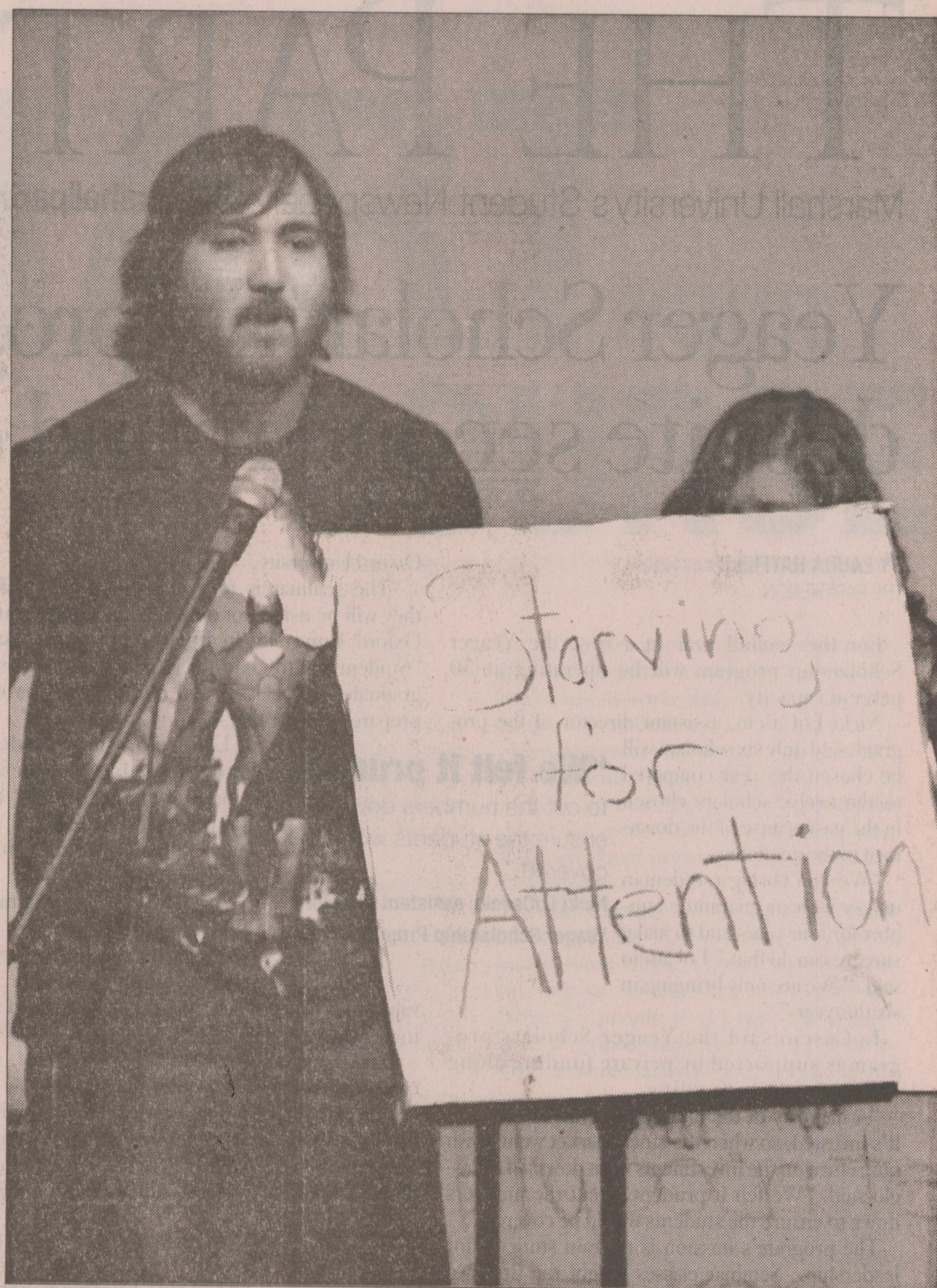
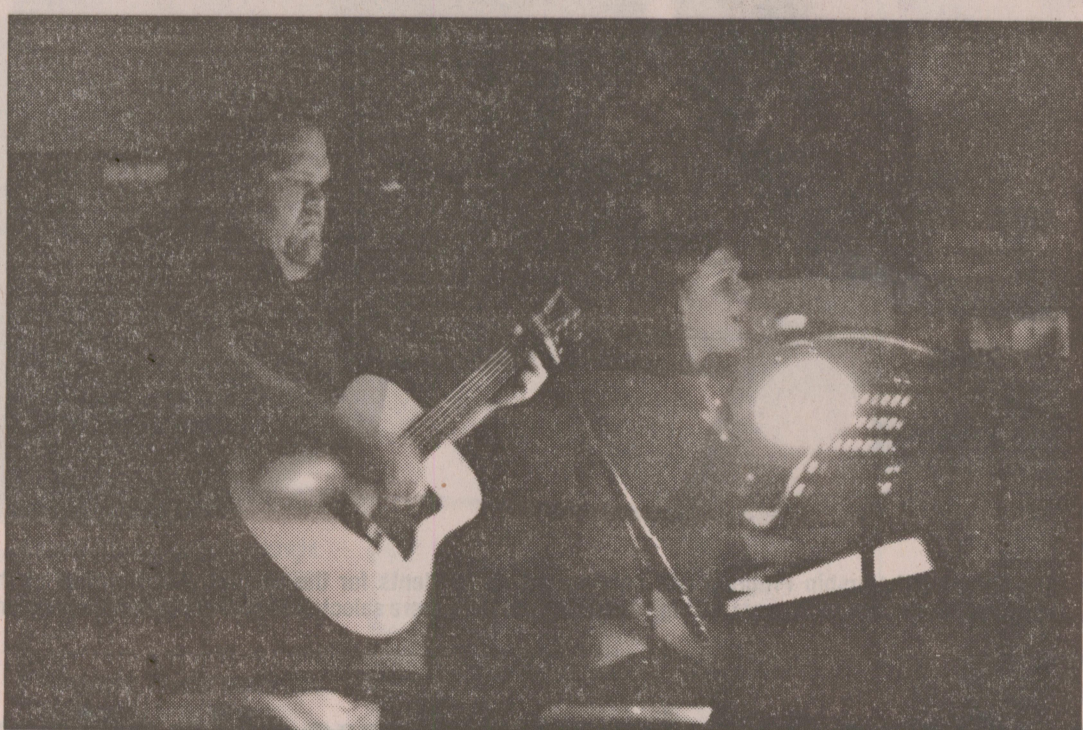
"I have definitely grown from sharing my story with everyone," Gallagher said.

Gallagher said while sharing her testimony about the power of God, it was as if God's words were coming out of her mouth.

Laura Good, sophomore biology medical science major from Charleston, W.Va., said the personal testimonies really made her realize the things she has struggled with and the things she needs to work on. She said it connected her to God on an entirely different level.

"It really put in perspective my life and where I have been compared to where I am now," Good said.

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Above: Sean Webb speaks about his identity before knowing Christ and how his life has changed since he accepted Christ.
Left: Jeff Johnson and Lauren Manor lead worship.

California marijuana supporters submit petitions for Nov. ballot

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Backers of a California initiative to legalize marijuana said they would submit far more signatures Thursday than needed to qualify the measure for the November ballot.

Volunteers intended to submit about 700,000 signatures collected across all 58 California counties, campaign spokesman Dan Newman said.

The initiative needs about 434,000 signatures from registered voters to make the ballot.

The Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010 would legalize possession of small amounts of marijuana for adults. It also would allow limited growing on private property and permit local governments to decide whether to legalize and tax pot sales.

"Our current laws aren't working. We should have learned from alcohol prohibition," said

Oakland medical marijuana entrepreneur Richard Lee, the measure's main backer.

The signatures were filed as a 15,000-square-foot store stocked with marijuana growing supplies prepared to open in Oakland — another sign of the mainstreaming of pot in some parts of California.

Members of the Oakland City Council were scheduled to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday.

No pot is sold at the store, but it has an onsite doctor to provide medical marijuana recommendations to customers and technicians who will install growing equipment such as lights and fans in the homes of customers.

Customers can see "Ikea-style grow room demonstrations with live plants," according to the store. Owner Dhar Mann, 25, said he was "thrilled to see the strong support that the city of Oakland and the community has shown us."

Lee has marshaled manpower and financial

support for the initiative through Oaksterdam University, an Oakland-based school he founded to train growers and distributors of medical marijuana. Under current state law, Californians can legally grow and possess pot for medical purposes.

The drive to put a broader legalization measure on the ballot got a boost in April when a Field Poll found that 56 percent of California voters supported legalizing and taxing marijuana to help bridge the state budget deficit. The campaign's internal polling showed similar support, Newman said.

"This initiative was very carefully crafted to win at the ballot box. It contains specific safeguards and controls," he said.

Standing in the way will be a coalition of religious and law enforcement groups that argue marijuana is harmful and an immoral approach to fixing the state's financial problems.

"We're going to talk about blood money, about trying to raise taxes on the backs of our youth," said Bishop Ron Allen, a pastor and head of the International Faith Based Coalition, an anti-drug religious group.

Potential revenue from legal pot sales would encourage young people to use the drug, Allen said.

The ballot measure would require jail time for anyone who sells or gives marijuana to children. It also forbids smoking pot in front of minors.

Opponents also point to the lopsided defeat of a 2008 ballot measure to reduce criminal penalties for drug offenders as a sign that Californians will ultimately decide against loosening drug laws.

"Voters are not going to be comfortable making another mind-altering substance legally available," said John Lovell, a spokesman for several law enforcement groups lining up to oppose the initiative.

Marshall students work with professor to find cure for Parkinson's disease

BY JOHN LEWIS
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University professors and undergraduate students are conducting research to help find methods to fight Parkinson's disease.

Researchers are testing neuron stem cell transplantation to fight the disease, said Elmer Price, professor and chairman of the biology department.

Parkinson's disease is a brain disorder that occurs when certain nerve cells in part of the brain die or become impaired, according to the National Parkinson's Foundation Web site. These cells produce dopamine, which allows muscles to function and move. Parkinson's appears when 80 percent of the dopamine-producing cells are damaged.

"I'm trying to replace the cell that is destroyed in Parkinson's disease," Price said.

"We're trying to use those cells, which are adult tissue stem cells, to develop a long term treatment for Parkinson's disease," said Greg Sammons, senior biology major from Matewan, W.Va.

"This project allows students to come in a lab and understand a disease and what causes the disease," Price said. "We have students growing neurons in the laboratory, adding different chemicals to them to determine if the chemical helps the neurons survive, and the results of these

experiments performed by students contribute to our all body of knowledge about how to treat Parkinson's disease."

Price said cell treatment can lead to a permanent cure.

"Our medicine is a cell," Price said. "If the cell base therapy works, it's more along the lines of a more permanent treatment because once those cells integrate into the brain those that survive will be there for the rest of the patient's life."

Parkinson's affects both men and women, according to the National Parkinson's Foundation's Web site. About 60,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.

"It will be nice down the line if our treatment hits the market, but it will be hard to get a company to fund the clinical trials," Price said. "The chances of being successful are so slim that it makes better sense to publish, write grants and train young scientists to be good researchers."

Even if the treatment doesn't hit the market, the students said they have learned a lot from their research.

"It's been nice working with Price," Sammons said. "We learn more when we work in labs than we do inside the classroom, because we get on hand experience with cells."

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Feds: Chemical leaks at W.Va. plant unrelated

BY JOHN RABY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Three recent chemical leaks at a DuPont plant, one of which killed a worker, don't appear to be related, a federal investigator said Thursday.

U.S. Chemical Safety Board investigator Johnnie Banks promised a thorough investigation into the leaks, which prompted the plant's temporary shutdown over the weekend.

The release of about 1,900 pounds of methyl chloride went unnoticed for five days before the company reported it Friday.

A worker died after being exposed to phosgene — a chemical used as a choking agent during World War I that now is used in pesticides and plastics. That worker was exposed Saturday, the same day the plant reported that less than 20 pounds of sulfuric acid had leaked from its spent acid recovery process.

The plant is on a 600-acre site in Belle and employs about 400 workers with an additional 250 contractors.

The leaks "were not in close proximity to one other where there could be a sense of something happening in one building transferring to another," Banks said. "From all outward appearances, they weren't related processes."

"That's what makes this so compelling is that they're in disparate parts of the plant and we're trying to figure out if there is a common theme."

The investigation will include a review of equipment age, maintenance and inspection, as

well as the plant's monitoring system.

The chemical board has said it was aware of six earlier leaks at the DuPont plant since December 2006. Banks said his team also plans to examine how thorough any investigations were after those leaks.

No one appeared to be in the immediate vicinity when 58-year-old Carl Fish, a 32-year DuPont employee, was exposed to phosgene Saturday and died a day later.

"He was conducting normal rounds," Banks said. "There was nothing extraordinary going on that would give them a sense of dread or something terribly amiss."

Fish was exposed when an 18-inch braided steel transfer hose ruptured. Banks said the hose was frayed, but it wasn't immediately determined whether the hose wore down quickly or over time.

Although company officials confirmed the five-day leak of methyl chloride, Banks said his team hasn't determined how long it was leaking.

"We will make that part of our investigative process to determine how long the leak went and why it wasn't detected, if there was some type of mechanical integrity issue with the monitoring system," he said.

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration also is investigating the leaks.

The safety board is already stretched thin by 16 other open investigations, the largest number in its 11-year-history. Board member William E. Wright has said the latest case would likely delay other cases, including those at the Bayer Crop-Science facility in Institute, where a worker was killed in an August 2008 explosion.

Towboat sinks, oil released on Big Sandy River

BARBOURSVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — The Coast Guard says about 500 gallons of oil spilled from a sinking towboat on the Big Sandy River.

The vessel's owner, Gate City River Transportation, contained the spill Thursday and notified the

Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard says the towboat will be recovered when river conditions allow.

The Coast Guard's Marine Safety Unit in Huntington is investigating.

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	C-USA W	L	Overall W	L
UAB	6	0	18	2
Tulsa	5	1	16	4
Memphis	5	1	15	5
UTEP	5	1	14	5
Marshall	4	2	15	5
Houston	3	3	10	9

	C-USA W	L	Overall W	L
SMU	2	3	10	9
UCF	2	4	10	10
Southern Miss	1	4	11	8
East Carolina	1	5	7	13
Tulane	1	5	6	13
Rice	0	6	6	13

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SMU	2	3	10	9
UCF	2	4	10	10
Southern Miss	1	4	11	8
East Carolina	1	5	7	13
Tulane	1	5	6	13
Rice	0	6	6	13

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Third and a Mile Herd's sky is not falling

It might not seem like a very important date, but March 12, 2005 is a day the Marshall men's basketball team could learn a thing or two from.



Tom Bragg
COLUMNIST

That was the day the same Memphis Tigers that ripped Herd fans' hearts out Wednesday played in their first Conference USA tournament final against then No. 6 (and then C-USA) Louisville. John Calipari's bunch was down by two as the clock ran down, when Louisville's Francisco Garcia fouled Memphis' Darius Washington, Jr. as he attempted a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

With no time on the clock, Washington hit the first free throw, missed the second, and in one of the tensest moments I can remember, missed the third. Louisville's bench erupted, while Washington slumped to the floor.

Shaq Johnson, Darius Washington, Jr. feels your pain.

A lot like this Herd team, that Memphis team had to experience some heartbreak.

Three consecutive losses is a painful pill to swallow, and the Chicken Little crowd might have some believing the sky is falling. Consider this though, the Herd has lost to WVU (ranked), UAB (ranked in large part due to a win last Saturday in the Henderson Center), and Memphis, that is out to prove reports of the Tigers demise are premature (and after watching them Wednesday, I'd like to confirm that) by a combined 12 points.

A break here, a rebound there, a foul shot anywhere and Marshall fans would be booking hotels and buying tickets for the NCAA tournament. Having been here for the Ron Jirsa era a mere four seasons ago, I had to re-read the last sentence a few times just to make sure I'm not crazy.

Sure, Memphis is coming off back-to-back NCAA appearances in 2005, but when Washington missed those foul shots Memphis was sent to the NIT – not to mention it was the only season since 2002 the Tigers haven't been to the Big Dance.

This Marshall team has the potential to be every bit as good as or better than any team in C-USA. The talent and skill is all there, but what this team lacks at times is focus and intensity. If not for lapses in those departments, Marshall could very well be 3-0 over one of the toughest stretches of basketball in the school's history and sitting pretty at 18-2 and undefeated in C-USA with wins over some of the heavyweights. The selection committee would probably have looked very kindly on a stretch like that.

Instead, Marshall goes on the road for two games, in desperate need of a win to keep any shot of a making any postseason tournament (short of winning C-USA) alive. The next two games at Houston and Tulsa have become the most important Marshall road games in quite some time.

These guys can't count on winning the tourney in Tulsa, so it needs to get wins and hope for the best at this point. There will be a few holes to fill after this season, notably the loss of Tyler Wilkerson and Chris Lutz to graduation, and also a potential jump to the NBA by Hassan Whiteside.

The 2005 Memphis team learned from that heartbreaking loss and went on to accomplish incredible things. And yes, I'm aware 2008 never happened for them according to the NCAA. It's hard to say if the future holds similar things for the Herd (the winning, not the cheating), but learning a thing or two from those Memphis teams couldn't hurt.

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Falling into a Tiger den



Marshall freshman guard Erica Woods struggles to get a shot off against Memphis defenders Thursday night as The Herd lost 57-50 at The Cam Henderson Center.

Marshall women can't hold off final Memphis' run

BY JONAS SWECKER
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall women's basketball team made a few runs at it, but just couldn't hold off Memphis on Thursday evening at the Cam Henderson Center.

The Tigers outlasted the Thundering Herd 57-50, in a game that wasn't pretty from the beginning. In the first five minutes of play the teams combined for six turnovers.

Marshall also struggled to score at the beginning of the game, scoring only five points in the first five minutes.

With the win, Memphis moves to 12-7 overall and 5-1 in Conference USA. With the loss, Marshall drops to 12-8 overall and 4-3 in C-USA.

Turnovers and missed opportunities were the name of the game for the Herd. Marshall turned the ball over 22 times. Memphis capitalized on the mistakes, scoring 21 points off turnovers.

"Our offense was sporadic. Our timing was off," said Marshall head coach Royce Chadwick. "I didn't think we did a very good job of cherishing the basketball and not turning it over. I thought the turnovers were catastrophic. When you

turn the ball over against Memphis they are on the break and very quick and very athletic and running the ball down the floor."

Despite the slow and sloppy start, Marshall took the lead with 9:50 to go in the first half and didn't lose it until the second half.

Marshall looked like a more complete team at the start of the second half, getting second chance points and fast-break opportunities.

Marshall senior forward Kendra King lead the team in scoring with 17 points and rebounds with 12.

"Usually in tough games like this you go to your mainstay and we did. We went to Kendra King," Chadwick said. "Kendra did a really good job of holding our team together when Chantelle (Handy) was in foul trouble."

However, Memphis always seemed to answer with a 3-pointer by junior guard Alex Winchell or by lighting its way to the free throw line.

"It was very frustrating because I felt like we were almost hesitant, which caused the turnovers," King said. "And then, on the defensive end we fouled,

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Students react to Tebow Super Bowl ad

BY KATE MCCLOY
THE PARTHENON

Former quarterback for the University of Florida will star in a pro-life commercial that will air during the Super Bowl.

According to Christian Press, Tim Tebow and his mother will be featured in the ad.

"If he feels he wants to state his opinion, I feel that he should," said Colleen Reith, sophomore elementary education major from Waldorf, Md.

Reith said everyone is going to have their own opinion and it should be heard, regardless of whether or not people agree or disagree with it.

"Well obviously it's a controversial topic and I am sure they are doing it because it is such a big event," said



TIM TEBOW

Missy Geyer, sophomore criminal justice major from Warrington, Md.

Geyer said she thinks it is not a topic that should be advertised aggressively, especially during a large event such as the Super Bowl.

"It kind of seems like they are trying to persuade people through an athlete," Geyer said.

She said she strongly disagrees with the commercial and topic.

"I disagree with him doing the commercial during the Super Bowl, and I would definitely feel the same way even

if it was not on during the Super Bowl," Geyer said.

According to Christian Press, Tebow's mother, Pam Tebow, was advised to get an abortion while pregnant with Tebow because of a troubled pregnancy. Tebow's mother chose not to get the abortion.

After becoming pregnant, Pam Tebow fell into a coma caused by amoebic dysentery, bacteria caught through drinking contaminated water. She was put on strong medications to treat her illness. Her doctors later discovered that those medications caused permanent damage to the fetus, according to Christian Press.

The doctors then recommended Tebow abort her fetus. She told the Christian Press that her Christian faith

was the reason she did not abort her child. She later gave birth to a healthy son without any of the disabilities the doctors predicted he would have.

Focus on the family will not confirm what the content of the ad is, but they said the star quarterback for the Gators and his mother will be sharing a personal life story centered on the pro-life theme, according to Christian Press.

Natalie Rohan, Marshall Catholic Newman Center adviser, said it is always good to see people in the public eye doing something for a good cause.

"I'm Catholic, so I support anything pro-life," Rohan said.

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NBA announces All-Star reserves

NEW YORK (AP) —

Local products Chris Bosh of Toronto and Utah's Deron Williams are headed back to Dallas for the All-Star game, which will include seven first-time selections.

The Boston Celtics and Atlanta Hawks each had two players picked as reserves Thursday for the Feb. 14 game at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Paul Pierce and Rajon Rondo were chosen from the Celtics, while the Hawks are sending Joe Johnson and Al Horford.

Rondo and Horford will both make their first All-Star appearances, as will Oklahoma City swingman Kevin Durant, Charlotte's Gerald Wallace, Memphis forward Zach Randolph, Chicago's Derrick Rose and Williams, who played at The Colony High School near Dallas.

Among those missing out were New York's David Lee and Clippers center Chris Kaman.

Bosh, a Dallas native, is an All-Star for the fifth straight season, tying Vince Carter for the most appearances in Raptors history.

"Just to be able to be an All-Star year in and year out, that's a special feeling, but the fact that it's in Dallas is kind of a bitter-sweet thing," Bosh said before the Raptors faced the New York Knicks. "Sweet because I get to play in front of my home crowd and it's bitter because everybody wants tickets."

Bosh, Pierce and Johnson are the only reserves on the Eastern Conference roster with All-Star game experience.

The remainder of the Western Conference reserves were guards Chris Paul of New Orleans and Brandon Roy of

Portland, Lakers forward Pau Gasol and Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, who was picked for the ninth time and will represent the home team.

"It is an honor to represent the Mavericks in my new hometown of Dallas," Nowitzki said. "I am always thankful for the opportunity to play in the All-Star game. We hope to put on a good show for our fans."

The reserves were chosen by the head coaches from each conference, who weren't allowed to vote for their own players. They had to select two guards, two forwards, one center and two players regardless of position.

They leaned toward winning in the East, where the Celtics and Hawks have the second- and third-best records behind Cleveland.

Gomez named to C-USA team

Junior Victor Gomez was named to the Conference USA preseason All-Conference team, voted on by the league's nine coaches, announced by C-USA officials on Wednesday.

A native of Miami, Fla., Gomez finished second in C-USA in homers and slugging percentage during the 2009 campaign. Last season he led the Herd in at

bats (217), hits (72), home runs (18), RBI (62), total bases (143), extra-base hits (33), slugging percentage (.659), put outs (352), multi-hit games (23), multi-RBI games (21) and two-out RBI (19).

Gomez, an infielder who can play catcher and both corner infield positions, earned 2009 All-C-USA accolades last season. During his freshman campaign in 2008, he was selected to the All-C-USA freshman team and second team All-C-USA.

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

The president isn't the only one who's important

Candidates are filing for ballot placements for the next election. We need to come out and vote.

It's that time again. Voting season is just around the corner. Until Jan. 30, Certificates of Announcements may be posted by those who are interested in becoming elected officials in the May primaries for West Virginia.

It's funny because it seems just like yesterday when people's yards, billboards and TVs were being bombarded with cheesy slogans and the

red, white and blue colors of the presidential race in 2008.

Despite these obnoxious signs and proclamations, in the end they resulted in a new leader with a fresh plan of action.

The main thing is we get an outcome when we vote. That's one thing we can depend on, is all that time and effort is not for nothing.

This is why it is so important to cast our ballots in May. We should all have a part of what is going to be accomplished in the future. That way when something goes well, we can know that we had an influence on that and when something goes bad, we have the power to change it.

In the primaries, we will be electing members who can run for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate and the House of Delegates in November. These legislators may not be the president, but they still play key parts in passing legislation.

The House of Representatives acts for public opinion and are elected directly by the people. The Senate supports the individual states and also are elected by the people. Both sides' approval is necessary for a bill to be passed. While those governing bodies are on the federal level, the House of Delegates is a prototype of the federal house, on the state level.

Last time these elections came along, U.S. citizens did not show up in high numbers. Fewer than half of voters came to cast ballots in the primaries in May 2008. We

can't afford to do this again. How can we feel justified in getting angry at our government when we don't see the changes we want if we don't take the time to elect our government leaders?

We have a complex government of checks and balances for a reason. The president isn't the only one making the decisions. He only signs the bills, the legislature writes them and the judicial branch interprets them. We need to remember each part is equally important and come out and vote for them when the opportunity comes around.

MORGAN UNGER
INSPIRATION

Confused but loved

I really hate my knowledge deficit when it comes to important things. I am beginning to think I'll never be able to remember the year WWII ended or where exactly Turkey is situated on a map (which is even more disturbing considering I have secured a minor in geography).

But even more than these silly facts annoy me, I can become incredibly frustrated over what I don't know for sure about God.

This week I had what I like to call a "mild theological breakdown." I didn't doubt the existence of God,

I didn't doubt his love for me. I doubted my own opinion about a certain controversial theological question, which I am not going to mention because my point here is not to spark a debate or invite your insights into my problem.

Instead, I want to explain what I've come to realize in the last few days about what I don't know.

I don't always know God's will. I don't always know his intentions, either. I don't know how God will answer my prayers. I don't know why God continues to give me second and third and forty-ninth chances. I don't always know what the original writers of the Bible really intended to communicate. I don't know why God loves me.

But here's what I do know: it's not the huge deal that I use to think it was. I think I've come to learn that it's OK to not always know.

This doesn't mean I won't continue trying to learn or praying for revelations. That would be silly, ignorant and, quite frankly, lazy.

But I will learn to be content in what I know and believe now and I will try to live my life according to those convictions. Because what's the point of living a life you don't believe in?

For example, even as a Christian myself I would have a lot more respect for a devout, sincere Muslim than I would for a hypocritical, easily-influenced Christian. Now obviously I would prefer that Muslim to agree with me and I'm sure the opposite is true, because we both believe we're right. And we are both living in response to our beliefs.

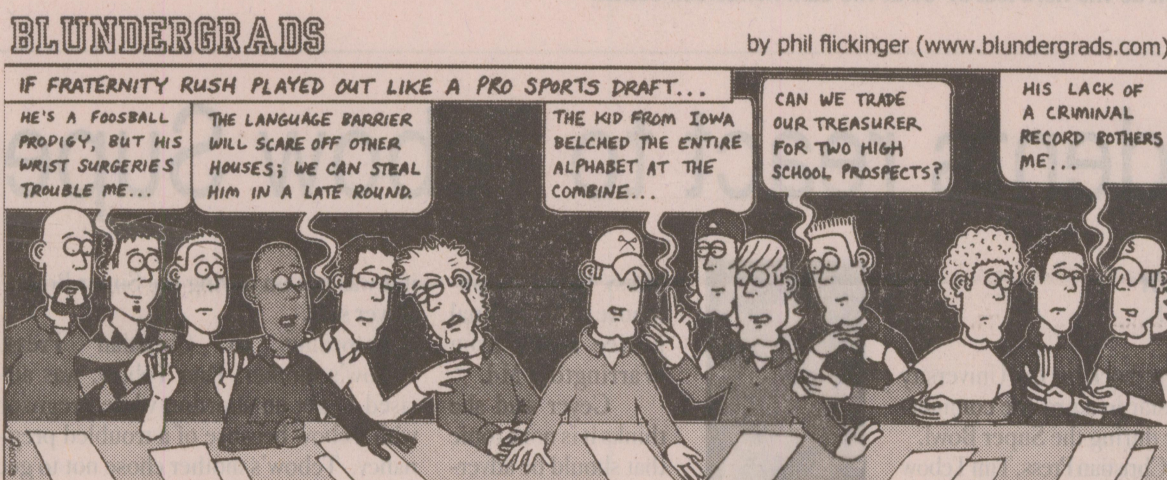
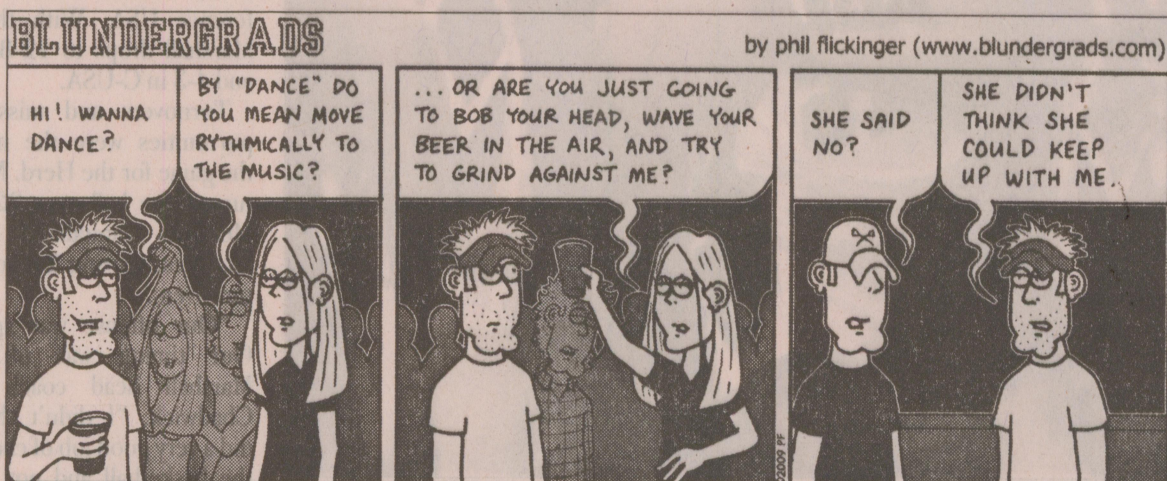
Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."

So I think I'll take this scripture's advice, because relying on my own knowledge is unbelievably exhausting.

I'm just going to trust. I'm just going to have faith. I'm just going to relax about having to know all the answers immediately. They'll come eventually, and when they do I'll be able to handle them.

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RESULTS

Who is going to the Super Bowl?

- The Saints..... 38%
- The Colts..... 33%
- The Vikings or the Jets..... 14%

AMANDA WHITE
VIEW FROM THE VALLEY

Concerned about security

I can remember Sept. 11, 2001 as if it happened yesterday. I was in seventh grade, sitting in Mrs. Welke's homeroom in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It was a Tuesday, and for my small charter school that meant it was current events day. A friend of mine held her hand up and told us that a plane had hit the World Trade Center when she was on the way to school.

Of course we didn't believe her. Mrs. Welke rolled in a television and then we saw it - smoke billowing out of the tower. We were still watching when the second plane hit.

Looking back at this day, I can remember the fear surging through me. I was a military brat and an up-and-coming history buff. I knew what an attack on American soil meant for the future. Nothing would ever be the same, and wow, was I right.

We have now created a system in the U.S. that I will call "security theater." We see the show all over the place - at the entrances to government buildings, at football games and most importantly - the airports.

Please don't misunderstand me. I definitely think security is necessary in the world we live in today. However, what we need to realize is no matter how we strengthen security, there will be a way for terrorists to get around it.

When we heighten security, we only hurt ourselves. Remember the shoe bomber? What was the result? Terrorists now can watch and laugh as elderly women struggle to take off their shoes and people like me do the awkward tip-toe walk through the metal detector. And although I am not usually grossed out by feet, knowing that I am putting my feet on something thousands of people put their feet on, is a bit disgusting.

Don't forget the liquid bomber, the reason we are required to have liquids to small for a toddler's Cabbage Patch Kids. Or how about those airports who have Starbucks outside the gate? Better drink that coffee fast because when you go through that security, it's going in the trash.

Now we have my favorite - the threat of the butt bomb and the possibility of a security scanner that will allow one lucky operator to see all your business. I know the word "privacy" is not mentioned in the constitution, but I consider this an unreasonable search, which I am protected against by Amendment four of the Bill of Rights.

Despite this unreasonable search, we will not be more protected from terrorists. They will find a way to go around this system despite our attempt at security because in the end, we will let them.

How many times have you seen 80 year old men taken out of line for a "random screening?" How many times have you seen children? As a frequent flier, I have seen the strangest people asked to stand in the see-through cubical (this is at an airport in D.C.) and even I had to stand in it once, long enough to miss my plane. I am approximately 5-foot-four and walk with a limp most of the time because of a knee injury, but clearly, I could single-handedly take down an aircraft.

Sadly, there is not a way for this security to properly function in the U.S. Any attempt to pick out particular people who may be terrorists is considered profiling, which I sincerely disagree with, but attempting to pick people who are not likely to be terrorists is just as bad. We could search everyone, but that kind of major inconvenience is not our fast-paced American way.

Instead we will continue participating in "security theater," allowing TSA agents to see more nudity than a water man at a bathroom.

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Veterans group charts course for semester, how to recruit members

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Marshall University's Veterans Club is marching forward with its goal to provide services to student veterans.

Vets4Vets hosted a meeting Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center. The Vets4Vets club began in September 2009. Although they have more than 200 members, it is still looking for more veterans to join.

"We need more people, and we need more power, because we have so much going on right now, we can't handle the load," said Nick Blankenship, club treasurer.

John Mathis, the club president, said having more members will make them more productive.

"The more members we have, the more likely it is that Marshall will listen and respond to our needs and ideas," he said.

Veterans who join Vets4Vets will not have to pay a fee. The only requirement to join is that one must be a veteran or a member of the Reserves or National Guard.

Club members said many benefits are available to those who become part of this club. The organization provides help, support and information for student veterans. It helps them to network, assists with studying and gives them a place where they can meet other veterans and discuss issues they encounter as they transition from a military world to an academic one.

"When you're a veteran coming from a military environment to a civilian environment, it's a big transition because the military, it's a lot of things out plain and simple for you," said Adam Runyon, management information systems major.

Civilians do not look out for each other quite as much as military members, Runyon said. The

organization's name speaks for itself. Vets4Vets is a group where veterans look out for each other.

Vets4Vets is constantly working to add services for student veterans and is making progress toward their goals.

"There is now a VA benefits specialist in the office on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.," Blankenship said.

After discussing the need for recruiting new members, the group talked about its future objectives. The leaders planned a meeting for Friday to discuss the creation of an eight-member board to help accomplish tasks. They also discussed fundraising ideas.

To date, club members have accomplished much but have paid out of their own pockets.

"We've been buying books, groceries, doing toy drives and more for veterans with our personal money, so now we don't have many resources left," Blankenship said.

Vets4Vets contacted the Alumni Association in regards to placing an article in its newsletter so people can start making donations. Vets4Vets is hoping to use these donations in conjunction with the proceeds from its fundraisers to help reach its goals.

The Serve Program is a transition program the club is trying to push. This program offers services for veterans who are fresh out of the military to help the transition into civilian and academic life.

The club is also trying to bring in local businesses and organizations that want to help or hire veterans. Despite the challenges student veterans face, Mathis and Blankenship said veterans bring great things to the college experience. Veterans bring life experience, leadership skills and maturity to the campus.

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"When you're a veteran coming from a military environment to a civilian environment, it's a big transition."

Adam Runyon, Vets4Vets member

Business owners, customers react to new smoking ban

BY TESS MOORE
THE PARTHENON

The smoking ban proposal has become the subject of conversation in Huntington bars.

A proposal to ban smoking in Cabell County bars and gambling parlors was passed Wednesday by the Cabell-Huntington Board of Health.

"It's the hot topic in the bar right now," said Christene Dugan, bartender at St. Mark's Pub and Grill. "I have heard arguments from both sides."

Dugan said she doesn't think the smoking ban will affect the bars financially.

"I think it will be fine," she said. "I just think people will be upset and complaining for a while. The city is just going to have to get use to people standing on the sidewalk, up and down Fourth Avenue, smoking in groups."

The Health Department passed the ban for employees working in bars and parlors to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke.

"I didn't get this job through the unemployment services," Dugan said. "I knew you could smoke here. Smoking comes with the job."

People exposed to secondhand smoke take in nicotine and other toxic chemicals like smokers do, according to the American Cancer Society Web site. Secondhand smoke has been classified as a cancer-causing agent and linked to heart disease among adult nonsmokers.

Joe Doddridge, owner of East End Body Shop,

is a regular at St. Mark's. He is a smoker and said he will most likely continue to come to the bar after the ban is in effect.

He said he thinks it should be the property owner's decision, not the Board of Health.

"This is an unelected group basically coming in and telling property owners what they can and cannot do in their own establishments," Doddridge said.

Terrance Palmer, owner of Cabanas, just opened his bar four months ago in downtown Huntington. Palmer said about half of the customers smoke. He said he doesn't think the ban will hurt his business.

"Not my business," Palmer said. "Eventually I'm going to have food, so I would have banned smoking in about a month anyway. I think a lot of the smaller bars are really going to be affected though."

Doddridge said he thinks the board of health should be more worried about children being exposed to secondhand smoke.

"Parents that have children under 18 years old living with them should not be allowed to smoke in their homes, that makes more sense to me," he said.

"Nonsmokers make the choice to come into a bar," Doddridge said. "An 8-year-old child doesn't have the choice whether or not there's going to be smoke in their environment. Start there."

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Marshall Recreation Center helps Haiti earthquake victims

BY KELSEY THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall Recreation Center is doing its part to help out Haiti by participating in fundraising efforts.

The recreation center kicked off a week-long fundraiser on Sunday. Non-members were allowed to enter the facility between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. for a \$5 fee that went to the American Red Cross, said David Stewart, director of campus recreation.

"We wanted to give the community members who have the same sensitivity to the situation as many of us at Marshall do to support the residents in Haiti," Stewart said.

Stewart said \$180 was raised at the event, and the recreation center has continued to collect donations from members throughout the rest of the week, bringing the total amount of donations to \$280 as of Wednesday.

The recreation center will continue to accept donations through the rest of the week, Stewart said.

Jonathon McCoy, building manager and maintenance assistant at the recreation center, worked the event Sunday.

"The patrons came walking in with money in hand so eager to donate," McCoy said.

McCoy said it would be nice if the recreation center would host

another event like the one hosted Sunday.

Stewart said if the recreation center sees another opportunity to help those in need they will certainly do it, but at this time no additional fundraisers are planned.

Stewart said he would love to see the facility used as an outlet to help students carry out their own fundraisers in the future.

"The important thing is that we have students who are willing to do more, and we are certainly willing to do our part to assist them so they can be successful," Stewart said.

The recreation center will host a benefit soccer tournament with the Marshall women's soccer team.

Laurel Etter, sophomore anthropology major from Lititz, Pa., and member of the women's soccer team, is organizing the tournament.

"We just want to raise money and do whatever we can to help out the people of Haiti," Etter said.

Etter said the tournament is open to all ages.

She said the team has not decided which charity donations will go toward, but it is most interested in the American Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders.

Etter said the soccer tournament will take place Saturday, Feb. 20, on the new turf field next to the recreation center. A \$5 entry fee will be required to join the tournament. Additional donations will be accepted.

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YEAGER

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core curriculum designed to help scholars develop skills in analysis, synthesis and critical thinking.

Delaney McLemore, sophomore history major from Philomath, Ore., said Yeager Scholars have an in-depth study in any of the majors offered by the university, but they must minor in a foreign language to prepare for studying abroad.

It is important for professionals to be able to communicate with people who speak another language, according to the program's Web site.

To become a Yeager Scholar, students must have a minimum composite score of 28 on the

ACT or a minimum of 1260 on the SAT. Applicants must be active in extra-curricular activities in the community and should be able to demonstrate leadership ability outside the classroom, according to the program's Web site.

Todd said the Yeager Scholars receive full tuition, room and board, a study abroad fund, books and supply fund and a \$450 stipend.

LoCascio said the Yeager Steering Committee is responsible for getting faculty involved in the seminars. The committee is currently reviewing Yeager Scholar applications for fall 2010.

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BASKETBALL

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stopped the clock and put them on the line, so they increased the margin."

In a game that saw five lead changes and 10 ties, Marshall couldn't hold off the Tigers at the end and were outscored 16-6 in the last 6:45 of the game.

"We didn't play very well tonight," Chadwick said. "We have to put this one behind us. We got to turn around and be right and ready, and

we got to be ready Saturday night. We got UAB coming to town."

Marshall hosts UAB at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Cam Henderson Center. Game notes:

Marshall senior forward Chantelle Handy had three early fouls and only played three minutes in the first half...Winchell scored 12 points for Memphis and was 4-8 from behind the arc...Marshall shot 35.6% from the field, while Memphis shot 39.2% from the field...Marshall scored 13 second-chance points to Memphis' nine...Memphis made 12 of 28 free throws in the game...Marshall only made seven of 14.

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SENATE

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The report concluded that the required assignments were completed and that there was no evidence of undue parental influence in the grading process.

"This is not right," Brozik said. "It doesn't bother them. I don't know how they can do this. There should be an independent review of faculty, not Faculty Senate because they have already tainted themselves," he added.

The Faculty Petition Investigation Ad Hoc Committee said in its report that "many participants made mistakes in their handling of the grade change issue, especially in communication, but found no evidence of improper behavior."

"I am very happy with what came out of everything," said Brian Morgan Assistant Professor of integrated science.

Morgan said he believes the

Executive Council has done the right thing.

"The Faculty Senate is made up of representation of their respected departments," Morgan said.

In his speech to the Faculty Senate Morgan declared how much Marshall means to him.

"We stand behind our chairman, and I hope others can now see that," he said.

Chairwoman Cam Brammer earned a unanimous vote of confidence from the senators at the end of the meeting.

The next Faculty Senate Meeting will be 4 p.m. Feb. 25 in MSC Room BE5.

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• Check out the Japanese Film Festival today and tomorrow in Drinko Library 402 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• See the Winter Jazz Festival tonight and tomorrow night at the Performing Arts Center playhouse from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

• Remember you can reserve free tickets per MU ID for the Funny Bone on tonight and most Fridays by calling 304-781-1000 and identifying yourself as a student.

• Turn out to the riverfront near Pullman this and every Saturday and bring spare food, clothes, or a helping hand to aid Huntington's homeless population at 9 a.m.

• Remember to get your tickets for Tuesday's upcoming Three Days Grace, Breaking Benjamin, and Flyleaf concert that will be at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena at 7 p.m.

• Watch Animal House on the big screen at Cinema Theater on Monday Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. for Flashback Monday.

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BY KELLY CROUCH
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is two months away from spring break, but some students have already started planning their trips.

Whether students spend their spring break on a beach, on a mission trip or at home, most want to save money.

It is often difficult to save money to put towards going on a vacation.

With overwhelming expenses for tuition, books, meals and housing, students are always looking for ways to make money last longer.

Budgeting in advance allows students to allocate the amount of money they are willing to spend on break.

Students should divide the total amount allotted for the trip among categories, such as fuel and transportation, food and dining, money for gifts and souvenirs, nightlife and room reservations.

Research all financial aspects of the destination of choice, such as food, gasoline and sales tax prices.

Be realistic about how much students plan to spend on each category, and stick to it. According to MoneyInstructor.com. Always anticipate change. Gas prices may rise or food may be more expensive than expected, so budget in room for change.

Budgets are a great way to keep track of money through the whole trip, said Trish DeBarr, a travel agent in Milton.

Budgeting also allows travelers the luxury of spending as much as they want and not having to worry about having enough money to get home.

Another great way to save money is by traveling with a group of people.

Traveling in a large group on a trip or cruise is a great way to get a free room, flight, meal and perks, according to MoneyInstructor.com.

Airlines, hotels and cruises sometimes find it difficult to book seats or rooms, said Barbara Kirby, a travel consultant in Huntington. Often when a person brings 10 or 15 people to a particular airline, hotel or cruise ship, that person receives free accommodations. To redeem the incentives, talk to travel agents and those in charge of reservations.

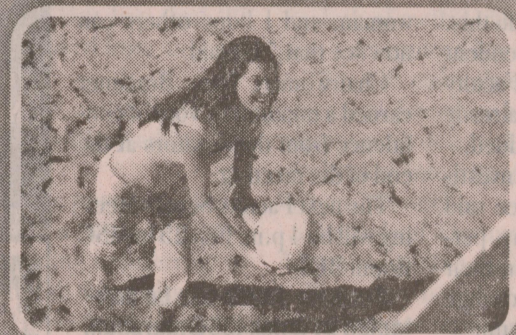
If no free rooms or travel arrangements are provided, divide transportation and lodging expenses by the number of group members, and add it to each person's final cost of the trip. At the very least, organizers will be given perks.

Make sure to manage the group effectively. Plan several meetings before the trip to find out what travelers want to do. Be well versed on the destination, organize activities and answer questions.

Traveling does not have to be expensive. Vacations and spring break are times to relax and get away. By following these tips, students may come home with a little extra cash.



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