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Herd prepares for new recruits

Marshall signs new football players tomorrow **Sports, Page 3**



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City council votes to add TTA levy to election ballots

BY TESS MOORE
THE PARTHENON

Huntington city council will vote at the Feb. 8 meeting to add the proposed Tri-State Transit Authority levy renewal to the primary election ballots.

"TTA's levy has been presented and approved by the voter's of Huntington and Cabell County since 1982," said Paul Davis, general manager and CEO of TTA.

Davis said for many years it was a three-year levy and the last time the TTA levy was renewed, the state legislature approved it for five years.

"This will be a five-year levy that will start July 1, 2012," he said.

"We do it now so that we don't have that extra expense of putting it on a ballot or conducting an election," Davis said. "That's the reason we're a couple years early."

To have a levy on a ballot in the city of Huntington it takes two readings of the ordinance, Davis said. After it is approved, it is sent to the Secretary of State's office where it is authorized for the election.

"The first reading is a presentation of the ordinance," Davis said. "The second is after everyone has had time to think about it and put it up for council vote."

Davis said they had completed all the necessary steps in December and the levy was approved. There was confusion at the city level and the ordinance that was sent to the Secretary of State had the wrong dates.

"They got the years wrong and started the levy for the current year on July 1, 2010. The current

levy goes through June 30, 2012, so this levy will be starting July 1, 2012," Davis said.

At the last city council meeting, the levy was resubmitted for the first reading of the ordinance with the correct dates, and the council will vote on it again at their next meeting.

"They approved it once already so we're just correcting the dates now," Davis said. "Then it will be on the ballot May 11."

Samantha Mullins, 18-year-old senior at Huntington High School, has rode the bus since she was 13 years old. She said the TTA is a very important asset to the city of Huntington.

"It's really important because a lot of people don't have cars and it's not that expensive," Mullins said.

At the last election, 71.5 percent of the council voted for the TTA levy and 28.49 percent voted against it, according to the 2006 election results from the Cabell County Clerks Office.

"We've always had a nice turn out because a lot of people realize how important TTA is to the community," Davis said. "I don't think I have known of any of the levies to fail in the Huntington or Cabell County area."

He said if the levy did not pass, it would be disastrous for TTA.

"We use the local levy money to match the money we get from the Federal Transit Administration," Davis said. "For example, in round numbers, if TTA gets a \$1.2 million grant from the FTA to operate, we have to come up with another \$1.2 million to match that or else we don't get those grant dollars."

"It's really important

because a lot of people don't have cars and it's not that expensive."

Samantha Mullins, Huntington High senior and TTA bus rider



A TTA bus pulls into a stop on Fourth Avenue. The Huntington city council will vote at Monday's meeting to put the proposed TTA levy renewal on primary election ballots in May. Money the TTA receives from the city is matched with federal dollars. About 2,800 people ride TTA buses each day.

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See LEVY 15



Many Huntington residents rely on the TTA for transportation. A levy renewal would begin July 1, 2012 after the current levy expires.

SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON

Create Huntington establishes student chapter

BY ERIN SHAVER
THE PARTHENON

Create Huntington collaborated with the Student Government Association to develop a student chapter of the organization.

"Create Huntington discusses ideas for the future of Huntington," said Kelly Kutzavitch, president of the Create Huntington student chapter.

"They try to improve the social economy of Huntington as far as just developing the downtown area, and since Marshall is a huge part of Huntington, and they wanted our input," Kutzavitch said.

Members of the local chapter approached SGA with the idea to increase student involvement last November, said Patrick Murphy, junior evolutionary biology and ecology major from New Hartford, N.Y. and member of the Create Huntington student chapter.

"Once I talked to the Senate about it, everyone seemed interested," Murphy said.

Murphy said student members are encouraged to attend local meetings with the organization.

"It's very informal," Murphy said. "Everyone's just sitting around chatting, and they just start peppering us with questions."

Attending the local meetings, called Chat and Chews, is a great networking experience, Kutzavitch said.

"These are all older adults who are experienced and grounded already in the community and willing to listen," she said.

Any idea is welcome to the discussion, and more ideas mean more possibilities for students' ideas to be put into practice, Kutzavitch said.

"These people actually have connections in the community and can get stuff done," Murphy said. "They want to listen to us."

Kutzavitch said the important relationship between Marshall and Huntington could be used for the benefit of students and the community.

"Marshall is Huntington," Kutzavitch said. "There's a lot of storefront that's available, and when Create Huntington wants to fill that storefront, they want to come to Marshall and see what we want."

"It could be anything from an organic clothing store to a Chipotle."

The student chapter meets at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays in the SGA office.

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Three Days Grace comes to Huntington



Sports

Men's hoops vs. Tulsa
8 p.m. | Tulsa, Okla.

Women's hoops vs. UCF
7 p.m. | Orlando, Fla.

Men's hoops vs. ECU
7 p.m. | Sat | Cam Henderson Center

Entertainment

Three Days Grace with
Breaking Benjamin and Flyleaf
7 p.m. | Big Sandy Superstore Arena

Mountain Stage with Larry
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Confessional
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CATS
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On campus

Evening of Art History
5:30 p.m. Wed. | 349 Drinko Library

Carol Ann Barry piano recital
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New bill promotes education for veterans

BY ELIZABETH ADAMS
THE PARTHENON

MCTC has enacted the requirements of a new state bill aimed at improving higher education for student veterans.

House Bill 4145 was introduced in House on Jan. 20 and sent by House Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security committee to the House of Education committee.

Post-9/11 veterans face unique and unprecedented issues and concerns due to multiple active duty and overseas deployments, according to the bill.

Provisions in the bill address these issues, and if passed into law, would require schools of higher education to give academic credit for military training, provide academic and social support services, classes and fields of study and facilities that are veteran friendly.

"The main problem veterans have is utilizing education benefits because college credit is not given appropriately for military training," said Cory Payne, MCTC military program coordinator. "We want to give credit where credit is due."

The American Council on Education provides

recommendations for how military training could translate to college credit, according to its Web site. However the council cannot force institutions of higher education to apply these credits to the academic transcripts of current and former military personnel.

"I know the value of military training," said Steve Brown, MCTC dean of corporate and continuing education, who was in the Army for 20 years. "They are scrupulous about achievement and training outcomes."

The American Council on Education brings in educators to evaluate military curriculum and determine the college equivalent, according to its Web site.

"We help get the course work credited on college transcripts," Brown said. "We match it with what we offer course work in, and in turn, those classes could be applied toward degree curriculum."

The G.I. Bill, which changed after 9/11, now allows veterans more time to complete their education, Payne said. This makes it more realistic for them to graduate in the allotted time frame than the previous bill, which granted a maximum of only 36 months, based on service time. This, combined

with giving college credit for training, will make it easier for veterans to graduate from college.

MCTC also supports veterans by offering a smooth transition into college life.

"We are the only school in the region with a member of the Seamless Transition Team," Payne said. "The team meets with veterans 30, 60 and 90 days after their return from deployment to make sure their needs are being met. I am there to make sure their educational concerns are being handled."

Payne said he works with the local VA hospital, local chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans and other counselors to help provide veterans with a support system.

In a comfortable setting with people of similar backgrounds, veterans realize they can compete and succeed in college, Brown said.

MCTC offers some introductory classes for veterans and provides work and lounge areas for them.

Its mission is to develop training and education opportunities at sites convenient to students, Payne said. MCTC has proposed a new program to educate veterans at the Veterans' Home in

Barboursville, W.Va. that will offer free courses and books for veterans through the Re-education Act, an assistance program for those who are no longer eligible for the G.I. Bill.

The program has been approved by the state and surveys will be conducted at the Veterans' Home on Feb. 5 to determine the residents' needs and interests.

MCTC offers an associate degree to students and a gateway to continue education to the bachelor degree level through the Regents BA Program.

Tracking measures are taken to ensure veterans find placement in the workforce after graduation.

"MCTC's military program can continue to grow with outreach, whether through online classes for those on active duty seeking an associate degree for promotion within or guard and reservists seeking future employment," Brown said. "Earning a degree can help them in the workplace and when they seek employment or promotion in or out of the military."

"We want to show other schools in the state what can be done," Payne said.

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Exercise correctly to avoid injury

BY ANDREA POLING
THE PARTHENON

Regular exercise is important for maintaining a healthful body and mind, but it can cause injury and stress on the body when not done properly.

Everyone should warm-up before exercising, said Joe Troubetaris, fitness specialist and personal trainer at the Marshall University Recreation Center.

"You need to warm-up your muscles before you do anything, whether it is low to moderate or high intensity workouts," Troubetaris said.

Troubetaris said he recommends practicing proper form.

"Form is the most important thing to work on regardless of how light or heavy the weights are," Troubetaris said. "A lot of people get distracted and don't focus on what muscle they are trying to work on, which can lead to injury."

Troubetaris said when some people work on their abdominal muscles, they put all their focus on their neck or lower back instead of their abdominals, causing them to strain their muscles.

"A person who experiences a muscle strain ... may feel a popping or snapping sensation as the muscle tears," according to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Web site. The area around the injury may become tender and bruised.

"Most small injuries will get better in 72 hours,"

said Dr. Charles Giangarra, professor of orthopaedic sports medicine in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "If you begin to see bruising, then you should probably see a professional."

If a student receives an injury, Giangarra recommends following the "RICE" formula of rest, ice, compression and elevate, or go to the student health clinic.

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Web site lists the most common sports injuries as sprains, strains, knee injuries, swollen muscles, Achilles tendon injuries, pain in the shin bone, fractures and dislocations.

You should never try to 'work through' sports injuries, according to the Web site. Exercising while injured could cause more harm.

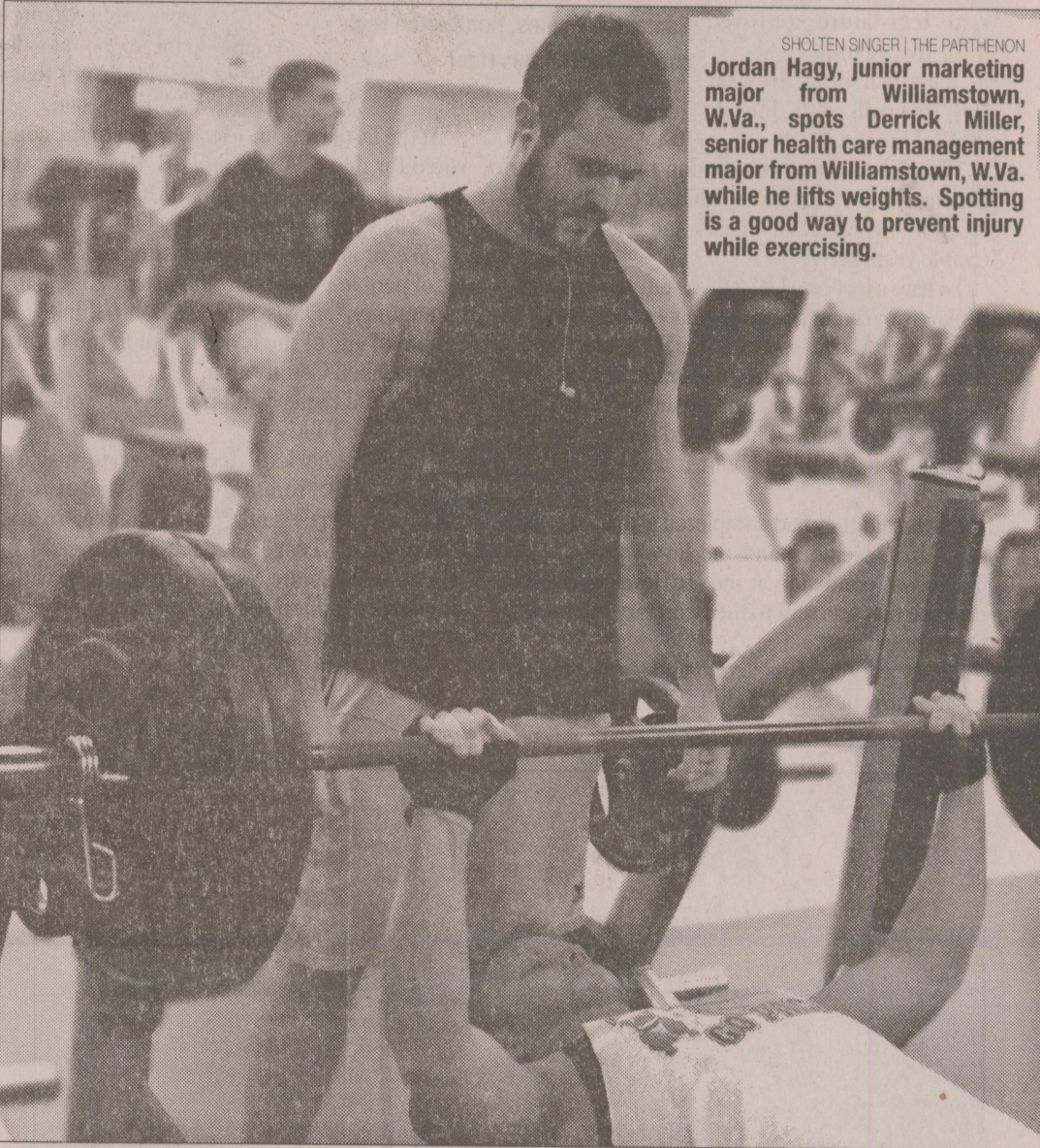
Giangarra suggests choosing a routine that you like and that is appropriate for your body type.

"If you are in good health, the best thing to do when starting out doing aerobic exercises would be using a stair-machine or running on a treadmill. It depends on what you like," Giangarra said.

Troubetaris recommends asking trainers or facility employees questions if working out alone.

"Don't be afraid to ask questions," Troubetaris said. "A lot of people think they already know everything, but they might be doing it wrong."

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SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON
Jordan Hagy, junior marketing major from Williamstown, W.Va., spots Derrick Miller, senior health care management major from Williamstown, W.Va. while he lifts weights. Spotting is a good way to prevent injury while exercising.

"A lot of people get distracted and don't focus on what muscle they are trying to work on, which can lead to injury."

Joe Troubetaris, fitness specialist and personal trainer at the Marshall Recreation Center

Safe Sex 101: Everything you need to know about contraception



Suzy SexTalk

In 1953, Margaret Sanger and Katharine McCormick approached Dr. Gregory Pincus with a radical idea to create a hormonal oral contraceptive. Pincus released to the world a little thing called

Enovid, the first birth control pill seven years later.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 11.6 million women in the U.S. use oral contraceptives as their primary form of birth control. Many women and the men they have sex with do not fully understand how oral contraceptives, or birth control pills, work or how they affect the body. This week's article will shed some light on what the pill is and how it works.

Birth control pills are essentially hormone pills. There are two types of hormones that can be found in the pills: Progesterin, a synthetic form of

progesterone, which is a hormone in the female body that is produced in the ovaries and estrogen. Mini-pills are oral contraceptives that only contain progesterin, while a combined-type contain both progesterin and estrogen. Most women are prescribed the combined-type pill.

The medical information is great, but why take the extra hormones? Birth control pills work to prevent pregnancy by preventing eggs from dropping out of the ovaries, known as ovulation; as we all probably learned in biology class, without an egg, sperm have nothing to fertilize. The hormones also cause the uterus lining to thin, making it almost impossible for a fertilized egg to attach to the uterus and continue fetus development. Hormones in the pill also increase cervical mucus, which blocks sperm and prevents it from fertilizing any eggs.

Birth control has other benefits besides preventing pregnancy. The pill is also prescribed to some women to reduce menstrual cramps, PMS symptoms and to regulate periods. Other benefits

include lighter periods, reducing severity of acne and prevention of ectopic pregnancy and certain types of cancer, particularly endometrial and ovarian cancer.

Birth control pills are not a miracle drug; there are some negative side effects as well. Some minor side effects from the pill include bleeding between periods, breast tenderness, nausea and vomiting. Other side effects include possible weight gain or loss, worsening of acne and decrease in sex drive. Serious, but rare, side effects include blood clots, heart attack, stroke or development of liver tumors. However, these serious side effects usually affect women who are over the age of 35, smokers, very overweight, diabetic, diagnosed or have a family history of blood-clotting disorders or have high blood pressure or cholesterol.

Just a reminder, birth control pills are a type of medication and must be prescribed by a doctor. In order to receive birth control pills, you must undergo a physical examination with a doctor, usually in the form of a pap smear, and certain health care

facilities will also require blood or urine tests. If you are worried about price, put your fears to bed: Cabell-Huntington Health Department offers free birth control to full-time Marshall University students. Call the Marshall Family Planning Clinic to make an appointment. The nurses are friendly and can help you through the whole process.

Birth control pills are 92 to 99 percent effective for preventing pregnancy, according to the CDC Web site. For proper dosage, the pill is to be taken at the same time each day; otherwise the effectiveness of the pill is reduced. When a woman begins taking birth control pills, it usually takes about a month for the pills to become fully effective when used as birth control. Birth control pills are only used as a preventative measure for pregnancy, not sexually transmitted diseases. As an extra step, I always encourage the use of male condoms during sex as a back-up.

E-mail Suzy SexTalk at suzysextalk@gmail.com with any questions regarding sex, dating or relationships.

Sexual harrassment, underage drinking keep Marshall Police Department busy

BY KRISTINA ELFRINK
THE PARTHENON

All information provided by the Marshall University Police Department crime blotter.

Inappropriate Myspace conversation

A father filed a complaint Jan. 21 against a male Marshall student. The father was angered when he saw a conversation between his 13-year-old daughter and a Marshall student. The conversation was posted on the social networking site, Myspace. The father printed off the conversation that showed inappropriate advances toward his daughter and gave it to Marshall police. The police questioned the student but no charges were filed.

Man follows female student to dorm

Jacob McGill was arrested Jan. 28 and charged for harassment and possession of a deadly weapon. He was also issued a no trespassing notice for Marshall University Property. The arrest was made after a female Marshall

student called the police to Buskirk Hall after a man followed her there. Police found a four-and-a-half inch blade knife in the man's possession. The woman filed a domestic violence petition against McGill.

Underage drinking and obstruction

James White was arrested in Haymaker Hall at 4:30 a.m. Jan. 17 for underage consumption, public intoxication and obstruction after police questioned him about his identity and place of residency.

Underage drinking

James Young was cited for underage consumption Jan. 21 in Freshman North Residence Hall during a routine room inspection. Police were notified and found beer cans and a small, burnt leafy substance that could not be identified. They also found medical needles in the room.

Hit and run

A woman called in a complaint Jan. 21 to the MUPD after her car was struck while parked in the loading zone of Twin Towers East on Fifth Avenue. The police have no suspects.

Theft in the science building

A dell laptop was taken from the science building Jan. 25. The computer was property of the university. An employee also reported that her DVD player was stolen as well.

Possessions stolen from locker

A male Marshall University student filed a report Jan. 27 with MUPD after his cell phone, Marshall ID, car keys and sweatshirt were taken out of his locker in the recreation center. The police have no suspects.

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Kendra King, Women's Basketball
King averaged a double-double in a pair of games for the Thundering Herd over the week, scoring an average of 26.5 points per game and 14.0 rebounds. She also set a career high for points against UAB, scoring 36.

Out in Left field Life lessons from the snow

Admittedly I know very little about winter sports. I discovered this over Winter break when I took my first-ever stab at snow boarding. It was painful. It was ugly. So much, in fact, that I couldn't move my neck for a solid week. Don't believe me? Maybe this conversation I had with a ski instructor - as I was falling down the hill - will help.

Instructor: "Are you having fun?" (giggles)

Me: "Um, yea, sure. It's pretty hard, and I think I broke my thumb but it's OK."

Instructor: "I've been watching you. Take a lesson. Please, for you and me both. Take a lesson. It hurts me to watch you."

So, this is why I am all the more impressed with what I saw Shaun White accomplish at the Winter X Games this past weekend.



Dave Traube
COLUMNIST

Not only did he compete when many athletes would have passed in preparation for the upcoming Olympics (two weeks away - those are the games that actually matter), he also suffered a bloody fall during his practice run when he slammed his face into the icy snow.

What did White do next? Not a whole lot. Just won gold an hour later.

I guess you would expect this from a guy who competes at such a level as to have his own personal half-pipe at Silverton Mountain in Colorado.

It was built by one of his sponsors, Red Bull, and was rumored to cost a measly \$500,000.

And, by the way, it's only accessible by snow mobile or helicopter.

What does White's great run teach us, besides that it's nice to be good enough at something that people build you half-pipes and copy your hair?

It demonstrates that getting busted on the chin by life doesn't have to lay us low; it should spur us to be better. White's fall looked nasty, and probably hurt like the dickens.

He didn't quit, though, and he didn't complain. He got up and proved why he deserves to be regarded as one of the world's top athletes. Perseverance in adversity is when character is often revealed.

The lesson I can learn from White and my own experience on the slope, however, is very different. I can admit that it is OK to use snow-blades and ski with the grade school kids. I can still wear a bandana and look cool and, at the end of the day, I will be able to actually turn my head to the left.

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Big Green to host Signing day party

The Marshall University Big Green Scholarship Foundation will host a Marshall Football Signing Day event for Big Green and MU Quarterback Club members only on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The 5:30 p.m. event will be in the newly renovated conference room on the lower level of the Marshall Memorial Student Center.

Coach Holliday will introduce both his coaching staff and new recruiting class.



A look at the weekend in men's basketball



SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON
Memphis guard Elliot Williams, shown earlier in the year against Marshall, scored 19 points in a losing effort to SMU over the weekend.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS:
SMU 70, Memphis 60
Houston 81, Marshall 66
Rice 69, East Carolina 58
Tulsa 55, UCF 50
Southern Miss 58, Tulane 40
UTEP 74, (25) UAB 65 (20T)

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In a double overtime thriller, four Miners scored in double figures as UTEP overtook No. 25 UAB, 74-65, to move into three-way tie at the top of the C-USA standings.

The Miners and Blazers are joined by Tulsa, which picked up an important 55-50 road win at UCF. It was Tulsa's first victory in Orlando in five tries.

SMU handed Memphis its first road loss in 1,429 days and 27 games with a 70-60 decision in a matinee game.

Sophomore guard Elliot Williams had 19 points and junior guard Robert Sallie, chipped in 17 for the Tigers. This is only Memphis' second C-USA loss in its last 68 C-USA games (66-2), stretching back to 2005-06.

Houston senior guard Aubrey Coleman, the nation's leading scorer, poured in 37 points to lead the Cougars to an 81-66 win over Marshall.

Coleman, the nation's leading scorer, put up a season-high in points, and grabbed 13 boards in the Cougars' 81-66 win over visiting Marshall.

It was Coleman's fifth double-double of the season an 19th of his career. Junior forward Maurice McNeil added 13 points.

The Thundering Herd had a balanced scoring attack, led by senior guard Chris Lutz with 13 points. Sophomore guard Damier

Pitts (Charlotte, N.C.) added 12 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. Junior forward Antonio Haymon came off the bench to add 12 points and eight rebounds. Freshman center Hassan Whiteside also contributed 12 and eight, as well as four blocks. Whiteside, the nation's leading shot blocker, brought his season total to 113 blocks.

Rice picked up its first Conference win of the season, with a 69-58 victory at East Carolina. Southern Miss sophomore transfer Angelo Johnson scored a career-high 20 points to lead the Golden Eagles to a 58-40 win at Tulane.

It was UAB's first home loss of the season (10-1) and snapped a seven-game win streak. It was only UAB's third defeat in its last 40 home games over the last three seasons. Senior center Kenneth Cooper came off the bench to contribute team-highs of 18 points and 12 rebounds. It was his second double-double of the season. Junior guard Aaron Johnson added 15 points in 36 minutes, but had to leave the game early with a broken nose.

Tulsa defeated UCF 55-50, to improve to 17-4 on the season. Junior guard Justin Hurtt had 16 points and senior guard Ben Uzoh (tossed in 15 for the Golden Hurricane.

C-USA UPCOMING GAMES

Tuesday, February 2
UCF at East Carolina - 6:00 p.m.
SMU at Southern Miss - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3
Marshall at Tulsa - 7:00 p.m.
(25) UAB at Memphis - 7:00 p.m.
Tulane at Rice - 7:00 p.m.
Houston at UTEP - 9:00 p.m.

Signing Day will be like early 'Holliday'

THE PARTHENON

Since becoming head coach of the Marshall Thundering Herd football team, Doc Holliday has been hard at work doing what he is known for - recruiting.

With signing day coming up Wednesday, Holliday has received verbal commitments from a number of highly recruited athletes. Holliday has been known for recruiting exceptionally well in Florida and 10 of the Herd's 24 verbal commits have come from the Sunshine State.



HOLLIDAY
File Photo

While the list is populated with a lot of exciting athletes, it is important to remember that verbal commitments are not final.

The most promising athlete on the list is Brian Robinson, a defensive back from St. Thomas Aquinas in Ft. Lauderdale Fla. Robinson is a 6-foot, 185-pound four-star recruit according to Rivals.com. He was also offered scholarships from Rutgers, WVU, Miami (Fla.), Tennessee and Ole Miss.

Also topping the recruiting charts for the Herd is Travis Bell. The 6-foot-2, 187-pound Belle Glade, Fla., native originally committed to WVU and was offered by Florida State, LSU, Florida, Miami (Fla.), Georgia and Rutgers. Bell is a three-star recruit according to Rivals.com.

Also switching commitment from WVU to Marshall was wide receiver Fred Pickett from Pahokee, Fla. The 5-9 165-pound receiver is listed as a three-star recruit by Rivals.com and also was offered by Florida State.

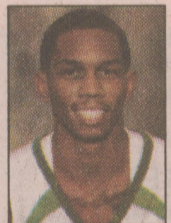
Perhaps one of the biggest names along with Robinson is Antwon Chisholm. Officially listed as an athlete by Rivals.com, Chisholm has been rated a three-star recruit. The 5-foot-9, 175-pound multi-threat originally committed to Mississippi State and was offered by Southern Miss, Rutgers and WVU.

Rounding out the headliners of the recruitment list is Eddie Sullivan. The 6-2, 195-pound dual-threat quarterback from Boca Raton Fla. is listed as the No. 34 recruit at his position by Rivals.com and is listed as a three-star recruit. He originally committed to Wake Forest and was also offered by Kansas State, Iowa State, Southern Miss, Rutgers and Florida International.

Pitts suspended indefinitely

THE PARTHENON

According to a news release sent by the Marshall University Athletic Department, sophomore guard Damier Pitts has been suspended indefinitely by head coach Donnie Jones.



PITTS
File Photo

The suspension is said to be from a violation of team rules.

The Charlotte, N.C. native has played in 19 of the Herd's 21 games this season, and has averaged 10.5 points, fourth on the team, and 4.3

assists, which leads the team. Pitts, when able to play has been the team's starting point guard. But Pitts has been suspended once already this year, where he missed a game against UCF.

It is expected for senior guard Darryl Merthic and sophomore guard Shaquille Johnson to handle the point guard duties while Pitts is out.

Merthic usually is off the bench, while Johnson starts, but is more of a two-guard. But for the Herd both have had experience running the point this year.

According to the news release, there is no timetable set for Pitts' return.

LIST OF MARSHALL VERBAL COMMITMENTS:

Travis Bell	DB	three-star	Belle Glade Fla.
Trevor Black	LB	three-star	Chatham Va.
Antwon Chisholm	ATH	three-star	Belle Glade Fla.
Zach Dunston	ATH	three-star	Virginia Beach Va.
Joe Johnson	DB	three-star	New Smyrna Beach Fla.
Jermaine Kelson	ATH	two-star	Miami Fla.
Jazz King	WR	three-star	Duncan SC
Josh Lovell	OL	three-star	Christchurch Va.
Darien Moody	DE	two-star	Gahanna Oh.
Fred Pickett	WR	three-star	Pahokee Fla.
Randy Richards	OL	two-star	Visalia CA
Brian Robinson	DB	four-star	Ft. Lauderdale Fla.
A.J. Scott	DE	two-star	Staunton Va.
Malcolm Strong	DE	two-star	Stone Mountain Ga.
Ed Sullivan	QB	three-star	Boca Raton Fla.
Raheem Waiters	WR	two-star	Belle W.Va.

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"Ford and Hyundai were already gaining on (Toyota). They may well pass them this year."
Michelle Krebs, senior sales analyst with car sales site Edmunds.com, on Toyota's more than 5 million recalled vehicles for the gas pedal fix.

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

A chance to live in West Virginia after we graduate

Create Huntington's new student chapter gives us the opportunity to make the city the way we want

Create Huntington is an organization made up of local area residents who want to make the area more appealing to the creative class, which includes business owners, engineers, musicians and artists. It is important to attract these types of people to Huntington, because they usually have more money to spend at restaurants and other attractions and could also lead to the creation of new

ideas and businesses.

College graduates are a part of that group. They are coming out of school with fresh ways of doing things, more energy and enthusiasm. Many people complain that West Virginia does not provide a way for that energy and enthusiasm to go into starting a business or finding a prosperous job that allows a chance for growth. Many

Marshall students come to the university because they see opportunity, but they don't see that same opportunity when they graduate and have to move someplace else.

It shouldn't be like this, though. If a West Virginian wants to stay in state and get a good job, or someone from another state falls in love with West Virginia and wants to stay, they should be able to without worrying about not making enough money or not being able to use all of their potential.

Fortunately, there is a solution to the

problem. Create Huntington has established a chapter for Marshall students to participate in and give their ideas on how to make the area a place they would want to live when they graduate. Students would be collaborating with members of Create Huntington who have connections in the city and have the resources to get things done.

So far, some of their successful programs have been a dog park, a volunteer art gallery downtown, and the Adopt YOUR Block program, which allows residents to clean up their blocks to

make them more visually appealing.

A lot of storefronts are empty and another project in progress may be deciding what restaurants, businesses, or stores need to go there. This is the time for students to act and take the opportunity to change the world around them to the way they want it. There is no excuse to complaining anymore about not being able to stay in West Virginia after we graduate when we have in our hands the possibility to correct the problem.

JAY ROUDEBUSH
THE COMMON CAUSE

We cannot wait to solve our problems

The fat lady has not yet sung, and we shouldn't hope for her to. No matter what your poli-



Jay Roudebush
COLUMNIST

tics are, you should never hope for the failure of a sitting U.S. president. The failure of an administration in the White House means a stand-still of the American government for four years.

There is much to be done. We have a broken health care system, we need more jobs and our national interests are always in danger. The people who cannot feed their families cannot wait three more years for a job. The man with flu and no health care coverage cannot wait three more years for medical treatment. This nation's interests cannot be protected without the support of a strong federal government.

There is work to be done. I am not happy with everything the Obama administration has done, but I am more disappointed with Congress. Many in Congress are focusing their anger and disappointment at the president, who is respecting the Constitutional boundaries between the branches in the federal government. The president does not control Congress. Congress is failing on its own merit.

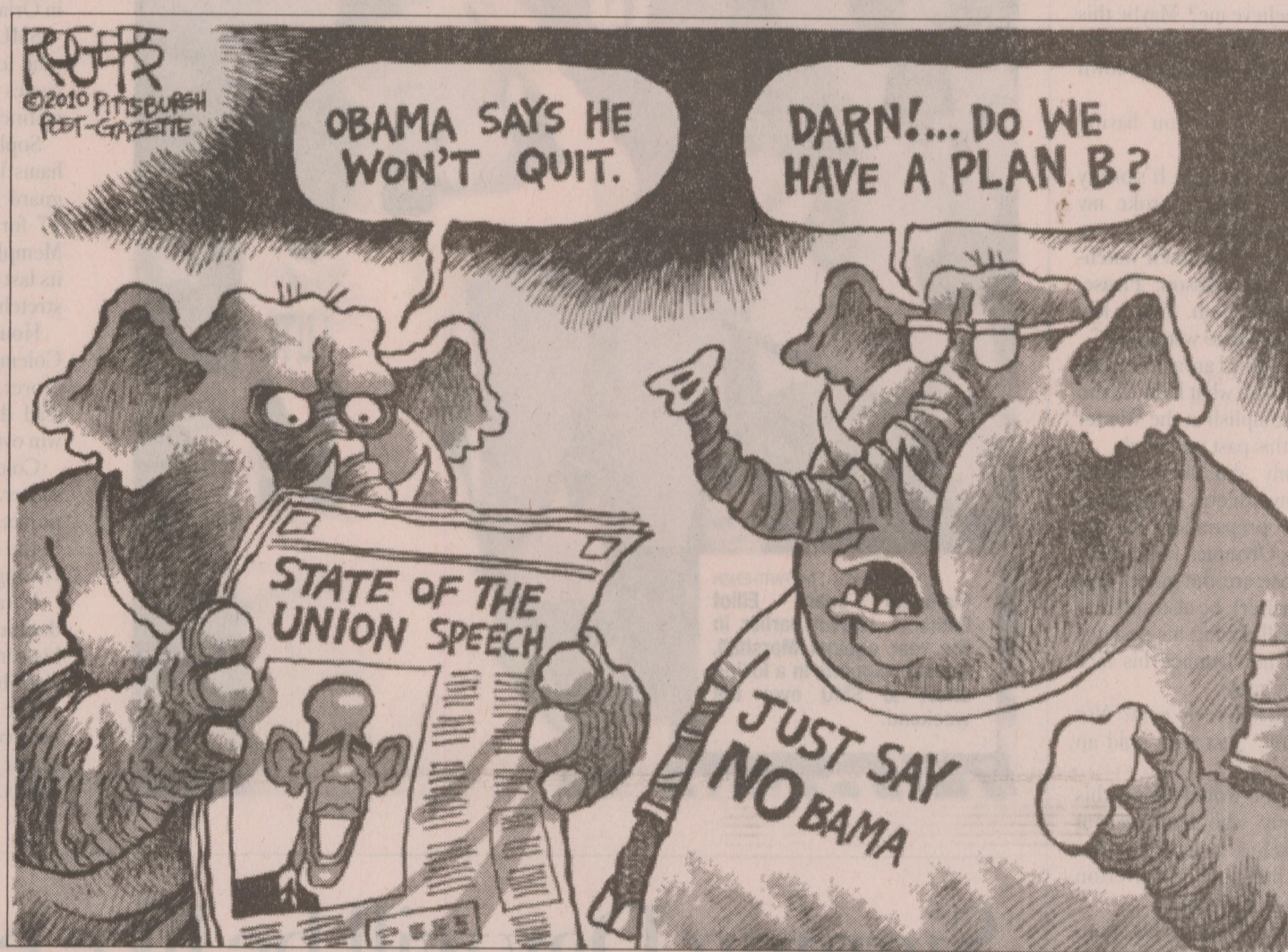
After the State of the Union and watching President Barack Obama speak at the House Republicans retreat, I saw a man that was trying. He is painted as a super liberal. Obama is painted as the man behind the health care reform bill. He is painted as a socialist trying to change the capitalist system. All of these are ridiculous lies.

Liberal democrats wish he would get in the health care debate, he has stayed all but completely silent. Liberal democrats want Obama to change the capitalist system to become more regulated, but Obama has chosen the road of centrism. A true socialist would call Obama a prime example of what a free market capitalist should be. The attempt by republicans to make Obama a lefty is flat out false. They wish he was, so do some democrats.

The truth is we are all in this together. We can't just wait to fix the problems America faces today. There are solutions out there, and between the left and the right there must be answers to these great problems. We are a nation of liberty, and liberty breeds ingenuity. We must use our differences to come together with the great answers of our time. Together.

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Huntington Museum of Art prepares to unveil new gallery

BY JOHN YEINGST
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The Huntington Museum of Art will be unveiling its newest gallery, the Isabelle Gwynn and Robert Daine Gallery, during a special grand opening and reception Saturday.

The first exhibit in the gallery is titled "A Lasting Impression: Works on Paper from the Permanent Collection." It runs from Saturday through May 2.

Robert Daine was an honored French aviation hero of World War I and the developer of the revolutionary electronic stock quotation system for the New York Stock Exchange, the Teleregister Board, said John Gillispie, the museum's public relations director.

The gallery came as a result of collaboration among Isabelle Daine, Eison Eage, and John Keller. Isabelle Daine is the sole sponsor of the art catalogue titled Huntington Museum of Art: Fifty Years of Collecting according to a press release. This gallery is the product of Isabelle Daine's creative effort and its funding comes from a bequest in her will specifically directing the museum to use the funds for such purpose, according to the press release.

"This exhibit will give the community a chance to see some of the work from our more famous artists that we have stored," Gillispie said.

The Huntington Museum of Art will have the ability to display on a rotating basis 1,600

prints, watercolors, and photographs that it has in its permanent collection. Some of the works include a drawing by Pablo Picasso; prints by Honore Daumier, Salvador Dali, Edouard Manet, and Henri Matisse; and watercolors by Andrew Wyeth and Winslow Homer, according to the press release.

"With this new gallery, Huntington Museum of Art will be able to meet its strategic directive to create more exhibits from its permanent collection to share with the community," said Jenine Culligan, senior curator at the museum.

"We never have enough space to show all of our work so any opportunity to show more is great especially when honoring a donor of the museum," said Chris Hatten, library director at the museum.

Gillispie said the staff at the Huntington Museum of Art is excited to know that hundreds of people have responded so far.

"At least 300 people are coming out to see this exhibit and it is nice to hear that," Gillespie said. "It's great to see that the museum is still growing after 60 years."

The Huntington Museum of Art encourages any Marshall students and residents of Huntington to come see the exhibition.

The opening will include music and champagne at 4 p.m. followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception at 4:45 p.m.

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The Huntington Museum of Art is preparing to open the new Isabelle Gwynn and Robert Daine Gallery on Saturday. The gallery will enable the museum to display 1,600 prints on a rotational basis.

MCTC students lobby state government, bill under review in committee



BY ELIZABETH ADAMS
THE PARTHENON

A bill modernizing the West Virginia Physical Therapy Practice Act has now passed the House Government Organization and is on its way to the House Judiciary Committee.

The bill comes as a result from West Virginia Physical Therapy Association Lobby Day at the state capitol. Six students from MCTC attended lobby day and had the opportunity to make their suggestions and influence state government.

"The act is up for modernization," said Kelly Terry, MCTC clinical education coordinator. "The main issue is the current ratio of supervision. Only two physical therapy assistants can be supervised by one physical therapist. If this passes, it will increase the job market for physical therapy assistants in the state."

The bill, House Bill 4140, was amended and passed by the House Government Organization on Jan. 22. It is now being reviewed by the House Judiciary Committee and must be passed before becoming a law.

"If the bill is passed, the number of physical therapy assistants that may be supervised by a physical therapist in West Virginia would be increased to four," said William Miller, second-year MCTC physical therapy assistant student from Branchland, W.Va. "The Practice Act governs how we as

therapists do our jobs in West Virginia."

Representatives from the West Virginia Physical Therapy Association, physical therapists and physical therapy assistants also attended, Terry said.

Students were informed in their program at MCTC about the issues, gathered the information they wanted to communicate and went to the meetings with more experienced practitioners.

"We wanted students to realize how important it is to participate in legislation," Terry said. "When students work to be a part of an effort like lobby day, they actually influence the outcome of their profession."

The students saw the process and were surprised how much it takes to get a bill passed, Terry said. The students contributed to the efforts of their profession by showing institutional support in their lobbying efforts.

"This is an important direction for therapists," said Jean Chappell, MCTC dean of allied health. "If the restriction is eased there will be more care available for patients."

"I was very excited to have the opportunity to help change state law and the industry," Miller said. "It was enlightening and made me much more interested in state government. I was very comfortable and would invite anyone to participate."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TRAVIS CARLTON, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM COORDINATOR
MCTC Physical Therapy Assistant students await the arrival of Gov. Joe Manchin during Lobby Day 2010 activities on the capitol grounds in Charleston, W.Va. The MCTC students attended the event to gain insight into the legislative process and to support the West Virginia Physical Therapy Association.

Sociology class finds a new way for students to relate to older generations

THE PARTHENON

The Sociology of Aging class has found a new way for Marshall students to relate to older Marshall alumni with the Older and Wiser Letter project, also known as OWL.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is inviting Marshall alumni to write letters to current students, telling them what they wish they had known when they were 20 years old. The letters will also include a picture of that person when they were in college.

This is to help students realize that they are not the only ones who have lived through a crisis and to help them embrace the

challenges and become a better people for it.

"We're just starting out and the responses are low and funding is low, but the responses we have already received is exactly what we're looking for," said Donna Sullivan, professor of the class and founder of the organization. "We would like to start receiving letters from not just Marshall alumni, but other people in the Huntington community that are in their 50s or older to give advice to the students. We wish we could get more responses and send out more letters."

The letter topics vary by the writer. "This lady talks about her family and how she

likes to spend each day with her creative writing and exercising," Sullivan said. "Another gentleman spent 20 years in the Merchant Marines and wrote very good advice like never do anything your mother or grandmother would be ashamed of finding out about you, and you must live with no regret."

The idea of this cross-generation writing project is to pass on knowledge to other students and to help start a conversation between two different generations of Marshall students.

"When the new alumni center opens, we wish to put a bulletin board up and pull out quotes that seem to give the best advice and help with students everyday life," Sullivan said.

Federal judge bars protestors, activists from Massey properties in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Coal producer Massey Energy Co. has won a federal court order temporarily barring mining protestors from its southern West Virginia properties.

Massey wants the ban imposed for good. It will seek an extension at a hearing Thursday after winning the temporary order last week.

U.S. District Judge Irene Berger granted

the request in conjunction with a lawsuit filed by Massey targeting protestors who've spent the past year invading the Richmond, Va.-based company's mine sites. They've climbed trees, chained themselves to heavy equipment and repeatedly been arrested in hopes of stopping mountaintop removal coal mining.

Though highly efficient, many

environmentalist groups say the practice is simply too devastating and want it banned in West Virginia and several surrounding states.

Massey's court filings contend it's the one being damaged.

Berger's order likewise bars trespassing on any mining properties in the Southern District of West Virginia, home to most of the state's surface coal production.

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Davis said he didn't think it would completely shut things down, but what would be left would be a real problem.

"We are asking for the people's votes," Davis said. "We don't ever take them for granted. We're not increasing or asking for additional taxes, just a renewal of the current levy that's on the books."

Davis said there are about 2800

people a day who depend on TTA.

"We typically put out about 25 buses and \$8 to \$10 ride vans a day. So there are about 35 vehicles that go out every day."

"I ride the bus to get to school a lot of the times," Mullins said. "The buses are usually full by the end of the routes."

"A lot of people depend on TTA to get back and forth to where they're going," Davis said. "So we just need everyone's support."

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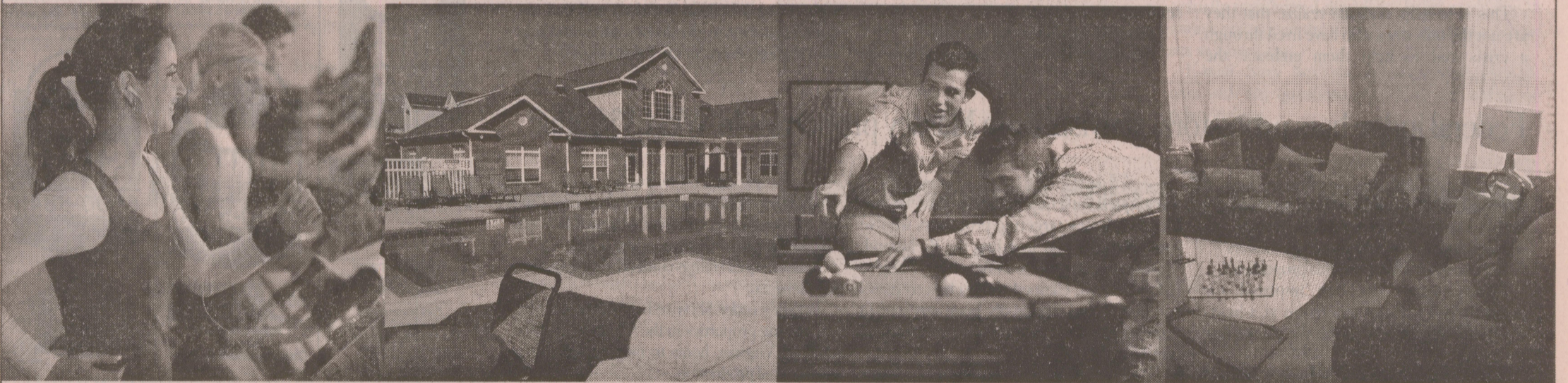
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