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Marshall gets new recruits

25 players sign with Thundering Herd **Sports, Page 3**

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Physicians and surgeons return from Haiti



A young Haitian girl waits to be treated by the physicians from Cabell-Huntington Hospital and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. A team of physicians, nurses and surgeons went to Haiti after the island nation was hit with an earthquake Jan. 12. The team returned home Saturday.

BY ANDREA POLING
THE PARTHENON

A group of physicians and surgeons from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Cabell-Huntington Hospital returned home from a medical mission in Haiti on Saturday.

Dr. Ali Oliashirazi, professor and chairman of the department of orthopaedic surgery at Marshall University Medical Center, and Dr. Kevin Yingling, chairman of the department of internal medicine, were among the group that went to Haiti.

"When we arrived at the hospital in Haiti, it was mayhem," Oliashirazi said. "The hospital lost two patients that night and three patients had terrible infections."

Oliashirazi said the medical group immediately began to organize the patients waiting to be seen at the hospital.

"We decided our main goal should be to make a set list of order and to make sure to communicate with the next medical group so they would see what we did and could build on it," Oliashirazi said.

Nearly 200 people waited in line the first morning the medical staff worked, Oliashirazi said.

"We said we were going to treat everybody like we do in America," Oliashirazi said.

"We gave everyone a chart and a number."

The group worked at Double Harvest Hospital, Yingling said.

"The hospital was located on the property of a family who were horticulturists," Yingling said. "They built the hospital 15 years ago for all the Haitians in the area."

Yingling said the facility had two operating rooms, a sterilizing room, an Intensive Care Unit, an eye exam room, a few exam rooms, a pharmacy and a laundry room.

Oliashirazi and Yingling said the interpreters were very helpful during their stay in Haiti.

"Whenever you were walking through taking care of patients, you would constantly look for an interpreter wearing a red vest," Yingling said. "You would ask them to come, you would introduce yourself, and they would start interpreting for you."

Oliashirazi and Yingling said the people of Haiti were very appreciative of their services.

"They were incredibly strong, courageous people," Yingling said. "At no time during the entire trip did we ever feel in conflict or threatened. The courage of the patients overcame any of our discomforts."

The medical staff from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Cabell Huntington

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Art history comes to life at Drinko

BY JOHN YEINGST
THE PARTHENON

The College of Fine Arts hosted, "An Evening of Art History" on Wednesday in Drinko Library.

The event consisted of three presentations made by Marshall faculty members in order to give students an idea of what presentations at art history conferences are like.

"When you hear experts articulate, it helps you measure yourself with them," said Byron Clercx, chairman of the Department of Art and Design. Hearing an art historian give a presentation sets a goal for students to aspire to.

"We want our students to understand that thinking and writing articulately and critically about art is just as important as making art," said Susan Jackson, professor of art and design.

Jackson presented "There's Something About Mary Magdalene: Some Questions Concerning Her Cult." Beverly Twitchell Marchant,

professor of art and design, presented "What You See is Who I Am: Native Jewelry and Identity in the Southwest." Adjunct professor Cory Pillen presented "Make Your Health Points: WPA Posters and Public Health Education."

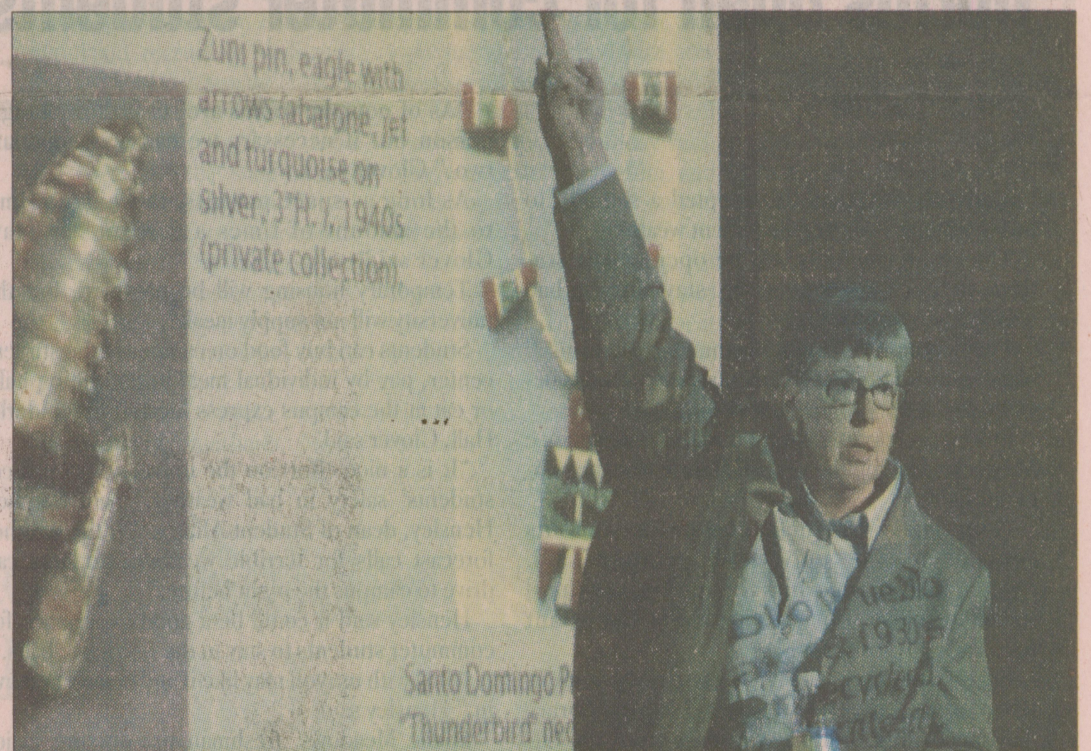
Marchant said she hopes students and colleagues will be aware of the kinds of work they are doing and they will see some of the array of subjects that art historians explore.

"In some respects, visual art is another language and in order to understand it well, we have to look carefully and think analytically and precisely," Marchant said. "That's even more difficult than going from French to Spanish, or Navajo to English."

Adam Hopkins, senior graphic design major, said his favorite section of the presentation was the health announcement posters because he said political propaganda interests him.

"Art is a form of expression and communication."

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Beverly Twitchell Marchant, professor of art and design, presents "What You See is Who I Am: Native Jewelry and Identity in the Southwest" at Wednesday's art history program.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

Local club hosts benefit for Haiti

Sports

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Huntington benefit for Haiti
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Carol Ann Barry piano recital
8 p.m. | Smith Music Recital Hall

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Community looks to Marshall for more service learning

BY KIMBERLY BRADLEY
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Service Learning Program is encouraging professors to offer more service learning classes.

"Unfortunately the Service Learning Program needs more faculty," said Kimberly Detardo-Bora, director of the program. "The community and nonprofits have expressed their needs for more faculty to involve service learning into their curriculum."

This semester only two professors are incorporating service learning into their curriculum, according to the office of the Service Learning Program.

"Service learning really helps students process

information and theory in class, and the actual experience gives them a better sense of community," said Whitney Douglas, professor and director of writings for the English department. "It's getting students asking, 'What do I really know outside campus and about our community?'"

Douglas is teaching a women's studies service learning course.

"It does require extra work as a professor to do a service learning program, but on the other hand I see it payoff," Douglas said.

Service learning is an educational experience in which students participate in an organized

service project.

"A faculty member at Marshall would go to the service learning office and bring a list of four components to apply for a service learning class," Detardo-Bora said. "They would bring a course objective, have reflection assignments that relate to their text, require at least 10 service hours to the community during the particular course, and the fourth component would be that the curriculum

would have to establish a partnership within the community or nonprofit."

In Detardo-Bora's classes she requires students

"The community and nonprofits have expressed their need for more faculty to involve service learning into their curriculum."

Kimberly Detardo-Bora, director of Marshall's Service Learning Program

to reflect on their days of service and relate it to the course content.

"I want them to have a more analytic approach," Detardo-Bora said. "I usually get strong feedback from the agencies about our students. It's a rewarding experience as a professor."

Past agencies involved in service learning include the Golden Girl Group Home, Ebenezer Community Outreach, Red Cross, The United Way of the River Cities and Project HOPE.

Typically, service learning workshops are conducted once or twice a semester, according to the office of the Service Learning Program.

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Marshall Chief of Staff announces new position in coal industry

BY ELLEN KIST
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Chief of Staff will leave his position to become president of the Kentucky Coal Association.

The association named Bill Bissett its new president Wednesday. He will begin his position Feb. 22. Kentucky Coal Association is located in Lexington, Ky., and represents more than 75 percent of Kentucky's annual coal production, according to a press release.

"I would like to thank the KCA board of directors for the opportunity to represent Kentucky coal and to communicate the message of its vital importance to this state and nation," Bissett said. "I am excited and energized at this great opportunity to play a role in advancing Kentucky coal, the low cost electricity generation that it provides and the critical manufacturing and other related job opportunities across the state that are dependent upon the success of Kentucky coal."

Bissett previously handled communications for the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. He was vice president of Charles Ryan Associates from January 2003 to June 2005, where he directed the Friends of Coal campaign for the agency.

Bissett's background in coal will be of use to the organization, said Charlie Wesley, chairman for the Kentucky Coal Association, in a press release.

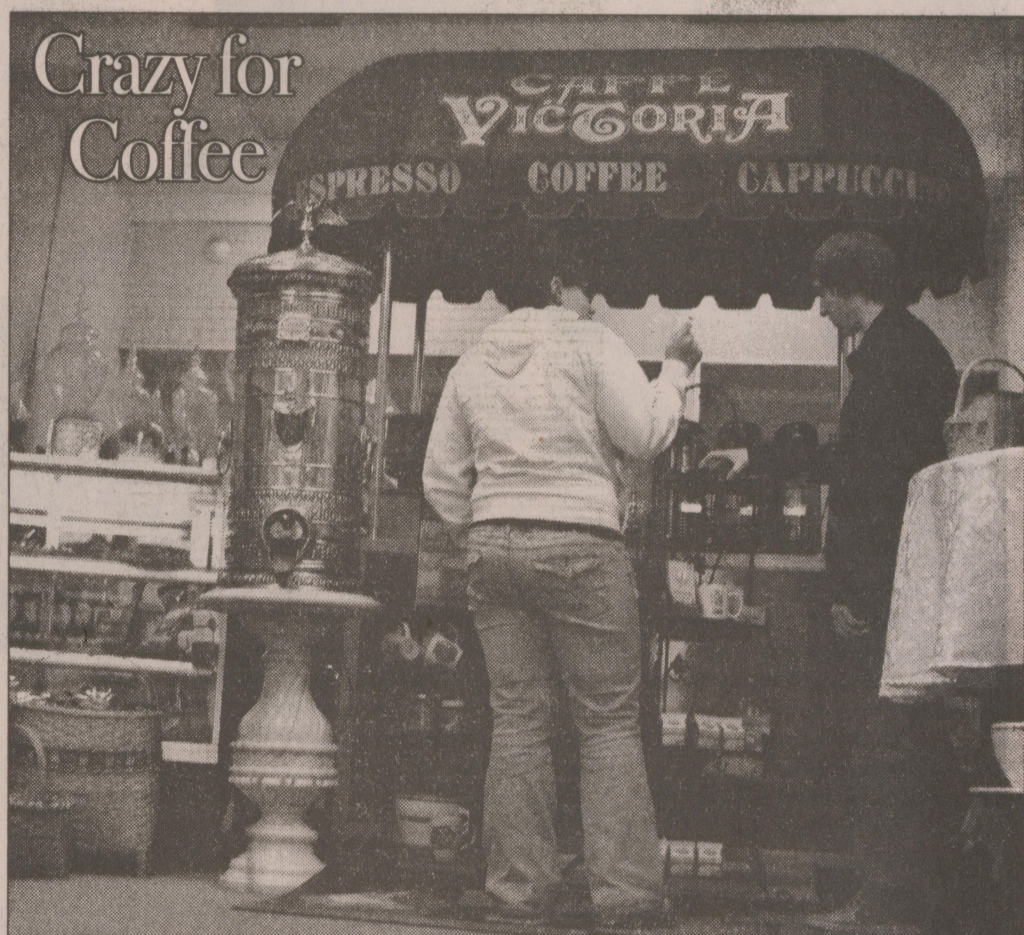
"On behalf of our 23 member companies and 100 associate companies, it is my pleasure to welcome Bill Bissett to this important leadership position," Wesley said in the press release. "Bill possesses a strong background in communication and management, and he played a significant leadership role in the implementation of the Friends of Coal outreach program. Bill brings a passion for the coal industry to this position, and I am confident that his passion will be contagious."

The organization's mission is to provide effective leadership for the coal industry while also enhancing the ability of the Kentucky coal industry to compete in domestic and world coal markets, according to the organization's Web site.

Under Bissett's leadership, the organization will become an even stronger unified voice of Kentucky coal's message, Wesley said in the press release.

Bissett received his undergraduate and master's degrees from Marshall and later went on to serve as Chief of Staff for three years. He is anticipated to complete his doctorate in higher education leadership in 2012.

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Customers at the Old Village Roaster enjoy premium roast coffee. The shop offers more than 37 varieties of coffee blends as well as tea and hot chocolate.

Dorms open for commuter students

BY HALEY THAXTON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University has adopted a solution to help commuters during inclement weather.

The residence halls will be open to any student in need of a place to stay during bad weather situations.

The commuter planning committee, comprised of Student Affairs and Residence Services, has decided to implement this new policy.

LeKesha Glover, assistant director of Residence Services, is taking the responsibilities for the residence halls.

"Our goal is to help commuter students connect to the university," Glover said. "When bad weather hits the region, it is hard to get to class, but attendance is important for academic success."

Each commuter will need his or her student ID to sign-in to a residence hall for temporary stay, according to a press release from the Office of Student Affairs.

"Students can e-mail me with their name, 901 number and the days they want to stay; then I will give them instructions about how to get their room key," Glover said.

To ensure the students' comfort away from home, each room will be provided with toiletries and linens, according to the press release.

Linens will include a towel, washcloth, pillow, sheet set and blanket, Glover said.

Residence Services will use an entire floor in Twin Towers East to house the commuter students.

"As of now the rooms are set up for a single person but if necessary we can accommodate two," Glover said.

As long as space permits, there is no limit to the amount of times a student can stay, Glover said.

Temporary housing will be provided, but the university will not supply meals.

Students can buy food on campus at the student center, pay by individual meal in the dining halls or eat at the campus express located in Holderby Hall, Glover said.

"It is a nice effort on the university to protect students' safety in bad weather," said Stephen Hensley, dean of Student Affairs. "If the weather forecast calls for terrible weather, students can drive to campus the night before."

Hensley said it could be a good experience for commuter students to stay in the residence halls.

"Stay with us, you may like it and decide to move in," Hensley said.

Shane Meadows, freshman pre-nursing major from Crown City, Ohio, commutes to the Huntington campus daily.

"It usually takes me 30 to 45 minutes depending on the traffic," Meadows said.

When the weather gets bad, Meadows usually attempts to make it to class.

"I just scrape the windows and hope for the best," he said.

Staying in the dorms overnight during bad weather sounds like a good idea, Meadows said.

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Limited spots in MCTC programs creates competition among students

BY ELIZABETH ADAMS
THE PARTHENON

MCTC's Allied Health uses a selective enrollment process because of student competition for the limited number of enrollment positions and national accreditation standards.

"Selective enrollment occurs when more students want into a program than there are slots available," said Jean Chappell, dean of Allied Health.

"Most selective enrollment is based on national standards, so it is an advantage for students to understand the degree of difficulty they may have, and it helps them do better on the national exams," Chappell said. "Our students have a nearly 100 percent pass rate on national exams."

Applications are based on the needs of the profession, job availability and the students ability to get hired upon graduation, Chappell said.

The physical therapy assistant program, the clinical assistant program, the respiratory therapy program and the radiology technician program are using selective admission for the application process.

"This is not uncommon for most allied health programs, but some are more stringent than others, and some are based more on clinical standards," Chappell said.

"The physical therapy assistant program is particularly stringent in its student selection process," said Travis Carlton, physical therapy program coordinator. "There is a wide spectrum of elements that we take into consideration. Grades are important, but they are not everything."

Students applying to the program must have previously completed their basic study requirements. Along with the application, students must submit a recommendation letter and an essay. They are also required to take an exam and participate in an interview.

"The selective enrollment process has to be in place because the program is accredited by external boards," Carlton said. "Everything from faculty members to space allocated to labs justifies supporting a certain amount of students."

The physical therapy assistant program has 24 spots for enrollment.

"There is a delicate balance," Chappell said. "We don't want to exclude students who could do well and pass, but we don't want to let everyone into the program and jeopardize them passing the national exam."

"If students do not pass, it is a reflection on us as an institution," Chappell said. "It would indicate that we are not meeting quality standards of the profession. Along those same lines, if few of the students graduate, we do not have a realistic view of the attrition rate."

Allied Health is preparing to start two new programs that will be subject to selective enrollment, Chappell said.

The pharmacy technician program will start next year and will have limited enrollment because only 15 clinical sites are available, Chappell said.

A massage therapy program will start through collaboration with the Mountain State School of Massage in Charleston, W. Va. This program will have selective enrollment because it has a 16 to 1 student-to-faculty ratio restriction.

"Selective enrollment is not intended to be punitive; it is intended to be realistic," Chappell said. "It is based on academic standards before the program, rigors of the program, as well as the national board exam."

"We provide quality internships and job placements for our students at several professional institutions, such as Health South and Genesis Hospital Systems, Chappell said. "We have 100 percent job placement here."

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Casino creates more jobs in W.Va., dealers in training for July grand opening

BY VICKI SMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Nearly 300 blackjack, craps and poker dealers are already in training as the Charles Town Races & Slots ramps up toward a July 1 debut of table games at the Eastern Panhandle track.

A total of 400 dealers have been identified, and the first group began training this week in temporary facilities at the track, said General Manager Al Britton. Another batch starts soon, and some of those in the first class will take additional training so they can deal multiple games.

All dealers must go through a two-week overview

course, Britton said, but the length of the training varies with the game they're dealing — four weeks for blackjack, eight weeks for craps.

It will take most of the time between now and July 1 to get them all fully trained.

"We're pretty excited and dashing toward the finish line," Britton said.

In December, Jefferson County voters approved a measure allowing Charles Town to install table games alongside thousands of slot machines, many swayed by the promise of hundreds of new jobs.

It was the track's second attempt to pass the measure. The first failed in 2007.

The track's parent company, Penn National Gaming of Wyomissing, Pa., already operates

eight properties around the country under the Hollywood name and is easing into the "rebranding" of its West Virginia track as well.

That's likely to include a name change.

Though the new name has not been chosen, senior vice president John Finamore said one thing is certain: "The name 'Charles Town Races' will always be in the name of the property."

Finamore said the Hollywood concept that characterizes some sister properties will be expanded at Charles Town, which currently has a movie-themed Silver Screen gaming area in addition to a Western-themed OK Corral and other themed slot rooms.

Although nothing will change on the property's

exterior, Finamore said the main entryway is being upgraded and will employ video technology to show movie trailers to arriving patrons.

Charles Town is opening a two-level, 300-seat "Hollywood on the Roof" entertainment lounge that should be open by July 1, importing the concept from sister properties like the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course in Grantville, Pa.

Earlier this week, it announced a new assistant general manager — Bill Hayles from New Mexico's Black Gold Casino at Zia Park — will start work in Charles Town later this month. He will oversee installation of 85 table games and about 20 poker tables.

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Hangin' with Hobstetter

Holliday changing the way we play

How many of us have played for national championships? I know I haven't. I know a lot of you reading this haven't.



Kyle Hobstetter
Sports Editor

Marshall head football coach Doc Holliday asked this same question to his new team when he first met them.

No one raised their hand. No one who has worn the green and white in almost five years has won a championship of any kind, let alone a national championship.

It's hard to watch a team that had the slogan: "We play for championships," fall on hard times, in which we finish at the bottom of Conference USA.

But with Holliday at the helm, we have someone who has been there, and he is not alone.

At the press conference, Holliday asked his assistant coaches the same question, "How many of you guys have won a national championship?"

Every coach had a hand up. That is what the Herd needs experience, leadership and those who can bring a championship attitude back to the Huntington.

When asked what was his basis of talent, and what he looks for when he is recruiting for the Thundering Herd, Holliday said, "We are looking for players who will help us win the Conference USA championship."

It was short and the answer was sweet to the ears of Marshall fans. He was looking for players that fit the bill of what Marshall needs. He was looking for players who want to win, want to play the game and want to be a part of the Herd.

I know many people when they look at college sports recruiting, they always focus on star ratings, or ratings from Web sites such as Rivals.com and others in that same vain.

But when you talk to Holliday, he makes you realize that him and his staff don't focus on star ratings and what others say, he focuses on what they see with their own eyes. They use their own judgement of talent and use what they learned from all the coaching experience they have to actually reach out and get to know these young men.

And with the time they get to know, he puts another emphasis on something that is lacking in college football these days: academics.

"We have high expectations of these young men on the football field and in the classroom," Holliday said. Holliday has the right idea, that it's not just about the football field, but it's about making them better men.

Holliday not only has his current team, but now he has added 25 men to those who represent the Herd. With the way he talks about the ones he signed, I am excited to see what the future holds with Marshall football.

But I am still cautious. Luckily Holliday shares in my steady optimism. Yes we have signed 25 recruits, many of them seem like they can help Marshall down the road.

The thing we have to remember is we have 25 now, but when the summer comes and they have to be here, Marshall could have as few as 12.

So let's not get our hopes up too early, but at the same time let us be happy that we have a coach who knows what it's about again: winning championships.

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Holliday introduces first recruiting class



SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON
Doc Holliday speaks to the press about his first recruiting class, as his coaching staff looks on from the side

Football receives 25 signees for inaugural class

BY TROY HEMINGWAY
THE PARTHENON

Recruiting football players is a difficult task for any coaching staff with a year to work with.

Coach John "Doc" Holliday and his staff made it look easy in six weeks.

Holliday spoke to reporters Wednesday at the Memorial Student Center about the recruits that signed National Letters of Intent to play football for the Thundering Herd next season.

Marshall received a total of 25 commitments from student-athletes across the country, and there is a lot of buzz regarding the players who will be playing for the Herd next season.

"We signed 23 in this class, and we feel everyone of them can help us win this conference," Holliday said. "We are excited about them and are looking forward to getting them up here."

Going into the recruiting season, Holliday was faced with an uphill battle, because he came to Marshall so late in the recruiting period. He and his staff focused on getting as many players as possible but weren't going to get upset if they didn't get as many players as other schools.

"If we can sign 12-14 (players) that's great," Holliday said. "That being said we ended up signing 23 I think, with a couple of guys at midterm gives us 25."

Holliday was quick to point out that there are a lot of people who deserve credit for this recruiting class being successful.

One group that he pointed out was the fans from the basketball games on the two most important recruiting weekends for the Herd this season.

"Donnie Jones and that basketball team and the fans, to be able to go into that stadium and that arena for those two Saturday games were unbelievable," Holliday said. "To walk in there and the Maniacs are going crazy and the fans are going crazy and those kids walk in there, that's big time."

Holliday also spoke about his recruiting methods. Many

scouting services evaluate high school players with a star system, which is based on speed drills, vertical leap ability, strength drills and other physical attributes. The Marshall staff looked at those numbers, but were more concerned with how the guys played on tape.

"We worked our tails off evaluating tape," Holliday said. "We watched them on film, and when you turn that film on can they play or can't they play?"

"Everybody recruits guys off combines and stars and this and that, and they get their tails beat on Saturdays. We want guys out there that when you turn the film on, number one they love football, they love to play the

game, and they make plays."

An integral part of the recruiting staff is new assistant coach JaJuan Seider. A native of Florida, Seider was very important in the recruiting process of 13 players that are coming from Florida.

"Well like Coach Holliday said his relationships," Seider said. "I've known all those kids since they were younger."

The relationships that Seider was able to build with a lot of these young men were instrumental in their decision to attend Marshall and play for the Thundering Herd.

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Men's hoops falls to Tulsa in heartbreaker

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TULSA, Okla. — Jerome Jordan scored 24 points, including the final four points of the game, as Tulsa rallied to defeat Marshall 73-69.



JEROME JORDAN

Tulsa maintained a share of the Conference USA lead at 7-1 and moved to 18-4 overall, while Marshall dropped its fourth consecutive game and is 15-7 and 4-4 in the conference.

Tulsa trailed most of the game, including by 15 points in the first half, and Marshall led 69-67 with 1:23 to play on the final basket by Tyler Wilkerson, who had a career high 26 points and a team high seven rebounds.

With the score tied at 69, Jordan sank two free throws that gave Tulsa the lead with 23.7 seconds left. Uzoh blocked a driving shot by Shaquille Johnson.

As Marshall attempted to foul, Bryson Pope found Jordan alone for the uncontested dunk to seal the outcome.

Stephen Idlet's jump hook gave Tulsa its first lead at 45-43 as the Hurricane opened the second half

on a 17-6 run.

Freshman center Hassan Whiteside had trouble inside. The 7-footer had 10 points but only grabbed one rebound. This was the lowest rebound total for the freshman for the entire season. He had five blocks though.

With usual starting point guard Damier Pitts sitting out due to suspension, head coach Donnie Jones looked toward senior backup Darryl Merthie, who played 37 minutes.

The Sanford, Fla., native only had six points, but did what a point guard was supposed to do, take care of the ball. Merthie only had one turnover and dished out six assists.

The backcourt also played well on defense. The Herd limited Tulsa leading scorer, Uzoh, to just five points on 2-11 shooting.

But with Uzoh's lack of production, Tulsa's junior guard Justin Hurtt played sidekick to Jordan.

The 6-foot-4 guard added 18 points for the Golden Hurricane, above his season average by four points.

For the Herd, Johnson continues to struggle offensively, shooting just 40 percent for the game and adding just 8 points.

Marshall's next game is at home against East Carolina. The Herd defeated the Pirates earlier in the season 83-65 in game played in Greenville, N.C.

Seider uses old ties to help Herd in recruiting

BY TROY HEMINGWAY
THE PARTHENON

An assistant coach who came with head football coach Doc Holliday is doing a lot more for the team than helping the offense.

JaJuan Seider, running backs coach for the Thundering Herd, has been very successful in recruiting the short time that he has been with the team.

"It's all about building trust and getting the guys to understand that you have their best interests at heart," Seider said. "I just be myself, and I think the kids relate better with that. Honesty is definitely the key."

The honesty method has been working for Seider, as he has been very involved in recruiting 23 verbal commitments for the Herd during the recruiting season.

Randy Burnside, assistant athletic director for media relations for football at Marshall University, said that he has seen great work and success from the new coach.

"He hit the ground running with recruiting and getting the caliber of young men that we have with verbal commitments," Burnside said. "He is all about relationship building with the young

person and their family, and relationships are key."

Seider grew up in South Florida, and that has been a key factor to his success in recruiting that area.

"Being from South Florida has helped a lot. It really is tremendous," Seider said. "Many recruiters think that you can just go down there and recruit players because there is so much talent, but not so fast, you have to have relationships with the players and truly get to know their families."

Holliday recruited Seider when he was an assistant coach at WVU.

Even though Seider's college roots are with WVU, he said he knows he represents Marshall and is proud to be a part of the Marshall tradition.

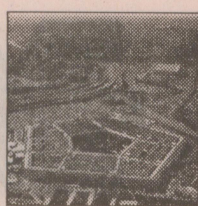
"It's ironic how that fell," Seider said. "You get into college football and you never know where you are going to end up. Huntington is a great place, and you never know how great it is until you actually get here."

With National Signing Day for verbal commitments over, Seider said he is ready to get started with the next class.


"I'll be getting ready for the next class," Seider said. "I'll take a couple days off and get started at working for next year. The early bird gets the worm."

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ability to deal with threats for years to come will depend
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Robert Gates, U.S. defense secretary on the new 2010 military's strategic
outlook.

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Proposed hot topics for primary election stories

From roads to health, now is the time to decide what issues are important to you before voting in May

In May, West Virginia has a midterm election when we can vote for members who will be candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate and the House of Delegates in November. In Friday's paper, the editorial was about how important it is for us to vote people into these positions. The Parthenon will be supporting that idea even further with a reporter who will be writing election stories throughout the semester.

We wanted to get your input on the kinds of issues you are most interested in, so we can focus more on

them in the stories. There are a lot of issues out there being talked about, a lot of hot topics, but some more than others may be on your mind. Here are a few and an explanation for each about what's going on.

Gov. Joe Manchin announced a new plan to earn money for roads so repairs and construction can be made. Revenue bonds would be sold to the turnpike parent agency and one way to pay off those bonds would be tolls. It is not a matter of permanence yet but could be one day. The main plans would be to

upgrade U.S. Route 35 and make more plans for Mon-Fayette Expressway for north-central W.Va.

Smoking has been a controversial issue for a long time. Many states have put bans on smoking in public places, and West Virginia may be considering that route, too. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention stated last year that West Virginia was the state with the highest smoking percentage among its residents, 26.6 percent. Future responses to this statistic could be an implementation of a tax hike on cigarettes or a statewide ban for smoking in public places, like bars.

Another problem West Virginia

has been known for is obesity. The state has proposed some cuts in its budget regarding health. This could weaken the efforts already being made to reduce obesity, smoking and heart disease. Some programs would be erased altogether if the cuts were made, but the cuts could also make the programs more efficient and save the state almost \$600,000.

Since President Barack Obama's move into office, there has been a "war on coal" with his proposals on clean energy use and reducing global warming. Some of those plans include building facilities to capture carbon dioxide from coal. Coal is a main source of jobs and revenue for

West Virginia, and it is going to take a long time to find a solution for the state and the rest of the country.

With the coal predicament and the budget cuts in this recession, a big topic is jobs. No one wants to lose his or her job, no one wants to make less money, but that is what is happening. We are going to have to work with our government officials to come up with ways to lessen those numbers and make it through this recession.

There are more issues than stated above, but if anyone is interested in those or others, The Parthenon would appreciate feedback for what to write in the election stories this semester.

SHEA ANDERSON
BRITAIN BANTER

Why cant we drink like the English do?

At Anglia Ruskin University, the cafeteria serves breakfast in the morning, pizza in the afternoon and vodka after 10 p.m.



Shea Anderson
COLUMNIST

Well, vodka, beer, wine—a wide selection of alcoholic beverages for the students to choose from. At a discount!

Coming from the land of dry campuses, it's odd to think a

university would promote drinking, much less sponsor it. At home, I'm not even allowed a glass of wine with dinner with the family. We all have to wait until the magic age of 21, when we are suddenly deemed mature enough to drink, even though we've been legal adults, making life decisions, voting and possibly smoking ourselves to death for three years.

Even in America, the typical idea of a college student is a poor partier who consumes a diet of mostly ramen noodles and beer. But the reality is that almost three-fourths of the traditional college student population can't drink. Though it is considered a common social activity, we have to wait patiently for 21. Eighteen, 19 and 20 are just a tease.

But here, when one turns 18, the full privileges and choices of adulthood are granted as well. So all of the students crowd to the university bar for £1 drinks before going off to finish up the night somewhere else.

Anytime I've heard arguments about lowering the drinking age, this is brought up. And everyone writes it off, saying "Oh, but the culture is different over there, so it isn't comparable."

But the typical image of a college student in England remains the same as in America—parties, beer, ramen. Most of the students will go out, have a few drinks, dance the night away then walk or ride a taxi home without a problem. There isn't any difference in the way alcohol is viewed, used or perceived. The only difference is 18 to 20 year old students don't have to hide their habits.

If this can occur without a problem in England, why are our rights withheld in America? As a legal adult, we are able to make decisions ourselves. Drinking can be done responsibly in a social setting. Some people abuse it. The bottom line is it's our decision to make as adults, and if being here has shown me anything about alcohol, it's that people under 21 are capable of drinking responsibly, even if binge drinking is a part of their youth culture.

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RESULTS

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- Apple Slate computer 38%
- Nexus One (Google phone) 15%

CICELY TUTSON
REAL TALK

What is Black History Month?

It is now February, the shortest month of the year, in which we celebrate Black History Month. As such, this is the month when we take the time to acknowledge the contributions of African-Americans to this country. It began in 1926 as Negro History Week, which was created by West Virginian Carter G. Woodson. Negro History Week was celebrated the second week of February, which is also the same week as the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. It is now a month long celebration and the subject of much praise and criticism.

Throughout the month, we can look forward to many great television specials, movies, documentaries and news reports about great black Americans and their stories, which I have to admit is my favorite part of Black History Month.

However, we should not have to wait until February for this to happen, and some would argue that with a black president of the U.S., there is no need for a Black History Month. I would argue that it goes way beyond that. This country was built on slave labor. African Americans have been a part of the fabric of this country since before it was a country. The same can be said for Native Americans, Irish Americans, Italian Americans, Asians Americans, Hispanic Americans and even more ethnic groups than I could ever list here. The point is that no group of Americans should only be acknowledged one month out of the year. The fact that Black History is only taught in most schools one month out of the year has robbed most Americans of knowing our history.

It was not until I saw the HBO movie "Something the Lord Made" in 2004, that I learned of Dr. Vivien Thomas, a great medical mind who pioneered the field of cardiac surgery in the 1940's. Every person who has a loved one whose life was saved because of bypass surgery has this man to thank. I had no idea of the aviator Bessie Coleman until I ran across her name in a book as an adult. She was the first African American to hold a pilot's license and the first American of any race or gender to hold an international pilot's license. Bessie Coleman has been greatly overshadowed in the history books by Amelia Earhart. These and many others are names that every American should know. This history is the history of every American not just black Americans.

In a 2005 interview on "60 Minutes," actor Morgan Freeman said "black history is American history" and called the whole notion of Black History Month ridiculous. I could not agree more. The history of this country is so rich and vast that it should be celebrated 365 days a year. We are doing ourselves and the younger generations a great disservice by not incorporating all history into American history.

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Local coffee shop thrives, despite onslaught of national brands

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Another local specialty shop has made its place in the long line of Huntington landmarks.

The Old Village Roaster, a specialty roaster of gourmet coffees and nuts, has managed to stay in business despite competition from other neighboring coffee houses.

"It all started because my husband is into antiques," said Vicki Cooper, co-owner of The Old Village Roaster. "He bought an original 1880s coffee roaster and we started to experiment with it and it took off from there."

West Virginia natives, Pete and Vicki Cooper, own the roaster.

"In May we will be celebrating 15 years in business," Vicki Cooper said. "We've seen both local and big businesses come and go."

The Old Village Roaster offers custom coffee roasting, private label coffees and wholesale accounts.

Coffee is not the only option. They also offer an assortment of teas, hot chocolates and apple ciders.

There are 37 different varieties of coffee displayed on the wall of the shop. Flavors range from the most popular, Sinful Delight and Highland Grog, to their signature coffee roasts such as Roastmaster Blend and Breakfast Blend. Other flavors include Snickerdoodle and Mint Chocolate Chip.

Vicki Cooper said the reason for their continued success in the community is their superior products, emphasis on customer satisfaction and the time they take to make each customer's experience a personal one.

Kristen Jackson, graduate of Marshall University and Huntington resident, has been going to The Old Village Roaster since 1998.

"They have the best hot drinks and coffee that won't break your wallet," Jackson said. "I've become somewhat of a loyal customer."

With the opening of a Starbucks in Pullman Square just blocks away from the roaster and one soon to be opened in the Memorial Student Center, Cooper said a small business could still thrive.

"Most of the people that come in are workers or locals," she said. Cooper said she and her husband love to see when students come in to get coffee.

Cooper said, being a local business has its benefits by allowing them the freedom of individuality unlike the corporate coffee world.

"The competition is good," Cooper said. "Starbucks created the coffee phenomenon that benefited us."

"We don't take debit or credit cards," Cooper said. "If people don't have the cash we spot them and let them pay us later. People like that type of service, the customer is the most important part of a business like mine."

The Old Village Roaster is located on 919 Fourth Avenue.

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Student activities board to host monthly parties

BY ERIN SHAVER
THE PARTHENON

The Student Activities Programming Board will host a party Friday evening for students who want an alternative to regular weekend activities.

Friday Night Frenzy will occur once a month this semester and give students an opportunity to meet other students, play games and eat free food in the Memorial Student Center, said Mary Baker, president of SAPB.

"What this is, is an alternative for students who don't like to do the typical go home for the weekends or go out to the bars and clubs," Baker said.

SAPB has to find ways to entertain students with a lower budget than they have previously received, Baker said.

"It isn't anything that has to do with Marshall, really," Baker said. "The governor reduced funding, and instead of taking it from salaries, Marshall decided to take it from general funds."

Baker said despite the funding changes, SAPB has received more input from students and is finding ways, like the low-budget Friday Night Frenzy, to respond to requests.

"We have our e-mail on our Web site and recently have been getting more e-mails than the first semester from students saying, 'we want this,'" Baker said.

One goal of Friday Night Frenzy is to increase involvement among students, said Meagan Earls,

executive board member of SAPB and freshman undedicated major from Richlands, Va.

"I've noticed we really do have a hard time getting students out of their rooms and doing stuff," Earls said.

Once students become involved, success in college is more likely, she said.

"Once you're involved, you're happier, you want to go to class, you want to get good grades," Earls said. "You don't just want to go home every weekend because you think there's nothing to do."

The likelihood students will either be bored on Friday night or participate in reckless activities is another reason SAPB chose to host these parties, Baker said.

"If something unfortunate were to happen on your walk to or from the bars, it's risky," Baker said. "If you're having fun in the student center, it's safe and keeps students off the streets."

Baker said Friday Night Frenzy is an opportunity for students to do activities they already enjoy with more people.

"I know guys who play Halo and Madden in their dorms, and this is a way to do that with other people and be involved," Baker said.

Friday Night Frenzy is from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday in the Memorial Student Center.

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Huntington, Marshall police work together to maintain safety

BY KRISTINA ELFRINK
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The Huntington Police Department and Marshall University Police Department are working together to maintain a safe atmosphere for Marshall students and Huntington citizens.

"Our department has had an outstanding relationship with the Huntington Police Department throughout the 23 years that I've been here," said Lt. James Terry, director Marshall University Public Safety.

The two departments are able to communicate with one another through interoperable radio frequencies, Terry said.

"A 911 dispatcher can receive a call and broadcast it over the HPD frequency as well as the MUPD frequency if our assistance was needed," Terry said.

The two departments work together on many occasions. Both work DUI checkpoints and high risk drinking enforcement, Terry said.

"All law enforcement agencies support each other on dignitary visit's depending on the dignitary," he said.

The departments worked together to provide proper security when former President George W. Bush visited Marshall's campus.

"We also work with Huntington Police Department on the Fourth Ave. Corridor Project," said Lt. James Parker of MUPD. "Our bike patrol units ride together to patrol the bars and foot traffic. HPD also

helps us with traffic and crowd control during sporting events, which is extremely helpful."

As far as crime scene investigating, the departments stick to their own cases unless one department requests assistance.

Marshall University police get any case within their jurisdiction, which is any Marshall owned property. This can range from Marshall's Huntington campus to the property owned on South Charleston's campus, Terry said.

Assistance may be requested depending on the severity of a crime scene, Terry said.

"Sometimes, if the crime scene is bad enough, MUPD does not have the equipment to investigate the case to the best of our ability so we will contact HPD," he said.

"Huntington Police Department and Marshall University police share a close working relationship," said Cpt. Mike Albers of HPD. "With our overlapping jurisdiction we can cooperatively address a number of enforcement challenges that are of great importance to the university and city as well as working closely to provide a safe and secure atmosphere for student and city populations."

To report a crime on Marshall's campus, call 304-696-HELP to contact the Office of Public Safety. A crime or emergency that is being reported from elsewhere should be reported to 911 to contact the Huntington Police Department.

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Seats unopposed in primary election

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) —

The general election is nine months away, but the outcome has already been largely decided for one-third of West Virginia's legislative seats on the ballot this year.

In the wake of Saturday's midnight filing deadline, 12 House and two Senate candidates face no challengers in the May primary or November general election.

Democrats already hold majorities in both chambers. The filings ensure them 30 seats in

the 100-member House, and four Senate seats out of 17 up this year, before the first ballot is cast in the fall.

Republicans can count on one Senate seat and nine in the House. Parties also have time to appoint candidates to vacant spots on the ballot.

The ballots will have their share of contested races. Thirteen Democrats and eight Republicans, for instance, have filed in Kanawha County's 30th House District.

Bill aims to repeal laws banning lewd acts

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) —

Sen. Douglas Facemire thinks it's time to give legal amnesty to some West Virginia outlaws: unmarried couples living together.

The Braxton County Democrat has introduced legislation that would repeal decades-old provisions in state law that make it a crime to commit adultery, have sex outside marriage or for unmarried couples to share a residence. Currently under state law,

adultery and sex outside marriage are punishable by fines of \$20. For "lewd and lascivious cohabitation," the penalty is a \$50 fine and up to six months in jail.

The bill was introduced Wednesday and has already won support from other lawmakers, including Senate Judiciary Chairman Jeff Kessler, D-Marshall.

Facemire says that, morality aside, the laws don't belong on the books.

An essay competition will also be a way for Marshall students to get involved in the program. Art and design students are encouraged to submit their work to be included in a future evening of presentations. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best essays, according to a press release from the College of Fine Arts.

The art history students will have the opportunity to present papers they have submitted for the essay competition.

The deadline for all competition entries is noon Friday, Feb. 26.

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Toyota dealerships begin to fix recalled gas pedals, extend hours

DETROIT (AP) —

Toyota's dealers, who have started to repair defective gas pedals in millions of U.S. vehicles, are extending hours, making house calls and offering other services as they try to repair the damage to Toyota's reputation.

Toyota Motor Corp. recalled eight models Jan. 21 and stopped selling them five days later because their accelerator pedals could stick in a depressed position. Toyota is sending dealers a piece of steel about the size of a postage stamp that can be inserted into the accelerator mechanism and eliminate the friction that causes the problem.

Jim White Toyota, a dealership in Toledo, Ohio, received about 350 steel pieces, or shims, and began repairs Wednesday morning. By mid-afternoon, about 25 cars were fixed, said Terry Treter, service manager.

Repairs were going smoothly and a little faster than the half-hour Toyota estimated, he said. Technicians do a test drive as part of the repair.

The dealership hired three people to handle phone calls and repair scheduling and will add more people if needed, Treter said. He also said the dealership will stay open as late as necessary.

"I'll stay until midnight," Treter said. "Whatever they want. I won't turn anyone away."

Treter said customers have been calm despite a warning early Wednesday from U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, who said owners of recalled Toyotas should stop driving them. LaHood later said he misspoke and told owners to get their cars repaired.

At Lee Toyota Topsham in Topsham, Maine, service manager Dan Daigle expected to begin repairs Thursday morning. He has already received around 300 calls from customers and expects to keep technicians working until at least 10 p.m. each night.

"If we need to add people to handle the extra volume, then that's what we'll do," he said.

Earl Stewart, who owns a dealership in North Palm Beach, Fla., is sending a repair van to the homes of customers for the first time, since some are too nervous to drive their vehicles to the dealership.

Toyota is giving U.S. dealers payments of up to \$75,000 to help them offer extra measures like house calls.

"Within the next several days, you will receive a check from us (no strings attached) with a simple request - do the right thing on behalf of

Toyota customers," Toyota group vice president Bob Carter said Tuesday in the letter to dealers obtained by The Associated Press.

Carter thanked dealers for their extraordinary measures. He also suggested other steps, like additional hires to help with recall repairs, dedicated recall service lanes and complimentary oil changes.

"Toyota dealers already know the first and most critical step of rebuilding the confidence and trust of Toyota owners is the interaction and service they receive in your dealership," Carter said.

Toyota is sending checks this week based on the number of cars each dealer sold in 2009. Dealers who sold fewer than 500 cars will get \$7,500. Dealers who sold more than 4,000 will get \$75,000.

Toyota has around 1,200 U.S. dealers.

Toyota won't reveal the cost of the repairs, but according to information from dealers, the shim costs only about a penny and a half, while the average cost for 30 minutes of labor to install it is \$42.50. Multiplied by 2.3 million vehicles, and the cost of the part and labor alone is \$97.8 million, all of which will be covered by Toyota.

Besides the 2.3 million U.S. vehicles recalled because of the gas pedal problem, Toyota recalled 5 million vehicles to fix floor mats that could inadvertently trap the accelerator pedals.

Carter said Toyota is considering other marketing efforts to win back customers' confidence, but he didn't elaborate. Toyota may have to offer rebates and low-interest financing to lure back customers, which could force other automakers to raise their incentives.

Toyota's January sales fell 16 percent, and the company estimated it lost 20,000 sales due to the recall and sales stoppage.

ART

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It reflects its cultural origins; the beliefs, technologies and ideals of the time and place where it is made," Marchant said. "As an art historian, I am hoping to lead students to understand our culture and that of others, to see that we are part of traditions—traditions of meaning, of forms and ideas."

Marchant said those who attended saw some unusual works of art and hear discussion of the pieces' artistic and cultural roles of importance.

HAM

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Hospital is making plans to return to Haiti.

"The entire team wants to go back," Yingling said.

"Right now we are looking at who is interested in going and what the right time frame is."

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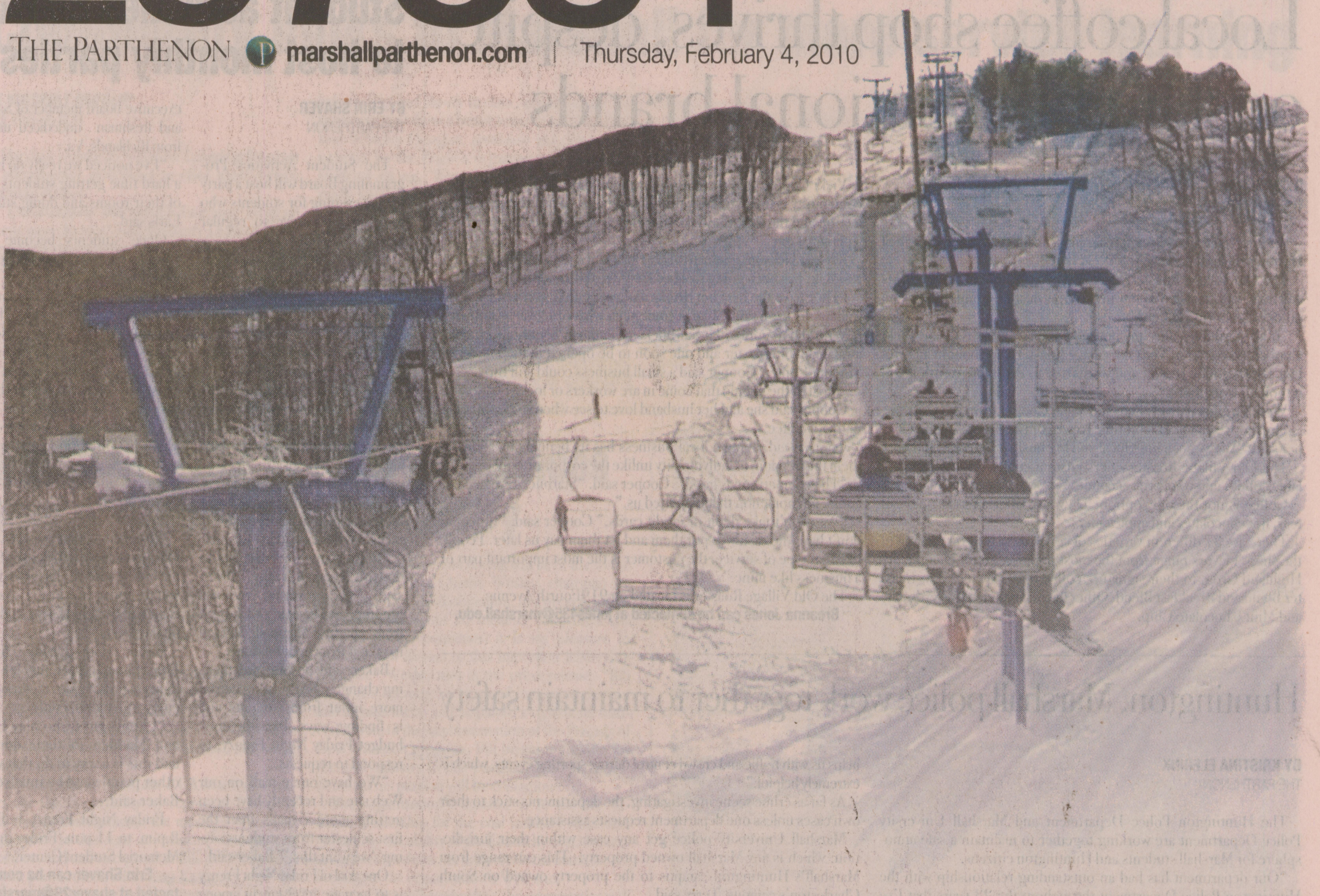


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Lift ticket discounts help put students in these seats.

STUDY THE SLOPES

Many West Virginia resorts make skiing affordable for students

BY KELLY CROUCH
THE PARTHENON

In the last few weeks, several snow showers have made snow conditions in West Virginia perfect for skiers.

Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center, Snowshoe Mountain Ski Resort, Timberline Resort and Winterplace Ski Resort feature student discounts and specials that make it affordable for students to take a week-end excursion or a day trip to a ski resort in West Virginia.

Canaan Valley, located in Davis, W.Va., offers half-price equipment rentals and lift tickets every Friday until the close of the season with a valid student ID. Students can also

redeem \$2 off any snow tubing expense with an ID.

According to Canaan Valley's Web site, Canaan Valley will be offering a student special in March for \$61 per day, based on double occupancy and a valid student ID. It includes lodging, breakfast, a one-day lift ticket with a ski rental and Beech Club privileges. No one from Canaan Valley could be reached to comment.

Snowshoe Mountain Ski Resort in Snowshoe, W.Va., offers several student and holiday packages, said Laura Parquette, marketing director for Snowshoe Mountain.

Snowshoe offers students Presidents Day packages from Feb. 12 to Feb. 15, and Spring Break Lodging and Lift passes from March 11 to March 14 for a variety of prices, depending on the number of people. They also offer \$5

off night ticket prices.

"Nightlife and the unique atmosphere at Snowshoe Mountain is what brings students back," Parquette said.

Timberline Resort in Davis, W.Va., offers students newly-packed powder, several black-diamond trails and great student discounts, said Lisa Flannigan, Timberline consultant.

Timberline will be offering \$18 lift tickets to students with a valid ID every Thursday until Feb. 21. After Feb. 21, students may obtain the \$18 lift ticket daily until March 28.

"I think what makes Timberline different are the great trails," Flannigan said. "If you own skis, you pay \$65 plus gas and have a great eight hours of skiing."

"If a high-velocity day on the slopes and a low-key night in

front of the large fireplace at the lodge sounds ideal, Winterplace Ski Resort is where to go," said Missy Cline, marketing advisor for Winterplace.

Just off of I-77 in Ghent, W.Va., Winterplace offers many student discounts including lift tickets, equipment rentals and twilight specials. No matter the time or holiday, students receive equipment rentals 20 percent off on the weekdays and 10 percent off on the weekend.

There are many packages, including a Presidents Day special available Feb. 15 with discounts on lodging and skiing. Prices depend on how many people are going and on what days and time.

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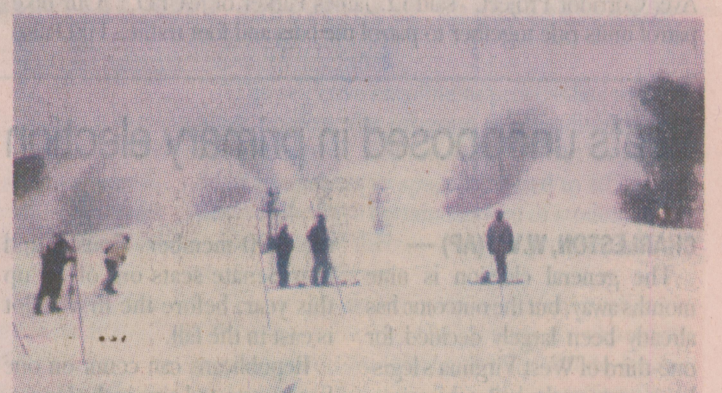


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Community Bulletin

- Willis Hall's Residence Hall Association has begun its annual 'Crush' sale for Valentines Day and will be selling their hand delivered valentines in Harless Hall and the Towers cafeteria during normal lunch and dinner hours.
- There will be a benefit show for Haiti in the student center tomorrow at 6 p.m. featuring Missing In Maryland, The Rambling Dangers, Skyline at Sunrise and Without a Word! Admission is \$5.
- The West Virginia Youth Action League for environmental and social justice will be having a 'Winter Git-together' for existing and new members in Charleston this weekend. More info is available from Danny Chiotos, danny@seac.org.



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Skiers line up at the lifts to ride down the fresh powder that West Virginia continues to receive in recent months.

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