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WINTER'S WRATH

Winter weather shuts down many schools

BY HALEY THAXTON
THE PARTHENON

Weather conditions around the state caused school closings and delays in all 55 counties Wednesday, but many colleges and universities remained open.

All school closings and delays were confirmed by 7 a.m., according to the West Virginia Department of Education's Web site.

Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va., in the northern panhandle, closed its campus until Monday, Feb. 15, according to its Web site.

In the central part of the state, Fairmont State University and Glenville State College canceled classes until Thursday, according to their Web sites.

Concord College in the southern region of the state also closed its campus, according to its Web site.

However, the state's largest universities, West Virginia University and Marshall University, remained open.

Colleges in the mountain region including Alderson-Broaddus, Davis & Elkins and West Virginia Wesleyan still had class despite the high amounts of snowfall, said Jim Dent of National Weather Service.

Buckhannon, W.Va., reported having four inches, Davis, W.Va., had 12.4 inches and Canaan, W.Va., had nine inches, Dent said.

"In the Huntington area there could be four to six inches by the end of this storm," he said. By Wednesday afternoon two inches had accumulated in the Huntington area.

There was a winter storm warning in effect until 7 a.m. today in the Huntington region, but Dent said the snowfall should end by nightfall.

A dispatcher from the Cabell County Emergency Medical Services said the unit did not see very many wrecks from the conditions.

The main roads were clear, and other roads were still being treated Wednesday afternoon, the dispatcher said.

The unit might receive more calls through the night because the forecast is calling for another three to six inches, the dispatcher said.

Mitchell Love, sophomore business administration major, commutes from his home in Rome, Ohio to the Huntington campus.

"It usually takes me about 20 minutes to get to school, but today I was sure to leave about 10 minutes early," Love said.

Love's first class was at 9:30 a.m.

"I had to put the truck in four-wheel drive, and I still slid everywhere," Love said. "The next time it snows like this, school should be cancelled."

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A student walks toward Drinko Library on Wednesday. The area experienced some bad weather, which shut down schools in all 55 West Virginia counties. Thursday's forecast calls for an additional three to six inches.

Students brave weather, represent school at capitol

BY ELLEN KIST
THE PARTHENON

Despite weather conditions, representatives from Marshall University travelled to the State Capitol in Charleston, W. Va., to celebrate the university's accomplishments and advancements.

Representatives from the Office of Recruitment, Alumni Relations and each college set up display tables and provided information to state legislatures. Head football coach Doc Holliday and university President Stephen Kopp also traveled to the Capitol. Chief of Staff Bill Bissett attended the event and spoke of its importance.

"Marshall University Day at the Capitol is important for many reasons," Bissett said. "While a little over one-fourth of our funding comes from the state, it is critical to showcase Marshall University at the Capitol each year. This reminds all the representatives around the state of the good work done by students, faculty and staff."

Aaron Ryan, senior political science major from Beckley, W.Va., and campus development

director for the Student Government Association, spoke of the significance of students attending the annual event.

"The Marshall University Day at the Capitol is important because it gives the university a chance to show off to the legislature," Ryan said. "It is also important to show the legislatures why we need their support and why we support them."

The day not only showcased the university but also consisted of free giveaways, including popcorn, soft drinks and an appearance by Marco, the university mascot. Senate members adopted Senate Resolution 20, which designates Feb. 10 as Marshall University Day.

"Marshall plays such a vital role to the growth and vitality of Huntington and our entire state," Gov. Joe Manchin said in a written statement. "I commend the diligent work that President Stephen Kopp, school faculty, staff and students continue to give, which has made this institution a success and has provided quality of life and opportunity for

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High winds, blizzard conditions worry West Virginians

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — With nine counties under blizzard warnings, snow drifts imperiling travelers and winds gusting as high as 45 mph, emergency management officials across West Virginia worried Wednesday about snow- and ice-crusted trees snapping and pulling down more power lines.

Allegheny Power reported more than 40,000 customers without service in a four-state region Wednesday afternoon, including 28,615 in Pennsylvania and 10,715 in West Virginia. In Virginia, 672 customers had no service, and in Maryland, only 71 were affected. Appalachian Power's outage map showed about 4,900 customers without power in Virginia, but all West Virginia service had been restored.

Both companies said they hoped to restore power to all customers by midnight Thursday, but many officials worried that progress could be slowed by the continuing storm.

In Monongalia County, where some 3,000 remained without power, tree-trimming crews

that had been trying to protect lines were pulled off duty for their own safety, said Michael Wolfe, deputy director of emergency management. Crews were also struggling to keep roads clear of the snow and ice that has accumulated.

Phone service was also out in several western Monongalia County communities, and National Guard troops were going door to door with firefighters to check on residents' safety. Similar outreach efforts were under way in parts of Marshall, Wetzel and Marion counties, where phone service was also out.

Across West Virginia "the roads are a nightmare" and will likely remain that way for 24-36 hours before the storm clears the area Thursday evening, said Paul Howard, operations director for the state Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in Charleston.

In the Eastern Panhandle, authorities warned motorists to stay off Interstate 81 north, citing restrictions in neighboring states on that and other major arteries.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

Health department hosts STD clinic

Sports

Women's hoops vs. Tulane
7 p.m. | Cam Henderson Center

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

Entertainment

Arenacross
7:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat. | Big Sandy Superstore Arena

"Gilbert and Sullivan Gems"
3 p.m. Sun. | Smith Music Recital Hall

Huntington Symphony Orchestra: "Dreams of America"
8 p.m. Sat. | Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center

"Le Grande Cirque"
7 p.m. Feb. 20 | Paramount Arts Center

On campus

JMELI and MU Student Ambassadors Bake Sale
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Memorial Student Center

STD Clinic
1 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Call 304-696-4103 for location and appointment

New movies

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STD clinic offered on campus, student privacy in mind

BY KELSEY THOMAS
THE PARTHENON

The Cabell-Huntington Health Department will have an STD clinic at Marshall University on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Alicia Baker, graduate assistant for student health education programs at Marshall, said while STDs may not seem like a big problem on campus, it is still important for students to get tested.

"I wouldn't say it's a humongous problem here," Baker said. "It's not as big as on other campuses, but there is still prevalence."

Nineteen to 24-year-olds have the highest infection rates nationally, she said.

The West Virginia HIV/AIDS & STD program reported in 2008 that Cabell County had the most cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea in the state, according to a news release from the Cabell-Huntington Health Department.

These are the most common STDs in young people, Baker said. Genital warts have also been a big problem on Marshall's campus.

Kathleen Napier, nurse at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, said they see a lot of patients with STDs.

It is important for sexually active students to attend the screening, Napier said.

"It's very important, particularly if you've had more than one partner and also if you've had unprotected sex," Napier said.

If an STD goes undetected for too long, it can cause infertility and other serious complications, Napier said. It is important to catch an STD early to prevent the spreading of the disease.

"Sometimes STDs get passed around because people don't know they have one, or they may be infected and it might take a few days to show symptoms," Napier said.

The only 100 percent effective way to prevent contracting an STD is to practice abstinence, Baker said. Other ways to lessen the risks include being selective about sexual partners, having open communication with partners and knowing birth control options and how to use them effectively.

"We always encourage partners to get tested," Baker said. "That way they definitely know what's

going on."

The clinic will be confidential, Baker said. To protect students' privacy, the health department will not take phone numbers, addresses or even full names. Students who attend the clinic will be asked for their first initial and last name only.

The screening will take 20 to 30 minutes, Baker said. There will be urine tests and oral swabs but no blood tests.

For privacy reasons, the location of the clinic will remain anonymous until students make an appointment. For more information or to make an appointment, call 304-696-4103.

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Greek council hosts recruitment social

BY ERIN SHAVER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Pan-Hellenic Council hosted a hot cocoa social Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center to inform students about recruitment processes for sororities.

Wednesday's snowy weather made free hot cocoa seem like an even better idea, said Madeline Stack, freshman elementary and special education major from Damascus, Md. and member of Delta Zeta sorority.

The event was planned to spread information about the sororities, said Erin Haney, president of Pan-Hellenic Council.

Haney said the hot cocoa social was a way to tell students that spring recruitment is more of an informal and social process.

"In the spring, we have an open style of recruitment in which the chapters can hold parties whenever they want as opposed to the fall, where we have a structured, formal recruitment in which the dates and times of the parties are predetermined,"

Haney said.

Haney said the council is directly involved in spring recruitment and helps the sororities to develop ideas so students can benefit from it.

"PHC holds events like the hot cocoa social and a week of semi-formal parties in which the dates and times are predetermined in the spring to assist the chapters with recruitment," Haney said.

Haney said part of recruitment requires the Greek community to come together for events.

"The hot cocoa social is a great way for the sororities to come together and show the Marshall community who they are as Greeks, rather than just individual chapters," Haney said.

Stack said the event offered a chance for interested women to see what all sororities are like.

"If interested, the women could grab a brochure and learn about all the different sororities," Stack said. "It helps to know every sorority," she said. "You don't want to limit yourself and join one and then not be happy with where you are."

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SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON
Patricia Wheaton, sophomore art and psychology major from New Jersey, shows her work displayed at Marshall University's Birke Art Gallery to Alex Edelmann, freshman English major from Florida. As an art major, Wheaton's work is will be reviewed by faculty.

New report shows growing trends in cheap labor and human trafficking in Ohio

BY MATT LEINGANG
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — About 1,000 American-born children are forced into the sex trade in Ohio every year and about 800 immigrants are sexually exploited and pushed into sweatshop-type jobs, according to a new report on human trafficking in the state.

Ohio's weak laws on human trafficking, its growing demand for cheap labor and its proximity to the Canadian border are key contributors to the illegal activity, according to a report by the Trafficking in Persons Study Commission.

"Ohio is not only a destination place for foreign-born trafficking victims, but it's also a recruitment place," said Celia Williamson, an associate professor at the University of Toledo who led the research.

Formed last year by Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray, the commission also found that hundreds more in the state are at risk of being forced into sex trafficking or to work against their will in fields, restaurants, sweatshops or construction sites.

Nationwide, between 45,000 and 50,000 people are trafficked into the United States, according to a 2001 report by the U.S. State Department. But Williamson noted that the problem is hard to quantify because of the underground nature of human trafficking, and studies often rely on estimates. Even the Ohio study, which analyzed law enforcement and government databases, is limited, she said.

Cordray said the report establishes the scope of the problem in Ohio as authorities discuss ways to combat it.

From 1990 to 2000, Ohio's foreign-born population increased 30 percent, and the state has a

growing pool of legal and illegal immigrants who draw victims or hide victims, Williamson said. These networks are highly organized, with brothels fronting as legitimate businesses.

Also, Toronto's airport is an arrival destination for international victims who are trafficked in Canada and transported to other cities, helping make Toledo, about 55 miles southwest of Windsor, Ontario, rank fourth in the U.S. in terms of arrests, investigations and rescue of domestic child-sex victims, the report said.

Only Miami, Portland, Ore., and Las Vegas had more.

A federal investigation into a child prostitution ring in Harrisburg, Pa., exposed Toledo as a center for the trade in 2005. Nine local girls were sold as sex slaves as part of the ring, and at least 12 of the 31 people charged had ties to Toledo.

Ohio does not have a stand-alone human

trafficking law. Instead, it allows prosecutors to attach a human trafficking specification to related crimes that increase prison sentences — just as penalties are more severe if a crime involves a firearm.

According to the report, 42 states with tough human trafficking laws can bring serious charges. Offenders in Delaware, Montana, New Mexico and New York may face up to 100 years in prison, for example.

The report said that besides weak state laws in Ohio, law enforcement agencies often don't recognize human trafficking when responding to reports of illegal activity. For example, Ohio is quick to label child prostitutes as delinquents and to incarcerate them, rarely looking further at the adults involved, Williamson said.

The report recommends handling child trafficking cases through the child welfare system rather than the juvenile courts.

Some Presbyterians see salvation through other faiths

BY DYLAN LOVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Presbyterian Church USA's statement of faith says God through Jesus Christ delivers followers "from death to life eternal."

But one in three members of the nation's largest Presbyterian denomination seem to believe there's some wiggle room for non-Christians to get into heaven, according to a recent poll.

The Presbyterian Panel's "Religious and Demographic Profile of Presbyterians" found that 36 percent of members disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement: "Only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved." Another 39 percent, or about two-fifths, agreed or strongly agreed with the statement.

"There seems to be some universalist streak in Presbyterianism, where some Presbyterians are open to the idea of other paths that folks in other faiths might be taking," said Perry Chang, administrator of the Presbyterian Panel, which convenes every three years.

The Presbyterian Church USA, with about 2.1 million members, is the largest Presbyterian denomination in the country. A total of 3,450 Presbyterians responded to the study, which was mailed in October 2008. The panel issued the religious and demographic report last month.

Polls asking similar questions about views on salvation have provided a wide range of results.

A 2005 national survey funded by Baylor University found that 53 percent of the 1,721 adults who were polled agreed with the statement, "Many religions lead to salvation," and another 19 percent said "My religion is the one true faith that leads to salvation."

A 2007 poll by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life found that 70 percent of Americans with a religious affiliation believe many religions can lead to eternal life.

Another study found that evangelical Christians may adhere to a much stricter interpretation of salvation. The 2008 report by Lifeway, the publishing and research arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, found that 75 percent of Protestants who hold "evangelical beliefs" strongly disagreed with the statement, "If a person is sincerely seeking God, he or she can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity."

The Rev. Dirk Ficca, a Presbyterian minister in Chicago, said a majority of Presbyterians feel that "the God they know in Jesus" can

bring salvation to non-Christians.

"I'm a Christian. And so I can't think about God or about the nature of salvation apart from Jesus of Nazareth," said Ficca, executive director of the Chicago-based Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions. But "that God I know in Jesus, I find at work in people who aren't Christians."

"... Some other traditions would say, 'No, God is only at work in us,'" said Ficca, who was not a part of the Presbyterian Panel's study. "And that is a big divide in the Christian community."

Chang said the panel has been asked the salvation question in the exact same way since 1996. He said in that time, there's been virtually no change in the way Presbyterians have responded.

The study broke down responses in four categories: members, elders, pastors and specialized clergy. The panel found that 45 percent of elders agree or strongly agree that "only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved," while 31 percent disagreed or strongly disagreed. More pastors disagreed (45 percent) than agreed (35 percent) and a majority of specialized clergy (60 percent) disagree.

Evangelicals and Pentecostals are more likely to claim they have had a "personal experience with a divine kind of healing" than Presbyterians, which may help explain the Presbyterian church's divide on beliefs about salvation, said Candy Gunther Brown, a religious studies professor at Indiana University in Bloomington.

"They don't generally tend to expect in Presbyterian churches that there's going to be a miraculous response to that prayer," Brown said. "And I think that does get related to theological questions about salvation."

Questionnaires were mailed in the Presbyterian study and recipients could choose not to respond. The report says 59 percent of members and 79 percent of elders responded. Response figures for pastors and specialized clergy were not available separately, but the study said together, ministers had a response rate of 70 percent.

It also asked a key question about the ordination of openly gay ministers. Last year, the denomination's presbyteries rejected an effort to undo a 1996 policy requiring gay clergy to be chaste.

When asked if the church should allow sexually active homosexuals to be ordained as ministers, 53 percent of members and 60 percent of elders responded, "no, probably not," or "no, definitely not." More pastors opposed the ordination of gays as ministers than supported it, 48 percent to 44 percent, while 64 percent of specialized clergy supported it.

Former Michael Jackson doctor back in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The doctor facing a manslaughter charge in the death of singer Michael Jackson is preparing to resume his medical practice in Nevada while awaiting court appearances in Los Angeles.

Dr. Conrad Murray's spokeswoman, Miranda Sevcik, said Wednesday he was in Las Vegas making plans to work from another physician's office.

Sevcik didn't identify the other doctor. She says Murray is concerned about his patients' privacy. Murray closed Global Cardiology Associates and moved out of a Las Vegas office building in August. He resumed his practice in Houston in November.

Murray pleaded not guilty Monday to involuntary manslaughter and is free on bail pending an April 5 evidentiary hearing.

Murray is accused of giving Jackson a fatal dose of an anesthetic to help him sleep before he died June 25.

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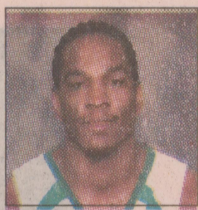
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"We need to go there and return the favor."

Marshall junior forward Antonio Haymon on his feelings about Saturday's rematch with UAB. In the two teams last meeting UAB defeated the Herd 61-59 with a last second layup by guard Aaron Johnson.

Ramspacher's Rumbblings

Role playing with MU basketball

When you look up at Marshall's basketball sky, you aren't wowed by any supernovas. Nope. The Herd doesn't have a star big enough to make that kind of explosion.



Andrew Ramspacher
COLUMNIST

And that's a good thing. Sure, Hassan Whiteside's star has sparkled at times. With every rim-rattling dunk and Herd Heaven-threatening swat, the freshman phenom continues to make press row at the Cam Henderson Center more crowded with the plethora of NBA scouts that keep rolling in to get a glimpse of No. 21.

But with every lazy rebound attempt and failure to body up to players stronger than him, Whiteside's star has dwindled a bit as of late.

Again, that isn't a bad thing. Because this Marshall team doesn't need a star to make the postseason. It just needs players who know and fill their roles. A bunch of characters coming together to perform one big show.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you a few key cast members for an upcoming show we'll call, "Wednesdays and Saturdays with Donnie".

(Note: All these characters will be played by themselves.)

Whiteside-The 7-foot freshman with through-the-roof potential.

His role: Whiteside will soon be accompanied by a fully healthy frontline, which should help his star grow again.

Tirrell Baines appears to be back from injury and may be playing the best basketball of his career (see the 34 points he's poured in the last two outings).

Tyler Wilkerson sat out Tuesday's sleeper with Rio Grande in order to be 100 percent for UAB on Saturday. These two will help shoulder Whiteside's rebounding load and may be able to get him free for those 12-footers he's starting to fall in love with.

Wilkerson-The senior leader.

His role: T-Wilk has been Mr. Consistency as of late. This will be the character he'll need to continue to be as we head for the stretch run.

If he keeps posting up, keeps scoring and keeps rebounding, the once little-used freshman will have a strong senior finish.

Baines-The true comeback story.

His role: On Jan. 5, Baines scored 12 points and grabbed four rebounds in a Herd win over Southern Miss. The next day, he had surgery to repair a meniscus tear.

Nearly a month later, he's returned with a vengeance.

He's back to leaping over opponents for rebounds and dunks and scrapping on the floor for steals. Marshall needs Baines to continue thriving in this role to be successful.

Chris Lutz-The streaky, sometimes deadly, shooter.

His role: During a three minutes stretch Tuesday, Lutz knocked down four consecutive 3-pointers.

But there have been times this season when Lutz has gone three games, not three minutes, without draining three 3s.

When he's on, he's on. When he's off, he's off. Donnie Jones will prefer the former.

Damier Pitts-The young point guard.

His role: Pitts is the conductor

Kick up in recruiting



FILE PHOTO
Junior midfielder Sammy Boateng looks to throw the ball in during a game early last fall. Boateng will be looking at four new faces next season as Marshall added four new recruits this spring.

Men's soccer gets new blood after winning season

BY PATRICK MILLER
THE PARTHENON

Marshall men's soccer signed four recruits for the fall 2010 season.

Those signees were Travis Brent, Michael Hayes, Ryan Kelley and Anthony Virgara.

"This year's group is a unique group because they are very similar in personality to the current players we have on our team," said head coach Bob Gray. "A lot of our success this year was based not on talent but the blue collar refuse to lose type of mentality."

Travis Brent, fullback from Virginia Beach, lettered four years during his high school career and was captain of the Virginia Rush club team. Brent was coached by Jay Hoffman, who also coached Gray during his senior year in college.

Ryan Kelley, midfielder from West Deptford, N.J., was described by Gray as one of the hardest working, recruits to come around in a long time.

He plays multiple positions and is likely to be a wing player because of the strength of his left foot Gray said.

Michael Hayes, midfielder from Fort Wayne, Ind., has speed and versatility. Hayes attended Marshall soccer's elite camp and was voted most valuable player.

Gray said Hayes will play multiple positions for the Herd. Hayes was also the first verbal commitment for The Herd.

"Hayes came for his official visit and wanted to commit before he left campus," Gray said. "We normally give them a couple weeks to think about it, but he was ready."

Anthony Virgara, midfielder from Pittsburgh, Pa., was described as the steal of the class because he was the best player in

the area. His aggressiveness and skill with shots from 18 yards out were pluses as he would create problems for opposing defenses.

When Marshall coaches recruit, they attend very few high school games, but focus more on club games.

The reason is that club competition, coaching and training is better than high school teams Gray said.

"Each of the recruits came from elite clubs that play all year around against some of the best competition the region offers," Gray said.

The Herd is still looking to add two players to their recruiting class, a local kid to play goalkeeper and possibly an international player.

Recruiting an international player is more challenging because they have to go through the NCAA clearing house to get them on campus.

Gray said that it is possible for the recruits to get playing time, and that every year a freshman seems to surprise and an upper-classman steps up.

Assistant coach Thomas Oliver said there were challenges in recruiting. First they wanted to accurately assess where they were as a team, as far as what players they were losing and how important these players were to their success.

Then also address the players that were already on the roster, so they targeted midfield, a third goalkeeper and a forward as needs.

"We signed 11 recruits last year, so this year they focused more on quality than quantity," Oliver said.

The Herd finished last season 10-7-2, and runner up in the Conference USA tournament.

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Tennis remains unbeaten, takes down Kentucky

HERDZONE.

LEXINGTON, Ky.—For the second time in as many matches, the Marshall University women's tennis team defeated a nationally-ranked opponent.

The Herd topped No. 31 Kentucky, 6-1, at the Boone Tennis Complex in Lexington.

Marshall earned the first point of the match by taking two-of-three doubles contests. On court one, No. 14 Michaela Kissell and Dominika Zaprazna defeated Kentucky's tandem of Caroline Lilley and Minnette Pienaar

by a score of 8-6. On court three Thaddea Lock and Isabell Raich tyrannized the team of Elle Coldiron and Nicole Scates by a score of 8-1.

Kissell moved her singles record to 6-0 as she defeated Megan Broderick in straight sets in the first singles, 6-4, 6-4. The junior has played and won all of her

matches at the No. 1 singles position.

Zaprazna, playing as second singles, Katherine Kellner playing as fourth singles, Deanna Bailey as fifth singles and Kristina Koprčina as

sixth singles also won their matches in straight sets.

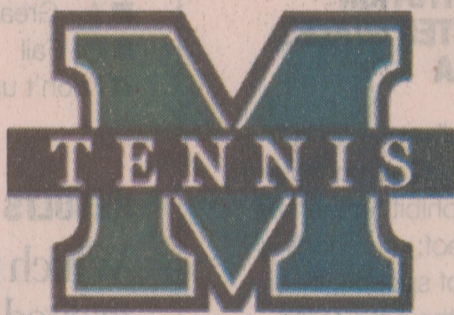
Zaprazna topped Lilley 6-3, 6-4, while Kellner took down Pienaar 6-3,

7-6. Bailey blanked Scates 6-0, 6-0, and Koprčina ended the day with a 6-0, 6-1 victory.

"We came out and competed on every point today," said head coach John Mercer. "Kentucky always competes well, especially at home, so this win shows our heart and how well we played today."

Bailey (6-0), Kellner (7-0), Kissell (6-0) and Koprčina (6-0) are all undefeated in singles through seven matches.

Marshall is back in action this weekend as the Herd hosts No. 54 Virginia Tech on Saturday at the Huntington Tennis Club. Action starts at 12 p.m.



Vonn questions whether she will race at Olympics

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)—Lindsey Vonn took a deep breath, and her words trickled forth slowly, as she began to discuss the badly bruised and swollen right shin she fears could force her out of an Olympics many predicted would become her personal showcase.

Indeed, almost anyone with any interest in the Vancouver Games – fans and competitors, yes, but also Vonn's sponsors and NBC, must have been taken aback Wednesday when the U.S. star said: "I'm sitting here today questioning whether, I'll be even able to ski."

Vonn revealed the injury publicly two days before the opening ceremony, and about

a week after hurting herself during a slalom training run in Austria, cutting short her preparation.

As a two-time reigning overall World Cup champion, Vonn is considered a contender to win multiple medals, including an overwhelming favorite in the downhill and super-G. And as an outgoing, autograph-signing, product-pitching American, Vonn has been positioned as Vancouver's answer to Beijing's Michael Phelps.

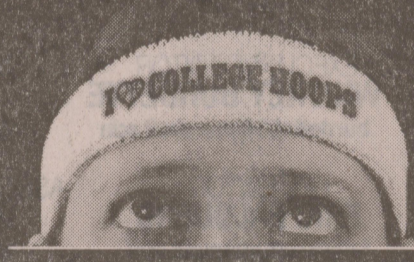
For a day, at least, that all was thrown into doubt.

As it is, Vonn sought to distance herself from such comparisons, saying: "I'm not trying to be Michael Phelps, I'm just trying to be Lindsey Vonn, trying to do the best I can every day."





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"It is sweeping the world. England is right behind you (America), as usual. We need a revolution."
Jamie Oliver, celebrity chef, on the problem of obesity in the United States and the world.

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THE PARTHENON EDITORIAL

Marshall stays open while other schools close

The university is determined to keep classes going, even when the weather threatens

Late Tuesday evening, the snowflakes fell in Huntington and accumulated to a couple of inches overnight. The city got another inch or two the next day. Gusty winds and cold temperatures coupled with this snowfall brought wind chill down to zero degrees.

These conditions have prompted the National Weather Service to issue a winter storm warning until 7 a.m. Today. The winds will cause decreased

visibility because of blowing snow, and the cold temperatures and light snow will make the roads icy.

In its warning, the weather service emphasized that people should limit their time outside and driving conditions were extremely hazardous. The statement said unnecessary driving should be avoided.

Taking heed to this warning, most counties in West Virginia closed their schools Wednesday. Early that afternoon, most

schools announced that today and Friday would be closed as well.

Yet despite these actions by most schools in the state and Cabell county, Marshall University continued to stay open Wednesday.

Under the current inclement weather policy, it states that "individual employees may, in their best judgment, determine the risk of travel to be too great and elect to remain home."

In a university communications announcement sent Wednesday afternoon, students, faculty and staff were told that even though the university remained open, each students' personal

safety should be their main concern. However, it is only university employees who are directly referred to in the weather policy as having the right to stay home. It says nothing about students having the choice to stay home.

Granted, most professors are understanding in extreme conditions like the ones this week, but many students feel obligated to go to school even though conditions are hazardous. Students shouldn't have to be put in a quandary every time Huntington faces bad weather.

Also, it stated in the university communications announcement that it was

important "to remember that about 2,000 students live on our Huntington campus and many more live within a reasonable walking distance of campus."

But what about the 77 percent of commuter students that make up the undergraduate group? We have 9,314 undergraduates, and 77 percent of that number is 7,171 students. That number is more than triple of the 2,000 the school is worried about during inclement weather.

We need to make sure all students and members of the Marshall family are thought of and kept safe during these bouts of inclement weather.

SHEA ANDERSON
BRITAIN BANTER

Blimey, English is barmy

I love french fries. All of my roommates giggle when I say that. The three British students find it interesting I call them fries. My French housemate always asks why I think they're French. Fries are widely considered to be Belgian, though that's historically debatable. Here, they call fries, chips. They call chips, crisps. Though we're all speaking English, it's interesting that there are so many differences in the way we speak. It's fun to see how language evolves in various cultures.

I haven't had any major problems understanding my British friends, but every time someone asks "Are you alright?" I still wonder if they are referring to some particular reason I might not be alright. But it's just the common greeting here.

When I ask my housemates "What-cha into?" there's always a slight pause. I'm trying to ask what they are doing at the moment, but they always think I'm randomly asking about their hobbies, as if we had just met and I was trying to get to know them.

Someone asked me the other day if I wanted some jelly. I am not a huge fan of jelly, and I didn't have any bread, so I said no. But what they refer to as jelly here is Jell-O to me, so I didn't realize I was turning down a jiggy, wiggly snack. What I call jelly on a PB&J sandwich is jam in England.

We also play "Snakes and Ladders" instead of "Chutes and Ladders" when we're bored. But it's the same game.

I've learned a lot of new words for things, but putting them into practice is always difficult. I still say dollars instead of pounds everywhere I go. I'm trying to get used to saying quid, which is sort of a slang term for it. I think it's like saying bucks in America.

Stereotypical labels for people are also very different. Not that I advocate using stereotypes, but it's an interesting topic. My friends point out chav hangouts when we walk through Cambridge. A chav is the American equivalent for a thug.

Another new British classification for people is pikey. I still don't completely grasp the concept, but I know it's not good. The best explanation I've gotten so far is, someone who wanders around and takes random stuff for no reason and drives a van. Every time something random gets stolen from our backyard, someone blames pikeys.

As much as I would love to take home a complete British accent, I won't be here long enough to take anything away but a few new words. So, cheers!

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YOUR THOUGHTS | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The following is a letter written by Rebecca Dalzell, senior religious studies major from Charlotte, N.C. She sent it to President Stephen Köpp and then to The Parthenon and the Herald-Dispatch. The Parthenon invites a response from Köpp and will publish it.

I am writing in regards to Marshall's inclement weather policy. But first, please allow me to provide some context.

I live with my younger sister. This Monday, the heat broke in our apartment and we tried to stay with my in-laws in Hurricane until it is fixed. I drove home last night and it felt more like ice-skating than driving. I woke this morning fully expecting school to be at least delayed. After all, every single one of West Virginia's 55 counties were closed, as well as several other colleges and universities.

But school was not cancelled, and this forced me to face a dilemma. You see, this weekend my sister attended the funeral of a best friend from high school who died last Thursday when her car slipped on an icy road and spun into a ditch. It flipped on the way, and she was unable to unbuckle her seatbelt and so she drowned. My sister has been distraught, of course, and she has been very skittish of cars and most especially of icy roads. As the girl's grandfather pointed out, the

last time this area received weather this bad was about seven years ago—in other words, long before most of Marshall's students were driving. They have no practice or experience of conditions this bad.

My question to you, sir, is two-fold. First, why exactly is it so important that a university with a student body primarily composed of off-campus students remain open during weather this bad? Would you lose more money than the lives are worth? Has Marshall just not yet been sued for the death of a student? Or is the university simply tragically unable to review the data concerning its students, and the weather, and to make a logical conclusion regarding those facts? Given that within any academic community vast emphasis is placed upon critical thinking and solid judgment, this last possibility is terribly distressing. Whatever the answer is, I am very eager to hear it.

Second, should I have risked my life, my sister's life, and my

husband's life, in exchange for a test and an attendance grade? I ask because according to the inclement weather policy as set by Marshall's Board of Governors, faculty and staff at Marshall may use their judgment regarding their safety if school is not delayed or cancelled. However, students may not. I can look out my window and see a road covered in ice two inches thick and the decision to travel remains yours. At a university supposedly teaching me to be a thinking adult, I am penalized for using my own judgment—not in general, certainly: only in hazardous conditions. Only when it matters most.

As I feel certain I have made clear, this policy is laughable. It is inequitable and it is dangerous. This email is being sent to the Parthenon and the Herald-Dispatch as I want to ensure that the community supporting Marshall University knows exactly how its young people are being treated. Thank you for your time, and please expect a visit from myself and my sister later today.

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CICELY TUTSON
REAL TALK

First lady inspires us to stay fit and healthy

This week, first lady Michelle Obama launched a nationwide campaign called "Let's Move" to help prevent childhood obesity. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, obesity among children 6 to 11 has increased from 6.5 percent to 17 percent.

The first lady decided to launch this campaign after her pediatrician alerted her about her daughters' increasing weights. Many children in American are overweight, and the problem is only getting worse.

Americans live an increasingly sedentary lifestyle. Children and many adults spend most of their time sitting in front of computers and the television, me included, instead of doing physical activity. Children spend less time playing outside, and some schools have eliminated physical education and recess.

As I was sitting in the drive-thru at McDonald's yesterday, I thought about how hard it is to eat healthful. There are probably half a dozen fast food restaurants within walking distance of my apartment. At the end of a busy day, it is so easy to just pull into a drive-thru window.

It costs more to eat healthful, and on a student's income, it is hard to buy food that is both healthful and filling. Add that to the late night snacking during midterms and finals, and it's very easy to fall into unhealthy patterns.

As we learned when chef Jamie Oliver came to town, all of us have a lot to learn when it comes to healthful eating. I am delighted that Obama is working to fight childhood obesity because it affects so many Americans.

The first lady and president present an image of health and physical fitness, and they are trying to raise their daughters the same way. If we can start getting people to eat healthful and be active when they're young, it will eliminate possible health problems such as diabetes later in life.

Although the first lady's campaign is targeted for children, it has inspired me to examine my own lifestyle and to make changes.

It alerted me to the fact that Cheez-Its and a Coke is not a meal. I've also been trying to workout more in my quest to become more fit. It won't happen overnight, but I don't think it is ever too late to change one's lifestyle.

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Snow piles up in front of Old Main on Wednesday. About two inches of snow fell Wednesday, blanketing the campus in white. SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON

MCTC to host state conference

BY ELIZABETH ADAMS
THE PARTHENON

MCTC's Health Occupation Students of America chapter, sponsored by the Division of Allied Health, is scheduled to host the annual West Virginia conference at Marshall's Memorial Student Center on March 5 and 6. The statewide organization will be celebrating its 15th anniversary.

Members from across the state will meet to compete in 57 events for the opportunity to take their skills to the national competition, which is scheduled to take place June 23 to 26 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Fla.

These competitive conferences are on the local, state and national levels, encouraging high school and post-secondary students to learn and practice skills for the health care profession.

"All students involved develop a sense of professionalism because they have made a commitment to take personal time outside of class and declare their professionalism by participating," said Jean Chappell, dean of Allied Health. "It's like a stamp they place on themselves saying, 'this is more than just a job, this is a personal commitment'."

The Health Occupation Students of America organization promotes knowledge, skill and leadership development of students in health science

technology education, better preparing students to participate in the health care field.

"We can teach them the technology stuff, but what they've got to get through networking is a sense of professionalism and place within the health care team," Chappell said.

Members are encouraged to value their education, make good career choices, use professional ethics and be aware of current health care issues. Additionally, the organization fosters the fundamental values of good character, responsibility, patriotism, citizenship, and good mental and physical health, according to HOSA's Web site.

"We're celebrating our 15th anniversary this year and HOSA has made a huge impact," said Cynthia Sundstrom, state adviser.

Sundstrom said recruiting is important for the organization.

"We always have a lot of LPN (Licensed Practical Nurses) students that attend," she said. "We hope to see more non-nursing professionals there. We're looking at recruiting more students with other specializations."

Through student preparation and encouragement, the organization improves health care quality for all, according to HOSA's Web site.

The organization is approved by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education.

Art students' portfolios displayed in gallery, faculty to assess the work

BY JOHN YEINGST
THE PARTHENON

Freshmen and sophomore students are giving a command performance to determine the course of their college career at Marshall University.

The Birke Art Gallery is displaying the first group of the Art 299 Portfolio Review through today.

This event happens each semester and is required before students can proceed to the next level.

"It is a great exhibit for foundation students to see what their fellow peers have been doing with their work, but it also promotes healthy competition which students need

"As artists and designers, they will need to be familiar with putting their work out for the public to see."

Natalie Larsen, assistant professor and foundations coordinator

to get used to if they hope to further their careers," said Natalie Larsen, assistant professor and foundations coordinator at Marshall.

Each student is required to take several courses before enrolling in Art 299.

Larsen said this should not be something students feel they have to do, but an opportunity to see what it will be like as a professional.

"As artists and designers, they will need to be familiar with putting their work out for the public to see," Larsen said. "The students need to experience what this is like."

Another gallery will be displayed next week until the faculty has finished assessing the work.

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Eric Ruegg, painting and drawing professor, reviews the work of Art 299 students in the Birke Art Gallery. The portfolio review is required before students can move to the next course. The review will wrap up today. SHOLTEN SINGER | THE PARTHENON

Business fraternity looks for new members, encourages involvement

BY BREANNA JONES
THE PARTHENON

A co-ed business fraternity at Marshall University is wrapping up its recruitment.

The Xi Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, will have their pledge ceremony at 9:15 p.m. Thursday in Corbly Hall Room 106.

Delta Sigma Pi is a fraternity that hosts professional, community services and social events that promotes brotherhood and helps business students practice what they learn, said James Kuhn professor of business.

The fraternity has helped the Lewis College of Business with many events, including the 40th anniversary celebration last spring. They also hosted a speed-networking event last semester where students networked with members of the local Young Professionals Committee and Marshall professors.

"The turnout of the event was good," Kuhn said.

Although recruitment is over, Kuhn said students can still join.

"If students decided not to join this semester, they may feel free to attend weekly chapter meetings Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall 106, or attend our events," Kuhn said.

To join Delta Sigma Pi,

students must be a business major with at least a 2.0 grade point average.

The national fraternity requires members to be business majors because that shows that students are committed to a professional business career, Kuhn said.

Other majors such as sports management and marketing can join the fraternity with the approval of the fraternity's central offices.

"A few of the most important things to get from college is getting involved and networking," Kuhn said. "Delta Sigma Pi helps our brothers to not only be involved here on campus, but through national fraternity initiatives as well."

The fraternity is geared for students to prepare for their futures.

"Employers love when students not only handle their classes, but also take on extracurricular activities where the best social skills are obtained" Kuhn said. "The networking opportunities are also very important because though it is important to know people. It is also very important for people to know you and there are definitely the opportunities for our brothers to this."

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conductor of this club. But he's also a sophomore.

And with youth comes inconsistency (see Houston game compared to the Memphis game).

As he goes, the team goes. He'll be used to find Jones' arsenal of offensive weapons. His nine assist-three turnover performance Tuesday is what's needed on a night-in, night-out basis.

-Shaquille Johnson-The heartbreak kid.

His role: If Marshall wins the Conference USA championship because Shaq hits a pair of last-second free throws, then this show may really win an award.

We all felt his pain after his famous last-second clangs against Memphis.

I feel like he's put that behind him and is ready to return to the starring role he played earlier in the season.

So there you have it. Six characters (plus a few more not mentioned) cast for a stretch run in C-USA.

First episode airs 8 p.m. Saturday.

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CAPITOL

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many citizens. I look forward to many more years of academic excellence from Marshall."

"There was an excellent turnout even with the weather," Bissett said. "Obviously people had to make the extra effort to attend, and I can say with great confidence that it is appreciated."

Director of Alumni Relations Tish Littlehales said despite the bad weather, everyone involved had a great day.

"This really is our opportunity to showcase Marshall University, not just to local legislatures but to ones from all over," Littlehales said.

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Know your Valentine

Unique gifts to the rescue

BY KELLY N. CROUCH
THE PARTHENON

College students on a tight budget may not be able to afford an extravagant Valentine's day. Here are some ideas that may make Valentine's Day a little more special and a little less expensive.

The crucial element in any successful Valentine's Day is the thought. So, put a lot of thought into a well-planned Valentine's date at home. The ingredients for a memorable day are a great gift, a delicious meal and time spent together.

"Just spending the day with someone you love is the most important thing about Valentine's Day," said Austin Seybert, junior music education major.

A gift can make or break Valentine's Day. Instead of splurging on diamond earrings or a new coat, opt for an inexpensive and personal homemade gift basket. Be creative and thoughtful when

assembling the basket.

Include several small gifts, such as homemade chocolates or truffles, balloons with personal messages inside, a colorful flower arrangement made out of construction paper, a homemade card, a new playlist for the iPod, a personalized valentine or a picture collage.

Valentine's Day does not have to mean reservations at the most expensive restaurant in town. If going out to eat is a must, then go in the afternoon for a less expensive lunch. Also, celebrate Valentine's Day a couple days before or after Feb. 14 to avoid Valentine's Day prices and crowds.

Surprise them with a homemade candle-lit dinner, or spend quality time cooking together. Any meal can be turned into a Valentine's Day creation by cutting it into the shape of a heart. Many great recipes can be found online, so don't be scared to try something new. Even if the meal doesn't turn out perfectly, they will be

impressed with the thought.

Instead of going out to a movie, stop by a local Wal-Mart or Walgreens and grab a DVD from RedBox for \$1, or borrow a classic from a friend, such as "10 Things I Hate About You," "50 First Dates" or "The Notebook."

"Watching a romance movie and having a candle-lit dinner would be the best Valentine's Day," said Katie Ferber, junior music education major.

Board games are always a great, economical way to spend quality time with loved ones. One option is to put a twist on Pictionary, Taboo or Charades, by only using words that are associated with Valentine's Day.

The time does not have to be expensive or boring. Chances are after a significant other reads the heart-felt homemade card, the amount of money that was spent on Valentine's Day will be the furthest thing from their mind.

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BREANNA JONES | THE PARTHENON

A Valentine display of gift baskets and an assortment of knick knacks at Mug and Pia.



KELLY N. CROUCH | THE PARTHENON

'Easy OREO Truffles', recipe available at Allrecipes.

Know where to look

BY BREANNA JONES
THE PARTHENON

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, a small town shop with hometown ties offers inventive gift ideas.

Mug and Pia, an acronym for Most Unique Gifts and Paper Items Anywhere, is located on 939 3rd Ave.

"The whole thing started because I love to travel," said Kim Sarka Lake, owner of Mug and Pia. "When we used to go we'd visit little hometown stores with a whole bunch of charm and cute gift ideas. I kept telling my husband there should be one here, and finally I just did it."

Mug and Pia offers a number of products including trollbeads.

Trollbead originated in Denmark, and are handcrafted from the finest quality raw materials. Collectors can choose

from more than 500 interchangeable beads, according to trollbeadus.com.

Mug and Pia also offer a number of paper products, such as hand-written paper designs, invitations, cards, bridal invitations and personalized stationary.

"Paper is not dead, I think that's peoples' first mistake," Lake said. "People still use letter head."

For the holidays, the store offers an assortment of gift baskets, especially for Valentine's Day.

"You probably won't find anything in here anywhere else," Lake said. "Our products range from cute stuffed animals and baby clothes to ceramic decorative plates. I don't sell anything, I wouldn't buy myself."

Business is in Lake's blood as her father owns Sarka-Kauffman's Jewelry store just blocks

away from Mug and Pia.

"We need businesses here, not only for the school but for the community," Lake said. "I'm glad to bring in as much business into the community as I can."

Lake said she is pleased with the way business has gone so far since it opened in April 2008.

"I can keep the lights on," she said. "I'm finally starting to see a return, so that's a good thing."

Jackie Jaggle, Marshall University graduate student from Georgia, said she loves how charming the store is.

"There are three words on the wall. Live, Laugh, Love," Jaggle said. "That's the type of appeal, this place has."

Mug and Pia is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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EDIBLE EDUCATION

Off campus food is easy

There are a lot of things about college food that hold consistently true.

First of all, you can always be persuaded to have a late night meal at a sometimes sketchy restaurant if your friends succeed in convincing you that it'll be fun. Dining hall food can never measure up to a good, old-fashioned, home-cooked meal. A stomach full of ramen noodles or Easy Mac is better than an empty one.

But despite being a college food truth, the most disturbing fact is that most people and corporations don't think that college students can cook to save their lives.

This is especially true of those students living off-campus, myself being one of them.

Don't believe me? Go look in your refrigerator and freezer, and count how many instant meals

and frozen dinners there are. Or maybe it's one of those weeks where you're scraping together barely nutritious meals made up of spaghetti noodles and tomato paste.

Or, as I find myself doing so often when I'm really craving it, wondering just how sick I would get if I eat the bacon in our fridge that's about a week past the expiration date.

At the risk of sounding like an infomercial or after-school special, I'm here to tell you that we can rise above that. Cooking doesn't have to be fancy or hard. It doesn't have to come from a box, bag, carton or can.

Food is easy. It's easy to mess up, but it's also really easy to get it right.

So I'll just make this my short introduction. As a fellow college student struggling to find the time to have a good meal, I'm going to try to help the student population of Marshall University get its culinary act together.

As a man who loves to eat and appreciates good food, I'll also search out local restaurants, both the nationally known and completely obscure, evaluating them for food quality and how "university-friendly" they are.

I can't make you into a world-class, awe-inspiring chef, but hey, at least we won't fall victim to any microwave Easy Mac fires ever again.

Eat well.

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Easy OREO Truffles | ALLRECIPES.COM

Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, divided
- 1 (8 ounce) package PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 2 (8 ounce) packages BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, melted

Directions

1. Crush 9 of the cookies to fine crumbs in food processor; reserve for later use. (Cookies can also be finely crushed in a resealable plastic bag using a rolling pin.) Crush remaining 36 cookies to fine crumbs; place in medium bowl. Add cream cheese; mix until well blended. Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
2. Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet. (Any leftover chocolate can be stored at room temperature for another use.) Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs.
3. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store leftover truffles, covered, in refrigerator.

Valentine Pizza | ABOUT.COM

Ingredients

- 1 loaf frozen bread dough, thawed in refrigerator according to package directions
- 1 cup pizza sauce (prepared or your own homemade)
- 8 oz. smoked mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 18-20 slices pepperoni

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. If using a pizza stone or cast iron pizza pan, sprinkle with cornmeal. If using a cookie sheet or metal pizza pan, grease with olive oil, then sprinkle with cornmeal.
3. Remove thawed bread dough from refrigerator and stretch or roll out to a thickness of 1/2-inch. Shape into a heart. Prick several places with a fork.
4. Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes.
5. Remove from oven and top with pizza sauce, leaving a 1-inch border all the way around.
6. Sprinkle cheese over sauce.
7. Outline with pepperoni in a heart shape.
8. Bake another 10-20 minutes until pizza is golden and bubbly.